



IAPD Report

BENJAMIN PAUL FORGRAVE

CRD# 4472948

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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

BENJAMIN PAUL FORGRAVE (CRD# 4472948)

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 **01/05/2026**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
B	CFD INVESTMENTS, INC.	CRD# 25427	10/15/2021
IA	CREATIVE FINANCIAL DESIGNS, INC.	CRD# 109032	11/01/2021

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **1** SRO(s) and **9** 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	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	6413	NEWARK, OH	06/01/2016 - 10/29/2021
B	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	6413	NEWARK, OH	05/31/2016 - 10/29/2021
IA	ALPHA FINANCIAL PLANNING, INC.	269831	DUBLIN, OH	07/22/2015 - 06/03/2016

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
Financial	19



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

Employment 1 of 2

Firm Name: **CFD INVESTMENTS, INC.**

Main Address: 2704 S GOYER RD
KOKOMO, IN 46902

Firm ID#: 25427

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
 FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	10/15/2021
 Florida	Agent	Approved	07/22/2025
 Indiana	Agent	Approved	10/15/2021
 Kansas	Agent	Approved	08/28/2024
 Kentucky	Agent	Approved	07/28/2025
 Ohio	Agent	Approved	10/15/2021
 Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	09/05/2023
 South Carolina	Agent	Approved	05/11/2022
 Tennessee	Agent	Approved	01/09/2026
 Washington	Agent	Approved	09/22/2023

Branch Office Locations

1166 Military Road
Suite B1
ZANESVILLE, OH 43701

23 Forry Street Suite R6
Newark, OH 43055

Employment 2 of 2



Qualifications

Firm Name: **CREATIVE FINANCIAL DESIGNS, INC.**

Main Address: 2704 S GOYER RD
KOKOMO, IN 46902

Firm ID#: 109032

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
IA Ohio	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	11/01/2021

Branch Office Locations

CREATIVE FINANCIAL DESIGNS, INC.

1166 Military Road Suite B1
Zanesville, OH 43701

CREATIVE FINANCIAL DESIGNS, INC.

23 Forry Street Suite R6
Newark, OH 43055



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 2 state securities law exams.

Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
No information reported.		

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	10/01/2018
B General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	08/16/2011

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	10/11/2011
IA Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (S65)	Series 65	02/06/2007

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	06/01/2016 - 10/29/2021	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	CRD# 6413	NEWARK, OH
B	05/31/2016 - 10/29/2021	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	CRD# 6413	NEWARK, OH
IA	07/22/2015 - 06/03/2016	ALPHA FINANCIAL PLANNING, INC.	CRD# 269831	DUBLIN, OH
IA	06/11/2012 - 10/01/2015	STRATOS WEALTH PARTNERS, LTD	CRD# 153184	COLUMBUS, OH
B	06/07/2012 - 08/28/2015	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	CRD# 6413	DUBLIN, OH
B	08/17/2011 - 06/12/2012	THE HUNTINGTON INVESTMENT COMPANY	CRD# 16986	COLUMBUS, OH
IA	09/01/2010 - 06/12/2012	THE HUNTINGTON INVESTMENT COMPANY	CRD# 16986	COLUMBUS, OH
IA	07/03/2008 - 09/16/2010	MERCER GLOBAL ADVISORS INC.	CRD# 147363	DUBLIN, OH
IA	02/07/2007 - 06/26/2008	MERCER ADVISORS	CRD# 104569	DUBLIN, OH

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
10/2021 - Present	Creative Financial Designs	Investment Advisor	Y	Kokomo, IN, United States
10/2021 - Present	cfd Investments	Financial Professional	Y	Kokomo, IN, United States
05/2016 - 10/2021	LPL FINANCIAL, LLC	Registered Representative	Y	NEWARK, OH, United States
04/2015 - 05/2016	ALPHA FINANCIAL PLANNING, INC.	Financial Advisor	Y	DUBLIN, OH, 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. Forgrave Financial Strategies LLC - Investment Related - 1000 N 21st St. Ste. C Newark, OH 43055 - Financial Planning - Financial Advisor - 04/27/2020 - 60 hrs./Month - 130 hrs./during trading hours - Financial Planning
2. Insurance Sales - Investment Related - 1000 N 21st St. Ste. C Newark, OH 43055 - Insurance Agent - 6/1/2016 - 10hrs/Month - 1hrs./during trading hours - Insurance Salesman; Insurance related recommendations
3. Rooted Bible Fellowship-Not investment related-Newark, OH, Church, Associate Pastor-Start date 8/1/22-2hrs/mo 0 during 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:

