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Who I am and how I can help you

In my role as a regional director with nonqualified deferred compensation plans, I support financial professionals and employers in the sales and service of these plans to organizations. The deferred comp benefits we provide to clients help them recruit, reward, retain, and retire key employees. And research shows that both employers and key employees value this benefit for a variety of reasons.¹

I can help with plan design, financial analysis, implementation, and delivery of deferred comp solutions. I'll work to simplify complex ideas and, with the financial professional, help put a solution in place to meet the employer's needs. I work closely with Mike Roesler, regional vice president of nonqualified plans, to support financial professionals and their clients in the West region.

I've been in the financial services industry since 2005 and been with Principal® for more than 10 years. I have a bachelor's degree in Kinesiology from the University of Minnesota and hold Series 6 and 63 securities registrations from the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), as well as insurance licenses. I live in Long Lake, Minnesota with my wife and two children. I enjoy running, boating, spending time with family, and am active in my church.

More about the company I work for

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¹ 2022 Principal® Trends in Nonqualified Deferred Compensation report.

² Based on number of NQDC plans (excluding 457 plans), 2022 PLANSPPONSOR Defined Contribution Recordkeeping Survey, July 2022.

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