



BrokerCheck Report

BUFF AARON HOFFBERG

CRD# 1006856

About BrokerCheck®

BrokerCheck offers information on all current, and many former, FINRA-registered securities brokers, and all current and former FINRA-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 <http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov>. In the alternative, you may search the IAPD website directly or contact your state securities regulator at <http://www.nasaa.org>.

- **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.

Thank you for using FINRA BrokerCheck.

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This individual is no longer registered with FINRA. The individual's registration with FINRA was terminated prior to August 1999 when the enhanced CRD system was implemented. As a result, since the individual was not required to update their CRD record via the submission of a Form U4 to CRD since August 1999, BrokerCheck contains only limited information about this individual.

Report Summary for this Broker

The 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 with a FINRA firm.

This broker has passed:

- 0 Principal/Supervisory Exams
- 2 General Industry/Product Exams
- 0 State Securities Law Exams

Registration History

This broker was previously registered with the following FINRA member firms:

**MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER &
SMITH INCORPORATED**

CRD# 7691

NEW YORK NY

10/31/1981 to 11/01/1985

Disclosure of Regulatory Events

This section includes details regarding final regulatory events reported by or about this broker to CRD as part of the securities industry registration and licensing process.

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

The following type of disclosure was reported:

Regulatory Event

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 passed and/or qualifying work experience. Any exam waivers that the broker has received are not included below.

This individual has passed 0 principal/supervisory exams, 2 general industry/product exams, and 0 state securities law exam.

Exam Class	Exam Name	Category	Date
General Industry/Product Exams	National Commodity Futures Examination	Series 3	5/17/1988
General Industry/Product Exams	General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	10/17/1981

Additional information about the above exams or other exams FINRA administers to brokers and other securities professionals can be found at <http://www.finra.org/Industry/Compliance/Registration/QualificationsExams/index.htm>.

Registration History

This broker previously was registered with FINRA at the following firms:

Registration Dates	Firm Name	CRD #	Branch Location
10/31/1981 to 11/01/1985	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	7691	NEW YORK NY

Disclosure of Regulatory Events

What you should know about reported disclosure events:

1. Disclosure events in BrokerCheck reports come from different sources:
 - As mentioned at the beginning of the report, information contained in BrokerCheck comes from brokers, their employing firms, and regulators. When more than one source reports information for the same disclosure event, all versions of the event will appear in the BrokerCheck report. The different versions are separated with reporting source labeled.

Disclosure Event Details

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.

Regulatory - Final

This type of disclosure event involves a final, formal proceeding initiated by a regulatory authority (e.g., a state securities agency, self-regulatory organization, federal regulator such as the Securities and Exchange Commission, foreign financial regulatory body) for a violation of investment-related rules or regulations.

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Reporting Source: Regulator

Details:

10/28/88-AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE WEEKLY BULLETIN DATED OCTOBER 14, 1988 DISCLOSES: BUFF HOFFBER, A FORMER REGISTERED EMPLOYEE OF MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH, INC., A REGULAR MEMBER ORGANIZATION, WAS DISCIPLINED BY A DISCIPLINARY PANEL FOR VIOLATING EXCHANGE RULES 341,345(a)(4) and 345(a)(6) BY FAILING TO PROPERLY EXECUTE A CLIENT'S ORDER AND BY MISREPRESENTING ATTEMPTS TO CORRECT THE ERRONEOUS SITUATION TO THE CLIENT, THEREBY EXPOSING THE CUSTOMER TO UNEXPECTED AND UNLIMITED RISK; AND EXCHANGE RULE 341.08 BY REIMBURSING THE CUSTOMER \$748.00 AS A RESULT OF HIS MISMANAGEMENT OF THE CUSTOMER'S ACCOUNT. HOFFBERG WAS CENSURED AND FINED \$2,500. HE SETTLED THE CHARGES WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING THE EXCHANGE'S ALLEGATIONS. <><><> PER THE EXCHANGE, THE SANCTION WAS IMPOSED ON AUGUST 28, 1988.