



IAPD Report

PAUL J PANTANO

CRD# 3225691

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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

PAUL J PANTANO (CRD# 3225691)

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 **02/13/2026**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
B	PARK AVENUE SECURITIES LLC	CRD# 46173	02/13/2007
IA	PARK AVENUE SECURITIES LLC	CRD# 46173	04/13/2011

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **1** SRO(s) and **8** 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	PARK AVENUE SECURITIES LLC	46173	NEW YORK, NY	12/13/2007 - 12/31/2008
B	METLIFE SECURITIES INC.	14251	PITTSBURGH, PA	07/03/2002 - 02/02/2007
B	METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 4095		PITTSBURGH, PA	07/03/2002 - 02/02/2007

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	2



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

Employment 1 of 1

Firm Name: **PARK AVENUE SECURITIES LLC**
Main Address: 10 HUDSON YARDS
NEW YORK, NY 10001
Firm ID#: 46173

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	02/13/2007
B	FINRA	Invest. Co and Variable Contracts	Approved	02/13/2007
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	04/16/2021
IA	Florida	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	01/12/2022
B	Maryland	Agent	Approved	01/16/2018
B	Massachusetts	Agent	Approved	06/29/2011
IA	Massachusetts	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	03/19/2018
B	New Jersey	Agent	Approved	02/17/2026
B	North Carolina	Agent	Approved	02/14/2007
IA	North Carolina	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	10/27/2014
B	Ohio	Agent	Approved	01/07/2011
IA	Ohio	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	06/08/2017
B	Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	02/15/2007



Qualifications

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
IA Pennsylvania	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	04/13/2011
B West Virginia	Agent	Approved	02/13/2007

Branch Office Locations

PARK AVENUE SECURITIES LLC
244 BLVD. OF ALLIES
PITTSBURGH, PA 15222

PARK AVENUE SECURITIES LLC
Bethel Park, PA



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
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B Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	10/01/2018
B General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	03/24/2004
B Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination (S6)	Series 6	05/25/1999

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
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IA B Uniform Combined State Law Examination (S66)	Series 66	09/17/2007
B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	05/25/1999

PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS

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

Chartered Financial Consultant

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	12/13/2007 - 12/31/2008	PARK AVENUE SECURITIES LLC	CRD# 46173	NEW YORK, NY
B	07/03/2002 - 02/02/2007	METLIFE SECURITIES INC.	CRD# 14251	PITTSBURGH, PA
B	07/03/2002 - 02/02/2007	METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	CRD# 4095	PITTSBURGH, PA
B	05/26/1999 - 07/02/2002	NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL INVESTMENT SERVICES, LLC	CRD# 2881	MILWAUKEE, WI
B	06/30/1999 - 01/01/2002	ROBERT W. BAIRD & CO. INCORPORATED	CRD# 8158	MILWAUKEE, WI

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
06/2024 - Present	GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	AGENT	Y	Bethel Park, PA, United States
06/2024 - Present	PARK AVENUE SECURITIES	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	Bethel Park, PA, United States
02/2007 - Present	GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA	FIELD REPRESENTATIVE	Y	PITTSBURGH, PA, United States
02/2007 - Present	PARK AVENUE SECURITIES	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	PITTSBURGH, PA, 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. Tax Preparing-Provide seasonal tax preparation service
 Start date: 10/23/2014
 Address: 1037 Centergate Dr Bethel Park, PA 15102
 2 non bus hours per month
 Not Investment related

2) Power of Attorney for Cheryl A Pantano
 Start date: 04/06/2016
 Address: 1037 Centergate Dr Bethel Park, PA 15102



Registration & Employment History



OTHER BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

0 hours per month
Not Investment related
No compensation



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	2

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 2

Reporting Source: Firm

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: METLIFE

Allegations: CUSTOMER ALLEGES WHEN SHE MET WITH THE REPRESENTATIVE IN DECEMBER 2005 TO DISCUSS HER INVESTMENTS, THE REPRESENTATIVE RECOMMENDED A PRODUCT SIMILIAR TO AN ANNUITY; HOWEVER, SHE WAS UNAWARE SHE HAD PURCHASED A VARIABLE ANNUITY. CUSTOMER ALSO ALLEGES SHE ADVISED THE REPRESENTATIVE SHE DID NOT WANT ANY RISK EXPOSURE, YET HER PRINCIPAL WAS PUT AT RISK. NO SPECIFIC COMPENSATORY DAMAGES WERE ALLEGED.

