



## IAPD Report

# Sara Mills-Gaines

CRD# 5479702

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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

### Sara Mills-Gaines (CRD# 5479702)

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 **05/08/2025**.

### CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
<b>B</b>	PRINCIPAL SECURITIES, INC.	CRD# 1137	07/02/2024
<b>IA</b>	PRINCIPAL SECURITIES, INC.	CRD# 1137	08/16/2024

### QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **1** SRO(s) and **2** 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>IA</b>	PARSONEX ADVISORY SERVICES, INC.	160275	Orange, CA	01/12/2021 - 07/27/2021
<b>B</b>	PARSONEX SECURITIES, INC.	144412	Orange, CA	03/23/2020 - 05/19/2021
<b>IA</b>	PARSONEX ADVISORY SERVICES, INC.	160275	Rohnert, CA	03/16/2020 - 12/31/2020

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
Financial	1
Judgment/Lien	3



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

### Employment 1 of 1

Firm Name: **PRINCIPAL SECURITIES, INC.**  
Main Address: 711 HIGH STREET  
DES MOINES, IA 50392  
Firm ID#: 1137

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
<b>B</b> FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	07/02/2024
<b>B</b> California	Agent	Approved	08/16/2024
<b>IA</b> California	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	08/16/2024
<b>B</b> North Carolina	Agent	Approved	05/08/2025

### Branch Office Locations

**PRINCIPAL SECURITIES, INC.**  
500 YGNACIO VALLEY RD  
STE 270B  
WALNUT CREEK, CA 94596

**PRINCIPAL SECURITIES, INC.**  
ROHNERT PARK, CA



## 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 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
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General Securities Representative Examination (S7TO)	Series 7TO	03/22/2024
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Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	04/05/2018
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General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	03/25/2008
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#### State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
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Uniform Combined State Law Examination (S66)	Series 66	08/15/2024
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### 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
IA	01/12/2021 - 07/27/2021	PARSONEX ADVISORY SERVICES, INC.	CRD# 160275	Orange, CA
B	03/23/2020 - 05/19/2021	PARSONEX SECURITIES, INC.	CRD# 144412	Orange, CA
IA	03/16/2020 - 12/31/2020	PARSONEX ADVISORY SERVICES, INC.	CRD# 160275	Rohnert, CA
B	05/31/2016 - 04/05/2018	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	CRD# 7691	SONOMA, CA
IA	05/27/2016 - 04/05/2018	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	CRD# 7691	SONOMA, CA
B	01/03/2011 - 06/17/2015	WELLS FARGO ADVISORS, LLC	CRD# 19616	SANTA ROSA, CA
IA	01/03/2011 - 06/17/2015	WELLS FARGO ADVISORS, LLC	CRD# 19616	SANTA ROSA, CA
IA	04/07/2008 - 01/03/2011	WELLS FARGO INVESTMENTS, LLC	CRD# 10582	CORTE MADERA, CA
B	03/26/2008 - 01/03/2011	WELLS FARGO INVESTMENTS, LLC	CRD# 10582	CORTE MADERA, CA

### 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
06/2024 - Present	PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE	AGENT	Y	ROHNERT PARK, CA, United States
06/2024 - Present	PRINCIPAL SECURITIES	REGISTERED REP	Y	ROHNERT PARK, CA, United States
10/2023 - Present	College of Marin - Transfer to UC Berkeley	Transfer Student	N	Kentfield, CA, United States
01/2019 - 04/2024	Flashbanc - Celero	Business Development Manager - Independent Consultant	N	Petaluma, CA, United States
04/2022 - 03/2023	Poppy Bank	Branch Operations Specialist	N	Santa Rosa, CA, United States



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### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Employment Dates	Employer Name	Position	Investment Related	Employer Location
01/2022 - 04/2022	Butcher Crown, LLC	Service Rep.	N	Petaluma, CA, United States
09/2021 - 03/2022	ClubCorp Financial Management Company	Service Rep.	N	Santa Rosa, CA, United States
05/2021 - 01/2022	G2PO	Transition Specialist	N	Santa Rosa, CA, United States
12/2019 - 05/2021	Parsonex Securities	Financial Advisor	Y	Englewood, CA, United States
09/2018 - 12/2019	Fun Frame Photo	Photographer	N	Petaluma, CA, United States
04/2018 - 08/2018	Unemployed	Job Hunter	N	Rohnert Park, CA, United States
05/2016 - 03/2018	BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.	FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS ADVISOR-BC	Y	ROHNERT PARK, CA, United States
05/2016 - 03/2018	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS ADVISOR-BC	Y	ROHNERT PARK, CA, 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.

