

# **BrokerCheck Report**

# NORTHWEST INVESTMENT ADVISORS, INC.

CRD# 109737

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### About BrokerCheck®



BrokerCheck offers information on all current, and many former, registered securities brokers, and all current and former registered securities firms. FINRA strongly encourages investors to use BrokerCheck to check the background of securities brokers and brokerage firms before deciding to conduct, or continue to conduct, business with them.

### What is included in a BrokerCheck report?

- BrokerCheck reports for individual brokers include information such as employment history, professional qualifications, disciplinary actions, criminal convictions, civil judgments and arbitration awards. BrokerCheck reports for brokerage firms include information on a firm's profile, history, and operations, as well as many of the same disclosure events mentioned above.
- Please note that the information contained in a BrokerCheck 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 broker or brokerage firm, or concluded through a negotiated settlement with no admission or finding of wrongdoing.

### • Where did this information come from?

- The information contained in BrokerCheck comes from FINRA's Central Registration Depository, or CRD® and is a combination of:
  - information FINRA and/or the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) require brokers and brokerage firms to submit as part of the registration and licensing process, and
  - o information that regulators report regarding disciplinary actions or allegations against firms or brokers.

#### How current is this information?

- Generally, active brokerage firms and brokers are required to update their professional and disciplinary information in CRD within 30 days. Under most circumstances, information reported by brokerage firms, brokers and regulators is available in BrokerCheck the next business day.
- What if I want to check the background of an investment adviser firm or investment adviser representative?
- To check the background of an investment adviser firm or representative, you can search for the firm or individual in BrokerCheck. If your search is successful, click on the link provided to view the available licensing and registration information in the SEC's Investment Adviser Public Disclosure (IAPD) website at https://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov. In the alternative, you may search the IAPD website directly or contact your state securities regulator at http://www.finra.org/Investors/ToolsCalculators/BrokerCheck/P455414.
- Are there other resources I can use to check the background of investment professionals?
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# NORTHWEST INVESTMENT ADVISORS, INC.

CRD# 109737

SEC# 8-65282

### **Main Office Location**

9 S WASHINGTON ST STE 210 SPOKANE, WA 99201 Regulated by FINRA Denver Office

# **Mailing Address**

9 S WASHINGTON ST STE 210 SPOKANE, WA 99201

## **Business Telephone Number**

509-252-4140

This firm is a brokerage firm and an investment adviser firm. For more information about investment adviser firms, visit the SEC's Investment Adviser Public Disclosure website at:

https://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov

# **Report Summary for this Firm**



This report summary provides an overview of the brokerage firm. Additional information for this firm can be found in the detailed report.

### Firm Profile

This firm is classified as a corporation.

This firm was formed in Washington on 02/25/2000. Its fiscal year ends in December.

### **Firm History**

Information relating to the brokerage firm's history such as other business names and successions (e.g., mergers, acquisitions) can be found in the detailed report.

## **Firm Operations**

### This firm is registered with:

- the SEC
- 1 Self-Regulatory Organization
- 13 U.S. states and territories

Is this brokerage firm currently suspended with any regulator? **No** 

This firm conducts 9 types of businesses.

This firm is not affiliated with any financial or investment institutions.

This firm has referral or financial arrangements with other brokers or dealers.

### **Disclosure Events**

Brokerage firms are required to disclose certain criminal matters, regulatory actions, civil judicial proceedings and financial matters in which the firm or one of its control affiliates has been involved.

Are there events disclosed about this firm? Yes

The following types of disclosures have been reported:

Туре	Count	
Regulatory Event	1	
Arbitration	1	

### Firm Profile

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This firm was formed in Washington on 02/25/2000.

Its fiscal year ends in December.

### **Firm Names and Locations**

This section provides the brokerage firm's full legal name, "Doing Business As" name, business and mailing addresses, telephone number, and any alternate name by which the firm conducts business and where such name is used.

### NORTHWEST INVESTMENT ADVISORS, INC.

Doing business as NORTHWEST INVESTMENT ADVISORS, INC.

**CRD#** 109737

**SEC#** 8-65282

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### Firm Profile

This section provides information relating to all direct owners and executive officers of the brokerage firm.



### **Direct Owners and Executive Officers**

Legal Name & CRD# (if any): GRUBB, SEAN MICHAEL

4110305

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

Individual

Position PRESIDENT/SECRETARY/CCO/CFO

Position Start Date 02/2011

Percentage of Ownership 75% or more

Does this owner direct the management or policies of

the firm?

Yes

Is this a public reporting

company?

No

# **Firm Profile**

This section provides information relating to any indirect owners of the brokerage firm.

