



## IAPD Report

# RAUL JORGE BENITEZ

CRD# 4457185

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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

### RAUL JORGE BENITEZ (CRD# 4457185)

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 **03/25/2025**.

### CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
<b>IA</b>	ARAGON CAPITAL LLC	CRD# 166958	06/16/2023

### QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **0** SRO(s) and **1** 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>	WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC	19616	AVENTURA, FL	09/27/2018 - 06/02/2023
<b>IA</b>	WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC	19616	AVENTURA, FL	09/27/2018 - 06/02/2023
<b>IA</b>	SUNTRUST ADVISORY SERVICES, INC.	283390	BAL HARBOUR, FL	08/24/2016 - 10/02/2018

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	6
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 **1** jurisdiction(s) and **0** SRO(s) through his or her employer(s).

#### Employment 1 of 1

Firm Name: **ARAGON CAPITAL LLC**  
Main Address: 101 NE 3RD AVE  
SUITE 1500  
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301  
Firm ID#: 166958

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
<b>IA</b> Florida	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	06/16/2023

#### Branch Office Locations

**ARAGON CAPITAL LLC**  
101 NE 3RD AVE  
SUITE 1500  
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301



## 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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<b>B</b> Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	10/01/2018
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<b>B</b> General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	10/24/2001
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#### State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
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<b>IA</b> <b>B</b> Uniform Combined State Law Examination (S66)	Series 66	12/19/2008
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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
B	09/27/2018 - 06/02/2023	WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC	CRD# 19616	AVENTURA, FL
IA	09/27/2018 - 06/02/2023	WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC	CRD# 19616	AVENTURA, FL
IA	08/24/2016 - 10/02/2018	SUNTRUST ADVISORY SERVICES, INC.	CRD# 283390	BAL HARBOUR, FL
B	09/22/2014 - 10/02/2018	SUNTRUST INVESTMENT SERVICES, INC.	CRD# 17499	MIAMI, FL
IA	09/23/2014 - 12/31/2016	SUNTRUST INVESTMENT SERVICES, INC.	CRD# 17499	MIAMI, FL
IA	06/14/2013 - 10/01/2014	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	CRD# 6413	FT LAUDERDALE, FL
B	06/04/2013 - 10/01/2014	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	CRD# 6413	FT LAUDERDALE, FL
B	10/01/2012 - 04/12/2013	J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES LLC	CRD# 79	MIAMI BEACH, FL
IA	10/01/2012 - 04/12/2013	J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES LLC	CRD# 79	MIAMI BEACH, FL
B	04/29/2009 - 10/01/2012	CHASE INVESTMENT SERVICES CORP.	CRD# 25574	CORAL GABLES, FL
IA	04/29/2009 - 10/01/2012	CHASE INVESTMENT SERVICES CORP.	CRD# 25574	CORAL GABLES, FL
B	09/13/2007 - 08/01/2008	BROKERS INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC.	CRD# 139627	MIAMI, FL
B	06/04/2004 - 09/11/2007	KOVACK SECURITIES INC.	CRD# 44848	MIAMI, FL
IA	05/17/2004 - 06/11/2004	MUTUAL SERVICE CORPORATION	CRD# 4806	MIAMI, FL
B	07/22/2003 - 06/11/2004	MUTUAL SERVICE CORPORATION	CRD# 4806	BOSTON, MA
IA	10/26/2001 - 07/22/2003	AMERICAN EXPRESS FINANCIAL ADVISORS, INC.	CRD# 6363	MIAMI, FL
B	10/25/2001 - 07/22/2003	AMERICAN EXPRESS FINANCIAL ADVISORS INC.	CRD# 6363	MINNEAPOLIS, MN



## 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>B</b>	10/25/2001 - 07/22/2003	IDS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	CRD# 6321	MINNEAPOLIS, MN

### 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
06/2023 - Present	Aragon Capital LLC	Investment Adviser Representative	Y	FORT LAUDERDALE, FL, United States
09/2018 - Present	WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC	REGISTERED REP	Y	FORT LAUDERDALE, FL, United States
09/2018 - 06/2023	Wells Fargo Advisors	Senior Financial Advisor	Y	Aventura, FL, United States
08/2016 - 09/2018	SunTrust Advisory Services	Investment Advisory Representative	Y	Atlanta, GA, United States
09/2014 - 09/2018	SUNTRUST INVESTMENT SERVICES, INC	FINANCIAL ADVISOR	Y	ATLANTA, GA, United States
09/2014 - 09/2018	Suntrust Investment Services	Financial Advisor	Y	Bal Harbor, FL, 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.

