



IAPD Report

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CRD# 2151477

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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

Mark R Willets (CRD# 2151477)

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 **11/13/2025**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
B	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	CRD# 6413	03/03/2025
IA	STRATOS WEALTH PARTNERS, LTD	CRD# 153184	03/04/2025

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **1** SRO(s) and **24** 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	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	7691	SCOTTSDALE, AZ	10/23/2009 - 03/04/2025
IA	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	7691	SCOTTSDALE, AZ	10/23/2009 - 03/04/2025
IA	BANC OF AMERICA INVESTMENT SERVICES, INC.	16361	PHOENIX, AZ	02/17/2004 - 10/23/2009

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	1
Termination	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 **24** jurisdiction(s) and 1 SRO(s) through his or her employer(s).

Employment 1 of 2

Firm Name: **LPL FINANCIAL LLC**
Main Address: 1055 LPL WAY
FORT MILL, SC 29715
Firm ID#: 6413

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	03/03/2025
B FINRA	General Securities Sales Supervisor	Approved	03/03/2025
B Arizona	Agent	Approved	03/03/2025
B California	Agent	Approved	03/03/2025
B Colorado	Agent	Approved	04/03/2025
B District of Columbia	Agent	Approved	03/03/2025
B Florida	Agent	Approved	03/03/2025
B Georgia	Agent	Approved	03/03/2025
B Idaho	Agent	Approved	03/03/2025
B Illinois	Agent	Approved	06/09/2025
B Indiana	Agent	Approved	03/03/2025
B Kansas	Agent	Approved	03/03/2025
B Maryland	Agent	Approved	03/03/2025



Qualifications

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B Massachusetts	Agent	Approved	03/05/2025
B Michigan	Agent	Approved	03/03/2025
B Missouri	Agent	Approved	03/03/2025
B Nevada	Agent	Approved	03/03/2025
B New Jersey	Agent	Approved	03/03/2025
B New York	Agent	Approved	03/03/2025
B North Carolina	Agent	Approved	03/10/2025
B Ohio	Agent	Approved	03/03/2025
B Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	03/03/2025
B Texas	Agent	Approved	03/03/2025
B Utah	Agent	Approved	03/03/2025
B Virginia	Agent	Approved	03/03/2025
B Washington	Agent	Approved	03/03/2025

Branch Office Locations

LPL FINANCIAL LLC
 6909 E GREENWAY PKWY, STE 295
 SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85254

Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: **STRATOS WEALTH PARTNERS, LTD**
 Main Address: 3750 PARK EAST DR
 STE 200
 BEACHWOOD, OH 44122
 Firm ID#: 153184



Qualifications

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
IA Arizona	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	03/06/2025
IA Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Restricted Approval	03/04/2025

Branch Office Locations

STRATOS WEALTH PARTNERS, LTD
6909 E Greenway Parkway Suite 250
Scottsdale, AZ 85254



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 3 state securities law exams.

Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B General Securities Sales Supervisor - Options Module Examination (S9)	Series 9	01/02/2023
B General Securities Sales Supervisor - General Module Examination (S10)	Series 10	01/02/2023
B General Securities Sales Supervisor Examination (Options Module & General Module) (S8)	Series 8	08/23/1994

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	10/01/2018
B National Commodity Futures Examination (S3)	Series 3	07/07/1998
B General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	04/21/1992

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
IA B Uniform Combined State Law Examination (S66)	Series 66	03/27/2003
IA Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (S65)	Series 65	10/21/2000
B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	04/30/1992



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	10/23/2009 - 03/04/2025	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	CRD# 7691	SCOTTSDALE, AZ
IA	10/23/2009 - 03/04/2025	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	CRD# 7691	SCOTTSDALE, AZ
IA	02/17/2004 - 10/23/2009	BANC OF AMERICA INVESTMENT SERVICES, INC.	CRD# 16361	PHOENIX, AZ
B	01/27/2003 - 10/23/2009	BANC OF AMERICA INVESTMENT SERVICES, INC.	CRD# 16361	PHOENIX, AZ
IA	01/30/2003 - 08/27/2003	BANC OF AMERICA INVESTMENT SERVICES, INC.	CRD# 16361	PHOENIX, AZ
B	05/02/2002 - 02/14/2003	WELLS FARGO INVESTMENTS, LLC	CRD# 10582	SAN FRANCISCO, CA
B	02/21/2001 - 01/30/2002	PRUDENTIAL SECURITIES INCORPORATED	CRD# 7471	NEW YORK, NY
B	06/10/1999 - 02/27/2001	PAINWEBBER INCORPORATED	CRD# 8174	WEEHAWKEN, NJ
B	10/31/1997 - 06/04/1999	SALOMON SMITH BARNEY INC.	CRD# 7059	NEW YORK, NY
B	04/29/1992 - 07/23/1997	CHARLES SCHWAB & CO., INC.	CRD# 5393	WESTLAKE, TX

