



IAPD Report

STEVEN JOHN KESSES

CRD# 736577

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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

STEVEN JOHN KESSES (CRD# 736577)

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 **06/11/2026**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
B	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	CRD# 6413	11/29/2017
IA	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	CRD# 6413	11/29/2017

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **1** SRO(s) and **13** 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	NATIONAL PLANNING CORPORATION ("NPC OF AMERICA" IN FL & NY)	29604	WOODBIDGE, CT	03/07/2007 - 12/07/2017
B	NATIONAL PLANNING CORPORATION	29604	WOODBIDGE, CT	02/20/2007 - 11/29/2017
IA	FIRST ALLIED SECURITIES, INC.	32444	WOODBIDGE, CT	02/05/2007 - 03/02/2007

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
Termination	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 **13** 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	11/29/2017
B	FINRA	Invest. Co and Variable Contracts	Approved	11/29/2017
B	Alabama	Agent	Approved	09/09/2022
B	Connecticut	Agent	Approved	11/29/2017
IA	Connecticut	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	11/29/2017
B	Delaware	Agent	Approved	06/11/2026
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	11/30/2017
B	Maine	Agent	Approved	08/28/2024
B	Massachusetts	Agent	Approved	04/02/2019
B	New Jersey	Agent	Approved	10/16/2019
B	New York	Agent	Approved	11/29/2017
B	North Carolina	Agent	Approved	09/10/2020
B	Oregon	Agent	Approved	04/29/2019



Qualifications

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	11/29/2017
B Rhode Island	Agent	Approved	11/29/2017
B Vermont	Agent	Approved	12/09/2024

Branch Office Locations

LPL FINANCIAL LLC
WOODBRIIDGE, CT



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
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No information reported.

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	02/18/1984
B Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination (S6)	Series 6	09/11/1981

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
IA Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (S65)	Series 65	04/07/1993
B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	05/08/1992



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	03/07/2007 - 12/07/2017	NATIONAL PLANNING CORPORATION ("NPC OF AMERICA" IN FL & NY)	CRD# 29604	WOODBIDGE, CT
B	02/20/2007 - 11/29/2017	NATIONAL PLANNING CORPORATION	CRD# 29604	WOODBIDGE, CT
IA	02/05/2007 - 03/02/2007	FIRST ALLIED SECURITIES, INC.	CRD# 32444	WOODBIDGE, CT
B	01/25/2007 - 03/02/2007	FIRST ALLIED SECURITIES, INC.	CRD# 32444	WOODBIDGE, CT
IA	09/16/2003 - 01/09/2007	RAYMOND JAMES FINANCIAL SERVICES	CRD# 6694	MONROE, CT
B	01/17/2003 - 01/09/2007	RAYMOND JAMES FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	CRD# 6694	MONROE, CT
IA	04/06/1992 - 01/30/2003	UBS PAINWEBBER INC.	CRD# 8174	WESTPORT, CT
B	09/03/1991 - 01/30/2003	UBS PAINWEBBER INC.	CRD# 8174	WEEHAWKEN, NJ
B	06/02/1989 - 09/17/1991	POLARIS FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	CRD# 14521	CONCORD, NH
B	05/20/1988 - 06/09/1989	J. T. MORAN & CO., INC.	CRD# 15655	
B	03/29/1982 - 05/20/1988	BUTTONWOOD SECURITIES CORPORATION OF MASSACHUSETTS	CRD# 7303	
B	09/14/1981 - 03/31/1982	FIRST INVESTORS CORPORATION	CRD# 305	

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
11/2017 - Present	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	WOODBIDGE, CT, United States
02/2007 - 11/2017	NATIONAL PLANNING CORPORATION	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	GLASTONBURY, CT, 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.