Fixed insurance business Lifecraft financial. 1099 commission just started in May 2023 no commissions earned yet possible 40k a year

RENTAL PROPERTY, INV RELATED, MIAMI SPRINGS, FL, 100% OWNERSHIP, START 10/19/2018, 1 HOUR PER MONTH, ZERO DURING TRADING, LANDLORD.



## 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	6
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 6

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Firm
<b>Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:</b>	TRUIST INVESTMENT SERVICES, INC.
<b>Allegations:</b>	Clients allege representative made unsuitable and misrepresentations of recommendations in September 2014 and March 2015.
<b>Product Type:</b>	Annuity-Fixed Annuity-Variable
<b>Alleged Damages:</b>	\$500,000.00
<b>Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):</b>	Client alleges damages to be between \$100,000.00 and \$500,000.00.
<b>Is this an oral complaint?</b>	No
<b>Is this a written complaint?</b>	No
<b>Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?</b>	Yes
<b>Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:</b>	Boca Raton, Florida
<b>Docket/Case #:</b>	24-00149
<b>Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation:</b>	01/22/2024



### Customer Complaint Information

**Date Complaint Received:** 01/22/2024  
**Complaint Pending?** No  
**Status:** Settled  
**Status Date:** 03/06/2025  
**Settlement Amount:** \$44,000.00  
**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$0.00

#### Disclosure 2 of 6

**Reporting Source:** Firm  
**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** TRUIST INVESTMENT SERVICES, INC.  
**Allegations:** Client alleges the investment was unsuitable.  
**Product Type:** Other: Guaranteed Investment Contract  
**Alleged Damages:** \$500,000.00  
**Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):** Arbitration alleges damages ranging from \$100,000 to \$500,000. \$208,911.08 is the original investment amount of the contract.  
**Is this an oral complaint?** No  
**Is this a written complaint?** No  
**Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?** Yes  
**Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:** Boca Raton, Florida  
**Docket/Case #:** 23-03225  
**Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation:** 11/06/2023

### Customer Complaint Information

**Date Complaint Received:** 11/07/2023  
**Complaint Pending?** No  
**Status:** Settled  
**Status Date:** 03/04/2025  
**Settlement Amount:** \$93,000.00  
**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$0.00

#### Disclosure 3 of 6

**Reporting Source:** Firm



**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** SunTrust Investment Services, Inc.

**Allegations:** Client alleges Northstar investment was unsuitable

**Product Type:** Other: GIC

**Alleged Damages:** \$218,707.00

**Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):** Arbitration does not specify amount of relief. \$218,707.00 is the original investment amt.

**Arbitration Information**

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

**Docket/Case #:** 21-01667

**Date Notice/Process Served:** 07/06/2021

**Arbitration Pending?** No

**Disposition:** Settled

**Disposition Date:** 09/09/2022

**Monetary Compensation Amount:** \$175,000.00

**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$0.00

**Reporting Source:** Individual

**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** SUNTRUST INVESTMENT SERVICES, INC.

**Allegations:** Client alleges Northstar investment was unsuitable

**Product Type:** Other: GIC

**Alleged Damages:** \$218,707.00

**Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):** Arbitration does not specify amount of relief. \$218,707.00 is the original investment amt.

**Arbitration Information**

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

**Docket/Case #:** 21-01667

**Date Notice/Process Served:** 07/06/2021

**Arbitration Pending?** No

**Disposition:** Settled

**Disposition Date:** 09/09/2022



**Monetary Compensation Amount:** \$175,000.00

**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$0.00

#### Disclosure 4 of 6

**Reporting Source:** Individual

**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** Wells Fargo Clearing Services, LLC

**Allegations:** Claimant alleges that in Summer 2019 his FA made an unsuitable recommendation and misrepresentations in connection with an investment strategy that involved using a portfolio of securities as collateral for a loan.

