



## IAPD Report

# BERNIE LEE TOWNES

CRD# 1305111

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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

### BERNIE LEE TOWNES (CRD# 1305111)

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 **02/03/2026**.

### CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
<b>B</b>	JANNEY MONTGOMERY SCOTT LLC	CRD# 463	11/30/2017
<b>IA</b>	JANNEY MONTGOMERY SCOTT LLC	CRD# 463	06/15/2020

### QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **3** SRO(s) and **18** 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>B</b>	UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.	8174	MELVILLE, NY	01/15/2010 - 12/11/2017
<b>B</b>	CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.	7059	COMMACK, NY	05/29/2007 - 01/27/2010
<b>IA</b>	CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.	7059	COMMACK, NY	05/29/2007 - 01/27/2010

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	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 **18** jurisdiction(s) and 3 SRO(s) through his or her employer(s).

#### Employment 1 of 1

Firm Name: **JANNEY MONTGOMERY SCOTT LLC**  
Main Address: 1717 ARCH STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103  
Firm ID#: 463

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
<b>B</b> FINRA	General Securities Principal	Approved	11/30/2017
<b>B</b> FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/30/2017
<b>B</b> Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Principal	Approved	11/30/2017
<b>B</b> Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/30/2017
<b>B</b> New York Stock Exchange	General Securities Principal	Approved	11/30/2017
<b>B</b> New York Stock Exchange	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/30/2017
<b>B</b> Alabama	Agent	Approved	11/30/2017
<b>B</b> Arizona	Agent	Approved	11/30/2017
<b>B</b> California	Agent	Approved	05/25/2023
<b>B</b> Connecticut	Agent	Approved	10/29/2025
<b>B</b> Delaware	Agent	Approved	01/03/2018
<b>B</b> District of Columbia	Agent	Approved	10/31/2018
<b>B</b> Florida	Agent	Approved	12/01/2017



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Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
<b>B</b> Georgia	Agent	Approved	06/30/2023
<b>B</b> Kentucky	Agent	Approved	11/30/2017
<b>B</b> Maryland	Agent	Approved	11/30/2017
<b>B</b> Massachusetts	Agent	Approved	11/30/2017
<b>B</b> Nevada	Agent	Approved	12/22/2020
<b>B</b> New Jersey	Agent	Approved	11/30/2017
<b>IA</b> New Jersey	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	06/15/2020
<b>B</b> New York	Agent	Approved	11/30/2017
<b>IA</b> New York	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	06/17/2021
<b>B</b> North Carolina	Agent	Approved	10/25/2018
<b>B</b> Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	11/30/2017
<b>B</b> Texas	Agent	Approved	08/09/2023
<b>IA</b> Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Restricted Approval	08/09/2023
<b>B</b> Virginia	Agent	Approved	02/11/2026

### Branch Office Locations

**JANNEY MONTGOMERY SCOTT LLC**  
395 N. SERVICE ROAD  
SUITE 411  
MELVILLE, NY 11747




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





#### Principal/Supervisory Exams

	Exam	Category	Date
	General Securities Principal Examination (S24)	Series 24	07/16/1992

#### General Industry/Product Exams

	Exam	Category	Date
	Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	10/01/2018
	General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	10/20/1984

#### State Securities Law Exams

	Exam	Category	Date
	 Uniform Combined State Law Examination (S66)	Series 66	06/13/2020
	Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (S65)	Series 65	09/29/2004
	Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	11/02/1984

### 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	01/15/2010 - 12/11/2017	UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.	CRD# 8174	MELVILLE, NY
B	05/29/2007 - 01/27/2010	CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.	CRD# 7059	COMMACK, NY
IA	05/29/2007 - 01/27/2010	CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.	CRD# 7059	COMMACK, NY
IA	12/07/2004 - 05/29/2007	CITICORP INVESTMENT SERVICES	CRD# 23988	COMMACK, NY
B	06/01/1992 - 05/29/2007	CITICORP INVESTMENT SERVICES	CRD# 23988	COMMACK, NY
B	03/22/1991 - 06/01/1992	CITICORP FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	CRD# 14675	
B	08/03/1989 - 03/11/1991	DEAN WITTER REYNOLDS INC.	CRD# 7556	PURCHASE, NY
B	07/19/1985 - 08/11/1989	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	CRD# 7691	NEW YORK, NY
B	10/26/1984 - 06/27/1985	INVESTORS CENTER INCORPORATED	CRD# 14670	

### 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
11/2017 - Present	Janney Montgomery Scott, LLC	FINANCIAL ADVISOR	Y	Melville, NY, United States
01/2010 - 11/2017	UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC	FINANCIAL ADVISOR	Y	MELVILLE, NY, 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. BMT LLC; Residential Real Estate at 508, 707, 709 Once Ocean Paradise Island dr. Bahamas & 36 Lafayette Drive Amityville, NY; Start date: 12/04/2017; Rental income from 508 is \$66,000/year and rental income from 36 Lafayette is \$24,000/year;



## Registration & Employment History



### OTHER BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

2hr/month; Account #[REDACTED]; 2 of the properties are rentals (Lafayette and 508 One Ocean dr.); Investment-related

2, NuHealth Foundation, East Meadow, NY. Board Member (11/2019) - Fund Raising. Not investment related, not compensated, 1 hour/month.



