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Additional information about Michael Mason, LLC is also available on the SEC's website at **www.adviserinfo.sec.gov** and by searching for CRD# 1663788.

YEAR OF BIRTH 1961

EDUCATION Bachelor of Science, University of Maryland, 1986

BUSINESSChairman & Senior Financial PlannerBACKGROUNDMason & Associates, LLCAugust 2003 to Present

Registered Representative Centaurus Financial, Inc. August 2003 to October 2020

Investment Adviser Representative Centaurus Financial, Inc. August 2003 to October 2020

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CHARTERED FINANCIAL CONSULTANT ("ChFC")

The ChFC designation is issued by The American College and is granted to individuals who have at least three years of full-time business experience within the five years preceding the awarding of the designation. The candidate is required to take seven mandatory courses which include the following disciplines: financial, insurance, retirement and estate planning; income taxation, investments and application of financial planning; as well as two elective courses involving the application of the aforementioned disciplines. Each course has a final proctored exam and once issued, the individual is required to submit 30 hours of continuing education every two years (please note that Michael Mason has been exempted from the continuing education requirement). Further information about the qualifications and standards required by The American College may be found here: https://www.theamericancollege.edu/designations-degrees/ChFC.

CHARTERED LIFE UNDERWRITER ("CLU")

The CLU designation is issued by The American College and is granted to individuals who have at least three years of full-time business experience within the five years preceding the awarding of the designation. The candidate is required to take eight mandatory courses which include five required courses



which include five required courses (Fundamentals of Insurance Planning, Individual Life Insurance, Life Insurance Law, Fundamentals of Estate Planning, Planning for Business Owners and Professionals) and three elective courses (Financial Planning: Process and Environment, Income Taxation, Planning for Retirement Needs, Investments, Introduction to Disability and Lifetime Planning, and Legal and Financial Issues for Special Needs Families). Each course has a final proctored exam and once issued, the individual is required to submit 30 hours of continuing education every two years (please note that Michael Mason has been exempted from the continuing education requirement). Further information about the qualifications and standards required by The American College may be found here: https://www.theamericancollege.edu/designations-degrees/CLU.

DISCIPLINARY INFORMATION

There are no legal or disciplinary events material to a client's or prospective client's evaluation of Michael Mason.



- A. Michael Mason is not actively engaged in any other investment-related business or occupation.
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Michael Mason is supervised and monitored by John Mason, President & Senior Financial Planner, pursuant to Mason & Associate LLC's written policies and procedures and code of ethics. John Mason may be reached at (757) 223-9898.





Form ADV Part 2B Brochure Supplement for Kenneth Mason



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NAME Kenneth Mason **YEAR OF BIRTH** 1964 **EDUCATION** No formal education after high school to report BUSINESS Senior Vice President & Senior Financial Planner BACKGROUND Mason & Associates, LLC August 2003 to Present **Registered Representative** Centaurus Financial, Inc. August 2003 to October 2020 **Investment Adviser Representative** Centaurus Financial, Inc. August 2003 to October 2020 PROFESSIONAL **RETIREMENT INCOME CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL ("RICP")** DESIGNATIONS

The RICP designation is issued by The American College and is granted to individuals who have at least three years of full-time business experience within the five years preceding the awarding of the designation. The candidate is required to take three required courses: Retirement Income Process, Strategies & Solutions, Sources of Retirement Income, and Managing the Retirement Income Plan. Each course has a final proctored exam and once issued, the individual is required to submit 30 hours of continuing education every two years. Further information about the qualifications and standards required by The American College may be found here:

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- NAME John Mason
- YEAR OF BIRTH 1987

EDUCATION Bachelor's Degree, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, 2010

BUSINESSPresident & Senior Financial PlannerBACKGROUNDMason & Associates, LLCJanuary 2017 to Present

President John M. Mason Financial Inc. February 2012 to December 2016

Registered Representative Centaurus Financial, Inc. August 2010 to October 2020

Investment Adviser Representative Centaurus Financial, Inc. September 2010 to October 2020

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- **NAME** Thomas Blackburn
- YEAR OF BIRTH 1987
 - **EDUCATION** Bachelor of Science (Finance), Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, 2010

Masters of Accounting & Information Systems (Tax), Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, 2011

BUSINESSVice President & Senior Financial PlannerBACKGROUNDMason & Associates, LLCJuly 2019 to Present

Registered Representative Centaurus Financial, Inc. July 2019 to October 2020

Investment Adviser Representative Centaurus Financial, Inc. July 2019 to October 2020

Senior Financial Planner Verus Financial Partners September 2012 to July 2019

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PERSONAL FINANCIAL SPECIALIST ("PFS")

The PFS credential demonstrates that an individual has met the minimum education, experience and testing required of a CPA in addition to a minimum level of expertise in personal financial planning. To attain the PFS credential, a candidate must hold an unrevoked CPA license, certificate, or permit, none of which are in inactive status; fulfill 3,000 hours of personal financial planning business experience; complete 75 hours of personal financial planning continuing professional development (CPD) credits; pass either a comprehensive financial planning exam or a series of financial planning certificate exams and be an active member of the AICPA. A PFS credential holder is required to adhere to AICPA's Code of Professional Conduct and the Statement on Standards in Personal Financial Planning Services, when providing personal financial planning services. To maintain their PFS credential, the recipient must complete 20 hours of financial planning CPD credits every year. The PFS credential is administered through the AICPA.



CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT ("CPA")

CPAs are licensed and regulated by their state boards of accountancy. While state laws and regulations vary, the education, experience and testing requirements for licensure as a CPA generally include minimum college education (typically 150 credit hours with at least a baccalaureate degree and a concentration in accounting), minimum experience levels (most states require at least one year of experience providing services that involve the use of accounting, attest, compilation, management advisory, financial advisory, tax or consulting skills, all of which must be achieved under the supervision of or verification by a CPA), and successful passage of the Uniform CPA Examination. In order to maintain a CPA license, states generally require the completion of 40 hours of continuing professional education (CPE) each year (or 80 hours over a two year period or 120 hours over a three year period). Additionally, all American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) members are required to follow a rigorous Code of Professional Conduct which requires that they act with integrity, objectivity, due care, competence, fully disclose any conflicts of interest (and obtain client consent if a conflict exists), maintain client confidentiality, disclose to the client any commission or referral fees, and serve the public interest when providing financial services.

In addition to the Code of Professional Conduct, AICPA members who provide personal financial planning services are required to follow the Statement on Standards in Personal Financial Planning Services (SSPFPS).





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YEAR OF BIRTH 1990

EDUCATION Bachelor of Science (Finance), Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, 2012

BUSINESS Senior Financial Planner BACKGROUND Mason & Associates, LLC January 2022 to Present

> Financial Planner Verus Financial Partners, Inc. November 2015 - December 2021

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ENROLLED AGENT ("EA")

An EA is a federally-authorized tax practitioner who has technical expertise in the field of taxation and who is empowered by the U.S. Department of the Treasury to represent taxpayers before all administrative levels – examination, collection, and appeals – of the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"). In addition to taxpayer representation, enrolled agents can provide tax consultation services and prepare a wide range of federal and state tax returns.

To become an EA, one must either (1) work for the IRS for five years in a position requiring the interpretation of the tax code; or (2) pass all three parts of the Special Enrollment Exam (SEE) and pass a background check. EAs must adhere to ethical standards and complete 72 hours of continuing education courses every three years. Further information about the qualifications and standards required of an EA may be found by visiting the IRS website at https://www.irs.gov/tax-professionals/enrolled-agents/enrolled-agent-information.





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