



IAPD Report

JOHN MICHAEL STOLAR

CRD# 1614907

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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

JOHN MICHAEL STOLAR (CRD# 1614907)

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 **10/14/2025**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
B	CENTAURUS FINANCIAL, INC.	CRD# 30833	08/23/2002
IA	CENTAURUS FINANCIAL, INC.	CRD# 30833	11/25/2002

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **1** SRO(s) and **20** 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	AXA ADVISORS, LLC	6627	MORGANTOWN, WV	01/11/2000 - 09/04/2002
B	AXA ADVISORS, LLC	6627	NEW YORK, NY	10/14/1996 - 09/04/2002
B	THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY 4039 OF THE UNITED STATES		NEW YORK, NY	10/14/1996 - 01/05/2000

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

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Firm Name: **CENTAURUS FINANCIAL, INC.**

Main Address: 2300 EAST KATELLA AVE
SUITE 200
ANAHEIM, CA 92806

Firm ID#: 30833

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	08/23/2002
B	FINRA	Invest. Co and Variable Contracts	Approved	08/23/2002
B	FINRA	General Securities Principal	Approved	10/17/2003
IA	Alabama	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	05/02/2023
B	California	Agent	Approved	12/04/2003
IA	California	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	01/04/2011
IA	Colorado	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	05/12/2021
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	09/08/2003
IA	Florida	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	01/04/2011
B	Georgia	Agent	Approved	10/13/2015
IA	Georgia	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	10/21/2015
IA	Hawaii	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	10/15/2025
B	Idaho	Agent	Approved	09/30/2019



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	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
IA	Idaho	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	02/13/2020
IA	Indiana	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	09/22/2020
B	Maryland	Agent	Approved	08/05/2003
IA	Maryland	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	04/07/2011
B	North Carolina	Agent	Approved	04/10/2012
IA	North Carolina	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	02/14/2020
B	Ohio	Agent	Approved	08/23/2002
IA	Ohio	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	01/06/2011
B	Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	08/23/2002
IA	Pennsylvania	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	01/19/2010
B	South Carolina	Agent	Approved	07/08/2019
IA	South Carolina	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	02/14/2020
B	Tennessee	Agent	Approved	01/21/2014
B	Texas	Agent	Approved	05/29/2012
IA	Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Restricted Approval	09/08/2020
IA	Utah	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	08/08/2018
B	Utah	Agent	Approved	08/10/2018
IA	Virginia	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	03/04/2015



Qualifications

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
IA Washington	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	09/25/2024
B West Virginia	Agent	Approved	08/23/2002
IA West Virginia	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	11/25/2002
IA Wyoming	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	11/09/2021

Branch Office Locations

CENTAURUS FINANCIAL, INC.
1211 CHEAT ROAD
MORGANTOWN, WV 26508

CENTAURUS FINANCIAL, INC.
500 MILLERS RUN ROAD
BOX 507
MORGAN, PA 15064

CENTAURUS FINANCIAL, INC.
322 Gateway Drive
Suite #103-2
Heber City, UT 84032



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, 3 general industry/product exams, and 2 state securities law exams.

Principal/Supervisory Exams

	Exam	Category	Date
	General Securities Principal Examination (S24)	Series 24	10/16/2003

General Industry/Product Exams

	Exam	Category	Date
	Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	10/01/2018
	General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	04/29/1999
	Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination (S6)	Series 6	05/01/1987

State Securities Law Exams

	Exam	Category	Date
	Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (S65)	Series 65	06/29/1999
	Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	03/26/1987

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	01/11/2000 - 09/04/2002	AXA ADVISORS, LLC	CRD# 6627	MORGANTOWN, WV
B	10/14/1996 - 09/04/2002	AXA ADVISORS, LLC	CRD# 6627	NEW YORK, NY
B	10/14/1996 - 01/05/2000	THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES	CRD# 4039	NEW YORK, NY
B	05/04/1987 - 10/01/1996	FRANKLIN FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION	CRD# 5435	HOUSTON, TX

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
09/2002 - Present	ORION FINANCIAL, LLC	PART OWNER	Y	MORGANTOWN, WV, United States
08/2002 - Present	CENTAURUS FINANCIAL, INC.	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	ORANGE, CA, 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.

REP, ORION FINANCIAL, LLC, 1209 CHEAT ROAD, MORGANTOWN, WV 26508. NON INVESTMENT RELATED SINCE 09/2002 AND I SPEND APPROX. 160 HOURS PER MONTH ON THIS ACTIVITY. FOR BRANDING PURPOSES ONLY. MEMBER, JMS SERVICES LLC/JOHN STOLAR, 1209 CHEAT ROAD, MORGANTOWN, WV 26508. NON INVESTMENT RELATED SINCE 09/2002 AND I SPEND APPROX. ONE HOUR PER MONTH ON THIS ACTIVITY. HEALTH INSURANCE, DI INSURANCE AND RENEWALS.



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	1

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.

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Reporting Source:	Individual
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	CENTAURUS FINANCIAL, INC.
Allegations:	CHANGES TO HER ACCOUNT WITHOUT HER KNOWLEDGE. PREVIOUS REPRESENTATIVE REMOVED WITHOUT HER KNOWLEDGE, HOLD PUT ON DISTRUBUTION CHECK, UNAUTHORIZED TRANSACTIONS, ALL TRANSACTIONS ON THIS ACCOUNT WERE DONE BY THE PREVIOUS REP. ALL ALLEGATIONS ARE FALSE.
Product Type:	Mutual Fund
Alleged Damages:	\$7,000.00
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:	12/02/2005
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Closed/No Action
Status Date:	05/29/2007
Settlement Amount:	



**Individual Contribution
Amount:**

Broker Statement

On or about October 2005, a customer wrote a complaint letter stating that I had put a hold on a distribution check that she requested and that her original broker, Robert Bard, was removed from her account without her knowledge. Actually, the former advisor, Robert Bard, had changed all of his clients' addresses of record to his home address in Pennsylvania. During that time, he was terminated from Centaurus Financial and I was asked to assist a number of his old clients. This particular client called in to request a distribution from her Mutual Fund account, I informed her that she would need to get a Signature Guaranteed letter stating that her home address was in Virginia. She called Robert Bard to complain about this and he instructed her to write a letter of complaint about me which was eventually denied/dismissed. Robert Bard was subsequently convicted of forgery, mail fraud and various other charges and was sentenced to 22 years in prison.



End of Report

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