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| <p><b>Form 5500</b></p> <p>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security<br/>Administration</p> <hr/> <p>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p> | <p><b>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</b></p> <p>This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).</p> <p>▶ <b>Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</b></p> | <p>OMB Nos. 1210-0110<br/>1210-0089</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">2024</p> <hr/> <p><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b></p> |
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**Part I Annual Report Identification Information**  
 For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

**A** This return/report is for:  a multiemployer plan  a multiple-employer plan ( Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)

a single-employer plan  a DFE (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**B** This return/report is:  the first return/report  the final return/report

an amended return/report  a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)

**C** If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. . . . . ▶

**D** Check box if filing under:  Form 5558  automatic extension  the DFVC program

special extension (enter description)

**E** If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. . . . . ▶

**Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information**

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| <p><b>1a</b> Name of plan<br/><u>HICKOK COLE ARCHITECTS, PC 401(K) PLAN</u></p>   | <p><b>1b</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>001</u></p>   |
| <p><b>2a</b> Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan)<br/>Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box)<br/>City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions)<br/><u>HICKOK COLE ARCHITECTS, PC</u></p> <p><u>301 N ST NE STE 300</u><br/><u>WASHINGTON, DC 20002-7981</u></p> | <p><b>1c</b> Effective date of plan<br/><u>09/01/1997</u></p> <p><b>2b</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br/><u>52-1582008</u></p> <p><b>2c</b> Plan Sponsor's telephone number<br/><u>202-365-0355</u></p> <p><b>2d</b> Business code (see instructions)<br/><u>541310</u></p> |

**Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.**

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

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| <b>SIGN HERE</b> | Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature. | 10/01/2025 | JOHN BISCH   |
|                  | Signature of plan administrator                   | Date       | Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator       |
| <b>SIGN HERE</b> | Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature. | 10/01/2025 | JOHN BISCH   |
|                  | Signature of employer/plan sponsor                | Date       | Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor |
| <b>SIGN HERE</b> |   |            |  |
|                  | Signature of DFE                                  | Date       | Enter name of individual signing as DFE                      |

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| <b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor  | <b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN              |     |
|   | <b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number |     |
| <b>4</b> If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report:<br><b>a</b> Sponsor's name<br><b>c</b> Plan Name  | <b>4b</b> EIN                              |     |
|   | <b>4d</b> PN                               |     |
| <b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year   | <b>5</b>                                   | 131 |
| <b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ).<br><b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year .....<br><b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year .....<br><b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....<br><b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits .....<br><b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> .....<br><b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. ....<br><b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> .....<br><b>g(1)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) .....<br><b>g(2)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) .....<br><b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested..... | <b>6a(1)</b>                               | 90  |
|   | <b>6a(2)</b>                               | 73  |
|   | <b>6b</b>                                  | 0   |
|   | <b>6c</b>                                  | 43  |
|   | <b>6d</b>                                  | 116 |
|   | <b>6e</b>                                  | 0   |
|   | <b>6f</b>                                  | 116 |
|   | <b>6g(1)</b>                               | 119 |
|   | <b>6g(2)</b>                               | 106 |
| <b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) .....  | <b>7</b>                                   |     |

**8a** If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:  
2E 2F 2G 2J 2S 2T 3D

**b** If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

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| <b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)               | <b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)               |
| (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance                       | (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance                       |
| (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts | (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts |
| (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust                           | (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust                           |
| (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor              | (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor              |

**10** Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

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| <b>a Pension Schedules</b>   | <b>b General Schedules</b>  |
| (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>R</b> (Retirement Plan Information)   | (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>H</b> (Financial Information)                            |
| (2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MB</b> (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary | (2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>I</b> (Financial Information – Small Plan)                          |
| (3) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SB</b> (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary                               | (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>A</b> (Insurance Information) – Number Attached <u>1</u> |
| (4) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>DCG</b> (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached <u>0</u>   | (4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>C</b> (Service Provider Information)                     |
| (5) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MEP</b> (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)  | (5) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>D</b> (DFE/Participating Plan Information)               |
|  | (6) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>G</b> (Financial Transaction Schedules)                             |

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**Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)**

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**11a** If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) .....  Yes  No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

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**11b** Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) .....  Yes  No

**11c** Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2024 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2024 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code \_\_\_\_\_

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| <p><b>SCHEDULE A</b><br/><b>(Form 5500)</b></p> <p>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p> | <p><b>Insurance Information</b></p> <p>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</p> <p>▶ <b>File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b></p> <p>▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).</p> | <p>OMB No. 1210-0110</p> <hr/> <p><b>2024</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b></p> |
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2024** and ending **12/31/2024**

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| <p><b>A</b> Name of plan<br/><b>HICKOK COLE ARCHITECTS, PC 401(K) PLAN</b></p>                             | <p><b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</p>                             | <p><b>001</b></p> |
| <p><b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br/><b>HICKOK COLE ARCHITECTS, PC</b></p> | <p><b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br/><b>52-1582008</b></p> |                   |

**Part I Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions** Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.

**1 Coverage Information:**

**(a)** Name of insurance carrier  
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| (b) EIN    | (c) NAIC code | (d) Contract or identification number | (e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year | Policy or contract year |            |
|------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|------------|
|            |               |                                       |   | (f) From                | (g) To     |
| 42-0127290 | 61271         | 447382                                | 116   | 01/01/2024              | 12/31/2024 |

**2 Insurance fee and commission information.** Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

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| <p><b>(a)</b> Total amount of commissions paid</p> <p style="text-align: center;">0</p> | <p><b>(b)</b> Total amount of fees paid</p> <p style="text-align: center;">0</p> |
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**3 Persons receiving commissions and fees.** (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

**(a)** Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid |             | (e) Organization code |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
|   | (c) Amount                      | (d) Purpose |                       |
|   |                                 |             |                       |

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| <b>Part II</b>             | <b>Investment and Annuity Contract Information</b>   |                    |
|----------------------------|--|--------------------|
|                            | Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.   |                    |
| <b>4</b>                   | Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end .....  | 53011              |
| <b>5</b>                   | Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....   | 11838331           |
| <b>6</b>                   | <b>Contracts With Allocated Funds:</b>   |                    |
| <b>a</b>                   | State the basis of premium rates ▶   |                    |
| <b>b</b>                   | Premiums paid to carrier .....   | <b>6b</b>          |
| <b>c</b>                   | Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year .....   | <b>6c</b>          |
| <b>d</b>                   | If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. ....<br>Specify nature of costs ▶  | <b>6d</b>          |
| <b>e</b>                   | Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> individual policies                      (2) <input type="checkbox"/> group deferred annuity<br>(3) <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) ▶  |                    |
| <b>f</b>                   | If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>  |                    |
| <b>7</b>                   | <b>Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)</b>   |                    |
| <b>a</b>                   | Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> deposit administration                      (2) <input type="checkbox"/> immediate participation guarantee<br>(3) <input type="checkbox"/> guaranteed investment                      (4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other ▶ FLEXIBLE INVESTMENT ANNUITY |                    |
| <b>b</b>                   | Balance at the end of the previous year .....  | <b>7b</b> 75027    |
| <b>c</b>                   | Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year .....   | <b>7c(1)</b> 1621  |
|                            | (2) Dividends and credits.....   | <b>7c(2)</b>       |
|                            | (3) Interest credited during the year.....   | <b>7c(3)</b> 2234  |
|                            | (4) Transferred from separate account .....  | <b>7c(4)</b>       |
|                            | (5) Other (specify below).....<br>▶ LOAN PAYMENT   | <b>7c(5)</b> 898   |
|                            | (6) Total additions .....  | <b>7c(6)</b> 4753  |
| <b>d</b>                   | Total of balance and additions (add lines <b>7b</b> and <b>7c(6)</b> ) .....   | <b>7d</b> 79780    |
| <b>e</b>                   | Deductions:  |                    |
|                            | (1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year .....  | <b>7e(1)</b> 3859  |
|                            | (2) Administration charge made by carrier.....   | <b>7e(2)</b> 175   |
|                            | (3) Transferred to separate account .....  | <b>7e(3)</b> 21965 |
|                            | (4) Other (specify below).....<br>▶  | <b>7e(4)</b>       |
| (5) Total deductions ..... | <b>7e(5)</b> 25999   |                    |
| <b>f</b>                   | Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line <b>7e(5)</b> from line <b>7d</b> ).....  | <b>7f</b> 53781    |

**Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information**  
 If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

**8** Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a**  Health (other than dental or vision)
- b**  Dental
- c**  Vision
- d**  Life insurance
- e**  Temporary disability (accident and sickness)
- f**  Long-term disability
- g**  Supplemental unemployment
- h**  Prescription drug
- i**  Stop loss (large deductible)
- j**  HMO contract
- k**  PPO contract
- l**  Indemnity contract
- m**  Other (specify) ▶

**9** Experience-rated contracts:

|          |  |                 |                 |
|----------|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>a</b> | Premiums: (1) Amount received .....  | <b>9a(1)</b>    |                 |
|          | (2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid .....   | <b>9a(2)</b>    |                 |
|          | (3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve .....  | <b>9a(3)</b>    |                 |
|          | (4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)) .....   |                 | <b>9a(4)</b>    |
| <b>b</b> | Benefit charges (1) Claims paid .....  | <b>9b(1)</b>    |                 |
|          | (2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves .....  | <b>9b(2)</b>    |                 |
|          | (3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)) .....  |                 | <b>9b(3)</b>    |
|          | (4) Claims charged .....   |                 | <b>9b(4)</b>    |
| <b>c</b> | Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --   |                 |                 |
|          | (A) Commissions .....  | <b>9c(1)(A)</b> |                 |
|          | (B) Administrative service or other fees .....   | <b>9c(1)(B)</b> |                 |
|          | (C) Other specific acquisition costs .....   | <b>9c(1)(C)</b> |                 |
|          | (D) Other expenses .....   | <b>9c(1)(D)</b> |                 |
|          | (E) Taxes .....  | <b>9c(1)(E)</b> |                 |
|          | (F) Charges for risks or other contingencies .....   | <b>9c(1)(F)</b> |                 |
|          | (G) Other retention charges .....  | <b>9c(1)(G)</b> |                 |
|          | (H) Total retention .....  |                 | <b>9c(1)(H)</b> |
|          | (2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were <input type="checkbox"/> paid in cash, or <input type="checkbox"/> credited.) ..... |                 | <b>9c(2)</b>    |
| <b>d</b> | Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement .....   |                 | <b>9d(1)</b>    |
|          | (2) Claim reserves .....   |                 | <b>9d(2)</b>    |
|          | (3) Other reserves .....   |                 | <b>9d(3)</b>    |
| <b>e</b> | Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).) .....  |                 | <b>9e</b>       |

**10** Nonexperience-rated contracts:

|          |  |            |  |
|----------|--|------------|--|
| <b>a</b> | Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier .....   | <b>10a</b> |  |
| <b>b</b> | If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount. .... | <b>10b</b> |  |

Specify nature of costs.

**Part IV Provision of Information**

**11** Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A? .....  Yes  No

**12** If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

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| <b>SCHEDULE C</b><br><b>(Form 5500)</b><br><br><small>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</small><br><br><small>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</small><br><br><small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | <b>Service Provider Information</b><br><br>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).<br><br><b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b> | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small><br><br><b>2024</b><br><br><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b> |
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| <b>A</b> Name of plan<br><b>HICKOK COLE ARCHITECTS, PC 401(K) PLAN</b>                             | <b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶                            | <b>001</b> |
| <b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br><b>HICKOK COLE ARCHITECTS, PC</b> | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br><b>52-1582008</b> |            |

**Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)**

You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

**1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation**

**a** Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).....  Yes  No

**b** If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

**(b)** Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

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**2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation.** Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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| (b)<br>Service Code(s) | (c)<br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d)<br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e)<br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f)<br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g)<br>Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | (h)<br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
|------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|--|
| 13 37 50<br>64         | CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR  | 5255   | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                  | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>  | 0   | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                          |

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

SPC FINANCIAL, INC.

52-0946018

| (b)<br>Service Code(s) | (c)<br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d)<br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e)<br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f)<br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g)<br>Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | (h)<br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
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| 27 99                  | INVESTMENT ADVISORY   | 0  | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  | 14090   | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                          |

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

| (b)<br>Service Code(s) | (c)<br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d)<br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e)<br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f)<br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g)<br>Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | (h)<br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
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|                        |   |  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>   | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>   |   | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                     |

**Part I Service Provider Information (continued)**

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received \$1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2             | (b) Service Codes (see instructions)   | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
|---|--|---|
| SPC FINANCIAL, INC.   | 27 99  | 14090                                     |
| (d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation | (e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. |   |
| PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY<br><br>42-0127290                  | INVESTMENT ADVISORY (PLAN)   |   |
| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2             | (b) Service Codes (see instructions)   | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
|   |  |   |
| (d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation | (e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. |   |
|   |  |   |
| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2             | (b) Service Codes (see instructions)   | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
|   |  |   |
| (d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation | (e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. |   |
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**Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information**

**4** Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

| <b>(a)</b> Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions) | <b>(b)</b> Nature of Service Code(s) | <b>(c)</b> Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide |
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| <b>(a)</b> Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions) | <b>(b)</b> Nature of Service Code(s) | <b>(c)</b> Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide |
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| <b>(a)</b> Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions) | <b>(b)</b> Nature of Service Code(s) | <b>(c)</b> Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide |
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| <b>(a)</b> Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions) | <b>(b)</b> Nature of Service Code(s) | <b>(c)</b> Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide |
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| <b>(a)</b> Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions) | <b>(b)</b> Nature of Service Code(s) | <b>(c)</b> Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide |
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| <b>(a)</b> Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions) | <b>(b)</b> Nature of Service Code(s) | <b>(c)</b> Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide |
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**Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)**  
(complete as many entries as needed)

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| <b>a</b> Name:     | <b>b</b> EIN:       |
| <b>c</b> Position: |                     |
| <b>d</b> Address:  | <b>e</b> Telephone: |

Explanation:

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| <b>a</b> Name:     | <b>b</b> EIN:       |
| <b>c</b> Position: |                     |
| <b>d</b> Address:  | <b>e</b> Telephone: |

Explanation:

