

# **BrokerCheck Report**

# **JOHN FRANCIS DAVENPORT**

CRD# 1448999

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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:
  - o 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
  - o 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?
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## JOHN F. DAVENPORT

CRD# 1448999

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:

- 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):

- B LIBERTY PARTNERS FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC CRD# 130390 Norwalk, CT
  - Norwalk, C1 10/2016 - 03/2023
- B SECURITIES AMERICA, INC. CRD# 10205 NORWALK, CT
- 05/2014 10/2016 **FSC SECURITIES CORPORATION**CRD# 7461
  NORWALK, CT
  11/2012 05/2014

#### **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:

Туре	Count	
Regulatory Event	2	
Customer Dispute	4	
Termination	1	
Financial	1	
Judgment/Lien	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

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## **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 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 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	General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	02/12/1995
В	Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination	Series 6	06/03/1994

#### **State Securities Law Exams**

Exam	ı	Category	Date
IA	Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination	Series 65	03/30/2024
B	Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	09/20/1994

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/.

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# **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:

Reg	istration Dates	Firm Name	CRD#	Branch Location
В	10/2016 - 03/2023	LIBERTY PARTNERS FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC	130390	Norwalk, CT
B	05/2014 - 10/2016	SECURITIES AMERICA, INC.	10205	NORWALK, CT
B	11/2012 - 05/2014	FSC SECURITIES CORPORATION	7461	NORWALK, CT
B	02/2007 - 11/2012	SII INVESTMENTS, INC.	2225	NORWALK, CT
B	05/2003 - 01/2007	ROYAL ALLIANCE ASSOCIATES, INC.	23131	WHITE PLAINS, NY
B	02/1999 - 05/2003	PRIME CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	18334	POUGHKEEPSIE, NY
B	10/1997 - 03/1999	SUNPOINT SECURITIES, INC.	25442	LONGVIEW, TX
B	12/1996 - 09/1997	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	7691	NEW YORK, NY
B	02/1995 - 01/1997	SMITH BARNEY INC.	7059	NEW YORK, NY
B	06/1994 - 01/1995	DESCAP SECURITIES, INC.	14997	NEW YORK, NY
B	01/1988 - 11/1991	COLLEGE RETIREMENT EQUITIES FUND	20472	NEW YORK, NY
В	02/1986 - 08/1987	MONY SECURITIES CORP.	4386	

# **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.

<b>Employment</b>	Employer Name	Position	Investment Related	<b>Employer Location</b>
07/2023 - Present	J. DAVENPORT ADVISORS, LLC	MANAGING PRINCIPAL	Υ	NORWALK, CT, United States
02/2023 - 04/2023	Blackridge Asset Management	Investment Advisor	Υ	Jupiter, FL, United States

# **Registration and Employment History**



# **Employment History, continued**

<b>Employment</b>	Employer Name	Position	Investment Related	<b>Employer Location</b>
10/2016 - 02/2023	Liberty Partners Financial Services, LLC	Registered Rep	Υ	Mount Pleasant, SC, United States
10/2016 - 02/2023	Modern Capital Advisors, LLC	Investment Advisor	Υ	Cheyenne, WY, United States
05/2014 - 10/2016	SECURITIES AMERICA ADVISORS, INC.	INVESTMENT ADVISOR REPRESENTATIVE	Υ	NORWALK, CT, United States
05/2014 - 10/2016	SECURITIES AMERICA, INC.	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Υ	NORWALK, 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.

- 1. Business Entity: J. Davenport Legal LLC; Business Activity: Estate Planning/Attorney; Address: 800 Connecticut Ave Ste E401; Duties of Position: Attorney; Title: Owner; Start Date: 08/2022; Approx. # of hours a month spent on activity: 15; Approx. # of hours a month spent during trading hours: 15
- 2. Business Entity: LPBP Financial LLC; Business Activity: Insurance; Address: 800 Connecticut Ave Ste E401; Duties of Position: Sell, FIA and Life Insurance; Title: Owner; Start Date: 11/2022; Approx. # of hours per month spent on activity: 80; Approx. # of hours a month spent during trading hours: 80

#### **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.
- 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.

#### 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.

#### 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
Regulatory Event	0	2	0
Customer Dispute	0	4	N/A
Termination	N/A	1	N/A
Financial	1	0	N/A
Judgment/Lien	1	N/A	N/A





#### **Disclosure Event Details**

When evaluating this information, please keep in mind that a discloure 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.

