**Brian Whitaker**
Client Advisor

Brian Whitaker joined Laird Norton Tyee in 2003 and has more than 14 years experience in the financial services industry. As a Laird Norton Tyee client advisor, he takes responsibility for making sure clients progress toward their life and financial goals.

Brian's clients respond to his easy-going nature, and by having regular meetings he is able to engage them in meaningful discussions about their personal and financial concerns. He has access to unique in-house solutions as well as reputable third-party experts to help clients meet their goals.

Brian specializes in developing customized personal financial plans and has extensive first-hand experience with the impact of market cycles on clients' portfolios. This provides keen insight into client risk tolerance, as well as providing clear guidance for long-term results. He also is experienced working with closely-held and family-owned businesses where he advises owners on short-term and long-range financial planning. In addition, he has a history of working with trusts as a trustee and trust officer.

Prior to joining Laird Norton Tyee, Brian was a client advisor at a registered investment advisory firm, and at a national brokerage. In that role, he focused on helping high net worth clients put their goals in order, creating and implementing financial plans to support those goals, and managing portfolios and monitoring progress toward those goals.

Brian has a degree in economics from North Park University in Chicago, Ill., and serves as a member of the board for the School of Business and Non-Profit Management at the university. He is a Certified Financial Planner™ professional.