



IAPD Report

STEVEN ESPOSITO

CRD# 1202541

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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

STEVEN ESPOSITO (CRD# 1202541)

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 **01/20/2026**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
IA	WELLS FARGO ADVISORS	CRD# 11025	10/31/2022
B	WELLS FARGO ADVISORS FINANCIAL NETWORK, LLC	CRD# 11025	10/31/2022

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **1** SRO(s) and **35** 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	MORGAN STANLEY	149777	Lake Forest, IL	06/01/2009 - 11/14/2022
IA	MORGAN STANLEY	149777	Lake Forest, IL	06/01/2009 - 11/14/2022
B	MORGAN STANLEY & CO. INCORPORATED	8209	RIVERWOODS, IL	04/25/2008 - 06/01/2009

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

Employment 1 of 1

Firm Name: **WELLS FARGO ADVISORS**
Main Address: ONE NORTH JEFFERSON AVENUE
MAIL CODE: H0004-05E
ST. LOUIS, MO 63103-2205
Firm ID#: 11025

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	10/31/2022
B	Alabama	Agent	Approved	01/23/2025
B	Arizona	Agent	Approved	10/31/2022
B	Arkansas	Agent	Approved	08/07/2024
B	California	Agent	Approved	10/31/2022
B	Colorado	Agent	Approved	11/07/2022
B	Connecticut	Agent	Approved	12/05/2025
B	District of Columbia	Agent	Approved	10/31/2022
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	10/31/2022
B	Georgia	Agent	Approved	10/31/2022
B	Illinois	Agent	Approved	11/02/2022
IA	Illinois	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	11/04/2022
B	Indiana	Agent	Approved	11/15/2022



Qualifications

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B Iowa	Agent	Approved	10/31/2022
B Kentucky	Agent	Approved	12/05/2025
B Louisiana	Agent	Approved	10/31/2022
B Maryland	Agent	Approved	10/31/2022
B Massachusetts	Agent	Approved	12/05/2025
B Michigan	Agent	Approved	10/31/2022
B Minnesota	Agent	Approved	11/15/2022
B Missouri	Agent	Approved	10/31/2022
B Montana	Agent	Approved	09/16/2025
B Nevada	Agent	Approved	10/31/2022
B New Jersey	Agent	Approved	12/05/2025
B New York	Agent	Approved	10/31/2022
B North Carolina	Agent	Approved	10/31/2022
B North Dakota	Agent	Approved	10/31/2022
B Ohio	Agent	Approved	10/31/2022
B Oklahoma	Agent	Approved	10/31/2022
B Oregon	Agent	Approved	09/05/2024
B Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	10/31/2022
B South Carolina	Agent	Approved	11/07/2022



Qualifications

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B Tennessee	Agent	Approved	10/31/2022
B Texas	Agent	Approved	10/31/2022
IA Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Restricted Approval	10/31/2022
B Virginia	Agent	Approved	11/07/2022
B Washington	Agent	Approved	08/12/2025
B Wisconsin	Agent	Approved	10/31/2022

Branch Office Locations

WELLS FARGO ADVISORS
100 N. FIELD DRIVE
SUITE 120
LAKE FOREST, IL 60045



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
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 General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	10/15/1983
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State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
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 Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (S65)	Series 65	01/20/1997
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 Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	12/09/1983
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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
B	06/01/2009 - 11/14/2022	MORGAN STANLEY	CRD# 149777	Lake Forest, IL
IA	06/01/2009 - 11/14/2022	MORGAN STANLEY	CRD# 149777	Lake Forest, IL
B	04/25/2008 - 06/01/2009	MORGAN STANLEY & CO. INCORPORATED	CRD# 8209	RIVERWOODS, IL
IA	04/25/2008 - 06/01/2009	MORGAN STANLEY & CO. INCORPORATED	CRD# 8209	RIVERWOODS, IL
IA	12/04/2000 - 05/05/2008	CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.	CRD# 7059	DEERFIELD, IL
B	11/17/2000 - 05/05/2008	CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.	CRD# 7059	DEERFIELD, IL
B	01/25/1988 - 11/29/2000	PRUDENTIAL SECURITIES INCORPORATED	CRD# 7471	NEW YORK, NY
B	07/31/1985 - 02/08/1988	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	CRD# 7691	
B	10/20/1983 - 08/02/1985	PAINWEBBER INCORPORATED	CRD# 8174	

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
10/2022 - Present	WELLS FARGO ADVISORS FINANCIAL NETWORK, LLC	REGISTERED REP	Y	LAKE FOREST, IL, United States
06/2009 - 10/2022	MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY LLC	FINANCIAL ADVISOR	Y	LAKE FOREST, 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.

RENTAL PROPERTY, INVT RELATED, GRAYS LAKE, IL, 100% OWNERSHIP, START DATE 6/1/2014, 0 HRS PER MONTH, 0 HRS DURING TRADING, OWNER.

YELLOWSTONE ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC, INVT RELATED, LAKE FOREST, IL, 100% OWNERSHIP, START DATE 1/17/2023, 180 HRS PER MONTH AND DURING TRADING, FINET PRACTICE.



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: PRUDENTIAL SECURITIES, INC.

Allegations: VIA AN ATTORNEY, CUSTOMER ASSERTS THAT THE FINANCIAL ADVISOR "MADE WHOLLY UNSUITABLE INVESTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS AND FAILED TO DISCLOSE THE RISKS" ASSOCIATED WITH THE PURCHASE OF WORLDCOM SHARES. PURCHASE WAS MADE ON OR ABOUT 5/23/00.

