

## BrokerCheck Report

### Curtis Lee Howard

CRD# 1390753

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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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**Curtis L. Howard**

CRD# 1390753

**Currently employed by and registered with the following Firm(s):****IA LPL FINANCIAL LLC**16 E LEE AVE STE 9  
SAPULA, OK 74066  
CRD# 6413

Registered with this firm since: 01/09/2023

**B LPL FINANCIAL LLC**16 E LEE AVE STE 9  
SAPULA, OK 74066  
CRD# 6413

Registered with this firm since: 01/09/2023

**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
- 7 U.S. states and territories

**This broker has passed:**

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

**Registration History****This broker was previously registered with the following securities firm(s):****IA LEVEL FOUR ADVISORY SERVICES**CRD# 134086  
DALLAS, TX  
12/2021 - 01/2023**B LEVEL FOUR FINANCIAL, LLC**CRD# 25700  
Sapulpa, OK  
09/2017 - 01/2023**IA LEVEL FOUR FINANCIAL, LLC**CRD# 25700  
MOBILE, AL  
10/2017 - 12/2021**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
Termination	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 7 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.**

### Employment 1 of 1

Firm Name: **LPL FINANCIAL LLC**

Main Office Address: **1055 LPL WAY  
FORT MILL, SC 29715**

Firm CRD#: **6413**

SRO	Category	Status	Date
<b>B</b> FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	01/09/2023
<b>U.S. State/ Territory</b>			
<b>B</b> Colorado	Agent	Approved	01/09/2023
<b>B</b> Minnesota	Agent	Approved	06/09/2025
<b>IA</b> Minnesota	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	07/22/2025
<b>B</b> New Mexico	Agent	Approved	01/09/2023
<b>B</b> New York	Agent	Approved	01/09/2023
<b>B</b> Oklahoma	Agent	Approved	01/09/2023
<b>IA</b> Oklahoma	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	01/09/2023
<b>B</b> Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	01/09/2023
<b>B</b> Texas	Agent	Approved	01/09/2023
<b>IA</b> Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Restricted Approval	01/13/2023

### Branch Office Locations

**LPL FINANCIAL LLC**

## Broker Qualifications



### Employment 1 of 1, continued

16 E LEE AVE STE 9  
SAPULPA, OK 74066-4242

**LPL FINANCIAL LLC**  
16 E LEE AVE STE 9  
SAPULPA, OK 74066

**LPL FINANCIAL LLC**  
BEMIDJI, MN

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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 0 principal/supervisory exams, 2 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 General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	07/20/1985

### State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B IA Uniform Combined State Law Examination	Series 66	01/08/2007
B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	09/11/1985

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
IA 12/2021 - 01/2023	LEVEL FOUR ADVISORY SERVICES	134086	DALLAS, TX
B 09/2017 - 01/2023	LEVEL FOUR FINANCIAL, LLC	25700	Sapulpa, OK
IA 10/2017 - 12/2021	LEVEL FOUR FINANCIAL, LLC	25700	Sapulpa, OK
IA 01/2007 - 09/2017	EDWARD JONES	250	SAPULPA, OK
B 07/1985 - 09/2017	EDWARD JONES	250	SAPULPA, OK

## 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
01/2023 - Present	LPL FINACIAL LLC	Registered Representative	Y	SAPULPA, OK, United States
12/2021 - 01/2023	LEVEL FOUR ADVISORY SERVICES	INVESTMENT ADVISOR REPRESENTATIVE	Y	DALLAS, TX, United States
09/2017 - 01/2023	LEVEL FOUR FINANCIAL, LLC	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	DALLAS, TX, United States
03/1985 - 09/2017	EDWARD D. JONES & CO., L.P.	NOT PROVIDED	Y	MONAHANS, TX, 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) 11/2022 - Cornerstone Wealth Management / DBA for LPL Business (entity for LPL business) / Financial Advisor / Investment Related / 160 Hour per month / 100 time spent percent / 8 Hours during trading / Sapulpa, OK

## Registration and Employment History



### Other Business Activities, continued

- 2) 11/2022 - Phoenix Wealth Partners / Business Entity For Tax/Investment Purposes Only / Cattle Purchaser / Not Investment Related / 160 Hour per month / 100 time spent percent / 8 Hours during trading / Sapulpa, OK
- 3) 2/14/2023 - Cornerstone Wealth Portfolios - Investment Related - At Reported Business Location(s) - DBA for LPL Business (entity for LPL business) - Start Date - 2/1/2023 - 1600 Hours Per Month/8 Hours During Securities Trading - Time Spent 100%
- 4) 3/24/2023 - Bemidji Town & Country Club - Not Investment Related - Bemidji, MN during the summer. Via ZOOM during the winter. - For-Profit Board Member - Country Club BOD - Start Date - 01/01/2023 - 2 Hours Per Month/0 Hours During Securities Trading

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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:**
  - o A law enforcement agency must file formal charges before a broker is required to disclose a particular criminal event.
  - o 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:**
  - o 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:**
  - o 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.
  - o 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
Termination	N/A	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

**Reporting Source:** Firm  
**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** EDWARD JONES  
**Allegations:** PLAINTIFF ALLEGES BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY, NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OF CONTRACT, FRAUD BY NONDISCLOSURE, COMMON LAW FRAUD, BREACH OF DUTY OF GOOD FAITH AND FAIR DEALING, AND INTENTIONAL INFILCTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS DURING THE TIME PERIOD DEFENDANT HOWARD HANDLED PLAINTIFF'S ACCOUNTS STARTING IN DECEMBER 2015.

