

## BrokerCheck Report

**RICHARD JOHN BELZ**

CRD# 1140219

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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).

**RICHARD J. BELZ**

CRD# 1140219

**Currently employed by and registered with the following Firm(s):**

- B** **R. F. LAFFERTY & CO., INC.**  
 40 WALL STREET  
 SUITE 3602  
 NEW YORK, NY 10005  
 CRD# 2498  
 Registered with this firm since: 11/29/2016

**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 registered with:**

- 2 Self-Regulatory Organizations
- 16 U.S. states and territories

**This broker has passed:**

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

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

- B** **WESTPARK CAPITAL, INC.**  
 CRD# 39914  
 NEW YORK, NY  
 07/2016 - 11/2016
- B** **NEWPORT COAST SECURITIES, INC.**  
 CRD# 16944  
 NEW YORK, NY  
 09/2011 - 07/2016
- B** **REGAL SECURITIES, INC.**  
 CRD# 7297  
 GLENVIEW, IL  
 11/2008 - 11/2009

**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
Regulatory Event	1
Customer Dispute	13



## 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 individual is currently registered with 2 SROs and is licensed in 16 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.**

### Employment 1 of 1

Firm Name: **R. F. LAFFERTY & CO., INC.**

Main Office Address: **40 WALL STREET  
SUITE 3602  
NEW YORK, NY 10005**

Firm CRD#: **2498**

	SRO	Category	Status	Date
B	FINRA	Financial and Operations Principal	Approved	11/29/2016
B	FINRA	General Securities Principal	Approved	11/29/2016
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/29/2016
B	FINRA	Registered Options Principal	Approved	11/29/2016
B	FINRA	Operations Professional	Approved	10/01/2018
B	Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Representative	Approved	01/10/2017

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Arizona	Agent	Approved	08/20/2020
B	Delaware	Agent	Approved	01/06/2022
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	12/12/2016
B	Georgia	Agent	Approved	07/31/2018
B	Hawaii	Agent	Approved	10/10/2018
B	Kentucky	Agent	Approved	05/10/2019
B	Maryland	Agent	Approved	11/29/2016



## Broker Qualifications

### Employment 1 of 1, continued

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Nevada	Agent	Approved	11/29/2016
B	New Jersey	Agent	Approved	11/29/2016
B	New York	Agent	Approved	11/29/2016
B	North Carolina	Agent	Approved	05/11/2018
B	Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	11/29/2016
B	South Carolina	Agent	Approved	10/26/2018
B	Tennessee	Agent	Approved	06/15/2018
B	Texas	Agent	Approved	01/03/2017
B	Virginia	Agent	Approved	01/06/2022

### Branch Office Locations

**R. F. LAFFERTY & CO., INC.**  
 40 WALL STREET  
 SUITE 3602  
 NEW YORK, NY 10005



## 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 3 principal/supervisory exams, 3 general industry/product exams, and 1 state securities law exam.**

### Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
<b>B</b> Financial and Operations Principal Examination	Series 27	10/18/1991
<b>B</b> General Securities Principal Examination	Series 24	07/12/1988
<b>B</b> Registered Options Principal Examination	Series 4	06/12/1984

### General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
<b>B</b> Operations Professional Examination	Series 99TO	01/02/2023
<b>B</b> Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	10/01/2018
<b>B</b> General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	06/18/1983

### State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
<b>B</b> Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	10/18/1991

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 **0** professional designation(s).

No information reported.



## 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> 07/2016 - 11/2016	WESTPARK CAPITAL, INC.	39914	NEW YORK, NY
<b>B</b> 09/2011 - 07/2016	NEWPORT COAST SECURITIES, INC.	16944	NEW YORK, NY
<b>B</b> 11/2008 - 11/2009	REGAL SECURITIES, INC.	7297	GLENVIEW, IL
<b>B</b> 03/2000 - 10/2008	BASIC INVESTORS INC.	1187	MELVILLE, NY
<b>B</b> 03/1988 - 02/2000	INSTITUTIONAL EQUITY CORPORATION	19628	DALLAS, TX
<b>B</b> 04/1993 - 09/1995	R.T.G. RICHARDS AND COMPANY, INC.	30991	GARDEN CITY, NY
<b>B</b> 01/1987 - 02/1988	MADISON CHAPIN ASSOCS., INC.	14483	
<b>B</b> 06/1983 - 01/1987	DOUGLAS BREMEN & CO., INC.	13186	

### 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
11/2016 - Present	R F Lafferty & Co Inc	Registered Rep	Y	New York, NY, United States
11/2008 - Present	RICHARD BELZ INC	PRESIDENT	N	SAYVILLE, NY, United States
07/2016 - 11/2016	WestPark Capital Inc	Registered Rep	Y	Sayville, NY, United States
08/2011 - 07/2016	NEWPORT COAST SECURITIES, INC.	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	IRVINE, CA, 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.

