

BrokerCheck Report

BRADLEY EDWARD MEISTER

CRD# 1253644

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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.

**BRADLEY E. MEISTER**

CRD# 1253644

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

IA KOVACK ADVISORS, INC.
 115 W WASHINGTON ST
 NAPOLEON, OH 43545
 CRD# 140808
 Registered with this firm since: 02/25/2008

B KOVACK SECURITIES INC.
 115 W. Washington Street
 Napoleon, OH 43545
 CRD# 44848
 Registered with this firm since: 02/21/2008

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
- 11 U.S. states and territories

This broker has passed:

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

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

IA CAMBRIDGE INVESTMENT RESEARCH ADVISORS, INC.
 CRD# 134139
 FAIRFIELD, IA
 11/2007 - 03/2008

B CAMBRIDGE INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC.
 CRD# 39543
 NAPOLEON, OH
 11/2007 - 03/2008

IA THRIVENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT INC.
 CRD# 18387
 MINNEAPOLIS, MN
 08/2002 - 10/2007

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
Termination	2
Bond	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 2 SROs and is licensed in 11 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.

Employment 1 of 2

Firm Name: **KOVACK ADVISORS, INC.**
 Main Office Address: **6451 N. FEDERAL HWY
 SUITE 1201
 FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33308**
 Firm CRD#: **140808**

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
IA	Indiana	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	02/24/2016
IA	Ohio	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	02/25/2008
IA	Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Restricted Approval	08/31/2020

Branch Office Locations

6451 N. FEDERAL HWY
 SUITE 1201
 FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33308

115 W WASHINGTON ST
 NAPOLEON, OH 43545

Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: **KOVACK SECURITIES INC.**
 Main Office Address: **6451 N. FEDERAL HWY.
 SUITE 1201
 FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33308**
 Firm CRD#: **44848**



Broker Qualifications

Employment 2 of 2, continued

SRO	Category	Status	Date
B FINRA	Direct Participation Programs	Approved	02/21/2008
B FINRA	General Securities Principal	Approved	02/21/2008
B FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	02/21/2008
B FINRA	Invest. Co and Variable Contracts	Approved	02/21/2008
B Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Principal	Approved	02/21/2008
B Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Representative	Approved	02/21/2008

U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B Alabama	Agent	Approved	10/19/2016
B California	Agent	Approved	08/31/2020
B Florida	Agent	Approved	05/08/2009
B Illinois	Agent	Approved	02/24/2012
B Indiana	Agent	Approved	08/31/2018
B Michigan	Agent	Approved	04/18/2016
B North Dakota	Agent	Approved	04/19/2021
B Ohio	Agent	Approved	02/25/2008
B South Carolina	Agent	Approved	10/18/2023
B Tennessee	Agent	Approved	03/18/2021
B Texas	Agent	Approved	09/01/2020

Branch Office Locations

KOVACK SECURITIES INC.
115 W. Washington Street

Broker Qualifications



Employment 2 of 2, continued

Napoleon, OH 43545



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, 4 general industry/product exams, and 1 state securities law exam.

Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B General Securities Principal Examination	Series 24	02/09/2008

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	10/01/2018
B General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	04/30/1999
B Direct Participation Programs Representative Examination	Series 22	08/27/1987
B Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination	Series 6	06/18/1984

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B IA Uniform Combined State Law Examination	Series 66	08/11/1999

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 **2** professional designation(s).

Certified Financial Planner
Chartered Financial Consultant

This representative holds or did hold **2** professional designation(s) that may have been used to qualify as an Investment Advisor representative. Please check with the appropriate designation authority for verification that the designation is still in effect. The contact information for these professional designation authorities can be found on the website for the North American Securities Administrators Association at <http://www.nasaa.org>



Registration and Employment History

Registration History

The broker previously was registered with the following firms:

Registration Dates	Firm Name	CRD#	Branch Location
IA 11/2007 - 03/2008	CAMBRIDGE INVESTMENT RESEARCH ADVISORS, INC.	134139	NAPOLEON, OH
B 11/2007 - 03/2008	CAMBRIDGE INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC.	39543	NAPOLEON, OH
IA 08/2002 - 10/2007	THRIVENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT INC.	18387	NAPOLEON, OH
B 07/2002 - 10/2007	THRIVENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT INC.	18387	NAPOLEON, OH
B 06/1984 - 07/2002	LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD SECURITIES CORP.	4205	MINNEAPOLIS, MN

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
02/2008 - Present	KOVACK ADVISORS, INC	IA REP	Y	FORT LAUDERDALE, FL, United States
02/2008 - Present	KOVACK SECURITIES, INC.	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	FORT LAUDERDALE, FL, 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.

