

FPA of Central Florida 34th Annual Symposium

An Update on Your Professional Membership Association

OUR CORE MEMBER

Our Core Member is a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ professional.

OUR PRIMARY AIM

To elevate the profession that transforms lives through the power of financial planning.

FPA

OUR VALUE PROPOSITION

As a CFP® professional, FPA is your partner in planning by helping you realize your vision of success through practice support, learning, advocacy, and networking.

OUR CORE POLICY

The CFP® certification and the standards it represents constitute the foundation of the financial planning profession.



FPA'S LONG-TERM STRATEGIC JOURNEY

The continually changing landscape of the financial planning profession, the greater financial services industry, and increased competition mean FPA needs to focus on solidifying its relevance and impact for members and the profession.



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- Maximize revenue potential across the Association's service lines and FPA's role and vision.





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PRACTICE SUPPORT

FPA supports your business objectives with the information, resources, and discounts you need — and want.

LEARNING

FPA helps you build your competencies with a wide variety of relevant and accessible learning programs.

ADVOCACY

FPA positions you as a leader and impactful advocate for financial planning among lawmakers, consumers, and journalists.

NETWORKING

FPA provides you with the networking opportunities you want — and the sense of belonging you desire.

Your Partner in Planning™

PRACTICE SUPPORT

Meet the needs of modern financial planning practitioners and their businesses.

- [PRIORITY] FPA supports members and their businesses with tools, resources, and content they cannot get elsewhere throughout their lifecycle: Kickstart, Grow, Scale, and Transition.
- FPA offers robust lead generation.

LEARNING

Serve as the educational epicenter of financial planner knowledge.

- [PRIORITY] FPA is the publisher of record for the profession, including a payfor-access online article database and Journal of Financial Planning microeditions.
- FPA and chapters partner on programming that drives revenue.
- FPA offers a curated, intuitive, relevant, and timely learning experience.

ADVOCACY

Lead in securing the legal recognition of financial planners and advancing financial literacy and wellness.

- [PRIORITY] FPA is leading in advocating for the legal recognition of financial planners with a proposal that has been defined, drafted, and socialized.
- FPA has an established financial literacy and wellness program nationwide.
- FPA partners with national organizations to co-sponsor financial literacy legislation or programs.
- FPA exemplifies excellence in promoting and embracing diversity.

NETWORKING

Deliver unparalleled connectivity as the hub for financial planners of all backgrounds.

- [PRIORITY] FPA national events have are indispensable to the member experience through content, community, and connection that cannot be found elsewhere.
- FPA meets members where they are via technology.
- FPA and FPA chapters are aligned and working together to deliver an unmatched member experience.

Embrace Inclusivity

Partner Integration

Diversify Revenue

Maximize Resources

Chapter Collaboration

Maintain Mission





A Few Benefits of Membership

New Research: FinTech and Client Relationships





Groundbreaking research by eMoney Advisor and FPA has unveiled the game-changing impact of financial technology, particularly client portals, on the dynamics between financial planners and their clients.

The research, featuring insights from 849 financial planning professionals, goes beyond the efficiency of technology.

https://engage.financialplanningassociation.org/clients-and-technology

Media Mastery 2.0





Developed with AdvisorPR, the new media training program builds on the already successful on-demand training members enjoy but takes it to another level.

The program is now available to all members through the FPA Learning Center.

www.financialplanningassociation.org/advocacy/media-engagement

FPA MediaSource





Showcase your knowledge and expertise as a financial planner by appearing in the media.

FPA MediaSource has sent more than 7,600 journalist queries to FPA members over the past five years, including queries from CNBC, Wall Street Journal, MarketWatch, Kiplinger's Personal Finance, USA Today, Yahoo! Finance, among others.

www.financialplanningassociation.org/advocacy/media-engagement

Investment Technology





TIFIN Wealth and FPA are partnering to support the growth of independent financial planners by extending access to TIFIN's personalized investment platform at no cost for FPA members who manage under \$100M in AUM.

This member benefit aims to empower financial planners with cutting-edge tools and resources to better serve their clients while making innovative technology more accessible.

https://campaign.tifinwealth.com/fpa

Alternative Investment Education





All FPA members are eligible to receive discounted access to UniFi by CAIA™, an online series of educational offerings geared towards the needs of client- and adviser-facing financial professionals.

