



IAPD Report

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CRD# 5917307

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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

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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 **10/13/2025**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
B	FIRST TRUST PORTFOLIOS L.P.	CRD# 28519	10/14/2024
IA	FIRST TRUST ADVISORS LP	CRD# 107027	01/06/2025

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **1** SRO(s) and **3** 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	DWS DISTRIBUTORS, INC.	37306	CHICAGO, IL	08/29/2019 - 09/17/2024
IA	NATIXIS ADVISORS, L.P.	106800	Santa Monica, CA	08/11/2016 - 08/06/2019
B	NATIXIS DISTRIBUTION, L.P.	34754	San Francisco, CA	03/13/2015 - 08/06/2019

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?

No



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

Employment 1 of 2

Firm Name: **FIRST TRUST ADVISORS LP**
Main Address: 120 E. LIBERTY DRIVE
SUITE 400
WHEATON, IL 60187
Firm ID#: 107027

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
	Florida	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	02/05/2025
	Illinois	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	01/06/2025

Branch Office Locations

FIRST TRUST ADVISORS LP
MIAMI, FL

Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: **FIRST TRUST PORTFOLIOS L.P.**
Main Address: 120 E. LIBERTY DRIVE
SUITE 400
WHEATON, IL 60187
Firm ID#: 28519

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	10/14/2024
	Florida	Agent	Approved	10/14/2024
	Illinois	Agent	Approved	10/14/2024
	Puerto Rico	Agent	Approved	12/16/2024

Branch Office Locations



Qualifications

MIAMI, FL



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, 2 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	07/18/2011

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
IA Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (S65)	Series 65	12/27/2024
IA B Uniform Combined State Law Examination (S66)	Series 66	09/17/2011



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
B	08/29/2019 - 09/17/2024	DWS DISTRIBUTORS, INC.	CRD# 37306	CHICAGO, IL
IA	08/11/2016 - 08/06/2019	NATIXIS ADVISORS, L.P.	CRD# 106800	Santa Monica, CA
B	03/13/2015 - 08/06/2019	NATIXIS DISTRIBUTION, L.P.	CRD# 34754	San Francisco, CA
IA	04/24/2014 - 03/19/2015	AMERICAN FUNDS DISTRIBUTORS, INC.	CRD# 6247	IRVINE, CA
B	04/23/2014 - 03/19/2015	AMERICAN FUNDS DISTRIBUTORS, INC.	CRD# 6247	IRVINE, CA
IA	09/23/2011 - 03/18/2014	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	CRD# 7691	DELRAY BEACH, FL
B	07/19/2011 - 03/18/2014	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	CRD# 7691	DELRAY BEACH, FL

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
09/2024 - Present	FIRST TRUST ADVISORS L.P.	OUTSIDE WHOLESALER	Y	WHEATON, IL, United States
09/2024 - Present	FIRST TRUST PORTFOLIOS L.P.	OUTSIDE WHOLESALER	Y	WHEATON, IL, United States
08/2019 - 09/2024	DWS DISTRIBUTORS, INC	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	CHICAGO, IL, United States
03/2015 - 08/2019	NATIXIS GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT	REGIONAL DIRECTOR	Y	SAN FRANCISCO, 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.

No information reported.



End of Report

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