



IAPD Report

JAMES WILLIAM CLEARY

CRD# 1155088

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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

JAMES WILLIAM CLEARY (CRD# 1155088)

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 **06/01/2026**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
B	MML INVESTORS SERVICES, LLC	CRD# 10409	03/25/2017
IA	MML INVESTORS SERVICES, LLC	CRD# 10409	03/25/2017

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	NEWSQUARE CAPITAL, LLC	152430	NEWTOWN SQUARE, PA	11/15/2010 - 12/31/2017
B	MSI FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	14251	NEWTOWN SQUARE, PA	01/02/2015 - 03/25/2017
IA	MSI FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	14251	NEWTOWN SQUARE, PA	01/02/2015 - 03/25/2017

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
Criminal	1
Customer Dispute	5



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: **MML INVESTORS SERVICES, LLC**
Main Address: 1295 STATE STREET
SPRINGFIELD, MA 01111-0001
Firm ID#: 10409

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B	FINRA	Direct Participation Programs	Approved	03/25/2017
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	03/25/2017
B	FINRA	Invest. Co and Variable Contracts	Approved	03/25/2017
B	Arizona	Agent	Approved	03/25/2017
B	Delaware	Agent	Approved	03/25/2017
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	03/25/2017
B	Georgia	Agent	Approved	03/25/2017
B	Indiana	Agent	Approved	07/07/2021
B	Maryland	Agent	Approved	03/25/2017
B	New Jersey	Agent	Approved	03/25/2017
IA	New Jersey	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	03/25/2017
B	New York	Agent	Approved	03/25/2017
B	Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	03/25/2017



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Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
IA Pennsylvania	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	03/25/2017
B Texas	Agent	Approved	03/25/2017
IA Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Restricted Approval	03/25/2017
B Washington	Agent	Approved	03/25/2017
B Wisconsin	Agent	Approved	03/25/2025

Branch Office Locations

MML INVESTORS SERVICES, LLC
16 CAMPUS BLVD
SUITE 200
NEWTOWN SQUARE, PA 19073

MML INVESTORS SERVICES, LLC
BLUE BELL, PA



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, 4 general industry/product exams, and 1 state securities law exam.

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	12/05/1992
B Direct Participation Programs Representative Examination (S22)	Series 22	12/22/1988
B Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination (S6)	Series 6	08/12/1983

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	09/19/1983



PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS

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

No information reported.

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	11/15/2010 - 12/31/2017	NEWSQUARE CAPITAL, LLC	CRD# 152430	NEWTOWN SQUARE, P.
B	01/02/2015 - 03/25/2017	MSI FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	CRD# 14251	NEWTOWN SQUARE, P.
IA	01/02/2015 - 03/25/2017	MSI FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	CRD# 14251	NEWTOWN SQUARE, P.
IA	07/31/2002 - 01/02/2015	NEW ENGLAND SECURITIES CORPORATION	CRD# 615	NEWTOWN SQUARE, P.
B	04/27/1989 - 01/02/2015	NEW ENGLAND SECURITIES	CRD# 615	NEWTOWN SQUARE, P.
B	08/15/1983 - 05/03/1989	TRAVELERS EQUITIES SALES, INC.	CRD# 833	EL SEGUNDO, CA

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
03/2017 - Present	MML INVESTORS SERVICES, LLC	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	NEWTOWN SQUARE, PA, United States
07/2016 - Present	Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	AGENT	Y	NEWTOWN SQUARE, PA, United States
01/2015 - 03/2017	METLIFE SECURITIES INC.	Mass Transfer	Y	NEWTOWN, PA, 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) NAME: JAMES CLEARY INV REL: Y ADDR: 16 CAMPUS BLVD NEWTOWN SQUARE PA 19073 NATURE: NONMMLIA INSURANCE BROKERAGE POSITION: AGENT START: 07/2011 NO/HRS: 5 NO/HRS DUR TRADING: 5.
- (2) NAME: CLEARY ENTERPRISES LLC INV REL: Y ADDR: AT RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS NATURE: SIMPLE RENTAL PROPERTY POSITION: LANDLORD START: 03/2013 NO/HRS: 1 NO/HRS DUR TRADING: 1.
- (3) NAME: FAWN CIRCLE LLC INV REL: Y ADDR: FAWN CIRCLE MALVERN PA 19355 NATURE: PROPERTY AND CASUALTY COMPANY POSITION: OWNERSHIP START: 08/2017 NO/HRS: 1 NO/HRS DUR TRADING: 1.
- (4) NAME: JAMES CLEARY INV REL: Y ADDR: 16 CAMPUS BLVD NEWTOWN SQUARE PA 19073 NATURE: LIFE SETTLEMENTS/VIATICALS POSITION: AGENT START: 04/08/2019 NO/HRS: 1 NO/HRS DUR TRADING: 1.
- (5) NAME: JAMES W. CLEARY INV REL: Y ADDR: RESIDENTIAL NATURE: TRUSTEE FOR FIVE SEPARATE TRUSTS FOR MY



