

Form 5500

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089

2024

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

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).

Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.

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, a single-employer plan, a DFE, etc.
B This return/report is: the first return/report, the final return/report, an amended return/report, a short plan year return/report, etc.
C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here.
D Check box if filing under: Form 5558, automatic extension, special extension, the DFVC program, etc.
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

1a Name of plan: BROWN SIMS, P.C. 401(K) PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 001
1c Effective date of plan: 01/01/1999
2a Plan sponsor's name, mailing address, city or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code.
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 74-2073784
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 713-629-1580
2d Business code (see instructions): 541110

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.

Table with 4 columns: SIGN HERE, Signature of plan administrator, Date, Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator. Includes rows for employer/plan sponsor and 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: <b>a</b> Sponsor's name <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>	242
<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> ). <b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year ..... <b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year ..... <b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... <b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits ..... <b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> ..... <b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. .... <b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> ..... <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) ..... <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) ..... <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>	194
	<b>6a(2)</b>	204
	<b>6b</b>	2
	<b>6c</b>	52
	<b>6d</b>	258
	<b>6e</b>	0
	<b>6f</b>	258
	<b>6g(1)</b>	159
<b>6g(2)</b>	194	
<b>6h</b>	0	
<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 2K 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:

<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 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)

**a Pension Schedules**

- (1)  **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- (2)  **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (3)  **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (4)  **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached \_\_\_\_\_
- (5)  **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

**b General Schedules**

- (1)  **H** (Financial Information)
- (2)  **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3)  **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached   1
- (4)  **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5)  **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6)  **G** (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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(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 .....	1017040
<b>5</b>	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	21119441
<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. .... 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 (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 (3) <input type="checkbox"/> guaranteed investment      (4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other ▶ <b>GROUP PENSION FUNDING</b>	
<b>b</b>	Balance at the end of the previous year .....	<b>7b</b> 1424580
<b>c</b>	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year .....	<b>7c(1)</b> 62491
	(2) Dividends and credits.....	<b>7c(2)</b> 0
	(3) Interest credited during the year.....	<b>7c(3)</b> 76932
	(4) Transferred from separate account .....	<b>7c(4)</b> 0
	(5) Other (specify below)..... ▶ <b>LOAN REPAYMENTS, TRANSFERS</b>	<b>7c(5)</b> 58946
	(6) Total additions .....	<b>7c(6)</b> 198369
<b>d</b>	Total of balance and additions (add lines <b>7b</b> and <b>7c(6)</b> ) .....	<b>7d</b> 1622949
<b>e</b>	Deductions:	
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year .....	<b>7e(1)</b> 338167
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier.....	<b>7e(2)</b> 28349
	(3) Transferred to separate account .....	<b>7e(3)</b> 221454
	(4) Other (specify below)..... ▶ <b>LOAN WITHDRAWALS, TRANSFERS</b>	<b>7e(4)</b> 17939
(5) Total deductions .....	<b>7e(5)</b> 605909	
<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> 1017040

**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. ▶

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

<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>BROWN SIMS, P.C. 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 <b>BROWN SIMS, P.C.</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>74-2073784</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) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) 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) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
49 99	THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR	6518	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9644	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) 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) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
99	AUDITOR	18330	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) 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) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
26	SERVICE PROVIDER	18959	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" 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
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(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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(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.	

**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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**Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)**  
(complete as many entries as needed)

<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>c</b> Position:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

Explanation:

<b>SCHEDULE D</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>	<b>DFE/Participating Plan Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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<b>C</b> Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>BROWN SIMS, P.C.</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>74-2073784</u>	

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)</b> (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>MAP CONTRACT - SEPARATE ACCOUNT D</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>VOYA LIFE INSURANCE AND ANNUITY CO.</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>71-0294708-000</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>21119441</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
<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)
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
<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> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Financial Information</b>  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).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <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 <b>BROWN SIMS, P.C. 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 <b>BROWN SIMS, P.C.</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>74-2073784</b>

<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>	0	
<b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....	<b>1b(2)</b>	0	
<b>(3)</b> Other .....	<b>1b(3)</b>	0	
<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>	135286	109778
<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>		
<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>	17005331	21119441
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	<b>1c(14)</b>	1424580	1017039
<b>(15)</b> Other.....	<b>1c(15)</b>		