#### Regulatory - Final

This type of disclosure event may involve (1) a final, formal proceeding initiated by a regulatory authority (e.g., a state securities agency, self-regulatory organization, federal regulatory such as the Securities and Exchange Commission, foreign financial regulatory body) for a violation of investment-related rules or regulations; or (2) a revocation or suspension of a broker's authority to act as an attorney, accountant, or federal contractor.

Disclosure 1 of 2

Reporting Source: Broker

**Regulatory Action Initiated** 

By:

State of Connecticut Insurance Department

Sanction(s) Sought: Revocation

Suspension

**Date Initiated:** 12/23/2021

Docket/Case Number: FC 21-109

Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the

regulatory action:

Liberty Partners Financial Services

Product Type: No Product

Allegations: Pursuant to the investigation the Commissioner alleges that the Respondent and

other individuals in his employ, one of which was unlicensed, impersonated two clients on thirteen phone calls to an insurer between April 2 and May 14, 2021,

without such clients' knowledge or consent.

Current Status: Final

Limitation Details: Probabtion

Resolution: Settled



Does the order constitute a final order based on violations of any laws or regulations that prohibit fraudulent, manipulative, or deceptive conduct?

Yes

**Resolution Date:** 

12/23/2021

Sanctions Ordered:

Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

Other: Completion of Ethics course and one year of probation

**Monetary Sanction 1 of 1** 

Monetary Related Sanction: Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

**Total Amount:** \$10,000.00

**Portion Levied against** 

individual:

\$10,000.00

Payment Plan: \$2,000 in 5 monthly installments

Is Payment Plan Current: Yes

Date Paid by individual: 01/10/2022

Was any portion of penalty

waived?

No

**Amount Waived:** 

**Broker Statement** 

To avoid the cost and uncertainty of litigation, we settled this matter with the state.

Disclosure 2 of 2

Regulatory Action Initiated FINRA

By:

Sanction(s) Sought:

**Date Initiated:** 01/31/2019

**Docket/Case Number:** 2017055074301

Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:

Securities America, Inc. and Liberty Partners Financial Services, LLC



**Product Type:** Annuity-Variable

Allegations: Without admitting or denying the findings, Davenport consented to the sanctions

and to the entry of findings that he placed two securities transactions for a

registered representative of another firm and split the commissions generated from the transactions with that representative, without the knowledge or consent of either firm, and without reflecting the commission sharing on his member firm's books and records. The findings stated that Davenport paid the registered representative from the other firm approximately \$50,000, which represented approximately half of the total commissions on the variable annuity transactions, ostensibly as a referral fee, causing his firm's books and records to be inaccurate. The findings also stated that while registered through his current firm, Davenport permitted his assistant to use a personal email address to communicate with securities customers concerning business-related matters, which was not approved by the firm, causing the firm to fail to retain the emails among its books and records. Davenport and others at his current firm have represented that they

and records. Davenport and others at his current firm have represented that they have since discussed the use of personal email to conduct firm business with his assistant, and his assistant is now using a firm-approved email address for all

business communications.

Current Status: Final

**Resolution:** Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)

Does the order constitute a final order based on violations of any laws or regulations that prohibit fraudulent, manipulative, or deceptive conduct?

No

Resolution Date: 01/31/2019

Sanctions Ordered: Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

Suspension

If the regulator is the SEC, CFTC, or an SRO, did the action result in a finding of a willful violation or failure to supervise? No



(1) willfully violated any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any of such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, or to have been unable to comply with any provision of such Act, rule or regulation?

