



## IAPD Report

# SUNG JIN CHO

CRD# 2044180

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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

### SUNG JIN CHO (CRD# 2044180)

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 **03/09/2026**.

### CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
<b>B</b>	EQUITABLE ADVISORS, LLC	CRD# 6627	04/23/1990
<b>IA</b>	EQUITABLE ADVISORS, LLC	CRD# 6627	03/11/2004

### QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **1** SRO(s) and **5** 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>IA</b>	AXA ADVISORS, LLC	6627	FORT LEE, NJ	03/24/2000 - 12/31/2003
<b>B</b>	THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES	4039	NEW YORK, NY	04/23/1990 - 01/05/2000

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	5
Financial	1
Judgment/Lien	3



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

### Employment 1 of 1

Firm Name: **EQUITABLE ADVISORS, LLC**  
Main Address: 1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS  
NEW YORK, NY 10105  
Firm ID#: 6627

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B FINRA	Invest. Co and Variable Contracts	Approved	04/23/1990
B FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/04/1999
B FINRA	General Securities Principal	Approved	12/22/2000
B FINRA	Municipal Securities Principal	Approved	04/17/2006
B FINRA	Municipal Securities Representative	Approved	04/17/2006
B California	Agent	Approved	02/20/2015
B New Jersey	Agent	Approved	03/20/2001
IA New Jersey	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	03/11/2004
B New York	Agent	Approved	03/20/2001
IA New York	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	03/09/2026
B North Carolina	Agent	Approved	03/03/2003
B Virginia	Agent	Approved	06/12/1990

### Branch Office Locations



## Qualifications

**EQUITABLE ADVISORS, LLC**  
250 PEHLE AVENUE  
SUITE 300 - PARK 80 W PLAZA 2  
SADDLE BROOK, NJ 07663

**EQUITABLE ADVISORS, LLC**  
NEW CITY,, NY



## 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 2 principal/supervisory exams, 4 general industry/product exams, and 2 state securities law exams.**

#### Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
Municipal Securities Principal Examination (S53)	Series 53	04/15/2006
General Securities Principal Examination (S24)	Series 24	12/21/2000

#### General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
Municipal Securities Representative Examination (S52TO)	Series 52TO	09/25/2025
Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	10/01/2018
General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	11/03/1999
Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination (S6)	Series 6	04/20/1990

#### State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (S65)	Series 65	06/23/1999
Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	06/08/1990

### 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	03/24/2000 - 12/31/2003	AXA ADVISORS, LLC	CRD# 6627	FORT LEE, NJ
B	04/23/1990 - 01/05/2000	THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES	CRD# 4039	NEW YORK, NY

### 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
09/1999 - Present	EQUITABLE ADVISORS, LLC	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	NEW YORK, NY, United States
09/1999 - 06/2020	AXA ADVISORS, LLC	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	NEW YORK, NY, 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.

Oxford Health Blue Cross Blue Shield, United Health - Health insurance



## 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	5
Financial	1
Judgment/Lien	3

### 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 5

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Individual
<b>Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:</b>	AXA ADVISORS, LLC
<b>Allegations:</b>	CLIENT ALLEGES MISREPRESENTATION IN THE PURCHASE OF TWO VARIABLE LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES.
<b>Product Type:</b>	Insurance
<b>Alleged Damages:</b>	\$0.00
<b>Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):</b>	CLIENT DID NOT SPECIFY A DOLLAR AMOUNT
<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>	05/18/2015
<b>Complaint Pending?</b>	No
<b>Status:</b>	Denied



**Status Date:** 06/25/2015

**Settlement Amount:**

**Individual Contribution Amount:**

**Broker Statement** THE FIRM FOUND NO BASIS TO THE CUSTOMER COMPLAINT.

#### Disclosure 2 of 5

**Reporting Source:** Individual

**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** AXA ADVISORS, LLC

**Allegations:** CLIENT ALLEGES THE AGENT'S NEVER DISCLOSED THE FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE PURCHASE OF HIS 2009 VARIABLE ANNUITY CONTRACT. CLIENT FURTHER ALLEGES HE WAS NEVER INFORMED THAT HIS MONEY WOULD BE LOCKED UP FOR 7 YEARS DUE TO SURRENDER CHARGES. CLIENT IS REQUESTING THE FIRM TO WAIVE THE SURRENDER CHARGES. DAMAGES UNSPECIFIED.