## 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	3

### 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

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Firm
<b>Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:</b>	Citigroup Global Markets Inc.
<b>Allegations:</b>	Claimant alleges fraud, unsuitability, negligence, breach of fiduciary duty related to a 2007 recommendation to purchase an annuity.
<b>Product Type:</b>	Annuity-Variable
<b>Alleged Damages:</b>	\$75,000.00
<b>Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):</b>	The total investment made by claimant was \$100K. Claimant's estimated damage is speculated to be \$500K.

#### Arbitration Information

<b>Arbitration/CFTC reparation claim filed with (FINRA, AAA, CFTC, etc.):</b>	FINRA
<b>Docket/Case #:</b>	19-03070
<b>Date Notice/Process Served:</b>	10/11/2019
<b>Arbitration Pending?</b>	No
<b>Disposition:</b>	Settled
<b>Disposition Date:</b>	01/21/2020
<b>Monetary Compensation Amount:</b>	\$42,500.00



**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$0.00

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**Reporting Source:** Firm

**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** UBS Financial Services, Inc

**Allegations:** Time frame: 2010 - 2017  
Claimant's counsel alleges accounts were grossly mismanaged and claimant was sold unsuitable variable annuity which performed poorly resulting in losses.

**Product Type:** No Product

**Alleged Damages:** \$75,000.00

### Arbitration Information

**Arbitration/CFTC reparation claim filed with (FINRA, AAA, CFTC, etc.):** FINRA Arbitration

**Docket/Case #:** 19-03070

**Date Notice/Process Served:** 10/11/2019

**Arbitration Pending?** No

**Disposition:** Settled

**Disposition Date:** 01/21/2020

**Monetary Compensation Amount:** \$42,500.00

**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$0.00

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**Reporting Source:** Individual

**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** Janney Montgomery Scott LLC, UBS Financial Services Inc., Citigroup Global Markets Inc.

**Allegations:** Claimant alleges that unsuitable investments were made in her accounts.

**Product Type:** Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)

**Alleged Damages:** \$75,000.00

### Arbitration Information

**Arbitration/CFTC reparation claim filed with (FINRA, AAA, CFTC, etc.):** FINRA

**Docket/Case #:** 19-03070

**Date Notice/Process Served:** 10/11/2019

**Arbitration Pending?** No

**Disposition:** Settled

**Disposition Date:** 01/28/2020



**Monetary Compensation Amount:** \$42,500.00

**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$3,750.00

### Disclosure 2 of 3

**Reporting Source:** Individual

**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** CITICORP INVESTMENT SERVICES

**Allegations:** CUSTOMER ALLEGES THE PURCHASE OF UNAUTHORIZED INVESTMENTS AND FAILURE TO FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS.

**Product Type:** Mutual Fund

**Alleged Damages:** \$700,000.00

**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:** NASD

**Docket/Case #:** 01-00567

**Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation:** 03/09/2001

### Customer Complaint Information

**Date Complaint Received:** 03/09/2001

**Complaint Pending?** No

**Status:** Evolved into Arbitration/CFTC reparation (the individual is a named party)

**Status Date:** 03/09/2001

**Settlement Amount:**

**Individual Contribution Amount:**

### Arbitration Information

**Arbitration/CFTC reparation claim filed with (FINRA, AAA, CFTC, etc.):** NASD

**Docket/Case #:** 01-00567

**Date Notice/Process Served:** 03/09/2001

**Arbitration Pending?** No

**Disposition:** Settled

**Disposition Date:** 06/25/2002



**Monetary Compensation Amount:** \$63,600.00

**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$0.00

**Broker Statement**

FA DENIES ALL ALLEGATIONS OF WRONG DOING. THE CLIENT FILED A COMPLAINT OF UNAUTHORIZED TRADES IN MUTUAL FUNDS AFTER RECEIVING A CALL FROM ONE OF THE FIRMS COMPLIANCE OFFICERS. THE OFFICER WAS CALLING TO VERIFY THE TRADES. THE TRADES TOOK PLACE DAYS BEFORE THE TECH BUBBLE CRASH. BY SETTLEMENT DAY, THE CLIENT HAD ALREADY LOSS 300-400K. AFTER REVIEW OF THE CLIENT'S SIGNED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORMS AUTHORIZING THE TRADES THE CLIENTS WAS SOLD OUT IMMEDIATELY OF HIS POSITIONS AND A CHECK WAS OVERNIGHTED TO HIM. HIS LOSS NOW TALLIED OVER 700K AND DECIDED TO FILE A COMPLAINT TO RECOVER. BEFORE THE CONCLUSION OF ARBITRATION THE CLIENT WISHED TO SETTLE. THE FIRM, STATING THAT MR. TOWNES DID NOTHING WRONG REFUSE THE 5K SETTLEMENT. DUE TO MANAGERIAL AND LEGAL DEPARTMENT PERSONEL CHANGES, THE CASE GOT NEGLECTED. THE FIRM SETTLED THE CASE YEARS LATER WITHOUT MR TOWNES' KNOWLEDGE AND HE WAS NOT ASKED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SETTLEMENT.

**Disclosure 3 of 3**

**Reporting Source:** Individual

**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** CITICORP INVESTMENT SERVICES

**Allegations:** CLIENT ALLEGES THAT "THESE TRANSACTIONS INTO BOND FUNDS WERE UNAUTHORIZED, AND SO WAS THE EXTRA \$1 MILLION INTO THE NASD."

**Product Type:** Mutual Fund(s)

**Alleged Damages:** \$336,826.35

**Customer Complaint Information**

**Date Complaint Received:** 05/10/2000

**Complaint Pending?** No

**Status:** Denied

**Status Date:** 06/14/2000

**Settlement Amount:**

**Individual Contribution Amount:**



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