

## BrokerCheck Report

**SCOTT VINCENT KAUP**

CRD# 1002907

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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](http://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](http://www.finra.org).

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This broker is not currently registered.

## Report Summary for this Broker



This report summary provides an overview of the broker's professional background and conduct. Additional information can be found in the detailed report.

### Broker Qualifications

**This broker is not currently registered.**

#### This broker has passed:

- 0 Principal/Supervisory Exams
- 4 General Industry/Product Exams
- 1 State Securities Law Exam

### Registration History

**This broker was previously registered with the following securities firm(s):**

- B CETERA ADVISOR NETWORKS LLC**  
CRD# 13572  
STUART, NE  
09/2019 - 07/2024
- B SUMMIT BROKERAGE SERVICES, INC.**  
CRD# 34643  
STUART, NE  
09/2016 - 09/2019
- B VSR FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.**  
CRD# 14503  
STUART, NE  
11/1989 - 09/2016

### Disclosure Events

All individuals registered to sell securities or provide investment advice are required to disclose customer complaints and arbitrations, regulatory actions, employment terminations, bankruptcy filings, and criminal or civil judicial proceedings.

Are there events disclosed about this broker? **Yes**

**The following types of disclosures have been reported:**

Type	Count
Customer Dispute	5

### Investment Adviser Representative Information

The information below represents the individual's record as a broker. For details on this individual's record as an investment adviser representative, visit the SEC's Investment Adviser Public Disclosure website at

<https://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov>

## Broker Qualifications



### Registrations

This section provides the self-regulatory organizations (SROs) and U.S. states/territories the broker is currently registered and licensed with, the category of each license, and the date on which it became effective. This section also provides, for every brokerage firm with which the broker is currently employed, the address of each branch where the broker works.

This broker is not currently registered.



## Broker Qualifications

### Industry Exams this Broker has Passed

This section includes all securities industry exams that the broker has passed. Under limited circumstances, a broker may attain a registration after receiving an exam waiver based on exams the broker has passed and/or qualifying work experience. Any exam waivers that the broker has received are not included below. A passed exam or exam waiver does not permit a broker to do business without an active SRO or state registration.

**This individual has passed 0 principal/supervisory exams, 4 general industry/product exams, and 1 state securities law exam.**

### Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
No information reported.		

### General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
<b>B</b> Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	10/01/2018
<b>B</b> Futures Managed Funds Examination	Series 31	08/04/1998
<b>B</b> General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	11/16/1985
<b>B</b> Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination	Series 6	08/13/1981

### State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
<b>B</b> Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	08/15/1990

Additional information about the above exams or other exams FINRA administers to brokers and other securities professionals can be found at [www.finra.org/brokerqualifications/registeredrep/](http://www.finra.org/brokerqualifications/registeredrep/).



## Broker Qualifications

### Professional Designations

This section details that the representative has reported **1** professional designation(s).

#### Certified Financial Planner

This representative holds or did hold **1** professional designation(s) that may have been used to qualify as an Investment Advisor representative. Please check with the appropriate designation authority for verification that the designation is still in effect. The contact information for these professional designation authorities can be found on the website for the North American Securities Administrators Association at <http://www.nasaa.org>



## Registration and Employment History

### Registration History

The broker previously was registered with the following firms:

Registration Dates	Firm Name	CRD#	Branch Location
<b>B</b> 09/2019 - 07/2024	CETERA ADVISOR NETWORKS LLC	13572	STUART, NE
<b>B</b> 09/2016 - 09/2019	SUMMIT BROKERAGE SERVICES, INC.	34643	STUART, NE
<b>B</b> 11/1989 - 09/2016	VSR FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	14503	STUART, NE
<b>B</b> 10/1989 - 11/1989	VSR FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	14503	
<b>B</b> 01/1987 - 10/1989	AMERICAN GENERAL SECURITIES INCORPORATED	13626	PHOENIX, AZ
<b>B</b> 04/1985 - 01/1987	VSR FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	14503	
<b>B</b> 10/1984 - 04/1985	WZW FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	5717	
<b>B</b> 08/1981 - 10/1984	ST. PAUL INVESTORS, INC.	421	

### Employment History

This section provides up to 10 years of an individual broker's employment history as reported by the individual broker on the most recently filed Form U4.

