

## **BrokerCheck Report**

## MMS SECURITIES, INC.

CRD# 43120

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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.
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www.finra.org/brokercheck **User Guidance** 

## MMS SECURITIES, INC.

CRD# 43120

SEC# 8-50137

#### **Main Office Location**

888 W. BIG BEAVER ROAD SUITE 790 TROY, MI 48084

#### **Mailing Address**

888 W. BIG BEAVER ROAD **SUITE 790** TROY, MI 48084

#### **Business Telephone Number**

248-273-9010

## **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 Michigan on 03/18/1997. 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 brokerage firm is no longer registered with FINRA or a national securities exchange.

#### **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

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## **Registration Withdrawal Information**

This section provides information relating to the date the brokerage firm ceased doing business and the firm's financial obligations to customers or other brokerage firms.



Date firm ceased business: 05/06/2002

No

Does this brokerage firm owe any money or securities to any customer or brokerage firm?

This firm is classified as a corporation.

This firm was formed in Michigan on 03/18/1997.

Its fiscal year ends in December.



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.

#### MMS SECURITIES, INC.

Doing business as MMS SECURITIES, INC.

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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): MMS ACQUISITION, LLC

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

**Domestic Entity** 

**Position SOLE SHAREHOLDER** 

**Position Start Date** 06/2001

**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):

BARIKMO, GLENN MICHAEL

1464097

Is this a domestic or foreign

Individual

entity or an individual?

SR. VP, SECURITIES PRINCIPAL, COMPLIANCE OFFICER, SROP/CROP

**Position Start Date** 

03/2002

**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

**Position** 

Legal Name & CRD# (if any): CURRAN, LAURA LYNN

4348961

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

Individual

**Position FINOP** 

**Position Start Date** 08/2001

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**Direct Owners and Executive Officers (continued)** 

**Percentage of Ownership** 

Less than 5%

Does this owner direct the management or policies of

Yes

the firm?

Is this a public reporting

company?

No

Legal Name & CRD# (if any): GARAVAGLIA, MICHAEL LAWRENCE

2120445

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

Individual

PRESIDENT AND GENERAL PRINCIPAL

**Position Start Date** 

02/2001

**Percentage of Ownership** 

Less than 5%

Does this owner direct the

management or policies of

the firm?

**Position** 

Yes

Is this a public reporting

company?

No

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

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#### **Indirect Owners**

Legal Name & CRD# (if any): GARAVAGLIA, MICHAEL LAWRENCE

2120445

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

Individual

Company through which indirect ownership is established

MMS ACQUISITION LLC

**Relationship to Direct Owner** 

**OWNER** 

**Relationship Established** 

06/2001

**Percentage of Ownership** 

75% or more

Does this owner direct the management or policies of the firm?

Yes

Is this a public reporting

No

company?

## **Firm History**

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

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No information reported.

### Registrations

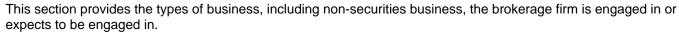
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This section provides information about the regulators (Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), self-regulatory organizations (SROs), and U.S. states and territories) with which the brokerage firm is currently registered and licensed, the date the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

This firm is no longer registered.

The firm's registration was from 10/01/1997 to 07/09/2002.

## **Types of Business**



This firm currently conducts 8 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 broker

Municipal securities broker

Broker or dealer selling variable life insurance or annuities

Put and call broker or dealer or option writer

Trading securities for own account





### **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: MESIROW FINANCIAL, INC.

**CRD #**: 2764

Business Address: 350 NORTH CLARK STREET

CHICAGO, IL 60610

**Effective Date:** 07/28/1997

**Description:** MMS SECURITIES, INC. WILL TRANSACT AND CLEAR EQUITY

SECURITIES ON AN OMNIBUS BASIS THROUGH MESIROW FINANCIAL,

INC.

## **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.

#### **Organization Affiliates**

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

This firm is, 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.

MEADOWBROOK SECURITIES INC. is under common control with the firm.

**CRD #**: 37305

Business Address: 21415 CIVIC DRIVE

SUITE 200

SOUTHFIELD, MI 48076

**Effective Date:** 06/29/2001

Foreign Entity: No

Country:

Securities Activities: Yes

**Investment Advisory** 

Yes

**Activities:** 

**Description:** MEADOWBROOK SHARE COMMON ONWERSHIP WITH THE FIRM.

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	2	0



#### **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 2

**Reporting Source:** Regulator

Current Status: Final



Allegations:

NASD MEMBERSHIP AND REGISTRATION RULE 1021, NASD CONDUCT RULES 2110, 3110 AND 3070, AND SEC RULES 15C3-3(B) AND 17A-3(A) 5 - RESPONDENT MEMBER, ACTING THROUGH EMPLOYEE, EXECUTED SALES TRANSACTIONS IN THE ACCOUNT OF PUBLIC CUSTOMER ACCOUNTS, WHO REQUESTED THAT THE SECURITIES IN THEIR ACCOUNTS BE TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER BROKER-DEALER, WITHOUT THE CUSTOMERS' KNOWLEDGE, AUTHORIZATION, OR CONSENT. IN ADDITION, RESPONDENT MEMBER FAILED TO PREPARE AND MAINTAIN AN ACCURATE

