

BrokerCheck Report

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CRD# 1370302

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

- IA

EDWARD JONES
24 ELM STREET SUITE 1
OLD SAYBROOK, CT 06475
CRD# 250
Registered with this firm since: 01/06/1993
- B

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24 ELM STREET SUITE 1
OLD SAYBROOK, CT 06475
CRD# 250
Registered with this firm since: 08/09/1991

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:

- 4 Self-Regulatory Organizations
- 31 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):

- B

SMA EQUITIES, INC.
CRD# 3960
WORCESTER, MA
07/1985 - 08/1991

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
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 4 SROs and is licensed in 31 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.

Employment 1 of 1

Firm Name: **EDWARD JONES**

Main Office Address: **12555 MANCHESTER ROAD
ST. LOUIS, MO 63131-3710**

Firm CRD#: **250**

	SRO	Category	Status	Date
B	FINRA	Invest. Co and Variable Contracts	Approved	08/09/1991
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	08/26/1991
B	FINRA	General Securities Principal	Approved	07/23/1992
B	FINRA	Direct Participation Programs	Approved	07/20/2020
B	NYSE American LLC	General Securities Principal	Approved	09/13/2011
B	NYSE American LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	09/13/2011
B	Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Principal	Approved	07/12/2006
B	Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Representative	Approved	07/12/2006
B	New York Stock Exchange	General Securities Representative	Approved	10/15/1991
B	New York Stock Exchange	General Securities Principal	Approved	06/26/2010

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Alaska	Agent	Approved	03/12/2025
B	Arizona	Agent	Approved	01/22/2004
B	California	Agent	Approved	05/09/2001

Broker Qualifications



Employment 1 of 1, continued

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Connecticut	Agent	Approved	10/14/1991
IA	Connecticut	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	01/06/1993
B	Delaware	Agent	Approved	12/01/2003
B	District of Columbia	Agent	Approved	03/25/2010
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	03/23/1993
B	Georgia	Agent	Approved	11/14/2003
B	Idaho	Agent	Approved	06/28/2022
IA	Idaho	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	07/31/2023
B	Illinois	Agent	Approved	06/06/2006
B	Iowa	Agent	Approved	02/06/2025
B	Kentucky	Agent	Approved	08/23/2024
B	Maine	Agent	Approved	04/23/1997
B	Massachusetts	Agent	Approved	03/25/1997
B	Minnesota	Agent	Approved	07/07/2020
B	Montana	Agent	Approved	10/28/2009
B	New Hampshire	Agent	Approved	08/26/1994
B	New Jersey	Agent	Approved	04/28/2005
B	New York	Agent	Approved	01/03/1992
B	North Carolina	Agent	Approved	02/04/1999
B	Ohio	Agent	Approved	01/05/1998
B	Oregon	Agent	Approved	03/23/2007



Broker Qualifications

Employment 1 of 1, continued

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	04/11/2012
B	Rhode Island	Agent	Approved	11/22/2005
B	South Carolina	Agent	Approved	07/26/2018
B	Tennessee	Agent	Approved	06/11/2008
B	Texas	Agent	Approved	01/05/1999
IA	Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Restricted Approval	02/27/2019
B	Vermont	Agent	Approved	01/14/2009
B	Virginia	Agent	Approved	08/22/2001
B	Washington	Agent	Approved	02/28/2007
B	West Virginia	Agent	Approved	10/19/2012

Branch Office Locations

EDWARD JONES
 24 ELM STREET SUITE 1
 OLD SAYBROOK, CT 06475

EDWARD JONES
 Driggs, ID



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	09/05/1991

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	10/01/2018
B General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	08/23/1991
B Direct Participation Programs Representative Examination	Series 22	09/21/1987
B Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination	Series 6	07/03/1985

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	05/06/1988

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 **1** professional designation(s).

Chartered Financial Consultant

This representative holds or did hold **1** 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
B 07/1985 - 08/1991	SMA EQUITIES, INC.	3960	WORCESTER, MA

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
08/1991 - Present	EDWARD D. JONES & CO., L.P.	NOT PROVIDED	Y	OLD SAYBROOK, CT, 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.

No information reported.

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 - 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 2

Reporting Source:	Broker
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	EDWARD JONES
Allegations:	CLIENT IS UPSET WITH THE DECLINE OF THEIR CLOSED END MUTUAL FUND AND FEEL THAT IT WAS RECOMMENDED DUE TO THE REVENUE SHARING ISSUES. THE CLIENTS ARE ASKING FOR \$8300.00 WHICH THEY CLAIM ARE THE LOSSES FROM THE INVESTMENT.
Product Type:	Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)
Alleged Damages:	\$8,300.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received:	01/19/2005
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Denied
Status Date:	01/25/2005
Settlement Amount:	
Individual Contribution Amount:	
Broker Statement	UPON REVIEW OF THE VAN KAMPEN INVESTMENT, AT THE TIME OF THE