**Product Type:** No Product

**Alleged Damages:** \$1,000,000.00

#### Arbitration Information

**Arbitration/CFTC reparation claim filed with (FINRA, AAA, CFTC, etc.):** FINRA

**Docket/Case #:** 19-02887

**Date Notice/Process Served:** 10/02/2019

**Arbitration Pending?** No

**Disposition:** Settled

**Disposition Date:** 10/15/2021



**Monetary Compensation Amount:** \$60,000.00

**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$50,000.00

### Civil Litigation Information

**Type of Court:** State Court

**Name of Court:** JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, DALLAS COUNTY TX

**Location of Court:** DALLAS COUNTY, TX

**Docket/Case #:** DC-18-09772

**Date Notice/Process Served:** 07/26/2018

**Litigation Pending?** No

**Disposition:** Settled

**Disposition Date:** 10/15/2021

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## 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:** EDWARD JONES

**Allegations:** 4/28/94-10/1/08; CLIENT STATES IT HAS COME TO HIS ATTENTION THAT THE DEATH BENEFIT ON HIS CONTRACT HAS GONE FROM OVER \$100,000 TO A LITTLE BELOW \$1500 BECAUSE OF THE SPECIFIED CONTRACT ANNIVERSARY REASSESSMENT. CLIENT STATES THIS WAS NOT MENTIONED AT THE TIME OF THE PURCHASE AND STATES HE WAS TOLD THE ORIGINAL DEATH BENEFIT WOULD NEVER CHANGE. CLIENT IS ASKING FOR REINSTATEMENT OF ORIGINAL DEATH BENEFIT.

**Product Type:** Annuity(ies) - Variable

**Alleged Damages:** \$5,000.00

### Customer Complaint Information

**Date Complaint Received:** 10/14/2008

**Complaint Pending?** No

**Status:** Denied

**Status Date:** 12/02/2008

**Settlement Amount:**

**Individual Contribution Amount:**

**Broker Statement**

WE HAVE REVIEWED THE BRANCH RECORDS AND APPLICABLE CONTRACT AND PROSPECTUS, AS OBTAINED FROM THE HARTFORD. BASED UPON THIS INFORMATION, IT IS OUR OPINION THAT THE CLIENT WAS PROPERLY ADVISED ABOUT THE MECHANICS OF THE DEATH BENEFIT AVAILABLE ON THE PUTNAM CAPITAL MANAGER IV AT THE TIME OF THE SALE IN 1994. THE ANNUITY CONTRACT AT ISSUE WAS PURCHASED ON APRIL 28, 1994 FOR \$290,000. THE MONTH IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PURCHASE OF THE ANNUITY CONTRACT THE CLIENT BEGAN TAKING SYSTEMATIC WITHDRAWALS IN INCREASING AMOUNTS THROUGH NOVEMBER 4, 2003.



ON NOVEMBER 5, 2002, THE CLIENT REQUESTED A WITHDRAWAL OF 90% OF THE ANNUITY VALUE EQUALING \$230,348.99. AFTER THE WITHDRAWAL, THE CLIENT RECEIVED MONTHLY PAYMENTS OF \$1,400 FROM THE ANNUITY FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM. ON NOVEMBER 6, 2003, OUR ACCOUNT RECORDS INDICATE THAT THE PROCESS TO LIQUIDATE THE ANNUITY CONTRACT WAS COMMENCED AT THE CLIENT'S REQUEST AND THE ANNUITY WAS LIQUIDATED TO THE MINIMUM AND SUBSEQUENT MONTHLY INCOME WAS DERIVED FROM DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST. IT IS OUR OPINION THE CLIENT WAS PROPERLY ADVISED AND AWARE OF THE MANNER IN WHICH THE DEATH BENEFIT OF HARTFORD PUTNAM CAPITAL MANGER IV IS CALCULATED, AS SUCH INFORMATION WAS SPECIFICALLY SET FORTH IN THE ANNUITY CONTRACT AND PROSPECTUS. THE CLIENT RECEIVED MONTHLY SYSTEMATIC WITHDRAWALS FROM THE ANNUITY CONTRACT FROM 1994 THROUGH 2003, AT WHICH TIME THE CLIENT LIQUIDATED THE CONTRACT TO ITS MINIMUM. THE FA PROVIDED THE CLIENT WITH THE ANNUITY PROSPECTUS WHICH DEFINED THE MANNER IN WHICH THE DEATH BENEFIT IS CALCULATED. AS SUCH, WE DENIED THE REQUEST FOR A SETTLEMENT.



## Employment Separation After Allegations

This type of disclosure event involves a situation where the broker voluntarily resigned, was discharged, or was permitted to resign after being accused of (1) violating investment-related statutes, regulations, rules or industry standards of conduct; (2) fraud or the wrongful taking of property; or (3) failure to supervise in connection with investment-related statutes, regulations, rules, or industry standards of conduct.

### Disclosure 1 of 1

**Reporting Source:** Firm  
**Employer Name:** Edward Jones  
**Termination Type:** Discharged  
**Termination Date:** 08/10/2017  
**Allegations:** Mr. Howard's employment was terminated by the Firm's HR Department. Concerns had been raised relating to professionalism and judgment.  
**Product Type:** No Product

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## End of Report



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