



IAPD Report

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CRD# 4563441

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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

PAUL ROBERT HAMMERSMITH (CRD# 4563441)

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 **01/14/2026**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
IA	WELLS FARGO ADVISORS	CRD# 11025	09/10/2021
B	WELLS FARGO ADVISORS FINANCIAL NETWORK, LLC	CRD# 11025	09/10/2021

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **1** SRO(s) and **20** 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	THE WOODLANDS, TX	01/03/2012 - 09/10/2021
IA	WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC	19616	THE WOODLANDS, TX	01/03/2012 - 09/10/2021
IA	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	6413	HOUSTON, TX	12/07/2004 - 01/13/2012

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

Employment 1 of 1

Firm Name: **WELLS FARGO ADVISORS**
Main Address: ONE NORTH JEFFERSON AVENUE
MAIL CODE: H0004-05E
ST. LOUIS, MO 63103-2205
Firm ID#: 11025

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	09/10/2021
B Alabama	Agent	Approved	09/13/2021
B Arkansas	Agent	Approved	07/19/2024
B California	Agent	Approved	09/10/2021
B Colorado	Agent	Approved	06/12/2023
B Florida	Agent	Approved	09/10/2021
B Georgia	Agent	Approved	09/10/2021
B Idaho	Agent	Approved	08/05/2024
B Louisiana	Agent	Approved	09/10/2021
B Massachusetts	Agent	Approved	09/10/2021
B Montana	Agent	Approved	09/10/2021
B New Jersey	Agent	Approved	09/10/2021
B New York	Agent	Approved	03/03/2022



Qualifications

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B North Carolina	Agent	Approved	09/10/2021
B Oklahoma	Agent	Approved	09/14/2021
B Oregon	Agent	Approved	07/21/2024
B Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	05/09/2024
B Tennessee	Agent	Approved	09/10/2021
B Texas	Agent	Approved	09/10/2021
IA Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	09/10/2021
B Virginia	Agent	Approved	07/18/2024
B Washington	Agent	Approved	04/03/2025

Branch Office Locations

WELLS FARGO ADVISORS
10077 GROGANS MILL RD STE 325
[SATELLITE]
THE WOODLANDS, TX 77380



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, 3 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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 Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	10/01/2018
 General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	10/19/2004
 Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination (S6)	Series 6	11/13/2002

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
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 Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (S65)	Series 65	11/18/2004
 Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	11/13/2002

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	01/03/2012 - 09/10/2021	WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC	CRD# 19616	THE WOODLANDS, TX
IA	01/03/2012 - 09/10/2021	WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC	CRD# 19616	THE WOODLANDS, TX
IA	12/07/2004 - 01/13/2012	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	CRD# 6413	HOUSTON, TX
B	06/07/2004 - 01/13/2012	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	CRD# 6413	HOUSTON, TX
B	11/14/2002 - 06/04/2004	USALLIANZ SECURITIES, INC.	CRD# 40875	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
09/2021 - Present	WELLS FARGO ADVISORS FINANCIAL NETWORK, LLC	REGISTERED REP	Y	Houston, TX, United States
11/2016 - 09/2021	WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	HOUSTON, TX, United States
01/2012 - 11/2016	WELLS FARGO ADVISORS	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	HOUSTON, TX, 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.

PHLH LLC, INV RELATED, SHENANDOAH, TX, 100% OWNERSHIP, START 8/11/2021, 20 HOURS PER MONTH, 1 HOUR DURING TRADING, FINET PRACTICE.



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	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 1

Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: SENIOR SERVICES GROUP-SELF EMPLOYED

Allegations: [CUSTOMER] CLAIMS THAT I ALLEGEDLY INDUCED HER TO PURCHASE A FIXED ANNUITY/MISREPRESENTED THE FACTS TO HER RE: THE PURCHASE SHE MADE IN NOV. 2001. (I HAVE BEEN LIFE INSURANCE CONTINUALLY SINCE 1991, SERIES 6 & 63 SINCE DEC. 2003) SHE CLAIMS THE FIXED ANNUITY (EQUITY INDEXED ANNUITY) WAS UNSUITABLE FOR HER 401K RETIREMENT FUNDS. I MET WITH [CUSTOMER] NUMEROUS TIMES IN 2001, SHE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT MARKET LOSSES, RUNNING OUT OF INCOME, LOSING RETIREMENT \$, ETC. SHE THEN DECIDED TO ROLLOVER 401K INTO THE ANNUITY AFTER DISCUSSIONS USING COMPANY APPROVED BROCHURES, MATERIALS, DISCLOSURES, ETC. THE ANNUITY WAS ISSUED IN DEC. 2001, HAND DELIVERED IN JAN 2002, ([CUSTOMER] RECEIPT FORM AND DISCLOSURES AFTER WE AGAIN DETAILED COMPONENTS, BENEFITS, LIQUIDITY OPTIONS ETC. OF THE CONTRACT. APPROX. 4-5 MONTHS AFTER THAT TIME, [CUSTOMER] DEMANDED ALL OF HER MONEY BACK PLUS 4% INTEREST, AND DID NOT WANT TO PAY ANY PENALTIES FOR EARLY WITHDRAWAL. I INFORMED HER SHE COULD SURRENDER THE ANNUITY, BUT PENALTIES WOULD APPLY. SHE THEN MADE A COMPLAINT TO THE INSURANCE COMPANY, TOLD ME SHE WOULD SUE ME, AND CEASED TO COMMUNICATE WITH ME. THE INSURANCE COMPANY GATHERED DETAILS STATEMENTS FROM MYSELF AND [CUSTOMER], RAN EVERYTHING THROUGH THEIR COMPLIANCE & LEGAL DEPT. AND INFORMED [CUSTOMER] THAT ALL DISCLOSURES, APPS, DELIVERY RECEIPTS WERE IN ORDER AND THAT THEY SAW NO NEGLIGENCE ON MY PART AND THAT THEY COULD NOT JUSTIFY WAIVING SURRENDER CHARGES AND GIVING HER A FULL



REFUND. [CUSTOMER] THEN FILED CLAIM AGAINST ME IN SMALL CLAIMS COURT (\$5000 OR LESS). I NOTIFIED MY E&O, COUSEL WAS ASSIGNED TO ME, BEFORE THE COURT DATE WAS SET, THE JUDGE SAW NO REASON FOR THIS CLAIM AND THE CASE WAS DISMISSED. APPROX. 1 1/2 YEARS LATER THIS COMPLAINT HAS RESURFACED. I WAS NOTIFIED FROM [CUSTOMER'S] NEW ATTORNEY OF THEIR INTNET TO FILE. I AGAIN NOTIFIED E&O, COUSEL HAS BEEN REASSIGNED TO ME.

Product Type: Annuity-Fixed

Alleged Damages: \$50,000.00

Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact): DAMAGES UNSPECIFIED BUT REASONABLY BELIEVED TO BE GREATER THAN \$5,000

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: 04/01/2002

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Evolved into Civil litigation (the individual is a named party)

Status Date: 07/18/2003

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:

Civil Litigation Information

Type of Court: State Court

Name of Court: DISTRICT COURT - HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

Location of Court: HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

Docket/Case #: 2003-40133

Date Notice/Process Served: 07/18/2003

Litigation Pending? No

Disposition: Settled

Disposition Date: 10/22/2004

Monetary Compensation Amount: \$15,000.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$15,000.00



End of Report

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