You now have greater access to educational materials that will help you address the fast-moving alternative investment universe.

www.fpa.chalicenetwork.com/marketplace/unifibycaia

FPA Marketplace





Access many benefits designed for FPA members, especially our various insurance programs.

You can also access BenefitHub, which offers you potentially thousands of dollars in savings on a wide range of services and programs from top companies like Verizon, Costco, Geico, Avis, Hertz, Disney, AMC, Gap, and many more.

www.financialplanningassociation.org/practice-support

Carson Coaching





- Access to Carson Coaching Online
- Access to FPA Group Coaching
- Discounts on one-on-one Executive Business
 Coaching
- Discounts on the Emerging Advisor Growth Accelerator Program
- Discounts on regional/national events
- Articles and videos



FPA National Events in 2024





May 6-9, 2024 Tucson, AZ



Aug. 20-22, 2024 Phoenix, AZ



Sept. 18-20, 2024 Columbus, 0H

www.financialplanningassociation.org/learning/events

FPA Retreat 2024





FPA Retreat 2024 is the experience you need to get energized, explore innovation, and uncover disruption that is rocking your profession. Join us May 6-9 in Tucson, Arizona, at the Loews Ventana Canyon Resort for this unforgettable, one-of-akind event.

Register by February 26 to take advantage of an advance pricing — the lowest fee you will find!

www.fparetreat.org



Supporting Chapter Programming

Speaking Discounts with Kitces!



Since the program was introduced in March 2022, FPA chapters have saved more than \$248,000 on their educational programs with Kitces Speaking.

Kitces Speaking and FPA have renewed the agreement through December 2025.



Increases the discount to small and mid-sized chapters on virtual events to 30% — an additional discount on top of the baseline FPA discount, which allows smaller chapters to access Kitces speakers virtually at a 50% discount on the standard rate!

Speaking Discounts with FBKG!



FPA and the Financial Behavior Keynote Group have partnered to support FPA chapters and their educational programs by helping them secure recognized and respected behavioral finance experts to speak at significantly discounted pricing.

FPA chapters can secure speakers at significant discounts for in-person or virtual presentations.

FPA chapters with fewer than 400 paid members can secure a speaker for a virtual presentation for an additional discount.



Speaking Discounts with Julie Littlechild!



New discounted speaking opportunity with Julie Littlechild of Absolute Engagement.

Julie, a highly respected, sought-after speaker, is a premier thought leader in helping financial professionals build more client engagement.



Julie is an outstanding speaker who can engage your audience on subjects that will directly impact their bottom line. Chapters can now secure deep discounts to have Julie speak at virtual and in-person chapter events this year!

Upcoming Speaking Discounts!



Two new discounted speaking offerings coming soon from Idea Decanter and The Kalli Collective to support chapter programming!

Idea Decanter will offer a significant discount on their speaking fees to address video marketing with your chapter members.

The Kalli Collective will offer a significant discount on their speaking fees to address branding and digital marketing with your chapter members.







Advocating For You

Advocacy Matters



FPA ensures the issues that matter most to you are incorporated into the rules and regulations that shape the trajectory of our profession.



BY PAST FPA PRESIDENT ED GJERTSEN, CFP®

"Advocacy matters. And so do the thousands of us who speak for this growing profession. Now is the time for more of us to join with a unified voice to take charge of our profession."

InvestmentNews (June 2015)

Four FPA Advocacy Priorities



Legal recognition of financial planners through title protection

Financial literacy and wellness

Financial planning fee structures

Taxation of financial planning services





Title Protection



Title Usage

The legal recognition of the term financial planner may distinguish financial planners from other financial service providers.

Professional Competency

The legal recognition of the term financial planner will establish criteria to earn the right to call oneself a financial planner without creating unnecessary regulatory burden for those who qualify to use the title.

Consumer Protection

The legal recognition of the term financial planner may enable consumers to identify and engage with a qualified financial planner.

Profession Advancement

The legal recognition of the term financial planner is a critical step in the recognition of financial planning as a distinct, essential profession.



