



## IAPD Report

# Douglas Blake Hortness

CRD# 4408943

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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

### Douglas Blake Hortness (CRD# 4408943)

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 **10/29/2025**.

### CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
<b>B</b>	EMPOWER FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	CRD# 13109	01/24/2022
<b>IA</b>	EMPOWER ADVISORY GROUP, LLC	CRD# 112058	06/30/2022

### QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **1** SRO(s) and **45** 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>IA</b>	FBD ASSET MGMT	307216	Bloomington, MN	01/05/2021 - 03/30/2021
<b>B</b>	INTERVEST INTERNATIONAL EQUITIES CORPORATION	20289	SIOUX FALLS, SD	01/20/2017 - 11/03/2020
<b>IA</b>	INTERVEST INTERNATIONAL, INC.	111516	Sioux Falls, SD	01/20/2017 - 11/03/2020

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
Criminal	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 **45** jurisdiction(s) and 1 SRO(s) through his or her employer(s).

### Employment 1 of 2

Firm Name: **EMPOWER FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.**  
Main Address: 8515 E ORCHARD ROAD  
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111  
Firm ID#: 13109

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
<b>B</b>	FINRA	Invest. Co and Variable Contracts	Approved	01/24/2022
<b>B</b>	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/20/2023
<b>B</b>	Alabama	Agent	Approved	02/08/2022
<b>B</b>	Alaska	Agent	Approved	02/07/2022
<b>B</b>	Arizona	Agent	Approved	02/04/2022
<b>B</b>	Arkansas	Agent	Approved	02/04/2022
<b>B</b>	California	Agent	Approved	01/25/2022
<b>B</b>	Connecticut	Agent	Approved	01/24/2022
<b>B</b>	Delaware	Agent	Approved	02/16/2022
<b>B</b>	Georgia	Agent	Approved	01/25/2022
<b>B</b>	Hawaii	Agent	Approved	02/11/2022
<b>B</b>	Idaho	Agent	Approved	01/25/2022
<b>B</b>	Illinois	Agent	Approved	03/16/2022



### Qualifications

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
<b>B</b> Indiana	Agent	Approved	02/04/2022
<b>B</b> Iowa	Agent	Approved	01/25/2022
<b>B</b> Kansas	Agent	Approved	01/24/2022
<b>B</b> Kentucky	Agent	Approved	02/10/2022
<b>B</b> Maine	Agent	Approved	01/25/2022
<b>B</b> Massachusetts	Agent	Approved	01/25/2022
<b>B</b> Michigan	Agent	Approved	01/26/2022
<b>B</b> Minnesota	Agent	Approved	02/11/2022
<b>B</b> Mississippi	Agent	Approved	02/07/2022
<b>B</b> Missouri	Agent	Approved	01/24/2022
<b>B</b> Montana	Agent	Approved	01/24/2022
<b>B</b> Nebraska	Agent	Approved	02/04/2022
<b>B</b> Nevada	Agent	Approved	02/09/2022
<b>B</b> New Hampshire	Agent	Approved	03/25/2022
<b>B</b> New Jersey	Agent	Approved	02/04/2022
<b>B</b> New Mexico	Agent	Approved	02/08/2022
<b>B</b> New York	Agent	Approved	02/10/2022
<b>B</b> North Carolina	Agent	Approved	01/25/2022
<b>B</b> North Dakota	Agent	Approved	02/07/2022



### Qualifications

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
<b>B</b> Oklahoma	Agent	Approved	02/07/2022
<b>B</b> Oregon	Agent	Approved	01/24/2022
<b>B</b> Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	01/25/2022
<b>B</b> Rhode Island	Agent	Approved	02/07/2022
<b>B</b> South Carolina	Agent	Approved	03/09/2022
<b>B</b> South Dakota	Agent	Approved	02/04/2022
<b>B</b> Tennessee	Agent	Approved	02/11/2022
<b>B</b> Texas	Agent	Approved	01/24/2022
<b>B</b> Utah	Agent	Approved	01/27/2022
<b>B</b> Vermont	Agent	Approved	02/04/2022
<b>B</b> Virginia	Agent	Approved	01/24/2022
<b>B</b> Washington	Agent	Approved	02/04/2022
<b>B</b> West Virginia	Agent	Approved	02/07/2022
<b>B</b> Wisconsin	Agent	Approved	01/24/2022
<b>B</b> Wyoming	Agent	Approved	02/07/2022

#### Branch Office Locations

**BENEFITSCORP EQUITIES, INC.**  
SIOUX FALLS, SD

#### Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: **EMPOWER ADVISORY GROUP, LLC**  
Main Address: 8515 EAST ORCHARD RD 4T2



## Qualifications

Firm ID#: GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111  
112058

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
IA South Dakota	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	06/30/2022

