

BrokerCheck Report

CHARLES WILLIAM KROMER JR

CRD# 1068867

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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. 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:

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

Registration History

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

- B CUSO FINANCIAL SERVICES, L.P.**
CRD# 42132
CENTERVILLE, OH
11/2006 - 07/2011
- B OPPENHEIMER & CO. INC.**
CRD# 249
CINCINNATI, OH
06/2006 - 11/2006
- B FIFTH THIRD SECURITIES, INC.**
CRD# 628
SPRINGBORO, OH
01/2005 - 05/2006

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 | 1 |

Broker Comments

This broker has provided comments regarding information that is displayed in this report.

Has the broker provided comments? **Yes**

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 1 principal/supervisory exam, 2 general industry/product exams, and 1 state securities law exam.

Principal/Supervisory Exams

| Exam | Category | Date |
|--|----------|------------|
| B General Securities Sales Supervisor Examination (Options Module & General Module) | Series 8 | 02/19/1992 |

General Industry/Product Exams

| Exam | Category | Date |
|--|----------|------------|
| B National Commodity Futures Examination | Series 3 | 06/23/1986 |
| B General Securities Representative Examination | Series 7 | 10/16/1982 |

State Securities Law Exams

| Exam | Category | Date |
|---|-----------|------------|
| B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination | Series 63 | 11/01/1982 |

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 11/2006 - 07/2011 | CUSO FINANCIAL SERVICES, L.P. | 42132 | CENTERVILLE, OH |
| B 06/2006 - 11/2006 | OPPENHEIMER & CO. INC. | 249 | CINCINNATI, OH |
| B 01/2005 - 05/2006 | FIFTH THIRD SECURITIES, INC. | 628 | SPRINGBORO, OH |
| B 01/1994 - 01/2005 | MORGAN STANLEY DW INC. | 7556 | PURCHASE, NY |
| B 02/1988 - 01/1994 | PAINWEBBER INCORPORATED | 8174 | WEEHAWKEN, NJ |
| B 02/1988 - 03/1988 | SHEARSON LEHMAN HUTTON INC. | 7506 | |
| B 07/1984 - 02/1988 | E. F. HUTTON & COMPANY INC | 235 | |
| B 10/1982 - 07/1984 | MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED | 7691 | |

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 |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| 11/2006 - Present | CUSO FINANCIAL SERVICES, LP | REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE | Y | SAN DIEGO, CA, United States |
| 11/2006 - Present | WRIGHT-PATT CREDIT UNION | REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE | Y | CENTERVILLE, OH, 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 | 1 | 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 1

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|--|---|
| Reporting Source: | Regulator |
| Regulatory Action Initiated By: | FINRA |
| Sanction(s) Sought: | Other: N/A |
| Date Initiated: | 01/20/2010 |
| Docket/Case Number: | 2005002244102 |
| Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action: | FIFTH THIRD SECURITIES, INC. |
| Product Type: | Annuity-Variable |
| Allegations: | NASD RULES 2110 AND 2310: RESPONDENT CHARLES W. KROMER ENGAGED IN UNSUITABLE VARIABLE ANNUITY SWITCHES FOR CUSTOMERS. THE TRANSACTIONS WERE UNSUITABLE BECAUSE OF THE COSTS INCURRED, INCLUDING SURRENDER CHARGES, HIGHER ADMINISTRATIVE FEES, AND COSTS OF ADDITIONAL RIDERS, ALONG WITH OTHER DISADVANTAGES OF A NEW VARIABLE ANNUITY, INCLUDING LONGER SURRENDER PERIODS, HIGHER INITIAL SURRENDER FEES AND HIGHER THRESHOLD FOR WITHDRAWING FUNDS WITHOUT PENALTY, AND BECAUSE KROMER DID NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT HIS CUSTOMERS' AGE, INCOME AND INVESTMENT NEEDS. IN CONNECTION WITH THE UNSUITABLE VARIABLE ANNUITY PURCHASES, KROMER MADE MISSTATEMENTS AND OMISSIONS OF MATERIAL FACT. KROMER ENGAGED IN THE UNSUITABLE SWITCHES SO THAT HE COULD CONTINUE TO RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR VARIABLE ANNUITY CONTRACTS HELD BY CUSTOMERS AFTER HE MOVED HIS REGISTRATION TO ANOTHER MEMBER FIRM. |
| Current Status: | Final |
| Resolution: | Decision & Order of Offer of Settlement |



