BrokerCheck Report

COGNITIVE CAPITAL, LLC

CRD# 131272

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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
    - 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?**
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- **Are there other resources I can use to check the background of investment professionals?**
- FINRA recommends that you learn as much as possible about an investment professional before deciding to work with them. Your state securities regulator can help you research brokers and investment adviser representatives doing business in your state.
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COGNITIVE CAPITAL, LLC

CRD# 131272

SEC# 8-66442

Main Office Location

141 W JACKSON
1620
CHICAGO, IL 60604
Regulated by FINRA Chicago Office

Mailing Address

141 W JACKSON
1620
CHICAGO, IL 60604

Business Telephone Number

312-431-0400

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 limited liability company.

This firm was formed in Illinois on 03/22/2004.

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
- 0 U.S. states and territories

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

This firm conducts 1 type of business.

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

This firm does not have 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:

Type	Count
Regulatory Event	1

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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.

COGNITIVE CAPITAL, LLC

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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):	ARTHUR S. MARGULIS LIVING TRUST DATED 2/24/1998
Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?	Domestic Entity
Position	MANAGING MEMBER
Position Start Date	03/2004
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

Legal Name & CRD# (if any):	MARK AND BETSY CARROLL FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST
Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?	Domestic Entity
Position	MEMBER
Position Start Date	03/2016
Percentage of Ownership	10% but less than 25%
Does this owner direct the management or policies of the firm?	No
Is this a public reporting company?	No

Legal Name & CRD# (if any):	CARROLL, MARK WILLIAM 5077727
Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?	Individual
Position	CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, TRUSTEE
Position Start Date	07/2008
Percentage of Ownership	Less than 5%

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Direct Owners and Executive Officers (continued)

Does this owner direct the management or policies of the firm?	Yes
Is this a public reporting company?	No

Legal Name & CRD# (if any):	MARGULIS, ARTHUR SIDNEY JR 2132364
Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?	Individual
Position	MANAGING PRINCIPAL, TRUSTEE
Position Start Date	02/1998
Percentage of Ownership	Less than 5%
Does this owner direct the management or policies of the firm?	Yes
Is this a public reporting company?	No

Legal Name & CRD# (if any):	PROSKIN, DAVID S 5062532
Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?	Individual
Position	FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONS PRINCIPAL
Position Start Date	08/2026
Percentage of Ownership	Less than 5%
Does this owner direct the management or policies of the firm?	No
Is this a public reporting company?	No

Legal Name & CRD# (if any):	RIDGES, DAVID BRIAN 4662004

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Direct Owners and Executive Officers (continued)

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?	Individual
Position	CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER, TRUSTEE
Position Start Date	08/2019
Percentage of Ownership	Less than 5%
Does this owner direct the management or policies of the firm?	No
Is this a public reporting company?	No

Legal Name & CRD# (if any):	THE RIDGES FAMILY 2024 DECLARATION OF TRUST DATED MARCH 1, 2024
Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?	Domestic Entity
Position	MEMBER
Position Start Date	03/2024
Percentage of Ownership	Less than 5%
Does this owner direct the management or policies of the firm?	No
Is this a public reporting company?	No

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

Indirect Owners

Legal Name & CRD# (if any):	CARROLL, MARK WILLIAM 5077727
Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?	Individual
Company through which indirect ownership is established	MARK AND BETSY CARROLL FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST
Relationship to Direct Owner	TRUSTEE
Relationship Established	01/2015
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

Legal Name & CRD# (if any):	MARGULIS, ARTHUR SIDNEY JR 2132364
Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?	Individual
Company through which indirect ownership is established	ARTHUR S. MARGULIS LIVING TRUST DATED 2/2/1998
Relationship to Direct Owner	TRUSTEE
Relationship Established	02/1998
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

Legal Name & CRD# (if any):	RIDGES, DAVID BRIAN

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Indirect Owners (continued)

	4662004
Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?	Individual
Company through which indirect ownership is established	THE RIDGES FAMILY 2024 DECLARATION OF TRUST DATED MARCH 1, 2024
Relationship to Direct Owner	TRUSTEE
Relationship Established	03/2024
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

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Firm History

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

No information reported.

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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 0 U.S. states and territories.

