



IAPD Report

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CRD# 2453451

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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

Young Choi (CRD# 2453451)

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 **02/11/2026**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
IA	ARETE WEALTH ADVISORS, LLC	CRD# 145488	08/08/2024
B	ARETE WEALTH MANAGEMENT, LLC	CRD# 44856	08/12/2024

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **1** SRO(s) and **9** 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	ADVICE AND PLANNING SERVICES	20472	NEW YORK, NY	08/06/2007 - 10/22/2020
B	TIAA-CREF INDIVIDUAL & INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES, LLC	20472	NEW YORK, NY	03/01/2007 - 10/22/2020
B	NATIONAL SECURITIES CORPORATION	7569	NEW YORK, NY	01/20/2004 - 10/18/2006

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

Employment 1 of 2

Firm Name: **ARETE WEALTH MANAGEMENT, LLC**
Main Address: 1115 W FULTON MARKET
3RD FLOOR
CHICAGO, IL 60607
Firm ID#: 44856

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	08/12/2024
B FINRA	Invest. Co and Variable Contracts	Approved	08/12/2024
B Connecticut	Agent	Approved	10/31/2025
B Florida	Agent	Approved	10/02/2025
B Georgia	Agent	Approved	11/24/2025
B Illinois	Agent	Approved	10/31/2025
B New Jersey	Agent	Approved	10/31/2025
B New York	Agent	Approved	11/15/2024
B Oklahoma	Agent	Approved	10/02/2025
B Texas	Agent	Approved	11/24/2025
B Washington	Agent	Approved	10/31/2025

Branch Office Locations

425 Broadhollow RD. Suite 325




Qualifications

Melville, NY 11747

Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: **ARETE WEALTH ADVISORS, LLC**
Main Address: 1115 W FULTON MARKET
3RD FLOOR
CHICAGO, IL 60607
Firm ID#: 145488

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
 New York	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	08/08/2024

Branch Office Locations

ARETE WEALTH ADVISORS, LLC
425 Broadhollow Road
Suite 325
Melville, NY 11747



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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 Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination (S6TO)	Series 6TO	08/12/2024
 Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	10/01/2018
 General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	06/09/2000
 Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination (S6)	Series 6	02/05/1999

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
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 Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	11/14/2024
 Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (S65)	Series 65	08/03/2007

PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS

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

Chartered Financial Consultant

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	08/06/2007 - 10/22/2020	ADVICE AND PLANNING SERVICES	CRD# 20472	NEW YORK, NY
B	03/01/2007 - 10/22/2020	TIAA-CREF INDIVIDUAL & INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES, LLC	CRD# 20472	NEW YORK, NY
B	01/20/2004 - 10/18/2006	NATIONAL SECURITIES CORPORATION	CRD# 7569	NEW YORK, NY
B	04/07/2000 - 01/29/2004	CONTINENTAL BROKER-DEALER CORP.	CRD# 14048	CARLE PLACE, NY
B	05/18/1999 - 04/11/2000	METLIFE SECURITIES INC.	CRD# 14251	SPRINGFIELD, MA
B	05/18/1999 - 04/11/2000	METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	CRD# 4095	NEW YORK, NY
B	02/08/1999 - 05/19/1999	TEACHERS PERSONAL INVESTORS SERVICES, INC.	CRD# 36130	NEW YORK, 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
06/2024 - Present	Arete Wealth Management	Registered Representative	Y	Chicago, IL, United States
10/2023 - 05/2024	Unemployed	Unemployed	N	New York, NY, United States
05/2022 - 09/2023	Microsoft	Senior Account Executive	N	New York, NY, United States
02/2007 - 10/2022	TIAA-CREF INDIVIDUAL & INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES, LLC	Registered Representative	Y	NEW YORK, NY, United States
01/2021 - 05/2022	InterGen Data	Senior Account Executive	N	New York, NY, United States
02/2007 - 11/2020	TIAA	WM Client Relationship Conslt	Y	New York, NY, 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.

FINCADIA LLC: DBA; REGISTERED REP/ADVISOR; MELVILLE, NY; START DATE 07/2024; FULL TIME; INVESTMENT RELATED.

FINCADIA WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC: DBA; REGISTERED REP/ADVISOR; MELVILLE, NY; START DATE 07/2024; FULL TIME; INVESTMENT RELATED.

FINCADIA CAPITAL PARTNERS LLC: DBA; REGISTERED REP/ADVISOR; MELVILLE, NY; START DATE 07/2024; FULL TIME; INVESTMENT RELATED.

FINCADIA TAX, DBA, TAX SERVICES, BREWSTER NY; START DATE 7/2024.

Fixed Insurance Agent, offer fixed insurance products, 20 hours per week. Began in 1998.

Saranac Advisors Inc., DBA, Wealth Management Services 160 hours per month during trading hours, Start Date: 10/2024.

Saranac Tax Services LLC., DBA - Partner, Tax Preparation Services, 50 hours per month total, 40 hours per month during trading hours, Start Date: 10/2024.



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:	NATIONAL SECURITIES CORP
Allegations:	MISREPRESENTATION, OMISSION OF MATERIAL FACT, NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY, BREACH OF CONTRACT, VIOLATION OF TEXAS SECURITIES LAW, COMMON LAW FRAUD
Product Type:	Other: PRIVATE PLACEMENT
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?	No

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received:	01/11/2010
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Settled
Status Date:	07/06/2010
Settlement Amount:	\$13,500.00
Individual Contribution Amount:	\$0.00



Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: NATIONAL SECURITIES CORP.

Allegations: MISREPRESENTATION, OMISSION OF MATERIAL FACT, NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY, BREACH OF CONTRACT, VIOLATION OF TEXAS SECURITIES LAW, COMMON LAW FRAUD

Product Type: Other: PRIVATE PLACEMENT

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? No

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 01/11/2010

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 07/06/2010

Settlement Amount: \$13,500.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Broker Statement ADDITIONAL NOTES:THIS MATTER WAS SETTLED BY NATIONAL SECURITIES WITHOUT ANY PARTICIPATION OF CONTRIBUTION BY ME.

ALL ALLEGATIONS ARE WITHOUT MERIT. ALL RELEVANT INFORMATION AND DISCLOSURES WERE PROVIDED TO [CUSTOMER] TO MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION AND THEREFORE A SUITABLE INVESTMENT. ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS WERE SIGNED BY [CUSTOMER] UPON REVIEW ALONG WITH THE SUITABILITY QUESTIONNAIRE. MY UNDERSTANDING OF HIS COMPLAINT IS THAT NOBODY CALLED HIM NOR ADVISED HIM OF THE INVESTMENT ESPECIALLY WHEN THE PRIVATE PLACEMENT WENT PUBLIC. I WAS NOT AUTHORIZED TO SPEAK TO HIM AS AN ADVISOR SINCE I WAS NO LONGER WITH NATIONAL SECURITIES. AGAIN, ALL ALLEGATIONS TOWARDS ME IS WITHOUT MERIT AS INDICATED ABOVE AND THUS SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM MY RECORDS.



End of Report

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