



IAPD Report

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CRD# 3147196

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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

FREDERICK WILLIAM GEARHART (CRD# 3147196)

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
IA	PERSONAL LEGACY PLANNERS	CRD# 153996	01/03/2014

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	LUMINIST CAPITAL, LLC	173396	GRAND RAPIDS, MI	08/24/2017 - 11/04/2020
IA	LUMINIST CAPITAL, LLC	173396	GRAND RAPIDS, MI	03/25/2015 - 08/18/2015
IA	USA WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC	122082	GRAND RAPIDS, MI	04/25/2003 - 12/31/2013

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 1

Firm Name: **PERSONAL LEGACY PLANNERS**

Main Address: 961 FOUR MILE ROAD NW
SUITE B
GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49544-8252

Firm ID#: 153996

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
IA Florida	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	01/12/2026
IA Michigan	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	01/03/2014

Branch Office Locations

PERSONAL LEGACY PLANNERS

961 FOUR MILE ROAD NW
SUITE B
GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49544-8252



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 Principal Examination (S24)	Series 24	10/27/2000

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
 General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	10/17/2000
 Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination (S6)	Series 6	02/22/1999

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
 Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (S65)	Series 65	02/08/2002
 Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	01/27/1999

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	08/24/2017 - 11/04/2020	LUMINIST CAPITAL, LLC	CRD# 173396	GRAND RAPIDS, MI
IA	03/25/2015 - 08/18/2015	LUMINIST CAPITAL, LLC	CRD# 173396	GRAND RAPIDS, MI
IA	04/25/2003 - 12/31/2013	USA WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC	CRD# 122082	GRAND RAPIDS, MI
B	12/08/2010 - 03/19/2012	CENTAURUS FINANCIAL, INC.	CRD# 30833	GRAND RAPIDS, MI
IA	09/03/2010 - 12/31/2010	VERITAS SPECIALIZED INVESTMENT SERVICES, LLC	CRD# 153996	GRAND RAPIDS, MI
B	01/27/2006 - 12/01/2010	USA ADVANCED PLANNERS INC.	CRD# 131282	GRAND RAPIDS, MI
B	09/15/2000 - 01/25/2006	USA FINANCIAL SECURITIES CORPORATION	CRD# 103857	ADA, MI
B	03/16/1999 - 08/11/2000	LIFEUSA SECURITIES, INC.	CRD# 40875	MINNEAPOLIS, MN

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
12/2025 - Present	PLP ADVISORS, LLC	MANAGING MEMBER	Y	GRAND RAPIDS, MI, United States
09/2019 - Present	ILLUMINATED INSURANCE SERVICES, LLC	MANAGING MEMBER / INSURANCE AGENT	Y	GRAND RAPIDS, MI, United States
07/2016 - Present	Advisory Advocates LLC	CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	Y	GRAND RAPIDS, MI, United States
08/2014 - Present	LUMINIST CAPITAL LLC	MANAGER	Y	GRAND RAPIDS, MI, United States
12/2013 - Present	PLP ADVISORS, LLC	INVESTMENT ADVISER REPRESENTATIVE	Y	GRAND RAPIDS, MI, United States



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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Employment Dates	Employer Name	Position	Investment Related	Employer Location
11/2013 - Present	PLP METALS, LLC	CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	Y	GRAND RAPIDS, MI, United States
04/2001 - Present	PLP SERVICES, LLC d/b/a RETIREMENT LIFESTYLES ADVOCATES	CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER / INSURANCE AGENT	Y	GRAND RAPIDS, MI, United States
01/2010 - 09/2024	PLP ADVISORS, LLC	MANAGING MEMBER	Y	GRAND RAPIDS, MI, United States
08/2017 - 11/2020	LUMINIST CAPITAL, LLC	INVESTMENT ADVISER REPRESENTATIVE	Y	GRAND RAPIDS, MI, 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) TRUSTEE OF A TRUST THAT OWNS LUMINIST HOLDINGS, LLC WHICH IN TURN IS PART OWNER OF LUMINIST CAPITAL, LLC, ADVISORY ADVOCATES, LLC AND RM INVESTMENT STRATEGIES. 4981 CASCADE ROAD, SUITE C, GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49546; INVESTMENT RELATED; SINCE 08/2014; SPENDS APPROXIMATELY 5 HOURS PER MONTH. CLIENTS OF PLP ARE REFERRED TO ADVISORY ADVOCATES, LLC FOR ASSET MANAGEMENT SERVICES.
- 2) PLP ADVISORS, LLC, INVESTMENT RELATED; 961 FOUR MILE RD NW, GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49544; REGISTERED INVESTMENT ADVISER; MANAGING MEMBER SINCE 01/2010 & INVESTMENT ADVISOR REP SINCE 12/2013; 80 HRS/MO
- 3) PLP SERVICES, LLC d/b/a RETIREMENT LIFESTYLE ADVOCATES; INVESTMENT RELATED; 961 FOUR MILE RD NW, GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49544; MANAGING MEMBER & INSURANCE AGENT; SINCE 04/2001 AND I SPEND APPROX. 160 HOURS PER MONTH ON THIS ACTIVITY; CASE DESIGN, WHOLESALE FIXED LIFE & ANNUITY PRODUCTS.
- 4) PLP METALS, LLC; INVESTMENT RELATED; 961 FOUR MILE RD, NW GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49544; SALE OF PRECIOUS METALS; MANAGING MEMBER; SINCE 11/2013: 4 HOUR PER MONTH.
- 5) TG LEASING, LLC, SAME ADDRESS AS ABOVE; NON-INVESTMENT RELATED; MEMBER; SINCE 06/2011; APPROX. 1 HOUR PER MONTH ON THIS ACTIVITY; RECORD KEEPING.
- 6) SPANISH MAIN INVESTMENTS, LLC; 11381 ALGOMA AVE NE, ROCKFORD, MI 49341; INVESTMENT CLUB WITH NON-CLIENTS; SINCE 03/2012; MEMBER. LLC is not conducting business at this time.
- 7) Buitenhoff Farms LLC; Rockford, MI; resident agent for LLC; LLC is not conducting business at this time.
- 8) Watchdog Publishing, LLC; 961 FOUR MILE RD NW, GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49544; resident agent for LLC; insurance agent marketing firm; 1 hour per month on this activity.
- 9) Illuminated Insurance Services LLC; 4981 CASCADE ROAD, SUITE C, GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49546; INVESTMENT RELATED; Insurance Sales; MANAGING MEMBER AND INSURANCE SALES; SINCE 09/2019; 4 HRS/MO



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
Criminal	1

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

Reporting Source:	Individual
Formal Charges were brought in:	State Court
Name of Court:	58TH JUDICIA DISTRICT
Location of Court:	HUDSONVILLE, MICHIGAN
Docket/Case #:	HU-91-00374-SM
Charge Date:	03/15/1991
Charge(s) 1 of 1	
Formal Charge(s)/Description:	2ND DEGREE MISDEMEANOR RETAIL FRAUD.
No of Counts:	1
Felony or Misdemeanor:	Misdemeanor
Plea for each charge:	GUILTY
Disposition of charge:	Pled guilty
Current Status:	Final
Status Date:	05/07/1991
Disposition Date:	05/07/1991
Sentence/Penalty:	I PAID \$50 FINE AND REIMBURSED THE STORE \$35, ALL PAID IN FULL ON 05/07/1991.
Broker Statement	NOT PROVIDED



End of Report

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