



IAPD Report

GAINES BAILEY SMITH

CRD# 1305480

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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

GAINES BAILEY SMITH (CRD# 1305480)

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 **08/13/2025**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
B	KOVACK SECURITIES INC.	CRD# 44848	10/15/2014
IA	KOVACK ADVISORS, INC.	CRD# 140808	01/08/2015

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **1** SRO(s) and **11** 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	RESOURCE HORIZONS INVESTMENT ADVISORY, INC.	143384	BELLEVILLE, IL	01/04/2013 - 12/31/2014
B	RESOURCE HORIZONS GROUP LLC	104368	BELLEVILLE, IL	10/26/2012 - 10/15/2014
B	GAINES FINANCIAL CORPORATION	5391	BELLEVILLE, IL	12/20/1988 - 02/28/2013

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



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

Employment 1 of 2

Firm Name: **KOVACK SECURITIES INC.**
Main Address: 6451 N. FEDERAL HWY.
SUITE 1201
FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33308
Firm ID#: 44848

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B	FINRA	Financial and Operations Principal	Approved	10/15/2014
B	FINRA	General Securities Principal	Approved	10/15/2014
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	10/15/2014
B	FINRA	Operations Professional	Approved	10/01/2018
B	California	Agent	Approved	08/14/2025
B	Colorado	Agent	Approved	10/15/2014
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	10/16/2014
B	Georgia	Agent	Approved	10/15/2014
B	Illinois	Agent	Approved	10/15/2014
B	Kentucky	Agent	Approved	07/08/2022
B	Missouri	Agent	Approved	01/28/2020
B	New Mexico	Agent	Approved	10/15/2014
B	Tennessee	Agent	Approved	12/08/2021



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Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B Texas	Agent	Approved	05/23/2018
B Washington	Agent	Approved	12/06/2024

Branch Office Locations

RK ADVISORS

Belleville, IL

Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: **KOVACK ADVISORS, INC.**
Main Address: 6451 N. FEDERAL HWY
SUITE 1201
FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33308
Firm ID#: 140808

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
IA Illinois	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	01/08/2015

Branch Office Locations

KOVACK ADVISORS, INC.

Belleville, IL



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, 4 general industry/product exams, and 1 state securities law exam.

Principal/Supervisory Exams

	Exam	Category	Date
	Financial and Operations Principal Examination (S27)	Series 27	11/27/1991
	General Securities Principal Examination (S24)	Series 24	08/05/1991

General Industry/Product Exams

	Exam	Category	Date
	Operations Professional Examination (S99TO)	Series 99TO	01/02/2023
	Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	10/01/2018
	General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	06/16/1990
	Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination (S6)	Series 6	01/24/1985

State Securities Law Exams

	Exam	Category	Date
	Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	01/28/1987

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	01/04/2013 - 12/31/2014	RESOURCE HORIZONS INVESTMENT ADVISORY, INC.	CRD# 143384	BELLEVILLE, IL
B	10/26/2012 - 10/15/2014	RESOURCE HORIZONS GROUP LLC	CRD# 104368	BELLEVILLE, IL
B	12/20/1988 - 02/28/2013	GAINES FINANCIAL CORPORATION	CRD# 5391	BELLEVILLE, IL
IA	12/12/1997 - 12/31/2012	GAINES FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	CRD# 123354	BELLEVILLE, IL
B	11/12/1986 - 12/01/1988	METLIFE SECURITIES INC.	CRD# 14251	
B	01/25/1985 - 12/01/1988	METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	CRD# 4095	

