



IAPD Report

JOHN JOSEPH WELKER

CRD# 2579953

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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

JOHN JOSEPH WELKER (CRD# 2579953)

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 **05/20/2025**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
B	WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC	CRD# 19616	01/10/2019
IA	WELLS FARGO ADVISORS	CRD# 19616	01/11/2019

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **11** SRO(s) and **23** 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	UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.	8174	IRVINE, CA	10/31/2008 - 01/21/2019
IA	UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.	8174	IRVINE, CA	10/31/2008 - 01/21/2019
B	MORGAN STANLEY & CO. INCORPORATED	8209	IRVINE, CA	04/02/2007 - 11/05/2008

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



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 **23** jurisdiction(s) and 11 SRO(s) through his or her employer(s).

Employment 1 of 1

Firm Name: **WELLS FARGO ADVISORS**
Main Address: ONE NORTH JEFFERSON AVENUE
MAIL CODE: H0004-05E
ST. LOUIS, MO 63103-2205
Firm ID#: 19616

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B	Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	01/10/2019
B	Cboe Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	01/10/2019
B	Cboe Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Sales Supervisor	Approved	01/10/2019
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	01/10/2019
B	FINRA	General Securities Sales Supervisor	Approved	01/10/2019
B	NYSE American LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	01/10/2019
B	NYSE American LLC	General Securities Sales Supervisor	Approved	01/10/2019
B	NYSE Arca, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	01/10/2019
B	NYSE Arca, Inc.	General Securities Sales Supervisor	Approved	01/10/2019
B	NYSE Texas, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	01/10/2019
B	Nasdaq GEMX, LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	01/10/2019
B	Nasdaq GEMX, LLC	General Securities Sales Supervisor	Approved	01/10/2019
B	Nasdaq ISE, LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	01/10/2019



Qualifications

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B	Nasdaq ISE, LLC	General Securities Sales Supervisor	Approved	01/10/2019
B	Nasdaq PHLX LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	01/10/2019
B	Nasdaq PHLX LLC	General Securities Sales Supervisor	Approved	01/10/2019
B	Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Representative	Approved	01/10/2019
B	Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Sales Supervisor	Approved	01/10/2019
B	New York Stock Exchange	General Securities Representative	Approved	01/10/2019
B	New York Stock Exchange	General Securities Sales Supervisor	Approved	01/10/2019
B	Arizona	Agent	Approved	01/10/2019
B	California	Agent	Approved	01/10/2019
IA	California	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	01/11/2019
B	Colorado	Agent	Approved	01/10/2019
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	01/10/2019
B	Hawaii	Agent	Approved	11/18/2021
B	Illinois	Agent	Approved	03/06/2019
B	Indiana	Agent	Approved	12/14/2021
B	Maine	Agent	Approved	01/11/2019
B	Michigan	Agent	Approved	01/10/2019
B	Missouri	Agent	Approved	06/17/2020
B	Montana	Agent	Approved	08/29/2022



Qualifications

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B	Nevada	Agent	Approved	01/10/2019
B	New York	Agent	Approved	01/10/2019
B	Oklahoma	Agent	Approved	01/15/2019
B	Oregon	Agent	Approved	01/10/2019
B	Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	08/10/2021
B	South Carolina	Agent	Approved	01/10/2019
B	South Dakota	Agent	Approved	01/10/2019
IA	South Dakota	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	01/22/2019
B	Texas	Agent	Approved	09/24/2021
IA	Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Restricted Approval	09/24/2021
B	Utah	Agent	Approved	01/10/2019
B	Virginia	Agent	Approved	05/21/2025
B	Washington	Agent	Approved	01/10/2019
B	Wisconsin	Agent	Approved	10/07/2024

