



IAPD Report

RICKY MILLS HIGGINS

CRD# 1726947

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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

RICKY MILLS HIGGINS (CRD# 1726947)

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 **10/29/2024**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
B	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	CRD# 6413	10/08/2024
IA	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	CRD# 6413	10/08/2024

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **1** SRO(s) and **7** 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	FIRST HEARTLAND CAPITAL, INC.	32460	SPARTANBURG, SC	05/26/2016 - 10/08/2024
IA	FIRST HEARTLAND CONSULTANTS, INC.	110377	SPARTANBURG, SC	05/26/2016 - 10/08/2024
IA	INVESTMENT ADVISORS	15708	SPARTANBURG, SC	03/01/2012 - 06/06/2016

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

Employment 1 of 1

Firm Name: **LPL FINANCIAL LLC**
Main Address: 1055 LPL WAY
FORT MILL, SC 29715
Firm ID#: 6413

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B FINRA	Corporate Securities Represent	Approved	10/08/2024
B FINRA	Direct Participation Programs	Approved	10/08/2024
B FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	10/08/2024
B FINRA	Invest. Co and Variable Contracts	Approved	10/08/2024
B Florida	Agent	Approved	10/08/2024
B Georgia	Agent	Approved	10/08/2024
B Nevada	Agent	Approved	10/09/2024
B North Carolina	Agent	Approved	10/10/2024
B South Carolina	Agent	Approved	10/08/2024
IA South Carolina	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	10/08/2024
B Texas	Agent	Approved	10/08/2024
IA Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	10/08/2024
B Virginia	Agent	Approved	10/08/2024



Qualifications

Branch Office Locations

LPL FINANCIAL LLC
350 EAST ST JOHN STREET
SPARTANBURG, SC 29302



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, 5 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
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B Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	10/01/2018
B General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	12/23/2013
B Direct Participation Programs Representative Examination (S22)	Series 22	12/28/2012
B Corporate Securities Limited Representative Examination (S62)	Series 62	02/01/2000
B Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination (S6)	Series 6	08/18/1987

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
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IA Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (S65)	Series 65	06/08/2017
B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	10/16/1987

PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS

This section details that the representative has reported **1** professional designation(s).

Chartered Financial Consultant

This representative holds or did hold **1** professional designation(s) that may have been used to qualify as an Investment Advisor



representative. Please check with the appropriate designation authority for verification that the designation is still in effect. The contact information for these professional designation authorities can be found on the website for the North American Securities Administrators Association at <http://www.nasaa.org>



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	05/26/2016 - 10/08/2024	FIRST HEARTLAND CAPITAL, INC.	CRD# 32460	SPARTANBURG, SC
IA	05/26/2016 - 10/08/2024	FIRST HEARTLAND CONSULTANTS, INC.	CRD# 110377	SPARTANBURG, SC
IA	03/01/2012 - 06/06/2016	INVESTMENT ADVISORS	CRD# 15708	SPARTANBURG, SC
B	03/01/2012 - 06/06/2016	PROEQUITIES, INC.	CRD# 15708	SPARTANBURG, SC
IA	12/12/2005 - 03/01/2012	FIRST HEARTLAND CONSULTANTS, INC.	CRD# 110377	SPARTANBURG, SC
B	02/04/1999 - 03/01/2012	FIRST HEARTLAND CAPITAL, INC.	CRD# 32460	SPARTANBURG, SC
B	08/20/1987 - 02/03/1999	PRUCO SECURITIES CORPORATION	CRD# 5685	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
10/2024 - Present	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	Registered Representative	Y	Spartanburg, SC, United States
05/2016 - 10/2024	FIRST HEARTLAND CAPITAL INC	REGISTERED REP	Y	LAKE ST LOUIS, MO, 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- 09/2024 / Walker, Higgins and Associates Wealth Management, LLC / Insurance Agency / Investment Related / 25 hrs mth / 5 hrs during trading / Spartanburg, SC / Start date: 01/01/1999
- 2- 09/2024 / Walker, Higgins and Associates Wealth Management, LLC / Non-Variable Insurance / Investment Related / 25 hrs mth / 5 hrs during trading / Spartanburg, SC / Start date: 01/01/1999
- 3- 09/2024 / RMH Financial Alchemy, Inc / Business Entity For Tax/Investment Purposes Only / Not Investment Related / Spartanburg, SC / Start date: 12/01/2008
- 4- 09/2024 / Walker, Higgins and Associates Wealth Management, LLC / DBA for LPL Business (entity for LPL business) /



Registration & Employment History



OTHER BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

Investment Related / 180 hrs mth / 45 hrs during trading / At reported business location(s)

