BrokerCheck Report

PHILIP JAY PATLIS

CRD# 1256755

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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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PHILIP J. PATLIS

CRD# 1256755

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

SHEARSON FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC
7000 W. PALMETTO PARK RD
SUITE 501
BOCA RATON, FL 33433
CRD# 38619
Registered with this firm since: 08/19/2004

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:

- 1 Self-Regulatory Organization
- 5 U.S. states and territories

This broker has passed:

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

Registration History

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

BRILL SECURITIES, INC.
CRD# 18565
NEW YORK, NY
05/1992 - 08/2004

EMANUEL AND COMPANY
CRD# 7309
NEW YORK, NY
05/1991 - 05/1992

DUNHILL EQUITIES, INC.
CRD# 21822
GARDEN CITY, NY
06/1990 - 01/1991

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	1

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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 1 SRO and is licensed in 5 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.

Employment 1 of 1

Firm Name: **SHEARSON FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC**

Main Office Address: **7000 W. PALMETTO PARK ROAD**
SUITE 501
BOCA RATON, FL 33433

Firm CRD#: **38619**

	SRO	Category	Status	Date
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	08/19/2004

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Connecticut	Agent	Approved	08/19/2004
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	08/19/2004
B	New Jersey	Agent	Approved	08/19/2004
B	New York	Agent	Approved	08/19/2004
B	Virginia	Agent	Approved	01/20/2011

Branch Office Locations

SHEARSON FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC
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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, 2 general industry/product exams, and 1 state securities law exam.

Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam		Category	Date
	No information reported.		

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam		Category	Date
B	Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	10/01/2018
B	General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	04/14/1984

State Securities Law Exams

Exam		Category	Date
B	Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	06/01/1984

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/.

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Broker Qualifications

Professional Designations

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

No information reported.

Only professional designations listed in Question 8 of the Form U4 will appear in this section if the appropriate box is checked and verified by the issuing organization at the time of the filing. Learn more about eligible designations at IARD and NASAA.

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Registration and Employment History

Registration History

The broker previously was registered with the following firms:

Registration Dates	Firm Name	CRD#	Branch Location
B 05/1992 - 08/2004	BRILL SECURITIES, INC.	18565	NEW YORK, NY
B 05/1991 - 05/1992	EMANUEL AND COMPANY	7309	NEW YORK, NY
B 06/1990 - 01/1991	DUNHILL EQUITIES, INC.	21822	GARDEN CITY, NY
B 06/1989 - 06/1990	DEAN WITTER REYNOLDS INC.	7556	PURCHASE, NY
B 04/1984 - 06/1989	THOMSON MCKINNON SECURITIES INC.	829	NEW YORK, NY

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
04/2011 - Present	SHEARSON FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC	FINANCIAL SALES	Y	BOCA RATON, 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.

Licensed to do Life & Health Insurance as well as Variable Annuities since 2006

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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	0	1	N/A

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Disclosure Event Details

When evaluating this information, please keep in mind that a discloure 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

Reporting Source:	Regulator
Regulatory Action Initiated By:	FINRA
Sanction(s) Sought:	
Date Initiated:	09/06/2016
Docket/Case Number:	2015043417504
Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:	Shearson Financial Services, LLC
Product Type:	No Product
Allegations:	Without admitting or denying the allegations, Patlis consented to the sanctions and to the entry of findings that he mismarked order tickets in customers' accounts as unsolicited orders, when in fact, the trades were solicited, causing his member firm to maintain inaccurate books and records.
Current Status:	Final
Resolution:	Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)

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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:	09/06/2016
Sanctions Ordered:	Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s) Suspension
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?	

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(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:	Suspension
Capacities Affected:	Any capacity
Duration:	one month
Start Date:	10/03/2016
End Date:	11/02/2016

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Monetary Sanction 1 of 1

Monetary Related Sanction:	Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)
Total Amount:	$5,000.00
Portion Levied against individual:	$5,000.00
Payment Plan:	
Is Payment Plan Current:	
Date Paid by individual:	09/15/2016
Was any portion of penalty waived?	No
Amount Waived:	
Regulator Statement	Fine paid in full on September 15, 2016.

Reporting Source:	Broker
Regulatory Action Initiated By:	FINRA
Sanction(s) Sought:	
Date Initiated:	09/06/2016
Docket/Case Number:	2015043417504
Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:	Shearson Financial Services, LLC
Product Type:	No Product
Allegations:	Without admitting or denying the allegations, Patlis consented to the sanctions and to the entry of findings that he mismarked order tickets in customers' accounts as unsolicited orders, when in fact, the trades were solicited, causing his member firm to maintain inaccurate books and records.
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Resolution Date:	09/06/2016
Sanctions Ordered:	Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s) Suspension
Sanction 1 of 1	
Sanction Type:	Suspension
Capacities Affected:	All capacities
Duration:	one month
Start Date:	10/03/2016
End Date:	11/02/2016
Monetary Sanction 1 of 1	
Monetary Related Sanction:	Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)
Total Amount:	$5,000.00
Portion Levied against individual:	$5,000.00
Payment Plan:	
Is Payment Plan Current:	
Date Paid by individual:	09/15/2016
Was any portion of penalty waived?	No
Amount Waived:	

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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:	Broker
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	Shearson Financial Services, LLC
Allegations:	Claimant alleges that his accounts were overconcentrated in collateralized mortgage obligations from September 2015 through November 2016. Further, claimant alleges that these securities were not suitable for him.
Product Type:	Debt-Asset Backed
Alleged Damages:	$100,000.00
Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):	Arbitration claims losses in excess of $100,000 but an exact amount is not specified. The Firm believes this figure is greatly exaggerated.
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 #:	17-01234
Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation:	05/16/2017

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received:	05/17/2017
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Settled
Status Date:	08/03/2018
Settlement Amount:	$37,500.00

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Individual Contribution Amount:	$14,900.00
Broker Statement	This is the first customer complaint lodged against the broker in his 33 years as a licensed registered representative. We strongly disagree with the claimant's assertions, and settled the case to eliminate the probability of an extended and protracted legal confrontation and rapidly rising legal costs.

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