



## IAPD Report

# TIMOTHY JOHN STEARNS

CRD# 2504340

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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

### TIMOTHY JOHN STEARNS (CRD# 2504340)

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 **01/04/2024**.

### CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
IA	CORNERSTONE SECURITIES LLC	CRD# 140379	10/16/2014

### QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **0** 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	CROWN CAPITAL SECURITIES, L.P.	6312	ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL	07/31/2012 - 12/31/2023
B	CROWN CAPITAL SECURITIES, L.P.	6312	ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL	07/30/2012 - 12/31/2023
IA	BROOKSTONE INVESTMENT ADVISORY SERVICES	13366	ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL	07/24/2007 - 06/20/2012

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
Regulatory Event	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 **3** jurisdiction(s) and **0** SRO(s) through his or her employer(s).

### Employment 1 of 1

Firm Name: **CORNERSTONE SECURITIES LLC**  
Main Address: 6710 W 121ST ST  
SUITE 200  
OVERLAND PARK, KS 66209  
Firm ID#: 140379

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
IA	Florida	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	03/10/2024
IA	Illinois	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	10/16/2014
IA	Missouri	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	06/01/2015

### Branch Office Locations

**CORNERSTONE SECURITIES LLC**  
1845 E. RAND RD  
STE 103  
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL 60004



## 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 1 principal/supervisory exam, 3 general industry/product exams, and 2 state securities law exams.**

#### Principal/Supervisory Exams

	Exam	Category	Date
B	General Securities Principal Examination (S24)	Series 24	06/02/2006

#### General Industry/Product Exams

	Exam	Category	Date
B	Investment Banking Registered Representative Examination (S79TO)	Series 79TO	01/02/2023
B	Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	10/01/2018
B	General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	02/14/2006

#### State Securities Law Exams

	Exam	Category	Date
B	Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	02/28/2006
IA	Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (S65)	Series 65	07/24/2001



### 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
IA	07/31/2012 - 12/31/2023	CROWN CAPITAL SECURITIES, L.P.	CRD# 6312	ARLINGTON HEIGHTS,
B	07/30/2012 - 12/31/2023	CROWN CAPITAL SECURITIES, L.P.	CRD# 6312	ARLINGTON HEIGHTS,
IA	07/24/2007 - 06/20/2012	BROOKSTONE INVESTMENT ADVISORY SERVICES	CRD# 13366	ARLINGTON HEIGHTS,
B	07/23/2007 - 06/20/2012	BROOKSTONE SECURITIES, INC.	CRD# 13366	ARLINGTON HEIGHTS,
IA	01/09/2006 - 07/23/2007	LASALLE ST. INVESTMENT ADVISORS, L.L.C.	CRD# 109701	ELMHURST, IL
B	10/17/2003 - 07/23/2007	LASALLE ST SECURITIES, L.L.C.	CRD# 7191	PALATINE, IL
IA	08/13/2001 - 10/14/2003	CARILLON INVESTMENTS, INC	CRD# 14646	LAKE IN THE HILLS, IL
B	04/20/2001 - 10/14/2003	CARILLON INVESTMENTS, INC.	CRD# 14646	CINCINNATI, OH
B	11/20/2000 - 05/07/2001	STERLING FINANCIAL INVESTMENT GROUP, INC.	CRD# 41506	BOCA RATON, FL
B	02/04/2000 - 11/20/2000	JOSEPH CHARLES & ASSOC., INC.	CRD# 3949	BOCA RATON, FL
B	03/17/1998 - 09/21/1999	JOSEPH CHARLES & ASSOC., INC.	CRD# 3949	BOCA RATON, FL
B	02/22/1995 - 03/10/1997	ACAP FINANCIAL INC.	CRD# 7731	SALT LAKE CITY, UT
B	06/27/1994 - 02/23/1995	L.C. WEGARD & CO., INC.	CRD# 3722	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
10/2014 - Present	CORNERSTONE SECURITIES	IAR	Y	OVERLAND PARK, KS, United States
07/2012 - Present	CROWN CAPITAL SECURITIES, LP	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	ORANGE, CA, United States



## Registration & Employment History



### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Employment Dates	Employer Name	Position	Investment Related	Employer Location
10/2003 - Present	LASALLE ST. SECURITIES, LLC	REGISTERED REP	Y	ARLINGTON HTS, 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) START DATE 01/2015, I DEVOTE 8 HRS/MO AS INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR FOR INSURANCE DBA TJ STEARNS. THIS IS A NON-INVESTMENT RELATED ACTIVITY & MY DUTIES INCLUDE SELLING TERM, FIXED & INDEXED UNIVERSAL LIFE. (2) START DATE 01/2016, I DEVOTE 12 HR/MO AS INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR FOR CORNERSTONE SECURITIES. THIS IS AN INVESTMENT RELATED & MY DUTIES ARE AS REGISTERED ADVISOR FOR INDEPENDENT RIA. BUSINESS ADDRESS FOR ALL ABOVE IS SAME AS BRANCH ADDRESS.



