



IAPD Report

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CRD# 3041599

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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 TODD FELS (CRD# 3041599)

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 **01/08/2026**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
B	J.W. COLE FINANCIAL, INC.	CRD# 124583	11/16/2018
IA	J. W. COLE ADVISORS, INC.	CRD# 112294	02/22/2019

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **1** SRO(s) and **3** 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	WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC	19616	CLEARWATER, FL	07/22/2008 - 11/20/2018
B	WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC	19616	CLEARWATER, FL	07/18/2008 - 11/20/2018
IA	CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.	7059	CLEARWATER, FL	08/18/2003 - 07/29/2008

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	4
Judgment/Lien	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 3 jurisdiction(s) and 1 SRO(s) through his or her employer(s).

Employment 1 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
IA Florida	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	02/22/2019

Branch Office Locations

J. W. COLE ADVISORS, INC.
Clearwater, FL

Employment 2 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
B FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/16/2018
B Florida	Agent	Approved	11/19/2018
B Maryland	Agent	Approved	12/27/2018
B Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	12/20/2018

Branch Office Locations

Clearwater, 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 1 principal/supervisory exam, 2 general industry/product exams, and 2 state securities law exams.



Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
 General Securities Sales Supervisor - Options Module Examination (S9)	Series 9	02/04/2002

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
 Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	10/01/2018
 General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	06/12/1998

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
 Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (S65)	Series 65	07/26/2003
 Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	06/19/1998

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	07/22/2008 - 11/20/2018	WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC	CRD# 19616	CLEARWATER, FL
B	07/18/2008 - 11/20/2018	WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC	CRD# 19616	CLEARWATER, FL
IA	08/18/2003 - 07/29/2008	CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.	CRD# 7059	CLEARWATER, FL
B	04/22/2002 - 07/29/2008	CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.	CRD# 7059	CLEARWATER, FL
B	06/15/1998 - 05/08/2002	A. G. EDWARDS & SONS, INC.	CRD# 4	ST. LOUIS, MO

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
11/2018 - Present	J.W. COLE FINANCIAL, INC.	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	TAMPA, FL, United States
11/2018 - Present	J.W. Cole Advisors, Inc.	INVESTMENT ADVISOR REPRESENTATIVE	Y	TAMPA, FL, United States
11/2016 - 11/2018	WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC	REGISTERED REP	Y	CLEARWATER, FL, United States
05/2009 - 11/2016	WELLS FARGO ADVISORS LLC	REGISTERED REP	Y	CLEARWATER, 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) Fels Wealth Management; DBA: Investment Related; 2322 Indigo Drive, Clearwater FL 33763; Wealth Management, President; 11/01/2018: 30 hours devoted per month, 30 hours devoted per month during securities trading hours.

(2) Fels Wealth Management & Family Office; 3001 Countryside Blvd Clearwater, FL 33761; 11/16/2018; President; Fixed Insurance Sales; 40 hours per month; 40 hours during trading hours



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	4
Judgment/Lien	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 4

Reporting Source:	Individual
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC
Allegations:	Client alleges she did not authorize any trades that occurred in May 2015. (05/11/2015-05/19/2015)
Product Type:	Mutual Fund
Alleged Damages:	\$0.00
Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):	Damages are unspecified but a good faith determination indicates damages to be greater than \$5,000.00.
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:	12/28/2015
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Denied
Status Date:	03/01/2016

**Settlement Amount:****Individual Contribution Amount:****Disclosure 2 of 4**

Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: WELLS FARGO ADVISORS, LLC

Allegations: CLIENT WRITES THAT HE WAS PERSUADED TO SELL A JOHN HANCOCK VA TO PURCHASE THE GOLDMAN SACHS MLP ENERGY FUND, WHICH HE BELIEVES IS TOO AGGRESSIVE FOR SOMEONE HIS AGE.

Product Type: Other: CLOSED END FUNDS

Alleged Damages: \$31,860.00

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: 08/20/2015

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 09/21/2015

Settlement Amount: \$11,856.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Broker Statement Settled for \$11,856 in the interests of client relations and to avoid more formal proceedings.

Disclosure 3 of 4

Reporting Source: Firm

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.

Allegations: COMPLAINT ABOUT AUCTION RATE SECURITIES THAT ALLEGED MISREPRESENTATION AND FAILURE TO FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS. DAMAGES UNSPECIFIED.

Product Type: Other: AUCTION RATE SECURITIES

Alleged Damages: \$0.00

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: 03/06/2008

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 11/05/2008

Settlement Amount: \$175,000.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Firm Statement

THIS MATTER INVOLVES THE SALE OF AUCTION RATE SECURITIES (ARS). THE TRANSACTION(S) AT ISSUE TOOK PLACE BEFORE MID-FEBRUARY 2008, WHEN THE ARS MARKET SUFFERED WIDESPREAD AUCTION FAILURES AND ILLIQUIDITY. THE FINANCIAL ADVISOR DID NOT CAUSE, CONTRIBUTE OR HAVE ANY CONTROL WHATSOEVER OVER THESE MARKET EVENTS. THE FIRM REACHED AGREEMENT WITH CERTAIN OF ITS REGULATORS, PURSUANT TO WHICH IT REPURCHASED ARS FOR THEIR FULL PAR VALUE FROM CERTAIN CLIENTS, INCLUDING THE INSTANT CLIENT, WHETHER THEY COMPLAINED OR NOT. THE FINANCIAL ADVISOR WAS NOT A PARTY TO THAT AGREEMENT, DID NOT MAKE ANY PAYMENT TO THE CLIENT, AND WAS NOT ASKED TO AND DID NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE REPURCHASE AMOUNT. THE SETTLEMENT AMOUNT IN ITEM 11 ABOVE REFLECTS THE PAR VALUE OF THE REPURCHASED ARS, AS REQUIRED BY FINRA REGULATORY NOTICE 09-12.

Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.

Allegations: COMPLAINT ABOUT AUCTION RATE SECURITY THAT ALLEGED MISREPRESENTATION AND FAILURE TO FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS. DAMAGES UNSPECIFIED.

Product Type: Other: AUCTION RATE SECURITIES

Alleged Damages: \$0.00

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: 03/06/2008

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 11/05/2008

Settlement Amount: \$175,000.00



Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Broker Statement

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Disclosure 4 of 4

Reporting Source:

Firm

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:

CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.

Allegations:

COMPLAINT ABOUT AUCTION RATE SECURITIES THAT ALLEGED MISREPRESENTATION AND SUITABILITY. DAMAGES UNSPECIFIED.

Product Type:

Other: AUCTION RATE SECURITIES

Alleged Damages:

\$0.00

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: 03/06/2008

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 11/05/2008

Settlement Amount: \$75,000.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Firm Statement

THIS MATTER INVOLVES THE SALE OF AUCTION RATE SECURITIES (ARS). THE TRANSACTION(S) AT ISSUE TOOK PLACE BEFORE MID-FEBRUARY 2008, WHEN THE ARS MARKET SUFFERED WIDESPREAD AUCTION FAILURES AND ILLIQUIDITY. THE FINANCIAL ADVISOR DID NOT CAUSE, CONTRIBUTE OR HAVE ANY CONTROL WHATSOEVER OVER THESE MARKET EVENTS. THE FIRM REACHED AGREEMENT WITH CERTAIN OF ITS REGULATORS, PURSUANT TO WHICH IT REPURCHASED ARS FOR THEIR FULL PAR VALUE FROM CERTAIN CLIENTS, INCLUDING THE INSTANT CLIENT, WHETHER THEY COMPLAINED OR NOT. THE FINANCIAL ADVISOR WAS NOT A PARTY TO THAT AGREEMENT, DID NOT MAKE ANY PAYMENT TO



THE CLIENT, AND WAS NOT ASKED TO AND DID NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE REPURCHASE AMOUNT. THE SETTLEMENT AMOUNT IN ITEM 11 ABOVE REFLECTS THE PAR VALUE OF THE REPURCHASED ARS, AS REQUIRED BY FINRA REGULATORY NOTICE 09-12.

Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.

Allegations: COMPLAINT ABOUT AUCTION RATE SECURITY THAT ALLEGED MISREPRESENTATION AND SUITABILITY. DAMAGES UNSPECIFIED.

Product Type: Other: AUCTION RATE SECURITIES

Alleged Damages: \$0.00

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: 03/06/2008

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 11/05/2008

Settlement Amount: \$75,000.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Broker Statement THIS MATTER INVOLVES THE SALE OF AUCTION RATE SECURITIES (ARS). THE TRANSACTION(S) AT ISSUE TOOK PLACE BEFORE MID-FEBRUARY 2008, WHEN THE ARS MARKET SUFFERED WIDESPREAD AUCTION FAILURES AND ILLIQUIDITY. THE FINANCIAL ADVISOR DID NOT CAUSE, CONTRIBUTE OR HAVE ANY CONTROL WHATSOEVER OVER THESE MARKET EVENTS. THE FIRM REACHED AGREEMENT WITH CERTAIN OF ITS REGULATORS, PURSUANT TO WHICH IT REPURCHASED ARS FOR THEIR FULL PAR VALUE FROM CERTAIN CLIENTS, INCLUDING THE INSTANT CLIENT, WHETHER THEY COMPLAINED OR NOT. THE FINANCIAL ADVISOR WAS NOT A PARTY TO THAT AGREEMENT, DID NOT MAKE ANY PAYMENT TO THE CLIENT, AND WAS NOT ASKED TO AND DID NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE REPURCHASE AMOUNT. THE SETTLEMENT AMOUNT IN ITEM 11 ABOVE REFLECTS THE PAR VALUE OF THE REPURCHASED ARS, AS REQUIRED BY FINRA REGULATORY NOTICE 09-12



Judgment/Lien

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

Disclosure 1 of 2

Reporting Source: Individual
Judgment/Lien Holder: CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS
Judgment/Lien Amount: \$97,396.00
Judgment/Lien Type: Civil
Date Filed with Court: 12/19/2011
Date Individual Learned: 05/04/2015
Type of Court: State Court
Name of Court: NYC SUPRM CT CVL DIV
Location of Court: NEW YORK, NY
Judgment/Lien Outstanding? Yes

Disclosure 2 of 2

Reporting Source: Individual
Judgment/Lien Holder: SUNCOAST SCHOOLS CREDIT UNION
Judgment/Lien Amount: \$30,752.00
Judgment/Lien Type: Civil
Date Filed with Court: 01/19/2011
Date Individual Learned: 05/04/2015
Type of Court: State Court
Name of Court: PINELLAS
Location of Court: PINELLAS COUNTY FLORIDA
Docket/Case #: 11000204C1
Judgment/Lien Outstanding? Yes



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