



IAPD Report

JAMES FRANCIS WILLER

CRD# 467367

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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

JAMES FRANCIS WILLER (CRD# 467367)

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 **01/29/2025**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
B	MORGAN STANLEY	CRD# 149777	06/01/2009
IA	MORGAN STANLEY	CRD# 149777	06/01/2009

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **4** SRO(s) and **15** 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	CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.	7059	DES MOINES, IA	05/19/1994 - 06/01/2009
B	CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.	7059	DES MOINES, IA	07/31/1993 - 06/01/2009
B	LEHMAN BROTHERS INC.	7506	NEW YORK, NY	11/17/1976 - 07/31/1993

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 **15** jurisdiction(s) and 4 SRO(s) through his or her employer(s).

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Firm Name: **MORGAN STANLEY**
Main Address: 2000 WESTCHESTER AVENUE
PURCHASE, NY 10577-2530
Firm ID#: 149777

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
	FINRA	General Securities Principal	Approved	06/01/2009
	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	06/01/2009
	FINRA	General Securities Sales Supervisor	Approved	06/01/2009
	NYSE American LLC	Securities Manager	Approved	06/26/2010
	NYSE American LLC	General Securities Principal	Approved	06/17/2011
	NYSE American LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	06/17/2011
	NYSE American LLC	General Securities Sales Supervisor	Approved	10/01/2018
	Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Principal	Approved	06/01/2009
	Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Representative	Approved	06/01/2009
	Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Sales Supervisor	Approved	06/01/2009
	New York Stock Exchange	General Securities Representative	Approved	06/01/2009
	New York Stock Exchange	Securities Manager	Approved	06/01/2009
	New York Stock Exchange	General Securities Principal	Approved	06/26/2010



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	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B	New York Stock Exchange	General Securities Sales Supervisor	Approved	10/01/2018
B	Arizona	Agent	Approved	01/09/2017
B	California	Agent	Approved	06/01/2009
B	Colorado	Agent	Approved	01/08/2024
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	06/01/2009
B	Indiana	Agent	Approved	02/26/2019
B	Iowa	Agent	Approved	06/01/2009
IA	Iowa	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	06/01/2009
B	Minnesota	Agent	Approved	01/30/2024
B	Nebraska	Agent	Approved	01/30/2025
B	New Jersey	Agent	Approved	04/15/2024
B	New York	Agent	Approved	06/01/2009
IA	Oklahoma	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	06/01/2009
B	South Dakota	Agent	Approved	02/15/2019
IA	Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Restricted Approval	03/12/2019
B	Washington	Agent	Approved	02/15/2019
B	Wisconsin	Agent	Approved	09/24/2015

Branch Office Locations

MORGAN STANLEY



Qualifications

1080 Jordan Creek Parkway
Suite 400 North
West Des Moines, IA 50266



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 5 principal/supervisory exams, 6 general industry/product exams, and 2 state securities law exams.

Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
 General Securities Sales Supervisor - Options Module Examination (S9)	Series 9	01/02/2023
 General Securities Sales Supervisor - General Module Examination (S10)	Series 10	01/02/2023
 General Securities Principal Examination (S24)	Series 24	01/02/2023
 General Securities Sales Supervisor Examination (Options Module & General Module) (S8)	Series 8	05/22/1985
 General Securities Principal Examination (S00)	Series 00	10/18/1972

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
 General Securities Representative Examination (S7TO)	Series 7TO	01/02/2023
 Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	10/01/2018
 Foreign Currency Options Examination (S15)	Series 15	01/07/1984
 Interest Rate Options Examination (S5)	Series 5	12/12/1981
 AMEX Put and Call Exam (PC)	PC	05/31/1977
 Registered Representative Examination (S1)	Series 1	11/17/1971



Qualifications

PASSED INDUSTRY EXAMS

State Securities Law Exams

	Exam	Category	Date
IA	Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (S65)	Series 65	03/16/1992
B	Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	09/22/1979

PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS

This section details that the representative has reported **0** professional designation(s).

No information reported.

Only professional designations listed in Question 8 of the Form U4 will appear in this section if the appropriate box is checked and verified by the issuing organization at the time of the filing. Learn more about eligible designations at [IARD](#) and [NASAA](#).



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	05/19/1994 - 06/01/2009	CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.	CRD# 7059	DES MOINES, IA
B	07/31/1993 - 06/01/2009	CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.	CRD# 7059	DES MOINES, IA
B	11/17/1976 - 07/31/1993	LEHMAN BROTHERS INC.	CRD# 7506	NEW YORK, NY
B	11/17/1976 - 11/22/1977	SHEARSON HAYDEN STONE INC.	CRD# 7295	
B	11/16/1973 - 11/17/1976	LAMSON BROS. & CO.	CRD# 509	
B	11/23/1971 - 12/07/1973	KIRSCH, CHANDLER, FEENEY & CO. INCORPORATED	CRD# 5972	

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
03/2022 - Present	Morgan Stanley Private Bank, N.A	Financial Advisor	Y	New York, NY, United States
06/2009 - Present	MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY	Senior Advisor, Branch Mgmt	Y	DES MOINES, IA, United States
07/1993 - Present	CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.	NON-PRODUCING BRANCH MGR	Y	DES MOINES, IA, 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
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: Regulator

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: Morgan Stanley & Co., LLC,

Allegations: James Francis Willer was a subject of a customer's complaint against his member firm and Respondent Michael Lee Canney that asserted the following causes of action: breach of fiduciary duty, negligence, breach of contract, ERISA violations, negligent misrepresentation, constructive fraud, failure to supervise, and respondeat superior. The causes of action related to Claimant's allegation that Respondents mismanaged Claimant's portfolio by failing to fix an appropriate investment strategy, which caused the portfolio to underperform due to excessive cash and a concentration in a single sector of the S&P.

Product Type: Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)

Alleged Damages: \$667,725.00

Arbitration Information

Arbitration/Reparation Claim filed with and Docket/Case No.: FINRA - CASE #18-01007

Date Notice/Process Served: 03/14/2018

Arbitration Pending? No

Disposition: Award

Disposition Date: 04/29/2019

Disposition Detail: James Francis Willer was a Subject Of the customer's complaint alleging James Francis Willer, Michael Lee Canney, and their member firm caused sales practice



violations. James Francis Willer's member firm and Respondent Michael Lee Canney are jointly and severally liable for and shall pay to Claimants \$415,888.00 in compensatory damages, the sum of \$36,500.00 in expert witness fees, and the sum of \$2,000.00 in costs. Michael Lee Canney and Willer's firm shall reimburse Claimant for the non-refundable portion of claim-filing fee paid to FINRA Office of Dispute Resolution in the amount of \$425.00.

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Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: Morgan Stanley Smith Barney

Allegations: Claimant alleged, failure to supervise with respect to the supervision of Financial Advisors' management of accounts - 2007 to 2017

Product Type: Other: Managed/Wrap Accounts

Alleged Damages: \$1,302,228.00

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 #: 18-01007

Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation: 03/14/2018

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 03/16/2018

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Arbitration Award/Monetary Judgment (for claimants/plaintiffs)

Status Date: 04/29/2019

Settlement Amount: \$454,813.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00



End of Report

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