<b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:		<b>(a)</b> Beginning of Year	<b>(b)</b> End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	<b>1d(1)</b>		
(2) Employer real property.....	<b>1d(2)</b>		
<b>e</b> Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....	<b>1e</b>		
<b>f</b> Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....	<b>1f</b>	18565197	22246258
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>g</b> Benefit claims payable.....	<b>1g</b>		
<b>h</b> Operating payables.....	<b>1h</b>		
<b>i</b> Acquisition indebtedness.....	<b>1i</b>		
<b>j</b> Other liabilities.....	<b>1j</b>		
<b>k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	<b>1k</b>		
<b>Net Assets</b>			
<b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	<b>1l</b>	18565197	22246258

**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>		<b>(a)</b> Amount	<b>(b)</b> Total
<b>a Contributions:</b>			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: <b>(A)</b> Employers.....	<b>2a(1)(A)</b>	677797	
<b>(B)</b> Participants.....	<b>2a(1)(B)</b>	1358430	
<b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers).....	<b>2a(1)(C)</b>	83621	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	<b>2a(2)</b>	0	
(3) Total contributions. Add lines <b>2a(1)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , <b>(C)</b> , and line <b>2a(2)</b> .....	<b>2a(3)</b>		2119848
<b>b Earnings on investments:</b>			
<b>(1) Interest:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	<b>2b(1)(A)</b>	0	
<b>(B)</b> U.S. Government securities.....	<b>2b(1)(B)</b>	0	
<b>(C)</b> Corporate debt instruments.....	<b>2b(1)(C)</b>	0	
<b>(D)</b> Loans (other than to participants).....	<b>2b(1)(D)</b>	0	
<b>(E)</b> Participant loans.....	<b>2b(1)(E)</b>	14794	
<b>(F)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(1)(F)</b>	76931	
<b>(G)</b> Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....	<b>2b(1)(G)</b>		91725
<b>(2) Dividends:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred stock.....	<b>2b(2)(A)</b>	0	
<b>(B)</b> Common stock.....	<b>2b(2)(B)</b>	0	
<b>(C)</b> Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	<b>2b(2)(C)</b>	17772	
<b>(D)</b> Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....	<b>2b(2)(D)</b>		17772
<b>(3)</b> Rents.....	<b>2b(3)</b>		0
<b>(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Aggregate proceeds.....	<b>2b(4)(A)</b>	0	
<b>(B)</b> Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	<b>2b(4)(B)</b>	0	
<b>(C)</b> Subtract line <b>2b(4)(B)</b> from line <b>2b(4)(A)</b> and enter result.....	<b>2b(4)(C)</b>		
<b>(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Real estate.....	<b>2b(5)(A)</b>	0	
<b>(B)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(5)(B)</b>	0	
<b>(C)</b> Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines <b>2b(5)(A)</b> and <b>(B)</b> .....	<b>2b(5)(C)</b>		

		(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>		
(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>		2859810
<b>c</b> Other income .....	<b>2c</b>		0
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	<b>2d</b>		5089155

**Expenses**

<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....	<b>2e(1)</b>	1358456	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits .....	<b>2e(2)</b>	0	
(3) Other .....	<b>2e(3)</b>	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines <b>2e(1)</b> through <b>(3)</b> .....	<b>2e(4)</b>		1358456
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....	<b>2f</b>		0
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....	<b>2g</b>		0
<b>h</b> Interest expense .....	<b>2h</b>		0
<b>i</b> Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances .....	<b>2i(1)</b>	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees .....	<b>2i(2)</b>	5250	
(3) Recordkeeping fees .....	<b>2i(3)</b>	0	
(4) IQPA audit fees .....	<b>2i(4)</b>	0	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees .....	<b>2i(5)</b>	43813	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees .....	<b>2i(6)</b>	0	
(7) Actuarial fees .....	<b>2i(7)</b>	0	
(8) Legal fees .....	<b>2i(8)</b>	0	
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees .....	<b>2i(9)</b>	0	
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses .....	<b>2i(10)</b>	0	
(11) Other expenses .....	<b>2i(11)</b>	575	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines <b>2i(1)</b> through <b>(11)</b> .....	<b>2i(12)</b>		49638
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	<b>2j</b>		1408094

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line <b>2j</b> from line <b>2d</b> .....	<b>2k</b>		3681061
<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: **FRIERSON SOLA SIMONTON & KUTAC PLLC**

(2) EIN: **46-1379281**

**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		1000000
<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.		X	

**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> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Retirement Plan Information</b>  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).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2024** and ending **12/31/2024**

<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>BROWN SIMS, P.C. 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 <b>BROWN SIMS, P.C.</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>74-2073784</b>	

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Distributions</b>
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**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..... 

