



IAPD Report

KEVIN JAMES STEFFEN

CRD# 4561532

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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

KEVIN JAMES STEFFEN (CRD# 4561532)

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 **04/26/2023**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
B	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	CRD# 6413	05/04/2021
IA	INDEPENDENT ADVISOR ALLIANCE, LLC	CRD# 168267	05/05/2021

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **1** SRO(s) and **21** 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	WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC	19616	MELBOURNE, FL	03/20/2014 - 05/10/2021
IA	WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC	19616	MELBOURNE, FL	03/20/2014 - 05/10/2021
IA	CEDAR CREEK SECURITIES, INC.	118498	MILWAUKEE, WI	04/12/2010 - 04/17/2014

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

Employment 1 of 2

Firm Name: **LPL FINANCIAL LLC**
Main Address: 1055 LPL WAY
FORT MILL, SC 29715
Firm ID#: 6413

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	05/04/2021
	Arizona	Agent	Approved	05/04/2021
	Arkansas	Agent	Approved	05/04/2021
	California	Agent	Approved	05/04/2021
	Florida	Agent	Approved	05/04/2021
	Georgia	Agent	Approved	05/10/2021
	Idaho	Agent	Approved	04/27/2023
	Illinois	Agent	Approved	07/20/2021
	Indiana	Agent	Approved	07/11/2023
	Michigan	Agent	Approved	05/04/2021
	Minnesota	Agent	Approved	05/12/2021
	Missouri	Agent	Approved	05/05/2021
	Nevada	Agent	Approved	05/01/2023



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	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B	New Jersey	Agent	Approved	05/04/2021
B	New York	Agent	Approved	05/04/2021
B	Ohio	Agent	Approved	05/04/2021
B	Oregon	Agent	Approved	05/08/2023
B	Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	05/04/2021
B	South Dakota	Agent	Approved	05/04/2021
B	Utah	Agent	Approved	04/27/2023
B	Washington	Agent	Approved	05/04/2021
B	Wisconsin	Agent	Approved	05/04/2021

Branch Office Locations

LPL FINANCIAL LLC
VERO BEACH, FL

LPL FINANCIAL LLC
W248 N5233 EXECUTIVE DRIVE
SUITE 500
SUSSEX, WI 53089


Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: **INDEPENDENT ADVISOR ALLIANCE, LLC**
Main Address: 11215 N. COMMUNITY HOUSE RD.
STE. 775
CHARLOTTE, NC 28277
Firm ID#: 168267

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
IA	Florida	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	05/07/2021
IA	Illinois	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	01/11/2022
IA	Washington	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	01/10/2022



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Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
 Wisconsin	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	05/05/2021

Branch Office Locations

INDEPENDENT ADVISOR ALLIANCE, LLC

Vero Beach, FL



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
B Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	10/01/2018
B General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	09/10/2002

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
IA B Uniform Combined State Law Examination (S66)	Series 66	09/26/2002



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
B	03/20/2014 - 05/10/2021	WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC	CRD# 19616	MELBOURNE, FL
IA	03/20/2014 - 05/10/2021	WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC	CRD# 19616	MELBOURNE, FL
IA	04/12/2010 - 04/17/2014	CEDAR CREEK SECURITIES, INC.	CRD# 118498	MILWAUKEE, WI
B	04/02/2010 - 04/17/2014	CEDAR CREEK SECURITIES, INC.	CRD# 118498	MILWAUKEE, WI
B	06/01/2009 - 04/26/2010	MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY	CRD# 149777	MILWAUKEE, WI
IA	06/01/2009 - 04/26/2010	MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY LLC	CRD# 149777	MILWAUKEE, WI
B	12/01/2006 - 06/01/2009	CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.	CRD# 7059	MILWAUKEE, WI
IA	12/01/2006 - 06/01/2009	CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.	CRD# 7059	MILWAUKEE, WI
B	09/12/2002 - 12/06/2006	ROBERT W. BAIRD & CO. INCORPORATED	CRD# 8158	MILWAUKEE, WI

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
05/2021 - Present	Independent Advisor Alliance	Investment Advisor Representative	Y	VERO BEACH, FL, United States
05/2021 - Present	LPL FINANCIAL, LLC	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	VERO BEACH, FL, United States
11/2016 - 04/2021	WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC	REGISTERED REP	Y	MILWAUKEE, WI, United States
03/2014 - 11/2016	WELLS FARGO ADVISORS LLC	REGISTERED REP	Y	MILWAUKEE, WI, United States



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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. 5/4/2021 - FORWARD FINANCIAL - Investment Related - At Reported Business Location(s) - DBA FOR LPL BUSINESS (ENTITY FOR LPL BUSINESS) - Started 04/23/2021 - 160 Hours Per Month/8 Hours During Securities Trading - Time Spent 100%.
2. 5/12/2021 - Independent Advisor Alliance - Investment Related - At Reported Business Location(s) - Registered Investment Advisor Hybrid - Started 04/23/2021 - 160 Hours Per Month/8 Hours During Securities Trading - Time Spent 100% - I provide investment advisory services through Independent Advisor Alliance, independent investment advisor firm. I started this business activity in 5/2021. I expect to spend approximately 160 hours per month on this activity. Please see the advisory firm's Form ADV for more information about its address, the nature of its business, its owners, and its services at <http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov/IAPD>. The firm is separate from and independent of LPL Financial.