**Please note that the broker is required to provide this information only while registered with FINRA or a national securities exchange and the information is not updated via Form U4 after the broker ceases to be registered. Therefore, an employment end date of "Present" may not reflect the broker's current employment status.**

Employment	Employer Name	Position	Investment Related	Employer Location
07/2024 - Present	C2P Capital Advisory Group, LLC dba Prosperity Capital Advisors	Investment Advisor Representative	Y	Westlake, OH, United States
01/1985 - Present	Kaup's Financial Advisors, Inc. (d.b.a. for advisory business)	Owner, Investment Advisor Representative, Agent	Y	Stuart, NE, United States
12/1984 - Present	KAUP'S INSURANCE & INVESTMENTS, INC	OWNER	N	STUART, NE, United States
06/2023 - 07/2024	CETERA INVESTMENT ADVISERS LLC	INVESTMENT ADVISOR REPRESENTATIVE	Y	SCHAUMBURG, IL, United States



## Registration and Employment History

### Employment History, continued

Employment	Employer Name	Position	Investment Related	Employer Location
09/2019 - 07/2024	CETERA ADVISOR NETWORKS LLC	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	EL SEGUNDO, CA, United States
09/2016 - 05/2021	SUMMIT FINANCIAL GROUP INC	INVESTMENT ADVISER REPRESENTATIVE	Y	BOCA RATON, FL, United States
09/2016 - 09/2019	SUMMIT BROKERAGE SERVICES, INC.	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	STUART, NE, United States
08/2007 - 09/2016	VSR ADVISORY SERVICES	IAR	Y	OVERLAND PARK, KS, United States
10/1989 - 09/2016	VSR FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE/IAR	Y	OVERLAND PARK, KS, United States

### Other Business Activities

This section includes information, if any, as provided by the broker regarding other business activities the broker is currently engaged in either as a proprietor, partner, officer, director, employee, trustee, agent or otherwise. This section does not include non-investment related activity that is exclusively charitable, civic, religious or fraternal and is recognized as tax exempt.

(1) DBA KAUP'S FINANCIAL ADVISORS, INC.; INVESTMENT RELATED; 113 N MAIN, STUART NE 68780; DBA FOR INSURANCE SALES; OWNER; BEGAN JANUARY 1985; 2 HOURS PER MONTH INCLUDING DURING TRADING; SELLS HEALTH/DISABILITY, FIXED-TRADITIONAL, FIXED ANNUITIES, PROPERTY/CASUALTY, AND LTC INSURANCE.

(2) DBA KAUP'S FINANCIAL ADVISORS, INC.; INVESTMENT RELATED; 113 N MAIN, STUART NE 68780; DBA NAME; BEGAN JANUARY 1985; APX 160 HOURS/MONTH ALL DURING TRADING; NAME OF DBA FOR ADVISORY BUSINESS

(3) KAUP'S FINANCIAL ADVISORS, INC; NOT INVESTMENT RELATED; 113 N MAIN ST STUART, NE 68780; TAX PREPARATION AND ACCOUNTING; OWNER; BEGAN JANUARY 1985; 20 HOURS PER MONTH INCLUDING DURING TRADING; TAX RETURNS AND CLIENT ACCOUNTING. MR. KAUP ALSO OWNS KAUP'S TAX ADVISORS P.C. BUT DOES NOT CURRENTLY MARKET UNDER THIS NAME.

(4) STUART/ATKINSON AIRPORT AUTHORITY; NOT INVESTMENT RELATED; HWY 20, ATKINSON, NE 68713; GOVERNMENT ENTITY; TREASURER; 01/01/2010; 1 HOUR SPENT PER MONTH; 0 HOURS SPENT DURING TRADING HOURS; MONTHLY ACCOUNTING AND REPORT IT AT MEETINGS. ONE OF THREE SIGNERS ON THE CHECKS TO PAY BILLS.

(5) MR. KAUP IS TREASURER FOR THE SAND DOLLAR ROAD DISTRICT #2 IN LAKE ANDES SOUTH DAKOTA. MR. KAUP SPENDS LESS THAN AN HOUR PER MONTH ON THIS ACTIVITY DURING NON-TRADING HOURS. THIS IS NOT AN INVESTMENT RELATED ACTIVITY.

(6) Mr. Kaup is the Owner of Kaup's Insurance and Investments, Inc. which is a management and holding company for their tax, insurance and advisory business. This entity handles the day to day operations of their business. Mr. Kaup spends approximately 10 hours per week on this



## Registration and Employment History



### Other Business Activities, continued

activity during trading hours.

