



## IAPD Report

# GINNY COLARUSSO

CRD# 4221362

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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

### GINNY COLARUSSO (CRD# 4221362)

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 **04/30/2025**.

### CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
<b>B</b>	THE JEFFREY MATTHEWS FINANCIAL GROUP, L.L.C.	CRD# 41282	03/28/2022
<b>IA</b>	JEFFREY MATTHEWS WEALTH MANAGEMENT, LLC	CRD# 155392	09/20/2022

### QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **1** SRO(s) and **4** 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>	GMS GROUP	8000	East Hanover, NJ	05/30/2002 - 03/25/2022
<b>B</b>	CSFBDIRECT, INC.	42159	JERSEY CITY, NJ	07/28/2000 - 05/09/2001

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

### Employment 1 of 2

Firm Name: **THE JEFFREY MATTHEWS FINANCIAL GROUP, L.L.C.**  
Main Address: 30B VREELAND ROAD  
STE 210  
FLORHAM PARK, NJ 07932  
Firm ID#: 41282

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
	FINRA	General Securities Principal	Approved	03/28/2022
	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	03/28/2022
	FINRA	Municipal Securities Principal	Approved	03/28/2022
	FINRA	Municipal Securities Representative	Approved	03/28/2022
	FINRA	Operations Professional	Approved	03/28/2022
	New Jersey	Agent	Approved	03/28/2022
	Puerto Rico	Agent	Approved	11/22/2023

### Branch Office Locations

**THE JEFFREY MATTHEWS FINANCIAL GROUP, L.L.C.**  
30 B Vreeland Rd.  
Suite 210  
Florham Park, NJ 07932

### Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: **JEFFREY MATTHEWS WEALTH MANAGEMENT, LLC**  
Main Address: 30B VREELAND ROAD  
SUITE 210  
FLORHAM PARK, NJ 07932  
Firm ID#: 155392



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Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
IA California	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	09/20/2022
IA New Jersey	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	09/22/2022
IA New York	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	09/20/2022

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## 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 2 principal/supervisory exams, 4 general industry/product exams, and 2 state securities law exams.**



#### Principal/Supervisory Exams

	Exam	Category	Date
	General Securities Principal Examination (S24)	Series 24	08/21/2017
	Municipal Securities Principal Examination (S53)	Series 53	12/06/2016

#### General Industry/Product Exams

	Exam	Category	Date
	Municipal Securities Representative Examination (S52TO)	Series 52TO	01/02/2023
	Operations Professional Examination (S99TO)	Series 99TO	01/02/2023
	Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	10/01/2018
	General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	07/27/2000

#### State Securities Law Exams

	Exam	Category	Date
	Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (S65)	Series 65	09/12/2022
	Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	08/04/2000

### 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
B	05/30/2002 - 03/25/2022	GMS GROUP	CRD# 8000	East Hanover, NJ
B	07/28/2000 - 05/09/2001	CSFBDIRECT, INC.	CRD# 42159	JERSEY CITY, NJ

### 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
09/2022 - Present	Jeffrey Matthews Wealth Management, LLC	Chief Compliance Officer	Y	Florham Park, NJ, United States
03/2022 - Present	The Jeffrey Matthews Financial Group, LLC	Chief Compliance Officer	Y	Florham Park, NJ, United States
12/2019 - 03/2022	THE GMS GROUP, L.L.C	AVP Compliance	Y	East Hanover, NJ, United States
05/2002 - 12/2019	THE GMS GROUP, L.L.C	Assistant Director of Operations/ AVP of Compliance	Y	LIVINGSTON, NJ, 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.

Yoga Instructor, minimal hours per week, not during trading hours, receive minimal compensation. Owner of Good Karma Chick, LLC a NJ State online small business and a meditation website at [www.thegoodkarmachick.com](http://www.thegoodkarmachick.com). I also volunteer as the Troop Treasurer for my daughters' local Cranford, NJ girl scout troops.



## 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:** THE JEFFREY MATTHEWS FINANCIAL GROUP, L.L.C.

**Allegations:** Client began investing in cryptocurrency in December 2022 and January 2023 in legitimate sites. At the end of January 2023, he told his rep to liquidate his accounts as he had been too conservative all these years. His rep was against this idea as a bond portfolio takes years to build. He told her a story of billionaire investor friends from college that he did real estate deals with and a new investment in NFTs. He claimed he was receiving statements as well had legal paperwork drawn up. We executed the wires on his request to the companies he designated. We researched the companies as well which were not listed on OFAC and were listed in the US. His rep also credited the wire fees for him as well as any account fee. This is a client with an accounting background that checks his accounts daily to the penny. I signed off on these wires as the Rep verified the wires were coming from the client directly. He started to experience issues when he tried to withdraw his money from this NFT platform in late March 2023. He was told he had to pay taxes and borrowed additional funds from his brother. At the time he was told he had made \$100 million, and he gave his rep and her assistant directions as to what to do with the money when it was wired back in, this was April 2023. he then found out he was a victim of a pig butchering scam, and he had met a woman on Facebook who was helping direct his investments in which he began a romantic relationship with during this time. We did not find out about her until April as well as the name of the NFT site. Our clearing firm was able to retain a small amount from the wires as everything was reported to them as fraud.

**Product Type:** Other: NFT/Cryptocurrencies which we do not sell

**Alleged Damages:** \$20,000,000.01



## Arbitration Information

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

**Docket/Case #:** 24-02388

**Date Notice/Process Served:** 11/22/2024

**Arbitration Pending?** Yes



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