

BrokerCheck Report

FOUNDERS M&A ADVISORY, LLC

CRD# 269926

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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?**

- 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 more information about FINRA, visit www.finra.org.](http://www.finra.org)



FOUNDERS M&A ADVISORY, LLC

CRD# 269926

SEC# 8-69638

Main Office Location

2400 FIFTH AVENUE SOUTH, SUITE 100
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35233
Regulated by FINRA New Orleans Office

Mailing Address

2400 FIFTH AVENUE SOUTH, SUITE 100
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35233

Business Telephone Number

205-949-2043

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 Alabama on 10/30/2013.

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
- 4 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? **No**



Firm Profile

This firm is classified as a limited liability company.

This firm was formed in Alabama on 10/30/2013.

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.

FOUNDERS M&A ADVISORY, LLC

Doing business as FOUNDERS M&A ADVISORY, 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):	FOUNDERS ADVISORS, LLC (FORMERLY KNOWN AS FOUNDERS INVESTMENT BANKING LLC)
Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?	Domestic Entity
Position	OWNER
Position Start Date	10/2013
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):	ALVAREZ, ENRIQUE 4622342
Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?	Individual
Position	FINOP
Position Start Date	10/2025
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):	CATES, ERIC OBIE IV 6394899
Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?	Individual
Position	CCO
Position Start Date	01/2026

Firm Profile



Direct Owners and Executive Officers (continued)

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): HIRSCH, KENNETH ALAN
2588742

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual? Individual

Position BOARD MEMBER

Position Start Date 10/2021

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): IRBY, RUSSELL LEE III

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual? Individual

Position BOARD MEMBER

Position Start Date 06/2015

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): LEGG, JAMES WESLEY
6358296

Firm Profile



Direct Owners and Executive Officers (continued)

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?	Individual
Position	PRESIDENT & CEO
Position Start Date	01/2026
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): TARENCE, ZANE P
5861607

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?	Individual
Position	BOARD MEMBER
Position Start Date	01/2026
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



Firm Profile

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

Indirect Owners

Legal Name & CRD# (if any):	DONNER, DUANE P II 5861018
Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?	Individual
Company through which indirect ownership is established	FOUNDERS ADVISORS, LLC (FORMERLY KNOWN AS FOUNDERS INVESTMENT BANKING LLC)
Relationship to Direct Owner	OWNER
Relationship Established	08/2003
Percentage of Ownership	50% but less than 75%
Does this owner direct the management or policies of the firm?	No
Is this a public reporting company?	No

Legal Name & CRD# (if any):	BAZEMORE, EUGENE JACKSON JR 3079731
Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?	Individual
Company through which indirect ownership is established	FOUNDERS ADVISORS, LLC (FORMERLY KNOWN AS FOUNDERS INVESTMENT BANKING LLC)
Relationship to Direct Owner	OWNER
Relationship Established	01/2026
Percentage of Ownership	Other General Partners
Does this owner direct the management or policies of the firm?	No
Is this a public reporting company?	No

Legal Name & CRD# (if any):	JOHNSON, BRADLEY PAUL
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Indirect Owners (continued)

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Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?	Individual
Company through which indirect ownership is established	FOUNDERS ADVISORS, LLC (FORMERLY KNOWN AS FOUNDERS INVESTMENT BANKING LLC)
Relationship to Direct Owner	OWNER
Relationship Established	01/2026
Percentage of Ownership	Other General Partners
Does this owner direct the management or policies of the firm?	No
Is this a public reporting company?	No

Legal Name & CRD# (if any):	LEGG, JAMES WESLEY 6358296
Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?	Individual
Company through which indirect ownership is established	FOUNDERS ADVISORS, LLC (FORMERLY KNOWN AS FOUNDERS INVESTMENT BANKING LLC)
Relationship to Direct Owner	OWNER
Relationship Established	01/2018
Percentage of Ownership	Other General Partners
Does this owner direct the management or policies of the firm?	Yes
Is this a public reporting company?	No

Legal Name & CRD# (if any):	SULLIVAN, JOHN WARREN 4897133
Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?	Individual



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Indirect Owners (continued)

Company through which indirect ownership is established	FOUNDERS ADVISORS, LLC (FORMERLY KNOWN AS FOUNDERS INVESTMENT BANKING LLC)
Relationship to Direct Owner	OWNER
Relationship Established	01/2026
Percentage of Ownership	Other General Partners
Does this owner direct the management or policies of the firm?	No
Is this a public reporting company?	No

Legal Name & CRD# (if any): TARENCE, ZANE P
5861607

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual? Individual

Company through which indirect ownership is established	FOUNDERS ADVISORS, LLC (FORMERLY KNOWN AS FOUNDERS INVESTMENT BANKING LLC)
Relationship to Direct Owner	OWNER
Relationship Established	08/2008
Percentage of Ownership	Other General Partners
Does this owner direct the management or policies of the firm?	No
Is this a public reporting company?	No

Legal Name & CRD# (if any): WEINGARTNER, CHRISTOPHER WARREN
6585454

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual? Individual

Company through which indirect ownership is established	FOUNDERS ADVISORS, LLC (FORMERLY KNOWN AS FOUNDERS INVESTMENT BANKING LLC)
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Firm Profile



Indirect Owners (continued)

Relationship to Direct Owner	OWNER
Relationship Established	01/2026
Percentage of Ownership	Other General Partners
Does this owner direct the management or policies of the firm?	No
Is this a public reporting company?	No

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 4 U.S. states and territories.

Federal Regulator	Status	Date Effective
SEC	Approved	03/24/2016

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	03/24/2016

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Registrations (continued)

U.S. States & Territories	Status	Date Effective
Alabama	Approved	04/12/2016
New York	Approved	09/25/2017
Tennessee	Approved	02/13/2025
Texas	Approved	09/18/2017

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 1 type of business.

Types of Business

Other - TO ENGAGE IN THE TYPE OF MERGER & ACQUISITION ("M&A") AND CORPORATE FINANCE ADVISORY SERVICES PERMITTED FOR INVESTMENT BANKING REPRESENTATIVES THAT HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE SERIES 79 EXAMINATION.

Other Types of Business

This firm does not 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.

Firm Operations

Industry Arrangements



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

Name: PROGRESS / SHAREFILE
Business Address: 15 WAYSIDE RD, SUITE 400
BURLINGTON, MA 01803
Effective Date: 02/24/2016
Description: SECURE FILE STORAGE SERVICE USED FOR BUSINESS RECORDS

Name: GLOBAL RELAY COMMUNICATIONS INC
Business Address: 220 CAMBIE STREET, 2ND FLOOR
VANCOUVER, CANADA V6B 2M9
Effective Date: 02/03/2016
Description: EMAIL COMMUNICATION RECORD RETENTION

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

End of Report



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