Registration & Employment History



OTHER BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

BROTHER POSITION: TRUSTEE START DATE: 2006 NO. HR/MO: 1 NO. HR/MO DURING SEC TRADING: 0
(6) NAME: JAMES W CLEARY INV REL: Y ADD: RESIDENTIAL NATURE: TRUSTEE FOR MY BROTHER POSITION:
TRUSTEE START DATE: 2006 NO. HR/MO: 1 NO. HR/MO DURING SEC TRADING: 0
(7) NAME: CLEARY FOUNDATION INV REL: Y ADD: RESIDENTIAL NATURE: CHARITABLE FOUNDATION FOR NEWBORN
WELLNESS POSITION: CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD START DATE: 09/12/2025 NO. HR/MO: 5 NO. HR/MO DURING SEC
TRADING: 5 DESCRIBE DUTIES: OVERSEE FUNDRAISING AND HELP MANAGE INVESTMENTS FOR OUR FAMILY
FOUNDATION



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
Criminal	1
Customer Dispute	5

Criminal

This disclosure event involves a criminal charge against the Investment Adviser Representative that has resulted in a dismissal, plea, acquittal or conviction. The criminal matter may relate to any felony or certain misdemeanor offenses (e.g., bribery, perjury, forgery, counterfeiting, extortion, fraud, wrongful taking of property).

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source:	Individual
Court Details:	POLICE DEPARTMENT, AVALON, NEW JERSEY. DOCKET/CASE NUMBER NOT AVAILABLE SINCE INCIDENT WAS IN 1974.
Charge Date:	03/07/1974
Charge Details:	POSSESSION STOLEN PROPERTY. MISDEMEANOR. GUILTY.
Felony?	No
Current Status:	Final
Status Date:	03/07/1974
Disposition Details:	CONVICTED, GUILTY. \$25 FINE & \$10 COURT COSTS PAID IN 1974.
Broker Statement	I TOOK A FISH SIGN OFF THE WALL AT A LOCAL BAR WHILE IN COLLEGE. WE WERE ON SPRING BREAK AT THE S. JERSEY SHORE. THE SIGN HAD NO VALUE BUT THE OWNER WAS MAD AND PRESSED CHARGES BECAUSE EVERYONE IN THE BAR WAS BEING ROWDY. I PAID A FINE OF 25.00. THIS WAS SOMETHING THAT I WASN'T AWARE WAS ON MY FBI RECORDS. SETTLED IN 1974 WHEN FINE PAID.



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 5

Reporting Source:	Individual
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	NEW ENGLAND SECURITIES
Allegations:	CUSTOMER ALLEGED THE REPRESENTATIVE MISREPRESENTED THE VARIABLE LIFE INSURANCE POLICY PURCHASED IN JUNE 2006. CUSTOMER HAS ALLEGED DAMAGES AS NOTED BELOW.
Product Type:	Insurance
Alleged Damages:	\$211,391.38
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:	03/28/2014
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Closed/No Action
Status Date:	04/10/2014
Settlement Amount:	
Individual Contribution Amount:	

Disclosure 2 of 5

Reporting Source:	Individual
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	NEW ENGLAND SECURITIES
Allegations:	CLIENT ALLEGES THAT MR. CLEARY CHURNED AND TWISTED INSURANCE POLICIES PURCHASED BETWEEN 1990 AND 2000.
Product Type:	Insurance
Alleged Damages:	\$5,001.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received:	04/02/2004
Complaint Pending?	No



Status: Denied
Status Date: 06/24/2004

Settlement Amount:
Individual Contribution Amount:

Disclosure 3 of 5

Reporting Source: Individual
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: NEW ENGLAND FINANCIAL

Allegations: CLIENT FEELS HE WAS BEING CHURNED BY MR. CLEARY REGARDING THE VARIABLE LIFE INSURANCE POLICY PURCHASED IN MAY 2001.

Product Type: Insurance
Alleged Damages: \$76,000.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 05/06/2005
Complaint Pending? No
Status: Denied
Status Date: 07/27/2005
Settlement Amount:
Individual Contribution Amount:

Disclosure 4 of 5

Reporting Source: Individual
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: METLIFE

Allegations: CLIENTS ALLEGE THAT REPRESENTATIVE'S ADVICE, MISREPRESENTATION AND FAILURE TO EXPLAIN THE RAMIFICATIONS OF THEIR VARIOUS SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING THE VARIABLE ANNUITIES PURCHASED IN 2000 OPERATED TO THE CLIENT'S DETRIMENT.

Product Type: Annuity(ies) - Variable
Alleged Damages: \$14,213.03

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 12/27/2004
Complaint Pending? No
Status: Denied
Status Date: 02/25/2005
Settlement Amount:
Individual Contribution



Amount:

Disclosure 5 of 5

Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: NEW ENGLAND SECURITIES

Allegations: CLIENT IS ALLEGING THAT THE 3 ANNUITIES HE PURCHASED WERE UNSUITABLE BASED ON HIS AGE AND INVESTMENT GOALS. HE ALSO ALLEGES THAT HE WAS NOT INFORMED OF THE SURRENDER CHARGE.

Product Type: Annuity(ies) - Variable

Alleged Damages: \$44,774.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 09/27/2004

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Denied

Status Date: 01/12/2005

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:



End of Report

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