5- 09/2024 / 350 Building Associates, LLC / Real Estate Rental / Investment Related / 2 hrs mth / 5 hrs during trading / Spartanburg, SC / Start date: 12/9/1996

6- 09/2024 / RMH Property Holdings LLC / Other: Personal Real Estate Holding LLC / 1 hr mth / 5 hrs during trading / Not Investment Related / Spartanburg, SC / Start date: 05/14/2015



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:

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Regulatory Event	1
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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:	FINRA
Sanction(s) Sought:	Other: N/A
Date Initiated:	02/22/2018
Docket/Case Number:	2016050244501
Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:	ProEquities, Inc.
Product Type:	Mutual Fund
Allegations:	Without admitting or denying the findings, Higgins consented to the sanctions and to the entry of findings that he maintained customer-signed but otherwise blank forms for clients to submit to his member firm in connection with mutual fund exchanges. The findings stated that the pre-signed forms were completed and submitted to the firm following execution of the transactions. The firm did not require these forms be signed prior to the transactions and Higgins' actions were in violation of the firm's WSPs.
Current Status:	Final
Resolution:	Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)



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:

02/22/2018

Sanctions Ordered:

Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)
Suspension

If the regulator is the SEC, CFTC, or an SRO, did the action result in a finding of a willful violation or failure to supervise?

No

(1) willfully violated any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any of such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, or to have been unable to comply with any provision of such Act, rule or regulation?

(2) willfully aided, abetted, counseled, commanded, induced, or procured the violation by any person of any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any of such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board? or



(3) failed reasonably to supervise another person subject to your supervision, with a view to preventing the violation by such person of any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board?

Sanction 1 of 1

Sanction Type: Suspension
Capacities Affected: All Capacities
Duration: three months
Start Date: 03/19/2018
End Date: 06/18/2018

Monetary Sanction 1 of 1

Monetary Related Sanction: Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)
Total Amount: \$5,000.00
Portion Levied against individual: \$5,000.00
Payment Plan:
Is Payment Plan Current:
Date Paid by individual: 03/08/2018
Was any portion of penalty waived? No

Amount Waived:

Regulator Statement Fines paid in full on March 8, 2018.

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Reporting Source: Individual
Regulatory Action Initiated By: FINANCIAL INDUSTRY REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Sanction(s) Sought: Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)
Suspension
Date Initiated: 02/22/2018
Docket/Case Number: [2016050244501](#)



Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:	ProEquities, Inc.
Product Type:	Mutual Fund
Allegations:	Without admitting or denying the findings, Higgins consented to the sanctions and to the entry of findings that he maintained customer-signed, but otherwise blank forms for clients to submit to his member firm in connection with mutual fund exchanges. The findings stated that the pre-signed forms were completed and submitted to the firm following execution of the transactions. The firm did not require these forms be signed prior to the transactions and Higgins' actions were in violation of the firm's WSP's.
Current Status:	Final
Resolution:	Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)
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:	02/22/2018
Sanctions Ordered:	Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s) Suspension
Sanction 1 of 1	
Sanction Type:	Suspension
Capacities Affected:	All Capacities
Duration:	Three months
Start Date:	03/19/2018
End Date:	06/18/2018
Monetary Sanction 1 of 1	
Monetary Related Sanction:	Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)
Total Amount:	\$5,000.00
Portion Levied against individual:	\$5,000.00
Payment Plan:	
Is Payment Plan Current:	
Date Paid by individual:	03/05/2018
Was any portion of penalty waived?	No
Amount Waived:	



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: Firm

Firm Name: PROEQUITIES INC

Termination Type: Discharged

Termination Date: 05/25/2016

Allegations: Firm investigation determined that from approximately late 2012 through April 2016, representative was responsible for having clients sign blank or undated forms and was also responsible (by either engaging in the practice or overseeing office employees who engaged in the practice) for the "whiting out" of dates on forms requiring client signatures in order to reuse the forms. The above practices occurred in more than 100 customer accounts. Representative initially denied knowledge and existence of the practices but later that day admitted to knowing about them.

Product Type: Mutual Fund

Reporting Source: Individual

Firm Name: PRO EQUITIES INC

Termination Type: Discharged

Termination Date: 05/25/2016

Allegations: I WAS DISCHARGED FOR THE USE OF PRE-SIGNED CLIENT FORMS FOR MUTUAL FUND TRADE ACTIVITY

Product Type: Mutual Fund

Broker Statement I WAS TERMINATED BY PRO EQUITIES INC DUE TO THE USE OF PRE-SIGNED CLIENT SWITCH FORMS



End of Report

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