



IAPD Report

MICHAEL THOMAS EDWARDS

CRD# 2780979

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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 THOMAS EDWARDS (CRD# 2780979)

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 **09/20/2021**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
B	KOVACK SECURITIES INC.	CRD# 44848	06/02/2017
IA	KOVACK ADVISORS, INC.	CRD# 140808	07/11/2018

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **2** SRO(s) and **20** 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	CAPITAL GUARDIAN WEALTH MANAGEMENT, LLC	131631	Miami, FL	05/10/2017 - 07/13/2018
B	CAPITAL GUARDIAN, LLC	137919	FT LAUDERDALE, FL	08/31/2012 - 06/08/2017
IA	RIWM, LLC	160536	MIAMI, FL	05/09/2012 - 01/11/2016

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
Regulatory Event	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 **20** jurisdiction(s) and 2 SRO(s) through his or her employer(s).

Employment 1 of 2

Firm Name: **KOVACK ADVISORS, INC.**
Main Address: 6451 N. FEDERAL HWY
SUITE 1201
FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33308
Firm ID#: 140808

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
IA Florida	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	07/11/2018
IA Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Restricted Approval	04/29/2021

Branch Office Locations

KOVACK ADVISORS, INC.
1 Alhambra Plaza
PH
Coral Gables, FL 33134

Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: **KOVACK SECURITIES INC.**
Main Address: 6451 N. FEDERAL HWY.
SUITE 1201
FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33308
Firm ID#: 44848

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	06/02/2017
B Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Representative	Approved	06/02/2017
B California	Agent	Approved	06/02/2017
B Florida	Agent	Approved	06/02/2017



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Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B Georgia	Agent	Approved	11/10/2020
B Illinois	Agent	Approved	11/21/2017
B Louisiana	Agent	Approved	06/08/2017
B Maryland	Agent	Approved	11/21/2017
B Massachusetts	Agent	Approved	06/08/2017
B Minnesota	Agent	Approved	11/21/2017
B New Jersey	Agent	Approved	06/02/2017
B New York	Agent	Approved	06/02/2017
B North Carolina	Agent	Approved	06/26/2017
B North Dakota	Agent	Approved	11/21/2017
B Ohio	Agent	Approved	11/21/2017
B Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	07/06/2017
B Puerto Rico	Agent	Approved	06/22/2017
B South Carolina	Agent	Approved	06/22/2017
B South Dakota	Agent	Approved	05/22/2019
B Texas	Agent	Approved	11/02/2017
B Virginia	Agent	Approved	10/10/2017
B West Virginia	Agent	Approved	11/21/2017

Branch Office Locations



Qualifications

RK ADVISORS

One Alhambra Plaza
Floor PH
Coral Gables, FL 33134



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 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
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General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	12/07/2011
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State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
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Uniform Combined State Law Examination (S66)	Series 66	01/27/2012
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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	05/10/2017 - 07/13/2018	CAPITAL GUARDIAN WEALTH MANAGEMENT, LLC	CRD# 131631	Miami, FL
B	08/31/2012 - 06/08/2017	CAPITAL GUARDIAN, LLC	CRD# 137919	FT LAUDERDALE, FL
IA	05/09/2012 - 01/11/2016	RIWM, LLC	CRD# 160536	MIAMI, FL
B	12/09/2011 - 08/31/2012	GLOBAL INVESTOR SERVICES, L.C.	CRD# 29249	MIAMI, FL

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
06/2017 - Present	Kovack Securities, Inc.	Registered Representative	Y	Fort Lauderdale, FL, United States
02/2012 - Present	RIWM, LLC	FINANCIAL ADVISOR	Y	MIAMI, FL, United States
08/2012 - 06/2017	CAPITAL GUARDIAN, LLC	REGISTERED REP	Y	MIAMI, FL, 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.

1) DBA-BLUEPRINT WEALTH ADVISORS- ONE ALHAMBRA PLAZA, PH SUITE, CORAL GABLES, FL 33134; INVESTMENT RELATED; PROVIDES FINANCIAL ADVICE; PRESIDENT; 1% OF TIME SPENT.



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

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:	12/19/2017
Docket/Case Number:	87299-SR
URL for Regulatory Action:	
Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:	Capital Guardian Wealth Management, LLC
Product Type:	No Product
Allegations:	Conducted investment advisory business from offices within this state without the benefit of lawful registration.
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:	12/19/2017
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: \$8,000.00

Portion Levied against individual: \$8,000.00

Payment Plan:

Is Payment Plan Current:

Date Paid by individual: 12/19/2017

Was any portion of penalty waived? No

Amount Waived:

Regulator Statement

On 12/19/2017, the Office of Financial Regulation entered a Final Order adopting the Stipulation and Consent Agreement in the matter Michael Thomas Edwards. Mr. Edwards admits to and consents to the entry of the findings by the Office. The Office found that Michael Thomas Edward engaged in investment advisory business from offices within this state without the benefit of lawful registration in the state of Florida pursuant to section 517.12(4), F. S. Mr. Edwards agreed to cease and desist from all present and future violations of Chapter 517, F. S. and the administrative rules thereunder; and to pay an administrative fine in the amount of \$8,000. The Office agreed to approve Michael Thomas Edwards' application as an associated person (RA) with Capital Guardian Wealth Management, LLC effective 12/19/2017.

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: 12/19/2017

Docket/Case Number: 87299-SR

Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action: Capital Guardian Wealth Management, LLC

Product Type: No Product

Allegations: Conducted investment advisory business from offices within this state without the benefit of lawful registration.

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:	12/19/2017
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:	\$8,000.00
Portion Levied against individual:	\$8,000.00
Payment Plan:	
Is Payment Plan Current:	
Date Paid by individual:	12/19/2017
Was any portion of penalty waived?	No
Amount Waived:	
Broker Statement	Due to a clerical oversight by the compliance department at Mr. Edwards' prior firm, the Florida Office of Financial Regulation found that he had conducted advisory business in the state without proper registration. Mr. Edwards had at all times believed that he was fully registered to conduct advisory business in Florida. Mr. Edwards paid an administrative fine and was approved by the State of Florida to conduct advisory business in the state shortly thereafter.



End of Report

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