



IAPD Report

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CRD# 1157162

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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

Christopher L. Williams (CRD# 1157162)

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 **01/02/2026**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
B	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	CRD# 7691	07/18/2023
IA	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	CRD# 7691	09/25/2023

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **6** SRO(s) and **5** 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
B	LEUMI INVESTMENT SERVICES INC.	105387	CHICAGO, IL	12/15/2017 - 10/18/2018
B	J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES LLC	79	NORTHBrook, IL	09/30/2014 - 08/23/2017
IA	OAK RIDGE INVESTMENTS, LLC	107066	CHICAGO, IL	07/27/2012 - 10/03/2014

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	1



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 5 jurisdiction(s) and 6 SRO(s) through his or her employer(s).

Employment 1 of 1

Firm Name: **MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED**
Main Address: ONE BRYANT PARK
NEW YORK, NY 10036
Firm ID#: 7691

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B	Cboe BYX Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	07/18/2023
B	Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	07/18/2023
B	Cboe Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	07/18/2023
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	07/18/2023
B	Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Representative	Approved	07/18/2023
B	New York Stock Exchange	General Securities Representative	Approved	07/18/2023
B	California	Agent	Approved	01/02/2026
B	Illinois	Agent	Approved	09/25/2023
IA	Illinois	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	09/25/2023
B	New Jersey	Agent	Approved	11/14/2023
B	Tennessee	Agent	Approved	11/01/2023
B	Utah	Agent	Approved	11/01/2023

Branch Office Locations



Qualifications

**MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH
INCORPORATED**
110 N WACKER DR
CHICAGO, IL 60606



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 1 principal/supervisory exam, 3 general industry/product exams, and 3 state securities law exams.

Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B General Securities Sales Supervisor Examination (Options Module & General Module) (S8)	Series 8	08/24/1987

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	10/01/2018
B National Commodity Futures Examination (S3)	Series 3	02/23/1987
B General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	07/16/1983

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
IA B Uniform Combined State Law Examination (S66)	Series 66	09/18/2023
IA Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (S65)	Series 65	06/05/1992
B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	08/04/1983



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
B	12/15/2017 - 10/18/2018	LEUMI INVESTMENT SERVICES INC.	CRD# 105387	CHICAGO, IL
B	09/30/2014 - 08/23/2017	J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES LLC	CRD# 79	NORTHBrook, IL
IA	07/27/2012 - 10/03/2014	OAK RIDGE INVESTMENTS, LLC	CRD# 107066	CHICAGO, IL
B	08/15/2013 - 09/30/2014	IMST DISTRIBUTORS, LLC	CRD# 130745	CHICAGO, IL
B	08/27/2012 - 05/09/2013	PIONEER FUNDS DISTRIBUTOR, INC.	CRD# 24497	CHICAGO, IL
B	06/28/2010 - 07/12/2012	BARCLAYS CAPITAL INC.	CRD# 19714	CHICAGO, IL
IA	06/28/2010 - 07/12/2012	BARCLAYS CAPITAL INC.	CRD# 19714	CHICAGO, IL
B	03/14/2007 - 07/16/2010	CREDIT SUISSE SECURITIES (USA) LLC	CRD# 816	NORTHBROOK, IL
IA	03/14/2007 - 07/16/2010	CREDIT SUISSE SECURITIES (USA) LLC	CRD# 816	NORTHBROOK, IL
B	08/28/2003 - 03/02/2007	BANC OF AMERICA INVESTMENT SERVICES, INC.	CRD# 16361	CHICAGO, IL
IA	08/28/2003 - 03/02/2007	BANC OF AMERICA INVESTMENT SERVICES, INC.	CRD# 16361	CHICAGO, IL
IA	07/06/2001 - 08/26/2003	MORGAN STANLEY	CRD# 7556	BURNSVILLE, MN
B	09/14/1999 - 08/26/2003	MORGAN STANLEY DW INC.	CRD# 7556	PURCHASE, NY
B	07/31/1993 - 10/04/1999	SALOMON SMITH BARNEY INC.	CRD# 7059	NEW YORK, NY
B	07/10/1986 - 07/31/1993	LEHMAN BROTHERS INC.	CRD# 7506	NEW YORK, NY
B	07/21/1983 - 06/19/1986	SMITH BARNEY, HARRIS UPHAM & CO., INCORPORATED	CRD# 7059	



Registration & Employment History



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
04/2023 - Present	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	Private Client Advisor II	Y	Chicago, IL, United States
11/2022 - 04/2023	Unemployed	Unemployed	N	Kenilworth, IL, United States
12/2018 - 10/2022	PNC Bank	SVP, Market Leader of private banking team in Chicago, IL which consisted of leading all efforts of the team's professionals including: investment advisors, relationship managers, fiduciary advisors, wealth strategists and staff. I also was charged with business development in Kansas, Minnesota,, Colorado, California, Oregon and Washington state over tenure. Unfortunately, about a month after I started, PNC informed me that they do not carry the licenses for their market leaders.	Y	Chicago, IL, United States
11/2017 - 10/2018	LEUMI INVESTMENT SERVICES INC	PRIVATE BANKING MANAGER	Y	CHICAGO, IL, United States
09/2014 - 08/2017	J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES LLC	MARKET MANAGER	Y	NORTHBROOK, IL, United States
09/2014 - 08/2017	JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA	MARKET MANAGER	Y	NORTHBROOK, IL, 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.