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| <b>a</b> Name:     | <b>b</b> EIN:       |
| <b>c</b> Position: |                     |
| <b>d</b> Address:  | <b>e</b> Telephone: |

Explanation:

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| <b>a</b> Name:     | <b>b</b> EIN:       |
| <b>c</b> Position: |                     |
| <b>d</b> Address:  | <b>e</b> Telephone: |

Explanation:

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| <b>a</b> Name:     | <b>b</b> EIN:       |
| <b>c</b> Position: |                     |
| <b>d</b> Address:  | <b>e</b> Telephone: |

Explanation:

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| <b>SCHEDULE D</b><br><b>(Form 5500)</b><br><br><small>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</small><br><br><small>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> | <b>DFE/Participating Plan Information</b><br><br>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).<br><br><b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b> | OMB No. 1210-0110<br><br><hr/> <b>2024</b><br><br><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b> |
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| For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2024</u> and ending <u>12/31/2024</u>  |  |
| <b>A</b> Name of plan<br><u>HICKOK COLE ARCHITECTS, PC 401(K) PLAN</u>                                    | <b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) <u>001</u>                   |
| <b>C</b> Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br><u>HICKOK COLE ARCHITECTS, PC</u> | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br><u>52-1582008</u> |

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| <b>Part I</b> | <b>Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)</b><br>(Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs) |
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| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRINCIPAL SMALLCAP SEP ACCT-R6</u>      |                               |  |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u> |                               |  |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-029</u>   | <b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>9770</u>    |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN LIQUID ASSETS SEP ACCT-R6</u>      |                               |  |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u> |                               |  |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-024</u>   | <b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>431561</u>  |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN INTL SMALLCAP SEP ACCT-R6</u>      |                               |  |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u> |                               |  |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-014</u>   | <b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>226082</u>  |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN U.S. PROPERTY SEP ACCT-R6</u>      |                               |  |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u> |                               |  |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-027</u>   | <b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>463271</u>  |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN CORE PLUS BD SEP ACCT-R6</u>       |                               |  |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u> |                               |  |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-005</u>   | <b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>424159</u>  |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN DIVERSIFIED INTL SA-R6</u>         |                               |  |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u> |                               |  |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-015</u>   | <b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>489767</u>  |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN LGCAP S&amp;P 500 INDEX SA-R6</u>  |                               |  |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u> |                               |  |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-016</u>   | <b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>2780452</u> |

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| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN MIDCAP VALUE I SA-R6           |                        |   |         |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY |                        |   |         |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-043   | <b>d</b> Entity code P | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | 314760  |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN SMCAP S&P 600 INDEX SA-R6      |                        |   |         |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY |                        |   |         |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-028   | <b>d</b> Entity code P | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | 337352  |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN MIDCAP S&P 400 IDX SA-R6       |                        |   |         |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY |                        |   |         |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-023   | <b>d</b> Entity code P | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | 476516  |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN MIDCAP GROWTH III SA-R6        |                        |   |         |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY |                        |   |         |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-026   | <b>d</b> Entity code P | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | 183712  |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN SMALLCAP GROWTH I SA-R6        |                        |   |         |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY |                        |   |         |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-070   | <b>d</b> Entity code P | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | 199395  |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LARGE CAP VALUE III SA-R6      |                        |   |         |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY |                        |   |         |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-068   | <b>d</b> Entity code P | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | 213927  |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME 2020 SEP ACCT-R6      |                        |   |         |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY |                        |   |         |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-076   | <b>d</b> Entity code P | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | 33384   |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME 2030 SEP ACCT-R6      |                        |   |         |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY |                        |   |         |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-077   | <b>d</b> Entity code P | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | 308880  |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME 2040 SEP ACCT-R6      |                        |   |         |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY |                        |   |         |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-078   | <b>d</b> Entity code P | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | 1754840 |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME 2050 SEP ACCT-R6      |                        |   |         |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY |                        |   |         |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-079   | <b>d</b> Entity code P | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | 1255888 |

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME STRAT INC SA-R6

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-080 | <b>d</b> Entity code P | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 51902 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN FIN GRP, INC. STOCK SA-R6

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-086 | <b>d</b> Entity code P | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1201 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN SMALLCAP VALUE II SA-R6

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-096 | <b>d</b> Entity code P | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 181249 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME 2060 SEP ACCT-R6

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-130 | <b>d</b> Entity code P | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 401106 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN BLUE CHIP SA-R6

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-133 | <b>d</b> Entity code P | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1295926 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETM 2070 SEP ACCT-R6

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-179 | <b>d</b> Entity code P | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3231 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN | <b>d</b> Entity code | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN | <b>d</b> Entity code | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN | <b>d</b> Entity code | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN | <b>d</b> Entity code | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) |
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| <b>SCHEDULE H</b><br><b>(Form 5500)</b><br><br><small>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</small><br><br><small>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</small><br><br><small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | <b>Financial Information</b><br><br>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).<br><br>▶ <b>File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b> | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small><br><br><b>2024</b><br><br><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b> |
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| For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning <b>01/01/2024</b> and ending <b>12/31/2024</b> |  |
| <b>A</b> Name of plan<br><b>HICKOK COLE ARCHITECTS, PC 401(K) PLAN</b>                                   | <b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <b>001</b>                 |
| <b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br><b>HICKOK COLE ARCHITECTS, PC</b>       | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br><b>52-1582008</b> |

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| <b>Part I</b> | <b>Asset and Liability Statement</b> |
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**1** Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

|  | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Assets</b>  |                       |                 |
| <b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....  | <b>1a</b>             |                 |
| <b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):                                       |                       |                 |
| <b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....  | <b>1b(1)</b>          |                 |
| <b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....   | <b>1b(2)</b>          |                 |
| <b>(3)</b> Other .....   | <b>1b(3)</b>          |                 |
| <b>c</b> General investments:  |                       |                 |
| <b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....   | <b>1c(1)</b>          |                 |
| <b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....  | <b>1c(2)</b>          |                 |
| <b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):                            |                       |                 |
| <b>(A)</b> Preferred .....   | <b>1c(3)(A)</b>       |                 |
| <b>(B)</b> All other .....   | <b>1c(3)(B)</b>       |                 |
| <b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):                                      |                       |                 |
| <b>(A)</b> Preferred .....   | <b>1c(4)(A)</b>       |                 |
| <b>(B)</b> Common .....  | <b>1c(4)(B)</b>       |                 |
| <b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....   | <b>1c(5)</b>          |                 |
| <b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....                                   | <b>1c(6)</b>          |                 |
| <b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....  | <b>1c(7)</b>          |                 |
| <b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....   | <b>1c(8)</b>          | 60193           |
| <b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....                                     | <b>1c(9)</b>          |                 |
| <b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....                                    | <b>1c(10)</b>         | 11303552        |
| <b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....                            | <b>1c(11)</b>         |                 |
| <b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....                                  | <b>1c(12)</b>         |                 |
| <b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....        | <b>1c(13)</b>         |                 |
| <b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) ..... | <b>1c(14)</b>         | 72797           |
| <b>(15)</b> Other .....  | <b>1c(15)</b>         | 53011           |

| 1d Employer-related investments:                                  |       | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|---|-------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| (1) Employer securities.....                                      | 1d(1) |                       |                 |
| (2) Employer real property.....                                   | 1d(2) |                       |                 |
| e Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....        | 1e    |                       |                 |
| f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....      | 1f    | 11436542              | 11912989        |
| <b>Liabilities</b>  |       |                       |                 |
| g Benefit claims payable.....                                     | 1g    |                       |                 |
| h Operating payables.....   | 1h    |                       |                 |
| i Acquisition indebtedness.....                                   | 1i    |                       |                 |
| j Other liabilities.....  | 1j    |                       |                 |
| k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)..... | 1k    | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>Net Assets</b>   |       |                       |                 |
| l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....                 | 1l    | 11436542              | 11912989        |

