



IAPD Report

KENNETH RICHARD MCDONALD

CRD# 2088081

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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

KENNETH RICHARD MCDONALD (CRD# 2088081)

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 **12/16/2025**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
B	MAXIM GROUP LLC	CRD# 120708	10/23/2002
IA	MAXIM FINANCIAL ADVISORS LLC	CRD# 139366	03/04/2014

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **2** SRO(s) and **28** 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	MAXIM FINANCIAL ADVISORS LLC	139366	WOODBURY, NY	02/06/2006 - 12/31/2012
IA	MAXIM ADVISORY LLC	125212	WOODBURY, NY	08/27/2003 - 05/16/2006
B	INVESTEC ERNST & COMPANY	266	NEW YORK, NY	10/29/1999 - 10/23/2002

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	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 **28** jurisdiction(s) and 2 SRO(s) through his or her employer(s).

Employment 1 of 2

Firm Name: **MAXIM FINANCIAL ADVISORS LLC**
Main Address: 300 PARK AVE
16TH FL
NEW YORK, NY 10022
Firm ID#: 139366

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
IA Florida	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	11/09/2017
IA New Jersey	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	03/04/2014
IA New York	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	07/23/2021

Branch Office Locations

MAXIM FINANCIAL ADVISORS LLC
20 Crossways Park Drive North
Suite 304
Woodbury, NY 11797

Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: **MAXIM GROUP LLC**
Main Address: 300 PARK AVE
16TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, NY 10022
Firm ID#: 120708

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B FINRA	General Securities Principal	Approved	10/23/2002
B FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	10/23/2002
B FINRA	General Securities Sales Supervisor	Approved	01/30/2008



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Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B FINRA	Operations Professional	Approved	10/17/2011
B Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Principal	Approved	07/12/2006
B Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Representative	Approved	07/12/2006
B Arizona	Agent	Approved	10/23/2002
B California	Agent	Approved	10/23/2002
B Colorado	Agent	Approved	04/22/2016
B Connecticut	Agent	Approved	10/23/2002
B Delaware	Agent	Approved	10/23/2002
B Florida	Agent	Approved	10/25/2002
B Georgia	Agent	Approved	10/23/2002
B Illinois	Agent	Approved	10/23/2002
B Indiana	Agent	Approved	10/23/2002
B Kentucky	Agent	Approved	10/23/2002
B Maryland	Agent	Approved	10/23/2002
B Massachusetts	Agent	Approved	10/23/2002
B Michigan	Agent	Approved	10/23/2002
B Minnesota	Agent	Approved	10/23/2002
B Montana	Agent	Approved	10/23/2002
B Nevada	Agent	Approved	10/23/2002



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Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B New Hampshire	Agent	Approved	10/10/2017
B New Jersey	Agent	Approved	10/23/2002
B New Mexico	Agent	Approved	10/23/2002
B New York	Agent	Approved	10/23/2002
B North Carolina	Agent	Approved	10/23/2002
B Ohio	Agent	Approved	10/23/2002
B Oklahoma	Agent	Approved	10/23/2002
B Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	10/23/2002
B South Carolina	Agent	Approved	10/23/2002
B Texas	Agent	Approved	10/23/2002
B Washington	Agent	Approved	10/23/2002
B Wisconsin	Agent	Approved	10/23/2002

Branch Office Locations

100 Crossways Park Drive West - Suite 207
WOODBURY, NY 11797






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 3 principal/supervisory exams, 3 general industry/product exams, and 2 state securities law exams.



Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
 General Securities Sales Supervisor - General Module Examination (S10)	Series 10	12/03/2004
 General Securities Sales Supervisor - Options Module Examination (S9)	Series 9	09/17/2004
 General Securities Principal Examination (S24)	Series 24	02/10/1993

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	08/30/1990

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
 Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (S65)	Series 65	06/24/2002
 Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	09/07/1990

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	02/06/2006 - 12/31/2012	MAXIM FINANCIAL ADVISORS LLC	CRD# 139366	WOODBURY, NY
IA	08/27/2003 - 05/16/2006	MAXIM ADVISORY LLC	CRD# 125212	WOODBURY, NY
B	10/29/1999 - 10/23/2002	INVESTEC ERNST & COMPANY	CRD# 266	NEW YORK, NY
B	09/04/1990 - 10/29/1999	ROYCE INVESTMENT GROUP, INC.	CRD# 10494	WOODBURY, 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
02/2006 - Present	MAXIM FINANCIAL ADVISORS LLC	INVESTMENT ADVISER REPRESENTATIVE	Y	WOODBURY, NY, United States
10/2002 - Present	MAXIM GROUP LLC	MASS TRANSFER	Y	WOODBURY, 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.

42 High LLC (home/office rental) located at Huntington, NY. Property owner as of 01/2016. Devote appx. one hour during non-securities hours.



