



IAPD Report

Lakia Taylor

CRD# 8025931

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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

Lakia Taylor (CRD# 8025931)

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 **01/26/2026**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
B	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	CRD# 7691	02/04/2025
IA	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	CRD# 7691	03/05/2025

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **6** SRO(s) and **17** 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
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No information reported.

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 **17** jurisdiction(s) and 6 SRO(s) through his or her employer(s).

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Firm Name: **MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED**

Main Address: ONE BRYANT PARK
NEW YORK, NY 10036

Firm ID#: 7691

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B	Cboe BYX Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	02/04/2025
B	Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	02/04/2025
B	Cboe Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	02/04/2025
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	02/04/2025
B	Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Representative	Approved	02/04/2025
B	New York Stock Exchange	General Securities Representative	Approved	02/04/2025
B	Arkansas	Agent	Approved	04/08/2025
B	California	Agent	Approved	07/14/2025
B	Colorado	Agent	Approved	04/08/2025
B	Connecticut	Agent	Approved	10/16/2025
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	04/08/2025
B	Illinois	Agent	Approved	01/02/2026
B	Indiana	Agent	Approved	11/25/2025



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	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B	Louisiana	Agent	Approved	04/08/2025
B	Minnesota	Agent	Approved	01/02/2026
B	Missouri	Agent	Approved	01/02/2026
B	Nebraska	Agent	Approved	01/02/2026
B	Nevada	Agent	Approved	01/02/2026
B	New Mexico	Agent	Approved	04/08/2025
B	Oklahoma	Agent	Approved	04/08/2025
B	Oregon	Agent	Approved	11/12/2025
B	Tennessee	Agent	Approved	01/02/2026
B	Texas	Agent	Approved	03/05/2025
IA	Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	03/05/2025

Branch Office Locations

**MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH
INCORPORATED**
7770 N HWY 6
HOUSTON, TX 77095



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, 2 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
B General Securities Representative Examination (S7TO)	Series 7TO	02/04/2025
B Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	09/23/2024

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
IA B Uniform Combined State Law Examination (S66)	Series 66	03/04/2025



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:

No information reported.

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
02/2025 - Present	Bank of America, N.A.	Financial Solutions Advisor Stage I - Registration candidate	Y	Houston, TX, United States
11/2022 - Present	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	Financial Solutions Advisor Stage I - Registration candidate	Y	Houston, TX, United States
11/2022 - 12/2024	Bank of America	Relationship Banker	N	Houston, TX, United States
10/2021 - 11/2022	Woodforest National Bank	Assistant Manager	N	Houston, TX, United States
07/2021 - 10/2021	Unemployed	Unemployed. Transitioned To Texas	N	Houston, TX, United States
11/2020 - 07/2021	Renasant Bank	Teller	N	Flowood, MS, United States
03/2018 - 11/2020	C Spire	Account Service Representative	N	Flowood, MS, United States
08/2016 - 12/2019	University of Mississippi	Student	N	University, MS, United States
06/2017 - 11/2017	Ole Miss Calling Center	Student Caller	N	Oxford, MS, United States
08/2015 - 07/2016	A Plus Tutoring	Assistant	N	Brandon, MS, United States
08/2012 - 05/2016	Brandon High School	Student	N	Brandon, MS, 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.

I*1204262, Entity Type: For Profit, Name of OBA: FabuLuxe Boutique, Address: Brandon, Mississippi, 39042, Investment Related:



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OTHER BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

No, Position, Title, Association: General Partner/Managing Member, Employee State Date: 16-Jun-2018, No Hours: 5 Weekly, No Hours during Trading: 0 Duties: I am the owner of a clothing boutique. I managed inventory, funds, and content creation.

I*: 2168257 Entity Type: For Profit Name of OBA: Kia's Jewels LLC Address: Brandon, MS 39042 Investment Related: No Position, Title, Association: General Partner/Managing Member Employee Start Date: 10/25/2016 Number of Hours: 0 Number of Hours during trading: 0 Duties: Use to sell Jewelry. This business is dormant. However, I still hold the LLC

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Entity Type: For Profit

Name of OBA: VoraTech

Address: Houston, Texas, 77084

Investment Related: No

Position, Title, Association: Owner

Employee Start Date: 02/01/2026

Number of Hours: 1, Weekly

Number of Hours during trading: 0

Duties: Software platform designed for Virtual AI for e-commerce shopping. Responsible for overseeing the projec



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