



IAPD Report

ROBERT DAVID TRAITZ

CRD# 1158088

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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

ROBERT DAVID TRAITZ (CRD# 1158088)

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 **10/10/2025**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
B	STIFEL, NICOLAUS & COMPANY, INCORPORATED	CRD# 793	07/31/2007
IA	STIFEL, NICOLAUS & COMPANY, INCORPORATED	CRD# 793	07/31/2007

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **11** SRO(s) and **10** 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	RYAN BECK & CO.	3248	FORT LEE, NJ	10/11/2005 - 07/31/2007
B	RYAN BECK & CO.	3248	FORT LEE, NJ	09/29/2005 - 07/31/2007
IA	MERRILL LYNCH PIERCE FENNER & SMITH INC.	7691	PARAMUS, NJ	05/28/1986 - 09/07/2005

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	4
Termination	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 **10** jurisdiction(s) and 11 SRO(s) through his or her employer(s).

Employment 1 of 1

Firm Name: **STIFEL, NICOLAUS & COMPANY, INCORPORATED**

Main Address: 501 N BROADWAY
ST LOUIS, MO 63102

Firm ID#: 793

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B	Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	10/10/2025
B	Cboe EDGA Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	10/10/2025
B	Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	10/10/2025
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	07/31/2007
B	Investors' Exchange LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	10/10/2025
B	NYSE American LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	07/31/2007
B	NYSE Texas, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	10/10/2025
B	Nasdaq ISE, LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	10/10/2025
B	Nasdaq PHLX LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	07/31/2007
B	Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Representative	Approved	07/31/2007
B	New York Stock Exchange	General Securities Representative	Approved	07/31/2007
B	California	Agent	Approved	03/09/2017
B	Connecticut	Agent	Approved	08/20/2021



Qualifications

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	07/31/2007
B	Georgia	Agent	Approved	02/01/2019
B	Maryland	Agent	Approved	07/31/2007
B	Massachusetts	Agent	Approved	09/16/2013
B	New Jersey	Agent	Approved	07/31/2007
IA	New Jersey	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	07/31/2007
B	New Mexico	Agent	Approved	04/23/2010
B	New York	Agent	Approved	07/31/2007
B	Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	07/31/2007

Branch Office Locations

STIFEL, NICOLAUS & COMPANY, INCORPORATED
433 HACKENSACK AVENUE
8TH FLOOR
HACKENSACK, NJ 07601

STIFEL, NICOLAUS & COMPANY, INCORPORATED
Wyckoff, NJ



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 Futures Managed Funds Examination (S31)	Series 31	08/30/1999
B General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	07/16/1983

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
IA Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (S65)	Series 65	10/24/1994
B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	08/17/1983



PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS

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

Certified Financial Planner

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	10/11/2005 - 07/31/2007	RYAN BECK & CO.	CRD# 3248	FORT LEE, NJ
B	09/29/2005 - 07/31/2007	RYAN BECK & CO.	CRD# 3248	FORT LEE, NJ
IA	05/28/1986 - 09/07/2005	MERRILL LYNCH PIERCE FENNER & SMITH INC.	CRD# 7691	PARAMUS, NJ
B	07/20/1983 - 09/07/2005	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	CRD# 7691	NEW YORK, NY

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
07/2007 - Present	STIFEL, NICOLAUS & COMPANY, INCORPORATED	FINANCIAL ADVISOR	Y	FORT LEE, NJ, 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. Traitz LLC; 331 Blue Hill Terrace Wyckoff NJ 07481 and 578 Stony Creek Rd., Hadley, NY 12538; Farmland acreage / rental property / Tutoring; 08/01/2005; 5 hours per day; not during securities trading hours; Investment related.



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	4
Termination	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 4

Reporting Source:	Firm
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH, INC
Allegations:	IN ORAL COMPLAINT ALLEGED UNSUITABILITY OF MUTUAL FUND SHARE CLASSIFICATION.
Product Type:	Mutual Fund(s)
Alleged Damages:	\$50,000.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received:	07/06/2006
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Settled
Status Date:	01/23/2007
Settlement Amount:	\$50,000.00
Individual Contribution Amount:	\$0.00
Firm Statement	THIS ORAL COMPLAINT WAS SETTLED TO AVOID THE COST AND TIME OF AN ARBITRATION PROCEEDING.

