

Form ADV Part 2A

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This brochure provides information about the qualifications and business practices of Tufton Capital Management LLC. If you have any questions about the contents of this brochure, please contact us at the telephone number listed above or via e-mail through our website. The information in this brochure has not been approved or verified by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission or by any state securities authority.

Additional information about Tufton Capital Management LLC is also available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.

Tufton Capital Management LLC is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Registration does not imply that Tufton Capital Management LLC, or its representatives, have attained a certain level of skill or training.

Unless the context otherwise requires or indicates, all references in this brochure to "we," "us," "our," "firm," and "Tufton Capital" refers to Tufton Capital Management LLC.

Item 2 – Material Changes

Form ADV is the uniform form used by investment advisers to register with both the Securities and Exchange Commission and state securities authorities. Form ADV Part 2, a component of Form ADV, is a narrative brochure that contains information such as the types of advisory services offered, the advisor's fees schedule, disciplinary information, conflicts of interest, and the educational and business background of management and key advisory personnel. Please contact your portfolio manager if you would like to receive a free copy of the most current Tufton Capital Management ADV Part 2.

There have been no material changes to our ADV since our last update in March 2023.

Tufton Capital Management Privacy Policy

Tufton Capital Management collects personal information about you from new account agreements and through communication channels such as meetings and telephone conversations. Information is also collected because of activity within your account. This information may include your:

- Name and Address
- Social Security or taxpayer identification number
- Assets
- Income
- Account balance
- Investment activity
- Accounts at other financial institutions

We do not sell, or otherwise disclose, any personal information to anyone or any organization. Our policy covers current and former clients. We share information only when needed to complete transactions within your account. For example, if you ask to transfer assets from another financial institution, we need to provide certain information about you to the company to complete the transaction. The collection of personal information is limited to, and compatible with, what is essential in delivering investment management services to meet your needs.

We maintain physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards to store and secure your information against unauthorized access, alteration, and destruction. Employees of Tufton Capital Management may not use or disclose your information except in business use.

Respecting and protecting your privacy are vital to our business. Please contact us should you have any questions regarding our policy.

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Item 4 – Advisory Business

- A. Tufton Capital Management, LLC is an SEC-registered investment advisor providing investment management services to individuals, pension, and profit-sharing plans, 401(k) plans, trusts, estates, charitable organizations, and corporations. We are in Hunt Valley, MD and have continuously been in operation since November 1995.

The firm is owned and operated by its employees. J. Scott Murphy, Eric Schopf and Charles Meyer are all equity partners.

- B. Tufton Capital Management provides clients with ongoing investment advisory service on a fee-only basis. Diversified client portfolios are primarily composed of three asset classes: Money market funds or other short-term investment vehicles; fixed income securities; and equity securities. Money market funds are utilized to provide liquidity and safety of principal. Fixed income instruments are held for income and stability. Equity investments are held to provide appreciation potential and generate a growing source of investment income.

We conduct our own independent investment research and invest in individual publicly traded securities. Exchange traded funds and mutual funds may be used on occasion to gain exposure to specific sectors of the market. Options on equity securities may also be utilized as a sub-investment strategy when account circumstances warrant.

We employ a value-oriented investment style utilizing a combination of growth and value stocks. Value stocks typically trade at low prices relative to anticipated earnings and have above average dividend yields. Growth stocks offer value when purchased at prices that do not reflect future growth potential. Investments are made in companies with strong underlying fundamentals such as recognized trademarks, strong balance sheets, and profitability, but whose share price is temporarily depressed due to some solvable company problem, external factor, or other misunderstanding. We primarily invest in large, domestic companies. However, we also take positions in small and mid-size companies as well as companies headquartered abroad.

Fixed income investments reflect our outlook for inflation and interest rates as well as underlying credit risk.

- C. Investment portfolios are tailored to the needs of the individual client. The portfolio manager collaborates closely with the client to draft an investment policy statement which sets the parameters for the investment portfolio. Among other factors, the statement incorporates investment return expectations, risk tolerance, time horizon, and income requirements in formulating an asset allocation framework. The investment policy statement will also include any restrictions regarding specific investments. For example, some clients may wish not to

invest in the tobacco industry. The investment policy statement is a dynamic instrument and may be modified over time as client circumstances change.

