



IAPD Report

THOMAS WILLIAM BURTON III

CRD# 2216228

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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

THOMAS WILLIAM BURTON III (CRD# 2216228)

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 **10/07/2025**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
B	CETERA ADVISORS LLC	CRD# 10299	02/28/2019
IA	CETERA INVESTMENT ADVISERS LLC	CRD# 105644	02/02/2024

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **1** SRO(s) and **15** 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	CETERA ADVISORS LLC	10299	Naples, FL	02/28/2019 - 03/21/2024
B	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	6413	ORLAND PARK, IL	04/28/2016 - 03/22/2019
IA	OPUS WEALTH MANAGEMENT GROUP	176525	Orland Park, IL	05/02/2016 - 03/04/2019

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

Employment 1 of 2

Firm Name: **CETERA ADVISORS LLC**
Main Address: 5299 DTC BLVD #800
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111
Firm ID#: 10299

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
	FINRA	Direct Participation Programs	Approved	02/28/2019
	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	02/28/2019
	FINRA	Invest. Co and Variable Contracts	Approved	02/28/2019
	Arizona	Agent	Approved	02/28/2019
	Arkansas	Agent	Approved	02/28/2019
	Florida	Agent	Approved	02/28/2019
	Illinois	Agent	Approved	02/28/2019
	Indiana	Agent	Approved	02/28/2019
	Kentucky	Agent	Approved	02/26/2025
	Michigan	Agent	Approved	06/16/2020
	Missouri	Agent	Approved	02/28/2019
	Nevada	Agent	Approved	09/13/2019
	New York	Agent	Approved	03/03/2025



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Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B Ohio	Agent	Approved	09/20/2022
B Oklahoma	Agent	Approved	02/28/2019
B Tennessee	Agent	Approved	02/28/2019
B Vermont	Agent	Approved	10/07/2025
B Wisconsin	Agent	Approved	02/28/2019

Branch Office Locations

CETERA ADVISORS LLC
1200 Harger Road Suite 325
Oak Brook, IL 60523

CETERA ADVISORS LLC
15321 S 94TH AVE STE 100
ORLAND PARK, IL 60462

CETERA ADVISORS LLC
1928 West Fulton #3
Chicago, IL 60612

CETERA ADVISORS LLC
Naples, FL

Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: **CETERA INVESTMENT ADVISERS LLC**
Main Address: 1450 AMERICAN LANE
6TH FLOOR, SUITE 650
SCHAUMBURG, IL 60173-2096
Firm ID#: 105644

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
IA Florida	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	02/02/2024
IA Illinois	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	03/21/2024

Branch Office Locations

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15321 S 94TH AVE STE 100
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CETERA INVESTMENT ADVISERS LLC
Naples, FL



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, 4 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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	Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	10/01/2018
	General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	03/16/1996
	Direct Participation Programs Representative Examination (S22)	Series 22	03/26/1992
	Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination (S6)	Series 6	03/14/1992

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
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		Uniform Combined State Law Examination (S66)	Series 66	04/20/2009
		Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	03/14/1992

PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS

This section details that the representative has reported **0** professional designation(s).

No information reported.

Only professional designations listed in Question 8 of the Form U4 will appear in this section if the appropriate box is checked and verified by the issuing organization at the time of the filing. Learn more about eligible designations at [IARD](#) and [NASAA](#).



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	02/28/2019 - 03/21/2024	CETERA ADVISORS LLC	CRD# 10299	Naples, FL
B	04/28/2016 - 03/22/2019	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	CRD# 6413	ORLAND PARK, IL
IA	05/02/2016 - 03/04/2019	OPUS WEALTH MANAGEMENT GROUP	CRD# 176525	Orland Park, IL
IA	09/18/2012 - 05/02/2016	FSC SECURITIES CORPORATION	CRD# 7461	ORLAND PARK, IL
B	09/14/2012 - 05/02/2016	FSC SECURITIES CORPORATION	CRD# 7461	ORLAND PARK, IL
B	08/16/2001 - 09/18/2012	THE O.N. EQUITY SALES COMPANY	CRD# 2936	ORLAND PARK, IL
IA	06/02/2009 - 09/17/2012	WISCONSIN FINANCIAL ADVISORS, LLC	CRD# 149220	ORLAND PARK, IL
B	08/30/1995 - 08/29/2001	STRATEGIC ASSETS INC.	CRD# 37590	MELVILLE, NY
B	03/16/1992 - 08/31/1995	WFG SECURITIES CORPORATION	CRD# 13169	MIDDLETON, WI

