

BrokerCheck Report
Christopher L. Williams
 CRD# 1157162

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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:
 - o 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
 - o 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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CRD# 1157162

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

IA MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED
 110 N WACKER DR
 CHICAGO, IL 60606
 CRD# 7691
 Registered with this firm since: 09/25/2023

B MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED
 110 N WACKER DR
 CHICAGO, IL 60606
 CRD# 7691
 Registered with this firm since: 07/18/2023

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:

- 6 Self-Regulatory Organizations
- 4 U.S. states and territories

This broker has passed:

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

Registration History

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

- B LEUMI INVESTMENT SERVICES INC.**
 CRD# 105387
 CHICAGO, IL
 12/2017 - 10/2018
- B J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES LLC**
 CRD# 79
 NORTHBrook, IL
 09/2014 - 08/2017
- IA OAK RIDGE INVESTMENTS, LLC**
 CRD# 107066
 CHICAGO, IL
 07/2012 - 10/2014

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	1



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 6 SROs and is licensed in 4 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.

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Firm Name: **MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED**

Main Office Address: **ONE BRYANT PARK
NEW YORK, NY 10036**

Firm CRD#: **7691**

	SRO	Category	Status	Date
B	Cboe BYX Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	07/18/2023
B	Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	07/18/2023
B	Cboe Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	07/18/2023
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	07/18/2023
B	Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Representative	Approved	07/18/2023
B	New York Stock Exchange	General Securities Representative	Approved	07/18/2023

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Illinois	Agent	Approved	09/25/2023
IA	Illinois	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	09/25/2023
B	New Jersey	Agent	Approved	11/14/2023
B	Tennessee	Agent	Approved	11/01/2023
B	Utah	Agent	Approved	11/01/2023

Branch Office Locations

MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED

Broker Qualifications



Employment 1 of 1, continued

110 N WACKER DR
CHICAGO, IL 60606



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, 3 general industry/product exams, and 3 state securities law exams.

Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B General Securities Sales Supervisor Examination (Options Module & General Module)	Series 8	08/24/1987

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	10/01/2018
B National Commodity Futures Examination	Series 3	02/23/1987
B General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	07/16/1983

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B IA Uniform Combined State Law Examination	Series 66	09/18/2023
IA Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination	Series 65	06/05/1992
B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	08/04/1983

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 firms:

Registration Dates	Firm Name	CRD#	Branch Location
B 12/2017 - 10/2018	LEUMI INVESTMENT SERVICES INC.	105387	CHICAGO, IL
B 09/2014 - 08/2017	J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES LLC	79	NORTHBrook, IL
IA 07/2012 - 10/2014	OAK RIDGE INVESTMENTS, LLC	107066	CHICAGO, IL
B 08/2013 - 09/2014	IMST DISTRIBUTORS, LLC	130745	CHICAGO, IL
B 08/2012 - 05/2013	PIONEER FUNDS DISTRIBUTOR, INC.	24497	CHICAGO, IL
B 06/2010 - 07/2012	BARCLAYS CAPITAL INC.	19714	CHICAGO, IL
IA 06/2010 - 07/2012	BARCLAYS CAPITAL INC.	19714	CHICAGO, IL
B 03/2007 - 07/2010	CREDIT SUISSE SECURITIES (USA) LLC	816	NORTHBROOK, IL
IA 03/2007 - 07/2010	CREDIT SUISSE SECURITIES (USA) LLC	816	NORTHBROOK, IL
B 08/2003 - 03/2007	BANC OF AMERICA INVESTMENT SERVICES, INC.	16361	CHICAGO, IL
IA 08/2003 - 03/2007	BANC OF AMERICA INVESTMENT SERVICES, INC.	16361	CHICAGO, IL
IA 07/2001 - 08/2003	MORGAN STANLEY	7556	BURNSVILLE, MN
B 09/1999 - 08/2003	MORGAN STANLEY DW INC.	7556	PURCHASE, NY
B 07/1993 - 10/1999	SALOMON SMITH BARNEY INC.	7059	NEW YORK, NY
B 07/1986 - 07/1993	LEHMAN BROTHERS INC.	7506	NEW YORK, NY
B 07/1983 - 06/1986	SMITH BARNEY, HARRIS UPHAM & CO., INCORPORATED	7059	