D. We do not place client assets in wrap fee programs.

E. As of December 31, 2023, we manage the following assets:

Discretionary Assets	\$727,529,000
Non-discretionary Assets	<u>\$0</u>
Total	\$727,529,000

Item 5 – Fees and Compensation

- A. Fees are assessed based on the client's assets under management. The basic fee schedule is as follows:

1.00% on the first \$2,000,000
.75% on the next \$3,000,000
.50% on the balance of the account

- B. All fees are charged quarterly in advance. We have a \$500,000 account minimum. Related accounts are combined for fee calculation purposes. Fees on accounts more than \$10,000,000 are negotiable. A flat fee is available to those clients where appropriate and at the sole discretion of Tufton Capital Management.

Clients have the option of being billed for our services or having the fee deducted directly from their account. Although, upon a client's request, we will provide an invoice to the client indicating the amount of the fee, the value of the assets upon which the fee was based, and the way the fee was calculated, it is the client's responsibility to verify the accuracy of the fee calculation. The custodian will not determine whether the fee has been accurately calculated. Please see Item 15 for a full description of custody services.

An hourly fee schedule is available to those people seeking investment advice on a non-continuous basis. The schedule is as follows: Support staff \$75 per hour, Investment professional, \$175 - \$200 per hour.

- C. In addition to investment management fees, the client may be subject to brokerage commissions on equity transactions. Please see Item 12 for a complete description of our brokerage practices. Additional expenses may be incurred if third-party managed products are held in a portfolio. For example, exchange traded funds, mutual funds and closed-end funds have various management and administrative fees related to them. These related expenses are in addition to the management fees charged by Tufton Capital Management. We do not receive any compensation for the sale of the third-party managed products.
- D. An advisory relationship may be terminated upon written notice by either the client or Tufton Capital Management and shall be effective as of the close of business on the first business day following the receipt of such notice. In the event of termination, fees paid in advance will be refunded, pro rata, to the client based on the number of days remaining in the quarter.
- E. We do not receive compensation for the sale of securities or other investment products, including asset-based sales charges or service fees from the sale of mutual funds.

Item 6 – Performance-Based Fees and Side-By-Side Management

Tufton Capital Management does not charge performance-based fees. We believe that the asset-based fee schedule aligns our interests with the client's.

Item 7 – Types of Clients

We provide investment management services to individuals, pension, and profit-sharing plans, 401(k) plans, trusts, estates, charitable organizations, and corporations.

The required minimum to establish an account is \$500,000. We will accept accounts that are less than the minimum at our sole discretion. There is no minimum balance for maintaining an account. However, we may, at our discretion, terminate an account that drops in value to a level where we believe that we can no longer add value as an investment manager.

Item 8 – Methods of Analysis, Investment Strategies and Risk of Loss

- A. Tufton Capital Management conducts proprietary fundamental research to identify potential investments. We employ a value-oriented investment style utilizing a combination of growth and value stocks. Value stocks typically trade at low prices relative to anticipated earnings and have above average dividend yields. Growth stocks offer value when purchased at prices that do not reflect future growth potential. Investments are made in companies with strong underlying fundamentals such as recognized trademarks, strong balance sheets, and profitability, but whose share price is temporarily depressed due to some solvable company problem, external factor, or other misunderstanding. We invest primarily in large, domestic companies. However, we also take positions in small and mid-size companies as well as companies headquartered abroad. Investment turnover, which represents the frequency of trading within a portfolio, is very low.

Fixed income investments reflect our outlook for inflation and interest rates as well as underlying credit risk. Bonds and other fixed income vehicles are held to provide investment income and stability of capital. Fixed income investments are not actively traded.

- B. Our management philosophy does not represent extreme positions or opportunistic styles. Portfolios diversified across asset classes help mitigate volatility. None the less, all investments carry the risk of losses which clients should be prepared to bear.

Item 9 – Disciplinary Information

Tufton Capital Management does not have any firm or individual legal disciplinary events to report.

Item 10 – Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations

No employees are affiliated with other companies in the financial industry.

Item 11 – Code of Ethics, Participation or Interest in Client Transactions and Personal Trading

- A. Officers and employees of Tufton Capital management strictly adhere to the firm’s code of ethics. The Code sets forth standards of conduct and requires compliance with federal securities laws. Our Code specifically addresses potential issues that may arise from our advisory services. A copy of the firm’s code of ethics is available to any client or prospective client upon request.

