



## IAPD Report

# STEVEN EDWARD BERNIER

CRD# 1919592

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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

### STEVEN EDWARD BERNIER (CRD# 1919592)

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 **01/10/2025**.

### CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
<b>IA</b>	MPM WEALTH ADVISORS	CRD# 104926	10/12/2010
<b>B</b>	PURSHE KAPLAN STERLING INVESTMENTS	CRD# 35747	06/16/2020

### QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **1** SRO(s) and **14** 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>	MICHIGAN SECURITIES, INC.	101600	SOUTHFIELD, MI	01/31/2006 - 07/15/2020
<b>B</b>	NEW ENGLAND SECURITIES	615	NEW YORK, NY	04/16/2003 - 01/31/2006
<b>B</b>	VERAVEST INVESTMENTS, INC.	3960	WORCESTER, MA	08/23/2001 - 05/07/2003

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

### Employment 1 of 2

Firm Name: **PURSHE KAPLAN STERLING INVESTMENTS**

Main Address: 80 STATE STREET  
ALBANY, NY 12207

Firm ID#: 35747

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
<b>B</b>	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	06/16/2020
<b>B</b>	FINRA	Operations Professional	Approved	06/16/2020
<b>B</b>	Arizona	Agent	Approved	09/07/2023
<b>B</b>	California	Agent	Approved	06/16/2020
<b>B</b>	Florida	Agent	Approved	06/16/2020
<b>B</b>	Georgia	Agent	Approved	06/16/2020
<b>B</b>	Kentucky	Agent	Approved	06/16/2020
<b>B</b>	Maryland	Agent	Approved	07/15/2020
<b>B</b>	Massachusetts	Agent	Approved	08/29/2023
<b>B</b>	Michigan	Agent	Approved	06/16/2020
<b>B</b>	New York	Agent	Approved	10/14/2021
<b>B</b>	North Carolina	Agent	Approved	08/29/2023
<b>B</b>	Ohio	Agent	Approved	06/16/2020



### Qualifications

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
<b>B</b> South Carolina	Agent	Approved	06/16/2020
<b>B</b> Texas	Agent	Approved	06/16/2020

### Branch Office Locations

24901 Northwestern Hwy  
Ste 218  
Southfield, MI 48075

### Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: **MPM WEALTH ADVISORS**  
Main Address: 7429 INTERNATIONAL DRIVE  
SUITE A  
HOLLAND, OH 43528-8623  
Firm ID#: 104926

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
<b>IA</b> Louisiana	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	04/27/2017
<b>IA</b> Michigan	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	10/12/2010
<b>IA</b> Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Restricted Approval	04/27/2017

### Branch Office Locations

**MPM WEALTH ADVISORS**  
24901 NORTHWESTERN HIGHWAY  
SUITE 218  
SOUTHFIELD, MI 48075



## 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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 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	05/20/1989

#### State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
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 Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (S65)	Series 65	10/29/2001
 Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	05/23/1989

### 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	01/31/2006 - 07/15/2020	MICHIGAN SECURITIES, INC.	CRD# 101600	SOUTHFIELD, MI
B	04/16/2003 - 01/31/2006	NEW ENGLAND SECURITIES	CRD# 615	NEW YORK, NY
B	08/23/2001 - 05/07/2003	VERAVEST INVESTMENTS, INC.	CRD# 3960	WORCESTER, MA
B	08/03/2000 - 08/15/2001	MICHIGAN SECURITIES, INC.	CRD# 101600	ALBANY, NY
B	05/23/1989 - 08/02/2000	GREGORY J. SCHWARTZ & CO., INC.	CRD# 7294	BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI

### 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
06/2020 - Present	Purshe Kaplan Sterling Investments	Registered Representative	Y	Albany, NY, United States
01/2006 - Present	MPM Wealth Advisors, Inc.	Investment Advisor Representative	Y	Holland, OH, United States
01/2006 - 06/2020	Michigan Securities, Inc.	Registered Representative	Y	Southfield, MI, 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) Licensed Independent Insurance Agent
- 2) MPM Wealth Advisors - Investment related - 7429 International Drive Ste A, Holland OH 43528 - RIA - IAR - 01/2006 - 120 hours a month - 120 trading hours a month - investment related advice
- 3) I am the principal of 2 LLCs that own residential rental properties in Birmingham, MI, and 1 LLC that owns commercial rental property in Auburn Hills, MI. These activities do not involve a substantial amount of my time.