Product Type: Annuity-Variable

Alleged Damages: \$0.00

Is this an oral complaint? No

Is this a written complaint? Yes

Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation? No

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 11/24/2008

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Evolved into Arbitration/CFTC reparation (the individual is a named party)

Status Date: 01/26/2009



Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:

Arbitration Information

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

Docket/Case #: [09-00612](#)

Date Notice/Process Served: 04/06/2010

Arbitration Pending? No

Disposition: Settled

Disposition Date: 04/08/2010

Monetary Compensation Amount: \$268,149.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: METLIFE

Allegations: CUSTOMER ALLEGES WHEN SHE MET WITH THE REPRESENTATIVE IN DECEMBER 2005 TO DISCUSS HER INVESTMENTS, THE REPRESENTATIVE RECOMMENDED A PRODUCT SIMILAR TO AN ANNUITY; HOWEVER, SHE WAS UNAWARE SHE HAD PURCHASED A VARIABLE ANNUITY. CUSTOMER ALSO ALLEGES SHE ADVISED THE REPRESENTATIVE SHE DID NOT WANT ANY RISK EXPOSURE, YET HER PRINCIPAL WAS PUT AT RISK. NO SPECIFIC COMPENSATORY DAMAGES WERE ALLEGED.

Product Type: Annuity-Variable

Alleged Damages: \$5,000.00

Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact): A GOOD FAITH DETERMINATION CONCLUDED THAT THE DAMAGES FROM THE ALLEGED CONDUCT WOULD BE GREATER THAN \$5,000.

Is this an oral complaint? No

Is this a written complaint? Yes

Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation? Yes

Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location: FINRA

Docket/Case #: 09-00612

Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation: 02/10/2009

Customer Complaint Information



Date Complaint Received: 02/17/2009

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 03/29/2010

Settlement Amount: \$44,000.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Broker Statement

PARK AVENUE SECURITIES (PAS) WAS NOTIFIED VIA FINRA ON 12/03/2008 OF CUSTOMER COMPLAINT RECEIVED BY METLIFE, WHICH THEN EVOLVED INTO AN ARBITRATION. CLIENT ALLEGATIONS THAT SHE WAS NOT AWARE OF THE RISKS ARE UNFOUNDED. NO LESS THAN MONTHLY, OUR DISCUSSIONS WERE FOCUSED ON THE ALLOCATION MIX. THE SIGNED DOCUMENTS ATTEST TO HER KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE RISKS OF THE PRODUCT AS WELL AS IT BEING A VARIABLE ANNUITY. AS A REACTION TO THE MARKET DECLINE IN OCT 2008, SHE ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT METLIFE AND SPEAK TO THE SERVICING AGENT OF HER CONTRACT. HE ALLEGEDLY WAS NEVER AVAILABLE. IN TURN, SHE WAS NOT ABLE TO REALLOCATE TO A RISK FREE ACCOUNT ON A TIMELY BASIS AND HAS LOST VALUE. I HAVE NOT BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH METLIFE FOR ALMOST 2 YEARS AND COULD NOT BE A PARTY TO HER REALLOCATION REQUESTS. PAS AND METLIFE WERE THE NAMED RESPONDANTS. METLIFE SETTLED FOR \$268,149 ON 04/08/2010, AND PAS SETTLED FOR \$44,000 ON 03/29/2010. MR. PANTANO DID NOT CONTRIBUTE TO EITHER SETTLEMENT.

Disclosure 2 of 2

Reporting Source: Firm

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: METLIFE

Allegations: CUSTOMERS ALLEGE THAT WHEN THEY PURCHASED THREE VARIABLE ANNUITIES IN MAY 2006 AND THREE MORE IN JANUARY 2008 THE REPRESENTATIVE ADVISED THE CONTRACTS WOULD INCREASE BY 5%, GUARANTEED ANNUALLY, REGARDLESS OF MARKET PERFORMANCE. NO SPECIFIC COMPENSATORY DAMAGES WERE ALLEGED.

Product Type: Annuity-Variable

Alleged Damages: \$0.00

Is this an oral complaint? No

Is this a written complaint? Yes

Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation? No

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 04/10/2008

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 10/30/2009



Settlement Amount: \$0.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

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Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: METLIFE SECURITIES INC

Allegations: CUSTOMERS ALLEGE THAT WHEN THEY PURCHASED THREE VARIABLE ANNUITIES IN MAY 2006 AND THREE MORE IN JANUARY 2008 THE REPRESENTATIVE ADVISED THE CONTRACTS WOULD INCREASE BY 5%, GUARANTEED ANNUALLY, REGARDLESS OF MARKET PERFORMANCE. NO SPECIFIC COMPENSATORY DAMAGES WERE ALLEGED.

Product Type: Annuity-Variable

Alleged Damages: \$0.00

Is this an oral complaint? No

Is this a written complaint? Yes

Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation? No

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 05/05/2008

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 10/30/2009

Settlement Amount: \$0.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Broker Statement WHILE EMPLOYED BY METLIFE, I SOLD CLIENTS ANNUITIES. AFTER MY TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT W/METLIFE, CLIENT PURCHASED SEVERAL OTHER ANNUITIES FROM NEW RR. CLIENT CONFUSED BENEFITS FROM NEWER ANNUITY WITH THAT OF OLDER ANNUITY. CLIENT DID NOT LOSE PRINCIPAL ONLY SOME OF THE PREVIOUS YEARS GAIN.



End of Report

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