I*: 2060289



Registration & Employment History



OTHER BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

Entity Type: Governmental Organization

Name of OBA: Kenilworth Park District Board

Address: Kenilworth, Illinois

Investment Related: No

Position, Title, Association: Board Member

Employee Start Date: 02-Dec-2024

Number of Hours: 2 hrs mthly

Number of Hours during trading: 0

Duties: Commissioners oversee parklands throughout the Village of Kenilworth. Park District programming, the Village House, and the Kenilworth Club. Members work closely with the Kenilworth Council of Garden Clubs (Beautification). The board meets monthly on second Thursday in the evening. It is my understanding that the commissioners meet once each month and are involved in planning any changes in the use, aesthetics and programming for all 12 parks



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	1

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 1

Reporting Source:	Regulator
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	SALOMON SMITH BARNEY INC.
Allegations:	SUITABILITY; CHURNING; UNAUTHORIZED TRADING; ACCOUNT RELATED - FAILURE TO SUPERVISE
Product Type:	
Alleged Damages:	\$684,000.00

Arbitration Information

Arbitration/Reparation Claim filed with and Docket/Case No.:	UNKNOWN - CASE #96-02451
Date Notice/Process Served:	07/10/1996
Arbitration Pending?	No
Disposition:	Settled
Disposition Date:	06/09/1997
Disposition Detail:	AWARD AGAINST PARTY ACTUAL/COMPENSATORY DAMAGES, RELIEF REQUEST IS WITHDRAWN/SETTLED/ETC, AWARD AMOUNT JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY; INTEREST, RELIEF REQUEST IS WITHDRAWN/SETTLED/ETC, AWARD AMOUNT JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY; ACTUAL/COMPENSATORY DAMAGES, RELIEF REQUEST IS WITHDRAWN/SETTLED/ETC, AWARD AMOUNT JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY; OTHER COSTS, RELIEF REQUEST IS



WITHDRAWN/SETTLED/ETC, AWARD AMOUNT JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY;
ACTUAL/COMPENSATORY DAMAGES, RELIEF REQUEST IS
WITHDRAWN/SETTLED/ETC, AWARD AMOUNT JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY;
INTEREST, RELIEF REQUEST IS WITHDRAWN/SETTLED/ETC, AWARD
AMOUNT
JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY; PUNITIVE/EXEMPLARY DAMAGES, RELIEF
REQUEST IS WITHDRAWN/SETTLED/ETC, AWARD AMOUNT JOINTLY AND
SEVERALLY

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Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: SALOMON SMITH BARNEY INC.

Allegations: [CUSTOMER] ALLEGED THAT HIS ACCOUNTS WERE
MISHANDLED AND NOT PROPERLY SUPERVISED AND HE SOUGHT
DAMAGES OF
APPROXIMATELY \$540,000.00

Product Type: Options

Alleged Damages: \$684,000.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 06/11/1996

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Arbitration/Reparation

Status Date: 06/10/1997

Settlement Amount: \$85,000.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Arbitration Information

Arbitration/Reparation Claim filed with and Docket/Case No.: NATIONAL ASSOC. OF SECURITIES DEALERS; 96-02451

Date Notice/Process Served: 07/10/1996

Arbitration Pending? No

Disposition: Settled

Disposition Date: 06/09/1997

Monetary Compensation Amount: \$85,000.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Broker Statement CLAIMANT HAS DISMISSED ALL CLAIMS AGAINST ME AND
HAS DISMISSED ME FROM THE CASE.
I BELIEVE THAT I PROPERLY SUPERVISED THE ACCOUNTS
AND THE FINANCIAL CONSULTANT AT ISSUE IN THIS CASE AND THAT I
SHOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN NAMED AS A PARTY TO THIS CASE. THIS WAS
OBTAINING FINALLY RECOGNIZED BY CLAIMANT AS EVIDENCED BY HIS
DISMISSAL OF ALL CLAIMS AGAINST ME AND HIS DISMISSAL OF ME AS



A PARTY TO THIS CASE. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
CONTACT[BROKER DEALER CONTACT PERSON] AT (212) 816-7293



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