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

Allegations: ACCORDING TO MERRILL LYNCH, CLIENT COMPLAINED ORALLY REGARDING BREAK POINTS IN CONNECTION WITH MUTUAL FUND PURCHASES.

Product Type: Mutual Fund(s)

Alleged Damages: \$50,000.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 03/15/2007

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 01/23/2007

Settlement Amount: \$50,000.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Broker Statement MERRILL LYNCH RECEIVED ORAL COMPLAINT FROM CLIENT, PROVIDED NO NOTICE TO BROKER AND UNILATERALLY SETTLED CLAIM. MERRILL REFUSED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO BROKER ABOUT MERITS OF THIS COMPLAINT.

Disclosure 2 of 4

Reporting Source: Firm

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED

Allegations: CUSTOMER ALLEGES THAT A RECOMMENDATION WAS INAPPROPRIATE GIVEN THE CUSTOMER'S CRITERIA AND THAT THE FA PURCHASED SHARES WITHOUT A SPECIFIC DIRECTIVE TO DO SO. NO SPECIFIC DAMAGES AMOUNT IS ALLEGED.

Product Type: Mutual Fund(s)

Alleged Damages: \$0.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 07/07/2005

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 08/08/2005

Settlement Amount: \$54,207.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Firm Statement THE CUSTOMER ALLEGED APPROXIMATELY FOUR MONTHS AFTER THE INITIAL PURCHASE THAT THE SHARES WERE PURCHASED WITHOUT A SPECIFIC DIRECTIVE TO DO SO, AMONG OTHER THINGS. MR. TRAITZ DENIES THE ALLEGATIONS.



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Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED

Allegations: CUSTOMER ALLEGES THAT A RECOMMENDATION WAS INAPPROPRIATE GIVEN THE CUSTOMER'S CRITERIA AND THAT THE FA PURCHASED SHARES WITHOUT A SPECIFIC DIRECTIVE TO DO SO. NO SPECIFIC DAMAGES AMOUNT IS ALLEGED.

Product Type: Mutual Fund(s)

Alleged Damages: \$0.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 07/07/2005

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 08/08/2005

Settlement Amount: \$54,207.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Broker Statement

THE CUSTOMER ALLEGED APPROXIMATELY FOUR MONTHS AFTER THE INITIAL PURCHASE THAT THE SHARES WERE PURCHASED WITHOUT A SPECIFIC DIRECTIVE TO DO SO, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

MR. TRAITZ DENIES THE ALLEGATIONS. HE HAS STATED THAT ALL OF THE PURCHASES WERE AUTHORIZED. THE PURCHASES WERE LIMITED TO FDIC INSURED CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT, AND A U.S. TREASURY SECURITIES FUND. SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS WERE GIVEN BY THE CUSTOMER TO MAINTAIN A "LADDERED" CD STRATEGY AND TO CONTINUE TO ROLL MATURING CDS TO A NEW 1-YEAR MATURITY. ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS WERE GIVEN IN APRIL OF 2005 TO ADD A 15% INGREDIENT OF THE U.S. TREASURY FUND TO THE ACCOUNTS USING THE PROCEEDS FROM MATURING CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT.

Disclosure 3 of 4

Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: MERRILL LYNCH

Allegations: CUSTOMER ALLEGES THAT HER FINANCIAL CONSULTANT MADE A PURCHASE WITHOUT HER KNOWLEDGE. CUSTOMER FURTHER ALLEGES THAT SHE SHOULD HAVE BEEN PLACED IN CONSERVATIVE INVESTMENTS RATHER THAN SPECULATIVE INVESTMENTS.

Product Type: Mutual Fund(s)

Other Product Type(s): EQUITIES-LISTED

Alleged Damages: \$12,165.00



Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 08/28/2000

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Arbitration/Reparation

Status Date: 08/28/2000

Settlement Amount: \$0.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Arbitration Information

Arbitration/Reparation Claim filed with and Docket/Case No.: [CUSTOMER] V. MERRILL LYNCH AND ROBERT TRAITZ
NYSE DOCKET NO. 2000-008638

Date Notice/Process Served: 08/28/2000

Arbitration Pending? No

Disposition: Settled

Disposition Date: 10/03/2000

Monetary Compensation Amount: \$12,165.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Broker Statement

MERRILL LYNCH SETTLED THIS MATTER TO AVOID THE COSTS AND UNCERTAINTIES OF LITIGATION. MR. TRAITZ DISCUSSED ALL PURCHASES IN DETAIL WITH [CUSTOMER] AND RECEIVED HER AUTHORIZATION BEFORE ENTERING THE TRADES. [CUSTOMER] EXPRESSED A NEED TO INCREASE HER INCOME. PURSUANT TO HER REQUEST, MR. TRAITZ PROVIDED HER WITH HIGHER YIELDING INVESTMENT IDEAS WHILE INFORMING HER OF THE HIGHER DEGREE OF RISK. [CUSTOMER] ACCEPTED THESE RISKS.