**Part II Income and Expense Statement**

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

| <b>Income</b>  |          | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|--|----------|------------|-----------|
| <b>a Contributions:</b>  |          |            |           |
| (1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers.....                                  | 2a(1)(A) |            |           |
| (B) Participants.....  | 2a(1)(B) | 646984     |           |
| (C) Others (including rollovers).....  | 2a(1)(C) | 36001      |           |
| (2) Noncash contributions.....   | 2a(2)    |            |           |
| (3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A), (B), (C), and line 2a(2).....                   | 2a(3)    |            | 682985    |
| <b>b Earnings on investments:</b>  |          |            |           |
| (1) Interest:  |          |            |           |
| (A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)..... | 2b(1)(A) |            |           |
| (B) U.S. Government securities.....  | 2b(1)(B) |            |           |
| (C) Corporate debt instruments.....  | 2b(1)(C) |            |           |
| (D) Loans (other than to participants).....  | 2b(1)(D) |            |           |
| (E) Participant loans.....   | 2b(1)(E) | 3331       |           |
| (F) Other.....   | 2b(1)(F) | 2234       |           |
| (G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F).....                                      | 2b(1)(G) |            | 5565      |
| (2) Dividends:   |          |            |           |
| (A) Preferred stock.....   | 2b(2)(A) |            |           |
| (B) Common stock.....  | 2b(2)(B) |            |           |
| (C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....                            | 2b(2)(C) |            |           |
| (D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A), (B), and (C).....                                   | 2b(2)(D) |            | 0         |
| (3) Rents.....   | 2b(3)    |            |           |
| (4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:   |          |            |           |
| (A) Aggregate proceeds.....  | 2b(4)(A) |            |           |
| (B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....  | 2b(4)(B) |            |           |
| (C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result.....                          | 2b(4)(C) |            | 0         |
| (5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:  |          |            |           |
| (A) Real estate.....   | 2b(5)(A) |            |           |
| (B) Other.....   | 2b(5)(B) |            |           |
| (C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B).....                 | 2b(5)(C) |            | 0         |

|   |               | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|---|---------------|------------|-----------|
| (6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts .....                              | <b>2b(6)</b>  |            |           |
| (7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts .....                              | <b>2b(7)</b>  |            | 1535759   |
| (8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts .....                      | <b>2b(8)</b>  |            |           |
| (9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities .....                            | <b>2b(9)</b>  |            |           |
| (10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) ..... | <b>2b(10)</b> |            |           |
| <b>c</b> Other income .....   | <b>2c</b>     |            | 1461      |
| <b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....        | <b>2d</b>     |            | 2225770   |

**Expenses**

|   |               |         |         |
|---|---------------|---------|---------|
| <b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:                                  |               |         |         |
| (1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....             | <b>2e(1)</b>  | 1744068 |         |
| (2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits .....                               | <b>2e(2)</b>  |         |         |
| (3) Other .....   | <b>2e(3)</b>  |         |         |
| (4) Total benefit payments. Add lines <b>2e(1)</b> through <b>(3)</b> .....                 | <b>2e(4)</b>  |         | 1744068 |
| <b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....                                  | <b>2f</b>     |         |         |
| <b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....         | <b>2g</b>     |         |         |
| <b>h</b> Interest expense .....   | <b>2h</b>     |         |         |
| <b>i</b> Administrative expenses:   |               |         |         |
| (1) Salaries and allowances .....   | <b>2i(1)</b>  |         |         |
| (2) Contract administrator fees .....   | <b>2i(2)</b>  | 5255    |         |
| (3) Recordkeeping fees .....  | <b>2i(3)</b>  |         |         |
| (4) IQPA audit fees .....   | <b>2i(4)</b>  |         |         |
| (5) Investment advisory and investment management fees .....                                | <b>2i(5)</b>  |         |         |
| (6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees .....                                      | <b>2i(6)</b>  |         |         |
| (7) Actuarial fees .....  | <b>2i(7)</b>  |         |         |
| (8) Legal fees .....  | <b>2i(8)</b>  |         |         |
| (9) Valuation/appraisal fees .....  | <b>2i(9)</b>  |         |         |
| (10) Other trustee fees and expenses .....  | <b>2i(10)</b> |         |         |
| (11) Other expenses .....   | <b>2i(11)</b> |         |         |
| (12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines <b>2i(1)</b> through <b>(11)</b> .....        | <b>2i(12)</b> |         | 5255    |
| <b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total ..... | <b>2j</b>     |         | 1749323 |

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

|   |              |  |        |
|---|--------------|--|--------|
| <b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line <b>2j</b> from line <b>2d</b> ..... | <b>2k</b>    |  | 476447 |
| <b>l</b> Transfers of assets:   |              |  |        |
| (1) To this plan .....  | <b>2l(1)</b> |  |        |
| (2) From this plan .....  | <b>2l(2)</b> |  |        |

**Part III Accountant's Opinion**

**3** Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

**a** The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1)  Unmodified (2)  Qualified (3)  Disclaimer (4)  Adverse

**b** Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1)  DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 (2)  DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) (3)  neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

**c** Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: **REGAN, SCHICKNER, & HARPER LLC**

(2) EIN: **85-3625959**

**d** The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** as part of Schedule H because:

(1)  This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG or MTIA. (2)  It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

**Part IV Compliance Questions**

**4** CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

|  | Yes | No | Amount |
|--|-----|----|--------|
| <b>a</b> Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)                 |     | X  |        |
| <b>b</b> Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.) |     | X  |        |
| <b>c</b> Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)   |     | X  |        |
| <b>d</b> Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)  |     | X  |        |
| <b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?   | X   |    | 500000 |
| <b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?  |     | X  |        |
| <b>g</b> Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?   |     | X  |        |
| <b>h</b> Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?   |     | X  |        |
| <b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)   | X   |    |        |
| <b>j</b> Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)   |     | X  |        |
| <b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?  |     | X  |        |
| <b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?   |     | X  |        |
| <b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)   |     | X  |        |
| <b>n</b> If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.  |     |    |        |

**5a** Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year?  Yes  No  
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year \_\_\_\_\_.

