



IAPD Report

WILLIAM JAMES OBRIEN

CRD# 1075392

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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

WILLIAM JAMES OBRIEN (CRD# 1075392)

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 **12/22/2025**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
B	CETERA ADVISORS LLC	CRD# 10299	01/15/2015
IA	CETERA INVESTMENT ADVISERS LLC	CRD# 105644	01/31/2024

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **1** SRO(s) and **2** 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	CETERA ADVISORS LLC	10299	SANDWICH, MA	01/16/2015 - 03/21/2024
IA	COMMONWEALTH FINANCIAL NETWORK	8032	SANDWICH, MA	12/09/2002 - 01/15/2015
B	COMMONWEALTH FINANCIAL NETWORK	8032	SANDWICH, MA	12/06/2002 - 01/15/2015

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 2 jurisdiction(s) and 1 SRO(s) through his or her employer(s).

Employment 1 of 2

Firm Name: **CETERA INVESTMENT ADVISERS LLC**
Main Address: 1450 AMERICAN LANE
6TH FLOOR, SUITE 650
SCHAUMBURG, IL 60173-2096
Firm ID#: 105644

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
IA	Florida	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	01/31/2024

Branch Office Locations

CETERA INVESTMENT ADVISERS LLC
8545 DANBURY BLVD #101
Naples, FL 34120

Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: **CETERA ADVISORS LLC**
Main Address: 5299 DTC BLVD #800
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111
Firm ID#: 10299

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	01/15/2015
B	FINRA	Invest. Co and Variable Contracts	Approved	01/15/2015
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	01/15/2015
B	Massachusetts	Agent	Approved	01/15/2015

Branch Office Locations

CETERA ADVISORS LLC
NAPLES, 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, 3 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
B Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	10/01/2018
B General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	12/02/1998
B Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination (S6)	Series 6	12/23/1982

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
IA Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (S65)	Series 65	11/16/1999
B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	04/30/1985



PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS

This section details that the representative has reported **1** professional designation(s).

Chartered Financial Consultant

Only professional designations listed in Question 8 of the Form U4 will appear in this section if the appropriate box is checked and verified by the issuing organization at the time of the filing. Learn more about eligible designations at [IARD](#) and [NASAA](#).



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	01/16/2015 - 03/21/2024	CETERA ADVISORS LLC	CRD# 10299	SANDWICH, MA
IA	12/09/2002 - 01/15/2015	COMMONWEALTH FINANCIAL NETWORK	CRD# 8032	SANDWICH, MA
B	12/06/2002 - 01/15/2015	COMMONWEALTH FINANCIAL NETWORK	CRD# 8032	SANDWICH, MA
B	10/20/1992 - 01/14/2003	NYLIFE SECURITIES INC.	CRD# 5167	NEW YORK, NY
IA	01/15/2000 - 01/10/2003	EAGLE STRATEGIES CORP	CRD# 110826	WALTHAM, MA
B	12/27/1982 - 09/10/1992	EQUICO SECURITIES, INC.	CRD# 6627	NEW YORK, NY
B	12/27/1982 - 09/10/1992	THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES	CRD# 4039	

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
01/2024 - Present	Cetera Investment Advisers	Investment Advisor Representative	Y	Schaumburg, IL, United States
01/2015 - Present	CETERA ADVISORS LLC	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	ST CLOUD, MN, 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.

1.DBA: COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGIES, INVESTMENT RELATED, ADDRESS IS THE REGISTERED LOCATION, FINANCIAL, ADVISORY AND INSURANCE SERVICES, START JANUARY 2015, 40 PLUS HOURS PER WEEK - DURING TRADING HOURS, REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE - FINANCIAL ADVISOR.

2.NAME OF OTHER BUSINESS: FIXED INSURANCE WITH VARIOUS COMPANIES
INVESTMENT RELATED: YES
ADDRESS: SAME AS REGISTERED LOCATION
NATURE OF BUSINESS: FIXED INSURANCE
START DATE: 3/2017



Registration & Employment History



OTHER BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

APX NUMBER OF HOURS PER WEEK: 40

APX NUMBER OF HOURS DURING TRADING HOURS: 32.5

POSITION/TITLE/RELATIONSHIP: AGENT

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES: SELLING LIFE, ANNUITIES, & LONG TERM CARE

3.CHARACTER ACTOR, NOT INVESTMENT RELATED, ADDRESS IS THE RESIDENTIAL LOCATION, CHARACTER ACTOR, PERFORMER, TV & RADIO, START 1966, 0-5 HOURS PER WEEK - MAY VARY DURING TRADING HOURS, ACTOR - PERFORMER.

