



IAPD Report

KELLY S LAWSON

CRD# 1222498

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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

KELLY S LAWSON (CRD# 1222498)

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 **12/19/2024**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
IA	THE PUTNEY FINANCIAL GROUP LLC	CRD# 111639	08/22/2018
B	ARETE WEALTH MANAGEMENT, LLC	CRD# 44856	12/10/2024

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **1** SRO(s) and **1** 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	PORTSMOUTH FINANCIAL SERVICES	13980	SAN RAFAEL, CA	09/11/2018 - 12/31/2024
IA	PORTSMOUTH FINANCIAL SERVICES	13980	SAN RAFAEL, CA	08/16/2018 - 06/24/2019
IA	PRESIDIO CAPITAL ADVISORS LLC	108531	SAN FRANCISCO, CA	10/28/2008 - 10/03/2016

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

Employment 1 of 2

Firm Name: **ARETE WEALTH MANAGEMENT, LLC**

Main Address: 1115 W FULTON MARKET
3RD FLOOR
CHICAGO, IL 60607

Firm ID#: 44856

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
 FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	12/10/2024
 California	Agent	Approved	12/10/2024

Branch Office Locations

100 Smith Ranch Road
Suite 110
San Rafael, CA 94903

Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: **THE PUTNEY FINANCIAL GROUP LLC**

Main Address: 100 SMITH RANCH ROAD
SUITE 110
SAN RAFAEL, CA 94903

Firm ID#: 111639

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
 California	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	08/22/2018

Branch Office Locations

THE PUTNEY FINANCIAL GROUP LLC
100 SMITH RANCH ROAD
SUITE 110
SAN RAFAEL, CA 94903



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
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	12/17/1983

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
IA B Uniform Combined State Law Examination (S66)	Series 66	08/15/2002
B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	10/26/1995

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	09/11/2018 - 12/31/2024	PORSCMOUTH FINANCIAL SERVICES	CRD# 13980	SAN RAFAEL, CA
IA	08/16/2018 - 06/24/2019	PORSCMOUTH FINANCIAL SERVICES	CRD# 13980	SAN RAFAEL, CA
IA	10/28/2008 - 10/03/2016	PRESIDIO CAPITAL ADVISORS LLC	CRD# 108531	SAN FRANCISCO, CA
B	03/02/2011 - 12/17/2012	PRESIDIO MERCHANT PARTNERS LLC	CRD# 46473	SAN FRANCISCO, CA
B	05/04/2004 - 09/03/2010	PRESIDIO CAPITAL ADVISORS, LLC	CRD# 116284	SAN FRANCISCO, CA
IA	05/04/2004 - 10/22/2008	PRESIDIO CAPITAL ADVISORS, LLC	CRD# 116284	SAN FRANCISCO, CA
B	08/18/2003 - 05/05/2004	BANC OF AMERICA INVESTMENT SERVICES, INC.	CRD# 16361	BOSTON, MA
IA	08/18/2003 - 05/05/2004	BANC OF AMERICA INVESTMENT SERVICES, INC.	CRD# 16361	SAN FRANCISCO, CA
IA	08/16/2002 - 08/20/2003	BANC OF AMERICA SECURITIES LLC	CRD# 26091	SAN FRANCISCO, CA
B	10/01/1997 - 08/20/2003	BANC OF AMERICA SECURITIES LLC	CRD# 26091	NEW YORK, NY
B	11/03/1992 - 10/01/1997	MONTGOMERY SECURITIES	CRD# 4357	SAN FRANCISCO, CA
B	05/09/1984 - 11/04/1992	MORGAN STANLEY & CO., INCORPORATED	CRD# 8209	NEW YORK, NY
B	12/21/1983 - 03/07/1984	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	CRD# 7691	

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
12/2024 - Present	Arete Wealth Management	Registered Representative	Y	Chicago, IL, United States



Registration & Employment History

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Employment Dates	Employer Name	Position	Investment Related	Employer Location
08/2018 - Present	Portsmouth Financial Services Inc.	Registered Representative.	Y	San Francisco, CA, United States
08/2018 - Present	Putney Financial Group	Registered Investment Advisor	Y	San Rafael, CA, United States
09/2016 - 08/2018	self employed - Philanthropic and ministry work	self directed employment	N	Forest Knolls, CA, United States
02/2011 - 09/2016	PRESIDIO MERCHANT PARTNERS LLC	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	SAN FRANCISCO, CA, United States
09/2008 - 09/2016	PRESIDIO WEALTH MANAGEMENT	INVESTMENT ADVISOR REPRESENTATIVE	Y	SAN FRANCISCO, CA, 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.

IA with Putney Financial Group. Full time. San Geronimo Community Church (non-profit organization). spgchurch.org, 415-488-1757. Position: Treasurer 3 hours per week. No Compensation.

Portsmouth Financial Services dba.



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:	Individual
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	PORTSMOUTH FINANCIAL SERVICES
Allegations:	The Statement of Claim names Portsmouth Financial as the respondent. Rep is named as account executive responsible for handling the transactions. Claims against the firm (Respondent) include Violation of FINRA Rules of Fair Practice, Unsuitable recommendations, and Supervision and Disclosure failures.

Product Type:	Other: GWG L Bonds
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Alleged Damages:	\$100,001.00
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Is this an oral complaint?	No
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Is this a written complaint?	No
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Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?	Yes
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Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:	FINRA Arbitration
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Docket/Case #:	23-02131
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Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation:	08/11/2023
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Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received:	08/23/2023
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Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Settled
Status Date:	04/16/2024
Settlement Amount:	\$44,453.10
Individual Contribution Amount:	\$0.00
Broker Statement	This complaint was resolved by settlement between the Claimant(s) and the named Respondent, Portsmouth Financial Services, Inc. The Rep was not named as a Respondent in the statement of claim, was not the broker of record on the complaining customer's account and was not required to contribute to the settlement. The Rep continues to deny and refute all allegations of claims in their entirety.

Disclosure 2 of 2

Reporting Source:	Individual
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	PORTSMOUTH FINANCIAL SERVICES
Allegations:	Customer complains recommendation to purchase GWG L Bond in amount of \$25,000 was unsuitable. GWG filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy petition on April 20, 2022. Allegations include violations of FINRA rules regarding supervision and suitability.
Product Type:	Other: GWG L Bonds
Alleged Damages:	\$25,000.00
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:	05/25/2023
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Settled
Status Date:	08/05/2023
Settlement Amount:	\$14,999.00
Individual Contribution Amount:	\$0.00
Broker Statement	This complaint was resolved with Portsmouth Financial in the amount of \$14,999. The Rep was not the broker of record on the complaining customer's account and was not required to contribute to the settlement. This was not a FINRA reported arbitration event and the Rep continues to deny and refute the allegations of claims in their entirety.



End of Report

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