



IAPD Report

JAMES LUKE FLANAGAN

CRD# 1812317

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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

JAMES LUKE FLANAGAN (CRD# 1812317)

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 **02/10/2026**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
B	INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC	CRD# 7717	04/07/2010
IA	INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC	CRD# 7717	04/08/2010

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **1** SRO(s) and **17** 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	FSC SECURITIES CORPORATION	7461	NAPERVILLE, IL	09/10/2009 - 04/12/2010
B	FSC SECURITIES CORPORATION	7461	NAPERVILLE, IL	09/02/2009 - 04/12/2010
IA	WATERSTONE FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.	10078	NAPERVILLE, IL	08/01/2003 - 08/26/2009

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	2



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

Employment 1 of 1

Firm Name: **INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC**
Main Address: 12671 HIGH BLUFF DR
SUITE 200
SAN DIEGO, CA 92130
Firm ID#: 7717

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	04/07/2010
B	FINRA	Invest. Co and Variable Contracts	Approved	04/07/2010
B	Arizona	Agent	Approved	12/12/2025
B	California	Agent	Approved	04/07/2010
B	Colorado	Agent	Approved	01/02/2015
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	04/07/2010
B	Illinois	Agent	Approved	04/07/2010
IA	Illinois	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	04/08/2010
B	Indiana	Agent	Approved	04/13/2010
B	Maine	Agent	Approved	06/05/2018
B	Maryland	Agent	Approved	03/23/2016
B	Michigan	Agent	Approved	06/28/2010
B	Missouri	Agent	Approved	07/25/2016



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Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B New Jersey	Agent	Approved	06/10/2014
B New York	Agent	Approved	03/26/2014
B Ohio	Agent	Approved	10/20/2014
B South Dakota	Agent	Approved	09/25/2025
B Texas	Agent	Approved	04/07/2010
IA Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Restricted Approval	04/10/2015
B Washington	Agent	Approved	11/15/2012
B Wisconsin	Agent	Approved	01/10/2011

Branch Office Locations

INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC
3020 Woodcreek Drive
Suite C1
Downers Grove, IL 60515

INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC
6601 W. NORTH AVENUE
SUITE 2
OAK PARK, IL 60302



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, 3 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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Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	10/01/2018
General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	02/27/2001
Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination (S6)	Series 6	04/25/1988

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
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Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (S65)	Series 65	12/27/2000
Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	12/12/1991

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
IA	09/10/2009 - 04/12/2010	FSC SECURITIES CORPORATION	CRD# 7461	NAPERVILLE, IL
B	09/02/2009 - 04/12/2010	FSC SECURITIES CORPORATION	CRD# 7461	NAPERVILLE, IL
IA	08/01/2003 - 08/26/2009	WATERSTONE FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.	CRD# 10078	NAPERVILLE, IL
B	07/21/2003 - 08/26/2009	WATERSTONE FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.	CRD# 10078	NAPERVILLE, IL
IA	06/20/2001 - 09/03/2003	RE-DIRECT SECURITIES CORP	CRD# 35518	NAPERVILLE, IL
B	03/27/2000 - 07/21/2003	RE-DIRECT SECURITIES CORP	CRD# 35518	VILLA PARK, IL
B	04/26/1988 - 02/15/2000	PRUCO SECURITIES CORPORATION	CRD# 5685	NEWARK, NJ
B	04/26/1988 - 12/10/1993	THE PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA	CRD# 680	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
04/2010 - Present	INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL GROUP	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	SAN DIEGO, 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.

(1) PRO BONO FINANCIAL ADVICE

POSITION: Employee NATURE: Consulting Services INVESTMENT RELATED: Y # OF HOURS: 2 SECURITIES TRADING

HOURS: 2 START DATE: 01/01/2000

ADDRESS: 3020 Woodcreek Drive, Suite C1, Downers Grove IL 60515 DESCRIPTION: PROVIDING Free FINANCIAL ADVICE TO CANCER PATIENTS .

(2) JAMES FLANAGAN-PACKING FOR RETIREMENT BOOK

POSITION: Author NATURE: Other: INVESTMENT RELATED: No # OF HOURS: 0 SECURITIES TRADING HOURS: 1 START



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OTHER BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

DATE: 02/14/2026

ADDRESS: 3020 Woodcreek Drive, Suite C1, Downers Grove IL 60515, United States

DESCRIPTION: Booked authored by Jim.

