



IAPD Report

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CRD# 6028654

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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

Christopher Mark Brown (CRD# 6028654)

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 **01/09/2026**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
B	CBIZ FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS, INC.	CRD# 16678	09/20/2018
IA	CBIZ RETIREMENT PLAN ADVISORY SERVICES	CRD# 16678	09/20/2018
IA	CBIZ INVESTMENT ADVISORY SERVICES, LLC	CRD# 286002	01/07/2020

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **1** SRO(s) and **22** 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	PARK AVENUE SECURITIES LLC	46173	CANTON, OH	01/05/2017 - 10/06/2018
IA	PNC INVESTMENTS	129052	AKRON, OH	10/09/2015 - 07/12/2016
B	PNC INVESTMENTS	129052	AKRON, OH	10/06/2015 - 07/12/2016

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
Financial	1



Report Summary



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

Employment 1 of 2

Firm Name: **CBIZ RETIREMENT PLAN ADVISORY SERVICES**

Main Address: 5959 ROCKSIDE WOODS BLVD N
SUITE 600
CLEVELAND, OH 44131

Firm ID#: 16678

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
 FINRA	General Securities Principal	Approved	09/20/2018
 FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	09/20/2018
 FINRA	Invest. Co and Variable Contracts	Approved	09/20/2018
 FINRA	Operations Professional	Approved	12/06/2018
 FINRA	Municipal Securities Representative	Approved	10/21/2022
 FINRA	Municipal Securities Principal	Approved	10/26/2023
 Alabama	Agent	Approved	03/26/2025
 Alaska	Agent	Approved	03/26/2025
 Arizona	Agent	Approved	04/04/2025
 Arkansas	Agent	Approved	04/11/2025
 California	Agent	Approved	03/26/2025
 Colorado	Agent	Approved	03/27/2025
 Connecticut	Agent	Approved	01/13/2026



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Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B District of Columbia	Agent	Approved	04/24/2025
B Georgia	Agent	Approved	03/27/2025
B Hawaii	Agent	Approved	04/04/2024
B Illinois	Agent	Approved	10/20/2022
B Louisiana	Agent	Approved	03/26/2025
B Maryland	Agent	Approved	03/27/2025
B Massachusetts	Agent	Approved	01/12/2026
B Michigan	Agent	Approved	09/23/2025
B New Jersey	Agent	Approved	03/26/2025
B New York	Agent	Approved	05/18/2025
B Ohio	Agent	Approved	09/20/2018
IA Ohio	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	09/20/2018
B Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	06/13/2024
B Virginia	Agent	Approved	03/27/2025
B West Virginia	Agent	Approved	03/26/2025
B Wyoming	Agent	Approved	01/12/2026

Branch Office Locations

CBIZ RETIREMENT PLAN ADVISORY SERVICES
5959 ROCKSIDE WOODS BLVD N
SUITE 600
CLEVELAND, OH 44131

CBIZ RETIREMENT PLAN ADVISORY SERVICES
1001 CONSHOHOCKEN STATE ROAD
SUITE 2-600
WEST CONSHOHOCKEN, PA 19428



Qualifications

Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: **CBIZ INVESTMENT ADVISORY SERVICES, LLC**

Main Address: 5959 ROCKSIDE WOODS BLVD N
SUITE 600
CLEVELAND, OH 44131

Firm ID#: 286002

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
IA Ohio	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	01/07/2020

Branch Office Locations

CBIZ INVESTMENT ADVISORY SERVICES, LLC
5959 ROCKSIDE WOODS BLVD N
SUITE 600
CLEVELAND, OH 44131

CBIZ INVESTMENT ADVISORY SERVICES, LLC
6801 BRECKSVILLE RD
Door N
Cleveland, OH 44131



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, 5 general industry/product exams, and 2 state securities law exams.

Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
 Municipal Securities Principal Examination (S53)	Series 53	10/26/2023
 General Securities Principal Examination (S24)	Series 24	05/20/2018

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
 Operations Professional Examination (S99TO)	Series 99TO	01/02/2023
 Municipal Securities Representative Examination (S52TO)	Series 52TO	10/21/2022
 Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	10/01/2018
 General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	08/01/2013
 Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination (S6)	Series 6	04/14/2012

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
  Uniform Combined State Law Examination (S66)	Series 66	10/08/2015
 Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	04/28/2012



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	01/05/2017 - 10/06/2018	PARK AVENUE SECURITIES LLC	CRD# 46173	CANTON, OH
IA	10/09/2015 - 07/12/2016	PNC INVESTMENTS	CRD# 129052	AKRON, OH
B	10/06/2015 - 07/12/2016	PNC INVESTMENTS	CRD# 129052	AKRON, OH
B	04/17/2012 - 07/22/2015	THRIVENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT INC.	CRD# 18387	CORAOPOLIS, PA

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
09/2018 - Present	CBIZ FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS INC	COMPLIANCE SPECIALIST	Y	CLEVELAND, OH, United States
01/2017 - 09/2018	PARK AVENUE SECURITIES	RR	Y	CANTON, OH, United States
08/2016 - 09/2018	GUARDIAN LIFE INS	AGENT	Y	CANTON, OH, United States
08/2015 - 08/2016	PCN BANK	FINANCIAL SPECIALIST	N	AKRON, OH, United States
08/2015 - 08/2016	PNC INVESTMENTS	FINANCIAL SPECIALIST	Y	AKRON, OH, 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.



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
Financial	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:	Individual
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	THRIVENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT INC.
Allegations:	COMPLAINANT ALLEGED THAT SHE DID NOT REALIZE HER NEW INVESTMENT WAS A FUND HELD INSIDE A VARIABLE ANNUITY ISSUED IN JULY 2013 AND NOT A DIRECTLY HELD MUTUAL FUND. COMPLAINANT REQUESTED THE FUNDS BE MOVED TO A DIRECTLY HELD MUTUAL FUND WITH SURRENDER CHARGES WAIVED.
Product Type:	Annuity-Variable
Alleged Damages:	\$0.00
Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):	NO SPECIFIC DAMAGE AMOUNT ALLEGED BUT AS OF THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON 7/1/14 THE SURRENDER CHARGE WAS \$6,332.42.
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: 07/01/2014

Complaint Pending? No



Status: Closed/No Action

Status Date: 07/25/2014

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:

Broker Statement

RECEIVED INFORMATION INDICATING THE REPRESENTATIVE SPOKE TO COMPLAINANT AND CLEARED UP ANY CONFUSION AND THAT COMPLAINANT WANTS TO KEEP THE ANNUITY AS IT HAS CERTAIN BENEFITS, NAMELY THE MAXIMUM ANNIVERSARY DEATH BENEFIT, THAT ARE NOT AVAILABLE WITH A DIRECTLY HELD MUTUAL FUND. LETTER SENT TO COMPLAINANT TO CONFIRM SHE IS PLEASED WITH THE ANNUITY AND INTENDS TO CONTINUE TO HOLD IT.



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: Compromise
Action Date: 09/30/2016
Organization Investment-Related? No
Type of Court: Summit County
Name of Court: Summit County
Location of Court: Akron Ohio summit county
Action Pending? No
Disposition: Direct Payment Procedure
Disposition Date: 09/30/2016
If a compromise with creditor, provide:
Name of Creditor: Discover Card
Original Amount Owed: \$17,000.00
Terms Reached with Creditor: Pay monthly amount until agreement is satisfied 845 a month
Amount Paid: \$13,500.00
SIPA (Securities Investor Protection Act) Trustee:
Currently Open? No
Date Direct Payment Initiated/Filed or Trustee Appointed: 09/30/2016
Broker Statement Paid off July 2017.



End of Report

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