

# Investment Adviser Representative Public Disclosure Report COLTON BENJAMIN VON BLACK

CRD# 6709536

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## IAPD Information about Investment Adviser Representatives

IAPD offers information on all current-and many former-Investment Adviser Representatives. Investors are strongly encouraged to use IAPD to check the background of Investment Adviser Representatives before deciding to conduct, or continue to conduct, business with them.

#### What is included in a IAPD report?

 IAPD reports for individual Investment Adviser 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 Investment Adviser 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:

o information the states require Investment Adviser 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 Investment Adviser Representatives.

How current is this information?

 Generally, Investment Adviser 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 Investment Adviser 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 <a href="http://www.nasaa.org">http://www.nasaa.org</a>.





# **Investment Adviser Representative Report Summary**

# **COLTON BENJAMIN VON BLACK (CRD# 6709536)**

The report summary provides an overview of the Investment Adviser Representative's professional background and conduct. The information contained in this report has been provided by the Investment Adviser 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 Investment Adviser Representative, a previous employing firm, or a securities regulator on 12/05/2018.

#### **CURRENT EMPLOYERS**

This individual is not currently registered as an Investment Adviser Representative.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS**

This individual is not currently registered as an Investment Adviser Representative.

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 Investment Adviser Representative was previously registered with the following Investment Adviser firms:

## FIRM (IARD#) - LOCATION

**REGISTRATION DATES** 

WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC (IARD# 19616) - DURANGO, CO

09/05/2017 - 12/05/2018

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 Investment Adviser Representative? Yes

The following types of events are disclosed about this Investment Adviser Representative:

Туре	Count
Termination	1
Financial	1





# **Investment Adviser Representative Qualifications**

## **REGISTRATIONS**

This section provides the states and U.S. territories in which the Investment Adviser Representative is currently registered and licensed, the category of each registration, and the date on which the registration became effective. This section also provides, for each firm with which the Investment Adviser Representative is currently employed, the address of each location where the Investment Adviser Representative works.

This individual is not currently registered as an Investment Adviser Representative.





# **Investment Adviser Representative Qualifications**

## **PASSED INDUSTRY EXAMS**

This section includes all required state securities exams that the Investment Adviser Representative has passed. Under limited circumstances, an Investment Adviser Representative may attain registration after receiving an exam waiver based on a combination of exams the Investment Adviser Representative has passed and qualifying work experience. Likewise, a new exam requirement may be grandfathered based on an Investment Adviser Representative's specific qualifying work experience. Exam waivers and grandfathering are not included below.

This individual has passed the following exams:

Exam	Category	Date
Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	12/01/2016
Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (S65)	Series 65	09/01/2017

#### PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS

This section details that the Investment Adviser Representative has reported **0** professional designation(s).

No information reported.



# Investment Adviser Representative Registration and Employment History

#### PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED WITH THE FOLLOWING INVESTMENT ADVISER FIRMS

This section indicates that state registration records show this Investment Adviser Representative previously held registrations with the following firms:

Registration DatesFirm NameIARD#Branch Location09/05/2017 - 12/05/2018WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC19616DURANGO, CO

#### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Below is the Investment Adviser Representative's employment history for up to the last 10 years.

Please note that the Investment Adviser Representative is required to provide this information only while registered and the information is not updated after the Investment Adviser Representative ceases to be registered, with a state regulator. Therefore, an employment end date of "Present" may not reflect the Investment Adviser Representative's current employment status.

<b>Employment Dates</b>	Employer Name	<b>Employer Location</b>
11/2016 - Present	WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC	DURANGO, CO
08/2013 - Present	WELLS FARGO BANK, NA	DURANGO, CO
09/2016 - 11/2016	WELLS FARGO ADVISORS, LLC	DURANGO, CO
05/2013 - 08/2013	Stephen Wade Auto	St. George, UT
11/2012 - 05/2013	The Journey	Provo, UT
06/2012 - 11/2012	Traeger Grills	Springville, UT
05/2010 - 06/2012	Intermountain Healthcare Dixie Regional Medical Center	St. George, UT
01/2008 - 05/2010	Securitas Security Services USA	Salt Lake City, UT

#### OTHER BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

This section includes information, if any, as provided by the Investment Adviser Representative regarding other business activities the Investment Adviser 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.

BLACK MOUNTAIN RANCH LLC; INV. RELATED; HESPERUS, CO; CO-OWNER; FAMILY RANCH; START DATE 7/17/2015; 60 HRS PER MONTH; 0 HRS DURING TRADING; DUTIES: TAKE CARE OF LIVESTOCK, MAINTAIN FENCES AND PROPERTY.



# **Investment Adviser Representative 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.
  - 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.
  - 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 Investment Adviser Representative:

TypeCountTermination1Financial1

#### **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: Firm

Firm Name: Wells Fargo Clearing Service, LLC.

**Termination Type:** Discharged **Termination Date:** 11/19/2018

Allegations: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. ("WFBNA) registered banker was discharged after being

questioned during bank investigation about allegations that he improperly accessed customer bank accounts in February and March of 2018, improperly recorded his work time, and improperly used corporate email system to send personal emails. This activity was not related to the securities business of Wells Fargo Clearing Services, LLC ("WFCS"). No customer financial harm identified.

Product Type: No Product





#### **Financial**

This disclosure event involves a final bankruptcy, compromise with one or more creditors, or Securities Investor Protection Corporation liquidation that occurred within the last 10 years and that involved the Investment Adviser Representative or an organization/investment adviser that the Investment Adviser Representative controlled that occurred within the last 10 years.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source: Individual
Action Type: Bankruptcy: Chapter 7

**Action Date:** 06/21/2012

**Organization Investment-**

Related?

Type of Court: District Court

Name of Court: Fifth District Court

Location of Court: St. George, UT

**Docket/Case #:** 1228060

Action Pending? No

**Disposition:** Discharged Disposition Date: 10/18/2012

**Broker Statement** Ex-wife had an affair and we separated and she quit paying her bills many of which

we were joint on but my income alone at that time wasn't sufficient to cover all of

her bills and my own and still keep a roof over my head, so filed for a joint

bankruptcy prior to getting divorced.



