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Chris Thixton is passionate about improving the financial security of American workers. Since starting with Pension Consultants, Inc. (PCI) in 1995, he has been a tireless advocate for 401(k) and 403(b) plans that prepare participants to retire on time with dignity.

Chris shares his passion, knowledge, and experience as he educates clients, plan sponsors, and fiduciaries on how to deliver a top-performing retirement plan. A subject matter expert, he emphasizes fundamental concepts and practical approaches, and also tackles sophisticated challenges facing plan fiduciaries.

Chris created, developed, and implemented a wide variety of systems that have improved clients' retirement plans. He pioneered PCI's vendor research system, including service-provider comparative analysis and fee benchmarking. Chris also developed the firm's investment search methodology, and created QP Review®, the predecessor to PCI's proprietary compliance service for clients.

Chris has testified in Washington D.C. at the Department of Labor's Employee Benefit Security Administration on fiduciary matters as part of the Hearing on Reasonable Contracts or Arrangements under Section 408(b)(2). Additionally, Chris speaks at fiduciary and plan sponsor group events on subjects including results-driven retirement plan management, plan administration, and fiduciary responsibilities.

He is a Qualified Pension Administrator (QPA) and a member of the American Society of Pension Professionals and Actuaries. Chris is a C(k)P® Certified 401(k) Professional in good standing with The Retirement Advisor University in collaboration with UCLA Anderson School of Management Executive Education.

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Greg Poplarski is a Regional Vice President for One America's Retirement Services Central Region based in Indianapolis. Greg has 30 years of retirement plan experience in various roles. His background includes Employee Communication and Education. Plan Design, and Plan Investment Design. Greg is a frequent speaker on behalf of the firm on behavioral finance, legislative updates, and impactful plan design.

Mr. Poplarski holds many industry designation, including CEBS (Certified Benefits Specialist) sponsored by the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, AIF (Accredited Investment Fiduciary) sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh, and CBFA (Certified Behavioral Finance Analysts) sponsored by Allianz Global Investors.

In 2017, Greg was named as one of NAPA's (National Association of Plan Advisors) Top Ten Retirement Specialist nationally. Prior to joining One America, Greg was employed by TIAA-CREF, Prudential Retirement and Merrill Lynch Retirement.

He is an active member of the community, coaching youth athletics and volunteering to those in need by delivering food and serving at local food banks.