

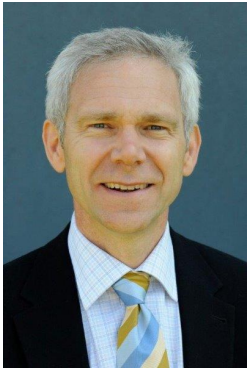
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May 18 and 19, 2020



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Today's Objectives

Update on CEFEX

Sample the topics which are relevant to CEFEX certified firms

Generate questions

Offer suggestions on how to best serve end investors:

Individuals

Retirement plans and participants

Non-profits: foundations, endowments and donors

Governments and taxpayers

Tribal Nations and beneficiaries

Prudent Advice Is Essential In Uncertain Times

CEFEX Services

Certification

Remote annual assessments to demonstrate adherence to a Standard of Practice
ISO-like process

Fiduciary Assessments

One-time assessments to help advisors prospect new clients
Identify opportunities for improvement at Steward

Fiduciary Training for Nonprofit Leaders

4 hour program to help advisors build relationships and stimulate fiduciary
assessments

The Active Analyst Team



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Our Passion

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Our industry needs more excellence!

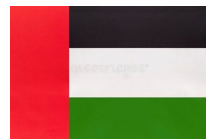
Lawsuits continue

Steward assessments reveal opportunities

2020 Stats

Now in 11 countries!

Investment Advisor/Manager	140
Investment Steward	27
Investment Support Services	12
ASPPA Recordkeeping	16
ASPPA Administration	51
TOTAL	246



As of January 1, 2020

A Few Updates

Corporate Change

Integration with Fi360 and Broadridge

Continued tracking of regulatory updates

DOL Fiduciary Rule to Reg BI

Increased attention to cybersecurity issues

New Investment Manager Electronic Assessment Form

Agenda

Monday, May 18, 2020

Time	Topic	Speaker
11:00 AM	Introduction	Carlos Panksep, VP CEFEX
11:15 AM	Marketing Update	Leslie Padilla, Director Public Relations, CEFEX
11:35 AM	Fiduciary Training for Nonprofit Leaders	Allan Henriques and Kate McBride, CEFEX Analysts
11:55 AM	Certifying the Advisor's Plan Sponsor Clients	Derek Fiorenza, COO/CIO Summit Group Retirement Planners, Inc.
12:15 PM	Adjourn	

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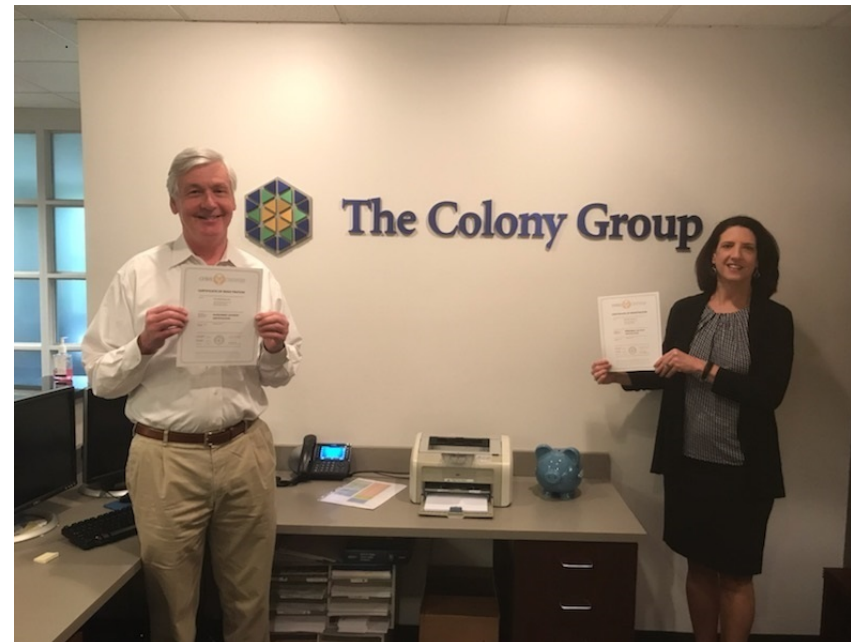
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Accomplishment includes: Specific content and image for your firm