**Product Type:** Annuity-Variable

**Alleged Damages:** \$0.00

**Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):** CLIENT DID NOT SPECIFY A SPECIFIC DOLLAR AMOUNT.

**Is this an oral complaint?** No

**Is this a written complaint?** Yes

**Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?** No

#### Customer Complaint Information

**Date Complaint Received:** 10/07/2011

**Complaint Pending?** No

**Status:** Denied

**Status Date:** 10/26/2011

**Settlement Amount:**

**Individual Contribution Amount:**

**Broker Statement** THE FIRM FOUND NO BASIS TO THE CUSTOMER'S COMPLAINT.

#### Disclosure 3 of 5

**Reporting Source:** Individual

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

**Allegations:** CLIENT ALLEGES THAT THE AGENT MADE MISREPRESENTATIONS IN THE SALE OF A 2002 VARIABLE LIFE INSURANCE POLICY. CLIENT ALLEGES THAT



THE AGENT REPRESENTED THAT THE COST OF THE INSURANCE WOULD BE TAX DEDUCTIBLE AND FAILED TO EXPLAIN TO THE CLIENT THAT THE COST OF SUCH INSURANCE WOULD BE DEEMED TAXABLE COMPENSATION. CLIENT IS REQUESTING THE FIRM CANCEL THE COVERAGE AND REIMBURSE THE PREMIUMS PAID. DAMAGES ARE UNSPECIFIED.

**Product Type:** Insurance  
**Alleged Damages:** \$0.00  
**Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):** DAMAGES UNSPECIFIED.  
**Is this an oral complaint?** No  
**Is this a written complaint?** Yes  
**Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?** No

### Customer Complaint Information

**Date Complaint Received:** 07/26/2005  
**Complaint Pending?** No  
**Status:** Closed/No Action  
**Status Date:** 07/24/2006  
**Settlement Amount:** \$0.00  
**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$0.00

**Broker Statement** COMPLAINT WAS CLOSED DUE TO THE FIRM'S RECEIPT OF LAWSUIT FROM CLIENT. CIVIL SUIT WAS NOT REPORTED ON AGENT'S FORM U4 SINCE HE WAS NOT A NAMED RESPONDENT/DEFENDANT.

### Disclosure 4 of 5

**Reporting Source:** Individual  
**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** AXA ADVISORS LLC

**Allegations:** CLIENT ALLEGES THAT THE AGENT MADE MISREPRESENTATIONS IN THE SALE OF A 2004 VARIABLE INSURANCE POLICY. CLIENT ALLEGES HE WAS ASSURED THAT WOULD BE NO OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES. IN ADDITION, CLIENT ALLEGES THAT THE AGENT OFFERED TO PAY HIM CASH FOR THE CHARGES INCURRED. CLIENT HAS NOT SPECIFIED ANY DAMAGES.

**Product Type:** Insurance  
**Alleged Damages:** \$0.00

### Customer Complaint Information

**Date Complaint Received:** 10/22/2004  
**Complaint Pending?** No  
**Status:** Settled



**Status Date:** 05/03/2005

**Settlement Amount:** \$1,855.00

**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$0.00

**Broker Statement** THE FIRM DID NOT FIND ANY MISREPRESENTATION OR WRONG DOING BY MR. CHO. HOWEVER, TO ADDRESS THE MISUNDERSTANDING THE FIRM AGREED TO REFUND THE PREMIUMS PAID FROM APRIL THROUGH JULY 2004. AS A RESULT, THERE WAS A LOSS TO THE FIRM OF \$1,855.00

#### Disclosure 5 of 5

**Reporting Source:** Individual

**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY

**Allegations:** IN HIS LETTER OF 2/7/2001 [CUSTOMER] ALLEGED THAT I NEVER DELIVERED HIS VARIABLE LIFE INSURANCE POLICY TO HIM. HE THOUGHT IT WAS NOT PROCESSED. HE HAS SINCE LEARNED THAT PREMIUMS OF THE POLICY HAVE BEEN AUTOMATICALLY WITHDRAWN FROM HIS BANK ACCOUNT. IN HIS 3/27/2001 LETTER [CUSTOMER] STATES THAT, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE FIRM HAS A SIGNED POLICY DELIVER RECEIPT, HE NEVER SIGNED IT. HE IS DEMANDING A REFUND OF ALL PREMIUMS PAID.

