



IAPD Report

CHRISTOPHER PHILIP ARNELLA

CRD# 4886531

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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

CHRISTOPHER PHILIP ARNELLA (CRD# 4886531)

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 **04/28/2025**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

| | Firm | CRD# | Registered Since |
|-----------|----------------|-------------|------------------|
| B | MORGAN STANLEY | CRD# 149777 | 06/01/2009 |
| IA | MORGAN STANLEY | CRD# 149777 | 06/27/2013 |

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **4** SRO(s) and **40** 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 | CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC. | 7059 | NEW YORK, NY | 01/26/2006 - 06/01/2009 |

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 |
|------------------|-------|
| Regulatory Event | 2 |
| 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 **40** jurisdiction(s) and 4 SRO(s) through his or her employer(s).

Employment 1 of 1

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

| | Regulator | Registration | Status | Date |
|----------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| B | FINRA | General Securities Representative | Approved | 06/01/2009 |
| B | FINRA | General Securities Sales Supervisor | Approved | 11/04/2011 |
| B | NYSE American LLC | General Securities Representative | Approved | 06/17/2011 |
| B | NYSE American LLC | General Securities Sales Supervisor | Approved | 10/01/2018 |
| B | Nasdaq Stock Market | General Securities Representative | Approved | 06/01/2009 |
| B | Nasdaq Stock Market | General Securities Sales Supervisor | Approved | 11/04/2011 |
| B | New York Stock Exchange | General Securities Representative | Approved | 06/01/2009 |
| B | New York Stock Exchange | General Securities Sales Supervisor | Approved | 10/01/2018 |
| B | Arizona | Agent | Approved | 12/06/2013 |
| B | California | Agent | Approved | 06/01/2009 |
| B | Colorado | Agent | Approved | 01/02/2015 |
| B | Connecticut | Agent | Approved | 06/18/2012 |
| B | Delaware | Agent | Approved | 12/06/2013 |



Qualifications

| Regulator | Registration | Status | Date |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|------------|
| B District of Columbia | Agent | Approved | 03/10/2021 |
| B Florida | Agent | Approved | 06/01/2009 |
| B Georgia | Agent | Approved | 12/06/2013 |
| B Hawaii | Agent | Approved | 08/07/2023 |
| B Idaho | Agent | Approved | 07/10/2024 |
| B Illinois | Agent | Approved | 06/18/2012 |
| B Indiana | Agent | Approved | 02/03/2021 |
| B Kansas | Agent | Approved | 12/09/2024 |
| B Maine | Agent | Approved | 12/06/2013 |
| B Massachusetts | Agent | Approved | 06/18/2012 |
| B Michigan | Agent | Approved | 12/06/2013 |
| B Minnesota | Agent | Approved | 03/05/2024 |
| B Montana | Agent | Approved | 07/10/2024 |
| B Nevada | Agent | Approved | 06/18/2012 |
| B New Hampshire | Agent | Approved | 07/31/2019 |
| B New Jersey | Agent | Approved | 06/01/2009 |
| IA New Jersey | Investment Adviser Representative | Approved | 06/27/2013 |
| B New Mexico | Agent | Approved | 10/31/2018 |
| B New York | Agent | Approved | 06/01/2009 |



Qualifications

| | Regulator | Registration | Status | Date |
|----|----------------|-----------------------------------|----------|------------|
| IA | New York | Investment Adviser Representative | Approved | 06/12/2021 |
| B | North Carolina | Agent | Approved | 03/07/2013 |
| B | North Dakota | Agent | Approved | 07/15/2024 |
| B | Ohio | Agent | Approved | 08/01/2019 |
| B | Oklahoma | Agent | Approved | 01/24/2023 |
| B | Oregon | Agent | Approved | 03/27/2014 |
| B | Pennsylvania | Agent | Approved | 06/18/2012 |
| B | Rhode Island | Agent | Approved | 07/27/2018 |
| B | South Carolina | Agent | Approved | 12/06/2013 |
| B | South Dakota | Agent | Approved | 10/24/2023 |
| B | Tennessee | Agent | Approved | 02/08/2024 |
| B | Texas | Agent | Approved | 01/02/2015 |
| IA | Texas | Investment Adviser Representative | Approved | 01/02/2015 |
| B | Utah | Agent | Approved | 09/24/2020 |
| B | Vermont | Agent | Approved | 08/12/2024 |
| B | Virginia | Agent | Approved | 01/02/2015 |
| B | Washington | Agent | Approved | 01/02/2015 |
| B | Wisconsin | Agent | Approved | 07/10/2024 |
| B | Wyoming | Agent | Approved | 07/15/2024 |