Announcement includes: Marketing templates to publicize your CEFEX certification

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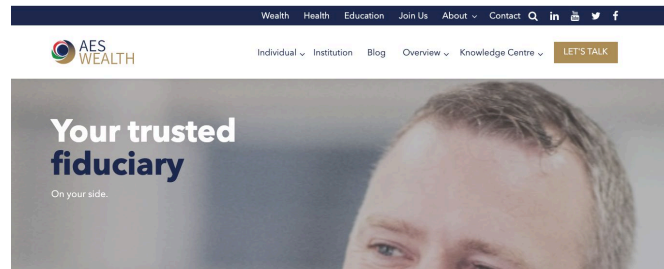
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CEΦEX® certification allows us to stand shoulder to shoulder with a tiny handful of the world's best firms.

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In 2016 we submitted ourselves to be accredited as a fiduciary financial advisor with the Centre for Fiduciary Excellence (CEFEX).



Upon completion of that exhausting process, Mancell Financial were officially certified by CEFEX in June 2016 as adhering to all their practices and criteria in the conduct of a fiduciary investment advisory business. Mancell Financial became part of an elite group of global investment advisors who successfully completed the independent CEFEX certification process. Today Mancell Financial are one of **only six fiduciary financial advisors in Australia.**

Upon accreditation, General Manager of CEFEX, Carlos Panksep noted Mancell Financial's standards were of the highest quality.

"Through CEFEX's independent assessment, the certification provides assurance to investors, both institutional and individual, that Mancell has demonstrated adherence to the industry's best fiduciary practices." Mr Panksep said.

Importantly, Mr Panksep acknowledged that "this indicates the firm's interests are aligned with those of investors."


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Pleased to announce that in the first quarter of 2020, CEFEX renewed the registrations for the following 34 organizations.

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A blog is an online article. It is typically posted on your website and describes your accomplishments, thoughts and ideas. It is a helpful way to stay in front of clients, prospects and stakeholders. By having a blog and writing about important topics (such as your CEFEX certification) it can establish you as an authority in your marketplace. It also has the ability to enhance your professional reputation.

Below we have created a suggested blog template for your firm to utilize that describes your CEFEX certification process and demonstrates why your firm believes in upholding a standard of excellence.

Directions

Step 1: Read and update the enclosed blog article with your firm name, registration type, quotes and appropriate information.

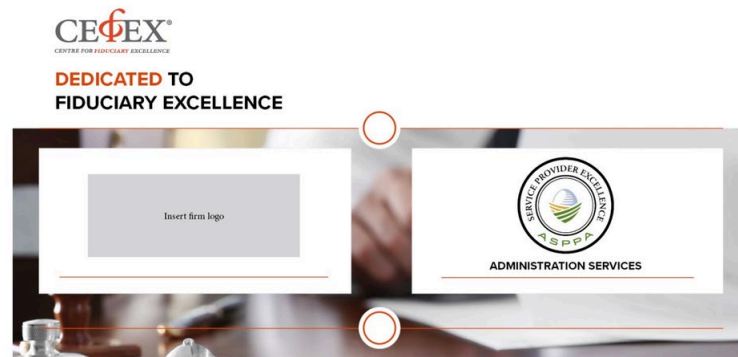
Step 2: If appropriate, submit to your compliance department.

Step 3: After the article is in good order, post on your website and your LinkedIn profile.

For social media support, see the provided CEFEX Social Media Announcement to help you promote your accomplishment with your clients, prospects and stakeholders on LinkedIn and Twitter.

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PRESS RELEASES CREATE LOCAL PRESS

CEFEX certified organization celebrates National Fiduciary Day with distribution of media announcement and local press coverage

WHITNEY BENEFITS CELEBRATES NATIONAL FIDUCIARY DAY

Sheridan, Wyoming – In celebration of National Fiduciary Day, held on February 25th, Whitney Benefits would like to remind the community of the importance of fiduciary excellence. Investment fiduciaries are in a unique position to responsibly manage assets of others and thus must adhere to the highest standard of conduct. In order to ensure that Whitney Benefits acts as a reliable and competent steward of our assets, the Foundation undergoes regular assessment by third-party reviewers at the Center for Fiduciary Excellence (CEFEX). Whitney Benefits has been certified by CEFEX since 2010 with most recent recertification in the Fall of 2019. The interest-free student loan program at Whitney Benefits remains possible through this fiduciary excellence.

