



## IAPD Report

### STEPHEN LINDEN THOMAS

CRD# 1789031

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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

### STEPHEN LINDEN THOMAS (CRD# 1789031)

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 **06/16/2025**.

### CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
<b>B</b>	LINDEN THOMAS AND COMPANY SECURITIES, LLC	CRD# 290244	05/11/2018
<b>IA</b>	LINDEN THOMAS ADVISORY SERVICES, LLC	CRD# 288557	06/19/2018
<b>IA</b>	INDEXPERTS, LLC	CRD# 314858	08/02/2021

### QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **1** SRO(s) and **43** 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>B</b>	WELLS FARGO ADVISORS FINANCIAL NETWORK, LLC	11025	CHARLOTTE, NC	03/17/2005 - 06/20/2018
<b>IA</b>	WELLS FARGO ADVISORS FINANCIAL NETWORK, LLC	11025	CHARLOTTE, NC	03/17/2005 - 06/20/2018
<b>IA</b>	MERRILL LYNCH PIERCE FENNER & SMITH INC.	7691	CHARLOTTE, NC	02/16/2001 - 03/16/2005

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



## Report Summary

Customer Dispute	4
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 43 jurisdiction(s) and 1 SRO(s) through his or her employer(s).

#### Employment 1 of 3

Firm Name: **LINDEN THOMAS AND COMPANY SECURITIES, LLC**

Main Address: 516 N. TRYON STREET  
CHARLOTTE, NC 28202

Firm ID#: 290244

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
 FINRA	General Securities Principal	Approved	05/11/2018
 FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	05/11/2018
 FINRA	Operations Professional	Approved	05/11/2018
 Alabama	Agent	Approved	06/26/2018
 Arizona	Agent	Approved	06/27/2018
 Arkansas	Agent	Approved	06/27/2018
 California	Agent	Approved	06/19/2018
 Colorado	Agent	Approved	07/02/2018
 Connecticut	Agent	Approved	06/27/2018
 Delaware	Agent	Approved	06/28/2018
 District of Columbia	Agent	Approved	06/25/2018
 Florida	Agent	Approved	06/19/2018
 Georgia	Agent	Approved	06/18/2018



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Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B Illinois	Agent	Approved	06/25/2018
B Indiana	Agent	Approved	04/30/2025
B Iowa	Agent	Approved	06/26/2018
B Kansas	Agent	Approved	06/17/2025
B Kentucky	Agent	Approved	06/27/2018
B Louisiana	Agent	Approved	06/28/2018
B Maine	Agent	Approved	06/21/2018
B Maryland	Agent	Approved	06/19/2018
B Massachusetts	Agent	Approved	11/08/2018
B Michigan	Agent	Approved	06/22/2018
B Minnesota	Agent	Approved	11/08/2024
B Mississippi	Agent	Approved	06/29/2018
B Missouri	Agent	Approved	06/20/2018
B Montana	Agent	Approved	06/19/2018
B Nebraska	Agent	Approved	12/23/2021
B New Hampshire	Agent	Approved	07/20/2021
B New Jersey	Agent	Approved	06/27/2018
B New York	Agent	Approved	06/27/2018
B North Carolina	Agent	Approved	06/26/2018



## Qualifications

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B Ohio	Agent	Approved	06/21/2018
B Oklahoma	Agent	Approved	01/04/2021
B Oregon	Agent	Approved	06/22/2018
B Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	06/21/2018
B South Carolina	Agent	Approved	06/27/2018
B South Dakota	Agent	Approved	06/27/2018
B Tennessee	Agent	Approved	06/28/2018
B Texas	Agent	Approved	06/20/2018
B Utah	Agent	Approved	12/15/2021
B Vermont	Agent	Approved	01/03/2022
B Virginia	Agent	Approved	06/27/2018
B Washington	Agent	Approved	06/26/2018
B Wisconsin	Agent	Approved	08/23/2018
B Wyoming	Agent	Approved	05/06/2025

## Branch Office Locations

516 N. TRYON STREET  
CHARLOTTE, NC 28202

516 N TRYON STREET  
CHARLOTTE, NC 28202

## Employment 2 of 3

Firm Name: **INDEXPERTS, LLC**

Main Address: 516 NORTH TRYON STREET  
CHARLOTTE, NC 28202

Firm ID#: 314858



## Qualifications

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
IA North Carolina	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	08/02/2021

### Branch Office Locations

**INDEXPERTS, LLC**  
516 NORTH TRYON STREET  
CHARLOTTE, NC 28202

### Employment 3 of 3

Firm Name: **LINDEN THOMAS ADVISORY SERVICES, LLC**  
Main Address: 516 NORTH TRYON STREET, SUITE 200  
CHARLOTTE, NC 28202  
Firm ID#: 288557

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
IA North Carolina	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	06/27/2018
IA Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Restricted Approval	06/19/2018

