



IAPD Report

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CRD# 5819618

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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

Chris Schafersman (CRD# 5819618)

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 **05/22/2026**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
B	EMPOWER FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	CRD# 13109	02/13/2020
IA	EMPOWER ADVISORY GROUP, LLC	CRD# 112058	02/13/2020

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **1** SRO(s) and **47** 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	ADVICE AND PLANNING SERVICES	20472	DENVER, CO	09/28/2018 - 01/08/2020
B	TIAA-CREF INDIVIDUAL & INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES, LLC	20472	DENVER, CO	08/27/2018 - 01/08/2020
IA	ADVICE AND PLANNING SERVICES	20472	DENVER, CO	08/31/2015 - 04/06/2017

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



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

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Firm Name: **EMPOWER FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.**

Main Address: 8515 E ORCHARD ROAD
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

Firm ID#: 13109

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	02/13/2020
	Alabama	Agent	Approved	05/26/2026
	Alaska	Agent	Approved	05/26/2026
	Arizona	Agent	Approved	02/14/2020
	Arkansas	Agent	Approved	05/29/2026
	California	Agent	Approved	02/14/2020
	Colorado	Agent	Approved	02/13/2020
	Connecticut	Agent	Approved	05/26/2026
	Delaware	Agent	Approved	05/26/2026
	Georgia	Agent	Approved	06/16/2025
	Hawaii	Agent	Approved	02/14/2020
	Idaho	Agent	Approved	06/17/2025
	Illinois	Agent	Approved	04/13/2020



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	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B	Indiana	Agent	Approved	02/14/2020
B	Iowa	Agent	Approved	02/14/2020
B	Kansas	Agent	Approved	06/27/2025
B	Kentucky	Agent	Approved	05/27/2026
B	Maine	Agent	Approved	05/26/2026
B	Massachusetts	Agent	Approved	02/14/2020
B	Michigan	Agent	Approved	06/25/2025
B	Minnesota	Agent	Approved	06/16/2025
B	Mississippi	Agent	Approved	06/01/2026
B	Missouri	Agent	Approved	02/14/2020
B	Montana	Agent	Approved	05/28/2026
B	Nebraska	Agent	Approved	05/26/2026
B	Nevada	Agent	Approved	02/24/2020
B	New Hampshire	Agent	Approved	02/20/2020
B	New Jersey	Agent	Approved	05/26/2026
B	New Mexico	Agent	Approved	02/17/2020
B	New York	Agent	Approved	04/15/2020
B	North Carolina	Agent	Approved	02/18/2020
B	North Dakota	Agent	Approved	05/26/2026



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Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B Ohio	Agent	Approved	05/24/2026
B Oklahoma	Agent	Approved	10/01/2025
B Oregon	Agent	Approved	02/20/2020
B Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	05/26/2026
B Rhode Island	Agent	Approved	05/26/2026
B South Carolina	Agent	Approved	02/14/2020
B South Dakota	Agent	Approved	06/17/2025
B Tennessee	Agent	Approved	02/14/2020
B Texas	Agent	Approved	02/18/2020
B Utah	Agent	Approved	02/13/2020
B Vermont	Agent	Approved	05/26/2026
B Virginia	Agent	Approved	01/02/2026
B Washington	Agent	Approved	02/14/2020
B West Virginia	Agent	Approved	02/28/2020
B Wisconsin	Agent	Approved	06/18/2025
B Wyoming	Agent	Approved	06/18/2025

Branch Office Locations

BENEFITSCORP EQUITIES, INC.
Denver, CO

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Qualifications

Firm Name: **EMPOWER ADVISORY GROUP, LLC**
Main Address: 8515 EAST ORCHARD RD 4T2
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111
Firm ID#: 112058

Regulator		Registration	Status	Date
IA	Colorado	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	02/13/2020

Branch Office Locations

EMPOWER ADVISORY GROUP, LLC
Denver, CO



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 2 state securities law exams.

Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
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No information reported.

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	10/01/2018
B General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	04/25/2013
B Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination (S6)	Series 6	11/08/2010

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
IA B Uniform Combined State Law Examination (S66)	Series 66	08/28/2015
B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	11/10/2010



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	09/28/2018 - 01/08/2020	ADVICE AND PLANNING SERVICES	CRD# 20472	DENVER, CO
B	08/27/2018 - 01/08/2020	TIAA-CREF INDIVIDUAL & INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES, LLC	CRD# 20472	DENVER, CO
IA	08/31/2015 - 04/06/2017	ADVICE AND PLANNING SERVICES	CRD# 20472	DENVER, CO
B	02/24/2011 - 04/06/2017	TIAA-CREF INDIVIDUAL & INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES, LLC	CRD# 20472	DENVER, CO
B	01/03/2011 - 02/08/2011	WELLS FARGO ADVISORS, LLC	CRD# 19616	PARKER, CO
B	11/09/2010 - 01/03/2011	WELLS FARGO INVESTMENTS, LLC	CRD# 10582	PARKER, CO

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
08/2018 - Present	TIAA	WM Outreach Consultant	Y	Denver, CO, United States
08/2018 - Present	TIAA-CREF INDIVIDUAL & INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES, LLC	Registered Representative	Y	Denver, CO, United States
03/2018 - Present	LYFT	Driver	N	Denver, CO, United States
04/2017 - Present	5th Season Inc	Consultant	N	Fremont, NE, United States
11/2017 - 08/2018	Sprint	Business Account Executive	N	Denver, CO, United States
04/2017 - 04/2018	Premier Roofing Company	Sales	N	Denver, CO, United States
02/2011 - 05/2017	TIAA	WM Client Relationship Consultant	Y	DENVER, CO, United States
01/2011 - 04/2017	TIAA-CREF INDIVIDUAL & INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES, LLC	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	DENVER, CO, United States



Registration & Employment History



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) Name: 5th Season; Position: Family Business Nature: Lawn Care Investment Related: No Hours: 4 Securities Trading Hours: 0 Start Date: 04/01/2017; Address: 1020 W Military Ave, Fremont NE 68025, United States; Description: Lawn Care

(2) Name: LYFT; Position: Driver Nature: Ride Sharing Investment Related: No Hours: 10 Securities Trading Hours: 0 Start Date: 01/01/2018; Address: 185 Berry St #5000, San Francisco CA 94104, United States; Description: Ride Sharing

(3) UBER; POSITION: Driver NATURE: Ride Sharing INVESTMENT RELATED: No NUMBER OF HOURS: 20 SECURITIES TRADING HOURS: 0 START DATE: 12/11/2018; ADDRESS: 1455 Market St #400, San Francisco CA 94103, United States; DESCRIPTION: Ride Sharing

4) Rover / Pet Sitter jobs from Rover app.

5) Wuduwerks / Manager. Creating and selling cutting boards and other handcrafted woodworking pieces.



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	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:	Individual
Regulatory Action Initiated By:	STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Sanction(s) Sought:	Other: RESTRICTED LICENSE
Date Initiated:	04/09/2012
Docket/Case Number:	NA
Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:	TIAA-CREF
Product Type:	No Product
Allegations:	CALIFORNIA DEEMED UNFIT TO HAVE A INSURANCE LICENSE, WAS GIVEN A RESTRICTED INSURANCE LICENSE.
Current Status:	Final
Action Appealed To:	
Date Appeal filed:	06/21/2012
Appeal Limitation Details:	
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:	06/21/2012
Sanctions Ordered:	Other: RESPONDENT SHALL OBEY THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND EVERY STATE AND FOREIGN GOVERNMENT (AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THEREOF) HAVING JURISDICTION OVER RESPONDENT



End of Report

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