



IAPD Report

William Eric Kern

CRD# 5000630

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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

William Eric Kern (CRD# 5000630)

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 **10/03/2025**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
IA	STATE FARM INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT CORP.	CRD# 3487	05/17/2022
B	STATE FARM VP MANAGEMENT CORP.	CRD# 43036	05/17/2022

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **1** SRO(s) and 1 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	CITIZENS INVESTMENT SERVICES	39550	MCMURRAY, PA	08/17/2020 - 11/02/2021
B	CITIZENS SECURITIES, INC.	39550	MCMURRAY, PA	08/17/2020 - 11/02/2021
IA	EDWARD JONES	250	PITTSBURGH, PA	05/01/2019 - 08/13/2020

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

Employment 1 of 2

Firm Name: **STATE FARM INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT CORP.**
Main Address: ONE STATE FARM PLAZA
B-2
BLOOMINGTON, IL 61710-0001
Firm ID#: 3487

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
IA	Pennsylvania	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	05/17/2022

Branch Office Locations

STATE FARM INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT CORP.
1121 Boyce Rd
Ste 2400-A
Pittsburgh, PA 15241-3939

Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: **STATE FARM VP MANAGEMENT CORP.**
Main Address: ONE STATE FARM PLAZA
BLOOMINGTON, IL 61710-0001
Firm ID#: 43036

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B	FINRA	Invest. Co and Variable Contracts	Approved	05/17/2022
B	Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	05/17/2022

Branch Office Locations

1121 Boyce Road
Suite 2400-A
Pittsburgh, PA 15241



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, 4 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 Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination (S6TO)	Series 6TO	01/02/2023
B Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	10/01/2018
B General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	06/10/2009
B Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination (S6)	Series 6	11/11/2005

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
IA B Uniform Combined State Law Examination (S66)	Series 66	07/08/2009



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	08/17/2020 - 11/02/2021	CITIZENS INVESTMENT SERVICES	CRD# 39550	MCMURRAY, PA
B	08/17/2020 - 11/02/2021	CITIZENS SECURITIES, INC.	CRD# 39550	MCMURRAY, PA
IA	05/01/2019 - 08/13/2020	EDWARD JONES	CRD# 250	PITTSBURGH, PA
B	04/18/2019 - 08/13/2020	EDWARD JONES	CRD# 250	PITTSBURGH, PA
B	01/11/2019 - 04/30/2019	EQUITY SERVICES, INC.	CRD# 265	SNOHOMISH, WA
IA	01/11/2019 - 04/30/2019	ESI FINANCIAL ADVISORS	CRD# 265	SNOHOMISH, WA
B	12/12/2017 - 11/14/2018	E*TRADE SECURITIES LLC	CRD# 29106	SEATTLE, WA
IA	12/11/2017 - 11/14/2018	E*TRADE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC	CRD# 42159	Seattle, WA
B	06/02/2017 - 08/03/2017	HORNOR, TOWNSEND & KENT, INC.	CRD# 4031	BELLEVUE, WA
IA	01/06/2017 - 05/17/2017	PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL PLANNING SERVICES	CRD# 5685	BELLEVUE, WA
B	01/05/2017 - 05/17/2017	PRUCO SECURITIES, LLC.	CRD# 5685	BELLEVUE, WA
B	09/24/2013 - 01/03/2017	KEY INVESTMENT SERVICES LLC	CRD# 136300	BURLINGTON, WA
IA	09/24/2013 - 01/03/2017	KEY INVESTMENT SERVICES LLC	CRD# 136300	BURLINGTON, WA
IA	07/10/2009 - 05/17/2013	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	CRD# 7691	BELLEVUE, WA
B	06/11/2009 - 05/17/2013	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	CRD# 7691	BELLEVUE, WA
B	11/14/2005 - 12/31/2006	PFS INVESTMENTS INC.	CRD# 10111	DULUTH, GA



Registration & Employment History



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
05/2022 - Present	State Farm VP Management Corp	Registered Representative	Y	Pittsburgh, PA, United States
04/2022 - Present	State Farm Investment Management Corp	Investment Adviser Representative	Y	Pittsburgh, PA, United States
04/2022 - Present	William Kern Insurance Agency	Registered Representative	Y	Pittsburgh, PA, United States
11/2021 - 03/2022	State Farm Insurance	Agent Intern	Y	Pittsburgh, PA, United States
08/2020 - 11/2021	CITIZENS SECURITIES, INC.	FINANCIAL ADVISOR	Y	MCMURRAY, PA, United States
04/2019 - 08/2020	EDWARD JONES	FINANCIAL ADVISOR	Y	ST. LOUIS, MO, United States
01/2019 - 04/2019	EQUITY SERVICES INC	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	MONTPELIER, VT, United States
01/2019 - 04/2019	NATIONAL LIFE GROUP	AGENT	Y	SNOHOMISH, WA, United States
11/2017 - 11/2018	E*TRADE Capital Management LLC	Financial Consultant	Y	Seattle, WA, United States
11/2017 - 11/2018	E*TRADE Securities LLC	Financial Consultant	Y	Seattle, WA, United States
08/2017 - 11/2017	Chevrolet of Everett	Sales Consultant	N	Everett, WA, United States
06/2017 - 08/2017	HORNOR TOWNSEND & KENT INC	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	HORSHAM, PA, United States
06/2017 - 08/2017	PENN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	AGENT	Y	HORSHAM, PA, United States
01/2017 - 05/2017	Pruco Securities LLC	Registered Representative	Y	Bellevue, WA, United States
01/2017 - 05/2017	The Prudential Insurance Company of America	Financial Professional	N	Bellevue, WA, United States
09/2013 - 01/2017	KEY INVESTMENT SERVICES	FINANCIAL ADVISOR	Y	BURLINGTON, WA, 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) Bill Kern Insurance Agency; Investment-related; 1121 Boyce Rd., Ste 2400A, Pittsburgh, PA 15241-3939; Insurance (State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company and its affiliates); Owner; Agent; 5/17/2022; 80; 80; Service customers and supervise employees

2) Rotary Club of McMurray; non-investment-related; P.O. Box 1291McMurray PA 15317; Association/Committee/Council; Officer; President; 06/21/2023; 15; 0; Rotary is a worldwide organization who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. In more than 160 countries worldwide, approximately 1.4 million Rotarians belong to more than 30,000 Rotary clubs. The world's Rotary clubs meet regularly and are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds.



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:	Firm
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	Key Investment Services, LLC
Allegations:	Client's guardian alleges the Symetra Single Premium Income Annuity for \$140,000.00 purchased in December 2013 was not a suitable recommendation.
Product Type:	Annuity-Fixed
Alleged Damages:	\$5,000.00
Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):	The damages were not stated & cannot be calculated at this time, however they would clearly exceed \$5,000.00
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:	06/09/2017
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Settled
Status Date:	09/26/2017
Settlement Amount:	\$5,600.00



Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

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Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: Key Investment Services, LLC

Allegations: Based on the Form U5 amendment filed by the representative's predecessor broker dealer, "The client's guardian alleges the Symetra Single Premium Income Annuity for \$140,000.00 purchased in December of 2013 was not a suitable recommendation".

Product Type: Annuity-Fixed

Alleged Damages: \$5,000.00

Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact): The damages were not stated & Cannot be calculated at this time, however they would clearly exceed \$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: 06/09/2017

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 09/26/2017

Settlement Amount: \$5,600.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00



End of Report

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