

BrokerCheck Report

MICHAEL RAY JONES

CRD# 1270369

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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:

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

Registration History

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

- B UVEST FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP, INC.**
CRD# 13787
RUSTON, LA
08/2005 - 10/2007
- B SAMCO FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.**
CRD# 30108
PHOENIX, AZ
01/2003 - 08/2005
- B ARGENT INVESTMENT SERVICES, INC.**
CRD# 25624
RUSTON, LA
10/1990 - 12/2002

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
Customer Dispute	1

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

Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B Introducing Broker/Dealer Financial Operations Principal Examination	Series 28	12/04/1996
B General Securities Principal Examination	Series 24	03/13/1991

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	05/19/1984

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
IA Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination	Series 65	01/31/2012
B IA Uniform Combined State Law Examination	Series 66	06/07/2006
B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	06/22/1984

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/.

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 08/2005 - 10/2007	UVEST FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP, INC.	13787	RUSTON, LA
B 01/2003 - 08/2005	SAMCO FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	30108	PHOENIX, AZ
B 10/1990 - 12/2002	ARGENT INVESTMENT SERVICES, INC.	25624	RUSTON, LA
B 07/1990 - 10/1990	WALNUT STREET SECURITIES, INC.	15840	EL SEGUNDO, CA
B 03/1989 - 06/1990	PRUDENTIAL-BACHE SECURITIES INC.	7471	NEW YORK, NY
B 12/1985 - 03/1989	PAINWEBBER INCORPORATED	8174	
B 05/1984 - 12/1985	EDWARD D. JONES & CO., L.P.	250	

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
06/2020 - Present	ARGENT ADVISORS, INC.	PRESIDENT, BOARD MEMBER, INVESTMENT ADVISOR REPRESENTATIVE	Y	MONROE, LA, United States
06/2010 - Present	ARGENT TRUST	TRUST OFFICER	N	MONROE, LA, United States
10/2005 - 06/2020	ARGENT ADVISORS, INC.	MANAGING DIRECTOR, INVESTMENT ADVISOR REPRESENTATIVE	Y	MONROE, LA, 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
Customer Dispute	1	N/A



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

Reporting Source:	Regulator
Regulatory Action Initiated By:	ALABAM SECURITIES COMMISSION 770 WASHINGTON STREET *See FAQ #1*
Sanction(s) Sought:	
Other Sanction(s) Sought:	
Date Initiated:	12/10/1993
Docket/Case Number:	CD-93-0065
Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:	TCL SECURITIES, INC.
Product Type:	
Other Product Type(s):	
Allegations:	SECURITIES WERE OFFERED AND/OR SOLD IN ALABAMA WITHOUT TCL BEING REGISTERED AS A BROKER/DEALER OR JONES BEING REGISTERED AS AN AGENT IN ALABAMA.
Current Status:	Final
Resolution:	Decision
Resolution Date:	12/10/1993
Sanctions Ordered:	Cease and Desist/Injunction Monetary/Fine \$10,000.00
Other Sanctions Ordered:	
Sanction Details:	CEASE AND DESIST ORDER ISSUED.
Regulator Statement	SAME AS ALLEGATIONS CONTACT: ROBERT L. PRINCE, (205) 242-2984



