



IAPD Report

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CRD# 6840764

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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

Brandon Causey Nero (CRD# 6840764)

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 **05/15/2025**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
B	EMPOWER FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	CRD# 13109	01/05/2023
IA	EMPOWER ADVISORY GROUP, LLC	CRD# 112058	01/06/2023

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **1** SRO(s) and **45** 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	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	7691	JACKSONVILLE, FL	09/04/2019 - 07/20/2022
B	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	7691	JACKSONVILLE, FL	07/23/2018 - 07/20/2022

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?

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 **45** 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	01/05/2023
	FINRA	General Securities Principal	Approved	05/29/2025
	Alabama	Agent	Approved	01/06/2023
	Alaska	Agent	Approved	01/09/2023
	Arizona	Agent	Approved	01/17/2023
	Arkansas	Agent	Approved	01/24/2023
	California	Agent	Approved	01/06/2023
	Connecticut	Agent	Approved	01/06/2023
	Delaware	Agent	Approved	01/30/2023
	Georgia	Agent	Approved	01/10/2023
	Hawaii	Agent	Approved	01/06/2023
	Idaho	Agent	Approved	01/10/2023
	Illinois	Agent	Approved	01/17/2023



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	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B	Indiana	Agent	Approved	01/09/2023
B	Iowa	Agent	Approved	01/09/2023
B	Kansas	Agent	Approved	01/05/2023
B	Kentucky	Agent	Approved	01/10/2023
B	Maine	Agent	Approved	01/06/2023
B	Massachusetts	Agent	Approved	01/05/2023
B	Michigan	Agent	Approved	01/09/2023
B	Minnesota	Agent	Approved	01/06/2023
B	Mississippi	Agent	Approved	01/08/2023
B	Missouri	Agent	Approved	01/09/2023
B	Montana	Agent	Approved	01/05/2023
B	Nebraska	Agent	Approved	01/06/2023
B	Nevada	Agent	Approved	01/20/2023
B	New Hampshire	Agent	Approved	01/06/2023
B	New Jersey	Agent	Approved	01/06/2023
B	New Mexico	Agent	Approved	01/09/2023
B	New York	Agent	Approved	01/06/2023
B	North Carolina	Agent	Approved	01/06/2023
B	North Dakota	Agent	Approved	01/12/2023



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	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B	Oklahoma	Agent	Approved	01/18/2023
B	Oregon	Agent	Approved	01/09/2023
B	Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	01/06/2023
B	Rhode Island	Agent	Approved	01/10/2023
B	South Carolina	Agent	Approved	01/11/2023
B	South Dakota	Agent	Approved	01/06/2023
B	Tennessee	Agent	Approved	01/09/2023
B	Texas	Agent	Approved	01/06/2023
B	Utah	Agent	Approved	01/06/2023
B	Vermont	Agent	Approved	01/06/2023
B	Virginia	Agent	Approved	01/09/2023
B	Washington	Agent	Approved	01/10/2023
B	West Virginia	Agent	Approved	01/12/2023
B	Wisconsin	Agent	Approved	01/09/2023
B	Wyoming	Agent	Approved	01/06/2023

Branch Office Locations

BENEFITSCORP EQUITIES, INC.

West Lebanon, NH

Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: **EMPOWER ADVISORY GROUP, LLC**

Main Address: **8515 EAST ORCHARD RD 4T2**



Qualifications

Firm ID#: GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111
112058

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
IA New Hampshire	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	01/06/2023

Branch Office Locations

EMPOWER ADVISORY GROUP, LLC
West Lebanon, NH



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 1 principal/supervisory exam, 2 general industry/product exams, and 1 state securities law exam.

Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B General Securities Principal Examination (S24)	Series 24	05/29/2025

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	07/23/2018

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
IA B Uniform Combined State Law Examination (S66)	Series 66	07/31/2019



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	09/04/2019 - 07/20/2022	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	CRD# 7691	JACKSONVILLE, FL
B	07/23/2018 - 07/20/2022	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	CRD# 7691	JACKSONVILLE, 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
12/2022 - Present	Empower Financial Services, Inc	Registered Representative	Y	Greenwood Village, CO, United States
07/2022 - 12/2022	Unemployed	Unemployed	N	Lebanon, NH, United States
10/2019 - 07/2022	BANK OF AMERICA, N.A	Investment Consultant I	Y	Jacksonville, FL, United States
11/2017 - 07/2022	Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated	Investment Consultant I	Y	Jacksonville, FL, United States
08/2017 - 11/2017	Randstad Staffing	Client Service Representative	Y	Atlanta, GA, United States
07/2017 - 08/2017	Robins Financial Credit Union	Teller	N	Macon, GA, United States
04/2017 - 08/2017	Unemployed	Unemployed	N	Unemployed, FL, United States
08/2012 - 04/2017	University of Florida	Full Time Student	N	Gainesville, FL, 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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