



IAPD Report

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CRD# 6553959

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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

Aaron Clark Foster (CRD# 6553959)

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 **05/27/2025**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
IA	COMPOUND PLANNING, INC.	CRD# 171787	01/26/2024

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **0** 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
IA	EMPOWER ADVISORY GROUP, LLC	112058	GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO	04/03/2023 - 01/31/2024
IA	PERSONAL CAPITAL ADVISORS CORPORATION	155172	Windsor, CO	03/02/2022 - 04/03/2023
IA	MML INVESTORS SERVICES, LLC	10409	MILWAUKEE, WI	10/20/2021 - 03/02/2022

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
Civil 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 **2** jurisdiction(s) and **0** SRO(s) through his or her employer(s).

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Firm Name: **COMPOUND PLANNING, INC.**

Main Address: 115 BROADWAY
5TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, NY 10006

Firm ID#: 171787

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
IA Colorado	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	01/26/2024
IA New Hampshire	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	01/09/2025

Branch Office Locations

COMPOUND PLANNING, INC.

Windsor, 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
No information reported.		

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B General Securities Representative Examination (S7TO)	Series 7TO	03/28/2024
B Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	10/01/2018
B General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	12/08/2015

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
IA B Uniform Combined State Law Examination (S66)	Series 66	03/31/2016
B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	01/13/2016

PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS

This section details that the representative has reported **1** professional designation(s).

Certified Financial Planner

This representative holds or did hold **1** professional designation(s) that may have been used to qualify as an Investment Advisor representative. Please check with the appropriate designation authority for verification that the designation is still in effect. The contact information for these professional designation authorities can be found on the website for the North American Securities Administrators Association at <http://www.nasaa.org>



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	04/03/2023 - 01/31/2024	EMPOWER ADVISORY GROUP, LLC	CRD# 112058	GREENWOOD VILLAGE
IA	03/02/2022 - 04/03/2023	PERSONAL CAPITAL ADVISORS CORPORATION	CRD# 155172	Windsor, CO
IA	10/20/2021 - 03/02/2022	MML INVESTORS SERVICES, LLC	CRD# 10409	MILWAUKEE, WI
B	10/14/2021 - 03/02/2022	MML INVESTORS SERVICES, LLC	CRD# 10409	MILWAUKEE, WI
IA	03/31/2016 - 11/05/2021	CHARLES SCHWAB & CO., INC.	CRD# 5393	Brookfield, WI
B	12/08/2015 - 11/05/2021	CHARLES SCHWAB & CO., INC.	CRD# 5393	Brookfield, WI

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
01/2024 - Present	Compound Planning	Investment Adviser Representative	Y	New York, NY, United States
04/2023 - 01/2024	EMPOWER ADVISORY GROUP, LLC	Mass Transfer	Y	GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO, United States
02/2023 - 04/2023	Personal capital Advisors Corporation	Financial Advisor	Y	Windsor, CO, United States
02/2022 - 02/2023	Personal Capital Advisors Corporation	Financial Advisor	Y	Centennial, CA, United States
10/2021 - 02/2022	MML Investors Services LLC	Registered Representative	Y	Milwaukee, WI, United States
10/2021 - 02/2022	Mass Mutual Life Insurance Company	Sales Assistant	Y	Milwaukee, WI, United States
05/2017 - 10/2021	Charles Schwab Bank	Dual Employee	Y	Brookfield, WI, United States
08/2015 - 10/2021	Charles Schwab & Co., Inc.	Financial Consultant	Y	Brookfield, WI, United States



Registration & 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.

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
Civil Event	1
Civil Event	
This disclosure event involves an injunction issued by a foreign or domestic court in connection with investment-related activity, a finding by a domestic or foreign court of a violation of any investment-related statute or regulation, or an action dismissed by a domestic or foreign court pursuant to a settlement agreement.	
Disclosure 1 of 1	
Reporting Source:	Individual
Initiated By:	EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA EMPOWER ADVISORY GROUP, LLC EMPOWER RETIREMENT LLC
Relief Sought:	Injunction
Date Court Action Filed:	03/12/2024
Date Notice/Process Served:	03/13/2024
Product Type:	Debt-Corporate Debt-Government Mutual Fund Other: Real Assets
Type of Court:	Federal Court
Name of Court:	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
Location of Court:	DENVER, COLORADO
Docket/Case #:	CASE NO. 1:24-CV-00681(MEH)
Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the action:	EMPOWER ADVISORY GROUP, LLC
Allegations:	COMPOUND AND ITS RECRUITS CONSPIRED TO MISAPPROPRIATE TRADE SECRETS, PROTECTED CLIENT INFORMATION, AND UTILIZED THE INFORMATION TO SOLICIT THE CLIENTS TO JOIN THE ADVISORS AT COMPOUND.
Current Status:	Pending
Limitations or Restrictions in Effect During Appeal:	N/A
Broker Statement	COMPOUND HAS BEEN ACTIVELY RECRUITING POTENTIAL LATERAL



ADVISOR RECRUIT(S) IN VARIOUS MARKETS AS THE FIRM CONTINUES ITS EXPANSION IN THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY INDUSTRY. COMPOUND'S RECRUITING EFFORTS IDENTIFIED SEVERAL ADVISORS IN COLORADO FROM A COMPETITOR, EMPOWER ADVISORY GROUP, LLC. COMPOUND WAS SUCCESSFUL IN RECRUITING 13 ADVISORS FROM EMPOWER AS A RESULT OF SIGNIFICANT MATERIAL CHANGES AND RELATED DISORDER AT EMPOWER, WHICH THE ADVISOR RECRUITS IDENTIFIED WHEN THEY TRANSITIONED TO EMPOWER AFTER THAT COMPANY PURCHASED AND MERGED OTHER INVESTMENT ADVISOR COMPANIES INTO ITS OPERATIONS. ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO COMPOUND'S SUCCESSFUL RECRUITING EFFORTS, EMPOWER ALLEGED IN A COMPLAINT FILED IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO THAT COMPOUND AND ITS RECRUITS CONSPIRED TO MISAPPROPRIATE TRADE SECRETS, PROTECTED CLIENT INFORMATION, AND UTILIZED THE INFORMATION TO SOLICIT THE CLIENTS TO JOIN THE ADVISORS AT COMPOUND. THE ALLEGATIONS ARE COMMON IN THESE EMPLOYMENT DISPUTES, AND COMPOUND CATEGORICALLY DENIES CONSPIRING, UNLAWFULLY REMOVING OR RETAINING ANY TRADE SECRET/CONFIDENTIAL CLIENT INFORMATION OR SOLICITING ANY CLIENTS. COMPOUND INTENDS TO VIGOROUSLY DEFEND THESE ALLEGATIONS OF ANY/ALL WRONGDOING AND INTENDS TO ASSERT COUNTERCLAIMS, AS MAY BE AVAILABLE AND APPROPRIATE, FOR ENGAGING COMPOUND AND/OR ITS ADVISORS IN LITIGATION LACKING A MERITED FOUNDATION.



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