<b>1</b>		<b>0</b>
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**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): 71-0294708

**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..... 

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<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.)
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**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>
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**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.
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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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(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 Q702830A.

**BROWN SIMS, P.C. 401(k) PLAN**

**EIN 74-2073784 PN 001**

**Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule**

**December 31, 2024 and 2023**

*(With Independent Auditor's Report Thereon)*



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**Brown Sims, P.C. 401(k) Plan**

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Trustees  
Brown Sims, P.C. 401(k) Plan  
Houston, Texas

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of Brown Sims, P.C. 401(k) Plan (the 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). 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 (the 2024 financial statements).

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the 2024 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 (DOL) 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 a certification from a qualified institution, Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company, 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 3 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 referred to above, 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 (GAAP).
- the information in the financial statements referred to above 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).

### **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 the 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 GAAP, 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 the 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 GAAS 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.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, 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 the 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 the 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 GAAP.

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 GAAP.

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.

#### **Other Matter - Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA**

The supplemental schedule of Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2024 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the DOL'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 audit 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 GAAS. 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 its form and content, is presented in conformity with the DOL'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 schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the DOL'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).

*Frierson, Solá, Simonton & Kutac, PLLC*

Houston, Texas  
October 6, 2025

Federal Employer Identification Number of  
Frierson, Solá, Simonton & Kutac, PLLC: 46-1379281

**Brown Sims, P.C. 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>Participant directed investments, at fair value</b>		
Registered investment companies, mutual funds	\$ 21,119,441	\$ 17,005,331
Fixed account investment funds	920,052	1,261,589
<b>Total participant directed investments</b>	<b>22,039,493</b>	<b>18,266,920</b>
<b>Receivables</b>		
Participant contributions	13,685	16,832
Employer contributions	5,113	8,027
Notes receivable from participants	109,778	138,232
<b>Total receivables</b>	<b>128,576</b>	<b>163,091</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	22,168,069	18,430,011
<b>NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS</b>	<b>\$ 22,168,069</b>	<b>\$ 18,430,011</b>

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to the financial statements.

**Brown Sims, P.C. 401(k) Plan**  
**Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2024**

<b>Additions to net assets attributed to:</b>	<u><b>2024</b></u>
<b>Investment income:</b>	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 2,925,814
Dividends	17,772
Interest	<u>76,931</u>
<b>Total investment income</b>	<u><b>3,020,517</b></u>
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	14,794
<b>Contributions:</b>	
Participant deferrals	1,352,337
Participant rollovers	83,621
Employer	<u>674,883</u>
<b>Total contributions</b>	<u><b>2,110,841</b></u>
<b>Total Additions</b>	<u><b>5,146,152</b></u>
<b>Deductions from net assets attributed to:</b>	
Benefits paid to participants	1,358,456
Administrative expenses	<u>49,638</u>
<b>Total Deductions</b>	<u><b>1,408,094</b></u>
<b>Increase in net assets available for benefits</b>	<b>3,738,058</b>
<b>Net assets available for benefits:</b>	
<b>Beginning of year</b>	<u><b>\$ 18,430,011</b></u>
<b>End of year</b>	<u><u><b>\$ 22,168,069</b></u></u>

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to the financial statements.

