



IAPD Report

PETER STEVEN FRANCO

CRD# 1007869

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IAPD Information About Representatives

IAPD offers information on all current-and many former representatives. Investors are strongly encouraged to use IAPD to check the background of representatives before deciding to conduct, or continue to conduct, business with them.

What is included in a IAPD report?

IAPD reports for individual representatives include information such as employment history, professional qualifications, disciplinary actions, criminal convictions, civil judgments and arbitration awards.

It is important to note that the information contained in an IAPD report may include pending actions or allegations that may be contested, unresolved or unproven. In the end, these actions or allegations may be resolved in favor of the representative, or concluded through a negotiated settlement with no admission or finding of wrongdoing.

Where did this information come from?

The information contained in IAPD comes from the Investment Adviser Registration Depository (IARD) and FINRA's Central Registration Depository, or CRD, (see more on CRD below) and is a combination of:

- information the states require representatives and firms to submit as part of the registration and licensing process, and
- information that state regulators report regarding disciplinary actions or allegations against representatives.

How current is this information?

Generally, representatives are required to update their professional and disciplinary information in IARD within 30 days.

Need help interpreting this report?

For help understanding how to read this report, please consult NASAA's IAPD Tips page <http://www.nasaa.org/IAPD/IARReports.cfm>

What if I want to check the background of an Individual Broker or Brokerage Firm?

To check the background of an Individual Broker or Brokerage firm, you can search for the firm or individual in IAPD. If your search is successful, click on the link provided to view the available licensing and registration information in FINRA's BrokerCheck website.

Are there other resources I can use to check the background of investment professionals?

It is recommended that you learn as much as possible about an individual representative or Investment Adviser firm before deciding to work with them. Your state securities regulator can help you research individuals and certain firms doing business in your state. The contact information for state securities regulators can be found on the website of the North American Securities Administrators Association <http://www.nasaa.org>



Report Summary

PETER STEVEN FRANCO (CRD# 1007869)

The report summary provides an overview of the representative's professional background and conduct. The information contained in this report has been provided by the representative, investment adviser and/or securities firms, and/or securities regulators as part of the states' investment adviser registration and licensing process. The information contained in this report was last updated by the representative, a previous employing firm, or a securities regulator on **12/12/2025**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
B	GWN SECURITIES INC.	CRD# 128929	11/17/2014
IA	GWN SECURITIES INC.	CRD# 128929	11/17/2014

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **1** SRO(s) and **12** jurisdiction(s).

Is this representative currently Inactive or Suspended with any regulator? **No**

Note: Not all jurisdictions require IAR registration or may have an exemption from registration.

Additional information including this individual's qualification examinations and professional designations is available in the Detailed Report.

REGISTRATION HISTORY

This representative was previously registered with the following firm(s):

	FIRM	CRD#	LOCATION	REGISTRATION DATES
IA	IC ADVISORY SERVICES, INC.	140190	WARREN, NJ	11/20/2008 - 12/10/2014
B	THE INVESTMENT CENTER, INC.	17839	WARREN, NJ	02/17/2006 - 12/10/2014
B	FIRST INVESTORS CORPORATION	305	WOODBIDGE, NJ	07/05/1982 - 02/24/2006

For additional registration and employment history details as reported by the individual, refer to the Registration and Employment History section of the Detailed Report.

DISCLOSURE INFORMATION

Disclosure events include certain criminal charges and convictions, formal investigations and disciplinary actions initiated by regulators, customer disputes and arbitrations, and financial disclosures such as bankruptcies and unpaid judgments or liens.

Are there events disclosed about this representative? **Yes**

The following types of events are disclosed about this representative:

Type	Count
Customer Dispute	2



Qualifications

REGISTRATIONS

This section provides the SRO, states and U.S. territories in which the representative is currently registered and licensed, the category of each registration, and the date on which the registration becomes effective. This section also provides, for each firm with which the representative is currently employed, the address of each location where the representative works. This individual is currently registered with **12** jurisdiction(s) and 1 SRO(s) through his or her employer(s).

Employment 1 of 1

Firm Name: **GWN SECURITIES INC.**
Main Address: 11440 NORTH JOG ROAD
PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL 33418-3764
Firm ID#: 128929

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B	FINRA	Invest. Co and Variable Contracts	Approved	11/17/2014
B	Connecticut	Agent	Approved	11/17/2014
B	Delaware	Agent	Approved	07/27/2016
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	11/17/2014
IA	Florida	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	06/17/2024
B	Louisiana	Agent	Approved	11/17/2014
B	Massachusetts	Agent	Approved	11/17/2014
B	New Jersey	Agent	Approved	11/17/2014
B	New York	Agent	Approved	11/17/2014
B	North Carolina	Agent	Approved	11/17/2014
B	Oregon	Agent	Approved	10/28/2024
B	Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	11/17/2014
B	South Carolina	Agent	Approved	11/17/2014



