



IAPD Report

BLASE VINCENT RESTIFO

CRD# 1461484

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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

BLASE VINCENT RESTIFO (CRD# 1461484)

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 **01/09/2026**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
B	WESTMINSTER FINANCIAL SECURITIES, INC.	CRD# 20677	07/29/1997
IA	GREAT LAKES FINANCIAL COMPANIES INC.	CRD# 120272	01/30/2003

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **1** SRO(s) and **5** 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	PRUCO SECURITIES CORPORATION	5685	LOCATION	02/15/1989 - 08/12/1997
B	PRUCO SECURITIES CORPORATION	5685	NEWARK, NJ	02/24/1986 - 08/12/1997
B	THE PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF 680 AMERICA		NEWARK, NJ	02/14/1989 - 12/10/1993

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

Employment 1 of 2

Firm Name: **WESTMINSTER FINANCIAL SECURITIES, INC.**
Main Address: 50 CHESTNUT STREET
SUITE A-200
BEAVERCREEK, OH 45440
Firm ID#: 20677

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B FINRA	Invest. Co and Variable Contracts	Approved	07/29/1997
B FINRA	Operations Professional	Approved	11/30/2011
B California	Agent	Approved	01/08/2008
B Maryland	Agent	Approved	05/13/2021
B Ohio	Agent	Approved	08/13/1997
B Tennessee	Agent	Approved	08/11/2020
B West Virginia	Agent	Approved	01/23/2026

Branch Office Locations

2305 E. AURORA ROAD, STE A5
TWINSBURG, OH 44087

Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: **GREAT LAKES FINANCIAL COMPANIES INC.**
Main Address: 2305 EAST AURORA RD # A-5
TWINSBURG, OH 44087
Firm ID#: 120272



Qualifications

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
IA Ohio	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	01/30/2003

Branch Office Locations

GREAT LAKES FINANCIAL COMPANIES INC.
2305 E. AURORA ROAD
UNIT A5
TWINSBURG, OH 44087

GREAT LAKES FINANCIAL COMPANIES INC.
2305 EAST AURORA RD # A-5
TWINSBURG, OH 44087



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

Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
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No information reported.

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
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Operations Professional Examination (S99TO)	Series 99TO	01/02/2023
Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	10/01/2018
Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination (S6)	Series 6	02/21/1986

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
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Uniform Combined State Law Examination (S66)	Series 66	07/27/1999
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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	02/15/1989 - 08/12/1997	PRUCO SECURITIES CORPORATION	CRD# 5685	
B	02/24/1986 - 08/12/1997	PRUCO SECURITIES CORPORATION	CRD# 5685	NEWARK, NJ
B	02/14/1989 - 12/10/1993	THE PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA	CRD# 680	NEWARK, NJ

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
07/1997 - Present	WESTMINSTER FINANCIAL SECURITIES, INC.	NOT PROVIDED	Y	VANDALIA, OH, 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.

RESTIFO INSURANCE AGENCY, OWNER, SALARY, 2305 E AURORA ROAD UNIT A-5, TWINSBURG OH 44087. GREAT LAKES FINANCIAL COMPANIES, INC, OWNER AND IAR, ADVISORY FEES, 235 E AURORA ROAD UNIT #A-5, TWINSBURG OH 44087



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

Reporting Source:	Firm
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	PRUCO SECURITIES, LLC.
Allegations:	CLIENT WAS MISLEAD ABOUT THE DURATION OF THE PREMIUM PAYMENTS.
Product Type:	Insurance
Alleged Damages:	\$0.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received:	12/18/2008
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Denied
Status Date:	12/18/2008

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:

Firm Statement

THIS CONCERNS A POLICY INCLUDED IN THE CLASS OF POLICIES THAT WAS THE SUBJECT OF A NATIONWIDE CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT IN WHICH PRUDENTIAL, ITS INSURANCE AFFILIATES AND PERSONNEL WERE RELEASED CONCERNING LIFE INSURANCE SALES PRACTICES. THE CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT REMEDIATION PROCESSES FOR ADDRESSING CLAIMS FOR POLICIES INCLUDED IN THE CLASS HAVE CONCLUDED. BECAUSE THE COMPANY AND THE REPRESENTATIVE(S)



WERE RELEASED FROM ANY FURTHER LIABILITY OR OBLIGATION WITH RESPECT TO CLAIMS LIKE THOSE MADE BY THE POLICYHOLDER, THE COMPANY IS NOT REVIEWING THIS INQUIRY AND IS MAKING NO FINDING OR FURTHER FILING REGARDING THIS INQUIRY.