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
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 2

Reporting Source:	Firm
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	MSSB
Allegations:	CLIENT ALLEGES UNSUITABILITY, INTER ALIA, WITH RESPECT TO VARIABLE ANNUITY- DECEMBER 2009.
Product Type:	Annuity-Variable
Alleged Damages:	\$0.00
Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):	UNSPECIFIED
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:	09/04/2012
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Denied
Status Date:	05/10/2013

**Settlement Amount:****Individual Contribution****Amount:**
.....**Reporting Source:** Individual**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** MSSB**Allegations:** CLIENT ALLEGES UNSUITABILITY, INTER ALIA, WITH RESPECT TO VARIABLE ANNUITY - DECEMBER 2009**Product Type:** Annuity-Variable**Alleged Damages:** \$0.00**Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):** UNSPECIFIED**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:** 09/04/2012**Complaint Pending?** No**Status:** Denied**Status Date:** 05/10/2013**Settlement Amount:****Individual Contribution****Amount:****Disclosure 2 of 2****Reporting Source:** Firm**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** MSSB**Allegations:** CLIENT ALLEGES UNSUITABILITY WITH RESPECT TO VARIABLE ANNUITY ON 2/1/2010.**Product Type:** Annuity-Variable**Alleged Damages:** \$0.00**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:** 07/02/2010**Complaint Pending?** No**Status:** Denied**Status Date:** 07/02/2010**Settlement Amount:****Individual Contribution
Amount:**
.....**Reporting Source:** Individual**Employing firm when
activities occurred which led
to the complaint:** MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY**Allegations:** CLIENT ALLEGES UNSUITABILITY WITH RESPECT TO VARIABLE ANNUITY
ON 02/01/2010**Product Type:** Annuity-Variable**Alleged Damages:** \$0.00**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:** 07/02/2010**Complaint Pending?** No**Status:** Closed/No Action**Status Date:** 09/29/2010**Settlement Amount:****Individual Contribution
Amount:**



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: CEDAR CREEK SECURITIES, INC.

Termination Type: Voluntary Resignation

Termination Date: 03/20/2014

Allegations: INTERNAL REVIEW FOCUSED ON REPRESENTATIVE'S POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF FIRM COMPLIANCE POLICY AND FINRA RULES, INCLUDING RULE 3040 ("SELLING AWAY" - ENGAGING IN PRIVATE SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS WITHOUT PRIOR FIRM APPROVAL) AND RULE 2510 (EXERCISING INVESTMENT DISCRETION WITHOUT FIRM APPROVAL AND BEYOND THE "SAME TRADING DAY" WITHOUT A SIGNED AND DATED CUSTOMER CONSENT). THE FIRM HAS NOT DETERMINED WHETHER HE ALSO VIOLATED FINRA RULE 3270 (OUTSIDE BUSINESS ACTIVITIES). DURING THE REVIEW, THE FIRM ALSO DISCOVERED VIOLATIONS OF RULE 2210 (DISCLOSING INTERNAL "TARGET PRICES" TO CUSTOMERS) AS PART OF REPRESENTATIVE'S SALES EFFORTS.

Product Type: Equity-OTC
Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)

Firm Statement PLEASE SEE DETAILS UNDER QUESTION 7B INTERNAL REVIEW.

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Reporting Source: Individual

Firm Name: CEDAR CREEK SECURITIES, INC.

Termination Type: Voluntary Resignation

Termination Date: 03/20/2014

Allegations: INTERNAL REVIEW FOCUSED ON REPRESENTATIVE'S POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF FIRM COMPLIANCE POLICY AND FINRA RULES, INCLUDING RULE 3040 ("SELLING AWAY" - ENGAGING IN PRIVATE SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS WITHOUT PRIOR FIRM APPROVAL) AND RULE 2510 (EXERCISING INVESTMENT DISCRETION WITHOUT FIRM APPROVAL AND BEYOND THE "SAME TRADING DAY" WITHOUT A SIGNED AND DATED CUSTOMER CONSENT). THE FIRM HAS NOT DETERMINED WHETHER HE ALSO VIOLATED FINRA RULE 3270 (OUTSIDE BUSINESS ACTIVITIES). DURING THE REVIEW, THE FIRM ALSO DISCOVERED VIOLATIONS OF RULE 2210 (DISCLOSING INTERNAL "TARGET PRICES" TO CUSTOMERS) AS PART OF REPRESENTATIVE'S SALES EFFORTS.

Product Type: Equity-OTC
Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)

Broker Statement THE ALLEGATIONS BY CEDAR CREEK SECURITIES OF AN INVESTIGATION INTO MY CONDUCT, PLANNED TERMINATION OF MY EMPLOYMENT, AND SUPPOSED VIOLATIONS OF VARIOUS FINRA RULES ARE TOTALLY WITHOUT



MERIT AS THEY ARE NOT FACTUALLY ACCURATE AND DO NOT SUPPORT ANY RULE VIOLATION. MOREOVER, BASED ON OTHER DOCUMENTS AND ADMISSIONS BY CEDAR CREEK SECURITIES, WE BELIEVE THE ALLEGATIONS OF AN INVESTIGATION AND PLANNED TERMINATION OF MY EMPLOYMENT AT CEDAR CREEK ARE FALSE. REFERENCE IS MADE TO MY PART II AFFIRMATIVE ANSWERS TO ITEM 7B IN MY RESPONSE TO THE U5 FILED BY CEDAR CREEK.



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