**Product Type:** Other: Miscellaneous

**Alleged Damages:** \$0.00

**Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):** Claimant seeks in excess of \$700,000 in damages.

**Is this an oral complaint?** No

**Is this a written complaint?** No

**Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?** Yes

**Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:** FINRA

**Docket/Case #:** 20-03932

**Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation:** 12/01/2020

#### Customer Complaint Information

**Date Complaint Received:** 12/01/2020

**Complaint Pending?** No

**Status:** Settled

**Status Date:** 01/31/2022

**Settlement Amount:** \$137,500.00

**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$0.00

**Broker Statement:** Without admitting liability and to avoid the cost of litigation, the matter was settled for \$137,500.00

#### Disclosure 5 of 6

**Reporting Source:** Firm



**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** SunTrust Investment Services

**Allegations:** Customer alleged that the recommendation for a managed/fee based account was not suitable.

**Product Type:** Other: Managed/fee based account

**Alleged Damages:** \$10,837.79

**Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):** No allegation for dollar amount was made but estimated to be greater than \$5000.

**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:** 02/11/2019

**Complaint Pending?** No

**Status:** Settled

**Status Date:** 03/11/2019

**Settlement Amount:** \$8,486.24

**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$0.00

**Reporting Source:** Individual

**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** SunTrust Investment Services

**Allegations:** Customer alleged that the recommendation for a managed/fee based account was not suitable.

**Product Type:** Other: Managed/fee based account

**Alleged Damages:** \$10,837.79

**Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):** No allegation for dollar amount was made but estimated to be greater than \$5000.

**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:** 02/11/2019

**Complaint Pending?** No



**Status:** Settled  
**Status Date:** 03/11/2019  
**Settlement Amount:** \$8,486.24  
**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$0.00

#### Disclosure 6 of 6

**Reporting Source:** Individual  
**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** CHASE INVESTMENT SERVICES CORP.

**Allegations:** CLIENT ALLEGES SIGNATURE ON ACCOUNT OPENING DOCUMENTS IS NOT AUTHENTIC. ACTIVITY DATES ARE 08/11/2010-08/11/2010. FINAL DETERMINATION COMPLAINT WAS DENIED.

**Product Type:** Mutual Fund

**Alleged Damages:** \$712.00

**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:** 02/04/2011

**Complaint Pending?** No

**Status:** Denied

**Status Date:** 05/12/2011

**Settlement Amount:** \$0.00

**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$0.00

**Broker Statement** FIRM RECEIVED AN ORAL COMPLAINT ON 08/28/2010 ALLEGING MISREPRESENTATION. THAT COMPLAINT WAS DENIED AND WAS FOUND TO BE WITHOUT MERIT. SUBSEQUENT CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED FROM CUSTOMER ON 02/04/2011 ALLEGING FORGERY. THIS ITEM IS STILL UNDER REVIEW. SHE WAS OF SOUND MIND AND BODY WHEN SHE ORIGINALLY SIGNED PAPERWORK.



## 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:** JPMCHASE BANK  
**Termination Type:** Discharged  
**Termination Date:** 03/13/2013  
**Allegations:** WHILE OPENING ACCOUNT FOR BANK AFFILIATE, REGISTERED REP FAILED TO RECORD IN AFFILIATE BANKS SYSTEMS THE ACCOUNT OWNERS DUAL CITIZENSHIP OR THE FACT THAT THE FUNDS TO BE DEPOSITED IN THE ACCOUNT ORIGINATED FROM OUTSIDE THE U.S. REGISTERED REP ALSO FAILED TO SUBMIT LETTER FROM ACCOUNT OWNER INSTRUCTING LIQUIDATION OF TRUST ACCOUNT FOR PRINCIPAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL.  
**Product Type:** Banking Products (other than CDs)

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**Reporting Source:** Individual  
**Firm Name:** JP MORGAN SECURITIES LLC  
**Termination Type:** Discharged  
**Termination Date:** 03/13/2013  
**Allegations:** WHILE OPENING ACCOUNT FOR AFFILIATE BANK, RR FAILED TO RECORD IN AFFILIATE BANK'S SYSTEMS THE ACCOUNT OWNER'S DUAL CITIZENSHIP OR THE FACT THAT THE FUNDS TO BE DEPOSITED IN THE ACCOUNT ORIGINATED FROM OUTSIDE THE U.S. RR ALSO FAILED TO SUBMIT LETTER FROM ACCOUNT OWNER INSTRUCTING LIQUIDATION OF TRUST ACCOUNT FOR PRINCIPAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL.  
**Product Type:** Banking Products (other than CDs)



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