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## Disclosure Events



### What you should know about reported disclosure events:

1. All individuals registered to sell securities or provide investment advice are required to disclose customer complaints and arbitrations, regulatory actions, employment terminations, bankruptcy filings, and criminal or civil judicial proceedings.
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 broker is required to disclose a particular criminal event.
  - A customer dispute must involve allegations that a broker engaged in activity that violates certain rules or conduct governing the industry and that the activity resulted in damages of at least \$5,000.
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3. **Disclosure events in BrokerCheck reports come from different sources:**
  - As mentioned at the beginning of this report, information contained in BrokerCheck comes from brokers, brokerage firms and regulators. When more than one of these sources reports information for the same disclosure event, all 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.
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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 brokers and brokerage 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.

For your convenience, below is a matrix of the number and status of disclosure events involving this broker. Further information regarding these events can be found in the subsequent pages of this report. You also may wish to contact the broker to obtain further information regarding these events.

	Pending	Final	On Appeal
Customer Dispute	0	5	N/A



## Disclosure Event Details

When evaluating this information, please keep in mind that a disclosure event may be pending or involve allegations that are contested and have not been resolved or proven. The matter may, in the end, be withdrawn, dismissed, resolved in favor of the broker, or concluded through a negotiated settlement for certain business reasons (e.g., to maintain customer relationships or to limit the litigation costs associated with disputing the allegations) with no admission or finding of wrongdoing.

This report provides the information exactly as it was reported to CRD and therefore some of the specific data fields contained in the report may be blank if the information was not provided to CRD.

### Customer Dispute - Settled

This type of disclosure event involves a consumer-initiated, investment-related complaint, arbitration proceeding or civil suit containing allegations of sale practice violations against the broker that resulted in a monetary settlement to the customer.

#### Disclosure 1 of 5

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Broker
<b>Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:</b>	VSR Financial Services, Inc.
<b>Allegations:</b>	Claimants allege that their registered representative recommended unsuitable investments
<b>Product Type:</b>	Real Estate Security Other: Private Placements
<b>Alleged Damages:</b>	\$665,000.00
<b>Is this an oral complaint?</b>	No
<b>Is this a written complaint?</b>	No
<b>Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?</b>	Yes
<b>Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:</b>	FINRA
<b>Docket/Case #:</b>	20-03783
<b>Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation:</b>	11/11/2020

### Customer Complaint Information

**Date Complaint Received:** 11/16/2020



<b>Complaint Pending?</b>	No
<b>Status:</b>	Settled
<b>Status Date:</b>	08/26/2021
<b>Settlement Amount:</b>	\$95,000.00
<b>Individual Contribution Amount:</b>	\$0.00
<b>Broker Statement</b>	I deny any and all allegations made by the Claimants and all allegations are wholly without merit. All investments at issue were consistent with Claimants' investment objectives and risk tolerance. Claimants are accredited, knowledgeable investors who understood and appreciated all of the risks involved with the investments at issue. Additionally, the investments in totality produced a profit. As a business decision to avoid ongoing time and potential expense, and without admitting any liability on the part of the firm or the financial advisor, the firm settled the matter with the client.

#### Disclosure 2 of 5

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Broker
<b>Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:</b>	VSR Financial Services, Inc.
<b>Allegations:</b>	Claimants allege that their registered representative recommended unsuitable investments
<b>Product Type:</b>	Real Estate Security Other: Private Placements
<b>Alleged Damages:</b>	\$0.00
<b>Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):</b>	\$5000 or more
<b>Is this an oral complaint?</b>	No
<b>Is this a written complaint?</b>	No
<b>Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?</b>	Yes
<b>Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:</b>	FINRA



**Docket/Case #:** 21-00003  
**Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation:** 12/31/2020

### Customer Complaint Information

**Date Complaint Received:** 01/12/2021  
**Complaint Pending?** No  
**Status:** Settled  
**Status Date:** 02/11/2022  
**Settlement Amount:** \$325,000.00  
**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$0.00

**Broker Statement** I DENY ANY AND ALL ALLEGATIONS MADE BY THE CLAIMANTS AND ALL ARE WHOLLY WITHOUT MERIT. CLAIMANTS ARE HIGHLY KNOWLEDGEABLE AND ACCREDITED INVESTORS WHO UNDERSTOOD THE INVESTMENTS WHICH WERE CONSISTENT WITH THEIR OBJECTIVES. WITHOUT ADMITTING ANY LIABILITY ON THE PART OF THE FIRM OR FINANCIAL ADVISOR, THE FIRM SETTLED THE MATTER WITH THE CLIENT.

