



IAPD Report

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CRD# 1555491

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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

WILLIAM J. LIEBOWITZ (CRD# 1555491)

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 **02/13/2026**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
B	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	CRD# 7691	07/15/2011
IA	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	CRD# 7691	07/15/2011

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **6** SRO(s) and **24** 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	UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.	8174	PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL	02/06/2007 - 07/27/2011
B	UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.	8174	PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL	02/02/2007 - 07/27/2011
B	CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.	7059	STUART, FL	07/31/1993 - 02/07/2007

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	4



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 **24** jurisdiction(s) and 6 SRO(s) through his or her employer(s).

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Firm Name: **MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED**

Main Address: ONE BRYANT PARK
NEW YORK, NY 10036

Firm ID#: 7691

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B	Cboe BYX Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	05/15/2014
B	Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	05/15/2014
B	Cboe Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	07/15/2011
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	07/15/2011
B	Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Representative	Approved	07/15/2011
B	New York Stock Exchange	General Securities Representative	Approved	07/15/2011
B	California	Agent	Approved	07/15/2011
B	Colorado	Agent	Approved	08/25/2015
B	Connecticut	Agent	Approved	07/15/2011
B	Delaware	Agent	Approved	09/07/2018
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	07/15/2011
IA	Florida	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	07/19/2011
B	Georgia	Agent	Approved	06/19/2019



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	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B	Illinois	Agent	Approved	10/02/2019
B	Indiana	Agent	Approved	07/11/2022
B	Iowa	Agent	Approved	06/11/2019
B	Louisiana	Agent	Approved	07/12/2021
B	Maryland	Agent	Approved	05/04/2017
B	Massachusetts	Agent	Approved	06/22/2015
B	Missouri	Agent	Approved	07/15/2011
B	Nevada	Agent	Approved	06/25/2012
B	New Jersey	Agent	Approved	07/15/2011
B	New York	Agent	Approved	07/15/2011
B	North Carolina	Agent	Approved	05/15/2018
B	Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	07/15/2011
B	Rhode Island	Agent	Approved	01/08/2026
B	South Carolina	Agent	Approved	05/05/2017
B	South Dakota	Agent	Approved	05/20/2022
B	Texas	Agent	Approved	06/22/2017
IA	Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Restricted Approval	07/15/2011
B	Vermont	Agent	Approved	02/23/2023



Qualifications

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B Washington	Agent	Approved	09/30/2024

Branch Office Locations

MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH
INCORPORATED
2301 SE MONTEREY RD
STUART, FL 34996



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	08/19/1989

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
IA Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (S65)	Series 65	07/13/2004
B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	10/02/1989



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	02/06/2007 - 07/27/2011	UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.	CRD# 8174	PALM BEACH GARDEN:
B	02/02/2007 - 07/27/2011	UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.	CRD# 8174	PALM BEACH GARDEN:
B	07/31/1993 - 02/07/2007	CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.	CRD# 7059	STUART, FL
IA	02/19/1991 - 02/07/2007	CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.	CRD# 7059	STUART, FL
B	06/25/1990 - 07/31/1993	LEHMAN BROTHERS INC.	CRD# 7506	NEW YORK, NY
B	04/11/1990 - 06/25/1990	SMITH BARNEY, HARRIS UPHAM & CO., INCORPORATED	CRD# 7059	NEW YORK, NY
B	08/22/1989 - 10/26/1989	BLINDER, ROBINSON & CO., INC.	CRD# 5096	

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
09/2011 - Present	BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.	FINANCIAL ADVISOR	Y	PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL, United States
07/2011 - Present	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	FINANCIAL ADVISOR	Y	PAML BEACH, 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.

I*124142For profit or not for profit: Non-Profit OrganizationName of outside business organization: Chabad of Palm Beach GardensInvestment related: NAddress of business:Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33418Nature of business: Charitable Organization,Position, title, association: Committee Member, Start date of relationship: 3/15/2011Number of hours devoted: 2 hour(s) MonthlyNumber of hours devoted during trading hours: 0Duties: invite people for the golf outing organize the day and golfers time slotsI*126316For profit or not for profit: For-Profit OrganizationName of outside business organization: B_Happy LLCInvestment related: NAddress of business:Palm City, Florida 38990Nature of business: LLC,Position, title, association: General Partner, My wife and I will both be membersStart date of relationship: 9/9/2019Number of hours devoted: 4 hour(s) MonthlyNumber of hours devoted during trading hours: 0Duties: buy and own rental property.I*516998For profit or not for profit:



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OTHER BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

Name of outside business organization: Rental Property 1Investment related: NAddress of business: palm city, Florida, 34990Nature of business: Position, title, association: Sole owner, Start date of relationship: 3/1/2021Number of hours devoted: 0 hour(s) YearlyNumber of hours devoted during trading hours: 0Duties: ,I*2909277Entity Type: N/AName of OBA: The ARC of the Treasure CoastAddress:Stuart FloridaInvestment Related:NoPosition, Title, Association:N/AStart Date:09/05/2025No Hours: 3 WeeklyNo Hours during trading:0 WeeklyDuties:Helping people who need help.i am the Host at Harbour Ridge Gold Yacht and Country Club, where their fund raiser will be held. My other responsibilities will be, call the Guard gate to allow the members of the committee into the club.

