



IAPD Report

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CRD# 3109981

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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

Cheryl Leigh Smith (CRD# 3109981)

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 **07/15/2025**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
B	D.H. HILL SECURITIES, LLLP	CRD# 41528	10/14/2022
IA	D.H. HILL ADVISORS, INC.	CRD# 116324	10/14/2022

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **1** SRO(s) and 1 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	MADISON AVENUE SECURITIES, LLC	23224	Tyler, TX	11/03/2020 - 10/14/2022
IA	AE WEALTH MANAGEMENT, LLC	282580	Tyler, TX	04/24/2020 - 10/12/2022
B	DEMPSEY LORD SMITH, LLC	141238	TYLER, TX	12/05/2019 - 08/10/2020

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

Employment 1 of 2

Firm Name: **D.H. HILL SECURITIES, LLLP**
Main Address: 1543 GREEN OAK PLACE, SUITE 100
KINGWOOD, TX 77339
Firm ID#: 41528


	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	10/14/2022
	FINRA	Invest. Co and Variable Contracts	Approved	10/14/2022
	Texas	Agent	Approved	10/14/2022

Branch Office Locations

6713 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703

Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: **D.H. HILL ADVISORS, INC.**
Main Address: 1543 GREEN OAK PLACE
SUITE 100
KINGWOOD, TX 77339
Firm ID#: 116324

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
	Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	10/14/2022

Branch Office Locations

D.H. HILL ADVISORS, INC.
6713 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703



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 Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination (S6TO)	Series 6TO	01/02/2023
B Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	10/01/2018
B General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	09/29/1998

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
IA Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (S65)	Series 65	10/21/1998
B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	10/05/1998



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
B	11/03/2020 - 10/14/2022	MADISON AVENUE SECURITIES, LLC	CRD# 23224	Tyler, TX
IA	04/24/2020 - 10/12/2022	AE WEALTH MANAGEMENT, LLC	CRD# 282580	Tyler, TX
B	12/05/2019 - 08/10/2020	DEMPSEY LORD SMITH, LLC	CRD# 141238	TYLER, TX
B	03/27/2019 - 12/10/2019	ONEAMERICA SECURITIES, INC.	CRD# 4173	DALLAS, TX
B	03/15/2018 - 12/31/2018	ALLSTATE FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC	CRD# 18272	Flint, TX
B	07/10/2002 - 12/20/2016	STATE FARM VP MANAGEMENT CORP.	CRD# 43036	BLOOMINGTON, IL
B	03/29/2001 - 05/13/2002	FIRST COMMAND FINANCIAL PLANNING, INC.	CRD# 3641	FORT WORTH, TX
B	10/06/1999 - 03/05/2001	EDWARD JONES	CRD# 250	ST. LOUIS, MO
B	10/22/1998 - 10/12/1999	PRUDENTIAL SECURITIES INCORPORATED	CRD# 7471	NEW YORK, NY

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
10/2022 - Present	D.H. Hill Advisors, Inc.	Investment Advisor Representative	Y	Kingwood, TX, United States
10/2022 - Present	D.H. Hill Securities, LLLP	Registered Representative	Y	Kingwood, TX, United States
06/2019 - Present	Texas Financial and Retirement	Analyst Relationship Director	Y	Tyler, TX, United States
11/2020 - 10/2022	MADISON AVENUE SECURITIES, LLC	Registered Representative	Y	San Diego, CA, United States
04/2020 - 10/2022	AEWealth Management, LLC	INVESTMENT ADVISOR REPRESENTATIVE	Y	TOPEKA, KS, United States
12/2019 - 08/2020	DEMPSEY LORD SMITH, LLC	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	ROME, GA, United States



Registration & Employment History



EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Employment Dates	Employer Name	Position	Investment Related	Employer Location
03/2019 - 12/2019	OneAmerica Securities	Registered Rep	Y	Dallas, TX, United States
01/2019 - 12/2019	American United Life	Agent	Y	Dallas, TX, United States
03/2018 - 03/2019	Cheryl L Smith LLC	Agent	N	Flint, MI, United States
03/2018 - 12/2018	Allstate Insurance Company	Agent	N	Flint, MI, United States
05/2008 - 02/2018	STATE FARM INSURANCE	FIELD SALES ASSOCIATE	Y	TYLER, TX, United States
05/2008 - 02/2018	STATE FARM VP MANAGEMENT CORP	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	TYLER, 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.