RICHARD BELZ INC, NOT INVESTMENT RELATED, SHAREHOLDER, OFFICER, ACCOUNTING SERVICES AND BUSINESS CONSULTING,

## Registration and Employment History



### Other Business Activities, continued

FULL TIME FEBRUARY THROUGH APRIL, 5 HOURS PER WEEK THEREAFTER, MINIMAL TIME DURING TRADING HOURS OUTSIDE OF TAX SEASON, COMPENSATED \$40,000 AND ADDITIONAL \$50,000 AS SHAREHOLDER OF SUB-S CORP. Jan-2017 Maintains web site [www.rbelztaxes.com](http://www.rbelztaxes.com) for purpose of scheduling tax appointments ---

REAL ESTATE - Owner - Rental Property - not investment related - Effective May 2017

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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
Regulatory Event	0	1	0
Customer Dispute	3	10	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.

### Regulatory - Final

This type of disclosure event may involve (1) a final, formal proceeding initiated by a regulatory authority (e.g., a state securities agency, self-regulatory organization, federal regulatory such as the Securities and Exchange Commission, foreign financial regulatory body) for a violation of investment-related rules or regulations; or (2) a revocation or suspension of a broker's authority to act as an attorney, accountant, or federal contractor.

#### Disclosure 1 of 1

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Regulator
<b>Regulatory Action Initiated By:</b>	FINRA
<b>Sanction(s) Sought:</b>	
<b>Date Initiated:</b>	03/03/2009
<b>Docket/Case Number:</b>	2007011339001
<b>Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:</b>	BASIC INVESTORS INC.
<b>Product Type:</b>	No Product
<b>Allegations:</b>	NASD RULE 2110: RESPONDENT RICHARD J. BELZ'S FIRM, WHILE HE WAS A FINOP, FAILED TO MAINTAIN REQUIRED NET CAPITAL WHILE CONDUCTING A SECURITIES BUSINESS. BELZ PREPARED AND MAINTAINED INACCURATE FINANCIAL DOCUMENTATION ON BEHALF OF HIS FIRM.
<b>Current Status:</b>	Final
<b>Resolution:</b>	Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)



**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:** 03/03/2009

**Sanctions Ordered:** Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

**Regulator Statement** WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING THE FINDINGS, BELZ CONSENTED TO THE DESCRIBED SANCTION AND TO THE ENTRY OF FINDINGS; THEREFORE, HE IS FINED \$5,000. FINE PAID 03/12/2009.

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**Reporting Source:** Broker

**Regulatory Action Initiated By:** FINRA

**Sanction(s) Sought:**

**Other Sanction(s) Sought:**

**Date Initiated:** 03/03/2009

**Docket/Case Number:** 2007011339001

**Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:** BASIC INVESTORS INC.

**Product Type:** No Product

**Other Product Type(s):**

**Allegations:** NASD RULE 2110: RESPONDENT RICHARD J. BELZ'S FIRM, WHILE HE WAS A FINOP, FAILED TO MAINTAIN REQUIRED NET CAPITAL WHILE CONDUCTING A SECURITIES BUSINESS. BELZ PREPARED AND MAINTAINED INACCURATE FINANCIAL DOCUMENTATION ON BEHALF OF HIS FIRM.

**Current Status:** Final

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

**Resolution Date:** 03/03/2009

**Sanctions Ordered:** Monetary/Fine \$5,000.00

**Other Sanctions Ordered:**



**Sanction Details:**

WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING THE FINDINGS, BELZ CONSENTED TO THE DESCRIBED SANCTION AND TO THE ENTRY OF FINDINGS; THEREFORE, HE IS FINED \$5,000.