Product Type: Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)

Alleged Damages: \$8,062.50

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 10/18/2004

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Arbitration/Reparation

Status Date: 11/23/2004

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:

Arbitration Information

Arbitration/Reparation Claim filed with and Docket/Case No.: NASD CASE NO. 04-07889



Date Notice/Process Served: 11/23/2004

Arbitration Pending? No

Disposition: Settled

Disposition Date: 05/10/2005

Monetary Compensation Amount: \$3,000.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

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Reporting Source: Individual

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

Allegations: VIA AN ATTORNEY CUSTOMER ASSERTS THAT THE FINANCIAL ADVISOR "MADE WHOLLY UNSUITABLE INVESTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS AND FAILED TO DISCLOSE THE RISKS" ASSOCIATED WITH THE PURCHASE OF WORLD COM SHARES. PURCHASE WAS MADE ON OR ABOUT 5/23/00.

Product Type: Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)

Alleged Damages: \$8,062.50

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 10/18/2004

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Arbitration/Reparation

Status Date: 11/23/2004

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:

Arbitration Information

Arbitration/Reparation Claim filed with and Docket/Case No.: NASD CASE NO. 04-07889

Date Notice/Process Served: 11/23/2004

Arbitration Pending? No

Disposition: Settled

Disposition Date: 05/10/2005

Monetary Compensation Amount: \$3,000.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Disclosure 2 of 2

Reporting Source: Regulator



Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: PRUDENTIAL SECURITIES, INC.

Allegations: BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY

Product Type: Other

Other Product Type(s): STOCKS

Alleged Damages: \$13,000,000.00

Arbitration Information

Arbitration/Reparation Claim filed with and Docket/Case No.: NASD - CASE #01-02569

Date Notice/Process Served: 05/11/2001

Arbitration Pending? No

Disposition: Award

Disposition Date: 07/29/2002

Disposition Detail: RESPONDENTS ARE LIABLE, JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY, AND SHALL PAY TO CLAIMANT COMPENSATORY DAMAGES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$66,000 PLUS INTEREST.

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Reporting Source: Firm

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: PSI

Allegations: CUSTOMER CLAIMS NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY AND VIOLATION OF STATE LAW IN CONNECTION WITH ALLEGED ADVICE RELATING TO THE SALE OF STOCK RECEIVED THROUGH THE CUSTOMER'S EXERCISE OF EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTIONS IN A COMPANY OF WHICH HE WAS A FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR.

Product Type: Other

Other Product Type(s): EQUITIES

Alleged Damages: \$13,000,000.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 06/05/2001

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Arbitration/Reparation

Status Date: 06/05/2001

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:

Arbitration Information

Arbitration/Reparation Claim filed with and Docket/Case No.: NASD CASE # 01-02569



Date Notice/Process Served: 06/05/2001
Arbitration Pending? No
Disposition: Award to Customer
Disposition Date: 07/29/2002
Monetary Compensation Amount: \$49,620.00
Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Firm Statement

THE ONLY TRANSACTIONS IN THE CUSTOMER'S ACCOUNT WERE THE UNSOLICITED EXERCISE OF EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTIONS AND THE SUBSEQUENT SALE OF THAT STOCK IN THE FACE OF MARGIN CALLS. THE ARBITRATION PANEL APPARENTLY REJECTED CLAIMANT'S PRINCIPAL THEORY OF LIABILITY AND, IN EFFECT, RETURNED THE COMMISSIONS CHARGED BY PSI TO THE CUSTOMER ON THE MARGIN LIQUIDATIONS (\$66,000). THE AWARD ALSO HELD THE CUSTOMER RESPONSIBLE TO PSI FOR THE DEBIT BALANCE IN HIS ACCOUNT(\$16,380.), THERBY ALLOWING PSI TO KEEP MARGIN INTEREST EARNED IN EXCESS OF \$100,000.

Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: PSI

Allegations: CUSTOMER CLAIMS NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OF FIDUCAIARY DUTY AND VIOLATION OF STATE LAW IN CONNECTION WITH ALLEGED ADVICE RELATING TO THE SALE OF STOCK RECEIVED THROUGH THE CUSTOMER'S EXERCISE OF EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTIONS IN A COMPANY OF WHICH HE WAS A FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR.

Product Type: Other

Other Product Type(s): EQUITIES

Alleged Damages: \$13,000,000.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 06/05/2001

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Arbitration/Reparation

Status Date: 06/05/2001

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:

Arbitration Information

Arbitration/Reparation Claim filed with and Docket/Case No.: NASD CASE # 01-02569

Date Notice/Process Served: 06/05/2001

Arbitration Pending? No



Disposition: Award to Customer

Disposition Date: 07/29/2002

Monetary Compensation Amount: \$66,000.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Broker Statement THE ONLY TRANSACTIONS IN THE CUSTOMER'S ACCOUNT WERE THE UNSOLICITED EXERCISE OF EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTIONS AND THE SUBSEQUENT SALE OF THAT STOCK IN THE FACE OF MARGIN CALLS. THE ARBITRATION PANEL APPARENTLY REJECTED CLAIMANT'S PRINCIPAL THEORY OF LIABILITY AND, IN EFFECT, RETURNED THE COMMISSIONS CHARGED BY PSI TO THE CUSTOMER ON THE MARGIN LIQUIDATIONS (\$66,000). THE AWARD ALSO HELD THE CUSTOMER RESPONSIBLE TO PSI FOR THE DEBIT BALANCE IN HIS ACCOUNT(\$16,380.), THERBY ALLOWING PSI TO KEEP MARGIN INTEREST EARNED IN EXCESS OF \$100,000.



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