### Branch Office Locations

**EMPOWER ADVISORY GROUP, LLC**  
Sioux Falls, SD



## 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, 5 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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General Securities Representative Examination (S7TO)	Series 7TO	11/17/2023
Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination (S6TO)	Series 6TO	01/02/2023
Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	10/01/2018
General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	09/29/2015
Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination (S6)	Series 6	07/05/2008

#### State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
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Uniform Combined State Law Examination (S66)	Series 66	11/09/2016
Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	10/22/2015

### 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	01/05/2021 - 03/30/2021	FBD ASSET MGMT	CRD# 307216	Bloomington, MN
B	01/20/2017 - 11/03/2020	INTERVEST INTERNATIONAL EQUITIES CORPORATION	CRD# 20289	SIOUX FALLS, SD
IA	01/20/2017 - 11/03/2020	INTERVEST INTERNATIONAL, INC.	CRD# 111516	Sioux Falls, SD
B	09/29/2015 - 11/01/2016	SCOTTRADE, INC.	CRD# 8206	SIOUX FALLS, SD
B	12/22/2008 - 09/25/2009	GREAT AMERICAN ADVISORS, INC.	CRD# 36451	TEA, SD
B	07/07/2008 - 12/01/2008	ALLSTATE FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC	CRD# 18272	SIOUX FALLS, SD
B	11/18/2003 - 05/25/2004	METLIFE SECURITIES INC.	CRD# 14251	SPRINGFIELD, MA
B	11/18/2003 - 05/25/2004	METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	CRD# 4095	NEW YORK, NY
B	06/26/2003 - 11/14/2003	U.S. BANCORP INVESTMENTS, INC.	CRD# 17868	SAINT PAUL, MN
B	08/07/2001 - 06/28/2002	EDWARD JONES	CRD# 250	ST. LOUIS, MO

### 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
01/2022 - Present	GWFS EQUITIES, INC	REGISTERED REP	Y	GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO, United States
07/2021 - 11/2021	Selectquote	Insurance Sales Agent	N	Overland Park, KS, United States
08/2019 - 05/2021	University of South Dakota	Adjunct Instructor. I taught one class, Principles of Macroeconomics.	N	Sioux Falls, SD, United States



## Registration & Employment History

### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Employment Dates	Employer Name	Position	Investment Related	Employer Location
11/2016 - 03/2021	Fringe Benefit Design	Marketing Consultant	Y	Sioux Falls, SD, United States
01/2017 - 10/2020	Intervest International Equities Corp	Registered Rep	Y	Colorado Springs, CO, United States
08/2015 - 11/2016	SCOTTRADE	INVESTMENT CONSULTANT	Y	SIOUX FALLS, SD, 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.

No information reported.



## 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
Criminal	1

### Criminal

This disclosure event involves a criminal charge against the Investment Adviser Representative that has resulted in a dismissal, plea, acquittal or conviction. The criminal matter may relate to any felony or certain misdemeanor offenses (e.g., bribery, perjury, forgery, counterfeiting, extortion, fraud, wrongful taking of property).

#### Disclosure 1 of 1

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Individual
<b>If charge(s) were brought against an organization over which individual exercised control:</b>	
<b>Organization Name:</b>	NA
<b>Investment Related Business:</b>	No
<b>Position:</b>	NA
<b>Formal Charges were brought in:</b>	COUNTY COURTHOUSE
<b>Name of Court:</b>	BEADLE COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA
<b>Location of Court:</b>	HURON, SD
<b>Docket/Case #:</b>	COULD NOT BE LOCATED
<b>Charge Date:</b>	04/18/1983
<b>Charge(s) 1 of 1</b>	
<b>Formal Charge(s)/Description:</b>	PETTY THEFT, FINE \$35
<b>No of Counts:</b>	1
<b>Felony or Misdemeanor:</b>	Misdemeanor
<b>Plea for each charge:</b>	GUILTY
<b>Disposition of charge:</b>	Pled guilty
<b>Current Status:</b>	Final
<b>Status Date:</b>	04/18/1983



**Disposition Date:** 04/18/1983

**Sentence/Penalty:** FINE OF \$35 FOR PETTY THEFT

**Broker Statement** THIS SITUATION DEVELOPED DURING MY FRESHMAN YEAR IN COLLEGE. AFTER CONSUMING ALCOHOL AT A PARTY A GROUP WENT TO 7-11 AND I LEFT THE STORE WITHOUT PAYING FOR A \$4.00 BURRITO. I CHECKED ON THIS IN THE PAST AND WAS TOLD THAT NEITHER THE BEADLE COUNTY STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE OF THE HURON POLICE DEPARTMENT HAVE RECORDS BACK TO 1983. A CLERK (MARILYN MCHENRY) AT THE BEADLE COUNTY COURTHOUSE WAS ABLE TO FIND THE DATE AND THE FINE AMOUNT BUT THAT WAS ABOUT ALL. THE PHONE NUMBER I HAD FOR HER WAS 605-353-7165



## End of Report

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