(3)CIRCLE F PROPERTIES

POSITION: Employee NATURE: Other: INVESTMENT RELATED: Y # OF HOURS: 4 SECURITIES TRADING HOURS: 0 START

DATE: 01/01/2019

ADDRESS: 1408 Elgin, Forest Park IL 60130 DESCRIPTION: 50% OWNER OF CIRCLE F PROPERTIES

(4)INSURANCE AGENT

POSITION: Employee NATURE: Insurance outside of IFG INVESTMENT RELATED: Y #OF HOURS: 5 SECURITIES TRADING

HOURS: 5 START DATE: 03/01/1987

ADDRESS: 3020 Woodcreek Drive, Suite C1, Downers Grove IL

DESCRIPTION: IL INSURANCE AGENT

(5) BENTRON FINANCIAL GROUP

POSITION: Agent/Representative NATURE: DBA Name for Marketing Purposes Only INVESTMENT RELATED: Y #OF HOURS:

20 SECURITIES TRADING HOURS: 10 START DATE: 01/01/1998

ADDRESS: 3020 Woodcreek Drive, Suite C1, Downers Grove IL 60515

DESCRIPTION: EMPLOYEE OF DBA BENTRON FINANCIAL GROUP USED FOR MARKETING PURPOSES.

(6) TRITON COLLEGE EDUCATION SERVICES

POSITION: Employee NATURE: Teaching/Coaching INVESTMENT RELATED: No #HOURS: 4 SECURITIES TRADING HOURS:

0 START DATE: 01/01/2008

ADDRESS: 2000 Fifth Ave., River Grove IL 60139, United States

DESCRIPTION: PROFESSOR TRITON COLLEGE

(7) CIRCLE F PROPERTIES INC

POSITION: Employee NATURE: Real Estate Sales/Rental Properties/Property Management INVESTMENT RELATED: N # OF

HOURS: 4 SECURITIES TRADING HOURS: 0 START DATE: 01/01/2019

ADDRESS: 1408 Elgin, Forest Park IL 60130

DESCRIPTION: 50% OWNER OF CIRCLE F PROPERTIES INC

(8) TERRA NOVA FILMS

POSITION: Volunteer NATURE: Board Member (Profit or Non-Profit) INVESTMENT RELATED: N #OF HOURS: 3 SECURITIES

TRADING HOURS: 0 START DATE: 01/01/2017

ADDRESS: 3020 Woodcreek Drive, Suite C1, Downers Grove IL 60515

DESCRIPTION: TREASURER FOR TERRA NOVA FILMS.

(9) PROFESSOR OF GERONTOLOGY AT CONCORDIA

POSITION: Employee NATURE: Teaching/Coaching INVESTMENT RELATED: # OF HOURS: 12 SECURITIES TRADING

HOURS: 4 START DATE: 01/01/2017

ADDRESS: 7900 W Augusta, River Forest IL 60305

DESCRIPTION: ADJUNCT PROFESSOR AT CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY.

(10) CIRCLE OF LIFE, INC.

POSITION: Independent Contractor NATURE: Consulting Services INVESTMENT RELATED: No # OF HOURS: 8 SECURITIES

TRADING HOURS: 2 START DATE: 01/01/2018

ADDRESS: 3020 Woodcreek Drive, Suite C1, Downers Grove IL 60515

DESCRIPTION: CONSULTANT FOR CIRCLE OF LIFE CONSULTING, INC.



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OTHER BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

(11) AFFINITY WEALTH MANAGEMENT, INC.

POSITION: Employee NATURE: Insurance outside of IFG INVESTMENT RELATED: Yes # OF HOURS: 4 SECURITIES

TRADING HOURS: 4 START DATE: 08/25/2021

ADDRESS: 755 William, River Forest IL 60305

DESCRIPTION: OUTSIDE INSURANCE.

(12) ROSE LAKE ASSOCIATION

POSITION: Treasurer. NATURE: Board Member or Officer (Profit or Non-Profit) INVESTMENT RELATED: No # OF HOURS: 4

SECURITIES TRADING HOURS: 0 START DATE: 02/07/2024

ADDRESS: , IL ,

DESCRIPTION: Prepare budget, attend meetings. Reconcile bank bookkeeping.

