



IAPD Report

WILLIAM BARTLY WOLF

CRD# 2235652

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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

WILLIAM BARTLY WOLF (CRD# 2235652)

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 **09/30/2025**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
B	HIGHTOWER SECURITIES, LLC	CRD# 116681	08/29/2014
IA	HIGHTOWER ADVISORS, LLC	CRD# 145323	08/29/2014

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **1** SRO(s) and **8** 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	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	7691	NEWARK, NJ	04/18/2002 - 09/02/2014
B	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	7691	NEWARK, NJ	06/24/1998 - 09/02/2014
B	DEAN WITTER REYNOLDS INC.	7556	PURCHASE, NY	05/28/1996 - 05/26/1998

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	8



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

Employment 1 of 2

Firm Name: **HIGHTOWER SECURITIES, LLC**
Main Address: 200 WEST MADISON STREET
SUITE 2500
CHICAGO, IL 60606-3414
Firm ID#: 116681

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	08/29/2014
B	California	Agent	Approved	08/29/2014
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	08/29/2014
B	Michigan	Agent	Approved	08/29/2014
B	New Jersey	Agent	Approved	08/29/2014
B	New York	Agent	Approved	08/29/2014
B	North Carolina	Agent	Approved	08/29/2014
B	Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	08/29/2014
B	Utah	Agent	Approved	08/29/2014

Branch Office Locations

33 Wood Ave South
Suite 600
Iselin, NJ 08830

Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: **HIGHTOWER ADVISORS, LLC**



Qualifications

Main Address: 200 W. MADISON ST.
SUITE 2500
CHICAGO, IL 60606

Firm ID#: 145323

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
IA	New Jersey	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	08/29/2014

Branch Office Locations

HIGHTOWER ADVISORS, LLC
33 Wood Ave South, Suite 600
Suite 600
Iselin, NJ 08830



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
	Futures Managed Funds Examination (S31)	Series 31	09/15/2004
	General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	06/07/1994
	Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination (S6)	Series 6	07/08/1992

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
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	Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (S65)	Series 65	06/27/1994
	Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	06/10/1994

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	04/18/2002 - 09/02/2014	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	CRD# 7691	NEWARK, NJ
B	06/24/1998 - 09/02/2014	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	CRD# 7691	NEWARK, NJ
B	05/28/1996 - 05/26/1998	DEAN WITTER REYNOLDS INC.	CRD# 7556	PURCHASE, NY
B	05/02/1994 - 05/30/1996	PRUDENTIAL SECURITIES INCORPORATED	CRD# 7471	NEW YORK, NY
B	07/09/1992 - 01/28/1994	PRUCO SECURITIES CORPORATION	CRD# 5685	NEWARK, 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
08/2014 - Present	HIGHTOWER SECURITIES, LLC	MANAGING DIRECTOR, PARTNER	Y	WOODBIDGE, 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.

No information reported.



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	8

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 8

Reporting Source:	Individual
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	Hightower Advisors, LLC
Allegations:	William Wolf is not a respondent in this arbitration. He is identified as a relevant non-party in a FINRA arbitration alleging certain sales practice violations, including a violation of suitability obligations, in connection with a private placement investment made on or around March of 2017.
Product Type:	Direct Investment-DPP & LP Interests
Alleged Damages:	\$50,000.00
Is this an oral complaint?	No
Is this a written complaint?	Yes
Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?	Yes
Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:	Finra Arbitration
Docket/Case #:	20-03612
Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation:	11/03/2020

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received:	12/02/2020
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Complaint Pending? No
Status: Settled
Status Date: 04/01/2022
Settlement Amount: \$14,000.00
Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Disclosure 2 of 8

Reporting Source: Individual
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: Hightower Advisors, LLC

Allegations: William Wolf is not a respondent in this arbitration. He is identified as a relevant non-party in a FINRA arbitration alleging certain sales practice violations, including a violation of suitability obligations, in connection with a private placement investment made on or around June of 2015.