Branch Office Locations

WELLS FARGO ADVISORS
520 NEWPORT CENTER DR STE 1700
NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660

WELLS FARGO ADVISORS
RAPID CITY, SD



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

Principal/Supervisory Exams

	Exam	Category	Date
	General Securities Sales Supervisor - General Module Examination (S10)	Series 10	10/12/1999
	General Securities Sales Supervisor - Options Module Examination (S9)	Series 9	10/04/1999

General Industry/Product Exams

	Exam	Category	Date
	Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	10/01/2018
	National Commodity Futures Examination (S3)	Series 3	05/16/2005
	Futures Managed Funds Examination (S31)	Series 31	04/29/2002
	General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	03/08/1995

State Securities Law Exams

	Exam	Category	Date
	Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (S65)	Series 65	02/17/1995
	Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	02/06/1995

PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS

This section details that the representative has reported **0** professional designation(s).

No information reported.

Only professional designations listed in Question 8 of the Form U4 will appear in this section if the appropriate box is checked



and verified by the issuing organization at the time of the filing. Learn more about eligible designations at [IARD](#) and [NASAA](#).



Registration & Employment History

PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED WITH THE FOLLOWING FIRMS

This representative held registrations with the following firms:

	Registration Dates	Firm Name	ID#	Branch Location
B	10/31/2008 - 01/21/2019	UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.	CRD# 8174	IRVINE, CA
IA	10/31/2008 - 01/21/2019	UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.	CRD# 8174	IRVINE, CA
B	04/02/2007 - 11/05/2008	MORGAN STANLEY & CO. INCORPORATED	CRD# 8209	IRVINE, CA
IA	04/02/2007 - 11/05/2008	MORGAN STANLEY & CO. INCORPORATED	CRD# 8209	IRVINE, CA
IA	08/20/1999 - 04/02/2007	MORGAN STANLEY	CRD# 7556	IRVINE, CA
B	07/26/1999 - 04/02/2007	MORGAN STANLEY DW INC.	CRD# 7556	IRVINE, CA
B	03/09/1995 - 07/27/1999	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	CRD# 7691	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
01/2019 - Present	WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC	REGISTERED REP	Y	NEWPORT BEACH, CA, United States
10/2008 - 01/2019	UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC	FA	Y	IRVINE, CA, 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.

WORKOP SD LLC DBA HILLS PROPERTIES; INV. RELATED; RAPID CITY, SD; REAL ESTATE / RENTAL; 50% OWNERSHIP; START DATE 1/206; 10 HRS PER MONTH;; 0 HRS DURING TRADING; DUTIES; GENERAL OVERSIGHT.

WORKHOP LLC; INV. RELATED; RAPID CITY, SD; REAL ESTATE / RENTAL; 50% OWNERSHIP; START 1/2006; 2 HRS PER MONTH; 0 HRS DURING TRADING; DUTIES: GENERAL OVERSIGHT.

BRAVADO LLC DBA AVALON SPORT HORSES; NOT INV RELATED; RAPID CITY, SD; 50% OWNERSHIP; EQUINE (SPORT HORSES) HOLDINC CO.; START 2/2014; 5 HRS PER MONTH; 0 HRS DURING TRADING; DUTIES; MANAGEMENT OF HORSES.

RENTAL PROPERTY; INVESTMENT RELATED; RAPID CITY,SD; 100% OWNERSHIP; START 1/10/2019; NUMBER OF HOURS PER MONTH 1; NUMBER OF HOURS DURING TRADING 0; NONE.

RENTAL PROPERTY; INVESTMENT RELATED; RAPID CITY,SD; 100% OWNERSHIP; START 1/10/2019; NUMBER OF



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OTHER BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