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
01/2024 - Present	Cetera Investment Advisers LLC	Investment Advisor Representative	Y	Schaumburg, IL, United States
02/2019 - Present	CETERA ADVISORS LLC	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	ST CLOUD, MN, United States
04/2016 - Present	MEGENT FINANCIAL	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	ORLAND PARK, IL, United States
01/1999 - Present	BURTON FINANCIAL GROUP	OWNER/PARTNER	Y	NAPLES, FL, United States
04/2016 - 02/2019	LPL FINANCIAL, LLC	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	ORLAND PARK, IL, United States
04/2016 - 02/2019	Opus Wealth Partners, LLC	Investment Adviser Representative	Y	Lisle, IL, United States



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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Employment Dates	Employer Name	Position	Investment Related	Employer Location
01/1975 - 02/2019	SELF EMPLOYED	NOTARY PUBLIC	N	ORLAND PARK, IL, United States
01/1972 - 02/2019	SELF-EMPLOYED	OTHER - PROPERTY CASUALTY LIFE HEALTH INSURANCE SALES	N	ORLAND PARK, IL, 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. NAME OF OTHER BUSINESS: BURTON FINANCIAL GROUP LLC;
INVESTMENT RELATED: YES;
ADDRESS: SAME AS RESIDENTIAL LOCATION;
NATURE OF BUSINESS: FIXED INSURANCE
START DATE: 2/2023;
POSITION/TITLE/RELATIONSHIP: OWNER;
APX NUMBER OF HOURS PER WEEK: LESS THAN 1;
APX NUMBER OF HOURS DURING TRADING HOURS: LESS THAN 1;
BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES: BUSINESS EXPENSES, TAX RETURNS AND FIXED INSURANCE COMMISSIONS;
2. FIXED INSURANCE WITH VARIOUS COMPANIES, INVESTMENT RELATED, SAME AS REGISTERED LOCATION, FIXED INSURANCE, START DATE 02/2019, INSURANCE AGENT , APX NUMBER OF HOURS PER WEEK: VARIES, APX NUMBER OF HOURS DURING TRADING HOURS: VARIES, SELLS LIFE, HEALTH, AND DISABILITY.
3. MEGENT FINANCIAL, INVESTMENT RELATED, SAME AS REGISTERED LOCATION, FINANCIAL SERVICES, STARTED 04/2016, REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE APX NUMBER OF HOURS PER WEEK: 40, 32.5 DURING TRADING HOURS
BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES: DBA FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES



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:	STRATEGIC ASSETS INC
Allegations:	UNSUITABILITY IN OVERALL PORTFOLIO
Product Type:	Direct Investment(s) - DPP & LP Interest(s)
Other Product Type(s):	LIFE INSURANCE
Alleged Damages:	\$0.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received:	10/27/2000
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Closed/No Action
Status Date:	05/14/2001
Settlement Amount:	

Individual Contribution
Amount:

Reporting Source:	Individual
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	STRATEGIC ASSETS INC



Allegations: SUITABILITY CONCENTRATION IN REAL ESTATE PARTNERSHIPS. DATES ALLEGED 12/18/1997 TO 04/07/2000

Product Type: Other

Other Product Type(s): LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS
TERMIN LIFE INSURANCE ORDINARY WHOLE LIFE INSURANCE

Alleged Damages:

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 07/21/2000

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Closed/No Action

Status Date: 05/14/2001

Settlement Amount:

**Individual Contribution
Amount:**



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