

## BrokerCheck Report

**THOMAS DIXON SANDERS**

CRD# 1280319

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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).

**THOMAS D. SANDERS**

CRD# 1280319

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

**IA FIRST FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC**  
 1509 MART DRIVE  
 SUITE B  
 LITTLE ROCK, AR 72202  
 CRD# 329276  
 Registered with this firm since: 04/30/2024

**B M. S. HOWELLS & CO.**  
 1509 MART DRIVE  
 SUITE B  
 LITTLE ROCK, AR 72202  
 CRD# 104100  
 Registered with this firm since: 11/02/2018

**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
- 29 U.S. states and territories

**This broker has passed:**

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

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

- IA SOWELL MANAGEMENT**  
 CRD# 127145  
 NORTH LITTLE ROCK, AR  
 11/2018 - 03/2024
- IA CAMBRIDGE INVESTMENT RESEARCH ADVISORS, INC.**  
 CRD# 134139  
 FAIRFIELD, IA  
 12/2011 - 11/2018
- B CAMBRIDGE INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC.**  
 CRD# 39543  
 Little Rock, AR  
 12/2011 - 11/2018

**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 1 SRO and is licensed in 29 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.**

Employment 1 of 2

Firm Name: **FIRST FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC**  
Main Office Address: **1509 MART DRIVE  
SUITE B  
LITTLE ROCK, AR 72202**  
Firm CRD#: **329276**

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
IA	Arkansas	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	08/28/2024
IA	Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Restricted Approval	04/30/2024

Branch Office Locations

1509 MART DRIVE  
SUITE B  
LITTLE ROCK, AR 72202

Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: **M. S. HOWELLS & CO.**  
Main Office Address: **23350 N. PIMA RD.  
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255**  
Firm CRD#: **104100**

	SRO	Category	Status	Date
B	FINRA	General Securities Principal	Approved	11/02/2018
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/02/2018

## Broker Qualifications



### Employment 2 of 2, continued

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Arizona	Agent	Approved	11/02/2018
B	Arkansas	Agent	Approved	11/02/2018
B	California	Agent	Approved	11/02/2018
B	Colorado	Agent	Approved	12/03/2018
B	District of Columbia	Agent	Approved	11/02/2018
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	11/02/2018
B	Illinois	Agent	Approved	11/16/2018
B	Indiana	Agent	Approved	04/08/2022
B	Iowa	Agent	Approved	11/02/2018
B	Kansas	Agent	Approved	11/02/2018
B	Kentucky	Agent	Approved	11/25/2020
B	Louisiana	Agent	Approved	11/02/2018
B	Maryland	Agent	Approved	11/02/2018
B	Minnesota	Agent	Approved	11/02/2018
B	Mississippi	Agent	Approved	11/21/2018
B	Missouri	Agent	Approved	11/02/2018
B	Nebraska	Agent	Approved	11/02/2018
B	Nevada	Agent	Approved	11/02/2018
B	New Mexico	Agent	Approved	11/02/2018
B	New York	Agent	Approved	11/02/2018
B	North Carolina	Agent	Approved	11/02/2018

Broker Qualifications



Employment 2 of 2, continued

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Oklahoma	Agent	Approved	12/05/2018
B	Oregon	Agent	Approved	11/02/2018
B	South Carolina	Agent	Approved	11/02/2018
B	Tennessee	Agent	Approved	05/22/2024
B	Texas	Agent	Approved	11/02/2018
B	Utah	Agent	Approved	11/02/2018
B	Virginia	Agent	Approved	11/02/2018
B	Wisconsin	Agent	Approved	11/02/2018

Branch Office Locations

M. S. HOWELLS & CO.  
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## 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, 2 general industry/product exams, and 2 state securities law exams.**

### Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
<b>B</b> General Securities Principal Examination	Series 24	12/13/2001

### General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
<b>B</b> Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	10/01/2018
<b>B</b> General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	03/26/1997

### State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
<b>IA</b> Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination	Series 65	04/21/1997
<b>B</b> Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	04/07/1997

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>IA</b> 03/2024 - 03/2024	FIRST FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC	329276	LITTLE ROCK, AR
<b>IA</b> 11/2018 - 03/2024	SOWELL MANAGEMENT	127145	Little Rock, AR
<b>IA</b> 12/2011 - 11/2018	CAMBRIDGE INVESTMENT RESEARCH ADVISORS, INC.	134139	LITTLE ROCK, AR
<b>B</b> 12/2011 - 11/2018	CAMBRIDGE INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC.	39543	Little Rock, AR
<b>B</b> 10/2002 - 12/2011	CENTAURUS FINANCIAL, INC.	30833	LITTLE ROCK, AR
<b>IA</b> 10/2002 - 12/2011	CENTAURUS FINANCIAL, INC.	30833	LITTLE ROCK, AR
<b>IA</b> 01/2001 - 10/2002	CAMBRIDGE INVESTMENT RESERARCH, INC.	39543	LITTLE ROCK, AR
<b>B</b> 01/2001 - 10/2002	CAMBRIDGE INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC.	39543	FAIRFIELD, IA
<b>B</b> 03/1997 - 12/2000	ENERIC FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	11761	FAIRFIELD, IA

### 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
03/2024 - Present	FIRST FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC	INVESTMENT ADVISOR REPRESENTATIVE	Y	LITTLE ROCK, AR, United States
11/2018 - Present	M.S. HOWELLS & CO	REGISTERED REP.	Y	SCOTTSDALE, AZ, United States