**BROWN SIMS, P.C. 401(K) PLAN**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**December 31, 2024**

**NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN**

The following description of the Brown Sims, P.C. 401(k) Plan (the "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 was established effective January 1, 1999 as a defined contribution plan with a cash or deferred ("401(k)") arrangement. The Plan is sponsored by Brown Sims, P.C. ("Company") for the exclusive benefit of its eligible employees. Effective January 1, 2003, the Company made the commitment to make certain contributions, which enable the simplification of the administration of the Plan by ensuring that nondiscrimination regulations are met. Accordingly, the Plan is referred to as a "safe harbor 401(k) plan". Effective January 1, 2016, the Plan was modified to be in compliance with the Pension Protection Act and other current legislative and regulatory stipulations. Effective October 12, 2017, the Plan was restated to only allow rollovers into the Plan for eligible plan participants who are actively employed. Effective November 18, 2021, the Plan was amended for the IRS 2017 Cumulative List. Qualified retirement plans are subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act ("ERISA"). Effective May 1, 2024, the Plan was amended. This amendment brings the Plan into compliance with current legislation and regulatory changes with appropriate retroactive effective dates with respect to provisions for appropriate laws.

**Participant Administration**

The Plan is administered by the Company. The Company has the power to carry out the provisions of the Plan including the power to interpret Plan provisions, decide on questions of eligibility and direct the disbursements of funds in accordance with the provisions of the Plan. The Company may appoint any person to perform the duties of the Administrator. The primary responsibility of the Administrator is to administer the Plan for the exclusive benefit of the participants, subject to the specific terms of the Plan. The administrative expenses may be paid out of the Plan unless paid by the Company. The Company appoints the Custodian of the Plan.

**Eligibility**

All employees, except interns and seasonal employees, are eligible to enter the Plan on the quarterly entry dates per the Plan's provisions.

**Contributions**

Participants may elect to contribute an amount up to 100% of eligible pre-tax compensation, not to exceed the limits of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan.

The Plan includes a safe harbor matching contribution based on a basic match of 100% of the participant's salary deferral contributions up to the first 3% of a participant's compensation plus 50% of the participant's salary deferral contributions up to the next 2% of compensation. The Plan trustees may also approve discretionary profit sharing or additional matching contributions to participants who are employed on the last day of the year. For the year ended December 31, 2024, the trustees made no discretionary matching or profit-sharing contributions above the safe harbor match.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
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**NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN – continued**

**Vesting**

Participants are immediately vested 100% in their voluntary contributions, safe harbor matching, and profit sharing contributions made by the Company and actual earnings thereon.

**Payment of Benefits**

Benefits are payable to participants or their beneficiaries in the event of normal retirement, disability, death, termination of service. Normal retirement age means 65. Benefits are valued in accordance with the terms of the Plan. These benefits are generally made in the form of either a lump sum cash payment or a direct rollover into another eligible retirement plan. Hardship withdrawals are available subject to certain limitations.

**Notes Receivable from Participants**

Participants may borrow from their accounts a minimum of \$1,000, up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested interest in the Plan. Loans will bear interest at a commercially reasonable rate of interest as determined by the Plan Administrator. Generally, the terms of the loan will require level amortization over a period not to exceed five years with payments to be made not less frequently than quarterly. A participant's vested interest in the Plan is generally required as security for the loan, accordingly, no allowance for loan loss is generally considered necessary.

**Participant Accounts**

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, the Company's matching contributions, and the participant's share of Plan earnings, net of an allocation of administrative expenses. Certain allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined.

**Investment Options**

The Plan Administrator periodically evaluates available investment options for the Plan. The participants direct their contributions and the Company's matching contributions into one or more of the provided investment options. Participants may change investment selections periodically throughout the year, subject to certain limitations.

**Plan Termination and Amendments**

Although the Company intends to maintain the Plan indefinitely, the Company reserves the right to terminate the Plan at any time by action of its Board of Directors. In the event the Plan is terminated, the accounts of all participants shall be fully vested and shall be distributed as provided in the Plan. The Company has the right to amend the Plan at any time.

**NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared under the accrual method of accounting. Investments held by a defined contribution plan are required to be reported at fair value, except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts. Contract value is the relevant measure for the portion of

**BROWN SIMS, P.C. 401(K) PLAN**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**December 31, 2024**

**NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES – continued**

**Basis of Accounting – continued**

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 normally would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan.

**Investment Valuation and Income Recognition**

The Plan's investments are generally reflected in the accompanying financial statements at fair value as provided by the Trustee at year-end, except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, which are reported at contract value. Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments reflects the impact of changes in fair value as well as purchases and sales of investments during the year. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income from participant notes receivable is accrued as earned. The Plan held no fully benefit-responsive investment contracts as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

**Notes Receivable from Participants**

Generally accepted accounting principles provide guidance clarifying the classification and measurement of participant loans by defined contribution pension plans. That guidance states that participant loans be classified as notes receivable from participants and measured at their unpaid principal balance, plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Due to the immateriality of interest income, it has been the policy of the Plan to record the interest income from notes receivable when paid, rather than as accrued.