Qualifications

| Regulator | Registration | Status | Date |
|-----------|--------------|--------|------|
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Branch Office Locations

MORGAN STANLEY
One Penn Plaza
43rd Floor
New York, NY 10119

MORGAN STANLEY
Manasquan, NJ



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

Principal/Supervisory Exams

| Exam | Category | Date |
|--|-----------|------------|
| General Securities Sales Supervisor - General Module Examination (S10) | Series 10 | 11/03/2011 |
| General Securities Sales Supervisor - Options Module Examination (S9) | Series 9 | 09/12/2011 |

General Industry/Product Exams

| Exam | Category | Date |
|--|----------|------------|
| Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE) | SIE | 10/01/2018 |
| General Securities Representative Examination (S7) | Series 7 | 01/25/2006 |

State Securities Law Exams

| Exam | Category | Date |
|--|-----------|------------|
| Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (S65) | Series 65 | 02/21/2007 |
| Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63) | Series 63 | 08/10/2006 |

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 | 01/26/2006 - 06/01/2009 | CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC. | CRD# 7059 | NEW YORK, NY |

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 |
|-------------------|---|-----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| 01/2015 - Present | MORGAN STANLEY PRIVATE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION | FINANCIAL ADVISOR | Y | NEW YORK, NY, United States |
| 06/2009 - Present | MORGAN STANLEY | FINANCIAL ADVISOR ASSOCIATE | Y | NEW YORK, NY, 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 |
|------------------|-------|
| Regulatory Event | 2 |
| Customer Dispute | 1 |

Regulatory Event

This disclosure event may include a final, formal proceeding initiated by a regulatory authority (e.g., a state securities agency, a federal regulator such as the Securities and Exchange Commission or the Commodities Futures Trading Commission, or a foreign financial regulatory body) for a violation of investment-related rules or regulations. This disclosure event may also include a revocation or suspension of an Investment Adviser Representative's authority to act as an attorney, accountant or federal contractor.

Disclosure 1 of 2

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| Reporting Source: | Regulator |
| Regulatory Action Initiated By: | Maryland |
| Sanction(s) Sought: | Revocation |
| Date Initiated: | 10/08/2024 |
| Docket/Case Number: | 2024-0444 |
| URL for Regulatory Action: | |
| Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action: | Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, LLC |
| Product Type: | No Product |
| Allegations: | On September 5, 2024, without admitting or denying the findings, Arnella entered into an Acceptance, Waiver and Consent ("AWC") with FINRA wherein Arnella consented to the entry of findings that between June 2017 and June 2020, Arnella made promissory and unwarranted statements to the public and firm customers about a publicly traded company, as well as statements that predicted performance of the company's stock, including publicly posting his opinion about what he expected the future stock price to be by the end of 2018, and stating to two firm customers in writing that there was a "100 percent" chance that the company's loss in a patent litigation trial would be overturned. Arnella agreed to a one-month suspension from associating with any FINRA member in all capacities and to the payment of a fine in the amount of \$5,000. |
| Current Status: | Final |
| Resolution: | Consent |



Does the order constitute a final order based on violations of any laws or regulations that prohibit fraudulent, manipulative, or deceptive conduct? No

Resolution Date: 03/06/2025

Sanctions Ordered: Other: Respondent agrees not to apply or reapply for registration as a broker-dealer, agent, investment adviser or investment adviser representative with the State of Maryland.

Reporting Source: Individual

Regulatory Action Initiated By: Maryland

Sanction(s) Sought: Revocation

Date Initiated: 10/08/2024

Docket/Case Number: 2024-0444

Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action: Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, LLC

Product Type: No Product

Allegations: On September 5, 2024, without admitting or denying the findings, Arnella entered into an Acceptance, Waiver and Consent ("AWC") with FINRA wherein Arnella consented to the entry of findings that between June 2017 and June 2020, Arnella made promissory and unwarranted statements to the public and firm customers about a publicly traded company, as well as statements that predicted performance of the company's stock, including publicly posting his opinion about what he expected the future stock price to be by the end of 2018, and stating to two firm customers in writing that there was a "100 percent" chance that the company's loss in a patent litigation trial would be overturned. Arnella agreed to a one-month suspension from associating with any FINRA member in all capacities and to the payment of a fine in the amount of \$5,000.