## 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 9

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Broker
<b>Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:</b>	RF Lafferty & Co. Inc.
<b>Allegations:</b>	The client requested the sale of an illiquid Bond Position.. There wasn't an active market to complete the sale.
<b>Product Type:</b>	Debt-Corporate
<b>Alleged Damages:</b>	\$95,000.00
<b>Is this an oral complaint?</b>	Yes
<b>Is this a written complaint?</b>	No
<b>Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?</b>	No

### Customer Complaint Information

<b>Date Complaint Received:</b>	02/04/2022
<b>Complaint Pending?</b>	No
<b>Status:</b>	Settled
<b>Status Date:</b>	04/21/2022
<b>Settlement Amount:</b>	\$95,000.00
<b>Individual Contribution Amount:</b>	\$95,000.00

### Arbitration Information

<b>Disposition:</b>	Settled
<b>Disposition Date:</b>	05/11/2022

### Civil Litigation Information

<b>Type of Court:</b>	Settled with Client
<b>Name of Court:</b>	
<b>Location of Court:</b>	

**Docket/Case #:****Date Notice/Process Served:** 02/04/2022**Litigation Pending?** No**Disposition:** Settled**Disposition Date:** 05/11/2022**Monetary Compensation Amount:** \$95,000.00**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$95,000.00**Disclosure 2 of 9****Reporting Source:** Broker**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** RF Lafferty & Co Inc**Allegations:** Client claims unsuitable investments and misrepresentation in the purchase of two 40k GWG bonds in August 2019.**Product Type:** Direct Investment-DPP & LP Interests**Alleged Damages:** \$90,000.00**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 Arbitration**Docket/Case #:** 22-01394**Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation:** 06/22/2022**Customer Complaint Information****Date Complaint Received:** 07/06/2022**Complaint Pending?** No



**Status:** Settled

**Status Date:** 08/03/2022

**Settlement Amount:** \$40,000.00

**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$40,000.00

### Arbitration Information

#### Disclosure 3 of 9

**Reporting Source:** Broker

**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** NEWPORT COAST SECURITIES

**Allegations:** ALLEGED POOR PERFORMANCE

**Product Type:** Equity-OTC  
Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)

**Alleged Damages:** \$22,000.00

**Is this an oral complaint?** No

**Is this a written complaint?** Yes

**Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?** No

### Customer Complaint Information

**Date Complaint Received:** 09/03/2012

**Complaint Pending?** No

**Status:** Settled

**Status Date:** 01/15/2013

**Settlement Amount:** \$5,000.00

**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$0.00

**Broker Statement** SETTLED FOR \$5000 AS LEGAL EXPENSES TO CONTEST THE MATTER WOULD HAVE BEEN GREATER. CLIENT WHO RECEIVES TAX FREE PENSION LOST 22,000 IN 5 MONTHS DURING 2012 ON THREE POSITIONS (ONE NATIONAL NASDAQ AND TWO NYSE STOCKS) INCLUDING MORGAN



STANLEY. CLIENT FAILED TO TAKE BROKERS ADVISE TO HOLD POSITIONS.

#### Disclosure 4 of 9

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Broker
<b>Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:</b>	BASIC INVESTORS, INC.
<b>Allegations:</b>	LACK OF SUITABILITY, CHURNING
<b>Product Type:</b>	Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)
<b>Alleged Damages:</b>	\$59,115.00
<b>Is this an oral complaint?</b>	No
<b>Is this a written complaint?</b>	Yes
<b>Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?</b>	Yes
<b>Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:</b>	FINRA ARB.
<b>Docket/Case #:</b>	09-02560
<b>Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation:</b>	05/08/2009

#### Customer Complaint Information

<b>Date Complaint Received:</b>	06/22/2009
<b>Complaint Pending?</b>	No
<b>Status:</b>	Settled
<b>Status Date:</b>	11/09/2009
<b>Settlement Amount:</b>	\$20,000.00
<b>Individual Contribution Amount:</b>	\$20,000.00

#### Arbitration Information

<b>Arbitration/CFTC reparation claim filed with (FINRA, AAA, CFTC, etc.):</b>	FINRA
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**Docket/Case #:** 09-02560  
**Date Notice/Process Served:** 05/08/2009  
**Arbitration Pending?** No  
**Disposition:** Settled  
**Disposition Date:** 11/09/2009  
**Monetary Compensation Amount:** \$20,000.00  
**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$20,000.00

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#### Disclosure 5 of 9

**Reporting Source:** Broker  
**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** BASIC INVESTORS INC

**Allegations:** THE CUSTOMER ALLEGES THAT HE WAS AN UNSOPHISTICATED INVESTOR AND THE REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE MR. STERN CHURNED HIS ACCOUNT. MR. BELZ WAS NAMED AS A CONTROL PERSON ALONG WITH ALL THE OTHER PRINCIPALS OF BASIC INVESTORS