**Benefit Payments**

Benefits are recorded when paid.

**Federal Income Taxes**

The Plan is qualified under the Internal Revenue Code ("Code") as exempt from federal income taxes; the prototype plan adopted by the Company has received a favorable determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service dated June 30, 2020. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter, the Plan Administrator believes that the Plan is appropriately designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code.

As permitted by the Code, a participant is not subject to federal income tax on contributions made by the Company, salary deferral contributions, or on any income of the Plan until a distribution is made to the participant. The Company is not aware of any tax positions that would have a significant impact on the Plan's financial position. Tax returns filed by the Plan for the years ended 2021 - 2024 are subject to review by the Internal Revenue Service.

**Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

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**December 31, 2024**

**NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES – continued**

**New Accounting Pronouncements**

The Company considered the applicability and impact of all accounting standards updates (ASU's) issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB). Most ASU's were assessed and determined to be either not applicable or are expected to have minimal impact on the financial position and results of operations of the Company.

**NOTE 3 – INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY THE PLAN'S CUSTODIAN (UNAUDITED)**

The plan trustees have elected the method of annual reporting compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the United States Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA of 1974. Accordingly, Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company, the "Custodian" of the Plan, has certified to the completeness and accuracy of the following information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and for the year ended December 31, 2024 are complete and accurate:

	<b>December 31,</b>	
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Pooled separate accounts, at fair value	\$ 21,119,441	\$ 17,005,331
General accounts, at fair value	\$ 920,052	\$ 1,261,589
Notes receivable from participants	\$ 109,778	\$ 138,232
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 2,859,810	n/a
Interest income	\$ 76,931	n/a
Dividends	\$ 17,772	n/a
Loan interest	\$ 14,794	n/a
Benefits paid to participants	\$ 1,358,456	n/a
Plan fees and administrative expenses	\$ 49,638	n/a

The Plan's independent auditors did not perform auditing procedures with respect to this information, except for comparing such information to the related information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule.

**NOTE 4 – 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 of net assets available for benefits.

However, the concentration of credit risk with respect to the Plan's investments is reduced as a result of diversity of the underlying portfolio.

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**NOTE 5 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

As described in the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification Topic 820 (ASC 820), *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, establishes a framework for measuring fair value. That framework 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 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements).

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under ASC 820 are described below:

**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 at the measurement date.

**Level 2** Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- quotes prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset 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 hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. In determining fair value, the Plan uses two different approaches, (the market approach and the cost approach), depending on the nature of the asset or liability. The market approach uses prices and other relevant data based on market transactions involving identical or comparable assets or liabilities. The cost approach is the amount that would be currently required to replace an asset or liability and indicates the cost to the Plan to acquire a substitute asset. The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets or liabilities measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2024 or 2023.

**Mutual Funds:**

Valued at the net asset value (NAV) of shares held by the Plan at the end of the reporting period. These values are reported by each respective fund daily and are deemed to be actively traded, (Market Approach).

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**NOTE 5 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS – continued**

*Fixed Account Investment Funds:*

Valued at contract value adjusted for potential surrender charges and market value adjustments at year end.

The methods described above may produce fair value calculations that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while 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. The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2024 and 2023:

<b>Investments at Fair Value as of December 31, 2024</b>				
	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
Mutual Funds	\$ 21,119,441	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,119,441
Fixed Account Investment Funds	-	920,052	-	920,052
Total Investments, at fair value	\$ 21,119,441	\$ 920,052	\$ -	\$ 22,039,493

<b>Investments at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023</b>				
	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
Mutual Funds	\$ 17,005,331	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,005,331
Fixed Account Investment Funds	-	1,261,589	-	1,261,589
Total Investments, at fair value	\$ 17,005,331	\$ 1,261,589	\$ -	\$ 18,266,920

All investments are participant-directed.