**5b** If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

| <b>5b(1)</b> Name of plan(s) | <b>5b(2)</b> EIN(s) | <b>5b(3)</b> PN(s) |
|------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
|                              |                     |                    |
|                              |                     |                    |
|                              |                     |                    |
|                              |                     |                    |

**5c** Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) .....  Yes  No  Not determined  
 If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year \_\_\_\_\_.

|  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <b>SCHEDULE R</b><br><b>(Form 5500)</b><br><br><small>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</small><br><br><small>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</small><br><br><small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | <b>Retirement Plan Information</b><br><br>This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).<br><br><b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b> | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small><br><br><b>2024</b><br><br><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b> |
|--|---|---|

For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

|  |  |            |
|--|--|------------|
| <b>A</b> Name of plan<br><u>HICKOK COLE ARCHITECTS, PC 401(K) PLAN</u>                             | <b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶                            | <u>001</u> |
| <b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br><u>HICKOK COLE ARCHITECTS, PC</u> | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br><u>52-1582008</u> |            |

|               |                      |
|---------------|----------------------|
| <b>Part I</b> | <b>Distributions</b> |
|---------------|----------------------|

**All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.**

**1** Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions..... 

|   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| 1 |  | 0 |
|---|--|---|

**2** Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):  
EIN(s): 42-0127290

**Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.**

**3** Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year..... 

|   |  |
|---|--|
| 3 |  |
|---|--|

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| <b>Part II</b> | <b>Funding Information</b> (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.) |
|----------------|---|

**4** Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? .....  Yes  No  N/A  
**If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.**

**5** If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. **Date:** Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
**If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.**

|   |           |  |
|---|-----------|--|
| <b>6 a</b> Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) .....  | <b>6a</b> |  |
| <b>b</b> Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year .....  | <b>6b</b> |  |
| <b>c</b> Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)..... | <b>6c</b> |  |

**If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.**

**7** Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?.....  Yes  No  N/A

**8** If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? .....  Yes  No  N/A

|                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| <b>Part III</b> | <b>Amendments</b> |
|-----------------|-------------------|

**9** If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.....  Increase  Decrease  Both  No

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| <b>Part IV</b> | <b>ESOPs</b> (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part. |
|----------------|---|

**10** Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? .....  Yes  No

**11 a** Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? .....  Yes  No

**b** If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) .....  Yes  No

**12** Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? .....  Yes  No

**Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

**13** Enter the following information for each employer that (1) contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year or (2) was one of the top-ten highest contributors (measured in dollars). See instructions. Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**14** Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:

|   |            |  |
|---|------------|--|
| <b>a</b> The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: <input type="checkbox"/> last contributing employer <input type="checkbox"/> alternative <input type="checkbox"/> reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment)..... | <b>14a</b> |  |
| <b>b</b> The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....   | <b>14b</b> |  |
| <b>c</b> The second preceding plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....  | <b>14c</b> |  |

**15** Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

|   |            |  |
|---|------------|--|
| <b>a</b> The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year ..... | <b>15a</b> |  |
| <b>b</b> The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year .....                            | <b>15b</b> |  |

**16** Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

|   |            |  |
|---|------------|--|
| <b>a</b> Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year .....  | <b>16a</b> |  |
| <b>b</b> If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers..... | <b>16b</b> |  |

**17** If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment .....

**Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

**18** If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment .....

**19** If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) and (b):

**a** Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:  
 Public Equity: \_\_\_\_\_% Private Equity: \_\_\_\_\_% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: \_\_\_\_\_%  
 High-Yield Debt: \_\_\_\_\_% Real Assets: \_\_\_\_\_% Cash or Cash Equivalents: \_\_\_\_\_% Other: \_\_\_\_\_%

**b** Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets:  
 0-5 years  5-10 years  10-15 years  15 years or more

**20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements.** If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.

**a** Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero?  Yes  No

**b** If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:  
 Yes.  
 No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.  
 No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.  
 No. Other. Provide explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part VII IRS Compliance Questions**

**21a** Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules?  Yes  No

**21b** If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).  
 Design-based safe harbor method  
 "Prior year" ADP test  
 "Current year" ADP test  
 N/A

**22** If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 06 / 30 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q702476A.

**HICKOK COLE ARCHITECTS, PC 401(K) PLAN**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
WITH SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE**

**FOR THE YEARS ENDED  
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

**AND  
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

**HICKOK COLE ARCHITECTS, PC 401(K) PLAN**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Administrative Committee of the  
Hickok Cole Architects, PC 401(K) Plan:

### Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of Hickok Cole Architects, PC 401(K) Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) [ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit]. The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the Hickok Cole Architects, PC 401(K) Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and for the year ended December 31, 2024, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 9 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

### Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audits and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section

- the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- the information in the financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

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## **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Hickok Cole Architects, PC 401(K) Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

## **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Hickok Cole Architects, PC 401(K) Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments; administering the plan; and determining that the plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

## **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Hickok Cole Architects, PC 401(K) Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Hickok Cole Architects, PC 401(K) Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

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## Other Matters

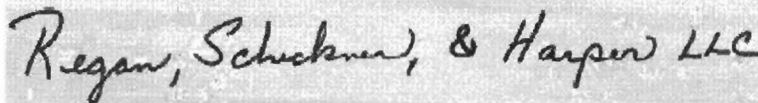
### Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content, are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion—

- the form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the information in the supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).



Ellicott City, MD  
July 30, 2025

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**HICKOK COLE ARCHITECTS, PC 401(K) PLAN**

**STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS  
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

|  | <b>2024</b>          | <b>2023</b>          |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Assets:</b>                           |                      |                      |
| <b>Investments:</b>                      |                      |                      |
| Investments, at fair value               | \$ 11,838,331        | \$ 11,303,550        |
| Investments, at contract value           | 53,781               | 75,027               |
| <b>Total investments</b>                 | <b>11,892,112</b>    | <b>11,378,577</b>    |
| <b>Receivables:</b>                      |                      |                      |
| Notes receivable from participants       | 21,647               | 60,193               |
| <b>Total receivables</b>                 | <b>21,647</b>        | <b>60,193</b>        |
| <b>Total assets</b>                      | <b>11,913,759</b>    | <b>11,438,770</b>    |
| <b>Net Assets Available for Benefits</b> | <b>\$ 11,913,759</b> | <b>\$ 11,438,770</b> |

*See Independent Auditor's Report.*

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.*

## HICKOK COLE ARCHITECTS, PC 401(K) PLAN

### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

#### Additions to net assets attributed to:

##### Investment income:

|                                       |    |           |
|---------------------------------------|----|-----------|
| Interest and dividend gain            | \$ | 2,234     |
| Net gain on fair value of investments |    | 1,535,762 |
| <hr/>                                 |    |           |
| Total Investment Income               |    | 1,537,996 |
| <hr/>                                 |    |           |
| Participant loan interest income      |    | 3,331     |

##### Contributions:

|                            |  |         |
|----------------------------|--|---------|
| Employees' salary deferral |  | 646,984 |
| Other contributions        |  | 36,001  |
| <hr/>                      |  |         |
| Total Contributions        |  | 682,985 |

|                               |  |           |
|-------------------------------|--|-----------|
| Total additions to net assets |  | 2,224,312 |
|-------------------------------|--|-----------|

#### Deductions from net assets attributed to:

|                               |  |           |
|-------------------------------|--|-----------|
| Benefits paid to participants |  | 1,744,068 |
| Administrative fees           |  | 5,255     |
| <hr/>                         |  |           |

|                                  |  |           |
|----------------------------------|--|-----------|
| Total deductions from net assets |  | 1,749,323 |
|----------------------------------|--|-----------|

|              |  |         |
|--------------|--|---------|
| Net increase |  | 474,989 |
|--------------|--|---------|

#### Net assets available for benefits:

|                   |  |            |
|-------------------|--|------------|
| Beginning of year |  | 11,438,770 |
|-------------------|--|------------|

|             |    |            |
|-------------|----|------------|
| End of year | \$ | 11,913,759 |
|-------------|----|------------|

*See Independent Auditor's Report.*

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.*

## HICKOK COLE ARCHITECTS, PC 401(K) PLAN

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2024

#### NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the Hickok Cole Architects, PC (“Company”) 401(k) Plan (“Plan”) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan Agreement for a more complete description of the Plan’s provisions.