1. 11/29/2017 - GATEWAY FINANCIAL GROUP - Investment Related - At Reported Business Location(s) - DBA for LPL Business (entity for LPL business).
2. 08/14/2019 - Gateway Financial Partners - Investment related - At reported business location(s) - DBA for LPL Business (entity for LPL business) - start date:01/01/2007 - 150 hrs/mo - 150 hrs during 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*.
 - o A "pending" disclosure event involves allegations that have not been proven or formally adjudicated.
 - o A disclosure event that is "on appeal" involves allegations that have been adjudicated but are currently being appealed.
 - o 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*.
 - o 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.
 - o 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.
 - o 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
Termination	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: Regulator

Regulatory Action Initiated By: NASD

Sanction(s) Sought:

Date Initiated: 05/24/2007

Docket/Case Number: [2006007531601](#)

Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action: RAYMOND JAMES FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.

Product Type:

Allegations: NASD RULE 2110 AND INTERPRETIVE MATERIAL 2310-2: KESSES EXERCISED SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS IN CUSTOMER'S ACCOUNT WITHOUT HIS AUTHORIZATION OR CONSENT.

Current Status: Final

Resolution: Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)

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: 05/24/2007

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



Regulator Statement	Suspension WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING THE FINDINGS, RESPONDENT CONSENTED TO THE DESCRIBED SANCTIONS AND TO THE ENTRY OF FINDINGS; THEREFORE, HE IS FINED \$5,000 AND SUSPENDED FROM ASSOCIATION WITH ANY NASD MEMBER IN ANY CAPACITY FOR ONE MONTH. THE SUSPENSION IN ANY CAPACITY WILL BE IN EFFECT FROM JUNE 18, 2007 THROUGH JULY 17, 2007. FINES PAID ON 09/30/2008.
Reporting Source:	Individual
Regulatory Action Initiated By:	NASD
Sanction(s) Sought:	
Other Sanction(s) Sought:	
Date Initiated:	05/24/2007
Docket/Case Number:	2006007531601
Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:	RAYMOND JAMES FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.
Product Type:	Other
Other Product Type(s):	UNSPECIFIED SECURITIES
Allegations:	NASD RULE 2110 AND INTERPRETIVE MATERIAL 2310-2: KESSES EXERCISED SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS IN CUSTOMER'S ACCOUNT WITHOUT HIS AUTHORIZATION OR CONSENT.
Current Status:	Final
Resolution:	Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)
Resolution Date:	05/24/2007
Sanctions Ordered:	Monetary/Fine \$5,000.00 Suspension
Other Sanctions Ordered:	
Sanction Details:	WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING THE FINDINGS, REPRESENTATIVE CONSENTED TO THE DESCRIBED SANCTIONS AND TO THE ENTRY OF FINDINGS BY THE NASD; THEREFORE, HE IS FINED \$5,000 AND SUSPENDED FROM ASSOCIATION WITH ANY NASD MEMBER IN ANY CAPACITY FOR ONE MONTH. THE SUSPENSION IN ANY CAPACITY WILL BE IN EFFECT FROM JUNE 18, 2007 THROUGH JULY 17, 2007.



Termination

This disclosure event involves a situation where the Investment Adviser Representative voluntarily resigned, was discharged or was permitted to resign after allegations were made that accused the Investment Adviser Representative of violating investment-related statutes, regulations, rules or industry standards of conduct; fraud or the wrongful taking of property; or failure to supervise in connection with investment-related statutes, regulations, rules or industry standards of conduct.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source:	Individual
Firm Name:	RAYMOND JAMES FINANCIAL SERVICES
Termination Type:	Discharged
Termination Date:	01/08/2007
Allegations:	RAYMOND JAMES TERMINATION COMMENT INDICATED: "UNAUTHORIZED USE OF DISCRETION"
Product Type:	Other
Other Product Types:	STOCKS & MUTUAL FUNDS
Broker Statement	REP'S COMMENTS: CLIENT GAVE AUTHORIZATION TO TRADE STOCKS/FUNDS WHEN ACCOUNT TRANSFER PAPERWORK WAS SIGNED BUT SAID 3 WEEKS LATER HE DID NOT. TRADES WERE IN FEE BASED ACCOUNTS.



End of Report

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