# FINCA

# **Indirect Owners**

No information reported.

# **Firm History**

This section provides information relating to any successions (e.g., mergers, acquisitions) involving the firm.

FINCA

No information reported.

# FIDCA

### Registrations

This section provides information about the regulators (Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), self-regulatory organizations (SROs), and U.S. states and territories) with which the brokerage firm is currently registered and licensed, the date the license became effective, and certain information about the firm's SEC registration.

This firm is currently registered with the SEC, 1 SRO and 13 U.S. states and territories.

Federal Regulator	Status	Date Effective
SEC	Approved	10/01/2002

### **SEC Registration Questions**

This firm is registered with the SEC as:

A broker-dealer: Yes

A broker-dealer and government securities broker or dealer: Yes

A government securities broker or dealer only: No

This firm has ceased activity as a government securities broker or dealer: No

Self-Regulatory Organization	Status	Date Effective
FINRA	Approved	10/01/2002





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U.S. States & Territories	Status	Date Effective
Arizona	Approved	04/16/2008
California	Approved	08/10/2006
Colorado	Approved	04/03/2008
Georgia	Approved	05/01/2014
Hawaii	Approved	06/18/2018
Idaho	Approved	10/04/2002
Montana	Approved	03/18/2008
Nevada	Approved	03/30/2021
Oregon	Approved	10/11/2002
Texas	Approved	06/05/2018
Virginia	Approved	06/18/2018
Washington	Approved	10/01/2002
Wyoming	Approved	03/31/2008

# **Types of Business**

This section provides the types of business, including non-securities business, the brokerage firm is engaged in or expects to be engaged in.

This firm currently conducts 9 types of businesses.

### **Types of Business**

Broker or dealer retailing corporate equity securities over-the-counter

Broker or dealer selling corporate debt securities

Mutual fund retailer

U S. government securities dealer

U S. government securities broker

Municipal securities dealer

Municipal securities broker

Broker or dealer selling variable life insurance or annuities

Investment advisory services

### **Other Types of Business**

This firm does not effect transactions in commodities, commodity futures, or commodity options.

This firm does engage in other non-securities business.

Non-Securities Business Description: LIFE AND DISABILITY INSURANCE





# **Clearing Arrangements**

This firm does not hold or maintain funds or securities or provide clearing services for other broker-dealer(s).

# **Introducing Arrangements**

This firm does refer or introduce customers to other brokers and dealers.

Name: STONEX FINANCIAL INC.

**CRD #:** 45993

**Business Address:** 2 PERIMETER PARK SOUTH, SUITE 100W

BIRMINGHAM, AL 35243

**Effective Date:** 08/01/2017

**Description:** STONEX FINANCIAL INC. SHALL PROVIDE SECURITIES CLEARING

SERVICES AS SPECIFIED IN THE AGREEMENT.

### **Industry Arrangements**



This firm does have books or records maintained by a third party.

Name: STONEX FINANCIAL INC.

**CRD #:** 45993

Business Address: 2 PERIMETER PARK SOUTH, SUITE 100W

B, AL 35243

**Effective Date:** 08/01/2017

**Description:** THIS ORGANIZATION WILL MAINTAIN BOOKS AND RECORDS AS

REQUIRED TO PERFORM CLEARING FUNCTIONS.

This firm does have accounts, funds, or securities maintained by a third party.

Name: STONEX FINANCIAL INC.

CRD #: 45993

Business Address: 2 PERIMETER PARK SOUTH, SUITE 100W

BIRMINGHAM, AL 35243

**Effective Date:** 08/01/2017

**Description:** AS PARTIAL SECURITY FOR DUE PERFORMANCE A CASH SECURITY

DEPOSIT WILL BE HELD BY STONEX FINANCIAL INC.

This firm does have customer accounts, funds, or securities maintained by a third party.

Name: STONEX FINANCIAL INC.

**CRD #:** 45993

Business Address: 2 PERIMETER PARK SOUTH, SUITE 100W

BIRMINGHAM, AL 35243

**Effective Date:** 08/01/2017

**Description:** STONEX FINANCIAL INC. SHALL ENGAGE IN ALL CASHIERING

FUNCTIONS FOR INTRODUCED ACCOUNTS INCLUDING THE RECEIPT,

DELIVERY AND TRANSFER OF SECURITIES AND CUSTODY AND

SAFEKEEPING OF SECURITIES.

### Control Persons/Financing

This firm does not have individuals who control its management or policies through agreement.

This firm does not have individuals who wholly or partly finance the firm's business.