Current Status: Final

Resolution: Consent

Does the order constitute a final order based on violations of any laws or regulations that prohibit fraudulent, manipulative, or deceptive conduct? No

Resolution Date: 03/06/2025

Sanctions Ordered: Other: Respondent agrees not to apply or reapply for registration as a broker-dealer, agent, investment adviser or investment adviser representative with the State of Maryland.



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| Reporting Source: | Regulator |
| Regulatory Action Initiated By: | FINRA |
| Sanction(s) Sought: | Other: N/A |
| Date Initiated: | 09/05/2024 |
| Docket/Case Number: | 2020069039302 |
| Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action: | Morgan Stanley |
| Product Type: | Other: Company Securities |
| Allegations: | Without admitting or denying the findings, Arnella consented to the sanctions and to the entry of findings that he made promissory and unwarranted statements about a publicly traded company, and statements that predicted the future performance of the company's stock. The findings stated that Arnella publicly posted his opinion about what he expected the future stock price of the company to be by the end of on eyear. Arnella also stated, in writing, to two firm customers that there was a 100 percent chance that the company's loss in a patent litigation trial would be overturned. |
| Current Status: | Final |
| Resolution: | Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC) |
| Does the order constitute a final order based on violations of any laws or regulations that prohibit fraudulent, manipulative, or deceptive conduct? | No |
| Resolution Date: | 09/05/2024 |
| Sanctions Ordered: | Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s) Suspension |
| If the regulator is the SEC, CFTC, or an SRO, did the action result in a finding of a willful violation or failure to supervise? | No |



(1) willfully violated any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any of such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, or to have been unable to comply with any provision of such Act, rule or regulation?

(2) willfully aided, abetted, counseled, commanded, induced, or procured the violation by any person of any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any of such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board? or

(3) failed reasonably to supervise another person subject to your supervision, with a view to preventing the violation by such person of any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board?

Sanction 1 of 1

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| Sanction Type: | Suspension |
| Capacities Affected: | All capacities |
| Duration: | One month |
| Start Date: | 10/07/2024 |



End Date: 11/06/2024

Monetary Sanction 1 of 1

Monetary Related Sanction: Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

Total Amount: \$5,000.00

Portion Levied against individual: \$5,000.00

Payment Plan:

Is Payment Plan Current:

Date Paid by individual: 09/30/2024

Was any portion of penalty waived? No

Amount Waived:

Reporting Source: Individual

Regulatory Action Initiated By: Financial Industry Regulatory Authority

Sanction(s) Sought: Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)
Suspension

Date Initiated: 09/05/2024

Docket/Case Number: [2020069039302](#)

Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action: Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC

Product Type: Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)

Allegations: Allegations that the representative made promissory and unwarranted statements to the public and firm customers about a publicly traded company, as well as statements that predicted the future performance of the company's stock, in violation of FINRA Rules 2210(d) and 2010. June 2017 and June 2020.

Current Status: Final

Resolution: Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)

Does the order constitute a final order based on violations of any laws or regulations that prohibit fraudulent, manipulative, or deceptive conduct? No

Resolution Date: 09/05/2024

Sanctions Ordered: Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)
Suspension
Other: N/A

Sanction 1 of 1

Sanction Type: Suspension



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|---|---|
| Capacities Affected: | All capacities |
| Duration: | One month |
| Start Date: | 10/07/2024 |
| End Date: | 11/06/2024 |
| Monetary Sanction 1 of 1 | |
| Monetary Related Sanction: | Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s) |
| Total Amount: | \$5,000.00 |
| Portion Levied against individual: | \$5,000.00 |
| Payment Plan: | |
| Is Payment Plan Current: | |
| Date Paid by individual: | 09/13/2024 |
| Was any portion of penalty waived? | No |
| Amount Waived: | |



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: MSSB

Allegations: Claimant alleges, inter alia, unsuitability with respect to investments from 2018 to 2002 for which the respondent was not the Financial Advisor of record on the account during this or any time frame and did not receive any compensation.

Product Type: Other: Suitability

Alleged Damages: \$6,500,000.00

Arbitration Information

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

Docket/Case #: 20-04105

Date Notice/Process Served: 12/18/2020

Arbitration Pending? No

Disposition: Settled

Disposition Date: 01/20/2023

Monetary Compensation Amount: \$2,500,000.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Broker Statement I was not the Financial Advisor for this client during this or any timeframe and did not receive any compensation for any of the transactions that are the subject of this claim.



End of Report

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