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:

07/19/2011

Sanctions Ordered:

Bar (Permanent)

If the regulator is the SEC, CFTC, or an SRO, did the action result in a finding of a willful violation or failure to supervise?

No

(1) willfully violated any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any of such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, or to have been unable to comply with any provision of such Act, rule or regulation?



(2) willfully aided, abetted, counseled, commanded, induced, or procured the violation by any person of any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any of such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board? or

(3) failed reasonably to supervise another person subject to your supervision, with a view to preventing the violation by such person of any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board?

Sanction 1 of 1

Sanction Type: Bar (Permanent)

Capacities Affected: All Capacities

Duration: Indefinite

Start Date: 07/19/2011

End Date:

**Regulator Statement**

WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING THE ALLEGATIONS, KROMER CONSENTED TO THE DESCRIBED SANCTION AND TO THE ENTRY OF FINDINGS; THEREFORE HE IS BARRED FROM ASSOCIATION WITH ANY FINRA MEMBER IN ANY CAPACITY.

Reporting Source:

Broker

Regulatory Action Initiated By:

FINRA

Sanction(s) Sought:

Other

Other Sanction(s) Sought:

UNDETERMINED

Date Initiated:

01/17/2008

Docket/Case Number:

20050022441

Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:

FIFTH THIRD SECURITIES

Product Type:

Annuity(ies) - Variable

Other Product Type(s):**Allegations:**

ALLEGED BOOKS AND RECORDS AND SUITABILITY VIOLATIONS.

Current Status:

Pending

Broker Statement

REPRESENTATIVE ACTED IN THE CLIENTS BEST INTEREST AT ALL TIMES AND DENIES ANY WRONGDOING. THE TRANSACTIONS IN QUESTION OCCURED IN MARCH THROUGH DECEMBER OF 2005. NO CLIENTS HAVE COMPLAINED. MOREOVER, EACH CLIENT WAS GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO CANCEL THEIR VA SALE, REVERSE SURRENDER FEES AND STAY WITH REPRESENTATIVE'S FORMER FIRM. EACH CLIENT DECLINED THE OFFER.

Broker Comment:

THIS MITIGATION STATEMENT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN ADMISSION OR DENIAL OF THE CHARGES. IN JANUARY 2010, I BECAME PERMANENTLY, PHYSICALLY DISABLED AND UNABLE TO CONTINUE MY CAREER AS A SECURITIES BROKER. THIS RESULTED FROM AN INJURY TO MY BACK. SINCE THAT TIME, I HAVE ALSO DEVELOPED OTHER MEDICAL CONDITIONS THAT HAVE LIMITED MY MOBILITY. AS A RESULT OF THIS MEDICAL CONDITION, SOMETIME AFTER JANUARY 2010, MY CLIENTS WERE REASSIGNED TO OTHER SECURITIES BROKERS WITH MY FIRM. I HAVE NO INTENTIONS AND I AM INCAPABLE OF RETURNING TO WORK AS A LICENSED SECURITIES BROKER. BECAUSE OF MY MEDICAL CONDITIONS (100% SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY), I BELIEVE IT IS IN MY BEST INTERESTS TO SETTLE



THE MATTER INSTEAD OF PROCEEDING TO A HEARING, I HAVE THEREFORE
VOLUNTARILY CHOSEN TO SETTLE THE MATTER INSTEAD.

End of Report



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