

**IARD** 

## Form ADV Part 2

#### **About Form ADV Part 2**

Part 2 is the section of Form ADV that contains information about Investment Adviser firms and the type of business they conduct. Firms are required to provide Part 2 of Form ADV to existing and prospective clients. All SEC-registered and some state-registered Investment Adviser firms are required to submit Part 2 of Form ADV online through the IARD<sup>TM</sup> system.

A firm that offers substantially different types of advisory services has the option to prepare separate brochures for each service, as long as, each client receives all information about the services and fees that are applicable to that client.

Brochures submitted by the firm will display in IAPD the following day. IAPD will only display brochures with a Brochure Jurisdiction Status of Delivered or Accepted.

For purposes of the IARD system, Part 2 of the Form ADV is referred to as the "Brochure." The brochure is uploaded as an attachment to Form ADV during the form filing submission process. The brochure must be converted to a text-searchable, PDF file before submission to the IARD system.

Access IARD at <a href="https://crd.finra.org/iad">https://crd.finra.org/iad</a>.

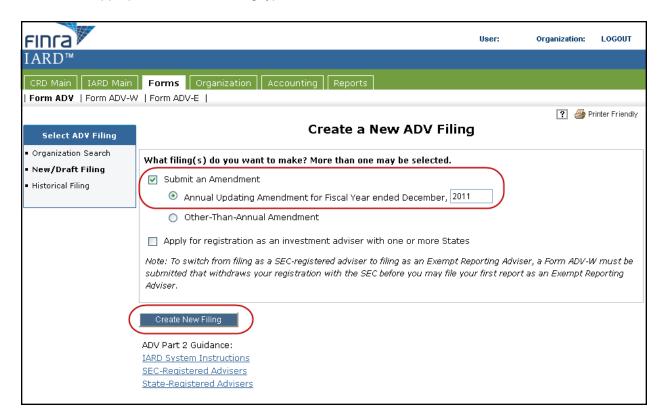
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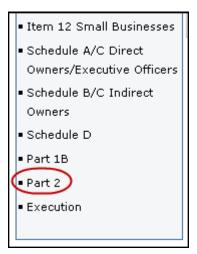
**Questions on IARD?** Call the IARD Hotline at **240-386-4848** 8 A.M. - 8 P.M., ET, Monday through Friday.

### **Access Form ADV**

Access the appropriate Form ADV filing type.



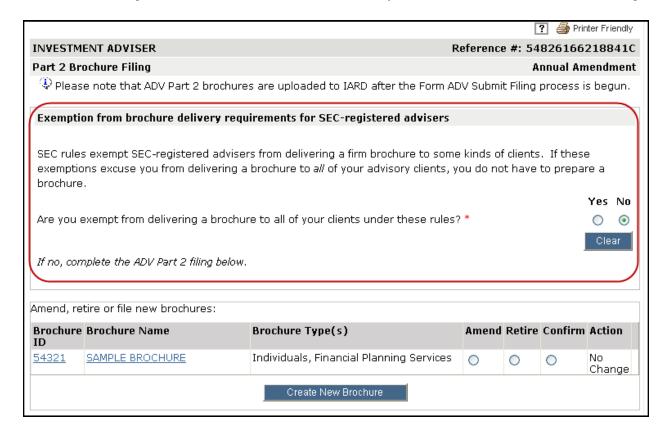
Select the Part 2 hyperlink located in the navigation panel on the left.



## Part 2 Brochure Filing Page

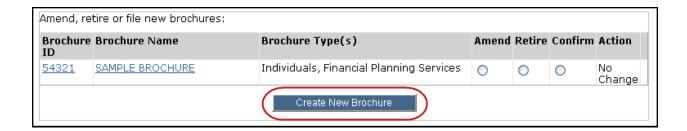
The Exemption from Brochure Delivery Requirements for SEC Registered Advisers section will only display for firms registered with or applying for registration with the SEC. This question must be answered Yes or No.

If applicable, a list of previously submitted brochures will display, with the option to amend, retire, or confirm the existing brochure. The Confirm radio button is only available on an Annual Amendment filing.



