BLAKE GRAVES

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Current Responsibility

Blake Graves is a principal and senior director, investment consultant in Milliman's Financial Risk Management Practice, based in Chicago. He specializes in investment manager selection, investment monitoring, and performance reporting for defined contribution and defined benefit plans. Blake works closely with retirement plan committees, providing clear communication on investment performance, market developments, and strategic investment solutions. He also leads asset-liability studies and develops customized liability-driven investing strategies designed to help clients manage risk and achieve their long-term financial objectives.

Professional Work Experience

Prior to his current role, Blake served as a portfolio manager and product development director at Milliman, where he was responsible for implementing FRM's investment strategies across domestic and international markets. He has helped launch over 100 investment funds through various vehicles, including ETFs, mutual funds, UCITS, VITs, and CITs. Blake joined Milliman in 2005 as an analyst on the firm's annuity hedging team, working on both variable annuity and fixed indexed annuity hedging programs.

Professional Designations

- Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA)
- Certified Financial Risk Manager (FRM)

Education

- MBA, Finance, Kellstadt Graduate School of Business, DePaul University
- BBA, Finance, Western Michigan University