



IAPD Report

SHAWN MITCHELL DEFOE

CRD# 3121979

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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

SHAWN MITCHELL DEFOE (CRD# 3121979)

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 **11/10/2025**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
IA	MERIDIAN WEALTH MANAGEMENT, LLC	CRD# 151523	11/10/2025

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **0** SRO(s) and **4** 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	INTEGRITY RIA, LLC	150415	LAFAYETTE, LA	06/15/2009 - 12/31/2025
IA	CAMBRIDGE INVESTMENT RESEARCH ADVISORS, INC.	134139	LAFAYETTE, LA	11/25/2008 - 04/09/2009
B	CAMBRIDGE INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC.	39543	LAFAYETTE, LA	11/25/2008 - 04/09/2009

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
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 **4** jurisdiction(s) and **0** SRO(s) through his or her employer(s).

Employment 1 of 1

Firm Name: **MERIDIAN WEALTH MANAGEMENT, LLC**
Main Address: 100 W MAIN STREET
SUITE 450
LEXINGTON, KY 40507
Firm ID#: 151523

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
IA	California	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	11/12/2025
IA	Kentucky	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	12/10/2025
IA	Louisiana	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	11/10/2025
IA	Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Restricted Approval	11/10/2025

Branch Office Locations

MERIDIAN WEALTH MANAGEMENT, LLC
221 SOUTHPARK RD
SUITE C1
LAFAYETTE, LA 70508



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
 Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Principal Examination (S26)	Series 26	03/30/2000

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
 General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	04/24/2001
 Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination (S6)	Series 6	09/23/1998

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
 Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (S65)	Series 65	11/01/2005
 Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	10/09/1998

PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS

This section details that the representative has reported **0** professional designation(s).

No information reported.

Only professional designations listed in Question 8 of the Form U4 will appear in this section if the appropriate box is checked and verified by the issuing organization at the time of the filing. Learn more about eligible designations at [IARD](#) and [NASAA](#).



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	06/15/2009 - 12/31/2025	INTEGRITY RIA, LLC	CRD# 150415	LAFAYETTE, LA
IA	11/25/2008 - 04/09/2009	CAMBRIDGE INVESTMENT RESEARCH ADVISORS, INC.	CRD# 134139	LAFAYETTE, LA
B	11/25/2008 - 04/09/2009	CAMBRIDGE INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC.	CRD# 39543	LAFAYETTE, LA
B	08/13/2008 - 12/05/2008	FINANCIAL NETWORK INVESTMENT CORPORATION	CRD# 13572	SACRAMENTO, CA
IA	08/13/2008 - 12/05/2008	FINANCIAL NETWORK INVESTMENT CORPORATION	CRD# 13572	SACRAMENTO, CA
IA	05/30/2008 - 08/13/2008	PENSION PLANNERS SECURITIES, INC.	CRD# 14068	BROUSSARD, LA
B	09/30/2004 - 08/13/2008	PENSION PLANNERS SECURITIES, INC.	CRD# 14068	SACRAMENTO, CA
B	01/17/2003 - 08/27/2004	AMERICAN GENERAL SECURITIES INCORPORATED	CRD# 13626	PHOENIX, AZ
B	12/04/2000 - 07/18/2002	BANC ONE SECURITIES CORPORATION	CRD# 16999	CHICAGO, IL
B	09/28/1998 - 10/31/2000	JANUS DISTRIBUTORS, INC.	CRD# 28832	DENVER, CO

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
11/2025 - Present	MERIDIAN WEALTH MANAGEMENT, LLC	WEALTH MANAGEMENT ADVISOR	Y	LEXINGTON, KY, United States
05/2009 - 11/2025	INTEGRITY FINANCIAL, LLC	INVESTMENT ADVISOR ASSOCIATE	Y	LAFAYETTE, LA, 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.

INDEPENDENT INSURANCE AGENT FOR VARIOUS INDEPENDENT INSURANCE COMPANIES.