### **Upload a New Brochure**

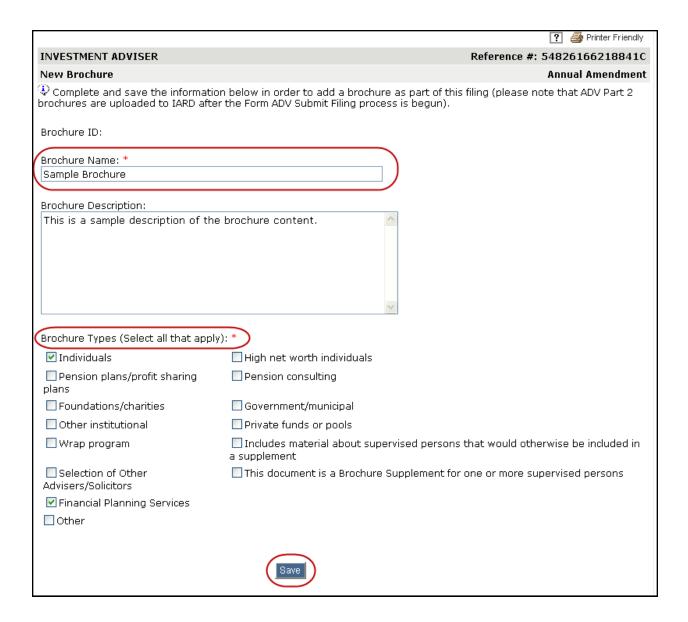
Click the Create New Brochure button to begin entering information about your firm's brochure.



Complete the **Brochure Name** and **Brochure Type** fields. Brochure Description is an optional field where you may enter a brief description regarding the content of your brochure.

After clicking the **Save** button an additional pop-up message will display if the firm does not already have a brochure in the IARD system to clarify when brochures are attached and processed as part of the filing.

Return to the Part 2 Brochure Filing page by selecting **Part 2** from the navigation panel.

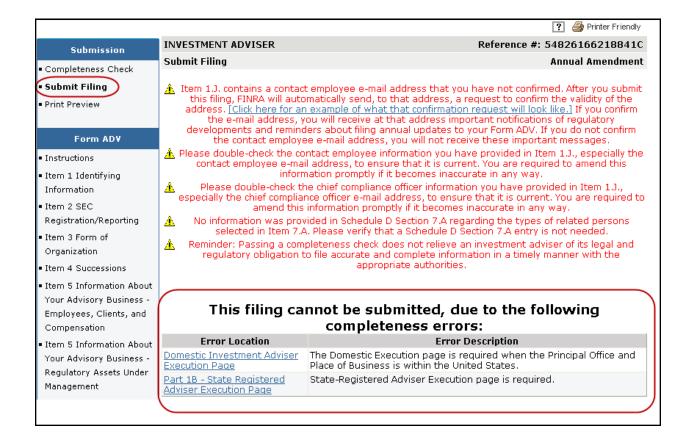


Prior to submission, firm users have the option to delete a new brochure by selecting the **Delete** hyperlink and then clicking **OK** when the following message displays: "Are you sure you want to delete this brochure?"

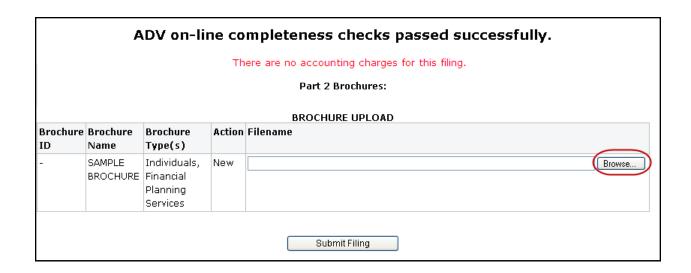


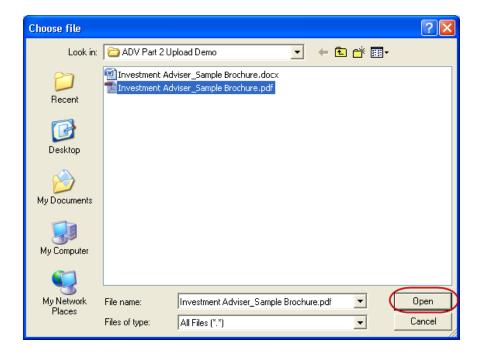
Brochures are uploaded as part of the submission process. All Completeness Checks must be passed before the system will allow you to upload a file.

Once you are ready to submit the Form ADV filing, click **Submit Filing** from the navigation panel. If applicable, clear all errors on the filing and click **Submit Filing** again.



Click the **Browse** button on the submission screen and locate the brochure file on your computer. Brochures must be in PDF format and must be text-searchable.





Click the **Submit Filing** button to submit your Form ADV filing and upload the attached brochure.



The following warning message displays after the Submit Filing button has been clicked:



## **Upload Error Message**

Brochures must be in PDF format and must be text-searchable. Files that are scanned to PDF format may not contain searchable text, as scanners generally capture an image of a document. To ensure the file be text-searchable, the scanner must have the Optical Character Recognition (OCR) turned on.

Additionally, files that are locked or password protected will also inhibit the system's ability to search for text. All security on the PDF file must be removed in order to upload the PDF file.

If the file does not meet the PDF and text-searchable requirement, the error message below will display.

