



IAPD Report

Cody Patterson

CRD# 8153762

<u>Section Title</u>	<u>Page(s)</u>
Report Summary	1
Qualifications	2 - 4
Registration and Employment History	5 - 6



When communicating online or investing with any professional, make sure you know who you're dealing with. [Imposters](#) might link to sites like BrokerCheck from [phishing](#) or similar scam websites, or through [social media](#), trying to steal your personal information or your money.

Please contact FINRA with any concerns.



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

Cody Patterson (CRD# 8153762)

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 **01/22/2026**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
B	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	CRD# 7691	10/02/2025
IA	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	CRD# 7691	11/03/2025

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **6** 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
------	------	----------	--------------------

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

Employment 1 of 1

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	10/02/2025
B Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	10/02/2025
B Cboe Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	10/02/2025
B FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	10/02/2025
B Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Representative	Approved	10/02/2025
B New York Stock Exchange	General Securities Representative	Approved	10/02/2025
B Arizona	Agent	Approved	01/02/2026
B Florida	Agent	Approved	01/02/2026
B Illinois	Agent	Approved	11/03/2025
IA Illinois	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	11/03/2025
B Indiana	Agent	Approved	01/02/2026
B Iowa	Agent	Approved	01/02/2026
B Kentucky	Agent	Approved	01/02/2026



Qualifications

Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
B Michigan	Agent	Approved	01/02/2026
B Minnesota	Agent	Approved	01/02/2026
B Missouri	Agent	Approved	01/02/2026
B Nevada	Agent	Approved	01/02/2026
B Texas	Agent	Approved	01/02/2026
IA Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	01/02/2026
B Wisconsin	Agent	Approved	01/02/2026

Branch Office Locations

**MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH
INCORPORATED**
1911 CARLYLE AVE
BELLEVILLE, IL 62221



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
------	----------	------

No information reported.

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
------	----------	------

B	General Securities Representative Examination (S7TO)	Series 7TO	10/01/2025
----------	--	------------	------------

B	Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	08/17/2022
----------	--	-----	------------

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
------	----------	------

IA B	Uniform Combined State Law Examination (S66)	Series 66	11/01/2025
--------------------	--	-----------	------------

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:

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
09/2025 - Present	Bank of America, N.A.	Financial Solutions Advisor Stage I - Registration candidate	Y	Belleville, IL, United States
05/2020 - Present	Eckerts	Bartender/ food runner	N	Belleville, IL, United States
05/2020 - Present	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	Financial Solutions Advisor Stage I - Registration candidate	Y	Belleville, IL, United States
08/2021 - 07/2023	southern illinois university edwardsville	full time student, worker	N	edwardsville, IL, United States
07/2017 - 07/2023	United states Army National Guard	Forward observer. Specializing in providing coordinates for fire support via aircraft and artillery.	N	chicago, IL, United States
08/2019 - 04/2021	florida southwestern state college	full time student/ worker	N	fort meyers, FL, United States
05/2018 - 05/2020	Regions Bank	relationship banker, I specialized in performing teller transactions and taking clients to the platform to open/maintain banking relationships.	N	swansea, IL, United States
08/2018 - 05/2019	southwestern illinois college	full time student, worker	N	belleville, IL, United States
06/2014 - 05/2019	southwestern illinois college	full time student, part time worker	N	belleville, IL, United States
04/2017 - 05/2018	First Collinsville Bank / First Co Bancorp Inc	part time teller	N	ofallon, IL, United States
03/2016 - 04/2017	regions	part time teller	N	fairview heights, IL, 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.

I*: 961294

Entity Type: For Profit

Name of the other business: Eckerts

Investment-related: No

Address of the other business: Belleville, IL

Title, or relationship with the other business: Food runner, bartender

Start date of your relationship: 05/2020

Approximate number of hours/month you devote to the other business: I rarely work, maybe 4 hours every other month

Number of hours you devote to the other business during securities trading hours: 0

Briefly describe your duties relating to the other business: Running food to individuals when their order is ready making sure they have everything they need



End of Report

This page is intentionally left blank.