Qualifications

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B Texas	Agent	Approved	11/17/2014

Branch Office Locations

GWN SECURITIES INC.
90 WEST MAIN STREET
SUITE 1
FREEHOLD, NJ 07728

GWN SECURITIES INC.
SEMINOLE, FL



Qualifications

PASSED INDUSTRY EXAMS

This section includes all industry exams that the representative has passed. Under limited circumstances, a representative may attain registration after receiving an exam waiver based on a combination of exams the representative has passed and qualifying work experience. Likewise a new exam requirement may be grandfathered based on a representative's specific qualifying work experience. Exam waivers and grandfathering are not included below.

This individual has passed 0 principal/supervisory exams, 2 general industry/product exams, and 2 state securities law exams.



Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
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No information reported.



General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
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 Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	10/01/2018
 Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination (S6)	Series 6	09/08/1981

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
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 Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (S65)	Series 65	11/11/2008
 Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	03/05/1985

PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS

This section details that the representative has reported **0** professional designation(s).

No information reported.



Registration & Employment History

PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED WITH THE FOLLOWING FIRMS

This representative held registrations with the following firms:

	Registration Dates	Firm Name	ID#	Branch Location
IA	11/20/2008 - 12/10/2014	IC ADVISORY SERVICES, INC.	CRD# 140190	WARREN, NJ
B	02/17/2006 - 12/10/2014	THE INVESTMENT CENTER, INC.	CRD# 17839	WARREN, NJ
B	07/05/1982 - 02/24/2006	FIRST INVESTORS CORPORATION	CRD# 305	WOODBIDGE, NJ
B	12/22/1981 - 11/03/1983	JOHN HANCOCK DISTRIBUTORS, INC.	CRD# 468	

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Below is the representative's employment history for up to the last 10 years.

Employment Dates	Employer Name	Position	Investment Related	Employer Location
11/2014 - Present	GWN SECURITIES INC	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL, United States

OTHER BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

This section includes information, if any, as provided by the representative regarding other business activities the representative is currently engaged in either as a proprietor, partner, officer, director, employee, trustee, agent, or otherwise. This section does not include non-investment related activity that is exclusively charitable, civic, religious, or fraternal and is recognized as tax exempt.

LIFE & HEALTH INSURANCE

POSITION: Self employed NATURE: life ins and health ins. INVESTMENT RELATED: Yes NUMBER OF HOURS: 0

SECURITIES TRADING HOURS: 5 START DATE: 11/1/2014

ADDRESS: 90 west Main Street, Freehold NJ 07728, United States

DESCRIPTION: have an insurance license for life, health and variable annuity - NJ Do not use the license for life or health, only to renew the variable annuity business and have no affiliations with any agencies for Outside business activities.

FRANCO FINANCIAL SERVICES, Is Investment Related, DBA, Financial Professional 11/14/2014,160 hours per month, 160 hours per month during trading hours, Commission Compensation, Securities DBA used in conjunction with Investment Sales.



Disclosure Summary

Disclosure Information

What you should know about reported disclosure events:

(1) Certain thresholds must be met before an event is reported to IARD, for example:

- A law enforcement agency must file formal charges before an Investment Adviser Representative is required to report a particular criminal event.;
- A customer dispute must involve allegations that an Investment Adviser Representative engaged in activity that violates certain rules or conduct governing the industry and that the activity resulted in damages of at least \$5,000.

(2) Disclosure events in IAPD reports come from different sources:

As mentioned in the "About IAPD" section on page 1 of this report, information contained in IAPD comes from Investment Adviser Representatives, firms and regulators. When more than one of these sources reports information for the same disclosure event, all versions of the event will appear in the IAPD report. The different versions will be separated by a solid line with the reporting source labeled.

(3) There are different statuses and dispositions for disclosure events:

- A disclosure event may have a status of *pending*, *on appeal*, or *final*.
 - A "pending" disclosure event involves allegations that have not been proven or formally adjudicated.
 - A disclosure event that is "on appeal" involves allegations that have been adjudicated but are currently being appealed.
 - A "final" disclosure event has been concluded and its resolution is not subject to change.
- A final disclosure event generally has a disposition of *adjudicated*, *settled* or *otherwise resolved*.
 - An "adjudicated" matter includes a disposition by (1) a court of law in a criminal or civil matter, or (2) an administrative panel in an action brought by a regulator that is contested by the party charged with some alleged wrongdoing.
 - A "settled" matter generally represents a disposition wherein the parties involved in a dispute reach an agreement to resolve the matter. Please note that Investment Adviser Representatives and firms may choose to settle customer disputes or regulatory matters for business or other reasons.
 - A "resolved" matter usually includes a disposition wherein no payment is made to the customer or there is no finding of wrongdoing on the part of the Investment Adviser Representative. Such matters generally involve customer disputes.

