



IAPD Report

WILLIAM LUCAS NICHOLS

CRD# 2535691

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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 LUCAS NICHOLS (CRD# 2535691)

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 **05/18/2026**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
B	MORGAN STANLEY	CRD# 149777	08/16/2013
IA	MORGAN STANLEY	CRD# 149777	08/21/2013

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **4** SRO(s) and **38** 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	GV FINANCIAL ADVISORS, INC.	106725	ATLANTA, GA	03/10/2005 - 08/26/2013
IA	SECURIAN FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	15296	ATLANTA, GA	08/01/2007 - 08/19/2013
B	SECURIAN FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	15296	ATLANTA, GA	02/08/2005 - 08/19/2013

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
Criminal	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 **38** jurisdiction(s) and 4 SRO(s) through his or her employer(s).

Employment 1 of 1

Firm Name: **MORGAN STANLEY**
Main Address: 2000 WESTCHESTER AVENUE
PURCHASE, NY 10577-2530
Firm ID#: 149777

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	08/16/2013
B NYSE American LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	08/16/2013
B Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Representative	Approved	08/16/2013
B New York Stock Exchange	General Securities Representative	Approved	08/16/2013
B Alabama	Agent	Approved	09/10/2018
B Arizona	Agent	Approved	02/24/2020
B Arkansas	Agent	Approved	12/11/2025
B California	Agent	Approved	08/16/2013
B Colorado	Agent	Approved	04/12/2024
B Connecticut	Agent	Approved	02/15/2021
B Delaware	Agent	Approved	12/02/2025
B District of Columbia	Agent	Approved	06/08/2018
B Florida	Agent	Approved	08/16/2013



Qualifications

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B Georgia	Agent	Approved	08/16/2013
IA Georgia	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	08/21/2013
B Hawaii	Agent	Approved	10/20/2021
B Idaho	Agent	Approved	12/02/2025
B Illinois	Agent	Approved	09/14/2018
B Iowa	Agent	Approved	06/17/2015
B Kansas	Agent	Approved	08/13/2025
B Kentucky	Agent	Approved	09/09/2022
B Maryland	Agent	Approved	09/14/2018
B Massachusetts	Agent	Approved	08/21/2013
B Michigan	Agent	Approved	12/03/2025
B Mississippi	Agent	Approved	07/18/2024
B Missouri	Agent	Approved	08/07/2015
B Montana	Agent	Approved	02/06/2026
B New Jersey	Agent	Approved	08/16/2013
B New Mexico	Agent	Approved	08/16/2013
B New York	Agent	Approved	10/30/2015
B North Carolina	Agent	Approved	08/16/2013
B Ohio	Agent	Approved	06/14/2017



Qualifications

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B Oregon	Agent	Approved	08/12/2025
B Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	08/16/2013
B South Carolina	Agent	Approved	09/03/2013
B Tennessee	Agent	Approved	02/11/2016
B Texas	Agent	Approved	10/10/2013
IA Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Restricted Approval	02/12/2014
B Utah	Agent	Approved	12/02/2025
B Virginia	Agent	Approved	08/16/2013
B Washington	Agent	Approved	08/11/2021
B West Virginia	Agent	Approved	05/19/2026
B Wisconsin	Agent	Approved	01/15/2020
B Wyoming	Agent	Approved	09/07/2022

Branch Office Locations

MORGAN STANLEY
2400 Lakeview Parkway Suite 300
Alpharetta, GA 30009

MORGAN STANLEY
Atlanta, GA







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 4 principal/supervisory exams, 3 general industry/product exams, and 2 state securities law exams.



Principal/Supervisory Exams

	Exam	Category	Date
	Municipal Securities Principal Examination (S53)	Series 53	04/21/1999
	Financial and Operations Principal Examination (S27)	Series 27	03/08/1999
	Registered Options Principal Examination (S4)	Series 4	06/02/1997
	General Securities Principal Examination (S24)	Series 24	10/28/1994

General Industry/Product Exams

	Exam	Category	Date
	Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	10/01/2018
	National Commodity Futures Examination (S3)	Series 3	10/20/1994
	General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	09/20/1994

State Securities Law Exams

	Exam	Category	Date
	Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (S65)	Series 65	11/29/1995
	Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	09/24/1994



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	03/10/2005 - 08/26/2013	GV FINANCIAL ADVISORS, INC.	CRD# 106725	ATLANTA, GA
IA	08/01/2007 - 08/19/2013	SECURIAN FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	CRD# 15296	ATLANTA, GA
B	02/08/2005 - 08/19/2013	SECURIAN FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	CRD# 15296	ATLANTA, GA
IA	03/10/2005 - 12/05/2011	GV FINANCIAL ADVISORS, INC.	CRD# 112118	ATLANTA, GA
B	11/02/2004 - 01/03/2005	TRADEWINDS FINANCIAL GROUP INCORPORATED	CRD# 130747	MARIETTA, GA
B	05/02/2000 - 12/31/2004	VALUBOND SECURITIES, INC.	CRD# 102580	ATLANTA, GA
B	09/05/2001 - 05/24/2004	BOND EXPRESS, INC.	CRD# 104286	ATLANTA, GA
B	10/20/1999 - 04/24/2000	FIDELITY NATIONAL CAPITAL INVESTORS, INC.	CRD# 30626	ATLANTA, GA
B	09/21/1994 - 10/01/1999	SOUTHWICK INVESTMENTS, INC.	CRD# 36127	ATLANTA, GA

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
01/2015 - Present	MORGAN STANLEY PRIVATE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	FINANCIAL ADVISOR	Y	NEW YORK, NY, United States
08/2013 - Present	MORGAN STANLEY	FINANCIAL ADVISOR	Y	ALPHARETTA, GA, United States
01/1992 - Present	NICHOLS & WEST PROPERTIES LLC	OWNER/MANAGER	N	TOCCOA, GA, 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.

1. NICHOLS & WEST PROPERTIES LLC; PO BOX 656 TOCCOA, GA 30577; REAL ESTATE INVST& MGMT; OWNER; 1/92-PRES; 5 HRS/MNTH; 0 TRADING HRS**



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:

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Criminal	1
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Criminal

This disclosure event involves a criminal charge against the Investment Adviser Representative that has resulted in a dismissal, plea, acquittal or conviction. The criminal matter may relate to any felony or certain misdemeanor offenses (e.g., bribery, perjury, forgery, counterfeiting, extortion, fraud, wrongful taking of property).

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source:	Individual
Court Details:	MAGISTRATE COURT OF MADISON COUNTY; ATHENS, GEORGIA; WARRANT# CR-797
Charge Date:	02/16/1990
Charge Details:	DEPOSIT ACCOUNT FRAUD - 1. 1 COUNT; 2. MISDEMEANOR; 3. GUILTY
Felony?	No
Current Status:	Final
Status Date:	03/14/1990
Disposition Details:	DEPOSIT ACCOUNT FRAUD - A. CONVICTED; B. 03/14/1990; C. FINES; D. N/A; E. N/A; F. \$209.00; G. 03/14/1990
Broker Statement	AS A RESULT OF A MOVE, THE CHECK WAS UNWITTINGLY WRITTEN ON A CLOSED ACCOUNT. THE STORE COULD NOT CONTACT ME AS THE INFORMATION ON THE CHECK WAS NO LONGER ACCURATE AND THE CHARGE WAS FILED. THE MATTER WAS NOT BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION IN ENOUGH TIME TO CORRECT IT IN A LESS DRAMATIC FASHION.



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