As an organization that is CEFEX certified, Whitney Benefits works with local investment advisors to ensure funds are handled appropriately. This allows for the foundation to grow and best serve community interest now and for years to come. Whitney Benefits is proud to stand with the Sheridan College Foundation and the Gillette College Foundation as the only three Foundations in the state of Wyoming with CEFEX certification. In the words of Whitney Benefits Board President Roy Garber, "CEFEX certification provides assurance to the community that Whitney Benefits is held accountable to best practices and can continue to fulfill our foundations' mission for years to come."

Additional information about Whitney Benefits can be found at www.whitneybenefits.org.

About CEFEX:

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SHERIDAN — In celebration of National Fiduciary Day on Feb. 25, Whitney Benefits staff and board members would like to remind the community of the importance of fiduciary excellence.

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Two West Advisors Launches Virtual Consultation Service

Participants receiving an email from plan sponsors can schedule virtual meetings with a Two West financial expert to address retirement plan account questions as well as broader personal financial issues.

Reported by PLANSPONSOR STAFF

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Two West Advisors, an independent CEFEX-certified fiduciary adviser, has launched a virtual, private consultation service for the 30,000 retirement plan participants it serves who may have been financially impacted by the coronavirus.

The by-appointment-only service launched March 20 through a broad email outreach to employers sponsoring the retirement plans Two West services. Participants receiving the email from their sponsors can schedule 20-minute virtual meetings in one click with a Two West financial expert qualified to address individuals' retirement plan account questions as well as broader personal financial issues.

Two West President Ryan Rink says, "We've reconfigured our workforce and calendars have been cleared so that everyone's available to support this service. We don't know how long the situation will last, but people are going to need information to make good decisions about their money."

Two West Chief Executive Officer Marko Ungashick says the service is holistic, built on technology that enables individual participants to incorporate all their finances outside of their retirement plan accounts into the discussions.

"The meetings are set appointments so our financial experts can review each individual participant's information in advance and be prepared to have an informed conversation," Rink says. "We want to make sure the participants and [the financial experts] understand how their other accounts are doing to ensure they're moving in concert with one another. And for those folks who need help with even the most basic of issues, like accessing their accounts, we'll help them with that, too."

The service will be available for the foreseeable future, regardless of the impact on Two West. "As long as we have restrictions on travel and can't get to see our participants face-to-face, I don't see why we wouldn't continue making this service available. It's a volatile time and as long as there's a demand for it from our customers, we'll make it work," Rink says.

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Paskenta Nomlaki receives fiscal certification

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By **RED BLUFF DAILY NEWS** |
PUBLISHED: November 11, 2019 at 2:45 p.m. | UPDATED: November 11, 2019 at 2:46 p.m.

On the 25th Anniversary of achieving status as a sovereign nation, the Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians was recognized as the first tribal government in California to receive certification from CEFEX, The Centre for Fiduciary Excellence, for investment fiduciary practices that adhere to a global standard of excellence for Investment Stewards.

The event took place Nov. 2 at Carlino's Event Center at Rolling Hills Casino where Blaine Aikin, executive chairman, awarded the tribe with a plaque of recognition. The certification represented a dramatic five-year turnaround to re-establish best fiduciary and investment practices after former predatory leadership misused the tribe to run a fraudulent scheme to extort millions of dollars.

"The tribe has worked hard, for the last five years, to build a transparent, democratic and representative tribal government that works for the benefit of all members," said Tribal Chairman Andrew Alejandre. "Sending these former officials to jail for their corruption significantly assists in that process."

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 CEFEX certified firms voluntarily undertake annual audits by independent expert analysts. This continually verifies their adherence to the applicable standard and is supplemental to oversight performed by regulators, or financial auditors.

Why it Matters

Benefits
 A CEFEX-certified firm places its clients' interests first. Through structured processes, the firm will realize cost savings through improved quality, enhanced client satisfaction and increased market share. From a financial perspective, end clients will realize investment objectives sooner and achieve a better alignment of investment services to expenses.