THE CONSULTANT STATES THAT THE COMPLAINT WAS RETRACTED. [CUSTOMER] ISSUED A SWORN AFFIDAVIT DATED DECEMBER 2, 2002, DENYING ALL ALLEGATIONS. SHE STATED THAT SHE DID NOT WRITE THE LETTER OF COMPLAINT, AND THAT THE LETTER WAS WRITTEN BY A BROKER WHO PROMISED TO RECOVER PREVIOUS STOCK LOSSES, AS HE ATTEMPTED TO WIN HER ACCOUNT. [CUSTOMER'S] SWORN AFFIDAVIT IS ON FILE WITH THE NASD.

Disclosure 4 of 4

Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: MERRILL LYNCH

Allegations: UNSUITABLE INVESTMENTS, AND FAILURE TO FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS.
10/98-7/99

Product Type: Equity-OTC

Alleged Damages: \$0.00



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: 08/05/1999

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Closed/No Action

Status Date: 02/07/2023

Settlement Amount:

**Individual Contribution
Amount:**

Broker Statement

This customer complaint has been listed as pending for several years and no notification has been received from prior firm indicating any action for this matter. Updating to no action.



Termination

This disclosure event involves a situation where the Investment Adviser Representative voluntarily resigned, was discharged or was permitted to resign after allegations were made that accused the Investment Adviser Representative of violating investment-related statutes, regulations, rules or industry standards of conduct; fraud or the wrongful taking of property; or failure to supervise in connection with investment-related statutes, regulations, rules or industry standards of conduct.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source: Firm
Firm Name: MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH, INC.
Termination Type: Discharged
Termination Date: 08/08/2005

Allegations: MR. TRAITZ'S EMPLOYMENT WAS TERMINATED ON AUGUST 8, 2005, AFTER THE FIRM CONCLUDED THAT HE HAD VIOLATED FIRM POLICY REGARDING (1) TIME AND PRICE DESCRETION AND (2) SUITABILITY. IN THE ACCOUNTS OF ONE MUNICIPAL CLIENT. MR. TRAITZ DISAGREES WITH THE FIRM'S DETERMINATION. THE TRADES IN QUESTION INVOLVED AAA-RATED SECURITIES.

Product Type: Other

Other Product Types:

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Reporting Source: Individual
Firm Name: MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH, INC.
Termination Type: Discharged
Termination Date: 08/08/2005

Allegations: MR. TRAITZ'S EMPLOYMENT WAS TERMINATED ON AUGUST 8, 2005, AFTER THE FIRM CONCLUDED THAT HE HAD VIOLATED FIRM POLICY REGARDING (1) TIME AND PRICE DESCRETION AND (2) SUITABILITY. IN THE ACCOUNTS OF ONE MUNICIPAL CLIENT. MR. TRAITZ DISAGREES WITH THE FIRM'S DETERMINATION. THE TRADES IN QUESTION INVOLVED AAA-RATED SECURITIES.

Product Type: Other

Other Product Types:

Broker Statement FA STATES THAT REGARDING (1) TIME AND PRICE DESCRETION: SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS WERE GIVEN BY THE CUSTOMER TO MAINTAIN A "LATTERED" CD STRATEGY AND TO CONTINUE TO ROLL MATURING CDS TO A NEW 1 YEAR MATURITY. ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS WERE GIVEN IN APRIL OF 2005 TO ADD A 15% INGREDIANT OF THE U.S. TREASURY FUND TO THE ACCOUNTS USING THE PROCEEDS FROM MATURING CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT. REGARDING (2) SUITABILITY: ALL OF THE PURCHASES WERE LIMITED TO FDIC INSURED CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT, AND A U.S. TREASURY SECURITIES FUND.



End of Report

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