



IAPD Report

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CRD# 4316217

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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

Derek J Podolak (CRD# 4316217)

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 **05/05/2026**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
B	THE LEADERS GROUP, INC.	CRD# 37157	11/06/2025
IA	SOLYCO WEALTH LLC	CRD# 314981	11/20/2025

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **1** SRO(s) and **13** 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	GLADSTONE WEALTH PARTNERS	250787	Canonsburg, PA	04/17/2023 - 11/13/2025
IA	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	6413	CANONSBURG, PA	08/27/2024 - 11/11/2025
B	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	6413	CANONSBURG, PA	07/20/2017 - 11/11/2025

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

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Firm Name: **SOLYCO WEALTH LLC**
Main Address: 210 SOUTH OLD WOODWARD AVENUE
SUITE 240
BIRMINGHAM, MI 48009
Firm ID#: 314981

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
IA	California	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	11/20/2025
IA	Florida	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	12/23/2025
IA	Illinois	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	05/28/2026
IA	Louisiana	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	03/27/2026
IA	Maryland	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	05/11/2026
IA	Michigan	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	03/30/2026
IA	North Carolina	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	05/11/2026
IA	Ohio	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	03/05/2026
IA	Pennsylvania	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	03/27/2026
IA	Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	11/20/2025

Branch Office Locations

SOLYCO WEALTH LLC
2400 Ansys Dr.
Ste 400
Canonsburg, PA 15317



Qualifications

Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: **THE LEADERS GROUP, INC.**
Main Address: 475 SPRINGFIELD AVE
SUMMIT, NJ 07901
Firm ID#: 37157

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B	FINRA	General Securities Principal	Approved	11/06/2025
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/06/2025
B	FINRA	Invest. Co and Variable Contracts	Approved	11/06/2025
B	Arizona	Agent	Approved	11/06/2025
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	11/06/2025
B	Illinois	Agent	Approved	11/06/2025
B	New York	Agent	Approved	11/06/2025
B	North Carolina	Agent	Approved	11/06/2025
B	Ohio	Agent	Approved	11/06/2025
B	Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	11/06/2025
B	South Carolina	Agent	Approved	11/06/2025

Branch Office Locations

2400 Ansys Drive, Suite 400
Canonsburg, PA 15317




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 1 principal/supervisory exam, 3 general industry/product exams, and 2 state securities law exams.



Principal/Supervisory Exams

	Exam	Category	Date
	General Securities Principal Examination (S24)	Series 24	07/31/2007

General Industry/Product Exams

	Exam	Category	Date
	Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	10/01/2018
	General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	12/19/2002
	Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination (S6)	Series 6	12/14/2000

State Securities Law Exams

	Exam	Category	Date
	Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (S65)	Series 65	12/08/2004
	Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	01/09/2001

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	04/17/2023 - 11/13/2025	GLADSTONE WEALTH PARTNERS	CRD# 250787	Canonsburg, PA
IA	08/27/2024 - 11/11/2025	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	CRD# 6413	CANONSBURG, PA
B	07/20/2017 - 11/11/2025	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	CRD# 6413	CANONSBURG, PA
IA	07/20/2017 - 12/31/2023	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	CRD# 6413	CANONSBURG, PA
IA	12/09/2004 - 07/20/2017	CITIZENS SECURITIES, INC.	CRD# 39550	PITTSBURGH, PA
B	05/08/2002 - 07/20/2017	CITIZENS SECURITIES, INC.	CRD# 39550	PITTSBURGH, PA
B	12/18/2000 - 05/08/2002	DREYFUS INVESTMENT SERVICES COMPANY, LLC	CRD# 17477	PITTSBURGH, PA

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
11/2025 - Present	Solyco Wealth LLC	Investment Adviser Representative	Y	Canonsburg, PA, United States
11/2025 - Present	The Leaders Group DBA Simplicity Investments	Registered Representative	Y	Canonsburg, PA, United States
12/2018 - Present	Independent Insurance Agent	Managing Partner	N	Canonsburg, PA, United States
04/2023 - 11/2025	Gladstone Wealth Partners	IAR	Y	Palm Beach Gardens, FL, United States
08/2017 - 11/2025	Affinity Wealth Management Group	Managing Partner	Y	Pittsburgh, PA, United States
07/2017 - 11/2025	LPL Financial, LLC	Registered Representative	Y	CANNONSBURG, PA, United States
05/2002 - 07/2017	CITIZENS BANK	UNKNOWN	N	PITTSBURGH, PA, United States
05/2002 - 07/2017	CITIZENS INVESTMENT SERVICES CORP.	Financial Advisor	Y	PITTSBURGH, PA, 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.) INDEPENDENT INSURANCE AGENT/SOLYCO WEALTH - 12/1/2018 - 2400 Ansys Drive, Suite 400, Canonsburg, PA 15317
Managing Partner, Insurance agent and operations manager, Not Invt Rel, Insurance business, 20 hrs/mo; 20 hrs/mo (during trading hours).

2.) Name of advisory affiliates: NA; Name of outside business: Leaders Group; Is the advisory affiliate principal control person: NA; Location of the business: 2400 Ansys Dr. STE 400 Canonsburg, PA 15317; Description of the business: Registered Rep for Broker dealer Business; Position Title: Registered Rep; Responsibilities Duties: Broker Dealer Activity for Clients; Start date with business: 11/4/2025; Hours per month devoted to business during trading hours: 5; Hours per month devoted to business outside trading hours: 10; Percentage of total yearly compensation expected to be derived from the business: 20.



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	2

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 2

Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: CCO INVESTMENT SERVICES CORP

Allegations: ON NOV 13, 2007, EXECUTOR OF ESTATE NOTIFIED FINANCIAL CONSULTANT THAT OWNER OF ANNUITY HAD PASSED AWAY IN SEPTEMBER 2007. CARRIER WAS NOT NOTIFIED UNTIL DECEMBER 2008. DUE TO DELAY IN NOTIFICATION, DEATH BENEFIT AMOUNT SUFFERED MARKET LOSS.

Product Type: Annuity-Variable

Alleged Damages: \$64,880.39

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: 03/10/2009

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Denied

Status Date: 04/22/2009

Settlement Amount:



Individual Contribution Amount:

Arbitration Information

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

Docket/Case #: 09-04641

Date Notice/Process Served: 09/21/2009

Arbitration Pending? No

Disposition: Settled

Disposition Date: 01/06/2011

Monetary Compensation Amount: \$14,900.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Disclosure 2 of 2

Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: CCO INVESTMENT SERVICES CORP

Allegations: CLIENT IS COMPLAINING ABOUT LOSSES INCURRED IN PREFERRED STOCKS PURCHASED IN APRIL, MAY, AND JUNE 2008

Product Type: Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)

Alleged Damages: \$81,998.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 11/21/2008

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Denied

Status Date: 12/17/2008

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:



End of Report

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