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
01/2015 - Present	KOVACK ADVISORS, INC.	INVESTMENT ADVISOR REPRESENTATIVE	Y	FORT LAUDERDALE, FL, United States
10/2014 - Present	KOVACK SECURITIES INC.	Mass Transfer	Y	MARIETTA, GA, 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) FIXED INSURANCE SALES - 6 Magnolia Drive, BELLEVILLE, IL 62221; LIFE, ACCIDENT, HEALTH, PROPERTY, AND CASUALTY LICENSE IN STATE OF ILLINOIS; NON INVESTMENT RELATED; 71% OF TIME SPENT
- 2) SMITH & SONS FIREARMS, CO., NON INVESTMENT RELATED, FIREARMS AND SPORTING GOODS RETAIL, PRESIDENT, SINCE SEPTEMBER 2009, 20 HOURS/MTH 0 TRADING HRS,PART TIME SALES OF FIREARMS AND OUTDOOR SUPPLIES.
- 3) CO-TRUSTEE ON FAMILY TRUST; NON INVESTMENT RELATED; 1% OF TIME SPENT
- 4) NOTARY - 6 MAGNOLIA DRIVE, BELLEVILLE, IL 62221; NON-INVESTMENT RELATED; NOTARIZE CLIENT DOCUMENTS; NOTARY; LESS THAN 1% OF TIME SPENT.



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

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:	MISSOURI
Sanction(s) Sought:	Other: CONSENT
Date Initiated:	02/17/2015
Docket/Case Number:	AP-15-05
URL for Regulatory Action:	HTTP://WWW.SOS.MO.GOV/SECURITIES/ORDERS/AP-15-05.PDF
Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:	
Product Type:	No Product
Allegations:	THE RESPONDENT TRANSACTED BUSINESS AS AN UNREGISTERED AGENT IN THIS STATE.
Current Status:	Final
Resolution:	Consent
Does the order constitute a final order based on violations of any laws or regulations that prohibit fraudulent, manipulative, or deceptive conduct?	No
Resolution Date:	02/17/2015
Sanctions Ordered:	Monetary Penalty other than Fines Prohibition



Other: RESPONDENT IS ORDERED TO PAY \$5,000 TO THE INVESTOR EDUCATION AND PROTECTION FUND FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE MISSOURI SECURITIES ACT.

Monetary Sanction 1 of 1

Monetary Related Sanction: Monetary Penalty other than Fines

Total Amount: \$5,000.00

Portion Levied against individual: \$5,000.00

Payment Plan:

Is Payment Plan Current:

Date Paid by individual:

Was any portion of penalty waived? No

Amount Waived:

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Reporting Source: Individual

Regulatory Action Initiated By: MISSOURI SECURITIES DIVISION

Sanction(s) Sought: Other: CONSENT ORDER

Date Initiated: 02/17/2015

Docket/Case Number: AP-15-05

Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action: GAINES FINANCIAL CORPORATION

Product Type: No Product

Allegations: MISSOURI'S REGISTRATION DEMINIMUS HAD CHANGED FROM FIVE CLIENTS TO THREE, AND I WAS NOT AWARE OF THE CHANGE. I HAD FIVE CLIENTS IN MISSOURI, FOUR OF WHOM WERE EXISTING CLIENTS THAT HAD MOVED FROM ILLINOIS; THE FIFTH WAS A REFERRAL. AS A RESULT OF THIS OVERSIGHT, I WAS UNINTENTIONALLY IN VIOLATION OF THEIR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS.

Current Status: Final

Resolution: CONSENT ORDER

Does the order constitute a final order based on violations of any laws or regulations that prohibit fraudulent, manipulative, or deceptive conduct? No

Resolution Date: 02/17/2015

Sanctions Ordered: Other: ENJOINED FROM VIOLATING SECTION 409.4-404(A) AND SECTION 409.4-404(D) OF THE MISSOURI STATUTES.

Monetary Sanction 1 of 1



Monetary Related Sanction: Monetary Penalty other than Fines

Total Amount: \$5,000.00

Portion Levied against individual: \$5,000.00

Payment Plan: PAID IN FULL

Is Payment Plan Current: No

Date Paid by individual: 02/03/2015

Was any portion of penalty waived? No

Amount Waived:



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