**Product Type:** Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)  
**Alleged Damages:** \$510,000.00

#### Customer Complaint Information

**Date Complaint Received:** 11/28/2008  
**Complaint Pending?** No  
**Status:** Settled  
**Status Date:** 01/27/2010  
**Settlement Amount:** \$14,250.00  
**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$0.00

#### Arbitration Information



<b>Arbitration/CFTC reparation claim filed with (FINRA, AAA, CFTC, etc.):</b>	FINRA
<b>Docket/Case #:</b>	08-4391
<b>Date Notice/Process Served:</b>	11/20/2008
<b>Arbitration Pending?</b>	No
<b>Disposition:</b>	Settled
<b>Disposition Date:</b>	01/27/2010
<b>Monetary Compensation Amount:</b>	\$14,250.00
<b>Individual Contribution Amount:</b>	\$0.00

#### Disclosure 6 of 9

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Broker
<b>Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:</b>	BASIC INVESTORS INC

<b>Allegations:</b>	AN ARBITRATION WAS FILED AGAINST THE BASIC INVESTORS AND THE REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE MR CAPUTO ON 8/25/2008 ALLEGING THAT MR CAPUTO STOLE \$617,300. THEN THE ARBITRATION WAS AMENDED ON 12/31/08 TO INCLUDE ME AND ALL LISTED PRINCIPALS OF BASIC INVESTORS. THE ALLEGATIONS WERE AMENDED THAT THE REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE FABRICATED MONTHLY STATEMENTS AND EXECUTED TRADES THAT WERE UNAUTHORIZED AND EXCESSIVE. THE CUSTOMER NOW IN THIS 2008 AMENDED CLAIM ALLEGES THE LOSS OF \$320,000 TOOK PLACE BACK IN APRIL 2005.
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<b>Product Type:</b>	Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)
<b>Alleged Damages:</b>	\$320,000.00
<b>Is this an oral complaint?</b>	No
<b>Is this a written complaint?</b>	Yes
<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 #:** 08-02651  
**Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation:** 08/11/2008

### Customer Complaint Information

**Date Complaint Received:** 01/17/2009  
**Complaint Pending?** No  
**Status:** Settled  
**Status Date:** 05/03/2010  
**Settlement Amount:** \$9,999.00  
**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$9,999.00

### Arbitration Information

**Arbitration/CFTC reparation claim filed with (FINRA, AAA, CFTC, etc.):** FINRA

**Docket/Case #:** 08-02651  
**Date Notice/Process Served:** 08/11/2008  
**Arbitration Pending?** No  
**Disposition:** Settled  
**Disposition Date:** 05/03/2010  
**Monetary Compensation Amount:** \$9,999.00  
**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$9,999.00

### Disclosure 7 of 9

**Reporting Source:** Broker  
**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** BASIC INVESTORS INC.

**Allegations:** ARBITRATION WAS FILED AGAINST BASIC INVESTORS INC ON 2/21/2008



ALLEGING UNSUITABILITY AND CHURNING. ARBITRATION WAS AMENDED 1/9/2009 TO INCLUDE ME AS A CONTROL PERSON.

**Product Type:** Equity-OTC

**Alleged Damages:** \$100,000.00

### Arbitration Information

**Arbitration/CFTC reparation claim filed with (FINRA, AAA, CFTC, etc.):** FINRA

**Docket/Case #:** 08-00543

**Date Notice/Process Served:** 04/22/2009

**Arbitration Pending?** No

**Disposition:** Settled

**Disposition Date:** 05/21/2009

**Monetary Compensation Amount:** \$10,000.00

**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$0.00

### Disclosure 8 of 9

**Reporting Source:** Broker

**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** BASIC INVESTORS INC.

**Allegations:** [CUSTOMER] ALLEGED THAT THE INVESTMENTS MADE BY MR. BELZ WERE NOT SUITABLE FOR HIS PORTFOLIO. THIS RESULTED IN A LOSS OF 109000.00 DOLLARS.