- B. The firm places a high value on ethical conduct and promotes compliance with fiduciary standards by always placing the client’s interests first. Among other matters, the Code requires all employees to report their securities transactions on a quarterly basis and personal investment holdings on an annual basis. The reporting procedures are designed to prevent employees from executing trades ahead of client trades. In many cases, employees invest in the same securities as those for clients. When a transaction (purchase or sale) is initiated and completed in the same day, all clients and employees participate on an equal basis. If a transaction is only partially completed with a particular broker, the transaction is pro-rated among client accounts only and employee accounts are excluded. Employees are restricted from buying or selling a security within five business days before the same security is purchased or sold on a firm-wide basis in client accounts.

Item 12 – Brokerage Practices

- A. Tufton Capital Management utilizes numerous custodians for client accounts. All things being equal, the client's custodian is engaged to execute orders.

The custodians that we have selected offer a combination of technical capability and support infrastructure, market coverage, clearance and settlement efficiencies, and low cost. Direct and indirect costs are considered to obtain the highest quality trade execution. In addition to commission schedules, brokers are continuously evaluated on their brokerage services. The services may include execution capability; responsiveness to advisor; value of investment research; block trading capability; communication skills; use of automation; and administrative ability. Contracts with custodians are also reviewed to determine trade-away capability and the impact on future brokerage charges.

We have an obligation to use our best efforts to obtain the best available price and most favorable execution with respect to all transactions executed on behalf of our clients. Best execution efforts provide assurance to clients that we will act in their best interest when dealing for them in the securities markets. Best execution results are monitored on a trade-by-trade basis by the portfolio manager and on a weekly basis when all trade activity is reviewed by the chief compliance officer.

We have negotiated a single consistent commission rate (\$.00/per share) with all custodians and brokers except in instances where a client's choice of custodian mandates a higher commission rate. The client-directed custodian or brokerage arrangements are not subject to best execution guidelines. We review commission rates periodically to ensure they are reasonable.

1. Research and Other Soft Dollar Benefits.

A broker other than the client's custodian may be utilized (trade-away) if better order execution may be achieved. Third-party brokers may also be utilized to gain access to investment research by directing order flow in exchange for brokerage commissions. Agreements to direct order flow in exchange for products or services are called soft-dollar agreements. We have no soft-dollar contracts in place.

2. Brokerage for Client Referrals.

We do not receive client referrals from broker dealers or third-party providers. Custodians and brokers are selected solely based on the criteria described in Item 12, section A.

3. Directed Brokerage.

If a client expressly directs Tufton Capital Management to execute all or a portion of security transactions through a particular broker with which we do not have a relationship, the client shall be responsible for negotiating all terms. Correspondingly, we will not be able to seek better execution service or prices from other brokers nor will we be able to aggregate the client transactions for execution with orders from other accounts that we manage. Consequently, higher commissions or other transaction costs may result in less favorable net prices.

- B. When possible, orders for accounts held at the same custodian are aggregated to provide uniform execution prices.

Item 13 – Review of Accounts

- A. All client portfolios are formally reviewed on an annual basis. Portfolios are evaluated in relationship to investment objectives, asset allocation guidelines and risk tolerance. The review is coordinated by the chief compliance officer and conducted by the portfolio manager.
- B. The portfolio manager also reviews accounts in preparation for client meetings and as new investments are added to a portfolio or as security positions are reduced or eliminated.
- C. Custodians provide a written statement of account holdings no less than quarterly, and in most cases, monthly. The statements reflect current holdings, purchases and sales, investment income, and cash additions and withdrawals. Custodians also provide confirmation notices for executed orders and year-end tax documents. In addition to custodial statements, Tufton Capital Management makes written account statements available on a quarterly basis. Our reports include a listing of holdings with acquisition dates and purchases and sales made during the quarter.

Item 14 – Client Referrals and Other Compensation

- A. Tufton Capital Management does not compensate non-employee (outside) consultants, individuals, and/or entities (Solicitors) for client referrals.

- B. Some members of the firm may have a portion of their compensation based on new business development. Marketing personnel may receive a commission if they are responsible for the attainment of a new account. The annual commission is equal to 33% of the investment management fee for that year and is paid for each of the first three years of the account relationship. The commission payment comes out of the investment management fee charged by Tufton Capital Management and does not increase the management fee paid by the client.

Item 15 – Custody

Tufton Capital Management does not maintain custody of client assets. Qualified custodians such as broker-dealer firms and banks are utilized for custody services. Custodians provide a written statement of account holdings no less than quarterly, and in most cases, monthly. Custodians also provide confirmation notices for executed orders and year-end tax documents.