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Entity Type: N/A

Name of OBA: Harbour Ridge Yacht and Country Club

Address: Palm City, Florida, 34990

Investment Related: No

Position, Title, Association: N/A

Employee Start Date: 03/01/2026

Number of Hours: 2, Monthly

Number of Hours during trading: 0, Monthly

Duties: Country Club Committee member for the clubs Real Estate and Marketing committee. Help the club with Brand positioning and Digital Marketing Strategy ideas,



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	4

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 4

Reporting Source:	Individual
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated
Allegations:	The Customers allege unsuitable investment recommendations from September 2014 to March 2015.
Product Type:	Other: Closed End Funds
Alleged Damages:	\$67,496.00
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:	03/21/2016
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Denied
Status Date:	06/30/2016
Settlement Amount:	
Individual Contribution Amount:	



Disclosure 2 of 4

Reporting Source: Firm

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC

Allegations: TIME FRAME:FEBRUARY TO MAY 2008. CLAIMANTS ALLEGE THAT FANNIE MAE PREFERRED STOCK WAS NOT A SUITABLE INVESTMENT FOR THE PORTFOLIO.

Product Type: Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)

Alleged Damages: \$500,000.00

Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact): \$100,000 TO \$500,000

Is this an oral complaint? No

Is this a written complaint? Yes

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

Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location: FINRA

Docket/Case #: 11-00825

Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation: 03/11/2011

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 03/11/2011

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 03/16/2012

Settlement Amount: \$45,000.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

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Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.

Allegations: TIME FRAME:FEBRUARY TO MAY 2008. CLAIMANTS ALLEGE THAT FANNIE MAE PREFERRED STOCK WAS NOT A SUITABLE INVESTMENT FOR THE PORTFOLIO.

Product Type: Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)

Alleged Damages: \$500,000.00



Alleged Damages Amount \$100,000 TO \$500,000

Explanation (if amount not exact):

Is this an oral complaint? No

Is this a written complaint? Yes

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

Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location: FINRA

Docket/Case #: 11-00825

Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation: 03/11/2011

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 03/11/2011

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 03/16/2012

Settlement Amount: \$45,000.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Broker Statement THE INVESTMENT SUITED THE CLIENT INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES, UNFORTUNATELY, THE MARKET CONDITIONS CHANGED, AT WHICH POINT THERE WAS AN INTERVENING FORCE. THE US GOVERNMENT TOOK OVER BOTH FNM AND FRE AND PUT THE AGENCIES INTO CONSERVATORSHIP.

Disclosure 3 of 4

Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC

Allegations: THE COMPLAINT AROSE OUT OF THE SALE OF AN AUCTION RATE SECURITY (ARS) THAT WAS MADE PRIOR TO THE WIDESPREAD ILLIQUIDITY IN THE ARS MARKET THAT OCCURRED IN FEBRUARY 2008

Product Type: Other: AUCTION RATE SECURITIES

Alleged Damages: \$0.00

Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact): THE CUSTOMER DID NOT MAKE A CLAIM FOR COMPENSATORY DAMAGES AND/OR DAMAGES WERE DETERMINED TO BE LESS THAN \$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: 03/26/2008

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 12/23/2008

Settlement Amount: \$100,000.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Broker Statement

THE COMPLAINT AROSE IN CONNECTION WITH THE INDUSTRY WIDE BREAKDOWN OF THE LIQUIDITY IN THE MARKET FOR AUCTION RATE SECURITIES ("ARS"). THE FIRM AGREED TO REPURCHASE THE ARS SECURITIES AT ISSUE AT PAR VALUE FROM THE CLIENT PURSUANT TO A GLOBAL REPURCHASE AGREEMENT IT ENTERED INTO WITH SEVERAL REGULATORY BODIES. THIS WAS NOT A SETTLEMENT OF A DISPUTE BETWEEN THE CLIENT AND THE REPRESENTATIVE AND WAS NOT BASED ON THE MERITS OF THE CLIENT'S SPECIFIC CONCERNS OR ANY FINDING OF FAULT OR WRONGDOING BY THE NAMED REPRESENTATIVE. THE NAMED REPRESENTATIVE WAS NOT A PARTY TO, AND DID NOT AGREE TO OR PARTICIPATE IN, THE REPURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FIRM AND THE RELEVANT REGULATORY BODIES. THE NAMED REPRESENTATIVE DID NOT MAKE ANY PAYMENTS TO THE CLIENT AND THE NAMED REPRESENTATIVE WAS NOT ASKED TO AND DID NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE SETTLEMENT AMOUNT. THE LISTED "SETTLEMENT AMOUNT" REPRESENTS ONLY THE GROSS INITIAL PAR VALUE OF THE ARS POSITION AND DOES NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE ACTUAL VALUE OF THE ARS POSITION AT THE TIME THE FIRM RECEIVED IT BACK FROM THE CLIENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE SETTLEMENT. THIS MATTER IS BEING REPORTED AS A SETTLEMENT PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF FINRA REGULATORY NOTICE 09-12.

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Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: CGMI

Allegations: FAILURE TO FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM HIS ACCOUNT. (JUNE 2003)

Product Type: Penny Stock(s)

Alleged Damages: \$10,000.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 10/25/2004

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Arbitration/Reparation

Status Date: 10/25/2004

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:



Arbitration Information

**Arbitration/Reparation Claim
filed with and Docket/Case
No.:** NASD #04-07060

Date Notice/Process Served: 10/25/2004

Arbitration Pending? No

Disposition: Settled

Disposition Date: 12/06/2004

**Monetary Compensation
Amount:** \$13,000.00

**Individual Contribution
Amount:** \$0.00

Broker Statement AN OPERATIONAL ERROR OCCURRED IN THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM CLAIMANT'S ACCOUNT TO A THIRD PARTY ACCOUNT AND THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ERROR. CLAIMANT CONCEDES THAT THE ERROR WAS NOT INTENTIONAL.



End of Report

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