



## IAPD Report

# Karen Prescia Dowling

CRD# 6635097

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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

### Karen Prescia Dowling (CRD# 6635097)

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 **03/23/2026**.

### CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
IA	CHANCELLOR FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	CRD# 286148	04/04/2017

### 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	GRADIENT ADVISORS, LLC	152665	Mokena, IL	04/12/2016 - 03/31/2017

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
Customer Dispute	2





## 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).

### Employment 1 of 1

Firm Name: **CHANCELLOR FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.**  
Main Address: 10727 WINTERSET DRIVE  
ORLAND PARK, IL 60467  
Firm ID#: 286148

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
	Illinois	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	04/04/2017
	Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Restricted Approval	10/08/2024

### Branch Office Locations

**CHANCELLOR FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.**  
10727 WINTERSET DRIVE  
ORLAND PARK, IL 60467



## 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, 0 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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No information reported.

#### State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
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<b>IA</b> Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (S65)	Series 65	03/03/2016
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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	04/12/2016 - 03/31/2017	GRADIENT ADVISORS, LLC	CRD# 152665	Mokena, IL

### 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
03/2023 - Present	Dowling Legacy & Retirement, Inc.	President/ Insurance Agent	Y	Mokena, IL, United States
09/2021 - Present	Winterest Drive 10727, LLC	Owner	Y	Orland Park, IL, United States
07/2019 - Present	Dowling Foundation fka Patriots for People, Inc.	CEO/President	N	Mokena, IL, United States
04/2017 - Present	Chancellor Financial Services, Inc.	President/Investment Advisor Representative	Y	Orland Park, IL, United States
01/2016 - 03/2023	Dowling Consulting Services, Inc.	President/Insurance Agent	N	Mokena, IL, United States
11/2019 - 01/2023	Sterling Tax Pros, Inc.	CEO/President	N	Mokena, IL, United States
04/2017 - 12/2021	Team National	Member	N	Mokena, IL, United States
04/2008 - 12/2021	New You Coaching	Certified Coach	N	Las Vegas, NV, United States
04/2017 - 12/2019	Ronald R. Dowling, Inc.	Consultant	Y	Mokena, IL, United States
04/2016 - 03/2017	Gradient Advisors, LLC	Investment Advisor Representative	Y	Arden Hills, MN, United States
08/2015 - 03/2017	Chancellor Financial Services, Inc.	President/Insurance Agent	Y	Mokena, IL, 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.

- 1) Dowling Legacy & Retirement, Inc.; Orland Park, IL - President/Insurance Agent - Insurance Sales, Business & Tax Planning, Legacy and Long Term Care Planning - 60 hrs/mo



## Registration & Employment History



### OTHER BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

- 2) Winterest Drive 10727, LLC - Owner; Real Estate Investing; Orland Park, IL - 5 hrs/mo during non-trading hours
- 3) Dowling Foundation fka Patriots for People, Inc. Non-profit organization; CEO/President; Located in Orland Park, IL - 5 hrs/mo



## 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	2

### 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 2

**Reporting Source:** Individual

**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** Chancellor Financial Services, Inc.

**Allegations:** In September 2020 and February 2021, a trustee client invested in GWG Holdings (GWG) L Bonds on behalf of a family trust. GWG later filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. A trust beneficiary has asserted a claim arising from losses following the issuer's bankruptcy. The claimant filed the matter asserting trustee status (claimant is not the acting trustee) and seeks damages greater than their individual beneficial interest in the trust of approximately \$38,000. The respondent denies the allegations and maintains the investment was made at the direction of the trustee and consistent with the trust's objectives.

**Product Type:** Other: L Bond

**Alleged Damages:** \$163,000.00

### Civil Litigation Information

**Type of Court:** State Court

**Name of Court:** Twelfth Judicial Circuit Court

**Location of Court:** Will County, Illinois

**Docket/Case #:** 2024 CH 000247

**Date Notice/Process Served:** 09/16/2025

**Litigation Pending?** Yes



## Disclosure 2 of 2

**Reporting Source:** Individual

**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** Chancellor Financial Services, Inc.

**Allegations:** In September of 2020, Client met with Ms. Dowling to discuss rolling over 401(k). Dowling recommended several options for client's rollover to meet additional income goal, some more conservative than others. Client chose to rollover their 401(k) to GWG Holdings (GWG) L Bonds to provide client additional income while preserving principal. GWG later filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. Client alleges recommendations were unsuitable based on investment objectives. The case was dismissed on August 4, 2025.

**Product Type:** Other: L Bond (Fixed Income)

**Alleged Damages:** \$55,000.00

### Civil Litigation Information

**Type of Court:** State Court

**Name of Court:** State of Illinois Circuit Court

**Location of Court:** Cook County

**Docket/Case #:** 2024-L-013867

**Date Notice/Process Served:** 03/27/2025

**Litigation Pending?** No

**Disposition:** Settled

**Disposition Date:** 07/01/2025

**Monetary Compensation Amount:** \$45,000.00

**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$0.00



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