Tufton Capital Management makes client account statements available on a quarterly basis. Reports are generated from an internal accounting system used in the daily reconciliation of custodial records. We urge clients to compare the account statements received from their custodian with those received from us to ensure accuracy.

Item 16 – Investment Discretion

Tufton Capital Management operates with full investment discretion. We do not seek client approval prior to making investment changes. The discretionary nature of our advisory services is included in our contract of investment services, which must be signed by the client and an officer of the firm.

Client limitations on investment decisions are set during initial meetings when a formal investment policy statement is established. Limitations may include asset allocation, equity diversification characteristics, or specific industry exclusion. For example, some clients may not wish to make investments involving the tobacco or alcohol industries.

Item 17 – Voting Client Securities

- A. The client has the option of voting their own securities or having us vote on their behalf. The option is made at account inception but may be changed at any time. When voting client securities, we consider only those factors that relate to the client's investment(s) or that are established by the client's written instructions.

We generally cast proxy votes in proposals that:

- a. Maintain or strengthen the shared interests of shareholders and management.
- b. Increase shareholder value.
- c. Maintain or increase shareholder influence over the issuer's board of directors and management.
- d. Maintain or increase the rights of shareholders.

Proxy votes generally will be cast against proposals having the opposite effect of those listed above.

We vote in a prudent and timely fashion and only after careful evaluation of the issue(s) presented on the ballot. After conducting an appropriate cost-benefit analysis, not voting at all on the presented proposal may be in the best interest of the client. We generally do not vote proxies in which we control less than a 1% interest. In exercising voting discretion, we shall avoid any direct or indirect conflict of interest raised by such a voting decision. We will provide adequate disclosure to the client if any substantive aspect or foreseeable result of the subject matter to be voted upon raises an actual or potential conflict of interest to the firm.

We will keep certain records required by applicable law in connection with our proxy voting activities for clients and shall provide proxy-voting information to clients upon their written or oral request. A copy of our proxy-voting policies and procedures is available to clients upon request.

- B. Clients electing to vote securities themselves will receive proxies or other solicitations directly from their custodian or a transfer agent. Clients may contact their portfolio manager with questions about any solicitations they receive.

Item 18 – Financial Information

The management of Tufton Capital Management believes that they are financially sound. We do not have any adverse financial information to disclose.

A balance sheet has not been provided because we do not require or solicit prepayment of more than \$1,200 in fees per client, six months or more in advance. In addition, we do not have custody of client funds or securities. Although we have discretionary authority to place trades in client accounts and to deduct investment management fees where approved, we do not have discretion to withdrawal client funds or securities for any other purpose. Please see Item 15 for a full description of custody services and Item 16 for a full description of investment discretion.

Item 19 – Requirements for State-Registered Advisers

Tufton Capital Management is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and has no disclosure requirements pertaining to state registration.

Item 20 – ADV Part 2B – Brochure Supplement

Brochure Supplement

February 28, 2024

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This brochure supplement provides information about the individuals listed above that supplements the Tufton Capital Management brochure. Please contact Charles A. Meyer should you have any questions about this supplement.

Additional information about our advisory personnel is available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.

<u>Advisory Personnel</u>	<u>CRD Number</u>
J. Scott Murphy	4519730
Eric P. Schopf	2149671
Barbara L. Rishel	4537813
Charles A. Meyer	2743959
Ricky S. Rubin	3181611

J. Scott Murphy, MBA**

Born - 1968

Mr. Murphy is an Executive Vice President, portfolio manager and equity analyst. He is also a partner of the firm.

Item 2 - Educational Background and Business Experience

Mr. Murphy earned a B.A. degree from Towson State University and an M.B.A. from the University of Baltimore. He joined the firm in 1997.

Item 3 – Disciplinary Information

There are no legal or disciplinary events associated with Mr. Murphy.

Item 4 – Other Business Activities

Mr. Murphy is not actively engaged in any investment-related business or occupation.

Item 5 – Additional Compensation

No additional compensation or economic benefits are received for providing advisory services.