PURCHASE THE INVESTMENT WAS CATEGORIZED AS AN INCOME INVESTMENT WHICH DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE OUTSIDE OF THE SCOPE OF THE INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES AS LISTED ON THE ACCOUNTS. WHILE WE UNDERSTAND THE CLIENT'S DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF THE INVESTMENT, IT DOES APPEAR THE DECLINE IS ATTRIBUTED TO MARKET FLUCTUATION. BECAUSE THE FUTURE CANNOT BE PREDICTED WITH COMPLETE ACCURACY, WE ENCOURAGE OUR CLIENTS TO PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE BY MAINTAINING DIVERSIFIED PORTFOLIOS. ADDITIONALLY, THE CLIENT'S LETTER INDICATES THEIR BELIEF THAT THIS INVESTMENT WAS RECOMMENDED DUE TO REVENUE SHARING. THIS INVESTMENT IS A CLOSED END MUTUAL FUND WHICH DOES NOT OFFER REVENUE SHARING. BASED ON OUR INVESTIGATION IT DOES NOT APPEAR THE ACCOUNTS WERE HANDLED INAPPROPRIATELY BY THE IR, AND THEREFORE, THEIR REQUEST FOR COMPENSATION WAS RESPECTFULLY DENIED.

Disclosure 2 of 2

Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: EDWARD JONES

Allegations: CLIENT STATES THE LEHMAN BROTHERS BOND WAS AN UNSUITABLE RECOMMENDATION. CLIENT STATES ONCE HE UNDERSTOOD THE RISK, HE REALIZED BOND WAS UNSUITABLE FOR HIS INVESTMENT PURPOSES. CLIENT WANTS TRADE CANCELLED AND EXPECTS TO BE MADE WHOLE WITHOUT ANY LOSS TO CLIENT. POTENTIAL LOSSES EXCEED \$5,000.

Product Type: Debt - Corporate

Alleged Damages: \$5,000.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 09/03/2003

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Denied

Status Date: 09/17/2003

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:

**Broker Statement**

IR INDICATED THAT ALL INVESTMENTS PURCHASED IN CLIENT'S ACCOUNT WERE ONLY RECOMMENDED AFTER DISCUSSING THE CLIENT'S INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES, HOW THE INVESTMENT WOULD FIT IN WITH EXISTING INVESTMENTS HELD THE CLIENT'S ACCOUNT AND THE CLIENT'S TOLERANCE FOR RISK AND MARKET CONDITIONS. IR ALSO STATED HE DISCUSSED THE PRICE VOLATILITY OF THE BONDS IF SOLD PRIOR TO MATURITY. IR ALSO STATED THAT FOR BONDS CONTAINING THE ESTATE FEATURE, IR EXPLAINED TO THE CLIENT THAT THE FEATURE WOULD NOT BENEFIT THE CLIENT, BUT MAY BENEFIT HIS HEIRS. IR INDICATED THERE WERE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CLIENT ON HOW THE CLIENT COULD EARN MORE INCOME ON CLIENT'S MONEY. IR STATED THAT EACH CONVERSATION WOULD BEGIN WITH A REVIEW OF THE CLIENT'S EXISTING INVESTMENTS. INCLUDED IN THESE CONVERSATIONS, IR STATED HE WOULD INQUIRE HOW MUCH ADDITIONAL CASH THE CLIENT HAD AVAILABLE SHOULD AN EMERGENCY ARISE. IR INDICATED THAT THE CLIENT ALWAYS ASSURED IR THAT CLIENT HAD ENOUGH MONEY AVAILABLE. IR STATED HE PRESENTED THREE BONDS TO THE CLIENT AND THE CLIENT SELECTED THE BOND FOR THE HIGHER INCOME. IR ALSO STATED HE RECOMMENDED TWO DIFFERENT MUTUAL FUNDS TO ASSIST IN DIVERSIFICATION OF THE CLIENT'S PORTFOLIO AND MEET THE OBJECTIVE OF INCOME. IR ALSO INDICATED THAT THE PURCHASE OF "B" AND "C" SHARES WOULD CONFLICT WITH THE CLIENT'S OBJECTIVE OF HIGHER CURRENT INCOME AND LIQUIDITY. OUR INVESTIGATION INDICATES THE INVESTMENTS WERE NOT OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF THE INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE. ALSO, OUR REVIEW DOES NOT INDICATE THESE INVESTMENTS WOULD BE UNSUITABLE FOR A PERSON IN THE CLIENT'S SITUATION, AS REPRESENTED BY THE CLIENT TO THE IR. BASED ON OUR INVESTIGATION, WE BELIEVE THE ACCOUNT WAS HANDLED APPROPRIATELY BY THE IR; THEREFORE, NO ADJUSTMENTS WILL BE MADE TO THE CLIENT'S ACCOUNT.

End of Report



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