



IAPD Report

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CRD# 4307355

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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

Nicola DiPaolo (CRD# 4307355)

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 **06/06/2023**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
B	KOVACK SECURITIES INC.	CRD# 44848	11/09/2020
IA	KOVACK ADVISORS, INC.	CRD# 140808	11/10/2020

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **2** 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
IA	VANDERBILT ADVISORY SERVICES	116537	Franklin, TN	01/03/2020 - 10/12/2020
B	VANDERBILT SECURITIES, LLC	5953	Franklin, TN	12/10/2019 - 10/12/2020
IA	CAMBRIDGE INVESTMENT RESEARCH ADVISORS, INC.	134139	Franklin, TN	10/19/2018 - 12/06/2019

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
Termination	1
Financial	2



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 2 SRO(s) through his or her employer(s).

Employment 1 of 2

Firm Name: **KOVACK SECURITIES INC.**
Main Address: 6451 N. FEDERAL HWY.
SUITE 1201
FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33308
Firm ID#: 44848

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/09/2020
B	Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/09/2020
B	Indiana	Agent	Approved	11/19/2020
B	Kentucky	Agent	Approved	12/11/2020
B	Ohio	Agent	Approved	11/10/2020
B	Tennessee	Agent	Approved	01/27/2021

Branch Office Locations

RK ADVISORS
99 East Main Street
Suite 200
Franklin, TN 37064

Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: **KOVACK ADVISORS, INC.**
Main Address: 6451 N. FEDERAL HWY
SUITE 1201
FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33308
Firm ID#: 140808



Qualifications

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
IA Kentucky	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	01/25/2021
IA Tennessee	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	11/10/2020

Branch Office Locations

KOVACK ADVISORS, INC.
99 East Main Street
Suite 200
Franklin, TN 37064



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 1 state securities law exam.

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	03/20/2002
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State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
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 Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	05/01/2002
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PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS

This section details that the representative has reported 1 professional designation(s).

Certified Financial Planner

This representative holds or did hold 1 professional designation(s) that may have been used to qualify as an Investment Advisor representative. Please check with the appropriate designation authority for verification that the designation is still in effect. The contact information for these professional designation authorities can be found on the website for the North American Securities Administrators Association at <http://www.nasaa.org>



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	01/03/2020 - 10/12/2020	VANDERBILT ADVISORY SERVICES	CRD# 116537	Franklin, TN
B	12/10/2019 - 10/12/2020	VANDERBILT SECURITIES, LLC	CRD# 5953	Franklin, TN
IA	10/19/2018 - 12/06/2019	CAMBRIDGE INVESTMENT RESEARCH ADVISORS, INC.	CRD# 134139	Franklin, TN
B	10/19/2018 - 12/06/2019	CAMBRIDGE INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC.	CRD# 39543	Franklin, TN
B	09/25/2018 - 10/23/2018	VALIC FINANCIAL ADVISORS, INC.	CRD# 42803	BRENTWOOD, TN
IA	02/18/2015 - 10/10/2018	CAMBRIDGE INVESTMENT RESEARCH ADVISORS, INC.	CRD# 134139	Union, KY
B	02/12/2015 - 10/10/2018	CAMBRIDGE INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC.	CRD# 39543	Florence, KY
IA	09/25/2018 - 09/26/2018	VALIC FINANCIAL ADVISORS, INC.	CRD# 42803	BRENTWOOD, TN
IA	01/09/2012 - 02/23/2015	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	CRD# 6413	DUBLIN, OH
B	01/06/2012 - 02/23/2015	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	CRD# 6413	DUBLIN, OH
B	11/21/2011 - 12/20/2011	THE HUNTINGTON INVESTMENT COMPANY	CRD# 16986	MACEDONIA, OH
IA	09/30/2010 - 12/08/2011	STRATOS WEALTH PARTNERS, LTD	CRD# 153184	DUBLIN, OH
IA	02/17/2011 - 12/07/2011	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	CRD# 6413	DUBLIN, OH
B	04/22/2005 - 12/07/2011	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	CRD# 6413	DUBLIN, OH
IA	05/02/2005 - 12/31/2010	LPL FINANCIAL CORPORATION	CRD# 6413	DUBLIN, OH
IA	02/14/2005 - 05/18/2005	FIFTH THIRD SECURITIES, INC.	CRD# 628	CINCINNATI, OH
B	03/21/2002 - 05/18/2005	FIFTH THIRD SECURITIES, INC.	CRD# 628	CINCINNATI, OH



