



IAPD Report

JOHN EDWARD SCOTT

CRD# 1636317

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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 EDWARD SCOTT (CRD# 1636317)

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 **01/30/2025**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
B	REALTA EQUITIES, INC.	CRD# 23769	06/10/2024
IA	REALTA INVESTMENT ADVISORS, INC	CRD# 134952	08/02/2024

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **1** SRO(s) and **6** 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	CALTON & ASSOCIATES, INC.	20999	Tampa, FL	08/27/2018 - 06/07/2024
B	CALTON & ASSOCIATES, INC.	20999	TAMPA, FL	08/08/2018 - 06/07/2024
IA	KOVACK ADVISORS, INC.	140808	Tampa, FL	10/12/2004 - 08/09/2018

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
Termination	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 **6** jurisdiction(s) and 1 SRO(s) through his or her employer(s).

Employment 1 of 2

Firm Name: **REALTA EQUITIES, INC.**
Main Address: 1201 N. ORANGE STREET
SUITE 729
WILMINGTON, DE 19801
Firm ID#: 23769

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B	FINRA	General Securities Principal	Approved	06/10/2024
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	06/10/2024
B	California	Agent	Approved	06/10/2024
B	Connecticut	Agent	Approved	06/10/2024
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	08/02/2024
B	Georgia	Agent	Approved	06/10/2024
B	New Jersey	Agent	Approved	06/10/2024
B	New York	Agent	Approved	06/10/2024

Branch Office Locations

COASTAL EQUITIES, INC.
Tampa, FL

Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: **REALTA INVESTMENT ADVISORS, INC**
Main Address: 1201 N. ORANGE STREET
SUITE 729
WILMINGTON, DE 19801
Firm ID#: 134952



Qualifications

Regulator		Registration	Status	Date
IA	Florida	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	08/02/2024

Branch Office Locations

REALTA INVESTMENT ADVISORS, INC
Tampa, FL



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 2 state securities law exams.

Principal/Supervisory Exams

	Exam	Category	Date
	General Securities Principal Examination (S24)	Series 24	10/27/2001

General Industry/Product Exams

	Exam	Category	Date
	Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	10/01/2018
	General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	06/23/2001

State Securities Law Exams

	Exam	Category	Date
	Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (S65)	Series 65	04/28/2005
	Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	09/15/2001

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	08/27/2018 - 06/07/2024	CALTON & ASSOCIATES, INC.	CRD# 20999	Tampa, FL
B	08/08/2018 - 06/07/2024	CALTON & ASSOCIATES, INC.	CRD# 20999	TAMPA, FL
IA	10/12/2004 - 08/09/2018	KOVACK ADVISORS, INC.	CRD# 140808	Tampa, FL
B	10/05/2004 - 08/09/2018	KOVACK SECURITIES INC.	CRD# 44848	Tampa, FL
IA	10/12/2004 - 08/15/2006	RK ADVISORS	CRD# 44848	Tampa, FL
IA	06/28/2001 - 09/30/2004	RAYMOND JAMES FINANCIAL SERVICES	CRD# 6694	TAMPA, FL
B	06/25/2001 - 09/30/2004	RAYMOND JAMES FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	CRD# 6694	ST. PETERSBURG, FL

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
06/2024 - Present	REALTA EQUITIES, INC.	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	WILMINGTON, DE, United States
06/2024 - Present	REALTA INVESTMENTS ADVISORS, INC.	IAR	Y	WILMINGTON, DE, United States
08/2018 - 06/2024	Calton & Associates, Inc.	Registered Advisor	Y	Tampa, FL, United States
08/2006 - 08/2018	KOVACK ADVISORS, INC.	INVESTMENT ADVISOR	Y	FT. LAUDERDALE, FL, United States
10/2004 - 08/2018	KOVACK SECURITIES INC.	REGISTRATION REPRESENTATIVE	Y	FT. LAUDERDALE, FL, United States



Registration & Employment History



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.) Name of Business: Advent Health Zephyrhills Hospital. Non-Investment related. Address: 7050 Gall Blvd, Zephyrhills, FL 33541. Nature of Business: Board of Directors. Position/Title/Relationship: Director. Start Date: 04/23/2019. Hours per month: 6. Hours per month during Securities trading hours: 3%. Duties/Responsibilities: Member of the Board of Directors.

2.) Name of Business: Gulf Coast Financial Strategies. Investment related. Address: 18122 Sandy Pointe Dr, Tampa, FL 33647. Nature of Business: DBA for the securities business I run through Calton & Associates. All activities are identical. Position/Title/Relationship: Officer. Start Date: 10/10/2004. Hours per month: 50. Hours per month during Securities trading hours: 5. Duties/Responsibilities: Securities related business dealing with all aspects of managing client's investments as well as all administrative duties.

3.) Name of Business: Gulf Coast Financial Strategies. Investment Related. Address: 18122 Sandy Pointe Dr, Tampa, FL 33647. Nature of Business: Offering fixed life insurance to clients. Position/Title/Relationship: Officer. Start Date: 08/08/2018. Hours per month: 10. Hours per month during securities trading hours: 15. Duties/Responsibilities: Working with IMO's to determine the best products for clients. Managing paperwork and process flow.

4.) Name of Business: Realta Investment Advisors, Inc. Investment Related. Address: 1201 N. Orange Street Ste 729 Wilmington, DE 19801. Nature of Business: Investment Advisory Services. Position/Title/Relationship: Investment Advisor Representative. Start Date: 6/10/2024. Hours per month: 40 Hours per week during securities trading hours.



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
Termination	1

Termination

This disclosure event involves a situation where the Investment Adviser Representative voluntarily resigned, was discharged or was permitted to resign after allegations were made that accused the Investment Adviser Representative of violating investment-related statutes, regulations, rules or industry standards of conduct; fraud or the wrongful taking of property; or failure to supervise in connection with investment-related statutes, regulations, rules or industry standards of conduct.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source:	Individual
Firm Name:	RAYMOND JAMES FINANCIAL SERVICES
Termination Type:	Voluntary Resignation
Termination Date:	09/30/2004
Allegations:	VIOLATED FIRM PROCEDURES ON A 1035 EXCHANGE
Product Type:	Annuity(ies) - Variable
Other Product Types:	
Broker Statement	CUSTOMER ENDORSED LETTER INSTRUCTING SURRENDERING INSURANCE COMPANY TO LIQUIDATE EXISTING POLICY. PROCEEDS WERE DEPOSITED DIRECTLY INTO CUSTOMER'S RJFS BROKERAGE ACCOUNT AND NEW INSURANCE PRODUCT WAS PURCHASED THROUGH RJFS. NEW PRODUCT HAD FEATURES AND GUARANTEES NOT OFFERED BY SURRENDERING INSURANCE COMPANY THAT THE CUSTOMER WANTED. EIGHT MONTHS LATER, MY BRANCH MANAGER WAS TERMINATED FOR A SIMILAR TRANSACTION. I CAME FORWARD WITH MY TRANSACTION (STATED ABOVE) AND WAS ALSO TERMINATED FOR NOT FOLLOWING RJFS PROCEDURES.



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