Title Protection Engagement Timeline

- We are taking an iterative process to ensuring all FPA
 Member voices have an opportunity to be heard and
 their viewpoints considered, in addition to other
 stakeholders in the financial planning ecosystem, all
 so the best possible approach is eventually realized.
- While we want to move expeditiously, we also acknowledge that an undertaking of this magnitude cannot be rushed.
- We are proceeding without any preconceived notions of what may eventually be proposed.





Our Efforts To-Date

All-Member Virtual Town Halls

Held six town halls for Members interested in sharing their views and ideas. Nearly 500 members have participated. Regional Chapter Leader Forums

Held five regional forums for chapter leaders to engage on the issue. Nearly 300 chapter leaders attended.

Member Survey

Survey has been in-field since early January and will remain open through the end of 2023.

OneFPA Advisory Council Discussions

Tile protection has been the focus of three Council meetings over the past year, including Sept. 2022, Nov. 2022, and June 2023.

External Stakeholder Meetings

We have met with many external groups, including NASAA, SEC, DOL, FSI, AAAA, CFP Board, NAPFA, IAA, SIFMA, multiple broker dealers. More to come.



FPA's Recent Advocacy Efforts

U.S. DOL Proposed Retirement Security Rule





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January 2, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

Office of Regulations and Interpretations Employee Benefit Security Administration U.S. Department of Labor

200 Constitution Ave., NW Washington, DC 20210

RE: RIN 1210-AC02 Retirement Security Rule: Definition of an Investment Advice Fiduciary; and related exemptions.

Dear Assistant Secretary Gomez,

I write on behalf of the Financial Planning Association (FPA*) in response to the Department of Labor's ("Department") request for comments in connection with the proposed Retirement Security Rule and the amendments to several related Prohibited Transaction Exemptions (collectively referred to herein as the "Proposed Rule").

FPA" is a 501(c)(6) trade association and the leading Membership organization for CERTIFED FINANCIAL PLANNER" professionals and the largest organization representing those individuals engaged in the financial planning process. FPA' represents and supports over 17,000 Members and 79 state and local chapters nationwide. FPA's core Members are CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ professionals, who pride themselves on being held to high standards of professional competence, ethical conduct, and clear, complete disclosure when serving their clients.

Notably, our Core Members, as CFP® professionals, are required to act in the best interest of their clients at all times when providing financial advice as defined by CFP Board. Indeed, the majority of FPA's members, by virtue of holding the CFP® professional designation, voluntarily commit to act in the best interest of their clients under CFP Board's fiduciary standard — albeit a fiduciary standard that is defined differently and has different requirements than the Department's Proposed Rule.

Most importantly, FPA' believes all consumers deserve objective, personalized financial advice that is in their best interest, and we share the Department's concern that many consumers lack understanding of how the financial industry is regulated and therefore may be challenged to discern among professionals who are legally required to act in their best interest – putting themselves at risk of being taken advantage of by individuals who may not adhere to the high standards to which our FPA'CFP* professional members comport and appreciate the opportunity to provide preliminary comments on the Proposed Rule.



FPA submitted official comments on the U.S. Department of Labor's Proposed Retirement Security Rule.

Highlights FPA's commitment to initiatives that enhance investor protection, build trust, and ensure minimal burdens on you and our practitioner community.

Shares our concerns about implementation timelines and the need for clear guidance and compliance tools.

Building Tomorrow's Workforce







FPA joined more than 500 organizations to form the Tomorrow's Workforce Coalition, established to build support for the Freedom to Invest in Tomorrow's Workforce Act (S. 722 / H.R. 1477).

The bipartisan, bicameral Act would expand qualified expenses under 529 savings plans to include postsecondary training and credentialing, such as licenses and professional certifications, including CFP® certification.

State-Level Advocacy is Critical



- The work chapters are doing especially FPA of Forida is important to supporting our members, protecting consumers, and elevating FPA.
- FPA wants to be your partner in advocacy by providing support when and where needed.
- We want to showcase your efforts and successes to help other chapters and councils learn what they can do to have an impact.
- FPA Public Policy Counsel Lauren Loney focuses her time on supporting chapters with legislative advocacy.



Let's Take Your Questions!

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Thank you for making FPA Your Partner in Planning™







