



## IAPD Report

# MICHAEL PAUL WICKS

CRD# 2546082

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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

### MICHAEL PAUL WICKS (CRD# 2546082)

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 **05/27/2026**.

### CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
<b>B</b>	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	CRD# 6413	03/25/2013
<b>IA</b>	SYNERGY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LLC	CRD# 305961	02/16/2024

### QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **1** SRO(s) and **14** 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
<b>IA</b>	PRIVATE ADVISOR GROUP, LLC	155216	Ponte Vedra Beach, FL	10/25/2023 - 04/10/2024
<b>IA</b>	INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL PARTNERS	125112	PONTE VEDRA BEACH, FL	06/05/2008 - 02/01/2019
<b>IA</b>	FIFTH THIRD SECURITIES, INC.	628	MAITLAND, FL	12/20/2012 - 02/08/2013

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
Regulatory Event	1
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 **14** jurisdiction(s) and 1 SRO(s) through his or her employer(s).

#### Employment 1 of 2

Firm Name: **SYNERGY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LLC**  
Main Address: 215 NORTH WESTMONTE DRIVE  
ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, FL 32714  
Firm ID#: 305961

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
IA Florida	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	02/16/2024

#### Branch Office Locations

**SYNERGY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LLC**  
PONTE VEDRA BEACH, FL

#### Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: **LPL FINANCIAL LLC**  
Main Address: 1055 LPL WAY  
FORT MILL, SC 29715  
Firm ID#: 6413

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	03/25/2013
B Alabama	Agent	Approved	05/01/2013
B Arizona	Agent	Approved	04/11/2013
B California	Agent	Approved	03/26/2013
B Florida	Agent	Approved	03/26/2013
B Georgia	Agent	Approved	03/27/2013
B Kansas	Agent	Approved	09/05/2018



### Qualifications

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
<b>B</b> Maryland	Agent	Approved	03/27/2013
<b>B</b> Massachusetts	Agent	Approved	11/12/2014
<b>B</b> Michigan	Agent	Approved	03/16/2015
<b>B</b> New Hampshire	Agent	Approved	08/15/2023
<b>B</b> North Carolina	Agent	Approved	07/08/2015
<b>B</b> South Carolina	Agent	Approved	11/12/2015
<b>B</b> Tennessee	Agent	Approved	09/15/2017
<b>B</b> Virginia	Agent	Approved	03/13/2014

### Branch Office Locations

**LPL FINANCIAL LLC**  
PONTE VEDRA BEACH, FL



## 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 1 state securities law exam.**

#### 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	06/15/1999
Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination (S6)	Series 6	10/13/1994

#### State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
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Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	04/10/1997
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### 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	10/25/2023 - 04/10/2024	PRIVATE ADVISOR GROUP, LLC	CRD# 155216	Ponte Vedra Beach, FL
IA	06/05/2008 - 02/01/2019	INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL PARTNERS	CRD# 125112	PONTE VEDRA BEACH,
IA	12/20/2012 - 02/08/2013	FIFTH THIRD SECURITIES, INC.	CRD# 628	MAITLAND, FL
B	12/14/2012 - 02/08/2013	FIFTH THIRD SECURITIES, INC.	CRD# 628	MAITLAND, FL
B	09/08/2009 - 12/21/2012	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	CRD# 6413	PONTE VEDRA BEACH,
B	05/13/2008 - 09/08/2009	MUTUAL SERVICE CORPORATION	CRD# 4806	PONTE VEDRA BEACH,
B	10/07/1999 - 05/13/2008	AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	CRD# 6363	ORLANDO, FL
IA	10/07/1999 - 05/13/2008	AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	CRD# 6363	ORLANDO, FL
B	10/07/1999 - 07/03/2006	IDS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	CRD# 6321	MINNEAPOLIS, MN
B	10/14/1994 - 10/04/1999	W. S. GRIFFITH & CO., INC.	CRD# 10410	HARTFORD, CT

#### 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
02/2024 - Present	SYNERGY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT, LLC	WEALTH STRATEGIST	Y	PONTE VEDRA BEACH, FL, United States
03/2013 - Present	LPL FINANCIAL, LLC	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	PONTE VEDRA BEACH, FL, United States
09/2018 - 02/2024	Private Advisor Group, LLC	Investment advisor representative	Y	Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, United States
05/2008 - 01/2019	INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL PARTNERS	INVESTMENT ADVISER REPRESENTATIVE	Y	PONTE VEDRA BEACH, FL, 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. Synergy Wealth Alliance - DBA for LPL Business (entity for LPL business) - Investment Related - At Reported Business Location(s) - Wealth Management Advisor - Started 02/2024 - 20 Hours Per Month/20 Hours During Securities Trading - I provide investment advisory services to Synergy Investment Management, LLC, an independent investment advisor firm.
2. St Johns County Tourist Development Council - Not investment related - 500 San Sebastian View, St Augustine, FL 32084 - Board advises County Commission on tourist related matters. - Volunteer Board member – Started 08/5/2024 - 4 Hours Per Month/ 4 Hours During Securities Trading - I attend monthly meetings and take input from stakeholders regarding tourism related issues in St. Johns County.



