



IAPD Report

Michael Laura

CRD# 2654833

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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 Laura (CRD# 2654833)

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 **01/29/2026**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
B	MORGAN STANLEY	CRD# 149777	04/21/2023
IA	MORGAN STANLEY	CRD# 149777	04/21/2023

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **4** SRO(s) and **39** 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	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	7691	ATLANTA, GA	01/02/2018 - 04/24/2023
B	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	7691	ATLANTA, GA	11/29/2017 - 04/24/2023
IA	INVESCO ADVISERS, INC.	105360	ATLANTA, GA	06/08/2015 - 11/27/2017

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

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

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	04/21/2023
	NYSE American LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	04/21/2023
	Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Representative	Approved	04/21/2023
	New York Stock Exchange	General Securities Representative	Approved	04/21/2023
	Alabama	Agent	Approved	06/15/2023
	Arizona	Agent	Approved	04/21/2023
	Arkansas	Agent	Approved	07/05/2023
	California	Agent	Approved	06/15/2023
	Colorado	Agent	Approved	06/26/2023
	Connecticut	Agent	Approved	06/26/2023
	Delaware	Agent	Approved	01/30/2026
	District of Columbia	Agent	Approved	06/26/2023
	Florida	Agent	Approved	04/21/2023



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	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B	Georgia	Agent	Approved	04/21/2023
IA	Georgia	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	04/25/2023
B	Idaho	Agent	Approved	09/22/2023
B	Illinois	Agent	Approved	07/03/2023
B	Kentucky	Agent	Approved	06/19/2023
B	Louisiana	Agent	Approved	06/26/2023
B	Maine	Agent	Approved	06/26/2023
B	Maryland	Agent	Approved	04/21/2023
B	Massachusetts	Agent	Approved	06/26/2023
B	Michigan	Agent	Approved	01/23/2024
B	Mississippi	Agent	Approved	06/26/2023
B	Missouri	Agent	Approved	01/23/2024
B	Montana	Agent	Approved	06/27/2023
B	Nevada	Agent	Approved	06/29/2023
B	New Jersey	Agent	Approved	06/26/2023
B	New Mexico	Agent	Approved	06/25/2024
B	New York	Agent	Approved	04/21/2023
B	North Carolina	Agent	Approved	04/21/2023
B	Ohio	Agent	Approved	06/25/2023



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	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B	Oklahoma	Agent	Approved	08/19/2024
B	Oregon	Agent	Approved	07/05/2023
B	Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	01/22/2024
B	South Carolina	Agent	Approved	04/21/2023
B	South Dakota	Agent	Approved	06/26/2023
B	Tennessee	Agent	Approved	05/16/2025
B	Texas	Agent	Approved	04/21/2023
IA	Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Restricted Approval	04/21/2023
B	Utah	Agent	Approved	06/26/2023
B	Virginia	Agent	Approved	04/21/2023
B	Washington	Agent	Approved	04/21/2023
B	Wisconsin	Agent	Approved	06/27/2023
B	Wyoming	Agent	Approved	07/15/2024

Branch Office Locations

MORGAN STANLEY
5 Concourse Parkway
Suite 2000
Atlanta, GA 30328



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

Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
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No information reported.

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	10/01/2018
B General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	04/14/2008

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
IA B Uniform Combined State Law Examination (S66)	Series 66	12/22/2017
B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	04/16/2008
IA Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (S65)	Series 65	02/22/2002



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
IA	01/02/2018 - 04/24/2023	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	CRD# 7691	ATLANTA, GA
B	11/29/2017 - 04/24/2023	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	CRD# 7691	ATLANTA, GA
IA	06/08/2015 - 11/27/2017	INVESCO ADVISERS, INC.	CRD# 105360	ATLANTA, GA
B	06/05/2015 - 11/27/2017	INVESCO DISTRIBUTORS, INC.	CRD# 7369	HOUSTON, TX
IA	04/25/2014 - 06/01/2015	VIRTUS INVESTMENT ADVISERS, INC.	CRD# 106982	ATLANTA, GA
B	04/04/2014 - 06/01/2015	VP DISTRIBUTORS LLC	CRD# 3036	HARTFORD, CT
B	08/22/2012 - 03/27/2014	DWS INVESTMENTS DISTRIBUTORS, INC	CRD# 37306	CHICAGO, IL
B	10/23/2009 - 05/21/2012	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	CRD# 7691	ATLANTA, GA
IA	10/23/2009 - 05/21/2012	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	CRD# 7691	ATLANTA, GA
IA	01/12/2009 - 10/23/2009	BANC OF AMERICA INVESTMENT SERVICES, INC.	CRD# 16361	ATLANTA, GA
B	12/15/2008 - 10/23/2009	BANC OF AMERICA INVESTMENT SERVICES, INC.	CRD# 16361	ATLANTA, GA
IA	04/17/2008 - 12/31/2008	COLUMBIA MANAGEMENT ADVISORS, LLC	CRD# 107900	ATLANTA, GA
B	04/15/2008 - 12/31/2008	COLUMBIA MANAGEMENT DISTRIBUTORS, INC.	CRD# 30683	ATLANTA, GA
B	12/07/2001 - 12/11/2003	BANC OF AMERICA INVESTMENT SERVICES, INC.	CRD# 16361	BOSTON, MA
IA	12/07/2001 - 12/11/2003	BANC OF AMERICA INVESTMENT SERVICES, INC.	CRD# 16361	SARASOTA, FL
B	10/16/1995 - 11/29/2001	A. G. EDWARDS & SONS, INC.	CRD# 4	ST. LOUIS, MO