#### **General**

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering substantially all full-time employees of the Company who have attained the age of twenty-one. It is subject to the requirements of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (“ERISA”) of 1974. The Plan has a 401(k) salary deferral provision with an automatic enrollment feature. The Board of Trustees is responsible for the oversight of the Plan. The Plan’s assets are held by Principal Life Insurance Company, the Plan trustee. The trustee also retained Principal Life Insurance Company as the third-party administrator, which provides administrative, compliance, and recordkeeping services.

#### **Contributions**

The maximum dollar amount each participant may contribute annually on a pre-tax basis is \$23,000 in 2024 as defined in the plan. Additional contributions of up to \$7,500 in 2024 are allowed for participants who are over age fifty by December 31, 2024.

Participants may also contribute rollover amounts representing distributions from other qualified plans. Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan.

#### **Participant Accounts**

- 401(K) & Roth salary deferrals and rollovers - Each participant’s account is credited with the employee contribution, if any. Each participant’s account is segregated and self-directed as to the investment vehicle. Gains and losses of segregated accounts are credited to that account only.

#### **Vesting**

- 401(K) & Roth salary deferrals and rollovers - Participants are immediately vested in their voluntary contributions plus actual earnings thereon.

#### **Withdrawals and Benefits**

Benefits are distributed upon termination, death, disability or other reasons allowable per the plan document in a single-sum cash payment or installment payments equal to the participant's vested interest in their account. For termination of service due to other reasons, a participant may receive the value of the vested interest in their account as a lump-sum distribution.

#### **Forfeited Accounts**

Forfeited non-vested accounts are to be used to reduce future employer contributions or used to pay administrative expenses. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, there were no forfeited nonvested accounts.

# HICKOK COLE ARCHITECTS, PC 401(K) PLAN

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2024

### NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (CONTINUED)

#### **Notes Receivable from Participants**

Participants may take out a loan against their outstanding participant balance. Loans will be limited to the lesser of \$50,000 reduced by the excess of the highest outstanding balance of loans from the plan to the participant, or 50% of the present value of the non-forfeitable accrued benefit of the participant. The loans shall be made available to all participants and beneficiaries on a reasonable equivalent basis. Loans shall not be made to highly compensated employees in an amount greater than the amount made available to other participants and beneficiaries. Loans shall bear a reasonable rate of interest, be adequately secured, and provide repayment over a reasonable period of time.

### NOTE 2 - ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

#### **Date of Management's Review**

Subsequent events were evaluated through July 30, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

#### **Basis of Accounting**

The accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule have been prepared in conformity with the Department of Labor Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. As permitted under such rules and in accordance with the Trust agreements, the accounting records maintained by the custodian are on the accrual basis.

#### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles accepted in the United States of America requires the plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### **Notes Receivable from Participants**

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based on the terms of the Plan document.

#### **Investment Valuation and Income Recognition**

Pooled Separate Account Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 3 for discussion of fair value measurements. Contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for that portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation (depreciation) includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

## HICKOK COLE ARCHITECTS, PC 401(K) PLAN

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2024

#### NOTE 2 - ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (CONTINUED)

##### **Payment of Benefits**

Benefits are recorded when paid.

##### **Contributions**

Contributions from plan participants and the matching contributions from the employer are recorded in the year in which participant compensation is earned.

##### **Administrative expenses**

All expenses of administration may be paid out of the Plan unless paid by the Company.

#### NOTE 3 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The framework for measuring the fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FASB ASC 820 are described as follows:

Level 1 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.

Level 2 Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the assets or liability
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

# HICKOK COLE ARCHITECTS, PC 401(K) PLAN

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2024

### NOTE 3 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2024 and 2023.

*Guaranteed investment contract:* Guaranteed investment contracts are valued at fair value by the insurance company by discounting the related cash flows based on current yields of similar instruments with comparable durations considering the creditworthiness of the issuer. Because the participants transact at contract value, fair value is determined annually for financial statement reporting purposes only. In determining the reasonableness of the methodology, the Investment Committee evaluates a variety of factors including review of existing contracts, economic conditions, industry and market developments, and overall credit ratings. Certain unobservable inputs are assessed through review of contract terms (for example, duration or payout date) while others are substantiated utilizing available market data (for example, swap curve rate).

*Pooled separate accounts:* Valued at per unit net asset value as provided and certified by the plan trustee and investment custodian as a practical expedient of estimated fair value. Net asset value is generally determined based upon the fair value of the underlying assets held by fund less its liabilities. Net asset value may not be used in situations whereby it is probable that the fund will transact at an amount different than reported net asset value. In certain situations, the plan trustee and investment custodian may reserve the right to temporarily delay withdrawal if necessary to ensure an orderly liquidation of assets.

The following tables set forth, by level within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

| <i>Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2024</i> |                |                |                |               |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
|   | <i>Level 1</i> | <i>Level 2</i> | <i>Level 3</i> | <i>Total</i>  |
| <b>Investments measured at NAV (a)</b>              |                |                |                | \$ 11,838,331 |
| <b>Investments at fair value</b>                    |                |                |                | \$ 11,838,331 |

| <i>Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023</i> |                |                |                |               |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
|   | <i>Level 1</i> | <i>Level 2</i> | <i>Level 3</i> | <i>Total</i>  |
| <b>Investments measured at NAV (a)</b>              |                |                |                | \$ 11,303,550 |
| <b>Investments at fair value</b>                    |                |                |                | \$ 11,303,550 |

As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, fixed income guaranteed option accounts have been reported at contract value of \$53,781 and \$75,027, respectively. Total investments as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 amounted to \$11,892,112 and \$11,378,577, respectively, as shown on the accompanying statement of net assets available for benefits.

**HICKOK COLE ARCHITECTS, PC 401(K) PLAN**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**NOTE 3 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)**

(a) In accordance with Subtopic 820-10, certain investments that are measured at fair value using the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) practical expedient have not been categorized in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

Gains and losses included in changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, are reported in net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments.