Texas Financial and Retirement; YES INVESTMENT RELATED; 2405 Oak Alley Tyler, TX 75703 ; INSURANCE SALES; Analyst Relationship Director; START DATE 06/2019; APPROX 160 HRS/MONTH; APPROX 160 HRS/MONTH DURING TRADING; INSURANCE SALES AND SERVICES.

Rental houses; 4 home two in Abilene and one in Gainesville and one in Foxmoor; Third party management by Gerard Realty; Not investment related; Began working with TPA in 07/1998; No hours worked on maintaining the rental homes;



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:	Firm
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	EDWARD JONES
Allegations:	CLIENT STATES SHE TRANSFERRED HER ACCOUNT FROM ANOTHER FIRM TO EDWARD JONES WITH SMITH. CLIENT STATES SMITH DID NOT DIVERSIFY HER PORTFOLIO AND THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE TRANSACTIONS EFFECTED IN THE ACCOUNT WERE MARKED UNSOLICITED WHEN, IN FACT, THEY WERE NOT. CLIENT ALLEGES SMITH DID NOT HAVE THE QUALIFICATIONS OR EXPERIENCE TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CLIENTS AND SMITH DID NOT MAKE SUGGESTIONS TO PROTECT CLIENT'S ASSETS. LOSSES EXCEED \$5,000.00.
Product Type:	Other
Alleged Damages:	\$5,000.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received:	02/06/2003
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Denied
Status Date:	06/03/2003
Settlement Amount:	
Individual Contribution Amount:	

**Firm Statement**

ACCORDING TO IR, CLIENT ORIGINALLY BECAME HER CLIENT WHEN IR WAS EMPLOYED WITH PRUDENTIAL SECURITIES. IR INDICATED THAT AT THAT TIME THE CLIENT WAS VERY INTERESTED IN TECHNOLOGY STOCKS. ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS, CLIENT'S ACCOUNTS WERE TRANSFERRED TO EDWARD JONES IN NOVEMBER 1999. MANY OF THE INVESTMENTS TRANSFERRED WERE CATEGORIZED AS "AGGRESSIVE." IR INDICATED THE CLIENT ATTENDED MANY BROADCASTS AND/OR SEMINARS AT IR'S OFFICE REGARDING THE TOPIC OF DIVERSIFICATION AND ALSO MET WITH MUTUAL FUND WHOLESALERS TO DISCUSS DIVERSIFICATION. IR STATED THE CLIENT PICKED STOCKS BASED ON CLIENT'S OWN RESEARCH AND, AT TIMES, HAD HER BOYFRIEND CONTACT IR TO DISCUSS STOCKS CLIENT HAD RECOMMENDED TO HIM. IR ALSO STATED SHE EXPLAINED THE FIRM'S INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY OF BUYING AND HOLDING QUALITY INVESTMENTS FOR THE LONG TERM, BUT THE CLIENT DID NOT SUBSCRIBE TO THE FIRM'S PHILOSOPHY. BASED ON OUR REVIEW, IT WOULD APPEAR THE CLIENT BEGAN PURCHASING "AGGRESSIVE" STOCKS PRIOR TO THE ACCOUNTS BEING TRANSFERRED TO EDWARD JONES. THE CLIENT RECEIVED CONFIRMATIONS FOR TRANSACTIONS COMPLETED IN THE ACCOUNTS -- SOME OF THE TRANSACTIONS WERE MARKED "SOLICITED" AND SOME MARKED "NON-SOLICITED" -- THERE WAS NO OVERWHELMING MAJORITY IN EITHER CATEGORY. IT IS OUR OPINION ALL TRANSACTIONS IN THE ACCOUNT WERE AUTHORIZED AND THE CLIENT WAS MADE AWARE OF THE RISKS OF OWNING AGGRESSIVE INVESTMENTS. CLAIM DENIED.

