



IAPD Report

SCOTT PATRICK TREASE

CRD# 1298222

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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

SCOTT PATRICK TREASE (CRD# 1298222)

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 **05/26/2023**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
IA	SAPERE WEALTH MANAGEMENT, LLC	CRD# 119598	06/10/2002

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **0** 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	SAPERE WEALTH CREATION, LLC	121561	MATTHEWS, NC	02/04/2003 - 11/16/2010
B	JOSEPH CARL SECURITIES, INC.	27143	SCOTTSDALE, AZ	06/06/2002 - 02/05/2003
B	NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL INVESTMENT SERVICES, LLC	2881	MILWAUKEE, WI	05/18/1999 - 06/08/2000

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
Investigation	1
Civil Event	1
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 **1** jurisdiction(s) and **0** SRO(s) through his or her employer(s).

Employment 1 of 1

Firm Name: **SAPERE WEALTH MANAGEMENT, LLC**
Main Address: 130 MATTHEWS STATION ST.
SUITE 2A
MATTHEWS, NC 28105
Firm ID#: 119598

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
IA North Carolina	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	06/10/2002

Branch Office Locations

SAPERE WEALTH MANAGEMENT, LLC
130 MATTHEWS STATION ST. #2-A
MATTHEWS, NC 28105





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


Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
 General Securities Principal Examination (S24)	Series 24	04/18/2019
 Municipal Securities Principal Examination (S53)	Series 53	10/17/1996

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
 Limited Representative-Private Securities Offerings (S82TO)	Series 82TO	06/14/2019
 National Commodity Futures Examination (S3)	Series 3	09/13/2007
 General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	11/17/1984

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
 Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	01/23/2006

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	02/04/2003 - 11/16/2010	SAPERE WEALTH CREATION, LLC	CRD# 121561	MATTHEWS, NC
B	06/06/2002 - 02/05/2003	JOSEPH CARL SECURITIES, INC.	CRD# 27143	SCOTTSDALE, AZ
B	05/18/1999 - 06/08/2000	NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL INVESTMENT SERVICES, LLC	CRD# 2881	MILWAUKEE, WI
B	01/02/1997 - 06/08/2000	ATLANTIC CAPITAL SECURITIES, LLC	CRD# 41608	GREENVILLE, SC
B	01/19/1995 - 12/31/1996	FSC SECURITIES CORPORATION	CRD# 7461	ATLANTA, GA
B	11/19/1989 - 01/13/1995	ROYAL ALLIANCE ASSOCIATES, INC.	CRD# 23131	SCOTTSDALE, AZ
B	11/08/1986 - 11/19/1989	INTEGRATED RESOURCES EQUITY CORPORATION	CRD# 6403	
B	03/13/1986 - 10/28/1986	PERPETUAL INVESTMENT ASSOCIATES	CRD# 13593	
B	05/22/1985 - 03/10/1986	BERTHEL, FISHER & FLEISCHMAN FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	CRD# 13609	
B	11/21/1984 - 06/04/1985	LIFE INVESTORS MANAGEMENT CORPORATION	CRD# 13302	

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
05/2018 - Present	SAPERE GLOBAL DISTRIBUTORS, LLC	Registered Representative	Y	Matthews, NC, United States
06/2002 - Present	SAPERE WEALTH CREATION, LLC	PRESIDENT	Y	MATTHEWS, NC, United States
06/2002 - Present	SAPERE WEALTH MANAGEMENT, LLC	PRESIDENT/MANAGER	Y	MATTHEWS, NC, United States



Registration & Employment History



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
Civil Event	1
Customer Dispute	1
Investigation	1

Civil Event

This disclosure event involves an injunction issued by a foreign or domestic court in connection with investment-related activity, a finding by a domestic or foreign court of a violation of any investment-related statute or regulation, or an action dismissed by a domestic or foreign court pursuant to a settlement agreement.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source:	Regulator
Initiated By:	UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Relief Sought:	Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s) Injunction
Date Court Action Filed:	03/22/2023
Product Type:	Other: alternative investments
Type of Court:	Federal Court
Name of Court:	United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina
Location of Court:	North Carolina
Docket/Case #:	3:23-cv-00172
Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the action:	Sapere Wealth Management, LLC
Allegations:	The plaintiff, Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), files this Complaint against Defendants Sapere Wealth Management, LLC, ("Sapere") and Scott Trease ("Trease") and alleges that in May 2019, Scott Trease and his investment advisory firm, Sapere, recommended that three of their advisory clients invest a total of \$7.3 million in two risky, alternative-investment deals that Defendants incorrectly believed were collateralized by a gold safekeeping receipt (SKR). These investments came to Defendants through a self-described financier, whom Trease had befriended in Bible study. Defendants had decided to work with this self-described financier to explore supposed alternative-investment opportunities that the financier or his associate identified. From 2018 through early 2019, this self-described financier had presented Trease with several other investment opportunities. Those opportunities had consistently fallen apart, but



