



IAPD Report

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CRD# 2403666

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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

Jorge Alberto Valdes (CRD# 2403666)

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 **04/29/2026**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
B	THE LEADERS GROUP, INC.	CRD# 37157	05/14/2021
IA	FINANCIAL DESIGNS WEALTH MANAGEMENT	CRD# 314520	08/14/2023

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **1** SRO(s) and **3** 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	FINANCIAL DESIGNS WEALTH MANAGEMENT	314520	MIAMI, FL	07/07/2021 - 08/02/2023
IA	TLG ADVISORS, INC.	111052	Miami, FL	06/16/2021 - 06/17/2021
IA	VOYA FINANCIAL ADVISORS, INC.	2882	MIAMI, FL	07/11/1995 - 05/19/2021

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	2



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

Employment 1 of 2

Firm Name: **THE LEADERS GROUP, INC.**
Main Address: 475 SPRINGFIELD AVE
SUMMIT, NJ 07901
Firm ID#: 37157

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	05/14/2021
B FINRA	Invest. Co and Variable Contracts	Approved	05/14/2021
B California	Agent	Approved	07/15/2025
B Colorado	Agent	Approved	08/02/2021
B Florida	Agent	Approved	06/21/2021

Branch Office Locations

8000 NW 7th Street, #201
Miami, FL 33126

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Miami, FL 33126

Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: **FINANCIAL DESIGNS WEALTH MANAGEMENT**
Main Address: 8000 NW 7TH STREET
SUITE 203
MIAMI, FL 33126
Firm ID#: 314520

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
IA Florida	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	08/14/2023

Branch Office Locations



Qualifications

FINANCIAL DESIGNS WEALTH MANAGEMENT

8000 NW 7TH STREET

SUITE 203

MIAMI, FL 33126



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, 3 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	11/24/1997
Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination (S6)	Series 6	11/29/1993

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
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Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	09/15/2010
Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (S65)	Series 65	06/13/1997

PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS

This section details that the representative has reported **1** professional designation(s).

Certified Financial Planner

This representative holds or did hold **1** professional designation(s) that may have been used to qualify as an Investment Advisor representative. Please check with the appropriate designation authority for verification that the designation is still in effect. The contact information for these professional designation authorities can be found on the website for the North American Securities Administrators Association at <http://www.nasaa.org>



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	07/07/2021 - 08/02/2023	FINANCIAL DESIGNS WEALTH MANAGEMENT	CRD# 314520	MIAMI, FL
IA	06/16/2021 - 06/17/2021	TLG ADVISORS, INC.	CRD# 111052	Miami, FL
IA	07/11/1995 - 05/19/2021	VOYA FINANCIAL ADVISORS, INC.	CRD# 2882	MIAMI, FL
B	07/06/1995 - 05/19/2021	VOYA FINANCIAL ADVISORS, INC.	CRD# 2882	MIAMI, FL
B	05/06/2021 - 05/13/2021	THE LEADERS GROUP, INC.	CRD# 37157	Miami, FL
B	11/30/1993 - 06/16/1995	MUTUAL OF OMAHA INVESTOR SERVICES, INC.	CRD# 611	OMAHA, NE

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
05/2021 - Present	Financial Designs Wealth Management LLC	Investment Advisor Representative	Y	Miami, FL, United States
05/2021 - Present	The Leaders Group Inc	Registered Representative	Y	Littleton, CO, United States
10/1994 - Present	Financial Designs Inc	Owner	Y	Miami, FL, United States
10/1989 - Present	SELF EMPLOYED	AGENT - Agent	N	MIAMI, FL, United States
09/2014 - 05/2021	VOYA Financial Advisors	REGISTERED REP	Y	Miami, FL, 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.) FINANCIAL DESIGNS INC - 10/1/89 to Present - 8000 SW 84th Avenue, Miami, FL 33156 - Owner, meets and help clients with renewals and new business. These are the prospects I transition to life/wealth mgmt, sell and service employee benefits, Not Inv Rel; less than 65% time (during trading hours).
- 2.) JAV PROPERTY HOLDINGS LLC - 8/1/2001 - 8000 SW 84th Avenue, Miami, FL 33156 - Owner, no duties, buy and rent real



Registration & Employment History



OTHER BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

estate personally, Not Inv Rel, less than 5% of the time (during trading hours).

3.) FINANCIAL DESIGNS WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC - 5/7/2021 - 8000 SW 84th Avenue, #201, Miami, FL 33156 - Certified Financial Planner, RIA for Investments, Create and organize estate/retirement plans for clients through fee-only accounts, Inv Rel, less than 20% of the time, (during trading hours).

4.) FINANCIAL DESIGNS LEGACY, LLC - 1/1/2023 - 8000 SW 84th Avenue, Miami, FL 33156 - A life ins business; less than 5% of the time; (during trading hours).

5.) FD TECHNOLOGY & HR, LLC - 1/1/2023 - 8000 SW 84th Avenue, Miami, FL 33156 - A payroll business; less than 5% of time; (during trading hours).

6.) ACOSTA & VALDES LLC - 3/13/06 - 8000 SW 84th Avenue, Miami, FL 33156 -part owner, no duties, real estate investment, Not Inv Rel, less than 5% of the time; (during trading 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	2

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 2

Reporting Source:	Individual
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	THE LEADERS GROUP, INC.
Allegations:	Consisting of Twisting, Misrepresenting, Forgery/False Attestation.
Product Type:	Insurance
Alleged Damages:	\$323,832.00
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:	06/13/2025
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Settled
Status Date:	01/27/2026
Settlement Amount:	\$323,832.00
Individual Contribution Amount:	\$0.00

Civil Litigation Information



Type of Court: N/A

Name of Court:

Location of Court:

Docket/Case #:

Date Notice/Process Served:

Litigation Pending?

Broker Statement

Explanation: The allegations are false. I met with the client to review his current policy and estate plan which started 13 years ago. We discussed adding a chronic illness benefit which his current policy did not offer. We did a side-by-side comparison which showed a minimal increase in premium and discussed the new 10-year surrender schedule. There are over 6 months of emails of him, his trustee and manager (CPA) agreeing and assisting during the underwriting process. He also mentioned how his business was growing and did not need to access the cash. Complaint focused on life insurance as an investment which was never the intent of the initial or new policy. The life insurance company rescinded the policy and returned all premiums paid back to the insured.

Disclosure 2 of 2

Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: ING FINANCIAL PARTNERS, INC.

Allegations: THE CLIENTS STATE THAT THE RECOMMENDATION AND SALE OF THE VARIABLE ANNUITY CONTRACTS BY MR. VALDES DID NOT MEET THEIR OBJECTIVE OF LONG TERM GROWTH AND WAS UNSUITABLE FOR THEM.

Product Type: Annuity(ies) - Variable

Alleged Damages: \$0.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 02/04/2008

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Denied

Status Date: 02/28/2008

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:

Broker Statement

THE CLIENTS HAVE NOT MADE A CLAIM FOR A SPECIFIC AMOUNT OF DAMAGES. HOWEVER, IFP CANNOT MAKE A GOOD FAITH DETERMINATION THAT THE DAMAGES FROM THE ALLEGED CONDUCT WOULD BE LESS THAN \$5000.



End of Report

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