Registration & Employment History

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Registration Dates	Firm Name	ID#	Branch Location
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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	Morgan Stanley Private Bank, N.A	Financial Advisor	Y	New York, NY, United States
04/2023 - Present	MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY LLC	FINANCIAL ADVISOR	Y	ATLANTA, GA, United States
03/2018 - 04/2023	BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.	FINANCIAL ADVISOR	Y	ATLANTA, GA, United States
11/2017 - 04/2023	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	FINANCIAL ADVISOR	Y	ATLANTA, GA, United States
05/2015 - 11/2017	INVESCO ADVISERS, INC.	PORTFOLIO CONSULTANT - OUTSIDE	Y	ATLANTA, GA, United States
05/2015 - 11/2017	INVESCO DISTRIBUTORS, INC.	PORTFOLIO CONSULTANT - OUTSIDE	Y	HOUSTON, TX, 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.

*OBI - 551171 - Cumberland Academy of Georgia ; Investment related - No ; Atlanta, Georgia ; Children/Youth ; Finance Committee:Board Member(proprietor, partner, officer, director, employee, trustee, agent) ; 11/2021 ; During business hours : 0 ; After business hours : 2 ; Administrative



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	1

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 1

Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: A.G. EDWARDS & SONS, INC.

Allegations: ALLEGED WAS NOT AWARE HER CD WAS A LONG TERM CD; MISREPRESENTATION & OMISSION OF MATERIAL FACTS; NEGLIGENCE & COMMON LAW FRAUD. ALLEGED DAMAGES IN EXCESS OF \$15,000. ***
ORIGINALLY IN JANUARY 1999, [CUSTOMER] CALLED ME FROM A PUBLISHED NEWSPAPER AD FEATURING LONG TERM CDS WITH MATURITIES OF 12/30/2013 AND 1/11/2019 RESPECTIVELY. AFTER DISCUSSING THE FEATURES OF THE CDS, SHE APPROVED THE TRADE ON 1/4/1999 FOR A \$65,000, 1/22/2019 MATURITY CD. SIX WEEKS LATER ON 2/18/1999, SHE APPROVED THE TRADE OF A SECOND CD FOR \$99,000 MATURING IN 3/3/2009. PRIOR TO BOTH PURCHASES, [CUSTOMER] RECEIVED VERBAL DISCLOSURES (INCLUDING PRINCIPAL FLUCTUATIONS) AND WRITTEN DISCLOSURE DOCUMENTS(INCLUDING PRINCIPAL FLUCUTATIONS) AND CONFIRMATIONS FROM A.G. EDWARDS. FROM JANUARY 1999 THROUGH APRIL 2000, [CUSTOMER] RECEIVED OVER 85 ENTRIES ON MONTHLY STATEMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS LISITNG THE MATURITIES OF THE CDS AND NEVER COMPLAINED. AT THE TIME [CUSTOMER] PURCHASED BOTH CDS, A.G. EDWARDS PRICED ALL CDS ON STATEMENT AT PAR, OR FACE VALUE. BEGINNING IN MAY 2000, A.G. EDADWRDS BEGAN SHOWING ESTIMATED FAIR MAKET VALUE OF CDS. BECAUSE INTEREST RATES HAD INCREASED, [CUSTOMER'S] CD VALUES HAD TEMPORARILY DECLINED AND SHE BECAME UPSET. SHE FORGOT OUR INITIAL DISCUSSION REGARDING MARKET FLUCTUATIONS AND BEGAN MAKING FALSE ALLEGATIONS. AFTER REVIEWING HER COMPLAINT, A.G. EDWARDS DENIED COMPENSATION AND SHE LATER FOUND LEGAL CONSEL. [CUSTOMER] LATER DISMISSED ME BUT SETTLED



WITH A.G. EDWARDS FOR \$25,739, WHICH INCLUDED SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS IN ATTORNEY'S FEE.

Product Type: CD

Alleged Damages: \$0.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 06/07/2000

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Evolved into Civil litigation (the individual is a named party)

Status Date: 10/09/2000

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:

Civil Litigation Information

Type of Court: Federal Court

Name of Court: CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN & FOR SARASOTA COUNTY FLORIDA

Location of Court: SARASOTA COUTY

Docket/Case #: 2000-12319-CA DIV. A

Date Notice/Process Served: 10/09/2000

Litigation Pending? No

Disposition: Settled

Disposition Date: 12/08/2000

Monetary Compensation Amount: \$20,000.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$8,579.83

Broker Statement

THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MANATEE COUNTY FLORIDA DISMISSED ME, WITH PREJUDICE, FROM THIS CIVIL LITIGATION. A.G. EDWARDS & SONS, INC. AGREED TO A SETTLEMENT OF WHICH I WILL CONTRIBUTE \$8579.83. THE SETTLEMENT AMOUNT WAS APPROXIMATELY \$20,000 TOTAL WITH HIS PART BEING \$8,579.83. THE CASE AGAINST HIM WAS DIMISSED AND A.E. EDWARDS SETTLED WITH CLIENT.



End of Report

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