Type	Count
Financial	19

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 19

Reporting Source:	Individual
Action Type:	Compromise
Action Date:	03/26/2021
Organization Investment-Related?	
Action Pending?	No
Disposition:	Satisfied/Released
Disposition Date:	03/26/2021
If a compromise with creditor, provide:	
Name of Creditor:	Prosper/Velocity
Original Amount Owed:	\$14,168.40
Terms Reached with Creditor:	Compromised/Settled for \$ 4500.00

Disclosure 2 of 19

Reporting Source:	Individual
Action Type:	Compromise
Action Date:	03/26/2021
Organization Investment-Related?	
Action Pending?	No



Disposition: Satisfied/Released
Disposition Date: 03/26/2021
If a compromise with creditor, provide:
Name of Creditor: Synchrony Bank
Original Amount Owed: \$5,211.73
Terms Reached with Creditor: Compromised/Settlement \$1850.00

Disclosure 3 of 19

Reporting Source: Individual
Action Type: Compromise
Action Date: 03/26/2021
Organization Investment-Related?
Action Pending? No
Disposition: Satisfied/Released
Disposition Date: 03/26/2021
If a compromise with creditor, provide:
Name of Creditor: 5th 3rd/Portfolio Recovery Associates
Original Amount Owed: \$7,415.44
Terms Reached with Creditor: Compromised/Settled for \$ 4100.74

Disclosure 4 of 19

Reporting Source: Individual
Action Type: Compromise
Action Date: 01/08/2021
Organization Investment-Related?
Action Pending? No
Disposition: Satisfied/Released
Disposition Date: 01/08/2021
If a compromise with creditor, provide:
Name of Creditor: Elan Financial
Original Amount Owed: \$3,896.83



Terms Reached with Creditor: Compromised/Settled for \$1,600.00

Disclosure 5 of 19

Reporting Source: Individual

Action Type: Compromise

Action Date: 01/08/2021

Organization Investment-Related?

Action Pending? No

Disposition: Satisfied/Released

Disposition Date: 01/08/2021

If a compromise with creditor, provide:

Name of Creditor: Bank of America

Original Amount Owed: \$1,800.24

Terms Reached with Creditor: Compromised/Settled for \$1080.14

Disclosure 6 of 19

Reporting Source: Individual

Action Type: Compromise

Action Date: 11/27/2020

Organization Investment-Related?

Action Pending? No

Disposition: Satisfied/Released

Disposition Date: 11/27/2020

If a compromise with creditor, provide:

Name of Creditor: SYNCHRONY BANK/LVNV FUNDING

Original Amount Owed: \$752.17

Terms Reached with Creditor: ORIGINAL AMOUNT OWED WAS \$752.17 WAS SETTLED FOR \$376.08

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Reporting Source: Individual

Action Type: Compromise

Action Date: 11/10/2020

**Organization Investment-Related?**

Action Pending? No

Disposition: Satisfied/Released

Disposition Date: 11/10/2020

If a compromise with creditor, provide:

Name of Creditor: CHASE

Original Amount Owed: \$1,256.51

Terms Reached with Creditor: ORIGINAL AMOUNT OWED WAS \$1,256.51 WAS SETTLED FOR \$314.71

Disclosure 8 of 19

Reporting Source: Individual

Action Type: Compromise

Action Date: 08/24/2020

Organization Investment-Related?

Action Pending? No

Disposition: Satisfied/Released

Disposition Date: 08/24/2020

If a compromise with creditor, provide:

Name of Creditor: SOFI/Absolute Resolutions

Original Amount Owed: \$10,862.29

Terms Reached with Creditor: Compromised/Settled for \$7,500.00

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Reporting Source: Individual

Action Type: Compromise

Action Date: 04/15/2019

Organization Investment-Related?