The Plan reported no significant assets or liabilities at fair value using significant unobservable inputs, Level 3 instruments, as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

The following table summarizes investments for which fair value is measured using the NAV per share practical expedient as of December 31, 2024 and 2023. There are no participant redemption restrictions for these investments; the redemption notice period is applicable only to the Plan.

|                                 | <i>Fair Value at<br/>December 31,<br/>2024</i> | <i>Fair Value at<br/>December 31,<br/>2023</i> | <i>Unfunded<br/>Commitments</i> | <i>Redemption<br/>Frequency</i> | <i>Redemption<br/>Notice Period</i> |
|---------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Pooled separate accounts</b> | \$ 11,838,331                                  | \$ 11,303,550                                  | None                            | Daily                           | Daily                               |
| <b>Total assets at NAV</b>      | \$ 11,838,331                                  | \$ 11,303,550                                  |                                 |                                 |                                     |

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future values. Furthermore, although the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

**NOTE 4 – INVESTMENT IN FULLY BENEFIT-RESPONSIVE CONTRACT**

The Plan invests in a fully benefit-responsive group annuity investment contract (Principal Guaranteed Interest Option). The account is credited with earnings on the underlying investments and is charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The guaranteed investment contract issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan.

As described in Note 2, because the guaranteed investment contract is fully benefit-responsive, contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for the portion of the net assets available for benefits attributable to the guaranteed investment contract. The guaranteed investment contract is presented at contract value on the face of the statement of net assets available for benefits. Contract value, as reported to the Plan by Principal represents the aggregation of contributions made under the contract, plus interest, less participant withdrawals, if any.

# HICKOK COLE ARCHITECTS, PC 401(K) PLAN

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2024

### NOTE 4 – INVESTMENT IN FULLY BENEFIT-RESPONSIVE CONTRACT (CONTINUED)

For these contracts, most participant transactions are executed using contract value without adjustment. For these types of GICs, the contract value is a good proxy for fair value. These contracts do have surrender charges if they are terminated by the contract holder or the Plan terminates its interest in such contracts within certain time periods. If the contract holder is considering terminating the contract or the Plan is considering terminating its interest in such contracts in the near future, contract value less surrender charges may be a better proxy for fair value.

The Principal Guaranteed Interest Option is a guaranteed general-account backed group annuity contract that has been issued by Principal Life Insurance Company to Principal Trust Company as custodian. It is not a portfolio of contracts whose yields are based on changes in fair value of underlying assets as would be found in a Stable Value Fund. As a result, the average yield earned by the Plan is the yield earned (i.e. interest credited) on the group annuity contract. Average yield earned by the Plan for all fully benefit-responsive investment contracts with an adjustment to reflect the actual interest rate credited to participants is calculated by dividing the annualized earnings credited to participants for all fully benefit-responsive investment contracts by the fair value of all fully benefit-responsive investment contracts.

The crediting interest rate is based on a formula agreed upon with the issuer, which guarantees a minimum 1% crediting rate. Under the terms of the existing contract, the crediting rate is currently reset on a semiannual basis and will never be less than the Guaranteed Minimum Interest Rate.

The Composite Crediting Rate history for the contracts is as follows:

| <u>Time Period</u> | <u>Class 3 year</u> | <u>Class 5 year</u> |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 2024               | 4.250%              | 4.450%              |
| 2023               | 5.050%              | 4.450%              |

The interest rate history summarized above is prior to any Plan-level recordkeeping expenses being deducted. Any difference between the above summarized interest rates and actual earned crediting rates for each Plan participant would be due to the Rate Level Service Fee. The Rate Level Service Fee is a direct offset to the interest rates summarized above.

A surrender charge may apply to transfers or withdrawals from an unmaturing guaranteed interest account. Surrender charge will be applied when Reference rate is higher than the rate being credited to the unmaturing funds being transferred or withdrawn. The amount of surrender charge is calculated as follows: 1) The applicable fixed U.S. Treasury Rate plus 0.50% (Reference rate) minus the rate being credited, multiplied by 2) The number of years and fractional parts of a year left in the guarantee period, multiplied by 3) The amount being surrendered. A surrender charge may not apply to withdrawals due to retirement, termination of employment, disability, or death.

## HICKOK COLE ARCHITECTS, PC 401(K) PLAN

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2024

#### NOTE 5 – TAX STATUS

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has determined and informed the Company by a letter dated June 30, 2020, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter, the Plan administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and therefore believe that the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax-exempt.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require the plan administrator to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability for any uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by tax authorities; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Plan administrator believes the Plan is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2021.

#### NOTE 6 - PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan. In the event of Plan termination, participants would become fully vested in their accounts.

#### NOTE 7 – RELATED PARTY AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan investments are shares of Investments managed by Principal Life Insurance Company. Principal Life Insurance Company is the trustee as defined by the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Fees incurred by the plan for the investment management services are included in net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of the investment, as they are paid through revenue sharing rather than direct payment. For the year ended December 31, 2024, the Plan paid additional fees for the investment management services of \$5,255 to the trustee.

#### NOTE 8 – RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements available for benefits.

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### NOTE 9 – CERTIFIED INFORMATION

Certain information related to investments and notes receivable from participants disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule, including investments and notes receivable from participants held at December 31, 2024 and 2023, and net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments, interest and dividends for the year ended December 31, 2024, was obtained or derived from information supplied to the plan administrator and certified as complete and accurate by Principal Life Insurance Company.

### NOTE 10 - RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO SCHEDULE H OF FORM 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements at December 31, 2024 and 2023 to Schedule H of Form 5500.

|  | 2024                 | 2023                 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements       | \$ 11,913,759        | \$ 11,438,770        |
| Difference between fair value and contract value                     | (770)                | (2,228)              |
| <b>Net Assets available for benefits per Schedule H of Form 5500</b> | <b>\$ 11,912,989</b> | <b>\$ 11,436,542</b> |

The following is a reconciliation of changes in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2024 to Form 5500.

|  | 2024              |
|--|-------------------|
| Net increase in plan assets per the financial statements | \$ 474,989        |
| Difference between fair value and contract value         | 1,458             |
| <b>Net increase in plan assets per Form 5500</b>         | <b>\$ 476,447</b> |

### NOTE 11 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events for disclosure in these financial statements through July 30, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. No significant events or transactions were identified that would require adjustment of or disclosure in the financial statements.

**SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE**

## HICKOK COLE ARCHITECTS, PC 401(K) PLAN

EIN: 52-1582008 ; PN: 001

### SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

| (a)                                | (b) Identity of issue,<br>borrower, lessor,<br>or similar party | (c) Description of investment, including<br>maturity date, rate of interest,<br>collateral, par, or maturity value | (d) Cost** | (e) Current<br>Value |
|------------------------------------|---|--|------------|----------------------|
| <b>Guaranteed Interest Account</b> |   |  |            |                      |
| *                                  | Principal   | Guaranteed Interest Account  | \$ -       | \$ 53,781            |
| <b>Pooled Separate Accounts</b>    |   |  |            |                      |
| *                                  | Principal   | Principal Blue Chip Fund   | -          | 1,295,926            |
| *                                  | Principal   | Principal Core Plus Bond Fund  | -          | 424,159              |
| *                                  | Principal   | Principal Diversified International Fund   | -          | 489,767              |
| *                                  | Principal   | Principal Financial Group Stock Fund   | -          | 1,201                |
| *                                  | Principal   | Principal International Small Company Fund   | -          | 226,082              |
| *                                  | Principal   | Principal Large Cap Value III Fund   | -          | 213,927              |
| *                                  | Principal   | Principal LargeCap S&P 500 Index Separate Fund   | -          | 2,780,452            |
| *                                  | Principal   | Principal LifeTime 2020 Institutional Fund   | -          | 33,384               |
| *                                  | Principal   | Principal LifeTime 2030 Institutional Fund   | -          | 308,880              |
| *                                  | Principal   | Principal LifeTime 2040 Institutional Fund   | -          | 1,754,840            |
| *                                  | Principal   | Principal LifeTime 2050 Institutional Fund   | -          | 1,255,888            |
| *                                  | Principal   | Principal LifeTime 2060 Institutional Fund   | -          | 401,106              |
| *                                  | Principal   | Principal LifeTime 2070 Institutional Fund   | -          | 3,231                |
| *                                  | Principal   | Principal LifeTime Strategic Fund  | -          | 51,902               |
| *                                  | Principal   | Principal Liquid Assets Separate Account Fund  | -          | 431,561              |

\* Denotes party-in-interest.

