



IAPD Report

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CRD# 2033478

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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

David Richard Chepauskas (CRD# 2033478)

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 **10/11/2024**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
B	PURSHE KAPLAN STERLING INVESTMENTS	CRD# 35747	09/19/2018
IA	SUMMIT FINANCIAL, LLC	CRD# 299322	12/26/2018

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	SUMMIT EQUITIES INC	11039	RED BANK, NJ	05/15/2002 - 12/27/2018
IA	SUMMIT FINANCIAL RESOURCES INC	104990	PARSIPPANY, NJ	06/06/2002 - 09/20/2018
B	SUMMIT EQUITIES, INC.	11039	RED BANK, NJ	03/20/1990 - 09/19/2018

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
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 2

Firm Name: **PURSHE KAPLAN STERLING INVESTMENTS**
Main Address: 80 STATE STREET
ALBANY, NY 12207
Firm ID#: 35747

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	09/19/2018
B	California	Agent	Approved	09/19/2018
B	Colorado	Agent	Approved	09/19/2018
B	Connecticut	Agent	Approved	10/12/2023
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	09/19/2018
B	Iowa	Agent	Approved	10/16/2023
B	Kansas	Agent	Approved	10/14/2024
B	Kentucky	Agent	Approved	09/29/2022
B	Maryland	Agent	Approved	09/19/2018
B	Nevada	Agent	Approved	09/19/2018
B	New Jersey	Agent	Approved	09/19/2018
B	New York	Agent	Approved	09/19/2018
B	North Carolina	Agent	Approved	09/19/2018



Qualifications

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	09/19/2018
B South Carolina	Agent	Approved	09/19/2018
B Tennessee	Agent	Approved	10/12/2023
B Virginia	Agent	Approved	09/19/2018
B Washington	Agent	Approved	09/19/2018

Branch Office Locations

1 Harding Road
Suite 100
Red Bank, NJ 07710

Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: **SUMMIT FINANCIAL, LLC**
Main Address: 4 CAMPUS DRIVE
PARSIPPANY, NJ 07054
Firm ID#: 299322

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
IA New Jersey	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	01/03/2019

Branch Office Locations

SUMMIT FINANCIAL, LLC
1 HARDING ROAD
SUITE 100
RED BANK, NJ 07710



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, 2 general industry/product exams, and 1 state securities law exam.

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
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General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	03/17/1990
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State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
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Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	07/17/1990
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PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS

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

Certified Financial Planner

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
IA	05/15/2002 - 12/27/2018	SUMMIT EQUITIES INC	CRD# 11039	RED BANK, NJ
IA	06/06/2002 - 09/20/2018	SUMMIT FINANCIAL RESOURCES INC	CRD# 104990	PARSIPPANY, NJ
B	03/20/1990 - 09/19/2018	SUMMIT EQUITIES, INC.	CRD# 11039	RED BANK, NJ
IA	06/24/2002 - 07/25/2012	SUMMIT FAMILY WEALTH COUNSELING INC	CRD# 108053	PARSIPPANY, 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
12/2018 - Present	SUMMIT FINANCIAL, LLC	IAR	Y	Parsippany, NJ, United States
09/2018 - Present	Purshe Kaplan Sterling Investments	Registered Rep	Y	Albany, NY, United States
12/1989 - 12/2018	SUMMIT EQUITIES, INC.	RR / IAR	Y	PARSIPPANY, NJ, United States
01/1990 - 09/2018	SUMMIT FINANCIAL RESOURCES, INC.	IAR	Y	PARSIPPANY, NJ, 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. Summit Financial, LLC.-Investment related-Mt. Pleasant, SC 29466- RIA-Advisor-1/1990-160 hrs/mth-100% during trading hrs- Investment Advisor
2. Offers insurance as a broker or agent through numerous insurance companies. Some sales are through SRM, an affiliated company which is licensed to sell various insurance products. Mr. Chepauskas earns both cash and non-cash compensation based on sales of these products.
3. DRC NJ, LLC. Investment Related. 1 Harding Road, Ste 100, Red Bank, NJ 07701. Advisory Business. Managing Member. Start 10/2020. 160hrs/mo all during trading hours. DRC NJ will sell 13% to SGP for equity interest in SGP.



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:	SUMMIT EQUITIES, INC.
Allegations:	Client alleges the Mass Mutual Whole Life Insurance policy that was recommended was unsuitable.
Product Type:	Other: Whole Life Insurance
Alleged Damages:	\$110,000.00

Arbitration Information

Arbitration/CFTC reparation claim filed with (FINRA, AAA, CFTC, etc.):	FINRA
Docket/Case #:	22-01059
Date Notice/Process Served:	06/01/2022
Arbitration Pending?	No
Disposition:	Settled
Disposition Date:	09/22/2022
Monetary Compensation Amount:	\$40,000.00
Individual Contribution Amount:	\$0.00

**Disclosure 2 of 2**

Reporting Source: Regulator

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: SUMMIT EQUITIES, INC.

Allegations: IN HIS STATEMENT OF CLAIM AND AMENDED STATEMENT OF CLAIM CLAIMANT ASSERTED THE FOLLOWING CAUSES OF ACTION: SHORT-TERM TRADING OF MUTUAL FUNDS ON MARGIN; EXERCISING DISCRETION; MISREPRESENTATIONS; CHARGING EXCESSIVE FEES AND COMMISSIONS, UNSUITABLE RECOMMENDATIONS, FRAUD AND BREACH OF CONTRACT.

Product Type: Mutual Fund(s)

Other Product Type(s): STOCKS, VARIABLE ANNUITIES, AND A VARIABLE LIFE INSURANCE POLICY.

Alleged Damages: \$1,000,000.00

Arbitration Information

Arbitration/Reparation Claim filed with and Docket/Case No.: [NASD - CASE #04-07111](#)

Date Notice/Process Served: 10/06/2004

Arbitration Pending? No

Disposition: Other

Disposition Date: 10/10/2007

Disposition Detail: STIPULATED AWARD ISSUED: ON OR ABOUT MAY 21, 2007, CLAIMANT NOTIFIED FINRA DISPUTE RESOLUTION THAT CLAIMANT AND RESPONDENTS HAD ENTERED INTO A VOLUNTARY SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT. CLAIMANT'S CLAIMS AGAINST CHEPAUSKAS ARE DISMISSED IN THEIR ENTIRETY WITH PREJUDICE.

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Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: SUMMIT EQUITIES, INC.

Allegations: SUITABILITY

Product Type: Mutual Fund(s)

Alleged Damages: \$750,000.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 10/13/2004

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Arbitration/Reparation

Status Date: 10/08/2004

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:

Arbitration Information



**Arbitration/Reparation Claim
filed with and Docket/Case
No.:** [NASD, #04-07111](#)

Date Notice/Process Served: 10/08/2004

Arbitration Pending? No

Disposition: Settled

Disposition Date: 05/21/2007

**Monetary Compensation
Amount:** \$14,999.00

**Individual Contribution
Amount:** \$0.00



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