



IAPD Report

KEVIN MARK NAST

CRD# 2704544

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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

KEVIN MARK NAST (CRD# 2704544)

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 **04/29/2026**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
B	J.W. COLE FINANCIAL, INC.	CRD# 124583	11/30/2021
IA	J. W. COLE ADVISORS, INC.	CRD# 112294	12/03/2021

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **1** SRO(s) and **4** 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	TRIAD ADVISORS LLC	25803	Plymouth, MI	01/24/2018 - 12/08/2021
IA	CONTINUUM ADVISORY, LLC	283155	Plymouth, MI	01/24/2018 - 11/30/2021
B	SIGNATOR INVESTORS, INC.	468	NORTHVILLE, MI	05/13/2016 - 01/29/2018

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

Employment 1 of 2

Firm Name: **J.W. COLE FINANCIAL, INC.**
Main Address: 4301 ANCHOR PLAZA PARKWAY
SUITE 450
TAMPA, FL 33634
Firm ID#: 124583

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/30/2021
	FINRA	Invest. Co and Variable Contracts	Approved	11/30/2021
	Florida	Agent	Approved	11/30/2021
	Michigan	Agent	Approved	11/30/2021
	Ohio	Agent	Approved	11/30/2021
	Texas	Agent	Approved	05/06/2026

Branch Office Locations

Naples, FL

Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: **J. W. COLE ADVISORS, INC.**
Main Address: 4301 ANCHOR PLAZA PARKWAY
SUITE 450
TAMPA, FL 33634
Firm ID#: 112294

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
	Florida	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	01/30/2024



Qualifications

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
IA Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Restricted Approval	04/30/2026

Branch Office Locations

J. W. COLE ADVISORS, INC.
Naples, 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 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
B Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	10/01/2018
B General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	07/30/2004
B Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination (S6)	Series 6	03/20/1996

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
IA B Uniform Combined State Law Examination (S66)	Series 66	06/14/2010
B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	04/04/1996



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	01/24/2018 - 12/08/2021	TRIAD ADVISORS LLC	CRD# 25803	Plymouth, MI
IA	01/24/2018 - 11/30/2021	CONTINUUM ADVISORY, LLC	CRD# 283155	Plymouth, MI
B	05/13/2016 - 01/29/2018	SIGNATOR INVESTORS, INC.	CRD# 468	NORTHVILLE, MI
IA	05/13/2016 - 01/29/2018	SIGNATOR INVESTORS, INC.	CRD# 468	NORTHVILLE, MI
IA	07/16/2010 - 05/13/2016	TRANSAMERICA FINANCIAL ADVISORS, INC.	CRD# 16164	NORTHVILLE, MI
B	07/05/2001 - 05/13/2016	TRANSAMERICA FINANCIAL ADVISORS, INC	CRD# 16164	NORTHVILLE, MI
B	03/21/1996 - 12/21/1999	PFS INVESTMENTS INC.	CRD# 10111	DULUTH, 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
11/2021 - Present	J.W. Cole Advisors, Inc.	Registered Investment Advisor	Y	Tampa, FL, United States
11/2021 - Present	J.W. Cole Financial, Inc.	Registered Representative	Y	Tampa, FL, United States
01/2018 - 11/2021	Continuum Advisory, LLC	IAR	Y	Eagle, ID, United States
01/2018 - 11/2021	Triad Advisors	Registered Representative	Y	Norcross, GA, United States
05/2016 - 01/2018	SIGNATOR INVESTORS, INC.	Mass Transfer	Y	NORTHVILLE, MI, 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) NastGroup Financial; Investment related; 3250 Kumamoto Lane, Naples, FL 34114; IAR; owner/president; Start 1/20/2015;160 hrs/mo, 0 during trading.

2) Western Reserve Life; Investment Related; 3250 Kumamoto Lane, Naples, FL 34114; Insurance; Investment Adviser Representative, financial services; Start 1/2002; 4 hr/mo, 4 hrs/mo during trading.



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
Customer Dispute	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

Reporting Source:	Regulator
Regulatory Action Initiated By:	Florida Office of Financial Regulation
Sanction(s) Sought:	Cease and Desist Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)
Date Initiated:	01/30/2024
Docket/Case Number:	118815-SR
URL for Regulatory Action:	
Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:	J.W. Cole Advisors, Inc.
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:	01/30/2024



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: \$12,500.00

Portion Levied against individual: \$12,500.00

Payment Plan:

Is Payment Plan Current:

Date Paid by individual: 01/30/2024

Was any portion of penalty waived? No

Amount Waived:

Regulator Statement On January 30, 2024, the Office of Financial Regulation (Office) entered a Final Order adopting the Stipulation and Consent Agreement in the matter of Kevin Mark Nast (Nast). Nast neither admitted nor denied the allegations but consented to the entry of findings by the Office. The Office found that Nast violated Section 517.12(4), Florida Statutes, by rendering investment advice, from a location within Florida, without being registered by the Office. Nast 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 \$12,500. The Office agreed to approve Nast's application as an associated person (RA) with J.W. Cole Advisors, Inc. effective January 30, 2024.

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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: 01/30/2024

Docket/Case Number: 118815-SR

Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action: J.W. Cole Advisors, Inc.

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:

01/30/2024

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:

\$12,500.00

Portion Levied against individual:

\$12,500.00

Payment Plan:

Is Payment Plan Current:

Date Paid by individual:

01/30/2024

Was any portion of penalty waived?

No

Amount Waived:

Broker Statement

J.W. Cole's Registrations Department failed to properly register Mr. Nast in the State of Florida after he relocated to the State. In fact, Mr. Nast was the one who discovered the issue and reported it to J.W. Cole for immediate correction. As such, J.W. Cole was responsible for this mistake.



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: FUTURE WISE TRADING GROUP, INC.

Allegations: ACCOUNT WAS OPENED 1/00. ACCOUNT FLOURISHED THRU 7/00. CLIENT EXPERIENCED DRAWDOWN 8/00. CLIENT CLOSED ACCOUNT 9/00. CLIENT CLAIMED ALLOCATION WAS EXCESSIVE. ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING BOTH PARTIES ADDRESSED COMPLAINT 11/21/00.

Product Type: Other

Other Product Type(s): PARTNERSHIP

Alleged Damages: \$40,000.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 11/21/2000

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 01/18/2001

Settlement Amount: \$40,000.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$10,000.00

Broker Statement THE MUTUAL RELEASE WAS SIGNED BY ALL PARTIES 1/18/01. THE SETTLEMENT WAS FOR A TOTAL OF \$40, 000.00. I PERSONALLY CONTRIBUTED \$10,000.00 OF THE TOTAL \$40, 000.00 THESE MONIES WERE TAKEN FROM COMMISSIONS EARNED. I HAVE PROVIDED A COMPLETE COPY OF THE MUTUAL RELEASE TO ISI. THERE WAS NO ADMISSION OF LIABILITY AND CUSTOMER RELEASES AND FOREVER DISCHARGES FIRM.



End of Report

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