



IAPD Report

JAMES MICHAEL EARL

CRD# 1234987

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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 MICHAEL EARL (CRD# 1234987)

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 **08/19/2025**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
B	RBC CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC	CRD# 31194	10/09/2009
IA	RBC CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC	CRD# 31194	10/09/2009

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **22** SRO(s) and **26** 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	J. B. HANAUER & CO.	6958	PLANTATION, FL	06/11/2003 - 10/09/2009
B	J. B. HANAUER & CO.	6958	PLANTATION, FL	10/02/1989 - 10/09/2009
B	J F LOWE & COMPANY INCORPORATED	11830	PLANTATION, FL	12/12/1988 - 10/02/1989

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
Regulatory Event	1
Customer Dispute	3



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 **26** jurisdiction(s) and 22 SRO(s) through his or her employer(s).

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Firm Name: **RBC CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC**

Main Address: 200 VESEY ST.
NEW YORK, NY 10281

Firm ID#: 31194

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B	BOX Exchange LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	05/11/2012
B	Cboe BYX Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/18/2020
B	Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/18/2020
B	Cboe C2 Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/18/2020
B	Cboe EDGA Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/18/2020
B	Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/18/2020
B	Cboe Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	10/10/2009
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	10/09/2009
B	Investors' Exchange LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/18/2020
B	Long-Term Stock Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/01/2020
B	MEMX LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/01/2020
B	MIAX PEARL, LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/01/2020
B	NYSE American LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	10/10/2009



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	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B	NYSE Arca, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	10/10/2009
B	NYSE National, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/18/2020
B	NYSE Texas, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/18/2020
B	Nasdaq GEMX, LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/18/2020
B	Nasdaq ISE, LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	10/10/2009
B	Nasdaq PHLX LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	10/10/2009
B	Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Representative	Approved	10/10/2009
B	Nasdaq Texas, LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	10/10/2009
B	New York Stock Exchange	General Securities Representative	Approved	10/10/2009
B	Arizona	Agent	Approved	10/09/2009
B	California	Agent	Approved	10/09/2009
B	Colorado	Agent	Approved	10/09/2009
B	Connecticut	Agent	Approved	02/03/2017
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	10/09/2009
IA	Florida	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	10/09/2009
B	Georgia	Agent	Approved	10/09/2009
B	Illinois	Agent	Approved	10/09/2009
B	Indiana	Agent	Approved	10/09/2009
B	Maryland	Agent	Approved	10/09/2009



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	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B	Massachusetts	Agent	Approved	10/09/2009
B	Michigan	Agent	Approved	08/19/2013
B	Missouri	Agent	Approved	10/09/2009
B	Montana	Agent	Approved	10/09/2009
B	New Hampshire	Agent	Approved	10/18/2018
B	New Jersey	Agent	Approved	10/09/2009
B	New York	Agent	Approved	10/09/2009
B	North Carolina	Agent	Approved	12/12/2013
B	Ohio	Agent	Approved	10/09/2009
B	Oregon	Agent	Approved	10/09/2009
B	Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	10/09/2009
B	Rhode Island	Agent	Approved	10/09/2009
B	South Carolina	Agent	Approved	05/05/2022
B	Texas	Agent	Approved	10/09/2009
IA	Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Restricted Approval	02/05/2015
B	Virginia	Agent	Approved	10/09/2009
B	West Virginia	Agent	Approved	05/27/2010
B	Wisconsin	Agent	Approved	10/09/2009



Qualifications

Branch Office Locations

RBC CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC
500 EAST BROWARD BLVD
SUITE 2200
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33394-3000

RBC CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC
WESTON, FL



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
B Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	10/01/2018
B General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	03/17/1984

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
IA Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (S65)	Series 65	07/15/2002
B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	03/11/1985



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	06/11/2003 - 10/09/2009	J. B. HANAUER & CO.	CRD# 6958	PLANTATION, FL
B	10/02/1989 - 10/09/2009	J. B. HANAUER & CO.	CRD# 6958	PLANTATION, FL
B	12/12/1988 - 10/02/1989	J F LOWE & COMPANY INCORPORATED	CRD# 11830	
B	01/11/1988 - 12/13/1988	GREENTREE SECURITIES CORP.	CRD# 7372	
B	09/26/1986 - 02/03/1988	BROOKS WEINGER ROBBINS & LEEDS INC.	CRD# 14156	
B	03/28/1985 - 09/16/1986	NORBAY SECURITIES INC.	CRD# 5431	
B	04/03/1984 - 03/18/1985	THE STUART-JAMES COMPANY, INC.	CRD# 11691	

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
10/2009 - Present	RBC CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC	Registered Representative	Y	PLANTATION, FL, United States
03/2017 - 01/2025	City National Bank	Employee of an affiliate	Y	Fort Lauderdale, FL, 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.

No information reported.



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
Regulatory Event	1
Customer Dispute	3

Regulatory Event

This disclosure event may include a final, formal proceeding initiated by a regulatory authority (e.g., a state securities agency, a federal regulator such as the Securities and Exchange Commission or the Commodities Futures Trading Commission, or a foreign financial regulatory body) for a violation of investment-related rules or regulations. This disclosure event may also include a revocation or suspension of an Investment Adviser Representative's authority to act as an attorney, accountant or federal contractor.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source: Regulator

Regulatory Action Initiated By: FLORIDA

Sanction(s) Sought:

Other Sanction(s) Sought:

Date Initiated: 08/13/1986

Docket/Case Number: 580-S-5/86

Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action: BROOKS, WEINGER, ROBBINS & LEEDS, INC.