## Registration and Employment History

### Employment History, continued

Employment	Employer Name	Position	Investment Related	Employer Location
10/2018 - 03/2023	SOWELL FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC DBA SOWELL MGMT. SERVICES, LLC	REGISTERED INVESTMENT ADVISOR REP	Y	LITTLE ROCK, AR, United States
12/2011 - 11/2018	CAMBRIDGE INVESTMENT RESEARCH ADVISORS, INC	INVESTMENT ADVISOR REPRESENTATIVE	Y	FAIRFIELD, IA, United States
12/2011 - 11/2018	CAMBRIDGE INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	FAIRFIELD, IA, United States
06/2000 - 11/2018	CONSOLIDATED AGENTS, INC.	SHAREHOLDER	N	JACKSONVILLE, FL, United States
04/1998 - 10/2018	ALEXON CORPORATION	PRESIDENT	N	LITTLE ROCK, AR, 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.MARCH 2024; FIRST FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC, LITTLE ROCK, AR; INVESTMENT RELATED; REGISTERED INVESTMENT ADVISOR; RIA REPRESENTATIVE; CEO; OPERATIONAL DUTIES OF RIA; DEVOTE 80 HRS/MO, 80 HRS/MO DURING MARKET HOURS.

2.MARCH 2010; SANDERS FINANCIAL, INC, LITTLE ROCK, AR; NON INVESTMENT RELATED; DBA TO PAY SALARY; PRESIDENT; ADMINISTRATIVE; DEVOTE 1 HR/MO DURING MARKET HOURS.

3.SEPT 1990; REUNION ASSOCIATES, INC., LITTLE ROCK, AR; NON INVESTMENT RELATED; SALE FIXED LIFE, HEALTH AND DISABILITY INSURANCE; PRESIDENT; INSURANCE SALES; 50 HRS/MO DURING MARKET HOURS.

4. MAY 2007; SANDERS RIVER RESORT LLC, LITTLE ROCK, AR; NON INVESTMENT RELATED; RENTAL PROPERTY; MANAGING MEMBER; ADMINISTRATIVE; DEVOTE 2 HRS/MO DURING MARKET HOURS.

5.MAY 2005; SANDERS ART, LLC, LITTLE ROCK, AR; NON INVESTMENT RELATED; SPOUSE IS AN ARTIST, HELP PROMOTE HER ART AND HANDLE THE BOOKS; ADMINISTRATIVE; DEVOTE 5 HRS/MO DURING NON MARKET HOURS.

6.OCT 2015; SPRING FDN, LITTLE ROCK, AR; NON INVESTMENT RELATED; BOARD MEMBER; 501(C) 3; BOARD CHAIN, MANAGE BUDGET, PROMOTION; DEVOTE 20 HRS/MO, 10 HRS/MO DURING MARKET HOURS .

## 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
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

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Firm
<b>Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:</b>	CENTAURUS FINANCIAL, INC
<b>Allegations:</b>	ALLEGATIONS INCLUDE UNSUITABLE INVESTMENTS, VIOLATIONS OF FEDERAL SECURITIES LAWS, VIOLATIONS OF THE ARKANSAS SECURITIES ACT, BREACH OF CONTRACT, COMMON LAW FRAUD, BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY AND NEGLIGENCE CONCERNING THE TENANT IN COMMON TRANSACTIONS PURCHASED IN OCTOBER 2008.
<b>Product Type:</b>	Real Estate Security
<b>Alleged Damages:</b>	\$1,808,294.25
<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
<b>Docket/Case #:</b>	13-02847
<b>Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation:</b>	09/23/2013



## Customer Complaint Information

**Date Complaint Received:** 10/15/2013

**Complaint Pending?** No

**Status:** Settled

**Status Date:** 05/27/2015

**Settlement Amount:** \$80,000.00

**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$0.00

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**Reporting Source:** Broker

**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** CENTAURUS FINANCIAL, INC.

**Allegations:** ALLEGATIONS INCLUDE UNSUITABLE INVESTMENTS, VIOLATIONS OF SECURITIES LAWS, VIOLATIONS OF THE ARKANSAS SECURITIES ACT, BREACH OF CONTRACT, COMMON LAW FRAUD, BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY AND NEGLIGENCE CONCERNING THE TENANT IN COMMON TRANSACTIONS PURCHASED IN OCTOBER 2008.

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**Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?** Yes

**Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:** FINRA

**Docket/Case #:** 13-02847

**Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation:** 09/23/2013

## Customer Complaint Information

**Date Complaint Received:** 10/18/2013



**Complaint Pending?** No

**Status:** Settled

**Status Date:** 05/27/2015

**Settlement Amount:** \$80,000.00

**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$0.00

**Broker Statement**

AS A COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE SPECIALIST HIMSELF, RR STATES THE CLIENT WAS WELL AWARE OF THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE TRANSACTIONS THAT HE COMPLETED THROUGH RR'S OFFICE. RR MADE EVERY EFFORT TO NOT ONLY COMPLY WITH ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 1031 BUT TO EXCEED THEM IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE THAT THE CLIENT UNDERSTOOD THE PRODUCT. RR COULD NOT HAVE ANTICIPATED THE PROBLEMS THAT DEVELOPED DURING THE ECONOMIC CRISIS THAT AFFECTED THE COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE BUSINESS AND GENERAL ECONOMY.

## End of Report



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