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We know what happens behind the scenes on Wall Street.

20 years ago, we broke away from the big financial institutions, assembled a FinancialTeam of experts, and committed our careers to making sure it doesn't happen to you.

Welcome to FirsTrust

Expert financial, tax, retirement, estate & investment services ... the way **we** would want if **we** were the clients.

7 TRUTHS about serving your BEST interest:

1. TRUE OBJECTIVITY

Unlike most firms, we believe **your** best interest is served by Fee-Only Advisors who don't also receive incentive compensation from the things they advise you to do.

2. TRUE EXPERTISE

We believe **knowing** what's in your best interest requires the <u>wisdom</u> that comes from many years of successfully navigating the same roads you are traveling today.

3. TRUE INDEPENDENCE

We believe finding what's in your **best** interest requires an advisor to look **beyond** his <u>employer's menu</u>; to evaluate and compare investment offerings from anywhere and acquire the most appropriate choices for your specific objectives.

4. TRUE VALUE

We believe it's in your **best** interest when your financial advisor is **paid to get results** - not chase new sales.

5. TRUE CUSTOMIZATION

We believe your **unique** interests are best served by an <u>actual expert</u> instead of a Jack-of-alltrades, a <u>custom-tailored plan</u> instead of a "rule-of-thumb", and a sound <u>investment</u> process instead of a one-size-fits-all portfolio.

6. TRUE TRANSPARENCY

We believe it's in your best interest for unnecessary expenses and conflicts of interest to be eliminated, not "disclosed" in fine-print disclaimers

7. TRUE ADVOCACY

We believe your financial interests should be **protected**, and having a <u>trusted Advocate</u> in your corner to help fend-off financial predators and misguided sales pitches can be priceless.

How Risky Is Your Portfolio?

A Nobel Prize-winning risk analysis helps engineer an investment portfolio to achieve your goals with a 95% probability range.

video length: 83 seconds

Cutting Edge Technology Puts Everything At Your Fingertips

Click here to see our amazing tools for organizing, collaborating, tracking and monitoring your entire financial profile.

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Whether accumulating wealth or already <u>world-famous wealthy</u>, we've been the trusted Financial Advisors of discerning families across Florida & around the globe.

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 $oldsymbol{\mathsf{O}}$ ur service Team is comprised of seasoned professionals; each providing nearly 20 years of competent service to our clients.



Not "Fee-Based". A variety of fancy titles have been invented to make some advisors appear more objective (such as "fee-based" which actually means fees+commissions). We are a TRUE FEE-ONLY Fiduciary Advisor Firm headquartered in Daytona Beach, FL with client service offices located throughout the state. Our advisors have verified their experience and objectivity through Membership as Registered Financial Advisors with the National Association of Personal Financial Advisors; a distinction of financial advisors who affirm by sworn Fiduciary Oath to eliminate the conflict of interest that is created by commissions, incentives and other third party compensation.

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