Reporting Source: Individual
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: PRUCO SECURITIES, LLC
Allegations: CLIENT WAS MISLEAD ABOUT THE DURATION OF PREMIUM PAYMENTS
Product Type: Insurance
Alleged Damages: \$0.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 01/12/2009
Complaint Pending? No
Status: Closed/No Action
Status Date: 12/18/2008

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:

Broker Statement PRUCO SECURITIES, LLC PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING EXPLANATION: THIS CONCERNS A POLICY INCLUDED IN THE CLASS OF POLICIES THAT WAS THE SUBJECT OF A NATIONWIDE CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT IN WHICH PRUDENTIAL, ITS INSURANCE AFFILIATES AND PERSONNEL WERE RELEASED CONCERNING LIFE INSURANCE SALES PRACTICES. THE CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT REMEDIATION PROCESSES FOR ADDRESSING CLAIMS FOR POLICIES INCLUDED IN THE CLASS HAVE CONCLUDED. BECAUSE THE COMPANY AND THE REPRESENTATIVE(S) WERE RELEASED FROM ANY FURTHER LIABILITY OR OBLIGATION WITH RESPECT TO CLAIMS LIKE THOSE MADE BY THE POLICYHOLDER, THE COMPANY IS NOT REVIEWING THIS INQUIRY AND IS MAKING NO FINDING OR FURTHER FILING REGARDING THIS INQUIRY.

Disclosure 2 of 3

Reporting Source: Firm
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: PRUCO SECURITIES
Allegations: REGARDING THE 1987 PURCHASE OF A VARIABLE APPRECIABLE LIFE INSURANCE POLICY, THE CLIENT ALLEGES MISREPRESENTATION CONCERNING FAILURE TO DISCLOSE PREMIUM INCREASES. THE INSURED DID NOT ALLEGE ANY SPECIFIED DAMAGE AMOUNT, HOWEVER THE COMPANY'S GOOD FAITH DETERMINATION ESTIMATES THEM TO BE APPROXIMATELY \$14,273.74.
Product Type: Insurance
Alleged Damages: \$14,273.74



Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 08/12/2002
Complaint Pending? No
Status: Settled
Status Date: 11/19/2002
Settlement Amount: \$16,180.63
Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00
Firm Statement MARKETING DECISION AND TOTAL LOSS \$16,180.63.

Reporting Source: Individual
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: PRUCO SECURITIES
Allegations: REGARDING THE 1987 PURCHASE OF A VARIABLE APPRECIABLE LIFE INSURANCE POLICY. CLIENT ALLEGES MISREPRESENTATION CONCERNING FAILURE TO DISCLOSE PREMIUM INCREASES. INSURED DID NOT ALLEGE ANY SPECIFIED DAMAGE AMOUNT. GOOD FAITH ESTIMATE BY PRUCO IS \$14,273.74.
Product Type: Insurance
Alleged Damages: \$14,273.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 08/12/2002
Complaint Pending? No
Status: Settled
Status Date: 11/19/2002
Settlement Amount: \$16,160.63
Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00
Broker Statement I HAVE NO RECOLLECTION OF THIS CLIENT OR POLICY, AS IT IS 15 YEARS AFTER THE FACT. ALL FILES WERE TURNED OVER TO PRUCO WHEN I LEFT. I DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE COMPLAINT, AS A SCHEDULE OF PREMIUMS IS CONTAINED IN THE POLICY WHICH THE INSURED WOULD HAVE RECEIVED.

Disclosure 3 of 3

Reporting Source: Firm
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: PRUCO SECURITIES
Allegations: REGARDING THE 1989 PURCHASE OF A VARIABLE APPRECAIBLE LIFE (VAL) POLICY, THE CLIENT ALLEGED MISREPRESENTATION CONCERNING A FUNDING PROPOSAL. NO COMPENSATORY DAMAGES WERE ALLEGED.



Product Type: Insurance

Alleged Damages: \$0.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 11/25/1996

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 04/28/1997

Settlement Amount: \$13,851.88

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Firm Statement THE COMPANY WILL ADJUST THE COST OF THE POLICY SO THAT NO FURTHER OUT OF POCKET PREMIUMS WILL BE REQUIRED (ESTIMATED SETTLEMENT COST:\$13,851.88)

Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: PRUDENTIAL SECURITIES

Allegations: CLIENT WAS UNHAPPY WITH VARIABLE LIFE INS. POLICY.

Product Type: Insurance

Alleged Damages: \$0.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 11/25/1996

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 04/28/1997

Settlement Amount: \$13,851.88

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Broker Statement NO ACTION TAKEN PRO HANDLED INTERNALLY. SOLD CLIENT LIFE INSURANCE POLICY IN 1987 OR 88. HE HAD 2 TEENAGE CHILDREN AT THE TIME. ALSO SET UP MUTUAL FUND FOR CLIENT IN SAME YEAR. 11/96 CLIENT RECEIVED REMEDIATION CLASS ACTION LAW SUIT LETTER FROM PRO. HIS CHILDREN WERE NOW GROWN. HE WAS DIVORCED & REMARRIED. HE FELT HE NO LONGER NEEDED THE INSURANCE. HE SAW AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET HIS MONEY BACK & HE TOOK IT. HE WAS EXTREMELY SATISFIED WITH HIS MUTUAL FUND PERFORMANCE. HE TRIED TO GET HIS MONEY BACK & PUT IT IN HIS PRO MUTUAL FUND.



End of Report

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