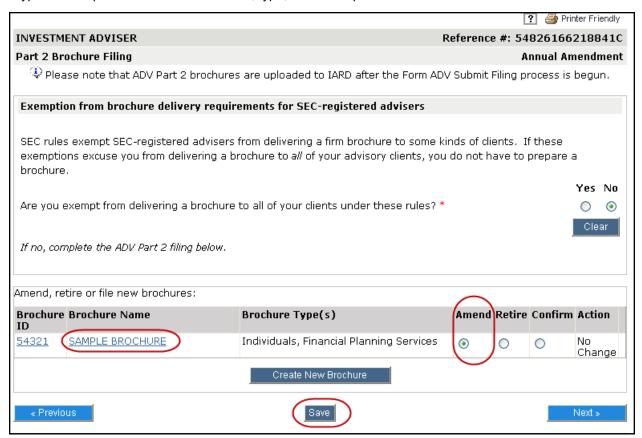
PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED DURING BROCHURE UPLOAD				
Brochure Name	Error Description			
SAMPLE BROCHURE	This brochure does not contain searchable text. The IARD does not accept files that are imaged in their entirety, such as a file containing a scanned version of a paper brochure			

For technical assistance uploading your brochure, please call the IARD Hotline, 240-386-4848.

### Amend a Brochure

The Amend brochure option allows a firm to update their Brochure Name, Brochure Description, and Brochure Type for a brochure that is already on file.

To upload an updated version of a brochure, access the appropriate Form ADV amendment filing. From the Part 2 Brochure Filing page, select the **Amend** radio button. And, If applicable, click the Brochure Name hyperlink to update the brochure's name, type, and description.



Upon submission of the filing, and once all completeness checks are passed, the system will prompt you to upload a new file.

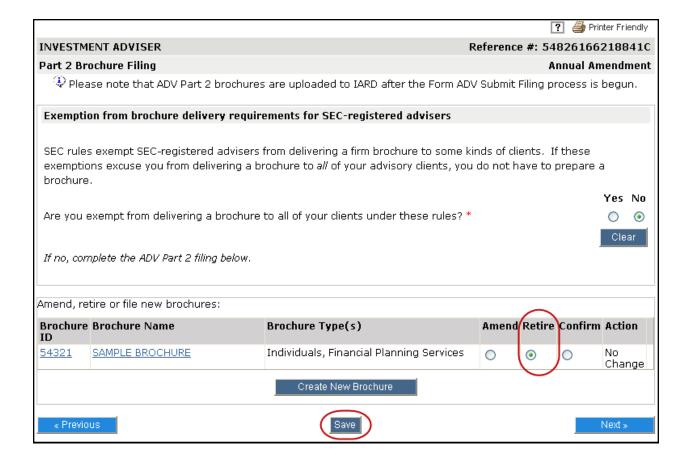


### Retire a Brochure

For firms with multiple brochures on file, the Retire brochure option allows a firm to retire brochures describing advisory services that are no longer offered to clients. If a firm has a single brochure, updates must instead be made by amending the brochure.

To retire a brochure, access the appropriate Form ADV amendment filing. From the Part 2 Brochure Filing page, select the **Retire** radio button.

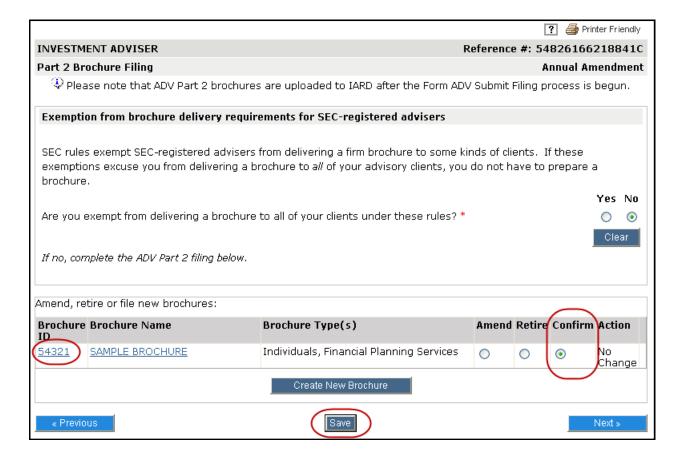
Upon submission of the Form ADV filing retired brochures will be removed from IAPD the following day. However, retired brochures will remain in IARD for historical purposes.



### Confirm a Brochure

The Confirm brochure option is only available on a Form ADV Annual Amendment filing. This option allows the firm to confirm that the brochures on file are still current .Upon submission of the filing, the system will not prompt the firm to upload a new version of the brochure.