- 1) DBA: MEISTER & ASSOCIATES LLC - 115 W WASHINGTON STREET, NAPLOEAN, OH 43545, DBA NAME FOR SECURITIES BUSINESS THROUGH KOVACK SECURITIES, INC., OWNER, REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE, 95% OF TIME SPENT.
- 2) MEISTER INSURANCE GROUP, 115 W WASHINGTON ST.OHIO, SOLE PROP,OWNED 100%, SELL LIFE,HEALTH AND P&C INSURANCE PRODUCTS, LESS THAN 5% TIME DEVOTED TO THIS BUSINESS AS THERE IS A FULL TIME EMPLOYEE HANDLING DAY TO DAY

Registration and Employment History



Other Business Activities, continued

OPERATIONS, SECURITIES RELATED, COMPENSATED BY COMMISSION.

3) RENTAL INCOME - LANDOWNER OF FARMLAND, COLLECT RENT CASH ONCE A YEAR, 0% OF TIME SPENT.

4) RENTAL INCOME - COLLECT RENT ON OFFICE BUILDING, 1% OF TIME SPENT.

5) WASHINGTON TWP. ZONING BOARD - LIBERTY CENTER, OH 43532; LOCAL RURAL ZONING BOARD FOR A SMALL TOWNSHIP; NON-INVESTMENT RELATED; UPDATE ZONING LAWS; 1% OF TIME SPENT

6) HEALTH RESOURCES LLC - SUBSIDIARY OF MEISTER INSURANCE GROUP 115 W. WASHINGTON ST. NAPOLEON OH, 43545; PARTNER/MEMBER; HEALTH INSURANCE PRODUCTS; NON-INVESTMENT RELATED ACTIVITY; LESS THAN 2% OF TIME SPENT

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
Termination	N/A	2	N/A
Bond	N/A	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.

Employment Separation After Allegations

This type of disclosure event involves a situation where the broker voluntarily resigned, was discharged, or was permitted to resign after being accused of (1) violating investment-related statutes, regulations, rules or industry standards of conduct; (2) fraud or the wrongful taking of property; or (3) failure to supervise in connection with investment-related statutes, regulations, rules, or industry standards of conduct.

Disclosure 1 of 2

Reporting Source: Firm

Employer Name: CAMBRIDGE INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC

Termination Type: Permitted to Resign

Termination Date: 02/12/2008

Allegations: REP PERMITTED TO RESIGN AFTER FIRM RECEIVED A COPY OF FINRA INQUIRY DATED JANUARY 18, 2008 REGARDING MATTER AT PRIOR BROKER-DEALER.

Product Type: No Product

Other Product Types:

Reporting Source: Broker

Employer Name: CAMBRIDGE INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC.

Termination Type: Permitted to Resign

Termination Date: 02/12/2008

Allegations: REP RESIGNED AFTER FIRM RECEIVED A COPY OF FINRA INQUIRY DATED JAN.18,2008. REGARDING MATTER AT PRIOR BROKER-DEALER

Product Type: No Product

Other Product Types:

**Disclosure 2 of 2**

Reporting Source:	Broker
Employer Name:	THRIVENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT, INC.
Termination Type:	Discharged
Termination Date:	10/08/2007
Allegations:	TERMINATED AFTER ADMITTING TO AFFIXING COPIES OF CUSTOMER SIGNATURES TO MULTIPLE DOCUMENTS, ALTERING DOCUMENTS PREVIOUSLY SIGNED BY CUSTOMERS, AND FAILING TO DILIGENTLY OVERSEE THE ACTIVITIES OF NON-REGISTERED ASSISTANTS. REPRESENTATIVE MAINTAINS THAT AFFIXING CUSTOMER SIGNATURES AND ALTERING DOCUMENTS WERE DONE AT THE DIRECTION OF CUSTOMERS.
Product Type:	No Product
Other Product Types:	
Broker Statement	MANY OF THE ALLEGATIONS AROSE FROM ERRORS IN JUDGEMENT FROM MY OFFICE ASSISTANT WHO IS NO LONGER WITH THE FIRM. NOT ONE OF THE TRANSACTIONS IN QUESTION HAS RESULTED IN A CLIENT COMPLAINT, CLIENT LOSS OR BREACH OF DUTY TO ANY CLIENT. ALL CLIENTS ,IF CONTACTED, WOULD VERIFY EACH AND EVERY TRANSACTION.



Civil Bond

This type of disclosure event involves a civil bond for the broker that has been denied, paid, or revoked by a bonding company.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source:	Broker
Policy Holder:	THRIVENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT INC
Bonding Company Name:	FEDERAL INSURANCE CO.
Disposition:	Revoked
Disposition Date:	08/21/2007
Payout Details:	N/A
Broker Statement	THRIVENT REVOKED THE BONDING BUT CONTINUED TO ALLOW ME TO REPRESENT THEIR FIRM UNTIL 10/08/2007. MY UNDERSTANDING IT WAS THRIVENT'S DECISION,NOT THE BONDING COMPANY'S , TO REVOKE MY BOND. THERE WAS NO CLAIM, CLIENT COMPLAINT,OR ANY ACTIVITY THAT WOULD LEAD TO ANY POTENTIAL BREECH OF DUTY TO ANY CLIENT.

End of Report



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