RESPONDENT MEMBER FAILED TO PREPARE AND MAINTAIN AN ACCURATE SECURITIES RECORD OR LEDGER, AS REQUIRED BY SEC RULE 17A-3(A)5. FURTHERMORE, THE RESPONDENT MEMBER FAILED TO EVIDENCE POSSESSION AND CONTROL OF CUSTOMER FULLY PAID SECURITIES BASED ON THE FAILURE TO MAINTAIN ACCURATE RECORDS OF THE LOCATION OF THESE SECURITIES, IN VIOLATION OF SEC RULE 15C3-3(B). MOREOVER, THE RESPONDENT MEMBER, ACTING THROUGH EMPLOYEE, FAILED TO EMPLOY TWO GENERAL SECURITIES PRINCIPALS, IN VIOLATION OF NASD MEMBERSHIP AND REGISTRATION RULE 1021. IN ADDITION, THE MEMBER RECEIVED 24 WRITTEN COMPLAINTS, EXPRESSING GRIEVANCES INVOLVING THE MEMBER OR PERSONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE MEMBER, FROM CUSTOMERS, WITH WHOM THE MEMBER HAD ENGAGED OR HAD SOUGHT TO ENGAGE IN SECURITIES ACTIVITIES, AND FAILED TO REPORT SUCH CUSTOMERS GRIEVANCES TO THE NASD AS STATISTICAL AND SUMMARY INFORMATION WITHIN TIME LIMITS. THE CUSTOMER

COMPLAINTS, WHICH WERE REPORTED, WERE REPORTED BETWEEN 259

AND 59 DAYS AFTER THEY WERE REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED.

Initiated By: NASD

**Date Initiated:** 04/07/2004

Docket/Case Number: C8A040019

Principal Product Type: Other

Other Product Type(s): STOCK
Principal Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

Other Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

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

Resolution Date: 04/07/2004



Does the order constitute a final order based on violations of any laws or regulations that prohibit fraudulent, manipulative, or deceptive conduct?

Nο

Sanctions Ordered: Censure

Monetary/Fine \$45,000.00

**Other Sanctions Ordered:** 

Sanction Details: WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING THE ALLEGATIONS, RESPONDENT FIRM

CONSENTED TO THE DESCRIBED SANCTIONS AND TO THE ENTRY OF

FINDINGS; THEREFORE, FIRM IS CENSURED AND FINED \$45,000.

Disclosure 2 of 2

Reporting Source: Regulator

Current Status: Final

**Allegations:** SEC RULES 15C3-3(D),17A-3, 4 & 5 AND NASD RULES 1021, 2110, 2210, 3110,

3070; WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING THE ALLEGATIONS, RESPONDENT

MEMBER CONSENTED TO THE ENTRY OF FINDINGS THAT IT ACTING DIRECTLY AND THROUGH AN EMPLOYEE FAILED TO PREPARE AND MAINTAIN AN ACCURATE AND CURRENT GENERAL LEDGER, CURRENT TRAIL BALANCE SHEET, INCOME STATEMENT AND STOCK RECORD AS WELL AS SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATAION SUCH AS THE GENERAL BANK ACCOUNT AND CORPORATE CASH ACCOUNT BALANCES FOR THE

BALANCE SHEET ENTRIES TO EVIDENCE THE ACCURACY OF FOCUS PART

IIA REPORTS ENDING APRIL 2000 TO OCTOBER 2000; FAILED TO

ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN AND ENFORCE ADEQUATE WRITTEN SUPERVISORY PROCEDURES DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE SECURITIES, LAWS, AND REGULATIONS; MEMBER ACTING TROUGH EMPLOYEE #2 FAILED TO TIMELY REPORT TO THE NASD 25 CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS RECEIVED THE MEMBER; MEMBER ACTING THROUGH TWO EMPLOYEES, PERMITTED THE DISTRIBUTION OF SEVERAL THOUSAND COPIES OF SALES LITERATURE WHICH ENPHASIZED THE ADVANTAGES

AND SAVINGS OF INVESTING IN A FRACTIONAL SHARE INVESTMENT PROGRAM BUT OMITTED MATERIAL FACTS; MEMBER ALLOWED AN EMPLOYEE TO ACT IN A PRINCIPAL CAPACITY WHILE NOT REGISTERED

WITH THE NASD;

Initiated By: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECURITIES DEALERS, INC.

Date Initiated: 05/14/2002

Docket/Case Number: C8A020030



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:** 05/14/2002

Sanctions Ordered: Censure

Monetary/Fine \$90,000.00

**Other Sanctions Ordered:** 

Sanction Details: CENSURED AND FINED \$87,500 JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY AND AN

ADDITIONAL \$2,500 AGAINST FIRM.

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