



## IAPD Report

# CRAIG LEWIS RIGGS

CRD# 4033340

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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

### CRAIG LEWIS RIGGS (CRD# 4033340)

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 **01/28/2026**.

### CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
<b>IA</b>	MERIT FINANCIAL ADVISORS	CRD# 142457	05/30/2025

### 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
<b>IA</b>	RIGGS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC	120253	OREM, UT	03/31/2003 - 05/30/2025
<b>B</b>	EMERSON EQUITY LLC	130032	Provo, UT	10/29/2019 - 06/05/2020
<b>B</b>	DFPG INVESTMENTS, LLC	155576	Provo, UT	07/03/2017 - 10/30/2019

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

### Employment 1 of 1

Firm Name: **MERIT FINANCIAL ADVISORS**  
Main Address: 2400 LAKEVIEW PARKWAY  
SUITE 550  
ALPHARETTA, GA 30009  
Firm ID#: 142457

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
	Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Restricted Approval	01/29/2026
	Utah	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	05/30/2025

### Branch Office Locations

**MERIT FINANCIAL ADVISORS**  
1112 East 300 North #200  
American Fork, UT 84003



## 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, 2 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>B</b> Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	10/01/2018
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<b>B</b> General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	05/16/2011
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#### State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
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<b>B</b> Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	04/01/2011
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<b>IA</b> Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (S65)	Series 65	02/14/2001
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### 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	03/31/2003 - 05/30/2025	RIGGS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC	CRD# 120253	OREM, UT
B	10/29/2019 - 06/05/2020	EMERSON EQUITY LLC	CRD# 130032	Provo, UT
B	07/03/2017 - 10/30/2019	DFPG INVESTMENTS, LLC	CRD# 155576	Provo, UT
B	07/29/2016 - 06/30/2017	ORCHARD SECURITIES, LLC	CRD# 133378	Provo, UT
B	05/17/2011 - 07/27/2016	TRIAD ADVISORS, INC.	CRD# 25803	PROVO, UT
B	02/14/2003 - 12/17/2003	SAMMONS SECURITIES COMPANY, LLC	CRD# 115368	ANN ARBOR, MI
IA	06/13/2001 - 01/24/2003	STRATEGIC ADVISERS INC.	CRD# 104555	WALNUT CREEK, CA
B	12/07/1999 - 01/24/2003	FIDELITY BROKERAGE SERVICES LLC	CRD# 7784	SMITHFIELD, RI

### 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
05/2025 - Present	MERIT FINANCIAL ADVISORS	WEALTH MANAGER, PARTNER	Y	ALPHARETTA, GA, United States
01/2003 - 05/2025	RIGGS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT	VP/ PARTNER	Y	OREM, UT, United States
10/2019 - 06/2020	EMERSON EQUITY LLC	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	SAN MATEO, CA, United States
07/2017 - 10/2019	DFPG Investments, Inc.	Registered Representative	Y	Sandy, UT, United States
07/2016 - 07/2017	Orchard Securities	Registered Representative	Y	Lehi, UT, United States
02/2011 - 07/2016	TRIAD ADVISORS	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	NORCROSS, GA, 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.

1. RCM Partners; Investment-related; 1112 E 300 N #200 American Fork, UT 84003; Insurance; Partner; Nov 23 2021; 1 hour monthly; 1 hour during securities trading; President
2. TNB Enterprises; Not investment-related; 1112 E 300 N #200 American Fork, UT 84003; Holding company; Owner; Aug 01 2016; 1 hour monthly; 1 hour during securities trading; President
3. Riggs Capital Management; Not investment-related; 1112 E 300 N, #200 American Fork, UT 84003; RIA; Partner/owner; Jun 17 2002; 1 hour monthly; 1 hour during securities trading; Winding down this entity since Merit bought it
4. Windmill Haven; Investment-related; 1112 E 300 N #200 American Fork, UT 84003; Entity that owns and leases property; Owner; Sep 13 2023; 1 hour monthly; 1 hour during trading; Property management
5. Vertex Capital; Not investment-related; 1112 E 300 N #200 American Fork, UT 84003; Holding company; President/owner; Jan 01 2005; 1 hour monthly; 1 hour during trading; President
6. FR2 Holdings; Not investment-related; 1112 E 300 N #200 American Fork, UT 84003; Commercial property ownership; Partner/owner; Nov 23 2021; 1 hour monthly; 1 hour during trading; Partner



## 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

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Firm
<b>Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:</b>	Triad Advisors LLC
<b>Allegations:</b>	Claimants allege that Mr. Riggs recommended alternative investments that were unsuitable.
<b>Product Type:</b>	Direct Investment-DPP & LP Interests Other: BDC and Direct Investment
<b>Alleged Damages:</b>	\$1,000,000.00
<b>Is this an oral complaint?</b>	No
<b>Is this a written complaint?</b>	No
<b>Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?</b>	Yes
<b>Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:</b>	FINRA Arbitration
<b>Docket/Case #:</b>	20-04037
<b>Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation:</b>	12/11/2020

### Customer Complaint Information

<b>Date Complaint Received:</b>	12/15/2020
<b>Complaint Pending?</b>	No



<b>Status:</b>	Settled
<b>Status Date:</b>	01/21/2022
<b>Settlement Amount:</b>	\$150,000.00
<b>Individual Contribution Amount:</b>	\$0.00



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