



IAPD Report

STEVEN B SCHWARTZ

CRD# 4177383

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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

STEVEN B SCHWARTZ (CRD# 4177383)

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 **04/06/2026**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
B	CENTAURUS FINANCIAL, INC.	CRD# 30833	07/07/2010
IA	CENTAURUS FINANCIAL, INC.	CRD# 30833	07/08/2010

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	METLIFE SECURITIES INC.	14251	BELLEVUE, WA	11/27/2001 - 06/01/2010
B	METLIFE SECURITIES INC.	14251	BELLEVUE, WA	05/08/2000 - 06/01/2010
B	METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 4095		BELLEVUE, WA	05/08/2000 - 07/09/2007

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

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Firm Name: **CENTAURUS FINANCIAL, INC.**
Main Address: 2300 EAST KATELLA AVE
SUITE 200
ANAHEIM, CA 92806
Firm ID#: 30833

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	07/07/2010
B	FINRA	Invest. Co and Variable Contracts	Approved	07/07/2010
B	Alaska	Agent	Approved	07/12/2010
IA	Alaska	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	01/18/2011
B	California	Agent	Approved	10/12/2010
IA	California	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	02/02/2012
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	01/04/2023
B	Georgia	Agent	Approved	04/12/2021
IA	Georgia	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	04/07/2026
B	Montana	Agent	Approved	02/18/2026
IA	Montana	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	02/18/2026
B	Oregon	Agent	Approved	05/03/2019
B	Texas	Agent	Approved	07/17/2019



Qualifications

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
IA Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Restricted Approval	10/14/2024
B Washington	Agent	Approved	07/08/2010
IA Washington	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	07/08/2010

Branch Office Locations

CENTAURUS FINANCIAL, INC.
MERCER ISLAND, WA



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
 General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	11/25/2002
 Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination (S6)	Series 6	05/05/2000

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
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 Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (S65)	Series 65	08/30/2001
 Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	05/22/2000

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	11/27/2001 - 06/01/2010	METLIFE SECURITIES INC.	CRD# 14251	BELLEVUE, WA
B	05/08/2000 - 06/01/2010	METLIFE SECURITIES INC.	CRD# 14251	BELLEVUE, WA
B	05/08/2000 - 07/09/2007	METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	CRD# 4095	BELLEVUE, WA

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
07/2010 - Present	CENTAURUS FINANCIAL, INC.	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	ANAHEIM, 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.

FINANCIAL LIFE ADVISOR, NON-INVESTMENT RELATED, 2737 77TH AVE. SE, SUITE #101, MERCER ISLAND, 98040, DBA FOR BRANDING PURPOSES ONLY, PRESIDENT, SINCE 12/28/2012.



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
Termination	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:	Firm
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	METLIFE SECURITIES
Allegations:	CUSTOMER ALLEGED THAT THE REPRESENTATIVE'S ADVICE AND DIRECTION REGARDING THE FUNDING OF A NEW VARIABLE ANNUITY ISSUED IN FEBRUARY 2010, LED TO A DETRIMENTAL TAX SITUATION. CUSTOMER HAS ALLEGED DAMAGES AS NOTED BELOW.
Product Type:	Annuity-Variable
Alleged Damages:	\$13,000.00
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:	05/31/2011
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Denied
Status Date:	06/23/2011
Settlement Amount:	

**Individual Contribution Amount:****Firm Statement**

PREVIOUS U5 CONTAINED INCORRECT SPELLING OF SURNAME AS [CUSTOMER]; NAME HAS BEEN CORRECTED TO REFLECT [CUSTOMER].

Reporting Source:

Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:

METLIFE SECURITIES

Allegations:

CUSTOMER ALLEGED THAT THE REPRESENTATIVE'S ADVICE AND DIRECTION REGARDING THE FUNDING OF A NEW VARIABLE ANNUITY ISSUED IN FEBRUARY 2010, LED TO A DETRIMENTAL TAX SITUATION.

Product Type:

Annuity-Variable

Alleged Damages:

\$13,000.00

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:**

06/08/2011

Complaint Pending?

No

Status:

Denied

Status Date:

06/23/2011

Settlement Amount:**Individual Contribution Amount:****Broker Statement**

In June 2011, MetLife amended my Form U5 to disclose a customer complaint against me. A customer apparently complained (I have not seen the complaint) that my advice regarding funding a new variable annuity purchased in February 2010 led to a detrimental tax situation for him. The customer had advised me that he wanted to rollover an IRA to MetLife and to purchase any annuity in that account. The customer handled the rollover himself, and then I assisted in his purchasing the new IRA annuity with a Lifetime income rider. The customer apparently complained that the funds put into the MetLife IRA were Non-Qualified funds and, as a result, he suffered approximately \$13,000 in tax consequences. To my knowledge, MetLife denied the complaint, finding it to be without merit. As a professional both in Dentistry (my former profession) and now in Financial Planning, I have never been sued or had a complaint, other than from this one customer. My philosophy is that the Patients and the Clients always come first. I practice as a Dr.: Do no Harm!



Termination

This disclosure event involves a situation where the Investment Adviser Representative voluntarily resigned, was discharged or was permitted to resign after allegations were made that accused the Investment Adviser Representative of violating investment-related statutes, regulations, rules or industry standards of conduct; fraud or the wrongful taking of property; or failure to supervise in connection with investment-related statutes, regulations, rules or industry standards of conduct.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source: Firm
Firm Name: METLIFE SECURITIES
Termination Type: Discharged
Termination Date: 05/06/2010
Allegations: REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE DID NOT FOLLOW COMPANY POLICY WHEN HE MAINTAINED PASSWORDS AND PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION FOR CUSTOMER ACCOUNTS
Product Type: No Product

Reporting Source: Individual
Firm Name: MET LIFE SECURITIES
Termination Type: Discharged
Termination Date: 05/06/2010
Allegations: VIOLATION OF COMPANY POLICY WHEN I MAINTAINED PASSWORDS AND PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION FOR CUSTOMER ACCOUNTS
Product Type: No Product

Broker Statement MetLife terminated me for allegedly not following company policy in that I maintained passwords and personal identification information for certain customer 401K accounts that were held away from MetLife. This data was maintained in MetLife's secure database and was kept so that, in connection with the financial advice I provided these customers, I could review these accounts on line while on the phone with the customer, to expedite the review of the account and to determine whether it needed rebalancing. FINRA conducted an initial inquiry into the termination and their inquiry was closed without any formal disciplinary action or sanctions being taken against me.



End of Report

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