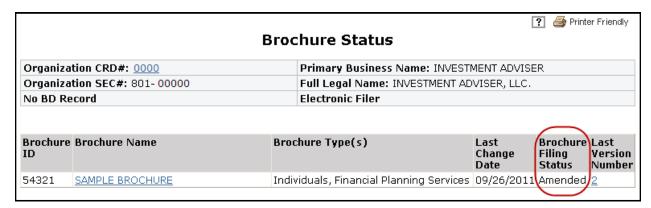
To confirm a brochure, access the appropriate Form ADV amendment filing. From the Part 2 Brochure Filing page, click the **Brochure ID** hyperlink to verify that the brochure on file is up to date and select the **Confirm** radio button.



### **Brochure Information in View Organization**

Firms can view brochure status and filing information in IARD View Organization.

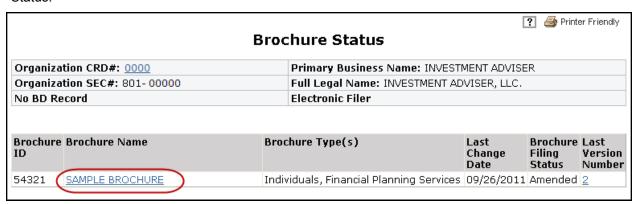
The **Brochure Status** page displays a lit of all brochures submitted by the firm along with the current Brochure Filing Status and the date on which the brochure was last modified.



# **Brochure Filing Statuses**

Status	Description
New  This status is set when a firm files a Form ADV Initial or if a firm file ADV Amendment and attaches a new brochure.	
Confirmed	This status is set when a firm files an Annual Amendment and chooses the "Confirm Current Brochure" option, certifying that the current brochure version filed is still valid.
Amended	This status is set when a firm files a Form ADV Amendment and submits an updated brochure.
Retired	This status is set when a firm retires a brochure or when the system retires the brochure because there are no active registrations for a firm.
Archived	This status is set by the system five years after a brochure has been retired.

From the Brochure Status page, click the **Brochure Name** hyperlink to view the Brochure Jurisdiction Status.



# **Brochure Information in View Organization (Continued)**

The **Brochure Jurisdiction Status** page displays the brochure's status with each jurisdiction with which the firm is registered or has applied for registration.

Click the Jurisdiction hyperlink to view a history of the brochure's status in that jurisdiction.

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Brochure Jurisdiction Status						
Organization CRD#: 0000		Primary Business Name: INVESTMENT ADVISER				
Organization SEC#: 801-00	0000	Full Legal Name: INVESTMENT ADVISER, LLC.				
No BD Record		Electronic Filer				
Brochure ID: Brochure Name: Brochure Type(s):		54321 SAMPLE BROCHURE Individuals, Financial Planning Services				
Current Brochure Filing Status:	Amended					
Version Number:	2					
Jurisdiction	Current Broch	ure Jurisdiction Status	Status Effective Date			
Ohio	Delivered		09/26/2011			
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## **Brochure Jurisdiction Statuses**

Status	Description		
Accepted	This status is set when a brochure is reviewed and approved by a regulator.		
Delivered	This status is set when a brochure is received by a regulator which does not participate in brochure review.		
Pending	This status is set when a brochure is pending review by a regulator.		
Deficient	This status is set when a brochure is deficient and further action is needed.		
Inactive	This status is set when a regulator terminates a firm's registration.		
Retired	This status is set when a firm retires a brochure or when the system retires the brochure because there are no active registrations for a firm.		
No Status	This status is set by the system if a firm does not have an approved registration with a jurisdiction.		

# **Brochure Information in View Organization (Continued)**

The **Brochure Filing History** page displays a list of brochures submitted by the filing firm.

Click the Brochure Name hyperlink to view previously submitted versions of a brochure.

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Bro	chur	e Filing History		
Organization CRD#: 0000	Primary Business Name: INVESTMENT ADVISER			
Organization SEC#: 801-00000	Full Legal Name: INVESTMENT ADVISER, LLC.			
No BD Record	Electronic Filer			
Brochure Brochure Name	Br	ochure Type	Last Filing	Last Version
ID			Date	Number
54321 SAMPLE BROCHURE		dividuals, Financial Planning rvices	09/26/2011	2

Printer Friendly  Brochure Filing History Detail						
Organization CRD#: 0000			Primary Business Name: INVESTMENT ADVISER			
Organization SEC#: 801-00000			Full Legal Name: INVESTMENT ADVISER, LLC.			
No BD Record			Electronic Filer			
Brochure ID: 54321  Brochure Name: SAMPLE BROCH Brochure Type(s): Individuals, Fin Current Brochure Filing Amended Status:					nning Services	
Filing Date	Filing ID	Form Al	OV Filing Type		Brochure Status on Filing	Version Number
09/26/2011	558108	Annual A	Annual Amendment		Amended	2
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