



IAPD Report

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CRD# 706085

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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

STEPHEN JOSEPH CIEPIELA (CRD# 706085)

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 **04/10/2026**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
IA	THE AMERIFLEX GROUP	CRD# 305585	01/29/2021
B	CAMBRIDGE INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC.	CRD# 39543	06/27/2025

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **1** SRO(s) and **12** 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	OSAIC WEALTH, INC.	23131	ALBUQUERQUE, NM	09/01/2023 - 07/09/2025
B	SAGEPOINT FINANCIAL, INC.	133763	ALBUQUERQUE, NM	01/29/2021 - 09/01/2023
IA	KESTRA ADVISORY SERVICES, LLC	283330	ALBUQUERQUE, NM	04/20/2016 - 01/29/2021

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



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

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Firm Name: **CAMBRIDGE INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC.**
Main Address: 1776 PLEASANT PLAIN RD.
FAIRFIELD, IA 52556-8757
Firm ID#: 39543

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B FINRA	General Securities Principal	Approved	06/27/2025
B FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	06/27/2025
B Arizona	Agent	Approved	06/27/2025
B California	Agent	Approved	06/27/2025
B Colorado	Agent	Approved	06/27/2025
B Florida	Agent	Approved	06/27/2025
B Illinois	Agent	Approved	06/27/2025
B Nevada	Agent	Approved	06/27/2025
B New Jersey	Agent	Approved	06/27/2025
B New Mexico	Agent	Approved	06/27/2025
B North Carolina	Agent	Approved	07/09/2025
B Rhode Island	Agent	Approved	04/13/2026
B Wisconsin	Agent	Approved	04/14/2026



Qualifications

Branch Office Locations

CAMBRIDGE INVESTMENT RESERARCH, INC.

5951 Jefferson St. NE
Ste D
Albuquerque, NM 87109

Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: **THE AMERIFLEX GROUP**
Main Address: 8475 W. SUNSET ROAD, SUITE 101
LAS VEGAS, NV 89113
Firm ID#: 305585

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
IA New Mexico	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	02/01/2021
IA Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Restricted Approval	01/29/2021

Branch Office Locations

THE AMERIFLEX GROUP

5951 Jefferson Ct. NE.
Albuquerque, NM 87109




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



Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
 General Securities Principal Examination (S24)	Series 24	09/25/1984

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
 Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	10/01/2018
 General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	02/18/1984
 Registered Representative Examination (S1)	Series 1	03/11/1980

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
 Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (S65)	Series 65	12/21/1999
 Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	12/21/1982

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	09/01/2023 - 07/09/2025	OSAIC WEALTH, INC.	CRD# 23131	ALBUQUERQUE, NM
B	01/29/2021 - 09/01/2023	SAGEPOINT FINANCIAL, INC.	CRD# 133763	ALBUQUERQUE, NM
IA	04/20/2016 - 01/29/2021	KESTRA ADVISORY SERVICES, LLC	CRD# 283330	ALBUQUERQUE, NM
B	01/07/1998 - 01/29/2021	KESTRA INVESTMENT SERVICES, LLC	CRD# 42046	ALBUQUERQUE, NM
IA	03/22/2006 - 09/22/2016	NFP ADVISOR SERVICES, LLC	CRD# 42046	ALBUQUERQUE, NM
IA	04/08/2004 - 03/27/2015	CHARLES STEPHEN AND COMPANY, INC.	CRD# 106916	ALBUQUERQUE, NM
B	05/02/1987 - 10/08/2001	THE LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	CRD# 2580	FORT WAYNE, IN
B	09/05/1991 - 08/05/1998	SUNAMERICA SECURITIES, INC.	CRD# 20068	PHOENIX, AZ
B	04/25/1994 - 12/31/1997	FORTIS INVESTORS, INC.	CRD# 421	OAKDALE, MN
B	05/02/1987 - 12/31/1993	LINCOLN FINANCIAL ADVISORS CORPORATION	CRD# 3978	FORT WAYNE, IN
B	06/19/1990 - 09/30/1991	MUTUAL BENEFIT FINANCIAL SERVICE COMPANY	CRD# 4882	
B	11/19/1989 - 06/22/1990	ROYAL ALLIANCE ASSOCIATES, INC.	CRD# 23131	SCOTTSDALE, AZ
B	09/23/1982 - 11/19/1989	INTEGRATED RESOURCES EQUITY CORPORATION	CRD# 6403	
B	05/02/1987 - 01/03/1989	LINCOLN NATIONAL PENSION INSURANCE COMPANY	CRD# 10293	
B	11/04/1986 - 03/18/1987	SG EQUITIES CORPORATION	CRD# 17900	
B	06/04/1986 - 10/21/1986	INVESTMENT DISTRIBUTORS INC.	CRD# 14560	