raised red flags that this vein of alternative-investment opportunities would be unsuitable for Defendants' advisory clients. Trease and Sapere did not reasonably understand these May 2019 investments and thus lacked a reasonable basis to recommend them to their clients. In one of the investments that Trease and Sapere recommended in May 2019, a client ultimately lost \$2.3 million. In the other, Defendants placed \$5 million of client funds at risk, though Defendants and Individual 1 ultimately (and belatedly) secured the funds' return. By recommending investments to clients without a reasonable understanding of them, and in the face of red flags suggesting the investment might not be suitable, Sapere and Trease breached their fiduciary duties of care, in violation of Section 206(2) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.

Current Status: Final
Resolution: Judgment Rendered
Resolution Date: 04/26/2023
Sanctions Ordered or Relief Granted: Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)
Injunction
Other: undertakings and Agreements

Capacities 1 of 2

Capacities Affected: N/A
Duration: 5 years
Start Date: 04/26/2023
End Date:

Capacities 2 of 2

Capacities Affected: N/A
Duration: Permanent
Start Date: 04/26/2023
End Date:

Monetary Sanction 1 of 1

Monetary Sanction: Monetary Fine
Total Amount: \$100,000.00
Portion against individual: 100000
Date Paid:
Portion Waived:
Amount Waived:

Regulator Statement

On April 26, 2023, the U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina Charlotte Division issued this Order and Final Judgment against Defendants Sapere Wealth Management, LLC ("Defendant Sapere") and Scott Trease ("Defendant Trease") (collectively, "Defendants"). This matter is before the Court on a Consent Motion for Entry of Final Judgment, Based Upon Signed Consents of Defendants Sapere and Trease, filed by the US Securities and Exchange Commission. The motion is granted. The Court makes the following findings and enters a Final Judgment in this matter: The Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission" or "Plaintiff") having filed a Complaint and Defendants having entered a general appearance; consented to the Court's jurisdiction over Defendants and the subject matter of this action; consented to entry of this Final Judgment without admitting or denying the allegations of the Complaint (except as



to jurisdiction and except as otherwise provided herein); waived findings of fact and conclusions of law; and waived any right to appeal from this Final Judgment: It is hereby ordered, adjudged, and decreed that Defendants are permanently restrained and enjoined from violating, directly or indirectly, Section 206(2) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 ("Advisers Act"), directly or indirectly. In addition, pursuant to Section 21(d)(5) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act"), Defendants are restrained and enjoined for a period of 5 years, Defendants shall not, directly or indirectly, including but not limited to, through any entity owned or controlled by them, make any recommendation to, provide advice to, or exercise discretionary trading authority on behalf of, ("Recommend," "Make a Recommendation," or "Recommendation") any "client" of Defendants regarding any securities, investment, or debt transaction, except that this injunction shall not prevent Defendants from acting in certain ways identified in the Order and Final Judgment. It is hereby further ordered, adjudged, and decreed that Defendant Trease is liable for a civil penalty in the amount of \$100,000 pursuant to Section 209(e) of the Advisers Act and Defendants shall comply with all of the undertakings and agreements set forth in the Order and Final Judgment. The Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter for the purposes of enforcing the terms of this Final Judgment.

