



IAPD Report

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CRD# 3009786

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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 Emil Cear (CRD# 3009786)

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 **07/27/2023**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
B	PURSHE KAPLAN STERLING INVESTMENTS	CRD# 35747	09/19/2018
IA	SUMMIT FINANCIAL, LLC	CRD# 299322	12/26/2018

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **1** SRO(s) and **6** 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	SUMMIT EQUITIES INC	11039	PARSIPPANY, NJ	09/10/2014 - 12/27/2018
IA	SUMMIT FINANCIAL RESOURCES INC	104990	PARSIPPANY, NJ	09/22/2014 - 09/20/2018
B	SUMMIT EQUITIES, INC.	11039	PARSIPPANY, NJ	09/09/2014 - 09/19/2018

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
Judgment/Lien	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 6 jurisdiction(s) and 1 SRO(s) through his or her employer(s).

Employment 1 of 2

Firm Name: **SUMMIT FINANCIAL, LLC**
Main Address: 4 CAMPUS DRIVE
PARSIPPANY, NJ 07054
Firm ID#: 299322

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
IA New Jersey	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	01/03/2019

Branch Office Locations

SUMMIT FINANCIAL, LLC
4 Campus Drive
Parsippany, NJ 07054

Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: **PURSHE KAPLAN STERLING INVESTMENTS**
Main Address: 80 STATE STREET
ALBANY, NY 12207
Firm ID#: 35747

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	09/19/2018
B Connecticut	Agent	Approved	09/19/2018
B Florida	Agent	Approved	09/19/2018
B New Jersey	Agent	Approved	09/19/2018
B New York	Agent	Approved	09/19/2018
B Ohio	Agent	Approved	09/19/2018



Qualifications

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B Washington	Agent	Approved	09/19/2018

Branch Office Locations

4 Campus Drive
Parsippany, NJ 07054



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
 Limited Representative-Equity Trader Exam (S55)	Series 55	10/03/1998
 General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	03/09/1998

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
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  Uniform Combined State Law Examination (S66)	Series 66	02/21/2008
 Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	04/15/1998

PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS

This section details that the representative has reported **1** professional designation(s).

Chartered Financial Consultant

This representative holds or did hold **1** professional designation(s) that may have been used to qualify as an Investment Advisor representative. Please check with the appropriate designation authority for verification that the designation is still in effect. The contact information for these professional designation authorities can be found on the website for the North American Securities Administrators Association at <http://www.nasaa.org>



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	09/10/2014 - 12/27/2018	SUMMIT EQUITIES INC	CRD# 11039	PARSIPPANY, NJ
IA	09/22/2014 - 09/20/2018	SUMMIT FINANCIAL RESOURCES INC	CRD# 104990	PARSIPPANY, NJ
B	09/09/2014 - 09/19/2018	SUMMIT EQUITIES, INC.	CRD# 11039	PARSIPPANY, NJ
B	02/28/2002 - 09/09/2014	NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL INVESTMENT SERVICES, LLC	CRD# 2881	NEW YORK, NY
B	03/14/2000 - 07/05/2001	INVESTEC ERNST & COMPANY	CRD# 266	NEW YORK, NY
B	08/27/1998 - 05/20/1999	WORLDCO, L.L.C.	CRD# 24673	NEW YORK, NY
B	03/10/1998 - 05/20/1998	GLOBAL FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.	CRD# 23958	MINNEAPOLIS, MN

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
12/2018 - Present	SUMMIT FINANCIAL, LLC	IAR	Y	Parsippany, NJ, United States
09/2018 - Present	Purshe Kaplan Sterling Investments	Registered Representative	Y	Albany, NY, United States
09/2014 - 12/2018	SUMMIT EQUITIES INC	RR / IAR	Y	PARSIPPANY, NJ, United States
09/2014 - 09/2018	SUMMIT FINANCIAL RESOURCES, INC.	IAR	Y	PARSIPPANY, NJ, 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) OFFERS INSURANCE AS A BROKER OR AGENT THROUGH NUMEROUS INSURANCE COMPANIES. SOME SALES ARE THROUGH SRM, AN AFFILIATED COMPANY WHICH IS LICENSED TO SELL VARIOUS INSURANCE PRODUCTS. MR. CEAR



Registration & Employment History



OTHER BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

EARNs BOTH CASH AND NON-CASH COMPENSATION BASED ON SALES OF THESE PRODUCTS.

(2) SUMMIT FINANCIAL, LLC: INVESTMENT RELATED BUSINESS. LOCATED AT 4 CAMPUS DRIVE, PARSIPPANY, NJ 07054. RIA. TITLE IS IAR. STARTED IN 09/2018. APPROXIMATELY 160 HRS/MO DEVOTED. APPROXIMATELY 160 HRS/MO DEVOTED DURING TRADING HOURS. DUTIES ARE TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ADVICE TO CLIENTS.

(3) Fieldpoint Private Bank & Trust, located at 100 Field Point Road, Greenwich, CT 06830. Refers clients to the bank and receives a referral fee for bank loans, asset backed security loans, mortgages and other type of loans. No position held within the bank, this is just referral business to help Summit clients with services they provide; started February, 2023. Less than 1 hour per month, if there is a fit for a banking service for a client. Less than 1 hour a month during securities 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
Judgment/Lien	1

Judgment/Lien

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

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source:	Individual
Judgment/Lien Holder:	IRS
Judgment/Lien Amount:	\$90,878.00
Judgment/Lien Type:	Tax
Date Filed with Court:	12/10/2019
Date Individual Learned:	01/21/2020
Type of Court:	State Court
Name of Court:	Superior Court of New Jersey
Location of Court:	Union NJ
Docket/Case #:	BK209PG824
Judgment/Lien Outstanding?	Yes



End of Report

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