## 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
Regulatory Event	1
Termination	1

### Regulatory Event

This disclosure event may include a final, formal proceeding initiated by a regulatory authority (e.g., a state securities agency, a federal regulator such as the Securities and Exchange Commission or the Commodities Futures Trading Commission, or a foreign financial regulatory body) for a violation of investment-related rules or regulations. This disclosure event may also include a revocation or suspension of an Investment Adviser Representative's authority to act as an attorney, accountant or federal contractor.

#### Disclosure 1 of 1

**Reporting Source:** Regulator

**Regulatory Action Initiated By:** NASD

**Sanction(s) Sought:**

**Date Initiated:** 01/03/2006

**Docket/Case Number:** [E8A2003082801](#)

**Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:** STERLING FINANCIAL INVESTMENT GROUP, INC.

**Product Type:**

**Allegations:** SEC RULE 17A-3(A)(9), NASD RULES 2110,3040; TIMOTHY J. STEARNS FAILED TO DISCLOSE TO MEMBER FIRMS THAT HE ENGAGED IN SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS WITH A REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE AND ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL OF A MEMBER FIRM AND FAILED TO DISCLOSE TO THE MEMBER FIRMS THAT THE REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE AND INDIVIDUALS OWNED A BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN SOME OF THE SECURITIES THAT WERE HELD IN STEARNS' PERSONAL SECURITIES ACCOUNTS, CAUSING THE TWO FIRMS TO HAVE INACCURATE BOOKS AND RECORDS; ENGAGED IN PRIVATE SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS AND FAILED AND NEGLECTED TO GIVE WRITTEN NOTICE OF HIS INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TRANSACTIONS TO, AND FAILED TO RECEIVE WRITTEN APPROVAL FROM, HIS MEMBER FIRM PRIOR TO ENGAGING IN SUCH ACTIVITIES.

**Current Status:** Final

**Resolution:** Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)



**Does the order constitute a final order based on violations of any laws or regulations that prohibit fraudulent, manipulative, or deceptive conduct?** No

**Resolution Date:** 01/03/2006

**Sanctions Ordered:** Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)  
Requalification  
Suspension

**Regulator Statement** WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING THE ALLEGATIONS, STEARNS CONSENTED TO THE DESCRIBED SANCTIONS AND TO THE ENTRY OF FINDINGS; THEREFORE, HE IS FINED \$6,000 AND SUSPENDED FROM ASSOCIATION WITH ANY NASD MEMBER IN ANY CAPACITY FOR ONE MONTH, AND REQUIRED TO REQUALIFY IN ANY AND ALL CAPACITIES WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE ISSUANCE OF THIS AWC. IN THE EVENT THAT HE HAS NOT REQUALIFIED WITHIN 60 DAYS, HE SHALL CEASE ANY ACTIVITY THAT REQUIRES REGISTRATION AND SHALL NOT ENGAGE IN ANY SUCH ACTIVITY UNLESS AND UNTIL HE SUCCESSFULLY REQUALIFIES. SUSPENSION EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 6, 2006 AND WILL CONCLUDE MARCH 5, 2006. FINES PAID.

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**Reporting Source:** Individual

**Regulatory Action Initiated By:** NASD

**Sanction(s) Sought:**

**Other Sanction(s) Sought:**

**Date Initiated:** 01/03/2006

**Docket/Case Number:** [E8A2003082801](#)

**Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:** STERLING FINANCIAL

**Product Type:** Annuity(ies) - Variable

**Other Product Type(s):**

**Allegations:** VIOLATION OF CONDUCT RULES 2110 AND 3040 IN CONNECTION WITH PRIVATE SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS WITHOUT WRITTEN NOTICE TO AND APPROVAL OF BD.

**Current Status:** Final

**Resolution:** Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)

**Resolution Date:** 01/03/2006

**Sanctions Ordered:** Monetary/Fine \$6,000.00  
Suspension

**Other Sanctions Ordered:** REQUIRED TO REQUALIFY BY EXAMINATION IN ANY AND ALL CAPACITIES WITHIN 60 DAYS OF ISSUANCE OF AWC

**Sanction Details:** THE SANCTIONS IMPOSED HEREIN SHALL BE EFFECTIVE ON A DATE SET BY NASD STAFF. NOTIFICATION OF THE ONE MONTH SUSPENSION



COMMENCE'S 02/06/2006 THROUGH 03/05/2006



## 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:** CARILLON INVESTMENTS, INC.  
**Termination Type:** Permitted to Resign  
**Termination Date:** 10/14/2003  
**Allegations:** VIOLATION OF FIRM'S POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.  
**Product Type:** No Product  
**Other Product Types:**

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**Reporting Source:** Individual  
**Firm Name:** CARILLON INVESTMENTS, INC.  
**Termination Type:** Permitted to Resign  
**Termination Date:** 10/14/2003  
**Allegations:** VIOLATION OF FIRM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.  
**Product Type:** No Product  
**Other Product Types:**

**Broker Statement** REPRESENTATIVE CLAIMS THERE WAS A DISAGREEMENT OF INTERPRETATION OF INTERNAL POLICIES REGARDING IDENTIFICATION OF CUSTOMERS SUCH THAT A PERSON THAT I DID NOT CONSIDER A CUSTOMER, AND THE FIRM DID.



## End of Report

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