### Branch Office Locations

**LINDEN THOMAS ADVISORY SERVICES, LLC**  
516 NORTH TRYON STREET, SUITE 200  
CHARLOTTE, NC 28202



## 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	09/22/2006

#### General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
 Operations Professional Examination (S99TO)	Series 99TO	01/02/2023
 Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	10/01/2018
 General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	02/20/1988

#### State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
 Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (S65)	Series 65	04/14/1992
 Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	02/24/1988

### 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	03/17/2005 - 06/20/2018	WELLS FARGO ADVISORS FINANCIAL NETWORK, LLC	CRD# 11025	CHARLOTTE, NC
IA	03/17/2005 - 06/20/2018	WELLS FARGO ADVISORS FINANCIAL NETWORK, LLC	CRD# 11025	CHARLOTTE, NC
IA	02/16/2001 - 03/16/2005	MERRILL LYNCH PIERCE FENNER & SMITH INC.	CRD# 7691	CHARLOTTE, NC
B	02/16/2001 - 03/16/2005	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	CRD# 7691	NEW YORK, NY
B	07/13/1995 - 02/21/2001	PRUDENTIAL SECURITIES INCORPORATED	CRD# 7471	NEW YORK, NY
B	07/31/1993 - 07/12/1995	SMITH BARNEY INC.	CRD# 7059	NEW YORK, NY
B	04/11/1988 - 07/31/1993	LEHMAN BROTHERS INC.	CRD# 7506	NEW YORK, NY
B	02/24/1988 - 04/11/1988	E. F. HUTTON & COMPANY INC	CRD# 235	

### 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
06/2021 - Present	Indexperts, LLC	Managing Member, IAR	Y	Charlotte, NC, United States
12/2017 - Present	LINDEN THOMAS ADVISORY SERVICES, LLC	MANAGING MEMBER	Y	CHARLOTTE, NC, United States
08/2017 - Present	LINDEN THOMAS AND COMPANY SECURITIES, LLC	MANAGING PRINCIPAL	Y	CHARLOTTE, NC, United States
05/2009 - 06/2018	WELLS FARGO ADVISORS FINANCIAL NETWORK LLC	REGISTERED REP	Y	CHARLOTTE, NC, United States
05/2017 - 12/2017	Strategic Index Advisors, LLC	Managing Member / CCO	Y	Charlotte, NC, 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.

2005-PRESENT, COMMERCIAL RENTAL PROPERTY, BLOWING ROCK, NC, NOT INVESTMENT-RELATED, OWNER OF BUILDING RENTED TO RESTAURANT, 0 HRS/MO; 06/2007-PRESENT, COMMERCIAL RENTAL PROPERTY, BLOWING ROCK, NC, NOT INVESTMENT-RELATED, 100% OWNERSHIP, 0 HRS/MO; 2012-PRESENT, SLT PROPERTIES, HOLDING COMPANY TO HOLD REAL ESTATE FOR FINET PRACTICE OFFICE, NOT INVESTMENT-RELATED, CHARLOTTE, NC, OWNER, 2 HRS/MO, 0 HRS DURING TRADING; 02/2018-PRESENT, LINDEN THOMAS ADVISORY SERVICES LLC, CHARLOTTE, NC, REGISTERED INVESTMENT ADVISER, INVESTMENT-RELATED, FOUNDER, 100-160 HRS/MO, 4-6 HRS DURING TRADING; 06/2021-PRESENT, INDEXPERTS LLC, CHARLOTTE, NC, REGISTERED INVESTMENT ADVISER, INVESTMENT-RELATED, FOUNDER; 09/2022-PRESENT, REAL ESTATE RENTAL, NOT INVESTMENT-RELATED, OWNER, 0 HRS/MO.



## 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
Termination	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.

#### Disclosure 1 of 4

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Individual
<b>Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:</b>	WELLS FARGO ADVISORS FINANCIAL NETWORK LLC, WACHOVIA SECURITIES FINANCIAL NETWORK LLC, LINDEN THOMAS & CO D/B/A LINDEN THOMAS PREMIER ASSET MANAGEMENT AND CONSULTING
<b>Allegations:</b>	CLAIMANTS, RESIDENTS OF NORTH CAROLINA, ALLEGED IN 2008 UNSUITABLE RECOMMENDATIONS IN EQUITIES WERE MADE TO THEM. CLAIMANTS ARE SEEKING LOSSES ALLEGED TO BE \$560,000.
<b>Product Type:</b>	Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)
<b>Alleged Damages:</b>	\$560,000.00
<b>Is this an oral complaint?</b>	No
<b>Is this a written complaint?</b>	Yes
<b>Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?</b>	No

### Customer Complaint Information

<b>Date Complaint Received:</b>	12/20/2010
<b>Complaint Pending?</b>	No
<b>Status:</b>	Evolved into Arbitration/CFTC reparation (the individual is a named party)
<b>Status Date:</b>	12/20/2010
<b>Settlement Amount:</b>	