**Product Type:** Equity-OTC

**Alleged Damages:** \$109,000.00

### Customer Complaint Information

**Date Complaint Received:**

**Complaint Pending?**

**Status:**



**Status Date:** 08/16/2005

**Settlement Amount:**

**Individual Contribution Amount:**

### Arbitration Information

**Arbitration/CFTC reparation claim filed with (FINRA, AAA, CFTC, etc.):** NASD

**Docket/Case #:** 05-04068

**Date Notice/Process Served:** 08/16/2005

**Arbitration Pending?** No

**Disposition:** Settled

**Disposition Date:** 11/21/2005

**Monetary Compensation Amount:** \$29,500.00

**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$9,500.00

**Broker Statement** THIS ARBITRATION WAS SETTLED BY MEDIATION. MR. BELZ HAS PAID THE SUM OF \$9500.00 AND BASIC INVESTORS HAS PAID THE BALANCE OF \$20000.00 TO [CUSTOMER].

### Disclosure 9 of 9

**Reporting Source:** Regulator

**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** REDSTONE SECURITIES, INC.

**Allegations:** ACCOUNT RELATED-BREACH OF CONTRACT; UNAUTHORIZED TRADING; SUITABILITY; CHURNING

**Product Type:**

**Alleged Damages:** \$275,000.00

### Arbitration Information



**Arbitration/Reparation Claim filed with and Docket/Case No.:** NASD - CASE #97-02267

**Date Notice/Process Served:** 05/12/1997

**Arbitration Pending?** No

**Disposition:** Settled

**Disposition Date:** 08/08/1997

**Disposition Detail:** CASE IS CLOSED, SETTLED  
ACTUAL/COMPENSATORY DAMAGES, RELIEF  
REQUEST IS WITHDRAWN/SETTLED/ETC, AWARD AMOUNT JOINTLY AND  
SEVERALLY; ACTUAL/COMPENSATORY DAMAGES, RELIEF REQUEST I  
WITHDRAWN/SETTLED/ETC, AWARD AMOUNT JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY;  
OTHER MONETARY RELIEF, RELIEF REQUEST IS  
WITHDRAWN/SETTLED/ETC,  
AWARD AMOUNT JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY; OTHER COSTS, RELIEF  
REQUEST  
IS WITHDRAWN/SETTLED/ETC, AWARD AMOUNT JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY;  
ATTORNEY'S FEES, RELIEF REQUEST IS WITHDRAWN/SETTLED/ETC,  
AWARD  
AMOUNT JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY; INTEREST, RELIEF REQUEST IS  
WITHDRAWN/SETTLED/ETC, AWARD AMOUNT JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY;  
PUNITIVE/EXEMPLARY DAMAGES, RELIEF REQUEST IS  
WITHDRAWN/SETTLED/ETC, AWARD AMOUNT JOINTLY AND SEVERALL

**Reporting Source:** Broker

**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** REDSTONE SECURITIES, INC.

**Allegations:** BREACH OF CONTRACT,  
CHURNING, UNSUITABLE INVESTMENTS.  
\$275,000.00

**Product Type:** Equity - OTC

**Alleged Damages:** \$275,000.00

### Customer Complaint Information

**Date Complaint Received:** 05/12/1997

**Complaint Pending?** No



**Status:** Arbitration/Reparation  
Settled

**Status Date:** 08/08/1997

**Settlement Amount:** \$125,000.00

**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$0.00

### Arbitration Information

**Arbitration/Reparation Claim filed with and Docket/Case No.:** NATIONAL ASSOC. OF SECURITIES DEALERS; 97-02267

**Date Notice/Process Served:** 05/12/1997

**Arbitration Pending?** No

**Disposition:** Settled

**Disposition Date:** 08/08/1997

**Monetary Compensation Amount:** \$125,000.00

**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$0.00

### Civil Litigation Information

**Disposition:**

**Disposition Date:** 08/08/1997

**Broker Statement** ALL TRANSACTIONS WERE EXECUTED IN AN ATTEMPT TO SATISFY THE CLIENTS NEEDS AND DESIRES. FOR A HIGH RETURN ON INVESTMENT. SETTLEMENT REDUCED TIME AND EXPENSE IN CONTESTING THE MATTER.



## Customer Dispute - Closed-No Action / Withdrawn / Dismissed / Denied

This type of disclosure event involves (1) a pending consumer-initiated, investment-related arbitration or civil suit that contains allegations of sales practice violations against the broker; or (2) a pending, consumer-initiated, investment-related written complaint containing allegations that the broker engaged in, sales practice violations resulting in compensatory damages of at least \$5,000, forgery, theft, or misappropriation, or conversion of funds or securities.