Item 6 - Supervision

All advisory personnel operate as a team in setting investment strategy and approving investment ideas. The strategy and idea processes are conducted during formal investment committee meetings that are held weekly. However, the portfolio manager has the ultimate authority in implementing investment ideas in investment accounts based on his or her intimate knowledge of the client's investment goals and objectives. All trade activity is monitored on a weekly basis by the chief compliance officer to ensure that there is no deviation from decisions made by the investment committee. In addition, the account review process serves to ensure that investment strategy is being implemented within client's investment policy guidelines.

Chad Meyer is responsible for the supervision of all advisory personnel. The Chief Compliance is responsible for regulatory compliance including internal policies and procedures related to our code of ethics.

All advisory personnel can be contacted at 410-400-8500

Eric P. Schopf, MBA**

Born - 1963

Mr. Schopf is a Vice President, portfolio manager, and equity analyst with the firm. He is a partner of the firm.

Item 2 - Educational Background and Business Experience

Mr. Schopf earned a B.S. degree from the University of Maryland and an M.B.A. from the York College of Pennsylvania. He joined the firm in 2001.

Item 3 – Disciplinary Information

There are no legal or disciplinary events associated with Mr. Schopf.

Item 4 – Other Business Activities

Mr. Schopf is not actively engaged in any investment-related business or occupation.

Item 5 – Additional Compensation

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Barbara L. Rishel, MBA**

Born - 1960

Mrs. Rishel is a Vice President, portfolio manager and equity analyst with the firm.

Item 2 - Educational Background and Business Experience

Mrs. Rishel earned a B.S. and M.B.A. from the University of Baltimore. Prior to joining the firm in 2011, she was a financial advisor for Bank of America and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith.

Item 3 – Disciplinary Information

There are no legal or disciplinary events associated with Mrs. Rishel.

Item 4 – Other Business Activities

Mrs. Rishel is not actively engaged in any investment related business or occupation.

Item 5 – Additional Compensation

No additional compensation or economic benefits are received for providing advisory services.

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Charles A. Meyer, CFA*, MBA**

Born - 1968

Mr. Meyer serves as President of Tufton Capital Management. He is a partner of the firm and also serves as Chief Compliance Officer.

Item 2 – Educational Background and Business Experience

Mr. Meyer earned a B.A. degree from Washington & Lee University and an MBA from New York University Stern Business School. He is a member of the CFA Institute and is a member of the Baltimore CFA Society. He joined the firm in 2013. He owned and served as President of CRC Solomon from 2009 through 2013. From 2005 through 2009 he was a Managing Director at Stifel Financial, a brokerage and investment banking company.

Item 3 – Disciplinary Information

There are no legal or disciplinary events associated with Mr. Meyer.

Item 4 – Other Business Activities

Mr. Meyer is not actively engaged in any investment related business or occupation.

Item 5 – Additional Compensation

No additional compensation or economic benefits are received for providing advisory services.

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Ricky S. Rubin, CPA, CFA*, MBA**

Born – 1971

Mr. Rubin is a Vice President, portfolio manager and equity analyst with the firm.

Item 2 – Educational Background and Business Experience

Mr. Rubin earned a B.S. degree from Towson University and an MBA from Loyola University of Maryland. He is a member of the CFA Institute and is a member of the Baltimore CFA Society. Mr. Rubin is also a certified public accountant. Prior to joining the firm in 2015, he was a senior wealth advisor for PNC Wealth Management/PNC Bank and its predecessor Mercantile Safe Deposit & Trust Company.

Item 3 – Disciplinary Information

There are no legal or disciplinary events associated with Mr. Rubin.

Item 4 – Other Business Activities

Mr. Rubin is not actively engaged in any investment related business or occupation.

Item 5 – Additional Compensation

No additional compensation or economic benefits are received for providing advisory services.

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*A CFA “Chartered Financial Analyst” is a graduate level self-study program offered by the CFA Institute. The CFA charter is a qualification for finance and investment professionals, particularly in the fields of investment management and financial analysis of stocks, bonds, and their derivative assets.

To become a charter holder, a candidate must satisfy the following requirements.

- Complete the CFA Program (mastery of the current CFA curriculum and passing a series of three six hour examinations)
- Possess a bachelor's degree (or equivalent) from an accredited institution
- Have four years (48 months) of qualified work experience (or a combination of education and work experience acceptable by the CFA Institute)
- Become a member of the CFA Institute and apply for membership to a local CFA member society
- Adhere to the CFA Institute Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct

** An M.B.A. “Masters of Business Administration” is a graduate level education which includes various areas of study such as accounting, finance, marketing, human resources, and operations management.