Product Type: Direct Investment-DPP & LP Interests

Alleged Damages: \$75,000.00

Is this an oral complaint? No

Is this a written complaint? Yes

Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation? Yes

Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location: Finra Arbitration

Docket/Case #: 20-00298

Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation: 02/17/2020

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 02/20/2020

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 04/12/2022

Settlement Amount: \$27,500.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

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Reporting Source: Firm
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated

Allegations: The Customer alleges unauthorized trading in August 2014.



Product Type: Mutual Fund

Alleged Damages: \$0.00

Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact): Damages are not specified.

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: 09/02/2015

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Denied

Status Date: 10/21/2015

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:

Disclosure 4 of 8

Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED

Allegations: THE CUSTOMER ALLEGES MISREPRESENTATION REGARDING A VARIABLE ANNUITY PURCHASED IN SEPTEMBER 2010 AND FAILURE TO FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING THE 2011 ANNUAL WITHDRAWAL TAKEN IN NOVEMBER 2011.

Product Type: Annuity-Variable

Alleged Damages: \$0.00

Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact): DAMAGES NOT SPECIFIED.

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: 08/30/2012

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Denied

Status Date: 11/13/2012

**Settlement Amount:****Individual Contribution Amount:****Disclosure 5 of 8**

Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED

Allegations: THE CUSTOMERS ALLEGE UNSUITABLE INVESTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS IN MARCH 2011. COMPENSATORY DAMAGES ARE NOT SPECIFIED.

Product Type: Other: STRUCTURED PRODUCT

Alleged Damages: \$0.00

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: 03/02/2012

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 08/22/2012

Settlement Amount: \$377,500.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Broker Statement SETTLED COMPLAINT TO AVOID THE COST OF POSSIBLE LITIGATION

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Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED

Allegations: THE CUSTOMER ALLEGES UNAUTHORIZED TRANSACTIONS REGARDING A VARIABLE ANNUITY FROM OCTOBER 2007 TO JUNE 2010. COMPENSATORY DAMAGES ARE NOT SPECIFIED.

Product Type: Annuity-Variable

Alleged Damages: \$0.00

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: 06/03/2010
Complaint Pending? No
Status: Settled
Status Date: 12/02/2010
Settlement Amount: \$1,851.87
Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00
Broker Statement THE CLIENT'S ALLEGATIONS WERE FOUND TO BE WITHOUT MERIT AND THE COMPLAINT WAS DENIED.

Disclosure 7 of 8

Reporting Source: Individual
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INC.
Allegations: THE CUSTOMER ALLEGES THE FA RECOMMENDED UNSUITABLE INVESTMENTS.
Product Type: Insurance
Other Product Type(s): MUTUAL FUND(S)
Alleged Damages: \$22,143.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 10/19/2004
Complaint Pending? No
Status: Settled
Status Date: 02/09/2005
Settlement Amount: \$0.00
Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00
Broker Statement THE AIG ANNUITY PREMIUM WAS REFUNDED TO THE CLIENT AT NO COST TO THE CLIENT OR THE FIRM.

Disclosure 8 of 8

Reporting Source: Individual
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: MERRILL LYNCH
Allegations: CLAIMANT ALLEGES THAT TRADES WERE MADE IN HIS ACCOUNT WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION.
Product Type: Mutual Fund(s)
Other Product Type(s): VARIABLE ANNUITY
Alleged Damages: \$20,000.00



Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 09/20/2002

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Closed/No Action

Status Date: 11/15/2004

Settlement Amount:

**Individual Contribution
Amount:**

Broker Statement

REGISTRANT DID NOTHING WRONG IN THE HANDLING OF THE CUSTOMER'S ACCOUNT. THE ACCOUNT WAS TRANSFERRED TO REGISTRANT FROM ANOTHER FINANCIAL ADVISOR. REGISTRANT ONLY ENTERED ORDERS FOR TRANSACTIONS BASED ON CUSTOMER'S WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS.



End of Report

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