



IAPD Report

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CRD# 4028855

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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

Douglas B. Hughes (CRD# 4028855)

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 **02/10/2026**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
IA	CFCI	CRD# 128257	06/18/2004
B	J.W. COLE FINANCIAL, INC.	CRD# 124583	05/24/2013
IA	J. W. COLE ADVISORS, INC.	CRD# 112294	05/28/2013

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **1** SRO(s) and **19** 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	SPC	110692	BLOOMINGTON, IN	02/11/2004 - 05/28/2013
B	SAMMONS SECURITIES COMPANY, LLC	115368	BLOOMINGTON, IN	07/10/2003 - 05/28/2013
B	ALANAR INCORPORATED	23225	SULLIVAN, IN	07/28/2000 - 06/27/2003

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 currently registered with **19** jurisdiction(s) and 1 SRO(s) through his or her employer(s).

Employment 1 of 3

Firm Name: **J.W. COLE FINANCIAL, INC.**
Main Address: 4301 ANCHOR PLAZA PARKWAY
SUITE 450
TAMPA, FL 33634
Firm ID#: 124583

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B FINRA	Invest. Co and Variable Contracts	Approved	05/24/2013
B Alabama	Agent	Approved	02/10/2026
B Arizona	Agent	Approved	08/15/2017
B California	Agent	Approved	05/24/2013
B Connecticut	Agent	Approved	05/05/2023
B Florida	Agent	Approved	05/24/2013
B Illinois	Agent	Approved	01/05/2015
B Indiana	Agent	Approved	06/04/2013
B Kentucky	Agent	Approved	05/24/2013
B Michigan	Agent	Approved	05/24/2013
B Missouri	Agent	Approved	05/24/2013
B Nevada	Agent	Approved	03/04/2024
B New York	Agent	Approved	08/12/2025



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Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B Ohio	Agent	Approved	05/24/2013
B Oklahoma	Agent	Approved	05/20/2021
B Oregon	Agent	Approved	05/25/2017
B South Carolina	Agent	Approved	04/13/2020
B Texas	Agent	Approved	01/16/2014
B Utah	Agent	Approved	07/23/2025
B Virginia	Agent	Approved	02/24/2023

Branch Office Locations

674 S. COLLEGE AVE.
BLOOMINGTON, IN 47403

Employment 2 of 3

Firm Name: **J. W. COLE ADVISORS, INC.**
Main Address: 4301 ANCHOR PLAZA PARKWAY
SUITE 450
TAMPA, FL 33634
Firm ID#: 112294

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
IA Indiana	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	05/28/2013

Branch Office Locations

J. W. COLE ADVISORS, INC.
674 S. College Avenue
Bloomington, IN 47403


Employment 3 of 3

Firm Name: **CFCI**
Main Address: 674 S. COLLEGE AVENUE
BLOOMINGTON, IN 47403



Qualifications

Firm ID#: 128257

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
 Indiana	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	06/18/2004

Branch Office Locations

CFCI
674 S. COLLEGE AVE
BLOOMINGTON, IN 47403



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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Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	10/01/2018
Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination (S6)	Series 6	05/16/2001
Corporate Securities Limited Representative Examination (S62)	Series 62	07/27/2000

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
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Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (S65)	Series 65	01/05/2004
Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	01/26/2001

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	02/11/2004 - 05/28/2013	SPC	CRD# 110692	BLOOMINGTON, IN
B	07/10/2003 - 05/28/2013	SAMMONS SECURITIES COMPANY, LLC	CRD# 115368	BLOOMINGTON, IN
B	07/28/2000 - 06/27/2003	ALANAR INCORPORATED	CRD# 23225	SULLIVAN, IN

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
05/2013 - Present	J.W. COLE ADVISORS, INC.	INVESTMENT ADVISOR REPRESENTATIVE	Y	TAMPA, FL, United States
05/2013 - Present	J.W. COLE FINANCIAL, INC	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	BLOOMINGTON, IL, United States
03/2004 - Present	COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL CONSULTANTS INSTITUTIONAL, INC.	INVESTMENT ADVISER REPRESENTATIVE	Y	BLOOMINGTON, IN, 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) COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL: I HOLD VARIOUS TRADITIONAL APPOINTMENTS WITH VARIOUS TRADITIONAL COMPANIES.
- (2) TEACHES CLASSES OR FILLS IN FOR CHURCHES AS PASTOR OR WHEN TEACHERS ARE AWAY. I SPEND ZERO HOUR DURING TRADING HOURS DOING THIS.
- (3) I ALSO USE FIXED INDEXED ANNUITIES AND SELL LIFE INSURANCE CONTRACTS.
- (4) DOUGLAS HUGHES; AUTHOR; PROMOTING, SPEAKING AND TEACHING ENGAGEMENTS; 4 HRS/MONTH
- (5) Adjunct Faculty - TEACHING/LECTURER; INVESTMENT RELATED; 674 S. COLLEGE AVE BLOOMINGTON, IN; TEACHING RETIREMENT AND OTHER FINANCIAL WELLNESS CLASSES E. SOLE PROPRIETOR; 7/12/18 (ADJUNCT AS OF 10/17/2019); 12 HRS PER MONTH, 6 DURING TRADING HOURS; PREPARE AND DELIVER MATERIAL AND FOLLOW UP WITH ATTENDEES WHO HAVE QUESTIONS.
- (6) Doug Hughes Volunteer speaker; non investment related; Speaking at church or church events when asked; 8276 S. Macy ct, Bloomington, IN 47401; start date 1/1/1997; 1 hour per month during trading.
- (7) Beck Financial Strategies; Investment Advisory Firm; ?5825 N. Post Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46216; Investment related; Partner/Owner; Start Date: 7/18/1995; 10-15 hours/month during trading.



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:	Individual
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	SAMMONS SECURITIES COMPANY, LLC
Allegations:	FEBRUARY 2007, CLIENTS INVESTED IN VARIABLE ANNUITIES WHICH THEY ALLEGE WERE MISREPRESENTED AND UNSUITABLE GIVEN THEIR INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES AND AGE.
Product Type:	Annuity-Variable
Alleged Damages:	\$0.00
Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):	THE FIRM IS UNABLE TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF DAMAGES.
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:	03/21/2012
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Denied
Status Date:	04/04/2012



Settlement Amount:

**Individual Contribution
Amount:**



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