

BrokerCheck Report

L.O. THOMAS & CO. INC.

CRD# 23657

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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
 - 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?**

- 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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For additional information about the contents of this report, please refer to the User Guidance or www.finra.org/brokercheck. It provides a glossary of terms and a list of frequently asked questions, as well as additional resources. For more information about FINRA, visit www.finra.org.



L.O. THOMAS & CO. INC.

CRD# 23657

SEC# 8-40875

Main Office Location

LINWOOD COMMONS-SUITE A-6
2106 NEW ROAD
LINWOOD, NJ 08221
Regulated by FINRA Woodbridge Office

Mailing Address

LINWOOD COMMMONS-SUITE A-6
2106 NEW ROAD PO BOX 293
LINWOOD, NJ 08221

Business Telephone Number

(609) 927-4044

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 New Jersey on 03/01/1996.

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
- 22 U.S. states and territories

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

This firm conducts 5 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:

Type	Count
Regulatory Event	1



Firm Profile

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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.

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Doing business as L.O. THOMAS & CO. INC.

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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):	RISLEY, JOHN WESLEY JR 844622
Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?	Individual
Position	PRESIDENT, FINOP, CEO,CCO
Position Start Date	01/1989
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.

Indirect Owners

No information reported.



Firm History

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

No information reported.





Firm Operations

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 22 U.S. states and territories.

Federal Regulator	Status	Date Effective
SEC	Approved	05/11/1989

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	01/03/1989



Firm Operations

Registrations (continued)

U.S. States & Territories	Status	Date Effective
Alabama	Approved	07/05/2022
Arizona	Approved	03/27/2015
California	Approved	07/19/2005
Connecticut	Approved	10/20/1999
Delaware	Approved	08/28/2003
Florida	Approved	01/03/1995
Georgia	Approved	08/11/2010
Indiana	Approved	03/06/2013
Maryland	Approved	03/27/2007
Massachusetts	Approved	10/28/2003
Montana	Approved	01/19/2006
New Jersey	Approved	04/17/1989
New York	Approved	10/22/2003
North Carolina	Approved	04/23/2025
Ohio	Approved	03/31/2023
Oregon	Approved	04/18/2025
Pennsylvania	Approved	05/07/1991
South Carolina	Approved	09/10/2024
Tennessee	Approved	03/10/2022
Texas	Approved	02/10/2015
Virginia	Approved	05/24/2011
Wisconsin	Approved	08/22/2008

Firm Operations



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 5 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
Municipal securities broker
Broker or dealer selling variable life insurance or annuities

Firm Operations



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:	MUTUAL SECURITIES, INC.
CRD #:	13092
Business Address:	807-A CAMARILLO SPRINGS ROAD CAMARILLO, CA 93012
Effective Date:	05/01/2012
Description:	L.O.THOMAS & CO., INC. IS FULLY DISCLOSED WITH A PIGGY-BACK AGREEMENT WITH MUTUAL SECURITIES. THE CLEARING FIRM IS NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES.

Firm Operations

Industry Arrangements



This firm does not have books or records maintained by a third party.

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

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.

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



Firm Operations

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



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

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



Allegations: WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING THE FINDINGS, THE FIRM CONSENTED TO THE SANCTIONS AND TO THE ENTRY OF FINDINGS THAT IT FAILED TO RETAIN ITS OUTGOING EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE SENT THROUGH ONE EMAIL ACCOUNT WHICH WAS USED FOR FIRM-RELATED BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS. THE FINDINGS STATED THAT AT LEAST THREE OF THE FIRM'S REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVES USED OUTSIDE EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR BUSINESS-RELATED COMMUNICATIONS, AND THE FIRM FAILED TO REVIEW THOSE EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS. THE FIRM FAILED TO COMPLY WITH THE ELECTRONIC STORAGE MEDIA REQUIREMENTS OF SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT RULE 17A-4. THE FINDINGS ALSO STATED THAT THE FIRM FAILED TO ADEQUATELY PERFORM AND DOCUMENT OFFICE INSPECTIONS. THE FIRM DID NOT INSPECT ALL OF ITS OFFICE LOCATIONS, INCLUDING ITS MAIN OFFICE. MOREOVER, WHEN THE FIRM VISITED SOME OF ITS NON-BRANCH OFFICE LOCATIONS, THOSE VISITS WERE NOT DOCUMENTED AND DID NOT COVER TESTING THE FIRM'S POLICIES AND PROCEDURES IN SEVERAL AREAS.

Initiated By: FINRA

Date Initiated: 08/06/2014

Docket/Case Number: 2012030679001

Principal Product Type: No Product

Other Product Type(s):

Principal Sanction(s)/Relief Sought: Other

Other Sanction(s)/Relief Sought: N/A

Resolution: Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)

Resolution Date: 08/06/2014

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 \$25,000.00

Other Sanctions Ordered:

Sanction Details: SEE ABOVE

Regulator Statement FINE PAID IN FULL ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2014.



Reporting Source:	Firm
Current Status:	Final
Allegations:	EMAIL RETENTION VIOLATION AND UNDOCUMENTED OFFICE INSPECTIONS
Initiated By:	FINRA
Date Initiated:	07/28/2014
Docket/Case Number:	2012030679001
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:	08/08/2014
Sanctions Ordered:	Censure Monetary/Fine \$25,000.00
Other Sanctions Ordered:	
Sanction Details:	A CHECK WAS MAILED TO FINRA ON 8/8/2014 FOR 10,000.00 TOWARD THE FINE OF 25,000.00
Firm Statement	AN AGREEMENT WAS MADE TO PAY A FINE OF 25,000 ON AUGUST 8, 2014. A PAYMENT OF 10,000.00 WAS MADE ON 8/8/2014 AND BALANCE TO BE PAID IN INSTALLMENTS.

End of Report



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