Reporting Source:	Broker
Regulatory Action Initiated By:	ALABAMA SECURITIES COMMISSION
Sanction(s) Sought:	
Other Sanction(s) Sought:	
Date Initiated:	12/10/1993
Docket/Case Number:	CD-93-0065
Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:	TCL SECURITIES, INC.
Product Type:	Equity - OTC
Other Product Type(s):	
Allegations:	TRANSACTIONED BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA AS A SECURITIES DEALER OR AGENT WHILE UNREGISTERED.
Current Status:	Final
Resolution:	Decision
Resolution Date:	12/10/1993
Sanctions Ordered:	
Other Sanctions Ordered:	
Sanction Details:	STATE OF ALABAMA SECURITIES COMMISSION REQUESTED THAT RECISSION LETTERS BE SENT TO INDIVIDUALS WITH WHOM BUSINESS WAS TRANSACTED. FIRM AGREED TO A CONSENT ORDER WHICH REFLECTED THE FOLLOWING: (1) FIRM SHALL REFRAIN FROM THE SALE OF SECURITIES IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA UNTIL PROPERLY REGISTERED; (2) FIRM SHALL PAY TO THE STATE OF ALABAMA \$10,000 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSESSMENT; AND (3) FIRM SHALL REIMBURSE STATE OF ALABAMA SECURITIES COMMISSION \$500.
Broker Statement	TCL SECURITIES INC. EXECUTED A CONSENT ORDER WHICH STATED THAT WE UNKNOWINGLY VIOLATED STATE SECURITIES LAWS BY THE SALES OF SECURITIES BEFORE FINAL APPROVAL OF REGISTRATION. TCL SECURITIES INC. HAS MADE ALL APPLICABLE RESTITUTION TO THE STATE OF ALABAMA, THE SECURITIES COMMISSION OF ALABAMA, AND THE CUSTOMERS EFFECTING TRANSACTIONS IN THE



STATE OF ALABAMA. ON 3/16/94 TCL SECURITIES RECEIVED FINAL
APPROVAL FOR REGISTRATION IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA AND MAY NOW
SOLICIT BUSINESS THEREIN.



Customer Dispute - Award / Judgment

This type of disclosure event involves a final, consumer-initiated, investment-related arbitration or civil suit containing allegations of sales practice violations against the named broker that resulted in an arbitration award or civil judgment for the customer.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source:	Regulator
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	
Allegations:	MISREPRESENTATION, OMISSIONS, BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY, CHURNING
Product Type:	Other
Other Product Type(s):	UNSPECIFIED TYPE OF FINANCIAL PRODUCT
Alleged Damages:	\$435,000.00
Arbitration Information	
Arbitration/Reparation Claim filed with and Docket/Case No.:	NASD - CASE #01-05107
Date Notice/Process Served:	09/27/2001
Arbitration Pending?	No
Disposition:	Award
Disposition Date:	11/26/2002
Disposition Detail:	AWARD: RESPONDENT IS LIABLE, JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY, AND SHALL PAY TO CLAIMANT THE SUM OF \$500,000.00 AS COMPENSATORY DAMAGES, PLUS INTEREST.

Reporting Source:	Broker
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	ARGENT INVESTMENT SERVICES
Allegations:	ALLEGATION WERE DIRECTED TOWARD BROKER OF THE FIRM OF WHICH MICHAEL JONES WAS THEN PRESIDENT. MICHAEL JONES WAS NAMED ONLY BECAUSE OF HIS TITLE. CLIENT ALLEGES INAPPROPRIATE INVESTMENTS AND IMPROPER ASSET ALLOCATION BY HIS BROKER.
Product Type:	Equity - OTC



Alleged Damages: \$435,000.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 09/14/2001

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Arbitration/Reparation

Status Date: 09/14/2001

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:

Arbitration Information

Arbitration/Reparation Claim filed with and Docket/Case No.: [NASD-DR ARBITRATION NUMBER 01-05107](#)

Date Notice/Process Served: 10/19/2001

Arbitration Pending? No

Disposition: Award to Applicant

Disposition Date: 11/26/2002

Monetary Compensation Amount: \$500,000.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Broker Statement

ALLEGATIONS WERE DIRECTED TOWARD BROKER OF THE FIRM OF WHICH MICHAEL JONES WAS THEN PRESIDENT. MICHAEL JONES WAS NAMED ONLY BECAUSE OF HIS TITLE. CLIENT ALLEGES INAPPROPRIATE INVESTMENTS AND IMPROPER ASSET ALLOCATION BY HIS BROKER. INVESTMENT BROKER AND CLIENT WORKED OUT STRATEGIES TOGETHER. CLIENT WAS WELL AWARE OF POSITIONS AND TRADING ACTIVITY. ARGENT INVESTMENT SERVICES VIGOROUSLY DEFENDED THIS CLAIM.

End of Report



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