CEFEX certification increases TRUST. In a time of financial industry change, trust is critical to firms which provide fiduciary functions and those that provide support services. Investors and Stewards of retirement plans, endowments and foundations are continually looking for proof of integrity.

Professionalism
 Annual audits maximize professionalism within the firm because management is required to keep up-to-date with best practices. The CEFEX audit fosters a culture of continuous improvement within the firm and increases transparency and accountability of the management team.

What Does it Mean For an Advisor to be CEFEX Certified?

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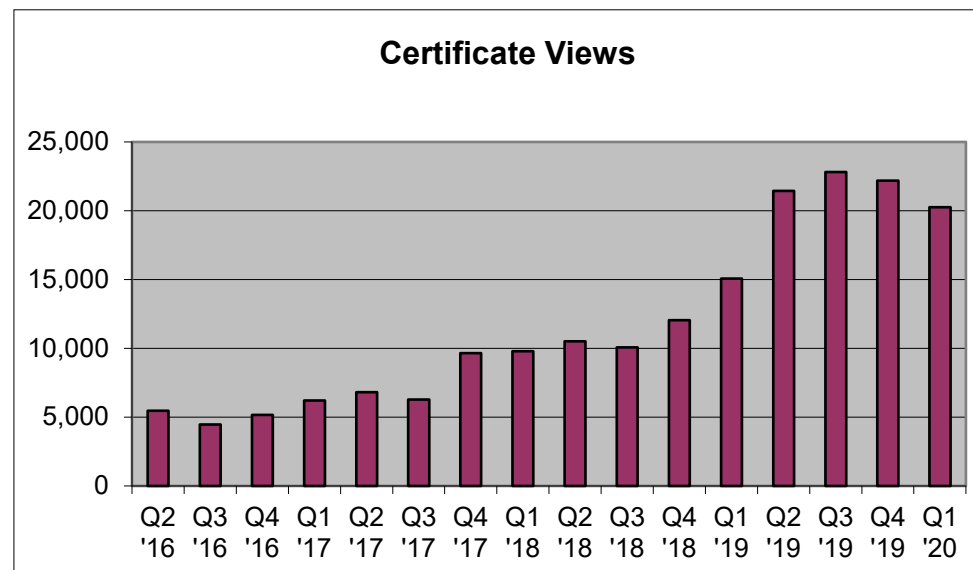
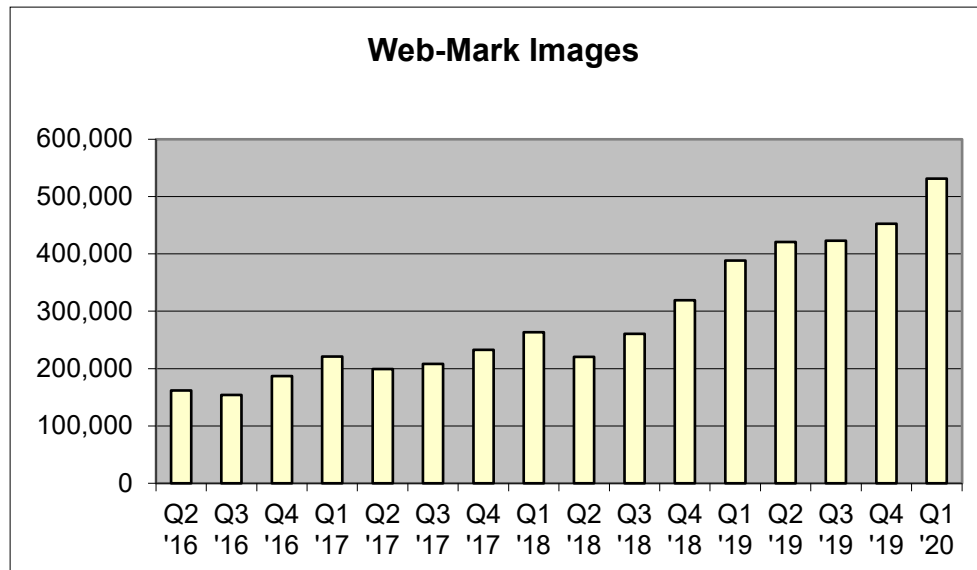
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Allan Henriques and Kate McBride



