



IAPD Report

Luke Ellis

CRD# 7253159

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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

Luke Ellis (CRD# 7253159)

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 **12/05/2025**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
B	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	CRD# 6413	11/19/2021
IA	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	CRD# 6413	11/19/2021

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **1** SRO(s) and **53** 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	EQUITABLE ADVISORS, LLC	6627	OCALA, FL	09/02/2021 - 11/04/2021
B	EQUITABLE ADVISORS, LLC	6627	OCALA, FL	06/10/2020 - 11/04/2021

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
Regulatory 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 **53** jurisdiction(s) and 1 SRO(s) through his or her employer(s).

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Firm Name: **LPL FINANCIAL LLC**
Main Address: 1055 LPL WAY
FORT MILL, SC 29715
Firm ID#: 6413

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/19/2021
B	FINRA	Operations Professional	Approved	04/04/2025
B	FINRA	General Securities Sales Supervisor	Approved	11/29/2025
B	Alabama	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
B	Alaska	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
B	Arizona	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
B	Arkansas	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
B	California	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
B	Colorado	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
B	Connecticut	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
B	Delaware	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
B	District of Columbia	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021



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Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B Georgia	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
B Hawaii	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
B Idaho	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
B Illinois	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
B Indiana	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
B Iowa	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
B Kansas	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
B Kentucky	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
B Louisiana	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
B Maine	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
B Maryland	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
B Massachusetts	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
B Michigan	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
B Minnesota	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
B Mississippi	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
B Missouri	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
B Montana	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
B Nebraska	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
B Nevada	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021



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Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B New Hampshire	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
B New Jersey	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
B New Mexico	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
B New York	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
B North Carolina	Agent	Approved	11/22/2021
IA North Carolina	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	01/09/2025
B North Dakota	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
B Ohio	Agent	Approved	11/21/2021
B Oklahoma	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
B Oregon	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
B Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
B Puerto Rico	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
B Rhode Island	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
B South Carolina	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
IA South Carolina	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	11/19/2021
B South Dakota	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
B Tennessee	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
B Texas	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
IA Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	11/19/2021



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Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B Utah	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
B Vermont	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
B Virgin Islands	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
B Virginia	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
B Washington	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
B West Virginia	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
B Wisconsin	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021
B Wyoming	Agent	Approved	11/19/2021

Branch Office Locations

LPL FINANCIAL LLC
1055 LPL WAY
FORT MILL, SC 29715

LPL FINANCIAL LLC
AUSTIN, TX



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, 3 general industry/product exams, and 1 state securities law exam.

Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
General Securities Sales Supervisor - General Module Examination (S10)	Series 10	11/29/2025
General Securities Sales Supervisor - Options Module Examination (S9)	Series 9	06/27/2025

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
Operations Professional Examination (S99TO)	Series 99TO	04/04/2025
General Securities Representative Examination (S7TO)	Series 7TO	06/10/2020
Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	05/02/2020

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
Uniform Combined State Law Examination (S66)	Series 66	08/30/2021

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	09/02/2021 - 11/04/2021	EQUITABLE ADVISORS, LLC	CRD# 6627	OCALA, FL
B	06/10/2020 - 11/04/2021	EQUITABLE ADVISORS, LLC	CRD# 6627	OCALA, 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
11/2021 - Present	LPL Financial LLC	Registered Representative / HOME OFFICE EMPLOYEE	Y	Fort Mill, SC, United States
05/2020 - 11/2021	EQUITABLE ADVISORS, LLC	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	NEW YORK, NY, United States
05/2020 - 06/2020	AXA ADVISORS LLC	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	NEW YORK, NY, United States
08/2016 - 05/2020	University of Florida	Student	N	Gainesville, FL, United States
05/2019 - 07/2019	Elefos	Unpaid Intern / Business Analyst	N	Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
06/2014 - 12/2018	Snap-On Tools	Collections Assistant	N	Orlando, 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.



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
Regulatory Event	1

Regulatory Event

This disclosure event may include a final, formal proceeding initiated by a regulatory authority (e.g., a state securities agency, a federal regulator such as the Securities and Exchange Commission or the Commodities Futures Trading Commission, or a foreign financial regulatory body) for a violation of investment-related rules or regulations. This disclosure event may also include a revocation or suspension of an Investment Adviser Representative's authority to act as an attorney, accountant or federal contractor.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source:	Individual
Regulatory Action Initiated By:	The State of North Carolina Department of the Secretary of State Securities Division
Sanction(s) Sought:	Cease and Desist Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)
Date Initiated:	01/08/2025
Docket/Case Number:	24SEC140
Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:	LPL Financial LLC
Product Type:	No Product
Allegations:	The Rep failed to comply with the registration requirements of the Act by transacting business as a federally covered investment adviser representative in North Carolina from on or about November 2021 through on or about February 2024, without being registered, in violation of N.C.G.S. 78C-16(a1).
Current Status:	Final
Resolution:	Consent
Does the order constitute a final order based on violations of any laws or regulations that prohibit fraudulent, manipulative, or deceptive conduct?	No
Resolution Date:	01/08/2025



Sanctions Ordered: Cease and Desist
Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

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Monetary Related Sanction: Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

Total Amount: \$2,500.00

Portion Levied against individual: \$0.00

Payment Plan:

Is Payment Plan Current: No

Date Paid by individual: 12/19/2024

Was any portion of penalty waived? No

Amount Waived:

Broker Statement

Without admitting or denying any findings or violations, Mr. Ellis entered into a Consent Order with the State of North Carolina relating to a failure for Mr. Ellis to be registered as an IAR in North Carolina when LPL permitted Mr. Ellis to begin working from his home in North Carolina up to two days a week depending on business needs. Mr. Ellis had relied on LPL to make appropriate IAR filings, and the filing was not made due to an administrative oversight. LPL, on behalf of Ellis, paid a civil penalty and registration fees to the N.C. Department of the Secretary of State.



End of Report

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