(4) You may wish to contact the Investment Adviser Representatives to obtain further information regarding any of the disclosure events contained in this IAPD report.



DISCLOSURE EVENT DETAILS

When evaluating this information, please keep in mind that some items may involve pending actions or allegations that may be contested and have not been resolved or proven. The event may, in the end, be withdrawn, dismissed, resolved in favor of the Investment Adviser Representative, or concluded through a negotiated settlement with no admission or finding of wrongdoing.

This report provides the information exactly as it was reported to the Investment Adviser Registration Depository. Some of the specific data fields contained in the report may be blank if the information was not provided.

The following types of events are disclosed about this representative:

Type	Count
Customer Dispute	2

Customer Dispute

This section provides information regarding a customer dispute that was reported to the Investment Adviser Registration Depository (IARD) by the Investment Adviser Representative (IAR), an investment adviser and/or securities firm, and/or a securities regulator. The event may include a consumer-initiated, investment-related complaint, arbitration proceeding or civil suit that contains allegations of sales practice violations against the individual.

The customer dispute may be pending or may have resulted in a civil judgment, arbitration award, monetary settlement, closure without action, withdrawal, dismissal, denial, or other outcome.

Disclosure 1 of 2

Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: FIRST INVESTORS

Allegations: CUSTOMER ALLEGED THAT SHE HAD REQUESTED A SET \$2,000 A MONTH DISTRIBUTION FROM HER IRA ACCOUNTS BUT WAS GIVEN A DISTRIBUTION BASED ON LIFE EXPECTANCY. SHE IS REQUESTING THAT FIRST INVESTORS REFUND ALL COMMISSIONS PAID ON HER IRA ACCOUNTS (APPROXIMATELY \$8,600) AS WELL AS ANY IRS PENALTIES INCURRED TO CHANGE THE DISTRIBUTION METHOD (APPROXIMATELY \$1,000)

Product Type:

Alleged Damages: \$9,600.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 04/16/1999

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Denied

Status Date: 05/05/1999

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:

Broker Statement FIRST INVESTORS INVESTIGATED CUSTOMER'S



ALLEGATION AND FOUND NO EVIDENCE THAT SHE REQUESTED A SPECIFIC DOLLAR AMOUNT FOR HER IRA DISTRIBUTION. THE DISTRIBUTION METHOD OFFERED TO CUSTOMER WAS DEFINED IN FIRST INVESTORS IRA CUSTODIAL AGREEMENT. FIRST INVESTORS OFFERED NO RELIEF TO CUSTOMER NOT PROVIDED

Disclosure 2 of 2

Reporting Source: Regulator
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: FIRST INVESTOR CORPORATION

Allegations: MISREPRESENTATION, OMISSIONS, UNSUITABILITY, FAILED TO PROVIDE THE CLAIMANTS WITH A PROSPECTUS FOR THEIR INVESTMENTS, VIOLATED CERTAIN SECTIONS OF NASD RULES OF FAIR PRACTICE, MATERIAL MISSTATEMENT OF FACT, MUTUAL FUND SWAPS, FRAUD, AND FAILURE TO SUPERVISE

Product Type:

Alleged Damages:

Arbitration Information

Arbitration/Reparation Claim filed with and Docket/Case No.: [NASD - CASE #91-01988](#)

Date Notice/Process Served: 07/12/1991

Arbitration Pending? No

Disposition: Other

Disposition Date: 08/05/1992

Disposition Detail: AWARD AGAINST PARTY
** RESPONDENT FRANCO IS LIABLE AND SHALL PAY TO THE CLAIMANTS THE SUM OF \$5,000, INCLUSIVE OF INTEREST.
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Reporting Source: Individual
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: FIRST INVESTOR CORPORATION

Allegations: CLAIMANTS ALLEGED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE REGISTRANT INDUCED THEM THROUGH MATERIAL MISREPRESENTATIONS AND OMISSIONS UPON WHICH CLAIMANTS RELIED, TO MAKE INVESTMENTS WHICH WERE UNSUITABLE.

Product Type:

Alleged Damages:

Customer Complaint Information



Date Complaint Received:

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Arbitration/Reparation

Status Date: 08/05/1992

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:

Arbitration Information

Arbitration/Reparation Claim filed with and Docket/Case No.: [NASD: 91-01988](#)

Date Notice/Process Served: 07/12/1991

Arbitration Pending? No

Disposition: Award to Customer

Disposition Date: 08/05/1992

Monetary Compensation Amount: \$5,000.00

Individual Contribution Amount:

Broker Statement REGISTRANT FRANCO WAS FOUND LIABLE AND ORDERED TO PAY \$5,000
Not Provided



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