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	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 3

Reporting Source:	Regulator
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	INVESTEC ERNST & COMPANY, MAXIM GROUP, LLC
Allegations:	MISREPRESENTATION AND OMISSION; NEGLIGENCE; BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY
Product Type:	Other
Other Product Type(s):	SHARES OF STOCK
Alleged Damages:	\$201,000.00

Arbitration Information

Arbitration/Reparation Claim filed with and Docket/Case No.:	NASD - CASE #02-06586
Date Notice/Process Served:	01/10/2003
Arbitration Pending?	No
Disposition:	Settled
Disposition Date:	05/21/2004
Disposition Detail:	SETTLED

Reporting Source:	Firm
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Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: INVESTEC ERNST & COMPANY

Allegations: CLAIMANTS ALLEGE LOSSES IN THEIR ACCOUNTS FROM ALLEGEDLY "UNSUITABLE AND UNAUTHORIZED TRADING." IN ADDITION, CLAIMANTS RAISE CLAIMS OF MISREPRESENTATION AND OMISSION, NEGLIGENT SUPERVISION AND BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY. CLAIMANT CUSTOMER SEPARATELY ALLEGES THAT THE REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE'S SUPERVISORS "COERCED" HIM INTO REPAYING A MARGIN BALANCE.

Product Type: Equity - OTC

Alleged Damages: \$201,000.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 11/15/2002

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Arbitration/Reparation

Status Date: 11/15/2002

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:

Arbitration Information

Arbitration/Reparation Claim filed with and Docket/Case No.: NASD ARBITRATION NUMBER 02-6586

Date Notice/Process Served: 11/15/2002

Arbitration Pending? No

Disposition: Settled

Disposition Date: 06/16/2004

Monetary Compensation Amount: \$52,500.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Firm Statement ON JUNE 16, 2004, INVESTEC SETTLED THE ARBITRATION WITHOUT ADMITTING OR CONCEDED ANY LIABILITY TO CLAIMANTS AND SOLELY TO AVOID THE TIME AND EXPENSE OF LITIGATION. PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, INVESTEC PAID CLAIMANTS 52500.00. MR. MCDONALD DID NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE SETTLEMENT.

Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: INVESTEC ERNST & COMPANY

Allegations: CLAIMANTS ALLEGED LOSSES IN THEIR ACCOUNTS FROM ALLEGEDLY "UNSUITABLE AND UNAUTHORIZED TRADING." IN ADDITION, CLAIMANTS RAISED CLAIMS OF MISPRESENTATION AND OMISSION, NEGLIGENT SUPERVISION AND BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY. CLAIMANT HAM SEPARATELY ALLEGED THAT THE REGISTERED REP'S SUPERVISORS



"COERCED" HIM INTO REPAYING A MARGIN BALANCE.

Product Type: Equity - OTC

Alleged Damages: \$201,000.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 11/15/2002

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Arbitration/Reparation

Status Date: 11/15/2002

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:

Arbitration Information

Arbitration/Reparation Claim filed with and Docket/Case No.: NASD ARBITRATION NUMBER 02-6586

Date Notice/Process Served: 11/15/2002

Arbitration Pending? No

Disposition: Settled

Disposition Date: 06/16/2004

Monetary Compensation Amount: \$52,500.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Broker Statement

I WAS NAMED IN THIS ARBITRATION PROCEEDING SOLELY BECAUSE I WAS A MANAGER AT INVESTEC ERNST & CO. AT THAT TIME. I HAD NO PART IN HANDLING THE CLAIMANT'S ACCOUNT. AS A MANAGER, I WAS PRESENT IN THE MEETING WHEN THE CLAIMANT CAME TO THE OFFICE TO DISCUSS THE DEBIT IN HIS ACCOUNT. I DO NOT HAVE ANY OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THIS ACCOUNT OR THE FACTS SURROUNDING THE ARBITRATION.

Disclosure 2 of 3

Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: INVESTEC ERNST & COMPANY

Allegations: CHURNING AND OTHER MISTAKES IN HANDLING OF ACCOUNT.

Product Type: Equity - OTC

Alleged Damages: \$40,000.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 01/02/2002

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Arbitration/Reparation



Status Date: 02/05/2002

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:

Arbitration Information

Arbitration/Reparation Claim filed with and Docket/Case No.: NASD CASE NUMBER 02-00494

Date Notice/Process Served: 02/05/2002

Arbitration Pending? No

Disposition: Settled

Disposition Date: 03/07/2002

Monetary Compensation Amount: \$30,000.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$20,000.00

Disclosure 3 of 3

Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: INVESTEC ERNST & COMPANY

Allegations: UNAUTHORIZED PURCHASE OF SECURITIES

Product Type: Equity - OTC

Other Product Type(s): LISTED

Alleged Damages: \$100,000.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 06/06/2001

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Arbitration/Reparation

Status Date: 06/06/2001

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:

Arbitration Information

Arbitration/Reparation Claim filed with and Docket/Case No.: NASD; 01-02860

Date Notice/Process Served: 06/06/2001

Arbitration Pending? No

Disposition: Settled

Disposition Date: 04/09/2002



Monetary Compensation Amount: \$48,000.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$25,000.00



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