



IAPD Report

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CRD# 2566829

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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 DAVID KOLACZ (CRD# 2566829)

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 **05/28/2026**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
IA	INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC	CRD# 7717	06/07/2023
B	INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC	CRD# 7717	06/08/2023

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **1** SRO(s) and **17** 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	INTERNATIONAL ASSETS INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT, LLC	144426	ROCKWALL, TX	08/03/2016 - 06/30/2023
B	INTERNATIONAL ASSETS ADVISORY, LLC	10645	ROCKWALL, TX	05/26/2016 - 06/30/2023
IA	INTERNATIONAL ASSETS INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT, LLC	144426	ROCKWALL, TX	05/26/2016 - 06/01/2016

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
Termination	1
Judgment/Lien	4



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

Employment 1 of 1

Firm Name: **INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC**
Main Address: 12671 HIGH BLUFF DR
SUITE 200
SAN DIEGO, CA 92130
Firm ID#: 7717

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	06/08/2023
B FINRA	Invest. Co and Variable Contracts	Approved	06/08/2023
B Alabama	Agent	Approved	07/07/2023
B Alaska	Agent	Approved	06/08/2023
B California	Agent	Approved	06/08/2023
B Colorado	Agent	Approved	07/21/2023
B Florida	Agent	Approved	06/09/2023
B Indiana	Agent	Approved	06/08/2023
B Louisiana	Agent	Approved	07/05/2023
B Minnesota	Agent	Approved	06/30/2023
B Mississippi	Agent	Approved	11/06/2024
B New Mexico	Agent	Approved	06/08/2023
B New York	Agent	Approved	06/08/2023



Qualifications

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B	North Carolina	Agent	Approved	12/12/2024
B	North Dakota	Agent	Approved	11/04/2024
B	Ohio	Agent	Approved	06/08/2023
B	Oklahoma	Agent	Approved	07/25/2023
B	South Carolina	Agent	Approved	10/10/2024
IA	Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	06/07/2023
B	Texas	Agent	Approved	06/08/2023

Branch Office Locations

INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC
2600 RIDGE ROAD
ROCKWALL, TX 75087



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	04/10/2000
 Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination (S6)	Series 6	05/03/1996

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
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 Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (S65)	Series 65	09/13/1999
 Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	05/03/1996

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	08/03/2016 - 06/30/2023	INTERNATIONAL ASSETS INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT, LLC	CRD# 144426	ROCKWALL, TX
B	05/26/2016 - 06/30/2023	INTERNATIONAL ASSETS ADVISORY, LLC	CRD# 10645	ROCKWALL, TX
IA	05/26/2016 - 06/01/2016	INTERNATIONAL ASSETS INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT, LLC	CRD# 144426	ROCKWALL, TX
IA	11/18/2013 - 05/10/2016	CETERA ADVISORS LLC	CRD# 10299	ROCKWALL, TX
B	11/08/2013 - 05/10/2016	CETERA ADVISORS LLC	CRD# 10299	ROCKWALL, TX
IA	01/07/2003 - 11/19/2013	WOODBURY FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	CRD# 421	PLANO, TX
B	05/17/1996 - 11/19/2013	WOODBURY FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	CRD# 421	PLANO, TX
B	05/25/2012 - 09/18/2012	NEXT FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.	CRD# 46214	ROCKWALL, TX
IA	05/25/2012 - 09/18/2012	NEXT FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.	CRD# 46214	ROCKWALL, TX

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
06/2023 - Present	INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	ROCKWALL, TX, United States
12/1982 - Present	Epstein & Kolacz Wealth Management	Agent/Representative	Y	Rockwall, TX, United States
11/1982 - Present	SELF EMPLOYED	INSURANCE_AGENT - Insurance Agent	N	DALLAS, TX, United States
05/2016 - 06/2023	INTERNATIONAL ASSETS ADVISORY, LLC	REGISTERED REP	Y	ROCKWALL, TX, 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) EPSTEIN & KOLACZ WEALTH MANAGEMENT

POSITION: Agent/Representative NATURE: Insurance outside of IFG INVESTMENT RELATED: Yes NUMBER OF HOURS: 10
SECURITIES TRADING HOURS: 0 START DATE: 12/01/1982
ADDRESS: 2600 Ridge Road, Rockwall TX 75087, United States
DESCRIPTION: Sales of Health, Life, and P&C Insurance

(2) EKWM

POSITION: Independent Contractor NATURE: Attorney, Legal Services INVESTMENT RELATED: No NUMBER OF HOURS: 10
SECURITIES TRADING HOURS: 0 START DATE: 01/20/2024
ADDRESS: 2600 Ridge Road, Rockwall TX 75087, United States
DESCRIPTION: Assist clients with completing Estate Planning documents for a fee.

COLLEGE FUNDING SOLUTIONS INC

POSITION: Independent Contractor NATURE: Consulting Services INVESTMENT RELATED: No NUMBER OF HOURS: 10
SECURITIES TRADING HOURS: 0 START DATE: 11/01/2024
ADDRESS: 2600 Ridge Road, Rockwall TX 75087, United States
DESCRIPTION: SALES OF THEIR NEGOTIATION OF COLLEGE TUITION FOR CLIENTS CHILDREN



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
Termination	1
Judgment/Lien	4

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:	Firm
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	INTERNATIONAL ASSETS ADVISORY, LLC
Allegations:	CLAIMAINT ALLEGES UNSUITABLE \$40,000 INVESTMENT INTO GWG HOLDINGS IN OCTOBER 2017.
Product Type:	Other: L-Bonds
Alleged Damages:	\$100,000.00
Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):	Between 50,000 and 100,000 plus interest and costs
Is this an oral complaint?	No
Is this a written complaint?	No
Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?	Yes
Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:	FINRA Dispute Resolution Services
Docket/Case #:	26-00560



Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation: 03/11/2026

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 03/16/2026

Complaint Pending? Yes

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:

Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: INTERNATIONAL ASSETS ADVISORY, LLC

Allegations: CLAIMAINT ALLEGES UNSUITABLE \$40,000 INVESTMENT INTO GWG HOLDINGS IN OCTOBER 2017.

