



## IAPD Report

# JOSEPH ANTHONY TROVATO

CRD# 4148762

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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

### JOSEPH ANTHONY TROVATO (CRD# 4148762)

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 **03/19/2026**.

### CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
<b>B</b>	VALMARK SECURITIES, INC.	CRD# 31243	03/01/2017
<b>IA</b>	VALMARK ADVISERS, INC.	CRD# 108050	03/06/2017

### QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **1** SRO(s) and **22** 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>B</b>	INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC	7717	BAKERSFIELD, CA	10/19/2011 - 03/05/2017
<b>IA</b>	INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC	7717	BAKERSFIELD, CA	10/19/2011 - 03/05/2017
<b>IA</b>	VALMARK ADVISERS, INC.	108050	BAKERSFIELD , CA	09/27/2004 - 10/20/2011

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

### Employment 1 of 2

Firm Name: **VALMARK ADVISERS, INC.**  
Main Address: 130 SPRINGSIDE DRIVE  
SUITE 300  
AKRON, OH 44333  
Firm ID#: 108050

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
IA	Arizona	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	03/15/2024
IA	California	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	03/06/2017
IA	Florida	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	11/09/2021
IA	Georgia	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	03/20/2026
IA	Idaho	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	04/12/2017
IA	Kansas	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	10/17/2024
IA	Minnesota	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	03/10/2017
IA	Mississippi	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	07/08/2021
IA	Montana	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	09/24/2021
IA	Nevada	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	02/01/2019
IA	New York	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	09/29/2025
IA	North Carolina	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	09/28/2017
IA	Ohio	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	03/06/2017



### Qualifications

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
IA Oregon	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	01/24/2020
IA Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	03/06/2017
IA Utah	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	09/15/2017
IA Washington	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	03/08/2017
IA Wyoming	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	08/21/2019

### Branch Office Locations

**VALMARK ADVISERS, INC.**  
 4925 Commerce Drive, Suite 100  
 Bakersfield, CA 93309

### Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: **VALMARK SECURITIES, INC.**  
 Main Address: 130 SPRINGSIDE DRIVE  
 SUITE 300  
 AKRON, OH 44333-2431  
 Firm ID#: 31243

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	03/01/2017
B Arizona	Agent	Approved	03/01/2017
B California	Agent	Approved	03/01/2017
B Connecticut	Agent	Approved	07/03/2025
B Florida	Agent	Approved	03/01/2017
B Georgia	Agent	Approved	03/02/2017
B Idaho	Agent	Approved	03/01/2017



### Qualifications

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
<b>B</b> Minnesota	Agent	Approved	03/01/2017
<b>B</b> Mississippi	Agent	Approved	07/20/2021
<b>B</b> Montana	Agent	Approved	03/01/2017
<b>B</b> Nevada	Agent	Approved	03/01/2017
<b>B</b> New Mexico	Agent	Approved	03/01/2017
<b>B</b> New York	Agent	Approved	07/16/2025
<b>B</b> North Carolina	Agent	Approved	03/01/2017
<b>B</b> Ohio	Agent	Approved	03/01/2017
<b>B</b> Oregon	Agent	Approved	03/13/2017
<b>B</b> Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	03/01/2017
<b>B</b> Texas	Agent	Approved	03/01/2017
<b>B</b> Utah	Agent	Approved	03/10/2022
<b>B</b> Washington	Agent	Approved	03/01/2017
<b>B</b> Wisconsin	Agent	Approved	03/01/2017
<b>B</b> Wyoming	Agent	Approved	06/14/2019

### Branch Office Locations

4925 Commerce Drive  
Suite 100  
Bakersfield, CA 93309

Summerland, CA



## 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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Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	10/01/2018
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General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	04/28/2000
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#### State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
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Uniform Combined State Law Examination (S66)	Series 66	06/07/2001
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Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	05/02/2000
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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
B	10/19/2011 - 03/05/2017	INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC	CRD# 7717	BAKERSFIELD, CA
IA	10/19/2011 - 03/05/2017	INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC	CRD# 7717	BAKERSFIELD, CA
IA	09/27/2004 - 10/20/2011	VALMARK ADVISERS, INC.	CRD# 108050	BAKERSFIELD, CA
B	07/06/2004 - 10/20/2011	VALMARK SECURITIES, INC.	CRD# 31243	BAKERSFIELD, CA
IA	06/05/2009 - 03/30/2011	SUMMIT INVESTMENT ADVISORS, LLC	CRD# 133320	BAKERSFIELD, CA
IA	09/24/2002 - 12/31/2008	SUMMIT INVESTMENT ADVISORS, LLC	CRD# 133320	BAKERSFIELD, CA
B	05/01/2000 - 07/09/2004	WALNUT STREET SECURITIES, INC.	CRD# 15840	EL SEGUNDO, CA

### 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
03/2017 - Present	VALMARK ADVISERS, INC.	INVESTMENT ADVISOR REPRESENTATIVE	Y	AKRON, OH, United States
03/2017 - Present	VALMARK SECURITIES, INC.	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	AKRON, OH, United States
10/2011 - Present	INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL GROUP LLC	FINANCIAL ADVISOR	Y	BAKERSFIELD, CA, 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) JOSEPH TROVATO DBA "TROVATO WEALTH MANAGEMENT", 4925 COMMERCE DRIVE, SUITE 100, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309; FINANCIAL PLANNING/WEALTH MANAGEMENT/INSURANCE SALES; INVESTMENT RELATED; STARTED 07/2012; PRESIDENT; CLIENT INVOLVEMENT-GENERAL WEALTH MANAGEMENT, TRADING RECOMENDATIONS AND SALES; INTERACTION WITH CLIENTS RENDERING ADVICE AND SUPERVISING ACCOUNTS; ALL COMP PAID THROUGH



## Registration & Employment History



### OTHER BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

BROKER DEALER, INSURANCE AGENCY OR DIRECTLY FROM THE INSURANCE COMPANIES///



## 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>	Individual
<b>Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:</b>	WALNUT STREET SECURITIES INC
<b>Allegations:</b>	CLIENTS ALLEGE PURCHASE OF VARIABLE ANNUITY WAS MISREPRESENTED AND UNSUITABLE
<b>Product Type:</b>	Annuity(ies) - Variable
<b>Alleged Damages:</b>	\$43,000.00

### Customer Complaint Information

<b>Date Complaint Received:</b>	12/23/2002
<b>Complaint Pending?</b>	No
<b>Status:</b>	Denied
<b>Status Date:</b>	02/19/2003

#### Settlement Amount:

#### Individual Contribution Amount:

**Broker Statement**

THE REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE VEHEMENTLY DENIES THE ALLEGATIONS. THE REP CONDUCTED APPROPRIATE DUE DILIGENCE INTERVIEWS WITH THE CLIENTS IN WHICH THEIR RISK TOLERANCE AND INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES WERE DISCLOSED. THE CLIENTS WERE ALSO PROVIDED WITH PROSPECTUSES, CONTRACTS, OTHER WRITTEN MATERIALS, AND SEVERAL ORAL DISCUSSIONS, ALL OF WHICH ACCURATELY DESCRIBED THE PRODUCT IN DETAIL WITH NO



MISREPRESENTATIONS. AFTER SUCH DISCLOSURES WERE MADE, THE CLIENTS AGREED TO PURCHASE THE PRODUCT RECOGNIZING THE RISKS OF MARKET FLUCTUATIONS.



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