\*\* All investments are participant directed so cost information is not required.

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**SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

| (a)                 | (b) Identity of issue,<br>borrower, lessor,<br>or similar party | (c) Description of investment, including<br>maturity date, rate of interest,<br>collateral, par, or maturity value | (d) Cost** | (e) Current<br>Value |
|---------------------|---|--|------------|----------------------|
| *                   | Principal   | Principal MidCap Growth III Fund   | \$ -       | \$ 183,712           |
| *                   | Principal   | Principal MidCap S&P 400 Index Separate Fund   | -          | 476,516              |
| *                   | Principal   | Principal MidCap Value Fund  | -          | 314,760              |
| *                   | Principal   | Principal SmallCap Growth I Fund   | -          | 199,395              |
| *                   | Principal   | Principal SmallCap S&P 600 Index Fund  | -          | 337,352              |
| *                   | Principal   | Principal SmallCap Separate Fund   | -          | 9,770                |
| *                   | Principal   | Principal SmallCap Value II Fund   | -          | 181,249              |
| *                   | Principal   | Principal U.S. Property Separate Fund  | -          | 463,271              |
| * Participant loans |   | Loans bearing interest at a rate of 9.75%,<br>due 2025 to 2028.  | -          | 21,647               |
| Total               |   |  | \$ -       | \$ 11,913,759        |

\* Denotes party-in-interest.

\*\* All investments are participant directed so cost information is not required.

**SCHEDULE H, line 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)**

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 PLAN NUMBER 001  
 PLAN YEAR 01/01/2024 TO 12/31/2024

| (A) | (B)  | (C)   | (D)     | (E)             |
|-----|--|---|---------|-----------------|
|     | Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor or similar party. | Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value. | Cost    | Current Value   |
| *   | Principal Life Insurance Company                       | Insurance Company General Guaranteed Interest   | \$ 0.00 | \$ 53,010.79    |
| *   | Principal Life Insurance Company                       | Pooled Separate Accounts Prin Blue Chip SA-R6   | \$ 0.00 | \$ 1,295,925.95 |
| *   | Principal Life Insurance Company                       | Pooled Separate Accounts Prin Core Plus Bd Sep Acct-R6  | \$ 0.00 | \$ 424,158.56   |
| *   | Principal Life Insurance Company                       | Pooled Separate Accounts Prin Diversified Intl SA-R6  | \$ 0.00 | \$ 489,767.48   |
| *   | Principal Life Insurance Company                       | Pooled Separate Accounts Prin Fin Grp, Inc. Stock SA-R6   | \$ 0.00 | \$ 1,200.76     |
| *   | Principal Life Insurance Company                       | Pooled Separate Accounts Prin Intl SmallCap Sep Acct-R6   | \$ 0.00 | \$ 226,081.69   |
| *   | Principal Life Insurance Company                       | Pooled Separate Accounts Prin LargeCap Value III SA-R6  | \$ 0.00 | \$ 213,927.23   |
| *   | Principal Life Insurance Company                       | Pooled Separate Accounts Prin IgCap S&P 500 Index SA-R6   | \$ 0.00 | \$ 2,780,451.94 |
| *   | Principal Life Insurance Company                       | Pooled Separate Accounts Prin LifeTime Strat Inc SA-R6  | \$ 0.00 | \$ 51,902.20    |
| *   | Principal Life Insurance Company                       | Pooled Separate Accounts Prin LifeTime 2020 Sep Acct-R6   | \$ 0.00 | \$ 33,383.72    |
| *   | Principal Life Insurance Company                       | Pooled Separate Accounts Prin LifeTime 2030 Sep Acct-R6   | \$ 0.00 | \$ 308,879.67   |
| *   | Principal Life Insurance Company                       | Pooled Separate Accounts Prin LifeTime 2040 Sep Acct-R6   | \$ 0.00 | \$ 1,754,840.04 |
| *   | Principal Life Insurance Company                       | Pooled Separate Accounts Prin LifeTime 2050 Sep Acct-R6   | \$ 0.00 | \$ 1,255,888.18 |
| *   | Principal Life Insurance Company                       | Pooled Separate Accounts Prin LifeTime 2060 Sep Acct-R6   | \$ 0.00 | \$ 401,106.36   |
| *   | Principal Life Insurance Company                       | Pooled Separate Accounts Prin Liquid Assets Sep Acct-R6   | \$ 0.00 | \$ 431,561.03   |

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 PLAN NUMBER 001  
 PLAN YEAR 01/01/2024 TO 12/31/2024

| (A)<br>Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor or similar party. | (B)<br>Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value. | (C)<br>Cost | (D)<br>Current Value |
|---|--|-------------|----------------------|
| * Principal Life Insurance Company                            | Pooled Separate Accounts<br>Prin MidCap Growth III SA-R6   | \$ 0.00     | \$ 183,712.38        |
| * Principal Life Insurance Company                            | Pooled Separate Accounts<br>Prin MidCap S&P 400 Idx SA-R6  | \$ 0.00     | \$ 476,515.99        |
| * Principal Life Insurance Company                            | Pooled Separate Accounts<br>Prin MidCap Value I SA-R6  | \$ 0.00     | \$ 314,760.00        |
| * Principal Life Insurance Company                            | Pooled Separate Accounts<br>Prin SmallCap Growth I SA-R6   | \$ 0.00     | \$ 199,394.78        |
| * Principal Life Insurance Company                            | Pooled Separate Accounts<br>Prin SmallCap Value II SA-R6   | \$ 0.00     | \$ 181,248.59        |
| * Principal Life Insurance Company                            | Pooled Separate Accounts<br>Prin SmCap S&P 600 Index SA-R6   | \$ 0.00     | \$ 337,352.25        |
| * Principal Life Insurance Company                            | Pooled Separate Accounts<br>Prin U.S. Property Sep Acct-R6   | \$ 0.00     | \$ 463,271.41        |
| * Principal Life Insurance Company                            | Pooled Separate Accounts<br>Principal SmallCap Sep Acct-R6   | \$ 0.00     | \$ 9,769.86          |
| * Principal Life Insurance Company                            | Pooled Separate Accounts<br>PRIN LIFETM 2070 SEP ACCT-R6   | \$ 0.00     | \$ 3,231.09          |
| * Participant Loans   | Range of Interest Rates<br>Rates Range From 9.75% To 9.75%   | \$ 0.00     | \$ 21,647.00         |
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