



IAPD Report

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CRD# 3118775

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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

Don Bruner Stephenson (CRD# 3118775)

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 **03/09/2026**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

This individual is not currently registered as an Investment Adviser Representative.

QUALIFICATIONS

This individual is not currently registered as an Investment Adviser Representative.

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
	SOUND INCOME STRATEGIES, LLC	173272	Murfreesboro, TN	02/13/2025 - 03/09/2026
	FINANCIAL & TAX ARCHITECTS, LLC	119169	Franklin, TN	07/25/2024 - 02/11/2025
	AE WEALTH MANAGEMENT, LLC	282580	Birmingham, AL	01/08/2024 - 02/05/2024

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 not currently registered as an Investment Adviser Representative.



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, 0 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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No information reported.

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
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IA Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (S65)	Series 65	11/25/1998
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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	02/13/2025 - 03/09/2026	SOUND INCOME STRATEGIES, LLC	CRD# 173272	Murfreesboro, TN
IA	07/25/2024 - 02/11/2025	FINANCIAL & TAX ARCHITECTS, LLC	CRD# 119169	Franklin, TN
IA	01/08/2024 - 02/05/2024	AE WEALTH MANAGEMENT, LLC	CRD# 282580	Birmingham, AL
IA	05/19/2023 - 10/25/2023	FIFTH THIRD SECURITIES, INC.	CRD# 628	NASHVILLE, TN
IA	09/28/2022 - 05/12/2023	SLAGLE FINANCIAL, LLC.	CRD# 149976	Fort Walton Beach, FL
IA	04/22/2020 - 12/31/2022	CHERRY WEALTH ADVISORS	CRD# 281081	FORT WALTON BEACH,
IA	08/02/2018 - 03/25/2019	SECURE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT, LLC	CRD# 141195	Birmingham, AL
IA	08/15/2014 - 02/17/2017	BB&T INVESTMENT SERVICES, INC.	CRD# 33856	HOMEWOOD, AL
IA	05/22/2013 - 05/27/2014	ALLSTATE FINANCIAL ADVISORS, LLC	CRD# 109524	VESTAVIA, AL
IA	02/01/2012 - 04/04/2013	VALIC FINANCIAL ADVISORS, INC.	CRD# 42803	BIRMINGHAM, AL
IA	04/11/2011 - 01/23/2012	NBC SECURITIES, INC.	CRD# 17870	BIRMINGHAM, AL
IA	02/05/2010 - 06/22/2010	BBVA COMPASS INVESTMENT SOLUTIONS, INC.	CRD# 17086	BIRMINGHAM, AL
IA	08/31/2006 - 10/29/2009	COLONIAL ASSET MANAGEMENT INC	CRD# 108950	HOMEWOOD, AL
IA	09/16/2005 - 03/22/2006	RAYMOND JAMES FINANCIAL SERVICES	CRD# 6694	DECATUR, GA
IA	02/03/2005 - 09/01/2005	SUNTRUST INVESTMENT SERVICES, INC.	CRD# 17499	CONYERS, GA



Registration & Employment History

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
02/2025 - Present	Retirement Income Solutions, LLC	Insurance Agent/Client Acquisition Advisor	Y	Murfreesboro, TN, United States
02/2025 - Present	Sound Income Strategies	Investment Adviser Representative	Y	Fort Lauderdale, FL, United States
07/2024 - 02/2025	Financial & Tax Architects, LLC	Investment Adviser Representative	Y	Franklin, TN, United States
03/2024 - 06/2024	No Employment	No Employment	N	Franklin, TN, United States
01/2024 - 02/2024	AE Wealth Management, LLC	Investment Adviser Representative	Y	Topeka, KS, United States
11/2023 - 02/2024	Freedom Financial Group	Advisor	Y	Birmingham, AL, United States
05/2023 - 10/2023	FIFTH THIRD SECURITIES	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	NASHVILLE, TN, United States
09/2022 - 05/2023	Slagle Financial LLC	Advisor	Y	Fort Walton Beach, FL, United States
03/2020 - 08/2022	Cherry Wealth Advisors	Advisor	Y	Fort Walton Beach, FL, United States
04/2018 - 03/2020	JD MELLBERG	ADVISER	Y	BIRMINGHAM, AL, United States
04/2018 - 03/2020	JD Mellberg Financial, LLC	Insurance Agent	N	TUCSON, AZ, United States
08/2018 - 03/2019	Secure Investment Management	Advisor	Y	Birmingham, AL, United States
02/2017 - 08/2018	Unemployied	Unemployed	N	Birmingham, AL, United States
08/2014 - 02/2017	BB&T INVESTMENT SERVICES, INC.	INVESTMENT COUNSELOR	Y	VESTAVIA, AL, United States
08/2014 - 02/2017	BB&T Investments	Broker	Y	Birmingham, AL, United States
05/2014 - 02/2017	BB&T	ADVISER	Y	BIRMINGHAM, AL, 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. Retirement Income Solutions, LLC - Fixed Insurance Sales - 02/2025 - present - Investment related - Sales of fixed annuities, fixed insurance, and life insurance - 232 Heritage Park Drive, Ste. 102, Murfreesboro, TN 37129. This will encompass approximately 50% of business hours.
2. Retirement Income Solutions, LLC - Client Acquisition Advisor - 02/2025 - present - Investment related - recruits new clients for Investment Advisory and Fixed Insurance services - 232 Heritage Park Drive, Ste. 102, Murfreesboro, TN 37129. This will encompass approximately 50% of business hours.
3. Retirement Income Source, LLC DBA - 02/2025 - present - Investment Related - 232 Heritage Park Drive, Ste. 102, Murfreesboro, TN 37129. The Retirement Income Source is used to market to prospective clients for Investment Advisory and Fixed Insurance services. This will not encompass any business hours.
4. Retirement Income Source, Huntsville DBA - 02/2025 - present - Investment Related - 500 Boulevard South SW, Ste. 103, Huntsville, AL 35802. The Retirement Income Source is used to market to prospective clients for Investment Advisory and Fixed Insurance services. This will not encompass any business 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	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:	AMSOUTH INVESTMENT SERVICES, INC
Allegations:	[CUSTOMER] ALLEGED THAT THE REP DID NOT DISCLOSE THE 1% CDSC THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN CHARGED IF HE SOLD THE MUTUAL FUNDS WITHIN THE 1ST YEAR.
Product Type:	Mutual Fund(s)
Alleged Damages:	\$44,000.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received:	10/30/2002
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Settled
Status Date:	11/21/2003
Settlement Amount:	\$90,000.00
Individual Contribution Amount:	\$0.00

Firm Statement THE CUSTOMER HAD ACCESS TO THE FUNDS WITHOUT INCURRING THE CDSC. BECAUSE [CUSTOMER] WAS NOT MADE AWARE OF THIS FACT, AIS SETTLED WITH HIM FOR THE AMOUNT HE WOULD HAVE EARNED HAD HE BEEN AWARE HE COULD ACCESS THE MONEY.

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Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: AMSOUTH INVESTMENT SERVICES INC.

Allegations: [CUSTOMER] ALLEGED THAT THE REP DID NOT DISCLOSE THE 1% CDSC THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN CHARGED IF HE SOLD THE MTUAL FUNDS WITHIN THE FIRST YEAR.

Product Type: Mutual Fund(s)

Alleged Damages:

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 10/30/2002

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 11/21/2003

Settlement Amount: \$90,000.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00



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