HOURS PER MONTH 8; NUMBER OF HOURS DURING TRADING 0; NONE.
RENTAL PROPERTY; INVESTMENT RELATED; RAPID CITY,SD; 100% OWNERSHIP; START 1/10/2019; NUMBER OF HOURS PER MONTH 8; NUMBER OF HOURS DURING TRADING 0; NONE.
RENTAL PROPERTY; INVESTMENT RELATED; RAPID CITY,SD; 100% OWNERSHIP; START 1/10/2019; NUMBER OF HOURS PER MONTH 8; NUMBER OF HOURS DURING TRADING 0; NONE.
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RENTAL PROPERTY; INVESTMENT RELATED; RAPID CITY,SD; 100% OWNERSHIP; START 1/10/2019; NUMBER OF HOURS PER MONTH 8; NUMBER OF HOURS DURING TRADING 0; NONE.
RENTAL PROPERTY; INVESTMENT RELATED; RAPID CITY,SD; 100% OWNERSHIP; START 1/10/2019; NUMBER OF HOURS PER MONTH 8; NUMBER OF HOURS DURING TRADING 0; NONE.
TRUSTEE OF WORKOP SD LLC 401K; INV. RELATED; RAPID CITY, SD; START 8/2021; 1 HR PER MONTH; 0 HRS DURING TRADING; TRUSEE 401K PLAN.
TRUSTEE OF WORKOP SD DBP; INV. RELATED; RAPID CITY, SD; START 9/2021; 1 HR PER MONTH; 0 HRS DURING TRADING; TRUSEE DBP PLAN.



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

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:	MORGAN STANLEY & CO.
Allegations:	CLIENT'S ATTORNEY ALLEGES, INTER ALIA, THAT UNSUITABLE INVESTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS WERE MADE FROM 1998-2011.
Product Type:	Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)
Alleged Damages:	\$965,203.00
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:	01/10/2014
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Settled
Status Date:	05/28/2014
Settlement Amount:	\$75,000.00
Individual Contribution Amount:	\$0.00
Firm Statement	MR. WELKER WAS APPARENTLY NAMED IN THE COMPLAINT ONLY



BECAUSE HE AT ONE POINT SERVED AS BRANCH MANAGER OF THE
BRANCH OFFICE WHERE THE CLIENT HELD HIS ACCOUNTS. THERE WERE
NO SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS OF WRONGDOING ALLEGED AGAINST HIM.

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Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: MORGAN STANLEY & CO.

Allegations: CLIENT'S ATTORNEY ALLEGES FAILURE TO SUPERVISE 7/23/1999 - 10/31/2008.

Product Type: Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)
Other: EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS (ETFs), CLOSED END FUNDS

Alleged Damages: \$750,722.00

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: 01/10/2014

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 05/28/2014

Settlement Amount: \$75,000.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Broker Statement MR. WELKER WAS APPARENTLY NAMED IN THE COMPLAINT ONLY BECAUSE HE AT ONE POINT SERVED AS BRANCH MANAGER OF THE BRANCH OFFICE WHERE THE CLIENT HELD HIS ACCOUNTS. THERE WERE NO SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS OF WRONGDOING ALLEGED AGAINST HIM.

Disclosure 2 of 2

Reporting Source: Firm

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: MORGAN STANLEY & CO. INCORPORATED

Allegations: IT IS CLAIMED THAT FINANCIAL ADVISOR MADE ALLEGEDLY UNSUITABLE INVESTMENTS IN 2008, RESULTING IN LOSSES.

Product Type: Mutual Fund(s)

Other Product Type(s): OPEN-END FUNDS

Alleged Damages: \$62,000.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 02/20/2009



Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Denied
Status Date:	03/20/2009
Settlement Amount:	\$0.00
Individual Contribution Amount:	\$0.00

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Reporting Source:	Individual
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	MORGAN STANLEY & CO. INCORPORATED
Allegations:	IT IS CLAIMED THAT FINANCIAL ADVISOR MADE ALLEGEDLY UNSUITABLE INVESTMENTS IN 2008 RESULTING IN LOSSES.
Product Type:	Mutual Fund
Alleged Damages:	\$62,000.00
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:	02/20/2009
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Denied
Status Date:	03/20/2009
Settlement Amount:	
Individual Contribution Amount:	



End of Report

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