

BrokerCheck Report

JOSEPH FRANCIS RINALDI, III MR.

CRD# 1012144

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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 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.

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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
- 3 General Industry/Product Exams
- 2 State Securities Law Exams

Registration History

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

- B RAS SECURITIES CORP.**
CRD# 28212
NEW YORK, NY
10/1995 - 12/1995
- B GRUNTAL & CO. INCORPORATED**
CRD# 372
NEW YORK, NY
01/1994 - 09/1994
- B AEGIS SECURITIES CORPORATION**
CRD# 26581
09/1991 - 11/1991

Disclosure Events

This broker has been involved in one or more disclosure events involving certain final criminal matters, regulatory actions, civil judicial proceedings, or arbitrations or civil litigations.

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

The following types of disclosures have been reported:

Type	Count
Regulatory Event	2

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), states and U.S. territories the broker is currently registered and licensed with, the category of each registration, and the date on which the registration became effective. This section also provides, for each 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, 3 general industry/product exams, and 2 state securities law exams.

Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
No information reported.		

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	09/13/1991
B National Commodity Futures Examination	Series 3	03/06/1987
B Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination	Series 6	10/21/1981

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
IA Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination	Series 65	06/17/2004
B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	02/25/1994

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/.

Broker Qualifications



Professional Designations

This section details that the representative has reported **0** professional designation(s).

No information reported.



Registration and Employment History

Registration History

The broker previously was registered with the following securities firms:

Registration Dates	Firm Name	CRD#	Branch Location
B 10/1995 - 12/1995	RAS SECURITIES CORP.	28212	NEW YORK, NY
B 01/1994 - 09/1994	GRUNTAL & CO. INCORPORATED	372	NEW YORK, NY
B 09/1991 - 11/1991	AEGIS SECURITIES CORPORATION	26581	
B 07/1987 - 02/1988	MORGAN STANLEY MARKET PRODUCTS INC.	19794	
B 12/1986 - 10/1987	MORGAN STANLEY & CO., INCORPORATED	8209	
B 11/1981 - 09/1982	FIRST INVESTORS CORPORATION	305	

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
06/1996 - Present	QUANTUM FINANCIAL ADVISORS	PRESIDENT & SENIOR MANAGING DIRECTOR	Y	ROCKVILLE, MD, United States

Disclosure 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 this 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 by a solid line with the reporting source labeled.

For your convenience, below is a matrix of the number and status of regulatory 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.

	Final	On Appeal
Regulatory Event	2	0



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.

Disclosure 1 of 2

Reporting Source:	Broker
Regulatory Action Initiated By:	MARYLAND ATTORNEY GENERAL, SECURITIES DIVISION
Sanction(s) Sought:	Cease and Desist
Other Sanction(s) Sought:	
Date Initiated:	06/22/2004
Docket/Case Number:	2004-0368
Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:	QUANTUM FINANCIAL ADVISORS, INC.
Product Type:	No Product
Other Product Type(s):	
Allegations:	<p>MR. RINALDI, WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING ANY ALLEGATIONS, ENTERED INTO A CONSENT ORDER WITH THE SECURITIES DIVISION OF THE MARYLAND ATTORNEY GENERAL, WHICH PROVIDED THAT, 1) MR. RINALDI ACTED AS AN INVESTMENT ADVISER REPRESENTATIVE WITHOUT REGISTERING WITH THE STATE OF MARYLAND, 2) QFA ACTED AS A FEDERAL COVERED ADVISER WITHOUT FILING A NOTICE OF REGISTRATION WITH THE STATE OF MARYLAND, 3) QFA DEDUCTED FEES DIRECTLY FROM CLIENT ACCOUNTS WITHOUT COMPLYING WITH THE REQUISITE SAFEGUARDS, AND 4) QFA OFFERED UNREGISTERED SECURITIES TO THE PUBLIC ON ITS WEBSITE IN VIOLATION OF SECTION 11-501 OF THE MARYLAND SECURITIES ACT.</p> <p>QFA PAID THE STATE OF MARYLAND \$3,594, WHICH REPRESENTS PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEES OWED, PLUS INTEREST.</p>
Current Status:	Final



Resolution: Consent

Resolution Date: 01/30/2006

Sanctions Ordered: Cease and Desist/Injunction
Monetary/Fine \$3,594.00

Other Sanctions Ordered:

Sanction Details: THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE FINE WAS \$3,594. THIS AMOUNT WAS LIMITED TO THE AMOUNT OWED TO THE STATE FOR PRIOR YEARS REGISTRATION FEES, PLUS INTEREST.

Disclosure 2 of 2

Reporting Source: Regulator

Regulatory Action Initiated By: DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, SECURITIES AND BANKING

Sanction(s) Sought: Cease and Desist

Other Sanction(s) Sought: CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

Date Initiated: 12/22/2003

Docket/Case Number: SB-04-03

Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action: QUANTUM FINANCIAL ADVISORS INC.