**Individual Contribution****Amount:****Arbitration Information****Arbitration/CFTC reparation claim filed with (FINRA, AAA, CFTC, etc.):****Docket/Case #:** 10-04773**Date Notice/Process Served:** 12/20/2010**Arbitration Pending?** No**Disposition:** Settled**Disposition Date:** 10/15/2012**Monetary Compensation Amount:** \$200,000.00**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$0.00**Broker Statement**  
THE MATTER WAS SETTLED FOR \$200,000.00 TO AVOID THE EXPENSE AND DISTRACTION OF ARBITRATION.**Disclosure 2 of 4****Reporting Source:** Individual**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** WACHOVIA SECURITIES FINANCIAL NETWORK, LLC**Allegations:** CLAIMANT, A SOUTH CAROLINA RESIDENT, ALLEGES RECOMMENDATIONS OF UNSUITABLE EQUITY POSITIONS. CLAIMANT IS REQUESTING COMPENSATORY DAMAGES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$181,000.**Product Type:** Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)**Alleged Damages:** \$181,000.00**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 #:** 10-00230**Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation:** 02/10/2010**Customer Complaint Information****Date Complaint Received:** 04/06/2010**Complaint Pending?** No**Status:** Settled**Status Date:** 03/20/2012



**Settlement Amount:** \$135,000.00

**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$0.00

**Broker Statement** THE FIRM WAS NAMED IN THE SUIT, NOT THE FINANCIAL ADVISOR, AND THE FINANCIAL ADVISOR EXPRESSLY DENIES ANY LIABILITY.

#### Disclosure 3 of 4

**Reporting Source:** Firm

**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** PSI

**Allegations:** CUSTOMERS ALLEGE THAT DUE TO THE FA'S FAILURE TO ALERT THEM OF THE ENORMITY OF A DOWNGRADE, THEY LOST \$30000.00 BY SELLING HIGH YIELD BONDS BEFORE MATURITY.

**Product Type:** Other

**Other Product Type(s):** BONDS

**Alleged Damages:** \$30,000.00

#### Customer Complaint Information

**Date Complaint Received:** 05/10/2001

**Complaint Pending?** No

**Status:** Denied

**Status Date:** 07/17/2001

**Settlement Amount:**

**Individual Contribution Amount:**

**Reporting Source:** Individual

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

**Allegations:** CUSTOMERS ALLEGE THAT DUE TO THE FA'S FAILURE TO ALERT THEM OF THE ENORMITY OF A DOWNGRADE, THEY LOST \$30,000 BY SELLING HIGH YIELD BONDS BEFORE MATURITY.

**Product Type:** Other

**Other Product Type(s):** BONDS

**Alleged Damages:** \$30,000.00

#### Customer Complaint Information

**Date Complaint Received:** 05/10/2001

**Complaint Pending?** Yes

**Settlement Amount:**

**Individual Contribution Amount:**

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**Reporting Source:** Firm  
**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** PSI  
**Allegations:** CUSTOMER ALLEGES THAT UNSUITABLE BOND PURCHASES CAUSED HER LOSSES IN EXCESS OF \$56000.00.  
**Product Type:** Other  
**Other Product Type(s):** BONDS  
**Alleged Damages:** \$56,604.39

**Customer Complaint Information**

**Date Complaint Received:** 10/24/2000  
**Complaint Pending?** No  
**Status:** Settled  
**Status Date:** 03/15/2001  
**Settlement Amount:** \$56,000.00  
**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$28,000.00

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**Reporting Source:** Individual  
**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** PRUDENTIAL SECURITIES INCORPORATED  
**Allegations:** CLAIMANT ALLEGES THAT UNSUITABLE RECOMMENDATIONS AND AUTHORIZED TRADES CAUSED HER LOSSES IN EXCESS OF \$56,000.  
**Product Type:** Other  
**Other Product Type(s):** BONDS  
**Alleged Damages:** \$56,604.39

**Customer Complaint Information**

**Date Complaint Received:** 10/24/2000  
**Complaint Pending?** No  
**Status:** Settled  
**Status Date:** 03/15/2001  
**Settlement Amount:** \$56,000.00  
**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$28,000.00



## 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:** SALOMON SMITH BARNEY INC.  
**Termination Type:** Permitted to Resign  
**Termination Date:** 06/29/1995  
**Allegations:** N/A  
CONTACTED EXISTING SMITH BARNEY CLIENT THUS  
VIOLATED FIRM POLICY  
**Product Type:**  
**Other Product Types:**  
**Broker Statement** PERMITTED TO RESIGN  
I RESPONDED TO 22N BECAUSE I WAS ASKED BY A  
CLIENT OF ANOTHER BROKER EMPLOYED BY SMITH BARNEY TO HELP  
BETTER THE ACCOUNT AFTER THE BROKER HAD ALREADY BEEN FIRED  
OR  
THE DECISION HAD BEEN MADE TO FIRE THE BROKER. THE FIRM WAS  
NOTIFIED IN WRITING BY THE CLIENT REQUESTING MY INVOLVEMENT. I  
DID WHAT THE CLIENT REQUESTED AND PROCEEDED TO HELP THEM AND  
SMITH BARNEY MANAGEMENT DISAGREES WITH MY ACTIONS.



## End of Report

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