(13) BFG TAX SERVICE INC

POSITION: Officer/Director NATURE: Tax Preparation/ INVESTMENT RELATED: No # OF HOURS: 3 SECURITIES TRADING

HOURS: 0 START DATE: 02/01/2025

ADDRESS: 3020 Woodcreek Drive, Suite C1, Downers Grove IL 60515

DESCRIPTION: Oversee operations of tax service. I employ qualified tax preparers.

(14) INDEPENDENT ADVISOR RESOURCES INC

POSITION: Officer/Director NATURE: Insurance outside of IFG INVESTMENT RELATED: No # OF HOURS: 1 SECURITIES

TRADING HOURS: 0 START DATE: 02/01/2025

ADDRESS: 105 N Cody RD, Le Claire IA 52753

DESCRIPTION: Recruit develop and train agents to sell life insurance and fixed annuities.



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	2

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 2

Reporting Source:	Individual
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC
Allegations:	ALLEGES THAT REPRESENTATIVE'S ACTIONS HAVE RESULTED IN LOSSES
Product Type:	Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock) Mutual Fund
Alleged Damages:	\$110,000.00
Is this an oral complaint?	No
Is this a written complaint?	No
Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?	Yes
Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:	FINRA
Docket/Case #:	20-01020
Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation:	03/28/2020

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received:	03/30/2020
Complaint Pending?	No



Status: Settled

Status Date: 10/18/2021

Settlement Amount: \$22,500.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Broker Statement In the interest of expedient resolution claim was settled for the amount indicated above. Settlement should not be deemed an admission of guilt or liability on the part of the representative and/or the firm. Firm's investigation did not reveal evidence to support any of the claims made.

Disclosure 2 of 2

Reporting Source: Firm

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: PRUCO SECURITIES, LLC.

Allegations: THE CLIENT WAS MISLEAD REGARDING THE DURATION OF THE PREMIUM PAYMENTS.

Product Type: Insurance

Alleged Damages: \$0.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 02/04/2009

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Denied

Status Date: 02/04/2009

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:

Firm Statement THIS CONCERNS A POLICY INCLUDED IN THE CLASS OF POLICIES THAT WAS THE SUBJECT OF A NATIONWIDE CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT IN WHICH PRUDENTIAL, ITS INSURANCE AFFILIATES AND PERSONNEL WERE RELEASED CONCERNING LIFE INSURANCE SALES PRACTICES. THE CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT REMEDIATION PROCESSES FOR ADDRESSING CLAIMS FOR POLICIES INCLUDED IN THE CLASS HAVE CONCLUDED. BECAUSE THE COMPANY AND THE REPRESENTATIVE(S) WERE RELEASED FROM ANY FURTHER LIABILITY OR OBLIGATION WITH RESPECT TO CLAIMS LIKE THOSE MADE BY THE POLICYHOLDER, THE COMPANY IS NOT REVIEWING THIS INQUIRY AND IS MAKING NO FINDING OR FURTHER FILING REGARDING THIS INQUIRY.

Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: PRUCO SECURITIES, LLC

Allegations: THE CLIENT WAS MISLEAD REGARDING THE DURATION OF THE PREMIUM PAYMENTS.



Product Type: Insurance

Alleged Damages: \$0.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 02/04/2009

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Denied

Status Date: 02/04/2009

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:

Broker Statement

AS PER U-5 FILING, THIS CONCERNS A POLICY INCLUDED IN THE CLASS POLICIES THAT WAS THE SUBJECT OF A NATIONWIDE CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT IN WHICH PRUDENTIAL, ITS AFFILIATES AND PERSONNEL WERE RELEASED CONCERNING LIFE INSURANCE SALES PRACTICES. THE CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT REMEDIATION PROCESSES FOR ADDRESSING CLAIMS FOR POLICIES INCLUDED IN THE CLASS HAVE CONCLUDED. BECAUSE THE COMPANY AND THE REPRESENTATIVE(S) WERE RELEASED FROM ANY FURTHER LIABILITY OR OBLIGATION WITH RESPECT TO CLAIMS LIKE THOSE MADE BY THE POLICYHOLDER, THE COMPANY IS NOT REVIEWING THIS INQUIRY AND IS MAKING NO FINDING OR FURTHER FILING S REGARDING THIS INQUIRY.



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