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	04/03/1984 - 12/26/1984	NEL EQUITY SERVICES CORPORATION	CRD# 615	
B	12/28/1981 - 05/14/1984	LINCOLN NATIONAL PENSION INSURANCE COMPANY	CRD# 10293	
B	03/20/1980 - 05/14/1984	LINCOLN FINANCIAL ADVISORS CORPORATION	CRD# 3978	
B	03/20/1980 - 05/14/1984	THE LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	CRD# 2580	

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
06/2025 - Present	Cambridge Investment Research, Inc.	Registered Representative	Y	Fairfield, IA, United States
01/2021 - Present	The Ameriflex Group	Investment Adviser Representative	Y	Albuquerque, NM, United States
05/1983 - Present	CHARLES STEPHEN & COMPANY INC.	OWNER/VP/AGENT	Y	ALBUQUERQUE, NM, United States
01/1980 - Present	LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE	AGENT	N	ALBUQUERQUE, NM, United States
09/2023 - 06/2025	OSAIC WEALTH, INC.	Mass Transfer	Y	ALBUQUERQUE, NM, United States
01/2021 - 09/2023	SAGEPOINT FINANCIAL, INC.	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	ALBUQUERQUE, NM, United States
04/2016 - 01/2021	KESTRA FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	AUSTIN, TX, 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.

- CARINGCENT LLC, 131 N Sherman, Denver CO 80203, United States, 07/01/2025, Passive Investor, Marketing, NIR, 0 HR/MO - 0 HR/MO TRADING
- CHARLES STEPHEN AND COMPANY, INC, 5951 Jefferson St NE , Suite D, Albuquerque NM 87109, United States, 06/27/2025, Founder, Financial Planning, INV REL, 80 HR/MO - 30 HR/MO TRADING



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OTHER BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

3. LOBO DEVELOPMENT CORP., 801 University SE, Suite 207, Albuquerque NM 87106, United States, 07/01/2025, Vice President, Volunteer, NIR, 1 HR/MO - 1 HR/MO TRADING
4. STEPHEN CIEPIELA, 5951 Jefferson St NE , Suite D, Albuquerque NM 87109, United States, 07/01/2025, Agent, Insurance/Benefits/Human Resources, NIR, 4 HR/MO - 3 HR/MO TRADING
5. THE AMERIFLEX GROUP, 8475 W Sunset, #101, Las Vegas NV 89113, United States, 06/27/2025, IAR, Financial Planning, INV REL, 50 HR/MO - 50 HR/MO TRADING



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

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:	NFP SECURITIES, INC.
Allegations:	ATTORNEY FOR ESTATE ALLEGES THAT TRANSACTIONS WERE EXECUTED AFTER CLIENT'S DEATH; UNAUTHORIZED TRANSACTIONS & FAILURE TO FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS.
Product Type:	CD(s)
Other Product Type(s):	ALSO TAX-FREE BONDS, TAXABLE BONDS
Alleged Damages:	\$44,566.20

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received:	02/21/2003
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Arbitration/Reparation
Status Date:	10/22/2004

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:

Arbitration Information

Arbitration/Reparation Claim filed with and Docket/Case No.:	NASD 04-02036
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Date Notice/Process Served:	04/21/2004
Arbitration Pending?	No
Disposition:	Settled
Disposition Date:	10/22/2004
Monetary Compensation Amount:	\$30,000.00
Individual Contribution Amount:	\$5,000.00



End of Report

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