Federal Regulator	Status	Date Effective
SEC	Approved	05/13/2004

SEC Registration Questions

This firm is registered with the SEC as:

A broker-dealer: Yes

A broker-dealer and government securities broker or dealer: No

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	06/10/2024

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Registrations (continued)

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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 1 type of business.

Types of Business

Trading securities for own account

Other Types of Business

This firm does effect transactions in commodities, commodity futures, or commodity options.
This firm does not engage in other non-securities business.

Non-Securities Business Description:

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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 not refer or introduce customers to other brokers and dealers.

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Industry Arrangements

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

Name: VANGUARD ARCHIVES

Business Address: 3431 POWELL STREET
FRANKLIN PARK, IL 60131

Effective Date: 07/19/2023

Description: THIRD PARTY CUSTODIAN OF BOOKS AND RECORDS.

Name: SMARSH INC

Business Address: 851 SW 6TH AVE
SUITE 800
PORTLAND, OR 97204

Effective Date: 05/21/2020

Description: THIRD PARTY CUSTODIAN OF ELECTRONIC MESSAGING COMMUNICATION.

Name: ARCTERA US LLC

Business Address: 2623 CAMINO RAMON, SUITE 200
SAN RAMON, CA 94583

Effective Date: 04/01/2018

Description: THIRD PARTY CUSTODIAN OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION AND OTHER BOOKS AND RECORDS.

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

Name: GOLDMAN SACHS & CO. LLC

CRD #: 361

Business Address: 200 WEST ST.
NEW YORK, NY 10282

Effective Date: 11/10/2016

Description: GOLDMAN SACHS & CO LLC HOLDS AND/OR MAINTAINS THE FIRM'S FUNDS AND/OR SECURITIES

This firm does not have customer accounts, funds, or securities maintained by a third party.

Control Persons/Financing

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

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Industry Arrangements (continued)

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

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Organization Affiliates

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**

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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

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Disclosure Event Details

What you should know about reported disclosure events:

1. **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:**
   - 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.
   - 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

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Allegations:	COGNITIVE CAPITAL, LLC VIOLATED SECTION 15(C) PROMULGATED UNDER THE EXCHANGE ACT AND RULE 15C3-1 - NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS FOR BROKERS OR DEALERS THEREUNDER; AND CBOE RULES 8.2 - ADHERENCE TO LAW AND 11.1 - MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.
Initiated By:	CBOE EXCHANGE, INC.
Date Initiated:	05/13/2022
Docket/Case Number:	FILE NO. USE-2362-01/URE-36-01; STAR NO.
Principal Product Type:	Options
Other Product Type(s):	
Principal Sanction(s)/Relief Sought:	Civil and Administrative Penalt(ies) /Fine(s)
Other Sanction(s)/Relief Sought:	
Resolution:	Consent
Resolution Date:	05/18/2022
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 $22,000.00
Other Sanctions Ordered:	
Sanction Details:	A CENSURE AND A MONETARY FINE IN THE AMOUNT OF $22,000.

Reporting Source:	Firm
Current Status:	Final
Allegations:	CBOE ENFORCEMENT HAS ALLEGED THE FOLLOWING VIOLATIONS OF CBOE RULES AND THE EXCHANGE ACT: CBOE RULE 8.2 - ADHERENCE TO LAW, CBOE RULE 11.1 MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS, AND EXCHANGE ACT SECTION 15(C) AND RULE 15C3-1 - NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS FOR BROKERS OR DEALERS
Initiated By:	CBOE EXCHANGE, INC.
Date Initiated:	02/18/2022

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Docket/Case Number:	STAR NO. 20200652457/FILE NO. USE-2362-01/URE 36-01
Principal Product Type:	Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)
Other Product Type(s):	
Principal Sanction(s)/Relief Sought:	Censure
Other Sanction(s)/Relief Sought:	MONETARY FINE OF $22,000
Resolution:	Consent
Resolution Date:	05/18/2022
Sanctions Ordered:	Censure Monetary/Fine $22,000.00
Other Sanctions Ordered:	
Sanction Details:	A MONETARY FINE IN THE AMOUNT OF $22,000 WHICH WAS PAID ON 05/23/2022.

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