



IAPD Report

MATTHEW O BAHRENBURG

CRD# 5295661

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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

MATTHEW O BAHRENBURG (CRD# 5295661)

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 **04/20/2026**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
B	CFD INVESTMENTS, INC.	CRD# 25427	03/27/2007
IA	CREATIVE FINANCIAL DESIGNS, INC.	CRD# 109032	08/02/2007

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **1** SRO(s) and **13** 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
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No information reported.

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	1
Financial	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 **13** jurisdiction(s) and 1 SRO(s) through his or her employer(s).

Employment 1 of 2

Firm Name: **CFD INVESTMENTS, INC.**

Main Address: 2704 S GOYER RD
KOKOMO, IN 46902

Firm ID#: 25427

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	03/27/2007
B FINRA	General Securities Principal	Approved	05/22/2007
B FINRA	Compliance Officer	Approved	10/01/2018
B Alabama	Agent	Approved	08/02/2007
B California	Agent	Approved	09/13/2018
B Florida	Agent	Approved	08/02/2007
B Illinois	Agent	Approved	08/02/2007
B Indiana	Agent	Approved	08/02/2007
B Kansas	Agent	Approved	08/02/2007
B Kentucky	Agent	Approved	08/02/2007
B Maryland	Agent	Approved	08/02/2007
B Michigan	Agent	Approved	08/02/2007
B North Carolina	Agent	Approved	08/02/2007



Qualifications

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B Ohio	Agent	Approved	08/03/2007
B Oklahoma	Agent	Approved	08/02/2007
B Washington	Agent	Approved	04/20/2026

Branch Office Locations

2704 S GOYER RD
KOKOMO, IN 46902

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KOKOMO, IN 46902

Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: **CREATIVE FINANCIAL DESIGNS, INC.**
 Main Address: 2704 S GOYER RD
 KOKOMO, IN 46902
 Firm ID#: 109032

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
IA Indiana	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	08/02/2007

Branch Office Locations

CREATIVE FINANCIAL DESIGNS, INC.
 2704 S. GOYER RD.
 KOKOMO, IN 46901



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 1 state securities law exam.

Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
Compliance Officer Examination (S14)	Series 14	01/02/2023
General Securities Principal Examination (S24)	Series 24	05/21/2007

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	10/01/2018
General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	03/26/2007

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
Uniform Combined State Law Examination (S66)	Series 66	07/31/2007

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:

No information reported.

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
08/2007 - Present	CREATIVE FINANCIAL DESIGNS	IAR	Y	KOKOMO, IN, United States
02/2007 - Present	CFD INVESTMENTS, INC	COMPLIANCE DIRECTOR	Y	KOKOMO, IN, 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.

OWNER OF TREE FARM, 13114 S 500 E, AMBOY, IN - NOT SECURITIES RELATED. COMPENSATION BASED ON PROFITABILITY.



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:

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Regulatory Event	1
Financial	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 1

Reporting Source:	Regulator
Regulatory Action Initiated By:	FINRA
Sanction(s) Sought:	Other: N/A
Date Initiated:	08/24/2020
Docket/Case Number:	2018057457101
Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:	CFD Investments, Inc.
Product Type:	Other: Unspecified Securities

Allegations: Without admitting or denying the findings, Bahrenburg consented to the sanctions and to the entry of findings that he and his member firm failed to conduct reasonable due diligence into oil and gas private placement offerings and failed to document the limited due diligence that they did conduct. The findings stated that the firm, through Bahrenburg, did not reasonably assess the issuer's financial condition. In connection with the issuer's audited financial statements, its independent auditor advised that the issuer has suffered recurring losses from operations from inception and pending litigation that raise substantial doubt about its ability to continue as a going concern, and included a going concern note that detailed these financial difficulties. Despite these significant red flags about the issuer's ability to continue business operations, Bahrenburg failed to request additional financial information from the firm, or to verify its ability to make its promised capital contribution. The firm, through Bahrenburg, did not reasonably investigate the circumstances of an investor lawsuit that he knew had resulted in a \$9 million jury verdict. Bahrenburg was not familiar with the allegations made or the specifics of the verdict entered, which included factual determinations that the



principals of the issuer made misrepresentations to investors about their experience in the oil and gas industry, and its ability to afford the costs associated with drilling an oil well. The firm, through Bahrenburg, did not review the issuer's prior offerings, notwithstanding that the firm's written procedures mandate such a review. The issuer lacked the financial ability to make the capital contributions in its prior offerings. A review of those offerings would have alerted the firm to this issue. The firm, through Bahrenburg, failed to conduct any independent review or assessment of the project generally, and instead simply accepted the information and representations provided by the issuer.

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:

08/24/2020

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

Sanction Type:	Suspension
Capacities Affected:	Any principal capacity
Duration:	45 days
Start Date:	09/21/2020
End Date:	11/04/2020

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:	09/09/2020
Was any portion of penalty waived?	No

**Amount Waived:****Regulator Statement** Fines paid in full on September 9, 2020.
.....**Reporting Source:** Individual**Regulatory Action Initiated By:** FINRA**Sanction(s) Sought:** Other: NA**Date Initiated:** 08/24/2020**Docket/Case Number:** [2018057457101](#)**Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:** CFD Investments, Inc.**Product Type:** Other: Unspecified Securities**Allegations:** Failure to complete adequate due diligence in connection with an oil and gas limited partnership.**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:** 08/24/2020**Sanctions Ordered:** Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)
Suspension**Sanction 1 of 1****Sanction Type:** Suspension**Capacities Affected:** Any Principal Capacity**Duration:** 45 days**Start Date:** 09/21/2020**End Date:** 11/04/2020**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:**



Was any portion of penalty waived? No

Amount Waived:



Financial

This disclosure event involves a final bankruptcy, compromise with one or more creditors, or Securities Investor Protection Corporation liquidation that occurred within the last 10 years and that involved the Investment Adviser Representative or an organization/investment adviser that the Investment Adviser Representative controlled that occurred within the last 10 years.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source:	Individual
Action Type:	Bankruptcy
Bankruptcy:	Chapter 7
Action Date:	07/24/2017
Organization Investment-Related?	
Type of Court:	Federal Court
Name of Court:	US Bankruptcy Court -- Northern District of Indiana
Location of Court:	South Bend, Indiana
Docket/Case #:	17-31462
Action Pending?	No
Disposition:	Discharged
Disposition Date:	02/28/2018



End of Report

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