### **Organization Affiliates**

FINCA

This section provides information on control relationships the firm has with other firms in the securities, investment advisory, or banking business.

### This firm is not, directly or indirectly:

- · in control of
- · controlled by
- · or under common control with

the following partnerships, corporations, or other organizations engaged in the securities or investment advisory business.

### This firm is not directly or indirectly, controlled by the following:

- · bank holding company
- · national bank
- · state member bank of the Federal Reserve System
- · state non-member bank
- · savings bank or association
- credit union
- or foreign bank

### **Disclosure Events**



All firms registered to sell securities or provide investment advice are required to disclose regulatory actions, criminal or civil judicial proceedings, and certain financial matters in which the firm or one of its control affiliates has been involved. For your convenience, below is a matrix of the number and status of disclosure events involving this brokerage firm or one of its control affiliates. Further information regarding these events can be found in the subsequent pages of this report.

	Pending	Final	On Appeal
Regulatory Event	0	1	0
Arbitration	N/A	1	N/A



### **Disclosure Event Details**

What you should know about reported disclosure events:

- BrokerCheck provides details for any disclosure event that was reported in CRD. It also includes summary information regarding FINRA arbitration awards in cases where the brokerage firm was named as a respondent.
- 2. Certain thresholds must be met before an event is reported to CRD, for example:
  - A law enforcement agency must file formal charges before a brokerage firm is required to disclose a particular criminal event.
- 3. Disclosure events in BrokerCheck reports come from different sources:
  - Disclosure events for this brokerage firm were reported by the firm and/or regulators. When the firm and a regulator report information for the same event, both versions of the event will appear in the BrokerCheck report. The different versions will be separated by a solid line with the reporting source labeled.
- 4. There are different statuses and dispositions for disclosure events:
  - o A disclosure event may have a status of pending, on appeal, or final.
    - A "pending" event involves allegations that have not been proven or formally adjudicated.
    - An event that is "on appeal" involves allegations that have been adjudicated but are currently being appealed.
    - A "final" event has been concluded and its resolution is not subject to change.
  - o A final 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 involves an agreement by the parties to resolve the matter.
       Please note that firms may choose to settle customer disputes or regulatory matters for business or other reasons.
    - A "resolved" matter usually involves no payment to the customer and no finding of wrongdoing on the part of the individual broker. Such matters generally involve customer disputes.
- 5. You may wish to contact the brokerage firm to obtain further information regarding any of the disclosure events contained in this BrokerCheck report.

### Regulatory - Final

This type of disclosure event involves (1) a final, formal proceeding initiated by a regulatory authority (e.g., a state securities agency, self-regulatory organization, federal regulator such as the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, foreign financial regulatory body) for a violation of investment-related rules or regulations; or (2) a revocation or suspension of the authority of a brokerage firm or its control affiliate to act as an attorney, accountant or federal contractor.

### Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source: Regulator

Current Status: Final



Allegations:

WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING THE FINDINGS, THE FIRM CONSENTED TO THE SANCTIONS AND TO THE ENTRY OF FINDINGS THAT IT VIOLATED SECTIONS 15(C) AND 17(A) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, AND EXCHANGE ACT RULES 15C3-1, 17A-3, 17A-5, AND 17A-11. THE FINDINGS STATED THAT THE FIRM FAILED TO MAINTAIN ITS REQUIRED MINIMUM NET CAPITAL AFTER SETTLING A CUSTOMER ARBITRATION,

WHICH CAUSED AN INCREASE TO THE FIRM'S AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS AND ITS MINIMUM NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT. THE FIRM EFFECTED MULTIPLE SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS ON BEHALF OF ITS CUSTOMERS WHILE IT WAS NET CAPITAL DEFICIENT PRIOR TO FILING A

NOTICE OF NET CAPITAL DEFICIENCY WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (SEC) OR FINRA. THEREFORE, THE FIRM

VIOLATED EXCHANGE ACT SECTIONS 15(C) AND 17(A), AND RULES 15C3-1 AND 17A-11. THE FINDINGS ALSO STATED THAT THE FIRM FAILED TO

TIMELY AND ACCURATELY RECORD CUSTOMER ARBITRATION SETTLEMENTS, WHICH CAUSED THE FIRM TO MAINTAIN INACCURATE BOOKS AND RECORDS REGARDING ITS AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS AND NET CAPITAL, AND TO FILE A FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL COMBINED UNIFORM SINGLE (FOCUS) REPORT THAT INACCURATELY REPORTED ITS REQUIRED MINIMUM AND EXCESS NET CAPITAL. THEREFORE, THE FIRM VIOLATED EXCHANGE ACT SECTION 17(A) AND RULES 17A-3 AND 17A-5.