## 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
Criminal	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

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Regulator
<b>Regulatory Action Initiated By:</b>	Florida Office of Financial Regulation
<b>Sanction(s) Sought:</b>	Cease and Desist Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)
<b>Date Initiated:</b>	10/25/2023
<b>Docket/Case Number:</b>	114927-SR
<b>URL for Regulatory Action:</b>	
<b>Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:</b>	Private Advisor Group, LLC
<b>Product Type:</b>	No Product
<b>Allegations:</b>	Rendered investment advice, from a location within Florida, without being registered by the Office.
<b>Current Status:</b>	Final
<b>Resolution:</b>	Order
<b>Does the order constitute a final order based on violations of any laws or regulations that prohibit fraudulent, manipulative, or deceptive conduct?</b>	No
<b>Resolution Date:</b>	10/25/2023



**Sanctions Ordered:** Cease and Desist  
Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

**Monetary Sanction 1 of 1**

**Monetary Related Sanction:** Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

**Total Amount:** \$30,000.00

**Portion Levied against individual:** \$30,000.00

**Payment Plan:**

**Is Payment Plan Current:**

**Date Paid by individual:** 10/25/2023

**Was any portion of penalty waived?** No

**Amount Waived:**

**Regulator Statement** On October 25, 2023, the Office of Financial Regulation (Office) entered a Final Order adopting the Stipulation and Consent Agreement in the matter of Michael Paul Wicks (Wicks). Wicks neither admitted nor denied the allegations but consented to the entry of findings by the Office. The Office found that Wicks violated section 517.12(4), Florida Statutes, by rendering investment advice, from a location within Florida, without being registered by the Office. Wicks agreed to Cease and Desist from violations of Chapter 517, Florida Statutes, and the Administrative Rules adopted thereto, and to pay an administrative fine in the amount of \$30,000. The Office agreed to approve Wicks' application as an associated person (RA) with Private Advisor Group, LLC effective October 25, 2023.

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**Reporting Source:** Firm

**Regulatory Action Initiated By:** STATE OF FLORIDA OFFICE OF FINANCIAL REGULATION

**Sanction(s) Sought:** Cease and Desist  
Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

**Date Initiated:** 10/25/2023

**Docket/Case Number:** 114927

**Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:** Private Advisor Group, LLC

**Product Type:** No Product

**Allegations:** Failure to register

**Current Status:** Final

**Resolution:** Stipulation and Consent

**Resolution Date:** 10/25/2023

**Sanctions Ordered:** Cease and Desist  
Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)



If the regulator is the SEC, CFTC, or an SRO, did the action result in a finding of a willful violation or failure to supervise? No

(1) willfully violated any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any of such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, or to have been unable to comply with any provision of such Act, rule or regulation? No

(2) willfully aided, abetted, counseled, commanded, induced, or procured the violation by any person of any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any of such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board? or No

(3) failed reasonably to supervise another person subject to your supervision, with a view to preventing the violation by such person of any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board? No



**Monetary Sanction 1 of 1**

**Monetary Related Sanction:** Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)  
**Total Amount:** \$20,000.00  
**Portion Levied against individual:** \$20,000.00  
**Payment Plan:** Paid  
**Is Payment Plan Current:**  
**Date Paid by individual:** 10/25/2023  
**Was any portion of penalty waived?** No  
**Amount Waived:**

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**Reporting Source:** Individual  
**Regulatory Action Initiated By:** Florida Office of Financial Regulation  
**Sanction(s) Sought:** Cease and Desist  
 Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)  
**Date Initiated:** 10/25/2023  
**Docket/Case Number:** 114927-SR  
**Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:** Private Advisor Group, LLC  
**Product Type:** No Product  
**Allegations:** Rendered investment advice, from a location within Florida, without being registered by the Office.  
**Current Status:** Final  
**Resolution:** Order  
**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:** 10/25/2023  
**Sanctions Ordered:** Cease and Desist  
 Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

**Monetary Sanction 1 of 1**

**Monetary Related Sanction:** Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)  
**Total Amount:** \$30,000.00  
**Portion Levied against individual:** \$30,000.00



**Payment Plan:**

**Is Payment Plan Current:**

**Date Paid by individual:**

**Was any portion of penalty waived?**      No

**Amount Waived:**



## 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

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Individual
<b>Court Details:</b>	TALLAHASSEE POLICE DEPARTMENT R9302147ANOO1
<b>Charge Date:</b>	07/29/1993
<b>Charge Details:</b>	CHARGED WITH AGGRAVATED BATTERY AND RESISTING ARREST W/O VIOLENCE
<b>Felony?</b>	Yes
<b>Current Status:</b>	Final
<b>Status Date:</b>	10/08/1993
<b>Disposition Details:</b>	CHARGE WAS REDUCED TO SIMPLE BATTERY \$240 PROBATION FEES, \$150 COURT COSTS, 2 DAYS ON THE WORK PROGRAM \$25 WORK PROGRAM FEE \$2 MONTHS PROBATION.
<b>Broker Statement</b>	Not Provided



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