

BrokerCheck Report

BLAKE ANDREW PRATZ

CRD# 1284166

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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.](http://www.finra.org)

**BLAKE A. PRATZ**

CRD# 1284166

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

IA ICON WEALTH PARTNERS
 1980 POST OAK BOULEVARD
 SUITE 1300
 HOUSTON, TX 77056
 CRD# 319609
 Registered with this firm since: 08/02/2022

B PURSHE KAPLAN STERLING INVESTMENTS
 1980 Post Oak Blvd.
 Suite 1300
 Houston, TX 77056
 CRD# 35747
 Registered with this firm since: 09/20/2016

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
- 8 U.S. states and territories

This broker has passed:

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

Registration History

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

- IA ICON WEALTH PARTNERS, LLC**
 CRD# 283098
 HOUSTON, TX
 08/2016 - 08/2022
- B UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.**
 CRD# 8174
 HOUSTON, TX
 10/2010 - 09/2016
- IA UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.**
 CRD# 8174
 WEEHAWKEN, NJ
 10/2010 - 09/2016

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	2



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 8 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.

Employment 1 of 2

Firm Name: **ICON WEALTH PARTNERS**
 Main Office Address: **1980 POST OAK BOULEVARD
 SUITE 1300
 HOUSTON, TX 77056**
 Firm CRD#: **319609**

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
IA	Arizona	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	04/30/2025
IA	Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	08/02/2022

Branch Office Locations

1980 POST OAK BOULEVARD
 SUITE 1300
 HOUSTON, TX 77056

Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: **PURSHE KAPLAN STERLING INVESTMENTS**
 Main Office Address: **80 STATE STREET
 ALBANY, NY 12207**
 Firm CRD#: **35747**

	SRO	Category	Status	Date
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	09/20/2016

Broker Qualifications



Employment 2 of 2, continued

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Arizona	Agent	Approved	04/30/2025
B	California	Agent	Approved	09/20/2016
B	Georgia	Agent	Approved	10/21/2022
B	Louisiana	Agent	Approved	09/20/2016
B	Minnesota	Agent	Approved	10/21/2022
B	Nevada	Agent	Approved	09/20/2016
B	North Carolina	Agent	Approved	07/12/2018
B	Texas	Agent	Approved	09/20/2016

Branch Office Locations

PURSHE KAPLAN STERLING INVESTMENTS

1980 Post Oak Blvd.
Suite 1300
Houston, TX 77056



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

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 National Commodity Futures Examination	Series 3	10/01/1999
B General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	08/18/1984

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
IA Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination	Series 65	11/25/1996
B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	09/14/1984

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 firms:

Registration Dates	Firm Name	CRD#	Branch Location
IA 08/2016 - 08/2022	ICON WEALTH PARTNERS, LLC	283098	HOUSTON, TX
B 10/2010 - 09/2016	UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.	8174	HOUSTON, TX
IA 10/2010 - 09/2016	UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.	8174	HOUSTON, TX
B 06/2009 - 11/2010	MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY	149777	HOUSTON, TX
IA 06/2009 - 11/2010	MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY LLC	149777	HOUSTON, TX
B 08/1993 - 06/2009	CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.	7059	HOUSTON, TX
IA 08/1993 - 06/2009	CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.	7059	HOUSTON, TX
B 01/1991 - 08/1993	PAINEWEBBER INCORPORATED	8174	WEEHAWKEN, NJ
B 05/1987 - 01/1991	ROTAN MOSLE INC.	727	
B 08/1984 - 07/1986	DEAN WITTER REYNOLDS INC.	7556	

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
08/2022 - Present	Icon Wealth Advisors, LLC	Managing Partner	Y	Houston, TX, United States
09/2016 - Present	PURSHE KAPLAN STERLING INVESTMENTS, INC.	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	ALBANY, NY, United States
08/2016 - 08/2022	ICON WEALTH PARTNERS, LLC	INVESTMENT ADVISER REPRESENTATIVE	Y	HOUSTON, TX, United States
10/2010 - 08/2016	UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC	FINANCIAL ADVISOR	Y	HOUSTON, TX, United States

Registration and Employment History



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) Mr. Pratz is dually-registered with Icon Wealth Partners, LLC ("Icon") and Purshe Kaplan Sterling Investments, Inc. ("PKS"). Mr. Pratz has served as an investment advisor representative for Icon since 8/2016 and a registered representative with PKS since 9/2016. Business is conducted from 1980 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 1300 Houston, TX 77056. Approximately 90% of Mr. Pratz's time is for services as an investment advisor representative and the balance as a registered representative.