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- Ken Mathis, Hardy Reed, Tupelo
- Kate McBride, Fiduciary Path, Rumson
- Charley Meyer, Plancorp, St. Louis
- Carlos Panksep, CEFEX, Toronto
- Scott Reed, Hardy Reed, Tupelo

Review and Update of Fiduciary Essentials Training:

- Reformat into four 1-hour FTNL sections, including an introductory and overview module that can stand-alone
- Emphasize legal and practical aspects relating to nonprofits, including more relevant examples and case studies
- “More visually appealing” with graphics, photos and videos
- Qualifications Standards: CEFEX Analyst, CEFEX Certified Firm, or AIFA® with CEFEX agreement



Allan Henriques Fiduciary Consultants Marketing Plan

Tools:

- Dedicated Website:
www.allanhenriques.com
- 10-minute Webinar providing overview of Fiduciary Training for Nonprofit Leaders (also posted to Website)
- [Blogs for Nonprofit Leaders](#) highlighting:
 - Current fiduciary issues
 - Language of Nonprofit Fiduciaries®
 - I'm a Fiduciary – Now What?
 - Prudent Practices
- “[2-pager](#)” promoting Fiduciary Training for Nonprofit Leaders
- Strategic attendance and speaking at targeted nonprofit leader conferences

Business Model: Fiduciary Training and Consulting to Nonprofits Only (*no investment management*)

Fast Track to Fiduciary Excellence®

1. Fiduciary Training for Nonprofit Leaders
1. Fiduciary gap analysis – fiduciary assessment
1. Independent third-party verification and CEFEX certification

PRUDENT PRACTICES FOR INVESTMENT STEWARDS



Fiduciary practices for persons who have the legal responsibility for managing investment decisions, such as trustees and investment committee members.



Outcomes To Date:

- Participated in Kansas Association of Community Foundations 2019 Conference
 - Approximately 500 attendees from 36 states representing 183 community foundations
 - Met with execs and board members who were unfamiliar with CEFEX and were interested in attending Fiduciary Training for Nonprofit Leaders
 - Developing excellent working relationship with Executive Director and discussing potential 2020 “Pre-Conference Retreat” presenting Fiduciary Training for Nonprofit Leaders
- Built targeted 1400+ (and growing) nonprofit leaders email and contact list (with help from dedicated social media assistant); utilizing Outlook, Facebook, Instagram, blogs and direct contact



Outcomes To Date *(continued)*:

- Conducted January 2020 Fiduciary Training for Nonprofit Leaders for community foundation
 - 21 participants; all passed exam
 - Preliminary discussions regarding fiduciary gap analysis and CEFEX assessment, and additional fiduciary training for other nonprofits affiliated with the community foundation
- Confirming date for fiduciary training to County Auditor-Controller, county executive staff and members of county Investment and Retirement Plan Committees with \$4.2 Billion investment assets (estimated 25-30 participants)
- Discussions with California League of Community Foundations



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CEFEX Plan Certification:

The Future Awaits

SUMMIT GROUP RETIREMENT PLANNERS, INC.

Investment advice offered through Summit Group Retirement Planners, Inc. A registered Investment Advisor.

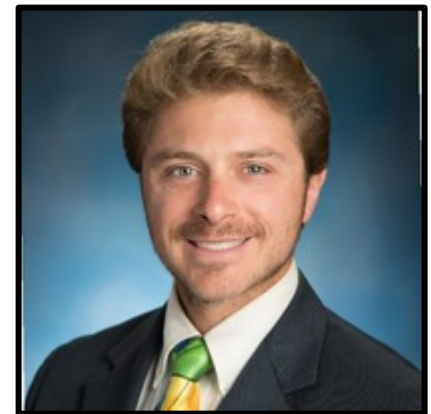
CEFEX is a separate entity from **Summit Group Retirement Planners, Inc.**

Agenda

- Background on Summit Group Retirement Planners, Inc.
- CEFEX Summary
- CEFEX Certification win-win-win (participants/plan sponsors/plan fiduciaries)
- CEFEX Certification Impact – Summit Group Retirement Planners, Inc.
- CEFEX Recognition – Summit Group Retirement Planners, Inc.
- CEFEX Benefits – Summit Group Retirement Planners, Inc.