**NOTE 6 – TRANSACTIONS WITH PARTIES-IN-INTEREST**

The Plan allows for transactions with certain parties who may perform services or have fiduciary responsibilities to the Plan. Certain Plan investments are managed by Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company, the custodian and record-keeper of the Plan. Nova 401(k) Associates provides third-party administration of the Plan and qualifies as party-in-interest.

Two officers of the Company are the trustees as defined by the Plan and therefore qualify as parties-in-interest to the Plan. There were no fees paid by the Plan for trustee services for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023.

Fees paid during the year for legal, accounting and investment advisory services rendered by parties-in-interest were based on customary and reasonable rates for such services.

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**NOTE 7 – TERMINATED EMPLOYEES**

Account balances relating to terminated employees approximate \$4,354,046 and \$4,143,000 as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

**NOTE 8 – RECONCILIATION TO FORM 5500**

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits as reported in the financial statements to the amount reported on the 2024 Form 5500:

Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500, Schedule H	\$ 22,246,258
Fixed account investment funds, decrease in fair value	(96,987)
Contributions receivable, accrued at year end	18,798
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	<u>\$ 22,168,069</u>

The following is a reconciliation of statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024 as reported in the financial statements to the amount reported on the 2024 Form 5500:

Net increase in net assets available for benefits, Form 5500, Schedule H	\$ 3,681,061
Fixed account investment funds, decrease in fair value prior year	162,991
Fixed account investment funds, decrease in fair value current year	(96,987)
Contributions receivable, accrued in prior year	(24,859)
Contributions receivable, accrued at current year	18,798
Other in prior year	(2,946)
Net increase in net assets available for benefit, financial statements	<u>\$ 3,738,058</u>

**NOTE 9 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Management has evaluated subsequent events through October 6, 2025, which is the date that the financial statements were available for issuance. As a result of this evaluation, no changes were identified that are required to be disclosed or would have an impact on reported net assets available for benefits or change in net assets available for benefits.

**SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE**

**Brown Sims, P.C. 401(k) Plan**  
**EIN: 74-2073784 Plan Number 001**  
**SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)**  
**December 31, 2024**

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Identity of Issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party		Description of Investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value	Cost	Current Value
	Amana	Amana Growth Fund Inv	**	\$ 149
	Amana	Amana Income Fund Inv	**	207
	American Funds	Amer Fnds American Balance R3	**	701,663
	American Funds	Amer Fnds EUPAC Fund R3	**	918,171
	American Funds	Amer Fnds New Perspective R3	**	1,014,292
	American Funds	Amer Fnds The Grw of Amer R3	**	481,840
	CRM Funds	CRM Mid Cap Value Fund Inv	**	58,997
	New York Life Investments	NYLI CBRE Real Estate Fd A	**	220,079
	PIMCO	PIMCO VIT Real Return Port Adm	**	349,027
	Vanguard Variable Insurance Fund	VVIF Equity Income Portfolio	**	490,845
	Vanguard Variable Insurance Fund	VVIF Small Company Growth Port	**	192,719
	VY	VY AmCen SM MdCp VI Port I	**	451,252
	VY	VY Baron Growth Port I	**	193,792
	VY	VY JPM MdCp Value Port I	**	102,531
	VY	VY TRwPr Grw Equity Pt I	**	669,722
	Vict	Vict Pionr Eq Inc Y	**	64,717
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*	Voya	Voya Gov Money Market Port I	**	117,742
*	Voya	Voya Gv Mny Mkt F A (Hld Acct)	**	7,176
*	Voya	Voya Index Solution 2065 P Adv	**	32,379
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*	Voya	Voya Index Solution 2035 P Adv	**	1,482,271
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*	Voya	Voya Large Cap Growth Prt Srv	**	1,737,128
*	Voya	Voya Mid Cap Opport Port I	**	311,428
*	Voya	Voya Russell SmCp Indx Prt I	**	762,319
*	Voya	Voya US Stock Index Port Ins	**	5,777,024
*	Voya	Voya Fixed Account	**	314,656
*	Voya	Voya Fixed Account A	**	605,396
	Total participant directed investments			<u>\$ 22,039,493</u>
*	Participant Loans	Due weekly, bearing interest at 5.25% - 10.50%, various maturity dates through 2029, secured by vested balances		<u>109,778</u>
	Total investments and participant loans			<u>\$ 22,149,271</u>

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