Product Type: Other: L-Bonds

Alleged Damages: \$100,000.00

Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact): Between 50,000 and 100,000 plus interest and costs

Is this an oral complaint? No

Is this a written complaint? No

Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation? Yes

Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location: FINRA Dispute Resolution Services

Docket/Case #: 26-00560

Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation: 03/11/2026

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 03/16/2026

Complaint Pending? Yes

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:

Disclosure 2 of 2

Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: INTERNATIONAL ASSETS ADVISORY, LLC



Allegations: CLIENT ALLEGES LACK OF FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITY AND INVESTMENTS WERE SUPER HIGH RISK. CLIENT WAS LOOKING FOR INVESTMENTS WHERE THEY COULD GET THEIR MONEY OUT EASILY AND IN THE SHORTEST AMOUNT OF TIME.

Product Type: Direct Investment-DPP & LP Interests

Alleged Damages: \$5,000.00

Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact): FIRM HAS MADE A GOOD FAITH DETERMINATION THAT THE DAMAGES FROM THE ALLEGED CONDUCT WOULD BE GREATER THAN \$5000.

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: 03/06/2023

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Withdrawn

Status Date: 03/11/2023

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:

Broker Statement CLIENT EMAILED REPRESENTATIVE ON MARCH 11, 2023 TO WITHDRAW COMPLAINT. "I would like to recall the message below. The term "lack of fiduciary responsibility" is not an appropriate characterization or concern. I would actually recall the whole message but do not have an IT department to help me with it. Apologies for my storm in a teacup". CLIENT REMAINS A CUSTOMER OF REPRESENTATIVE.



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: CETERA ADVISORS LLC
Termination Type: Permitted to Resign
Termination Date: 04/22/2016
Allegations: FAILURE TO FOLLOW FIRM POLICY WITH RESPECT TO VARIABLE ANNUITY TRANSACTION
Product Type: Annuity-Variable

Reporting Source: Individual
Firm Name: CETERA ADVISORS LLC
Termination Type: Permitted to Resign
Termination Date: 04/22/2016
Allegations: FAILURE TO FOLLOW FIRM POLICY WITH RESPECT TO VARIABLE ANNUITY TRANSACTION
Product Type: Annuity-Variable

Broker Statement CLIENT WANTED TO ADD TO THEIR IRA ACCOUNT FROM AN OLD 401K. HAD CHECK SENT DIRECTLY TO INSURANCE CO, THEN SENT NEEDED NEW PAPERWORK DIRECTLY TO INSURANCE CO.



Judgment/Lien

This disclosure event involves an unsatisfied and outstanding judgment or lien against the Investment Adviser Representative.

Disclosure 1 of 4

Reporting Source: Individual
Judgment/Lien Holder: IRS
Judgment/Lien Amount: \$84,365.00
Judgment/Lien Type: Tax
Date Filed with Court: 06/15/2015
Date Individual Learned: 01/19/2016
Type of Court: IRS
Name of Court: ROCKWALL COUNTY
Location of Court: ROCKWALL, TX
Docket/Case #: 50000008675
Judgment/Lien Outstanding? Yes
Broker Statement OUR CPA AND I ARE NEGOTIATING A PAYMENT PLAN

Disclosure 2 of 4

Reporting Source: Individual
Judgment/Lien Holder: IRS
Judgment/Lien Amount: \$171,554.01
Judgment/Lien Type: Tax
Date Filed with Court: 12/14/2015
Date Individual Learned: 12/29/2015
Type of Court: COUNTY
Name of Court: ROCKWALL COUNTY
Location of Court: ROCKWALL COUNTY, TX
Docket/Case #: 190383715
Judgment/Lien Outstanding? Yes
Broker Statement A PAYMENT PLAN IS BEING NEGOTIATED BY MY CPA.

Disclosure 3 of 4

Reporting Source: Individual
Judgment/Lien Holder: IRS
Judgment/Lien Amount: \$110,848.27
Judgment/Lien Type: Tax
Date Filed with Court: 01/24/2014
Date Individual Learned: 04/09/2015



Type of Court: COUNTY
Name of Court: ROCKWALL COUNTY
Location of Court: ROCKWALL COUNTY, TX
Docket/Case #: 980627514
Judgment/Lien Outstanding? Yes
Broker Statement OUR CPA AND I ARE WORKING ON A PAYMENT PLAN CURRENTLY.

Disclosure 4 of 4

Reporting Source: Individual
Judgment/Lien Holder: IRS
Judgment/Lien Amount: \$102,763.99
Judgment/Lien Type: Tax
Date Filed with Court: 03/23/2015
Date Individual Learned: 04/09/2015
Type of Court: COUNTY
Name of Court: ROCKWALL COUNTY
Location of Court: ROCKWALL COUNTY, TX
Docket/Case #: 149085215
Judgment/Lien Outstanding? Yes
Broker Statement OUR CPA AND I ARE WORKING ON A PAYMENT PLAN CURRENTLY.



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