Product Type: Other

Other Product Type(s): OFFERING OF COMMON STOCK AND REITS.

Allegations: RESPONDENT QUANTUM FINANCIAL ADVISORS, INC. ("OFA") AND JOSEPH F. RINALDI ENGAGED IN ACTS OR PRACTICES CONSTITUTING VIOLATIONS OF THE SECURITIES ACT OF 2000 PRETAINING TO INVESTMENT ADVISERS AND INVESTMENT ADVISER REPRESENTATIVES AND THE RULES GOVERNING SECURITIES OFFERINGS IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Current Status: Final

Resolution: Other



Does the order constitute a final order based on violations of any laws or regulations that prohibit fraudulent, manipulative, or deceptive conduct?	No
Resolution Date:	06/22/2004
Sanctions Ordered:	Cease and Desist/Injunction
Other Sanctions Ordered:	THE RESPONDENT SHALL CEASE AND DESIST FROM ANY AND ALL OTHER OR FURTHER VIOLATIONS OF THE ACT.
Sanction Details:	<p>WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING THE EXISTENCE OF A VIOLATION, THE RESPONDENTS CONSENTED TO THE ENTRY OF THIS ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST FROM ANY AND ALL OTHER OR FURTHER VIOLATIONS OF THE ACT. THE COMMISSIONER SIGNED A CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER WITH THE RESPONDENTS. THE ORDER, IN PART, SETTLES ON-GOING VIOLATIONS OF THE DC SECURITIES ACT, NAMELY, OFFERING UNREGISTERED SECURITIES, AND EMPLOYING UNLICENSED SECURITIES PROFESSIONALS (INVESTMENT ADVISER REPRESENTATIVES) IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. PARTLY, AS A RESULT OF THIS ORDER, THE RESPONDENTS AGREE THAT:</p> <p>(1)RINALDI WILL BE UNDER HEIGHTEN SUPERVISION;</p> <p>(2)QFA WILL HAVE ITS BOOKS AND RECORDS AUDITED BY AN INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT TO TAKE CORRECTIVE ACTION OF QFA'S RECORDS AND BUSINESS PRACTICES;</p> <p>(3)QFA AND RINALDI WILL REFRAIN FROM OPERATING IN ANY JURISDICTION WHERE IT IS UNLICENSED OR UNREGISTERED;</p> <p>(4)QFA AND RINALDI WILL SUBMIT WRITTEN CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS TO THE EXAMINATIONS DIVISION FOR TWO (2) YEARS; AND</p> <p>(5) QFA AND RINALDI WILL NOTIFY THE EXAMINATIONS DIVISION THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO THEIR MOVE TO ANOTHER LOCATION IN OR OUTSIDE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.</p>
Regulator Statement	<p>BASED ON AN EXAMINATION CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, SECURITIES AND BANKING, THERE IS A CONTINUING INVESTIGATION INTO RINALDI'S PAST CONDUCT AND BUSINESS PRACTICE WHICH MAY HAVE VIOLATED THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA'S SECURITIES ACT. FINAL DISPOSITION WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY. PLEASE CALL JAY KNIGHT, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, SECURITIES BUREAU, DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, SECURITIES AND BANKING AT 202-442-4794.</p>

Reporting Source: Broker



Regulatory Action Initiated By:	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, SECURITIES AND BANKING
Sanction(s) Sought:	Cease and Desist
Other Sanction(s) Sought:	AGREED TO TAKE CORRECTIVE ACTION AS SET FORTH IN A CONSENT AGREEMENT WITH THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. ALL CORRECTIVE ACTIONS AS SET FORTH IN THE CONSENT AGREEMENT HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.
Date Initiated:	06/22/2004
Docket/Case Number:	SB-04-03
Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:	QUANTUM FINANCIAL ADVISORS, INC.,
Product Type:	No Product
Other Product Type(s):	
Allegations:	ON THE BASIS OF A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION, D.C. FOUND EVIDENCE OF VIOLATIONS OF THE SECURITIES ACT OF 2000, THE RULES PERTAINING TO INVESTMENT ADVISERS AND IA REPRESENTATIVES AND THE RULES GOVERNING SECURITIES OFFERINGS IN D.C. MR. RINALDI, WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING THE ALLEGATIONS, CONSENTED TO AN ENTRY OF AN ORDER WHICH INCLUDED CERTAIN CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY MR. RINALDI, ALL OF WHICH HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.
Current Status:	Final
Resolution:	Consent
Resolution Date:	06/22/2004
Sanctions Ordered:	Cease and Desist/Injunction
Other Sanctions Ordered:	UNDERTAKING
Sanction Details:	MR. RINALDI AGREED TO TAKE CERTAIN CORRECTIVE ACTIONS. ALL CORRECTIVE ACTIONS BY MR. RINALDI HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

End of Report



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