### Disclosure 3 of 5

**Reporting Source:** Broker  
**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** VSR FINANCIAL SERVICES INC

**Allegations:** CLIENT ALLEGES UNSUITABLE INVESTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS, MATERIAL MISREPRESENTATIONS AND OMISSIONS, AND SUPERVISORY DUE DILIGENCE FAILURES

**Product Type:** Direct Investment-DPP & LP Interests  
 Real Estate Security

**Alleged Damages:** \$450,000.00

**Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):** APPROXIMATE

**Is this an oral complaint?** No



**Is this a written complaint?** Yes

**Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?** Yes

**Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:** FINRA

**Docket/Case #:** 19-00309

**Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation:** 01/25/2019

### Customer Complaint Information

**Date Complaint Received:** 02/14/2019

**Complaint Pending?** No

**Status:** Settled

**Status Date:** 08/12/2019

**Settlement Amount:** \$42,500.00

**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$0.00

**Broker Statement** I deny any and all allegations made by the Claimants and all allegations are wholly without merit. The investment at issue was consistent with Claimants' investment objectives and risk tolerance. Claimants are accredited, knowledgeable investors who understood and appreciated all of the risks involved with the investment at issue. As a business decision to avoid ongoing time and potential expense, and without admitting any liability on the part of the firm or the financial advisor, the firm settled the matter with the client.

### Disclosure 4 of 5

**Reporting Source:** Broker

**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** VSR FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.

**Allegations:** CLIENT ALLEGES UNSUITABLE INVESTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS, MATERIAL MISREPRESENTATIONS AND OMISSIONS, AND SUPERVISORY DUE DILIGENCE FAILURES

**Product Type:** Direct Investment-DPP & LP Interests



Real Estate Security

**Alleged Damages:** \$2,600,000.00

**Alleged Damages Amount**  
**Explanation (if amount not exact):** APPROXIMATE

**Is this an oral complaint?** No

**Is this a written complaint?** No

**Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?** Yes

**Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:** FINRA

**Docket/Case #:** 18-01244

**Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation:** 04/04/2018

### Customer Complaint Information

**Date Complaint Received:** 07/13/2018

**Complaint Pending?** No

**Status:** Settled

**Status Date:** 06/27/2019

**Settlement Amount:** \$998,000.00

**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$0.00

### Broker Statement

I emphatically deny any and all allegations made by this client. The client's accusations have no merit. All investment recommendations made were in line with the client's risk tolerance and investment goals and strategies. The client is an experienced, knowledgeable investor and also accredited who understood the investments and their objectives. The client wanted growth and tax savings and their portfolio matched this objective and goal. When the recession impacted real estate values and the investments did not perform as hoped, the customer sought restitution.

I agreed to settle this dispute only to avoid the ongoing time and potential legal costs involved and was released of all claims.



## Disclosure 5 of 5

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Broker
<b>Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:</b>	VSR Financial Services, Inc.
<b>Allegations:</b>	unsuitable recommendations, Violation of common law fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, and negligence. The dates the alleged activity are 3/30/2001 to 6/14/2010.
<b>Product Type:</b>	Direct Investment-DPP & LP Interests Oil & Gas Real Estate Security
<b>Alleged Damages:</b>	\$0.00
<b>Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):</b>	Statement of Claim alleges a loss between \$1,000,000 and \$5,000,000.
<b>Is this an oral complaint?</b>	No
<b>Is this a written complaint?</b>	No
<b>Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?</b>	Yes
<b>Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:</b>	FINRA
<b>Docket/Case #:</b>	16-01088
<b>Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation:</b>	04/13/2016

## Customer Complaint Information

<b>Date Complaint Received:</b>	04/25/2016
<b>Complaint Pending?</b>	No
<b>Status:</b>	Settled
<b>Status Date:</b>	11/17/2017
<b>Settlement Amount:</b>	\$173,000.00
<b>Individual Contribution Amount:</b>	\$0.00
<b>Broker Statement</b>	I deny all allegations made by the customer and all allegations are without merit.





All investments made matched their risk profile and their investment goals and strategies. The customer has been determined to be accredited, and understood the investments and their objectives. When the investments did not perform as hoped, the customer sought restitution. A settlement agreement was signed and I was released from all claims. I agreed to settle this dispute only for the purpose of avoiding ongoing time and potential expense.

## End of Report



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