#### INSURANCE

POSITION: Sara Mills-Gaines NATURE: null INVESTMENT RELATED: Yes NUMBER OF HOURS: 40 SECURITIES TRADING HOURS: 2 START DATE: 10/16/2024

ADDRESS: 500 Ygnacio Valley Rd Ste 270B, Walnut Creek CA 94596, United States

DESCRIPTION: Sales and service of fixed life, fixed annuities, DI, LTC, P&C, health, and group benefits through various insurance carriers.



## 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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### 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

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Individual
<b>Action Type:</b>	Compromise
<b>Action Date:</b>	10/25/2017
<b>Organization Investment-Related?</b>	
<b>Action Pending?</b>	No
<b>Disposition:</b>	Satisfied/Released
<b>Disposition Date:</b>	10/25/2017
<b>If a compromise with creditor, provide:</b>	
<b>Name of Creditor:</b>	American Recovery Service Incorporated for Citibank, N.A.
<b>Original Amount Owed:</b>	\$4,009.16
<b>Terms Reached with Creditor:</b>	Rep paid \$1523.48, creditor forgave the remaining balance.



### Judgment/Lien

This disclosure event involves an unsatisfied and outstanding judgment or lien against the Investment Adviser Representative.

#### Disclosure 1 of 3

**Reporting Source:** Individual  
**Judgment/Lien Holder:** State of California Franchise Tax Board  
**Judgment/Lien Amount:** \$2,204.82  
**Judgment/Lien Type:** Tax  
**Date Filed with Court:** 03/21/2024  
**Date Individual Learned:** 07/09/2024  
**Type of Court:** Franchise Tax Board  
**Name of Court:** State of California Franchise Tax Board  
**Location of Court:** Sonoma County, Sacramento, CA  
**Docket/Case #:** 24081687788  
**Judgment/Lien Outstanding?** Yes  
**Broker Statement** A payment plan has been established. I am working with a new tax advisor to have this resolved promptly.

#### Disclosure 2 of 3

**Reporting Source:** Individual  
**Judgment/Lien Holder:** State of California Franchise Tax Board  
**Judgment/Lien Amount:** \$3,457.48  
**Judgment/Lien Type:** Tax  
**Date Filed with Court:** 06/21/2021  
**Date Individual Learned:** 07/08/2024  
**Type of Court:** Franchise Tax Board  
**Name of Court:** State of California Franchise Tax Board  
**Location of Court:** Sonoma County, Sacramento, CA  
**Docket/Case #:** 2021071043  
**Judgment/Lien Outstanding?** Yes  
**Broker Statement** I have just learned of this lien. It does not show on any of my credit reports. A payment plan has been established with the state. My tax advisor will be reaching out to get this resolved immediately.

#### Disclosure 3 of 3

**Reporting Source:** Individual  
**Judgment/Lien Holder:** Redwood Credit Union  
**Judgment/Lien Amount:** \$10,354.35  
**Judgment/Lien Type:** Civil



<b>Date Filed with Court:</b>	06/18/2015
<b>Date Individual Learned:</b>	06/18/2015
<b>Type of Court:</b>	State Court
<b>Name of Court:</b>	Superior Court of California, County of Sonoma
<b>Location of Court:</b>	Santa, Rosa, CA
<b>Docket/Case #:</b>	MCV235839
<b>Judgment/Lien Outstanding?</b>	Yes
<b>Broker Statement</b>	AS OF 6/21/24, SHE HAD A TOTAL DUE OF \$2,978.36



## End of Report

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