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
Customer Dispute	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:	Individual
Regulatory Action Initiated By:	Texas securities Board
Sanction(s) Sought:	Other: Registration
Date Initiated:	11/30/2018
Docket/Case Number:	REG 19-CAF-03
Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:	Integrity RIA
Product Type:	Mutual Fund Other: Stocks and ETFs
Allegations:	we didn't register with Texas but had clients that had moved there are live there over 30 clients.
Current Status:	Final
Resolution:	Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)
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:	04/01/2019
Sanctions Ordered:	Other: The firm paid the fine.





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:	PENSION PLANNERS SECURITIES, INC.
Allegations:	LA SALLLE CLAIMS HE WAS INDUCED TO INVEST DIRECTLY IN A START-UP OUTSIDE BUSINESS FRANCHISE VENTURE ALONGSIDE DEFOE AND ANOTHER PERSON, DURING 2007-2008
Product Type:	Derivative
Alleged Damages:	\$700,000.00
Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):	LA SALLE CLAIMS \$200K OUT OF POCKET, \$500K DAMAGES

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received:	
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Evolved into Arbitration/CFTC reparation (the individual is a named party)
Status Date:	03/12/2009
Settlement Amount:	
Individual Contribution Amount:	

Arbitration Information

Arbitration/CFTC reparation claim filed with (FINRA, AAA, CFTC, etc.):	FINRA
Docket/Case #:	09-00440
Date Notice/Process Served:	03/12/2009
Arbitration Pending?	No
Disposition:	Settled
Disposition Date:	12/21/2010
Monetary Compensation Amount:	\$12,750.00
Individual Contribution Amount:	\$0.00
Firm Statement	THIS MATTER WAS INITIALLY FILED BY PENSION PLANNERS SECURITIES, INC. (CRD# 14068). FINANCIAL NETWORK IS THE SUCCESSOR BROKER-



DEALER

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Reporting Source: Firm

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: PENSION PLANNERS SECURITIES, INC.

Allegations: LA SALLE CLAIMS HE WAS INDUCED TO INVEST DIRECTLY IN A START-UP OUTSIDE BUSINESS FRANCHISE VENTURE ALONGSIDE DEFOE AND ANOTHER PERSON, DURING 2007-2008.

Product Type: Derivative

Alleged Damages: \$700,000.00

Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact): LA SALLE CLAIMS \$200K OUT OF POCKET, \$500K DAMAGES

Arbitration Information

Arbitration/CFTC reparation claim filed with (FINRA, AAA, CFTC, etc.): FINRA

Docket/Case #: 09-00440

Date Notice/Process Served: 03/12/2009

Arbitration Pending? No

Disposition: Settled

Disposition Date: 12/21/2010

Monetary Compensation Amount: \$12,750.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Firm Statement THIS MATTER WAS INITIALLY FILED BY PENSION PLANNERS SECURITIES, INC. (CRD# 14068). FINANCIAL NETWORK IS THE SUCCESSOR BROKER-DEALER.

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Reporting Source: Firm

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: PENSION PLANNERS SECURITIES, INC.

Allegations: LA SALLE CLAIMS HE WAS INDUCED TO INVEST DIRECTLY IN A START-UP OUTSIDE BUSINESS FRANCHISE VENTURE ALONGSIDE DEFOE AND ANOTHER PERSON, DURING 2007-2008

Product Type: Derivative

Alleged Damages: \$700,000.00

Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact): LA SALLE CLAIMS \$200K OUT OF POCKET, \$500K DAMAGES



Arbitration Information

Arbitration/CFTC reparation claim filed with (FINRA, AAA, CFTC, etc.):

FINRA

Docket/Case #:

09-00440

Date Notice/Process Served:

03/12/2009

Arbitration Pending?

Yes

Firm Statement

THE FIRM BELIEVES THE ALLEGATIONS LACK MERIT AND INTENDS TO DEFEND THE MATTER VIGOROUSLY.



End of Report

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