2) Licensed Insurance Agent; investment related; 1980 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 1300 Houston TX 77056; Insurance Sales - up to 1 hours/month

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	2	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:	Firm
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS, INC.
Allegations:	CLAIMANT ALLEGES, INTER ALIA, THAT IN JULY OF 2008 THE FINANCIAL ADVISOR MISREPRESENTED UNSUITABLE INVESTMENTS TO THE CLAIMANT.
Product Type:	Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock) Other: FANNIE MAE; FREDDIE MAC
Alleged Damages:	\$33,590.50
Is this an oral complaint?	No
Is this a written complaint?	No
Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?	Yes
Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:	FINRA
Docket/Case #:	11-01584
Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation:	04/12/2011

Customer Complaint Information



Date Complaint Received: 05/03/2011
Complaint Pending? No
Status: Settled
Status Date: 06/30/2011
Settlement Amount: \$15,000.00
Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00
Firm Statement THIS MATTER WAS SETTLED FOR BUSINESS PURPOSES, WITH NO ADMISSION OF LIABILITY BY THE FIRM OR BROKER. BROKER DID NOT CONTRIBUTE TO SETTLEMENT.

Reporting Source: Broker
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS, INC.
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Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 05/03/2011



Complaint Pending? No
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Status Date: 06/30/2011
Settlement Amount: \$15,000.00
Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Broker Statement

THE ADVISOR INHERITED THE CLIENT WHEN THE FIRM, MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY, REQUESTED THAT THE ADVISOR TAKE OVER THE CLIENT'S ACCOUNTS. THIS MATTER WAS SETTLED FOR BUSINESS PURPOSES, WITH NO ADMISSION OF LIABILITY BY THE FIRM OR BROKER. BROKER DID NOT CONTRIBUTE TO SETTLEMENT. BELIEVE THE CLIENT'S COMPLAINT IS IN REFERENCE TO A RECOMMENDATION OF TWO PREFERRED ISSUED BY FANNIE MAE AND FREDDIE MAC. THESE INVESTMENTS WERE RECOMMENDED AND FOLLOWED BY SMITH BARNEY AT THE TIME. THESE INVESTMENTS ALSO WERE IN LINE WITH THE CLIENTS RISK ALLOCATION AT THE TIME AS HE NEEDED CURRENT INCOME AND HELD A LARGE POSITION IN PREFERRED ALREADY. THIS INVESTMENT, IN THESE TWO PREFERRED TOTALED LESS THAN 5% OF HIS ACCOUNT VALUE.

THE PREFERRED HAD DROPPED IN VALUE FROM AN INITIAL OFFERING PRICE OF \$25 A SHARE. FUNDS WERE ALLOCATED IN 2008 TO THESE INVESTMENTS WHEN THE PRICE WAS AT AROUND 16-17 DOLLARS FOR THE CLIENT. THE GOVERNMENT TOOK OVER THESE INVESTMENTS LATER THAT YEAR AND SUSPENDED THE DIVIDEND.



Customer Dispute - Closed-No Action / Withdrawn / Dismissed / Denied

This type of disclosure event involves (1) a consumer-initiated, investment-related arbitration or civil suit containing allegations of sales practice violations against the individual broker that was dismissed, withdrawn, or denied; or (2) a consumer-initiated, investment-related written complaint containing allegations that the broker engaged in sales practice violations resulting in compensatory damages of at least \$5,000, forgery, theft, or misappropriation, or conversion of funds or securities, which was closed without action, withdrawn, or denied.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source:	Broker
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC
Allegations:	TIME FRAME: APRIL 11, 2011 TO OCTOBER 28, 2014 CLIENT ALLEGES THAT THEY DID NOT UNDERSTAND THAT COLLATERAL WAS NEEDED IN HIS ACCOUNT TO COVER A CHECK HE WROTE ON HIS LINE OF CREDIT AND FEELS THAT THESE DETAILS WERE NOT EXPLAINED TO HIM. CLIENT FURTHER IS UPSET OVER THE RECOMMENDATION TO PURCHASE AND THEN HOLD ONTO FANNIE MAE AND FREDDIE MAC INVESTMENTS WHICH WERE REPRESENTED TO BE SAFE.
Product Type:	Other: EQUITIES
Alleged Damages:	\$0.00
Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):	ESTIMATED TO BE IN EXCESS OF \$5,000.00.
Is this an oral complaint?	No
Is this a written complaint?	Yes
Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?	No

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received:	11/03/2014
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Denied
Status Date:	12/15/2014
Settlement Amount:	
Individual Contribution Amount:	

**Broker Statement**

We deny these allegations as we firmly believe they are baseless and have no validity. The client has had a line of credit or a margin account for the last twenty years. He was fully aware of the limits on both the Line of Credit and the margin account when he signed the UBS agreement. The rules and risks of not having enough assets on deposit to cover the Line of Credit or the margin account were presented to the client on multiple occasions over the last twenty years. There have been numerous times when the client had margin calls and he either liquidated funds or made deposits to cover these calls. In this case, UBS requested the client bring in less than \$1500 to cover a credit line call; he could not, and the firm liquidated a position in his account to cover the shortage. We completely disagree with the client's complaints.

End of Report



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