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Reporting Source:

Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:

EDWARD JONES

Allegations:

CLIENT STATES SHE TRANSFERRED HER ACCOUNT FROM ANOTHER FIRM TO EDWARD JONES WITH SMITH. CLIENT STATES SMITH DID NOT DIVERSIFY HER PORTFOLIO AND THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE TRANSACTIONS EFFECTED IN THE ACCOUNT WERE MARKED UNSOLICITED WHEN, IN FACT, THEY WERE NOT. CLIENT ALLEGES SMITH DID NOT HAVE THE QUALIFICATIONS OR EXPERIENCE TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CLIENTS AND SMITH DID NOT MAKE SUGGESTIONS TO PROTECT CLIENT'S ASSETS. LOSSES EXCEED 5,000. SMITH DENYS ALLEGATION.

Product Type:

Other

Alleged Damages:

\$5,000.00

Customer Complaint Information**Date Complaint Received:**

02/06/2003

Complaint Pending?

No

Status:

Denied

Status Date:

06/09/2003

Settlement Amount:**Individual Contribution Amount:****Broker Statement**

ACCORDING TO IR, CLIENT ORIGINALLY BECAME HER CLIENT WHEN IR WAS EMPLOYED WITH PRUDENTIAL SECURITIES. IR INDICATED THAT AT



THAT TIME THE CLIENT WAS VERY INTERESTED IN TECHNOLOGY STOCKS. ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS, CLIENT'S ACCOUNTS WERE TRANSFERRED TO EDWARD JONES IN NOVEMBER 1999. MANY OF THE INVESTMENTS TRANSFERRED WERE CATEGORIZED AS "AGGRESSIVE." IR INDICATED THE CLIENT ATTENDED MANY BROADCASTS AND/OR SEMINARS AT IR'S OFFICE REGARDING THE TOPIC OF DIVERSIFICATION AND ALSO MET WITH MUTUAL FUND WHOLESALERS TO DISCUSS DIVERSIFICATION. IR STATED THE CLIENT PICKED STOCKS BASED ON CLIENT'S OWN RESEARCH AND, AT TIMES, HAD HER BOYFRIEND CONTACT IR TO DISCUSS STOCKS CLIENT HAD RECOMMENDED TO HIM. IR ALSO STATED SHE EXPLAINED THE FIRM'S INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY OF BUYING AND HOLDING QUALITY INVESTMENTS FOR THE LONG TERM, BUT THE CLIENT DID NOT SUBSCRIBE TO THE FIRM'S PHILOSOPHY. BASED ON OUR REVIEW, IT WOULD APPEAR THE CLIENT BEGAN PURCHASING "AGGRESSIVE" STOCKS PRIOR TO THE ACCOUNTS BEING TRANSFERRED TO EDWARD JONES. THE CLIENT RECEIVED CONFIRMATIONS FOR TRANSACTIONS COMPLETED IN THE ACCOUNTS -- SOME OF THE TRANSACTIONS WERE MARKED "SOLICITED" AND SOME MARKED "NON-SOLICITED" -- THERE WAS NO OVERWHELMING MAJORITY IN EITHER CATEGORY. IT IS OUR OPINION ALL TRANSACTIONS IN THE ACCOUNT WERE AUTHORIZED AND THE CLIENT WAS MADE AWARE OF THE RISKS OF OWNING AGGRESSIVE INVESTMENTS. CLAIM DENIED.



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