Reporting Source: Individual

Initiated By: UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Relief Sought: Cease and Desist
Injunction

Date Court Action Filed: 03/22/2023

Date Notice/Process Served: 03/22/2023

Product Type: Other: Alternative Investment

Type of Court: Federal Court

Name of Court: United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina

Location of Court: North Carolina

Docket/Case #: 3:23-CV-00172-MOC-DSC

Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the action: Sapere Wealth Management

Allegations: The allegation in this civil matter is breach of fiduciary duty in violation of Section 206(2) of the Advisers Act. Mr. Trease, along with Sapere Wealth Management LLC ("Sapere"), entered into Consent Agreements with the SEC reflecting the resolution of a civil matter. Both Mr. Trease and Sapere consented to the entry of a final judgment as part of a settlement of the civil case. In connection with the Consent Agreements, the SEC prepared and filed a complaint, describing the government's allegations giving rise to the Agreements. Both Mr. Trease and Sapere, without admitting or denying the allegation of breach of fiduciary duty in the Complaint, consented to entry of a final judgment permanently restraining and enjoining violation of fiduciary duty and ordering compliance with a conduct-based injunction. Mr. Trease has consented to paying a civil penalty in the amount of \$100,000 under Section 209(e) of the Investment Adviser Act of 1940. In connection with this matter, Mr. Trease mistakenly relied on an individual who convinced him of his sophisticated investment experience and financial acumen, along with his sincere profession of the Christian faith. The Order and Final Judgment was entered on April 26, 2023.



Current Status:	Final
Resolution:	Judgment Rendered
Resolution Date:	04/26/2023
Sanctions Ordered or Relief Granted:	Cease and Desist Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s) Injunction
Capacities 1 of 1	
Capacities Affected:	Both Mr. Trease and Sapere are restrained and enjoined from violating Section 206(2) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940
Duration:	Permanent
Start Date:	04/26/2023
End Date:	
Monetary Sanction 1 of 1	
Monetary Sanction:	Monetary Fine
Total Amount:	\$100,000.00
Portion against individual:	100000
Date Paid:	
Portion Waived:	No
Amount Waived:	



Investigation

This disclosure event involves any ongoing formal investigation such as a grand jury investigation, a Securities and Exchange Commission investigation, a formal investigation by a self-regulatory organization (e.g., FINRA), or an action or procedure designated as an investigation by a state or other regulator. Subpoenas, preliminary or routine regulatory inquiries, and general requests by these regulatory bodies for information are not considered investigations and therefore are not required to be reported.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source:	Individual
Initiated By:	UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Notice Date:	04/28/2022
Details:	Alleged violations of: Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 10b-5, Section 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933; and Section 206(1), (2), and (4) of the IAA of 1940 and Rules 206(4)-7 and 206(4)-8.
Is Investigation pending?	Yes



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: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: Sapere Wealth Management

Allegations: The allegation in this civil matter is breach of fiduciary duty in violation of Section 206(2) of the Advisers Act. Mr. Trease, along with Sapere Wealth Management LLC ("Sapere"), entered into Consent Agreements with the SEC reflecting the resolution of a civil matter. Both Mr. Trease and Sapere consented to the entry of a final judgment as part of a settlement of the civil case. In connection with the Consent Agreements, the SEC prepared and filed a complaint, describing the government's allegations giving rise to the Agreements. Both Mr. Trease and Sapere, without admitting or denying the allegation of breach of fiduciary duty in the Complaint, consented to entry of a final judgment permanently restraining and enjoining violation of fiduciary duty and ordering compliance with a conduct-based injunction. Mr. Trease has consented to paying a civil penalty in the amount of \$100,000 under Section 209(e) of the Investment Adviser Act of 1940. In connection with this matter, Mr. Trease mistakenly relied on an individual who convinced him of his sophisticated investment experience and financial acumen, along with his sincere profession of the Christian faith. The Order and Final Judgment was entered on April 26, 2023.

Product Type: Other: Alternative investment

Alleged Damages: \$100,000.00

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: United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina

Docket/Case #: 3:23-CV-00172-MOC-DSC

Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation: 03/22/2023

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 03/22/2023

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Evolved into Civil litigation (the individual is a named party)

Status Date: 04/26/2023

Settlement Amount: \$100,000.00



Individual Contribution Amount: \$100,000.00

Civil Litigation Information

Type of Court: Federal Court

Name of Court: United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina

Location of Court: Charlotte, North Carolina

Docket/Case #: 3:23-CV-00172-MOC-DSC

Date Notice/Process Served: 03/22/2023

Litigation Pending? No

Disposition: Monetary Judgment to Customer

Disposition Date: 04/26/2023

Monetary Compensation Amount: \$100,000.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$100,000.00



End of Report

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