Product Type: Other

Other Product Type(s): UNREGISTERED SECURITIES

Allegations: ENGAGED IN THE SALE OF UNREGISTERED SECURITIES

Current Status: Final

Resolution: Stipulation and Consent

Resolution Date: 01/22/1987

Sanctions Ordered:

Other Sanctions Ordered: REGISTRATION OF SUBJECT TO CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS

Sanction Details: ON JANUARY 22, 1987, FLORIDA ENTERED A STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER WHICH GRANTED REGISTRATION OF JAMES MICHAEL EARL AS AN ASSOCIATED PERSON SUBJECT TO CERTAIN



RESTRICTIONS. THE ORDER RESOLVES A PROCEEDING WHICH WAS INITIATED THROUGH A VERIFIED COMPLAINT FOR TEMPORARY INJUNCTION WHICH WAS FILED BY FLORIDA ON AUGUST 13, 1986, ALLEGING EARL ENGAGED IN THE SALE OF UNREGISTERED SECURITIES.

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Reporting Source:	Individual
Regulatory Action Initiated By:	STATE OF FLORIDA DEPT OF BANKING & FINANCE DIVISION
Sanction(s) Sought:	Injunction
Other Sanction(s) Sought:	
Date Initiated:	08/13/1986
Docket/Case Number:	580-S-5/86
Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:	NORBAY SECURITIES CORPORATION
Product Type:	Equity - OTC
Other Product Type(s):	
Allegations:	ALLEGED VIOLATION OF FLORIDA SECURITIES AND INVESTOR PROTECTION ACT CHAPTER 517, FLORIDA STATUTES.
Current Status:	Final
Resolution:	Stipulation and Consent
Resolution Date:	01/22/1987
Sanctions Ordered:	Cease and Desist/Injunction
Other Sanctions Ordered:	
Sanction Details:	A TEMPORARY INJUNCTION WAS FILED WHICH WAS SUBSEQUENTLY DROPPED WHEN FLORIDA GRANTED MY REGISTRATION WITH BROOKS, WEINGER, ROBBINS & LEEDS SUBJECT TO CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS.
Broker Statement	I SOLD A STOCK THAT WAS NOT BLUE SKYED IN FLORIDA BASED ON MISINFORMATION FROM MY EMPLOYING FIRM AT THAT TIME.



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 3

Reporting Source:	Regulator
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	RBC Capital Markets LLC
Allegations:	James Earl was a subject of the customer's complaint against his member firm that asserted the following causes of action: unsuitability; breach of duty of fair dealing; breach of duty to observe high standards of commercial honor; failure to supervise; violation of the Florida Securities and Investor Protection Act; and violation of Blue Sky Laws.
Product Type:	Debt-Government Other: Senior Notes
Alleged Damages:	\$50,000.00

Arbitration Information

Arbitration/Reparation Claim filed with and Docket/Case No.:	FINRA - CASE #18-03865
Date Notice/Process Served:	11/07/2018
Arbitration Pending?	No
Disposition:	Award
Disposition Date:	04/05/2019
Disposition Detail:	James Earl was a Subject Of the customer's complaint alleging Earl and his member firm caused sales practice violations. Earl's member firm is liable for and shall pay to Claimant the sum of \$50,000.00 in compensatory damages, is liable for and shall pay to Claimant interest, and is liable for and shall pay to Claimant \$600.00 to reimburse Claimant for the filing fee previously paid to FINRA Office of Dispute Resolution. Earl's member firm has paid to FINRA Office of Dispute Resolution the \$750.00 Member Surcharge and \$1,750.00 Member Process Fee previously invoiced.

Reporting Source:	Individual
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	RBC Capital Markets, LLC
Allegations:	Claimant alleges that her financial advisor made unsuitable recommendations to buy and hold speculative and high risk oil and gas notes in 2015.
Product Type:	Debt-Corporate Debt-Government
Alleged Damages:	\$55,000.00



Is this an oral complaint? No

Is this a written complaint? No

Is this an arbitration/CFTC
reparation or civil litigation? Yes

Arbitration/Reparation forum
or court name and location: FINRA

Docket/Case #: 18-03865

Filing date of
arbitration/CFTC reparation
or civil litigation: 11/07/2018

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 11/19/2018

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Arbitration Award/Monetary Judgment (for claimants/plaintiffs)

Status Date: 04/05/2019

Settlement Amount: \$50,000.00

Individual Contribution
Amount: \$0.00

Disclosure 2 of 3

Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when
activities occurred which led
to the complaint: J. B. HANAUER AND CO.

Allegations: CLIENT CLAIMS HE PURCHASED A BOND WITHOUT BEING MADE AWARE
OF ALL MATERIAL FACTS.

Product Type: Debt-Municipal

Alleged Damages: \$100,000.00

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: 12/16/2010

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Denied

Status Date: 03/11/2011

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution
Amount:

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Reporting Source:	Individual
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	J.B. HANAUER & CO.
Allegations:	CUSTOMER ALLEGED THAT I FAILED TO ADEQUATELY DISCLOSE THE BACKING OF A SECURITY HE PURCHASED IN APRIL 2008. NO SPECIFIC DAMAGES ARE ALLEGED BUT UNREALIZED LOSSES RELATING TO THE PURCHASE ARE ESTIMATED TO EXCEED \$5,000 AT THE TIME OF THIS FILING.
Product Type:	Debt-Municipal
Alleged Damages:	\$0.00
Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):	NO DAMAGE AMOUNT ALLEGED BUT BELIEVED TO EXCEED \$5,000.
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:	11/14/2008
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Denied
Status Date:	03/30/2010
Settlement Amount:	
Individual Contribution Amount:	



End of Report

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