5. SGTBILLY.COM, NOT INVESTMENT RELATED, SAME AS RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS, WEBSITE, STARTED 9/2016, OWNER, APX 4 HOURS PER WEEK, NOT DURING TRADING HOURS,BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES: WEBSITE FOR ROLE AS ACTOR



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:	Firm
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	NYLIFE SECURITIES LLC
Allegations:	Customer alleges the Variable Universal Life insurance policy she purchased in May 1994 was originally understood to provide a guaranteed amount, and also that the premium payment would always remain the same.
Product Type:	Insurance
Alleged Damages:	\$0.00
Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):	While the customer did not make a specific claim for damages, the firm has made a good faith determination that damages may exceed \$5,000.
Is this an oral complaint?	No
Is this a written complaint?	Yes
Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?	No

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received:	06/20/2023
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Settled
Status Date:	09/25/2023



Settlement Amount: \$8,440.41

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Firm Statement THE COMPANY DETERMINED THAT THE POLICY APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN FULLY DISCLOSED AT THE TIME OF THE SALE AND THAT THE ALLEGATIONS WERE NOT SUBSTANTIATED AGAINST THE REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE. THE COMPANY SETTLED THE COMPLAINT IN THE INTEREST OF GOOD CUSTOMER RELATIONS TO RESOLVE THE CUSTOMER'S CONCERNS REGARDING THE VARIABLE UNIVERSAL LIF INSURANCE POLICY.

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Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: NYLIFE SECURITIES LLC

Allegations: Customer alleges the Variable Universal Life insurance policy she purchased in May 1994 was originally understood to provide a guaranteed amount, and also that the premium payment would always remain the same.

Product Type: Insurance

Alleged Damages: \$0.00

Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact): While the customer did not make a specific claim for damages, the firm has made a good faith determination that damages may exceed \$5,000.

Is this an oral complaint? No

Is this a written complaint? Yes

Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation? No

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 06/20/2023

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 09/25/2023

Settlement Amount: \$8,440.41

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Broker Statement THE COMPANY DETERMINED THAT THE POLICY APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN FULLY DISCLOSED AT THE TIME OF THE SALE AND THAT THE ALLEGATIONS WERE NOT SUBSTANTIATED AGAINST THE REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE. THE COMPANY SETTLED THE COMPLAINT IN THE INTEREST OF GOOD CUSTOMER RELATIONS TO RESOLVE THE CUSTOMER'S CONCERNS REGARDING THE VARIABLE UNIVERSAL LIF INSURANCE POLICY.

Disclosure 2 of 2

Reporting Source: Firm



Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:

Commonwealth Financial Network

Allegations:

A newly substituted trustee of his parents' trust makes unsubstantiated allegations related to unsuitability of investments that his parents have been satisfied with for several years.

Product Type:

Annuity-Fixed
Equity-OTC
Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)
Mutual Fund
Real Estate Security

Alleged Damages:

\$0.00

Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):

Client did not specify a specific amount of damages, but rather made unsubstantiated allegations that appear to allege damages of more than \$5,000.

Is this an oral complaint?

No

Is this a written complaint?

Yes

Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?

No

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received:

05/04/2016

Complaint Pending?

No

Status:

Denied

Status Date:

05/12/2016

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:

Reporting Source:

Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:

Commonwealth Financial Network

Allegations:

A newly substituted trustee of his parent's trust makes unsubstantiated allegations related to the unsuitability of investments that his parents have been satisfied with for several years

Product Type:

Annuity-Fixed
Equity-OTC
Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)
Mutual Fund
Real Estate Security

Alleged Damages:

\$0.00

Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):

Client did not specify a specific amount of damages, but rather made unsubstantiated allegations that appear to allege damages of more than \$5,000

Is this an oral complaint?

No



Is this a written complaint? Yes

**Is this an arbitration/CFTC
reparation or civil litigation?** No

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 05/04/2016

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Denied

Status Date: 05/12/2016

Settlement Amount:

**Individual Contribution
Amount:**

Broker Statement I took over the account and planning services of the parents of [customer] over 11 years ago. He was not involved in and way up until 6 months at the end. All of his claims are unfounded and without merit



End of Report

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