## 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.

#### Disclosure 1 of 1

**Reporting Source:** Firm

**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** GREGORY J. SCHWARTZ & CO., INC.

**Allegations:** CUSTOMER PURCHASED PRIVATE PLACEMENT SECURITIES FROM MORTGAGE CORPORATION OF AMERICA ("MCA") AS FOLLOWS: \$25,000 IN JUNE, 1993; \$25,000 IN DECEMBER, 1993; AND \$25,000 IN MARCH, 1994. MCA ABRUPTLY WENT OUT OF BUSINESS IN JANUARY OF 1999. SUBSEQUENTLY, A CONVERSATOR APPOINTED BY AN AGENCY OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN DISCOVERED A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF IMPROPER CONDUCT. CLAIMANT ALLEGES INADEQUATE OR NEGLIGENT INVESTIGATION, WILLFUL OR NEGLIGENT MISREPRESENTATION, IMPROPER SUITABILITY, COMMON LAW FRAUD, AND CONSPIRACY.

**Product Type:** Direct Investment(s) - DPP & LP Interest(s)

**Alleged Damages:** \$75,000.00

### Customer Complaint Information

**Date Complaint Received:** 07/01/1999

**Complaint Pending?** No

**Status:** Arbitration/Reparation

**Status Date:** 07/01/1999

**Settlement Amount:**

**Individual Contribution Amount:**



**Arbitration Information**

**Arbitration/Reparation Claim filed with and Docket/Case No.:** NASD NO. 99-03066

**Date Notice/Process Served:** 07/12/1999

**Arbitration Pending?** No

**Disposition:** Settled

**Disposition Date:** 01/06/2004

**Monetary Compensation Amount:** \$23,000.00

**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$3,000.00

**Reporting Source:** Individual

**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** GREGORY J. SCHWARTZ & CO.

**Allegations:** BREACH OF CONTRACT, COMMON LAW FRAUD, CONSPIRACY, PROMISSARY ESTOPPEL, CONVERSION, NEGLIGENCE, MALPRACTICE, BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY, BREACH OF MICHIGAN LAWS, VIOLATIONS OF MICHIGAN SECURITIES LAWS, VIOLATIONS OF MICHIGAN CONSUMER PROTECTION LAW. MCA CORPORATION, WHO PROVIDED THE REITS, WENT BANKRUPT 12/1998 LEAVING THE COMPANY IN DISARRAY. THE MCA CO. AND ITS DIRECTORS ARE UNDER FBI INVESTIGATION FOR NUMEROUS ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES WHICH I WAS UNAWARE OF. CLIENT INVESTED 7/8/93, 12/28/93, AND 3/3/94.

**Product Type:** Other

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

**Alleged Damages:** \$75,000.00

**Customer Complaint Information**

**Date Complaint Received:** 09/01/1999

**Complaint Pending?** No

**Status:** Settled

**Status Date:** 04/29/2004

**Settlement Amount:** \$23,000.00

**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$3,000.00

**Arbitration Information**

**Arbitration/Reparation Claim filed with and Docket/Case No.:** NASD NO. 99-03066

**Date Notice/Process Served:** 09/01/1999

**Arbitration Pending?** No

**Disposition:** Settled



**Disposition Date:**

**Broker Statement**

THIS MATTER WAS RESOLVED BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT OF ALL PARTIES AS A BUSINESS DECISION. THIS RESOLUTION DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN ADMISSION OF LIABILITY BY ANY OF THE RELEASED PARTIES, BUT INSTEAD REPRESENTS A COMPROMISE OF THE ASSERTED CLAIMS TO AVOID THE EXPENSE AND DISRUPTION OF CONTINUING THE ARBITRATION PROCESS. ADMISSION OF LIABILITY BY ANY PARTY IS EXPRESSLY CONTESTED, DISPUTED AND DENIED.



## End of Report

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