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
03/2025 - Present	LPL Financial LLC	registered rep	Y	Scottsdale, AZ, United States
03/2025 - Present	Stratos Wealth Partners, Ltd.	Investment Advisory Representative	Y	Scottsdale, AZ, United States
06/2011 - 03/2025	Bank of America,N.A.	Senior Financial Advisor	Y	SCOTTSDALE, AZ, United States
10/2009 - 03/2025	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	VP; FINANCIAL ADVISOR	Y	PHOENIX, AZ, United States



Registration & Employment History



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) 03/03/2025 - Stratos Wealth Partners / DBA for LPL Business (entity for LPL business) Inv Related - at reported business location (s) 160 hrs per month - 100% time spent
- 2) 03/03/2025 - Rancho 2033 LLC / Owner / Real Estate Rental / inv related / Cave Creek, AZ / Start date 03/03/2025 - 2 Hrs per month - 110 minutes daily.
- 3) 03/05/2025 - Stratos Wealth Partners, LLC - Investment Related - Registered Investment Advisor Hybrid - At Reported Business Location(s) - Start Date 03/03/2025 - 160 Hrs/Mth - 40 Hrs During Trading - I provide investment advisory services through Stratos Wealth Partners, LLC, an independent investment advisor firm. I started this business activity in 3/2025. I expect to spend approximately 160 hours per month on this activity. Please see the advisory firm's Form ADV for more information about its address, the nature of its business, its owners, and its services at <http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov/IAPD>. The firm is separate from and independent of LPL Financial.
- 4) 03/05/2025 - Stratos Wealth Partners, LLC - Investment Related - Registered Investment Advisor DBA - At Reported Business Location(s) - Start Date:03/03/2024 - 160 Hrs/Mth - 40 Hrs During Trading.
- 5) 10/31/2025- MVest LLC- Registered Investment Advisor DBA- INV Related- At Reported Business Location(s) - Start date 09/02/2025- 120 Hours Per Month-8 Hours During Trading



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
Termination	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:	Individual
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED
Allegations:	The client alleges unauthorized trading from 12/11/2024-12/13/2024.
Product Type:	Options
Alleged Damages:	\$0.00
Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):	\$5,000 or more/can't determine
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:	12/16/2024
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Settled
Status Date:	12/17/2024
Settlement Amount:	\$76,080.08



Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Broker Statement: Settlement was a result of trade corrections



Termination

This disclosure event involves a situation where the Investment Adviser Representative voluntarily resigned, was discharged or was permitted to resign after allegations were made that accused the Investment Adviser Representative of violating investment-related statutes, regulations, rules or industry standards of conduct; fraud or the wrongful taking of property; or failure to supervise in connection with investment-related statutes, regulations, rules or industry standards of conduct.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source: Firm
Firm Name: MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED
Termination Type: Voluntary Resignation
Termination Date: 03/02/2025
Allegations: Conduct involving unauthorized trading in a client account.
Product Type: Options

Reporting Source: Individual
Firm Name: MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED
Termination Type: Voluntary Resignation
Termination Date: 03/02/2025
Allegations: Conduct involving unauthorized trading in a client account.
Product Type: Options

Broker Statement
I provided Merrill with my Voluntary Resignation letter on March 2, 2025. I am unaware of any internal investigation as I had never spoken to anyone about this. My Market Exec, Brant Taylor and OMT Rep, Jim Brandosino had both indicated the case around the Unauthorized trades was complete and there would be no further action taken. My original U5 filing indicates Voluntary Resignation w no other comments.



End of Report

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