Action Pending? No

Disposition: Satisfied/Released

Disposition Date: 03/26/2021

If a compromise with creditor, provide:



Name of Creditor: Bank Of America
Original Amount Owed: \$2,579.00
Terms Reached with Creditor: Compromised/Settled for \$1,700.00

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Reporting Source: Individual
Action Type: Compromise
Action Date: 12/13/2018
Organization Investment-Related?
Action Pending? No
Disposition: Satisfied/Released
Disposition Date: 01/13/2020

If a compromise with creditor, provide:

Name of Creditor: Discover
Original Amount Owed: \$24,214.82
Terms Reached with Creditor: Compromised/Settled for \$ 16,758.00

Broker Statement This compromise is a result of the Discover judgment that is filed under the occurrence# 2012132. Settlement was made on 12/13/2018 and Advisor is currently making payments on that judgment. Firm accidentally omitted updating this compromise when it updated occurrence# 2012132 on 01/22/2020 when it closed out the Discover Judgment.

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Reporting Source: Individual
Action Type: Compromise
Action Date: 11/15/2018
Organization Investment-Related?
Action Pending? No
Disposition: Satisfied/Released
Disposition Date: 11/15/2018

If a compromise with creditor, provide:

Name of Creditor: Cavalary SPV LLC/ Citi bank
Original Amount Owed: \$5,187.00



Terms Reached with Creditor: Compromised/Settled for \$2750.00

Disclosure 12 of 19

Reporting Source: Individual
Action Type: Compromise
Action Date: 04/12/2018

Organization Investment-Related?

Action Pending? No
Disposition: Satisfied/Released
Disposition Date: 04/12/2018

If a compromise with creditor, provide:

Name of Creditor: BMI Federal Credit Union
Original Amount Owed: \$4,970.00
Terms Reached with Creditor: Compromised/settled for \$3727.00

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Reporting Source: Individual
Action Type: Compromise
Action Date: 03/08/2018

Organization Investment-Related?

Action Pending? No
Disposition: Satisfied/Released
Disposition Date: 03/08/2018

If a compromise with creditor, provide:

Name of Creditor: Lending Club
Original Amount Owed: \$20,053.00
Terms Reached with Creditor: Compromised/Settled for \$9,200.00

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Reporting Source: Individual
Action Type: Compromise
Action Date: 03/09/2018

**Organization Investment-Related?**

Action Pending? No

Disposition: Satisfied/Released

Disposition Date: 03/09/2018

If a compromise with creditor, provide:

Name of Creditor: Capital One

Original Amount Owed: \$3,898.00

Terms Reached with Creditor: Compromised/Settled for \$2,700.00

Amount Paid:**SIPA (Securities Investor Protection Act) Trustee:**

Currently Open? No

Date Direct Payment Initiated/Filed or Trustee Appointed:

Disclosure 15 of 19

Reporting Source: Individual

Action Type: Compromise

Action Date: 02/01/2018

Organization Investment-Related?

Action Pending? No

Disposition: Satisfied/Released

Disposition Date: 02/01/2018

If a compromise with creditor, provide:

Name of Creditor: Comenity Bank

Original Amount Owed: \$574.83

Terms Reached with Creditor: Compromised/Settled for \$334.00

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Reporting Source: Individual

Action Type: Compromise

Action Date: 12/28/2017

**Organization Investment-Related?**

Action Pending? No

Disposition: Satisfied/Released

Disposition Date: 12/28/2017

If a compromise with creditor, provide:

Name of Creditor: Barclays Bank Delaware

Original Amount Owed: \$500.00

Terms Reached with Creditor: Compromised/Settled for \$203.84

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Reporting Source: Individual

Action Type: Compromise

Action Date: 12/28/2017

Organization Investment-Related?

Action Pending? No

Disposition: Satisfied/Released

Disposition Date: 12/28/2017

If a compromise with creditor, provide:

Name of Creditor: Bank of America

Original Amount Owed: \$2,468.00

Terms Reached with Creditor: Compromised/Settled for \$1,116.00

Disclosure 18 of 19

Reporting Source: Individual

Action Type: Compromise

Action Date: 12/28/2017

Organization Investment-Related?

Action Pending? No

Disposition: Satisfied/Released

Disposition Date: 12/28/2017

If a compromise with creditor, provide:



Name of Creditor: Care Credit
Original Amount Owed: \$876.00
Terms Reached with Creditor: Compromised/Settled for \$330.00

Disclosure 19 of 19

Reporting Source: Individual

Action Type: Compromise

Action Date: 12/28/2017

Organization Investment-Related?

Action Pending? No

Disposition: Satisfied/Released

Disposition Date: 12/28/2017

If a compromise with creditor, provide:

Name of Creditor: Cltibank

Original Amount Owed: \$801.00

Terms Reached with Creditor: Compromised/Settled for \$283.41



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