Registration & Employment History

PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED WITH THE FOLLOWING FIRMS

This representative held registrations with the following firms:

Registration Dates	Firm Name	ID#	Branch Location
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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
11/2020 - Present	Kovack Advisors, LLC	Investment Advisor Representative	Y	Fort Lauderdale, FL, United States
11/2020 - Present	Kovack Securities, LLC	Registered Representative	Y	Fort Lauderdale, FL, United States
12/2019 - 10/2020	Vanderbilt Advisory Services	Investment Advisor Representative	Y	Woodbury, NY, United States
12/2019 - 10/2020	Vanderbilt Securities, LLC	Registered Representative	Y	WOODBURY, NY, United States
10/2018 - 12/2019	Cambridge Investment Research Advisors, Inc.	Investment Adviser Representative	Y	Fairfield, IA, United States
10/2018 - 12/2019	Cambridge Investment Research, Inc.	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	Fairfield, IA, United States
09/2018 - 10/2018	VALIC FINANCIAL ADVISORS, INC.	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	BRENTWOOD, TN, United States
02/2015 - 09/2018	CAMBRIDGE INVESTMENT RESEARCH ADVISORS, INC.	INVESTMENT ADVISER REPRESENTATIVE	Y	FAIRFIELD, IA, United States
02/2015 - 09/2018	CAMBRIDGE INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC.	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	FAIRFIELD, IA, 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) DIPALO WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC- 99 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 200, FRANKLIN, TN 37064; 2/2015 AS A PRESIDENT/FINANCIAL PROFESSIONAL UTILIZING DBA NAME/INDEPENDENT INSURANCE AGENT FOR VARIOUS INDEPENDENT INSURANCE COMPANIES. INV. REL - 60/WK - 28/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:

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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: Cambridge Investment Research, Inc.

Termination Type: Discharged

Termination Date: 11/12/2019

Allegations: RR terminated for violation of firm policy regarding the use of client signatures.

Product Type: Annuity-Variable

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Reporting Source: Individual

Firm Name: Cambridge Investment Research, Inc.

Termination Type: Discharged

Termination Date: 11/12/2019

Allegations: Prior BD alleges violation of firm policy regarding the use of client signatures.

Product Type: Annuity-Variable



Financial

This disclosure event involves a final bankruptcy, compromise with one or more creditors, or Securities Investor Protection Corporation liquidation that occurred within the last 10 years and that involved the Investment Adviser Representative or an organization/investment adviser that the Investment Adviser Representative controlled that occurred within the last 10 years.

Disclosure 1 of 2

Reporting Source: Individual
Action Type: Bankruptcy
Bankruptcy: Chapter 7
Action Date: 02/04/2023

Organization Investment-Related?

Type of Court: Federal Court
Name of Court: Middle District of Tennessee Bankruptcy Court
Location of Court: Nashville, TN
Docket/Case #: 23-BK-00410
Action Pending? No
Disposition: Discharged
Disposition Date: 05/09/2023

Disclosure 2 of 2

Reporting Source: Individual
Action Type: Compromise
Action Date: 03/04/2018
Organization Investment-Related?
Action Pending? No
Disposition: Satisfied/Released
Disposition Date: 03/04/2018

If a compromise with creditor, provide:

Name of Creditor: CapitalOne
Original Amount Owed: \$950.00
Terms Reached with Creditor: RR agreed to pay \$500 as full and final settlement.

Broker Statement RR was unaware he had entered into a compromise until October 19, 2018.



End of Report

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