The Dillon Group

Our clients deserve and receive a level of service they've never before experienced. We strive to stay one step ahead so you can focus on what matters most—your family, your business and the future.

Sean V. Dillon
Managing Director

Sean began his Wall Street career at Salomon Brothers after graduating from the College of the Holy Cross in 1983. He moved to Boston and joined PaineWebber, now UBS, and has been at the firm ever since. After more than 25 years in the wealth management business, Sean is confident that he and his team make a significant difference in their clients' lives. Not surprisingly, Sean has earned industry recognition as one of *Barron's* "Best of the Best" Winners Circle Financial Advisors.

More than a Financial Advisor, Sean sees his role as a hardworking family advocate. He loves sports and competing—and he loves to win. So whether it's coaching his four-time state champion Girls AAU team, playing golf with friends or helping clients achieve their goals and objectives, Sean and his team strive to achieve the most successful outcome. He has extensive experience in offering a variety of wealth management and planning-based services for high net worth families, but also offers specialized expertise in corporate employee financial services and business retirement plans.

Sean is passionate about education—he is active in his college alumni association and his children's schools. He sits on the boards of Wellesley Education Foundation and the Autism Society of America. Sean resides in Wellesley, Massachusetts, with his wife and three children. He enjoys golf, reading and core training.

Mark Ferris, CFP®
Senior Wealth Strategy Associate

Mark began his career at PaineWebber in 1998 and has been with The Dillon Group ever since. Mark focuses on financial planning, tactical asset allocation and operations management. Mark has successfully met the rigorous professional standards and requirements of the CFP® Board. As a Certified Finanacial Planner™, he has studied investment retirement planning, insurance planning and risk management, estate and income tax planning and employee benefits. He graduated from Bentley College with both a B.S. and M.A. in finance and is also licensed for life, accident and health insurance.

Mark resides in Weston, Massachusetts with his wife, Kristen, and two young daughters, Eva and Anna. He enjoys balancing fatherhood with business. When he has downtime, Mark enjoys reading, woodworking and playing golf.

Brian P. Walsh
Senior Wealth Strategy Associate

Brian's upbringing has truly shaped the professional he is today. Coming from a family of nine children, Brian developed a strong family and work ethic from an early age. He brings that perspective and a sense of helping others to the office every day. Brian also spent 11 years working for a large Boston law firm, where he worked his way up from the mailroom to the boardroom very quickly—a testament to what hard work and perseverance can accomplish. In 1998, he joined UBS (then PaineWebber) and has not looked back.

Brian serves a wide variety of clients, including corporations with 10b5-1 plans, stock option financing, 401(k) plans, and small business owners, CEOs, nonprofits and individuals. He is responsible for working with clients and prospects in establishing a Financial Goal Analysis, making recommendations based upon their goals and objectives, leveraging the firm's resources to present the best managers for clients' needs. In all his work with clients, Brian strives to build trust, to be proactive, anticipate their needs and deliver great service above all.

Brian has earned his Series 6, 7, 63 and 65 securities licenses as well as health, life, long-term care and annuity licenses.

He lives in Millis, MA with his wife, Donna, and sons, Liam and Coleman, who share his passion for skiing. He also coaches youth soccer and is an avid fundraiser, raising more than $22,000 for cancer research as a five-time rider in the annual Pan Massachusetts Challenge.

Christopher Sylvia
Wealth Strategy Associate

Chris joined UBS and The Dillon Group in September 2008 after spending a year at State Street Corporation working on their mutual fund sales desk. With Sean's guidance, he has embraced wealth planning and client education as two of his most important priorities within the group. He is directly responsible for all syndicate offerings, including IPOs, overnight offerings, secondary offerings, unregistered block trades, preferred stock offerings and anything else that comes across our syndicate board.

Chris also works on the front lines for his team, ensuring exceptional client service. He is proud to be part of an "all hands on deck" team that will go to any measure to make sure a request gets done.

A University of Miami graduate, Chris earned his Series 7 and 66 licenses shortly after joining UBS. He lives in Boston and is a self-proclaimed Boston sports fanatic.

Michele D'Ambrosio
Senior Client Service Associate

Michele entered the financial services industry 19 years ago in the operations area, and has been with UBS for 14 years. Her experience working in both sides of the business has enabled her to understand what client service is all about. She defines her role within the team, not only as a troubleshooter for any client concerns, but also as a relationship builder. Michele is very passionate about earning clients' trust through teamwork and commitment.
Her favorite part of the business is being able to watch clients go through their various stages of life, helping them accomplish their financial goals—particularly new clients who come to The Dillon Group needing guidance with getting started.

She and her husband, Jaimey, have a seven-year old daughter, Emily. Michele enjoys spending time with her family, cooking and entertaining.

Maylese R. Leyva
Client Service Associate

Maylese joined UBS in 2005. She was assistant operations manager at the Boston branch for three years before joining The Dillon Group, where she continues to provide operational expertise to the team. She enjoys her role helping clients solve financial problems, but more importantly, enjoys the relationship-building aspect of her work.

Being part of a strong, supportive team is also important to Maylese. She played team sports her whole life, which has contributed to her positive work ethic of setting goals, being efficient and being a team player.

Maylese graduated from Springfield College with a B.A. in disability studies. The youngest of three children in a close family, she lives in South Boston, where she enjoys community service and volunteering.

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