Background on Summit Group Retirement Planners, Inc.

- **Summit Group Retirement Planners, Inc. (SGRP)** is a Registered Investment Advisory Firm (RIA) with the Securities Exchange Commission (SEC)
- **SGRP** has been a CEFEX Certified firm since August of 2014
- **SGRP** has been recognized as 1 of the Top 250 DC Retirement Firms by the National Association of Plan Advisors (NAPA) for 2017, 2018, and 2019
- Anthony Fiorenza serves as the CEO and President
- Derek Fiorenza is tasked with the duties of Chief Compliance Officer and COO
- We believe every American deserves an opportunity to retire with dignity



CEFEX Summary

Now in 11 countries!

Investment Advisor/Manager	140
Investment Steward	27
Investment Support Services	12
ASPPA Recordkeeping	16
ASPPA Administration	51
TOTAL	246



A retirement plan with a reputation for fiduciary excellence creates a win-win-win situation!



Plan Participants Win

- **Increase job satisfaction** – A company's retirement plan is one of the top three drivers of job satisfaction (National Association of Retirement Plan Participants)
- **Improve investment performance** – Conflicted retirement investment advice reduces investment returns by 1% and costs savers \$17 billion annually (Council of Economic Advisers, 2015)
- **Reduce stress** – Retirement readiness addresses the 10th most stressful life event (Holmes-Rahle Life Stress Inventory)

Plan Sponsors Win

- **Attract Talent** – As a top driver of job satisfaction, the company's retirement plan is a core part of a competitive benefits package
- **Reduce company costs** – Prudent fiduciary practices assure that plan service providers' costs are fair and reasonable; CEFEX certification can reduce the cost of fiduciary liability insurance
- **Reduce regulatory, litigation, and reputational risks and strengthen the company's reputation** – See *FIDUCIARY CONDUCT AND YOUR REPUTATION: What's Trust Worth As An Investment Steward?* A White Paper by Fi360 & CEFEX

Plan Fiduciaries Win

Enhance job performance

Five qualities leading to high job performance:*

1. Ability to master job requirements
2. Conscientiousness
3. Interpersonal skills
4. Adaptability
5. Integrity

**Source: Select International*

Help yourself by helping others

Five Intrinsic Benefits of Helping Others:**

1. Great for your heart's health
2. Less stress and tension
3. Emotional satisfaction
4. Provides a sense of purpose
5. Helping others leads to greater personal happiness

***Source: Goalcast (based upon academic evidence)*

CEFEX Certification PDF for Employees

**OUR RETIREMENT
PLAN IS CEFEX-
CERTIFIED**



A MESSAGE TO EMPLOYEES

When it comes to your retirement plan, the CEFEX Certification Mark tells you that:

- your investment lineup has been prudently selected
- your plan is well-managed
- your money is earning a reasonable return
- your investment expenses are being controlled.

CEFEX conducts an annual review of your retirement plan. CEFEX certification



CEFEX Certification for Retirement Plans Impact

- We believe in the CEFEX Certification and place value in the process
 - Results are important, but we believe a thoughtful, prudent, and consistent process are just as important as the results
 - Pro-active approach to confronting various industry regulations imposed by Department of Labor, IRS, and ERISA
- Our clients believe in the CEFEX Certification process
 - They view the CEFEX Certification as a best practice from a fiduciary perspective in serving their employees
 - They also appreciate that the annual certification is an independent way to benchmark our services as advisors
- CEFEX Certification for Retirement Plans can be a Market differentiator
 - The retirement market is saturated with competing advisory firms
 - Becoming certified as a firm and having your plans become certified is a way to demonstrate your value

CEFEX Certification Recognition



➤ CEFEX Day recognizing clients

- Advent
- Keating
- Korman
- Soleo
- Strata
- Vietri
- Heritage's
- Delmont
- Title
- Capozzi
- Choice Services
- Summit Group Associates

CEFEX Certification Benefits



➤ Service Model

➤ Payment

- Company
- Plan assets
- *Advisor Revenue*

➤ Process

- Current Plans best practice
- New Plans incorporate

➤ Benefits to plan

- Independent annual benchmark of all providers including advisor