



## IAPD Report

# MARK EDWARD SOFGE

CRD# 3133659

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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

### MARK EDWARD SOFGE (CRD# 3133659)

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 **03/27/2023**.

### CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
IA	PIEDMONT PRIVATE EQUITY	CRD# 174402	01/19/2018
IA	CHARLESTON EQUITY PARTNERS, LLC	CRD# 300228	04/18/2019

### QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **0** SRO(s) and **2** 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	PIEDMONT PRIVATE EQUITY	174402	ATLANTA, GA	05/21/2015 - 12/31/2017

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
Criminal	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 **2** jurisdiction(s) and **0** SRO(s) through his or her employer(s).

#### Employment 1 of 2

Firm Name: **CHARLESTON EQUITY PARTNERS, LLC**  
Main Address: 460 KING STREET  
SUITE 200  
CHARLESTON, SC 29403  
Firm ID#: 300228

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
IA South Carolina	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	04/18/2019

#### Branch Office Locations

**CHARLESTON EQUITY PARTNERS, LLC**  
460 King Street  
Suite 200  
Charleston, SC 29403

#### Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: **PIEDMONT PRIVATE EQUITY**  
Main Address: 1 CONCOURSE PLAZA  
SUITE 800  
ATLANTA, GA 30328  
Firm ID#: 174402

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
IA Georgia	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	01/19/2018

#### Branch Office Locations

**PIEDMONT PRIVATE EQUITY**  
3475 Piedmont Road, NE  
Suite 1125  
Atlanta, GA 30305



## 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.

No information reported.

### PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS

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

Certified Financial Planner

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	05/21/2015 - 12/31/2017	PIEDMONT PRIVATE EQUITY	CRD# 174402	ATLANTA, GA

#### 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
01/2019 - Present	CHARLESTON EQUITY PARTNERS LLC	MANAGING MEMBER/CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER	Y	CHARLESTON, SC, United States
08/2012 - Present	PIEDMONT PRIVATE EQUITY	MANAGING PARTNER	Y	ATLANTA, GA, United States
12/2007 - Present	YUKON PROPERTY CONSULTANTS	MANAGER	N	ATLANTA, GA, 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.

PIEDMONT PRIVATE EQUITY LLC  
INVESTMENT RELATED 20 - 30 HOURS PER WEEK

YUKON PROPERTY LLC, FITZMARK LLC, PIEDMONT ENERGY CONNECTION  
3475 PIEDMONT ROAD, NE SUIT 1125  
ATLANTA GA 30305

NON INVESTMENT RELATED. REAL ESTATE HOLDING MEMBER, SOLAR FARM DEVELOPMENT MEMBER. 15 HOURS A WEEK, DUTIES INCLUDE COLLECTING RENT AND TAXES ON PROPERTY AND REVIEW OF SOLAR PROJECTS.



## 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
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Criminal	1
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### Criminal

This disclosure event involves a criminal charge against the Investment Adviser Representative that has resulted in a dismissal, plea, acquittal or conviction. The criminal matter may relate to any felony or certain misdemeanor offenses (e.g., bribery, perjury, forgery, counterfeiting, extortion, fraud, wrongful taking of property).

#### Disclosure 1 of 1

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Individual
<b>Court Details:</b>	CLAYTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT. CLAYTON COUNTY GA. DOCKET NUMBER 38994
<b>Charge Date:</b>	12/12/1984
<b>Charge Details:</b>	1 COUNT, THEFT BY TAKING MISDEMEANOR: NO PLEA, CHARGES WERE DISMISSED
<b>Felony?</b>	No
<b>Current Status:</b>	Final
<b>Status Date:</b>	01/15/1985
<b>Disposition Details:</b>	CHARGES WERE FOUND INVALID & DISMISSED
<b>Broker Statement</b>	MY EMPLOYER, KNOPP INTERPRISES TOLD ME TO "FIRE" A GENERAL CONTRACTOR THAT WAS REMODELING A STORE FOR US. THE FEDERAL CONTRACTOR ISSUED A WARRANT FOR MY ARREST. HE INDICATED THAT THE CARPET IN THE STORE HAD NOT BEEN PAID FOR. TWO OTHER EMPLOYEES WERE ARRESTED. THE FIRST DAY WE WENT TO COURT THE CHARGES WERE FOUND TO BE FALSE AND THE CASE WAS DISMISSED. I WAS TOLD THE CHARGES WOULD NEVER BE ON MY PERSONAL RECORD.



## End of Report

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