Employment History



Registration and Employment History

Employment History, continued

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
04/2023 - Present	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	Private Client Advisor II	Y	Chicago, IL, United States
11/2022 - 04/2023	Unemployed	Unemployed	N	Kenilworth, IL, United States
12/2018 - 10/2022	PNC Bank	SVP, Market Leader of private banking team in Chicago, IL which consisted of leading all efforts of the team's professionals including: investment advisors, relationship managers, fiduciary advisors, wealth strategists and staff. I also was charged with business development in Kansas, Minnesota,, Colorado, California, Oregon and Washington state over tenure. Unfortunately, about a month after I started, PNC informed me that they do not carry the licenses for their market leaders.	Y	Chicago, IL, United States
11/2017 - 10/2018	LEUMI INVESTMENT SERVICES INC	PRIVATE BANKING MANAGER	Y	CHICAGO, IL, United States
09/2014 - 08/2017	J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES LLC	MARKET MANAGER	Y	NORTHBROOK, IL, United States



Registration and Employment History

Employment History, continued

Employment	Employer Name	Position	Investment Related	Employer Location
09/2014 - 08/2017	JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA	MARKET MANAGER	Y	NORTHBROOK, IL, 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.

I*: 2060289
Entity Type: Governmental Organization
Name of OBA: Kenilworth Park District Board
Address: Kenilworth, Illinois
Investment Related: No
Position, Title, Association: Board Member
Employee Start Date: 02-Dec-2024
Number of Hours: 2 hrs mthly
Number of Hours during trading: 0
Duties: Commissioners oversee parklands throughout the Village of Kenilworth. Park District programming, the Village House, and the Kenilworth Club. Members work closely with the Kenilworth Council of Garden Clubs (Beautification). The board meets monthly on second Thursday in the evening. It is my understanding that the commissioners meet once each month and are involved in planning any changes in the use, aesthetics and programming for all 12 parks

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:**
 - o A law enforcement agency must file formal charges before a broker is required to disclose a particular criminal event.
 - o 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:**
 - o 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:**
 - o 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.
 - o 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	1	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 1

Reporting Source:	Regulator
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	SALOMON SMITH BARNEY INC.
Allegations:	SUITABILITY; CHURNING; UNAUTHORIZED TRADING; ACCOUNT RELATED - FAILURE TO SUPERVISE
Product Type:	
Alleged Damages:	\$684,000.00
Arbitration Information	
Arbitration/Reparation Claim filed with and Docket/Case No.:	UNKNOWN - CASE #96-02451
Date Notice/Process Served:	07/10/1996
Arbitration Pending?	No
Disposition:	Settled
Disposition Date:	06/09/1997
Disposition Detail:	AWARD AGAINST PARTY ACTUAL/COMPENSATORY DAMAGES, RELIEF REQUEST IS WITHDRAWN/SETTLED/ETC, AWARD AMOUNT JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY; INTEREST, RELIEF REQUEST IS WITHDRAWN/SETTLED/ETC, AWARD AMOUNT JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY; ACTUAL/COMPENSATORY DAMAGES, RELIEF REQUEST IS WITHDRAWN/SETTLED/ETC, AWARD



AMOUNT
 JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY; OTHER COSTS, RELIEF REQUEST IS
 WITHDRAWN/SETTLED/ETC, AWARD AMOUNT JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY;
 ACTUAL/COMPENSATORY DAMAGES, 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
 SEVERALLY

Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: SALOMON SMITH BARNEY INC.

Allegations: [CUSTOMER] ALLEGED THAT HIS ACCOUNTS WERE MISHANDLED AND NOT PROPERLY SUPERVISED AND HE SOUGHT DAMAGES OF APPROXIMATELY \$540,000.00

Product Type: Options

Alleged Damages: \$684,000.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 06/11/1996

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Arbitration/Reparation

Status Date: 06/10/1997

Settlement Amount: \$85,000.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Arbitration Information

Arbitration/Reparation Claim filed with and Docket/Case No.: NATIONAL ASSOC. OF SECURITIES DEALERS; 96-02451

Date Notice/Process Served: 07/10/1996

Arbitration Pending? No



Disposition: Settled

Disposition Date: 06/09/1997

Monetary Compensation Amount: \$85,000.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Broker Statement

CLAIMANT HAS DISMISSED ALL CLAIMS AGAINST ME AND HAS DISMISSED ME FROM THE CASE.
I BELIEVE THAT I PROPERLY SUPERVISED THE ACCOUNTS AND THE FINANCIAL CONSULTANT AT ISSUE IN THIS CASE AND THAT I SHOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN NAMED AS A PARTY TO THIS CASE. THIS WAS OBVIOUSLY FINALLY RECOGNIZED BY CLAIMANT AS EVIDENCED BY HIS DISMISSAL OF ALL CLAIMS AGAINST ME AND HIS DISMISSAL OF ME AS A PARTY TO THIS CASE. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT[BROKER DEALER CONTACT PERSON] AT (212) 816-7293

End of Report



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