**Product Type:** Insurance

**Other Product Type(s):** VARIABLE LIFE INSURANCE

**Alleged Damages:** \$3,961.00

#### Customer Complaint Information

**Date Complaint Received:** 02/07/2001

**Complaint Pending?** No

**Status:** Denied

**Status Date:** 03/27/2001

**Settlement Amount:**

**Individual Contribution Amount:**

**Broker Statement** EQUITABLE LIFE FOUND NO MERIT TO THE CLIENT'S COMPLAINT.



## Financial

This disclosure event involves a final bankruptcy, compromise with one or more creditors, or Securities Investor Protection Corporation liquidation that occurred within the last 10 years and that involved the Investment Adviser Representative or an organization/investment adviser that the Investment Adviser Representative controlled that occurred within the last 10 years.

### Disclosure 1 of 1

**Reporting Source:** Individual

**Action Type:** Compromise

**Action Date:** 07/12/2016

**Organization Investment-Related?**

**Action Pending?** No

**Disposition:** Satisfied/Released

**Disposition Date:** 07/26/2017

**If a compromise with creditor, provide:**

**Name of Creditor:** Cavalry Portfolio Services, LLC (Citibank/AT & T)

**Original Amount Owed:** \$9,708.21

**Terms Reached with Creditor:** Payment plan over 1 year to pay \$4854 total. 13 month plan with first month's payment of \$2,000 due July 29, 2016 (paid) and last month's payment of \$237.76 due on July 17, 2017. Amount of \$237.84 due each month from August 20, 2016 through June 20, 2017.

**Amount Paid:**

**SIPA (Securities Investor Protection Act) Trustee:**

**Currently Open?** No

**Date Direct Payment Initiated/Filed or Trustee Appointed:**

**Broker Statement**

FP entered into compromise with creditor and has completed payment plan as outlined to satisfy the compromise. Satisfaction letter dated July 26, 2017 for final payment made on July 20, 2017.



### Judgment/Lien

This disclosure event involves an unsatisfied and outstanding judgment or lien against the Investment Adviser Representative.

#### Disclosure 1 of 3

**Reporting Source:** Individual  
**Judgment/Lien Holder:** INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICES  
**Judgment/Lien Amount:** \$36,112.00  
**Judgment/Lien Type:** Tax  
**Date Filed with Court:** 12/14/2009  
**Date Individual Learned:** 12/14/2009  
**Type of Court:** INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICES  
**Name of Court:** NA  
**Location of Court:** NA  
**Docket/Case #:** MEMBER#00900044791  
**Judgment/Lien Outstanding?** Yes

#### Disclosure 2 of 3

**Reporting Source:** Individual  
**Judgment/Lien Holder:** INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICES  
**Judgment/Lien Amount:** \$3,758.00  
**Judgment/Lien Type:** Tax  
**Date Filed with Court:** 12/21/2009  
**Date Individual Learned:** 12/21/2009  
**Type of Court:** INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICES  
**Name of Court:** NA  
**Location of Court:** NA  
**Docket/Case #:** MEMBER # 00900045936  
**Judgment/Lien Outstanding?** Yes

#### Disclosure 3 of 3

**Reporting Source:** Individual  
**Judgment/Lien Holder:** INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE  
**Judgment/Lien Amount:** \$15,298.00  
**Judgment/Lien Type:** Tax  
**Date Filed with Court:** 10/29/2012  
**Date Individual Learned:** 10/29/2012  
**Type of Court:** INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE  
**Name of Court:** NA



<b>Location of Court:</b>	NA
<b>Docket/Case #:</b>	MEMBER #01200040170
<b>Judgment/Lien Outstanding?</b>	Yes



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