### Disclosure 1 of 1

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Broker
<b>Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:</b>	BASIC INVESTORS INC.
<b>Allegations:</b>	THE [CUSTOMERS] ALLEGE THAT MR. BELZ DID NOT FOLLOW THIER INSTRUCTIONS OF BEING CAUTIOUS AND PRUDENT WITH THEIR FINANCES. THEY ALLEGE THAT HE INVESTED IN STOCKS THAT WERE HIGHLY SPECULATIVE AND RISKY.
<b>Product Type:</b>	Equity-OTC
<b>Alleged Damages:</b>	\$40,000.00
<b>Is this an oral complaint?</b>	No
<b>Is this a written complaint?</b>	Yes
<b>Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?</b>	No

### Customer Complaint Information

<b>Date Complaint Received:</b>	03/16/2005
<b>Complaint Pending?</b>	No
<b>Status:</b>	Closed/No Action
<b>Status Date:</b>	03/29/2005
<b>Settlement Amount:</b>	\$0.00
<b>Individual Contribution Amount:</b>	\$0.00
<b>Broker Statement</b>	MR. BELZ WAS THE [CUSTOMERS]' TAX PREPARER SINCE 1988 AND THEIR BROKER SINCE 1993. MR. BELZ OPENED ROTH IRA AND IRA ACCOUNTS FOR THE [CUSTOMERS] THAT INCLUDED REIT'S, MUTUAL FUNDS AT GOLDMAN ,PUTNAM, FORD PREFERRED STOCK,ZERO COUPONS IN THESE ACCOUNTS. THE ACCOUNT IN QUESTION WAS TO BE UTILIZED AS GROWTH WITH RISK PART OF THEIR ENTIRE PORTFOLIO. THESE



INVESTMENTS WERE SUITABLE UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES.  
[CUSTOMER] IS A POSTAL EMPLOYEE WITH A PENSION.



## Customer Dispute - Pending

This type of disclosure event involves (1) a pending consumer-initiated, investment-related arbitration or civil suit that contains allegations of sales practice violations against the broker; or (2) a pending, consumer-initiated, investment-related written complaint containing allegations that the broker engaged in, sales practice violations resulting in compensatory damages of at least \$5,000, forgery, theft, or misappropriation, or conversion of funds or securities.

### Disclosure 1 of 3

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Broker
<b>Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:</b>	R. F. LAFFERTY & CO., INC.
<b>Allegations:</b>	From June 2020 to December 2024 -Unsuitable Investments.
<b>Product Type:</b>	Debt-Corporate Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock) Options
<b>Alleged Damages:</b>	\$340,000.00
<b>Is this an oral complaint?</b>	No
<b>Is this a written complaint?</b>	Yes
<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>	25-00488
<b>Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation:</b>	03/10/2025

### Customer Complaint Information

<b>Date Complaint Received:</b>	03/10/2025
<b>Complaint Pending?</b>	Yes
<b>Settlement Amount:</b>	
<b>Individual Contribution Amount:</b>	

### Disclosure 2 of 3



**Reporting Source:** Broker

**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** R. F. LAFFERTY & CO., INC.

**Allegations:** Unsuitability and failure to disclose various transaction between 2015 and 2020.

**Product Type:** Debt-Corporate  
Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)  
Options

**Alleged Damages:** \$30,000.00

**Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):** Alleged Compensatory Damage Amount unspecified.

**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 Dispute Resolution

**Docket/Case #:** 24-01990

**Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation:** 09/16/2024

### Customer Complaint Information

**Date Complaint Received:** 09/16/2024

**Complaint Pending?** Yes

**Settlement Amount:**

**Individual Contribution Amount:**

### Disclosure 3 of 3

**Reporting Source:** Broker



<b>Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:</b>	R, F, Lafferty & Co., Inc.
<b>Allegations:</b>	Unsuitability breach of fiduciary duty, misrepresentations of risk of trades in 2021 and 2022.
<b>Product Type:</b>	Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock) Options
<b>Alleged Damages:</b>	\$100,000.00
<b>Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):</b>	Alleged Compensatory Damage Amount unspecified.
<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 Dispute Resolution
<b>Docket/Case #:</b>	24-01992
<b>Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation:</b>	09/16/2024

### Customer Complaint Information

<b>Date Complaint Received:</b>	09/16/2024
<b>Complaint Pending?</b>	Yes
<b>Settlement Amount:</b>	
<b>Individual Contribution Amount:</b>	
<b>Broker Statement</b>	All claims denied. Customer suffered losses during the down market of 2022.

## End of Report



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