Initiated By: FINRA

**Date Initiated:** 10/18/2021

**Docket/Case Number:** 2019063249601

Principal Product Type:

Other Product Type(s):

Principal Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

Other Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

**Resolution:** Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)

No Product

Resolution Date: 10/18/2021

Does the order constitute a final order based on violations of any laws or regulations that prohibit fraudulent, manipulative, or deceptive conduct? No

Sanctions Ordered:

Censure



Monetary/Fine \$20,000.00

Other Sanctions Ordered:

Sanction Details: THE FIRM WAS CENSURED AND FINED \$20,000. FINE PAID IN FULL ON

**NOVEMBER 2. 2021.** 

**Reporting Source:** Firm **Current Status:** Final

Allegations: WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING THE FINDINGS, THE FIRM CONSENTED

> TO THE SANCTIONS AND TO THE ENTRY OF FINDINGS THAT IT VIOLATED SECTIONS 15(C) AND 17(A) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, AND EXCHANGE ACT RULES 15C3-1, 17A-3, 17A-5, AND 17A-11. THE FINDINGS STATED THAT THE FIRM FAILED TO MAINTAIN ITS REQUIRED MINIMUM NET CAPITAL AFTER SETTLING A CUSTOMER ARBITRATION,

WHICH CAUSED AN INCREASE TO THE FIRM'S AGGREGATE

INDEBTEDNESS AND ITS MINIMUM NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT. THE FIRM EFFECTED MULTIPLE SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS ON BEHALF OF ITS CUSTOMERS WHILE IT WAS NET CAPITAL DEFICIENT PRIOR TO FILING A NOTICE OF NET CAPITAL DEFICIENCY WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (SEC) OR FINRA. THEREFORE, THE FIRM

VIOLATED EXCHANGE ACT SECTIONS 15(C) AND 17(A), AND RULES 15C3-1

AND 17A-11. THE FINDINGS ALSO STATED THAT THE FIRM FAILED TO

TIMELY AND ACCURATELY RECORD CUSTOMER ARBITRATION

SETTLEMENTS, WHICH CAUSED THE FIRM TO MAINTAIN INACCURATE BOOKS AND RECORDS REGARDING ITS AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS AND NET CAPITAL. AND TO FILE A FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL COMBINED UNIFORM SINGLE (FOCUS) REPORT THAT INACCURATELY REPORTED ITS REQUIRED MINIMUM AND EXCESS NET CAPITAL. THEREFORE, THE FIRM VIOLATED EXCHANGE ACT SECTION 17(A) AND RULES 17A-3 AND 17A-5.

**Initiated By: FINRA** 

Date Initiated: 10/18/2021

**Docket/Case Number:** 2019063249601

**Principal Product Type:** 

No Product

Other Product Type(s):

Principal Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

Other Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:



**Resolution:** Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)

**Resolution Date:** 10/18/2021

Sanctions Ordered: Censure

Monetary/Fine \$20,000.00

**Other Sanctions Ordered:** 

Sanction Details: THE FIRM WAS CENSURED AND FINED \$20,000.



### Arbitration Award - Award / Judgment

Brokerage firms are not required to report arbitration claims filed against them by customers; however, BrokerCheck provides summary information regarding FINRA arbitration awards involving securities and commodities disputes between public customers and registered securities firms in this section of the report.

The full text of arbitration awards issued by FINRA is available at www.finra.org/awardsonline.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source: Regulator

Type of Event: ARBITRATION

Allegations: ACCOUNT ACTIVITY-BRCH OF FIDUCIARY DT; ACCOUNT ACTIVITY-FRAUD;

ACCOUNT ACTIVITY-MISREPRESENTATION; ACCOUNT ACTIVITY-OMISSION OF FACTS; ACCOUNT ACTIVITY-SUITABILITY; ACCOUNT ACTIVITY-VIOLATE OF BLUE SKY LWS; ACCOUNT RELATED-FAILURE TO SUPERVISE; ACCOUNT

RELATED-NEGLIGENCE

Arbitration Forum: FINRA

**Case Initiated:** 06/30/2017

**Case Number:** 17-01679

Disputed Product Type: CORPORATE BONDS; LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS; OTHER TYPES OF

**SECURITIES** 

Sum of All Relief Requested: \$330,000.00

**Disposition:** AWARD AGAINST PARTY

**Disposition Date:** 06/27/2018

Sum of All Relief Awarded: \$360,300.02

There may be a non-monetary award associated with this arbitration.

Please select the Case Number above to view more detailed information.

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# **End of Report**



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