(2) willfully aided, abetted, counseled, commanded, induced, or procured the violation by any person of any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the **Securities Exchange Act of** 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the **Investment Company Act of** 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any of such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board? or



(3) failed reasonably to supervise another person subject to your supervision, with a view to preventing the violation by such person of any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the **Securities Exchange Act of** 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the **Investment Company Act of** 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities **Rulemaking Board?** 

Sanction 1 of 1

Sanction Type: Suspension

Capacities Affected: All Capacities

**Duration:** two months

**Start Date:** 02/19/2019

**End Date:** 04/18/2019

**Monetary Sanction 1 of 1** 

Monetary Related Sanction: Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

**Total Amount:** \$20,000.00

Portion Levied against

individual:

\$20,000.00

**Payment Plan:** 

**Is Payment Plan Current:** 

Date Paid by individual: 09/30/2021

Was any portion of penalty

waived?

No

**Amount Waived:** 

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Reporting Source: Broker

**Regulatory Action Initiated** 

FINRA

By:

Sanction(s) Sought:

**Date Initiated:** 01/31/2019

**Docket/Case Number:** 2017055074301

Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:

Securities America, Inc. and Liberty Partners Financial Services, LLC

**Product Type:** Annuity-Variable

**Allegations:** Without admitting or denying the findings, Davenport consented to the sanctions

and to the entry of findings that he placed two securities transactions for a registered representative of another firm and split the commissions generated from the transactions with that representative, without the knowledge or consent of either firm, and without reflecting the commission sharing on his member firm's books and records. The findings stated that Davenport paid the registered representative from the other firm approximately \$50,000, which represented approximately half of the total commissions on the variable annuity transactions, ostensibly as a referral fee, causing his firm's books and records to be inaccurate. The findings also stated that while registered through his current firm, Davenport permitted his assistant to use a personal email address to communicate with securities customers concerning business-related matters, which was not approved by the firm, causing the firm to fail to retain the emails among its books

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business communications.

Current Status: Final

**Resolution:** Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)

Does the order constitute a final order based on violations of any laws or regulations that prohibit fraudulent, manipulative, or deceptive conduct?

No

Resolution Date: 01/31/2019



Sanctions Ordered: Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

Suspension

Sanction 1 of 1

Sanction Type: Suspension

Capacities Affected: All Capacities

**Duration:** two months

**Start Date:** 02/19/2019

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Monetary Sanction 1 of 1

Monetary Related Sanction: Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

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**Portion Levied against** 

individual:

\$20,000.00

**Payment Plan:** 

Is Payment Plan Current:

**Date Paid by individual:** 

Was any portion of penalty

waived?

No

**Amount Waived:** 



#### **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 3

Reporting Source: Firm

Employing firm when activities occurred which led

to the complaint:

Allegations:

The Claimants allege that the financial professional sold them an alternative

investment that was unsuitable.

SECURITIES AMERICA, INC.

**Product Type:** Real Estate Security

Alleged Damages: \$150,000.00

**Is this an oral complaint?** No

Is this a written complaint? No

Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?

3...

Arbitration/Reparation forum

or court name and location:

**Docket/Case #:** 23-03158

Filing date of

arbitration/CFTC reparation

or civil litigation:

# **Customer Complaint Information**

Date Complaint Received: 10/30/2023

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

**Status Date**: 12/23/2024

Settlement Amount: \$15,000.00

**Individual Contribution** 

Amount:

\$0.00

Yes

**FINRA** 

10/27/2023

Firm Statement Note: This arbitration claim was originally disclosed by Securities America, Inc. in a

Form U5 amendment in November 2023 under Occurrence number 2309603. The



#### matter has now been settled.

Reporting Source: Firm

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:

SECURITIES AMERICA, INC.

Allegations:

The Claimants allege that the financial professional sold them an alternative

investment that was unsuitable.

**Product Type:** Real Estate Security

Alleged Damages: \$150,000.00

**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 #:** 23-03158

Filing date of

arbitration/CFTC reparation

or civil litigation:

10/27/2023

# **Customer Complaint Information**

**Date Complaint Received:** 10/30/2023

Complaint Pending?

Yes

**Settlement Amount:** 

**Individual Contribution** 

Amount:

#### Disclosure 2 of 3

Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:

Liberty Partners Financial Services, LLC



**Allegations:** violations of FINRA 2110, failure to observe high standards of commercial honor

and just and equitable principles of trade, FINRA 2111 RECOMMENDING AND SELLING SECURITIES WITHOUT ADEQUATE DUE DILIGENCE AND WITHOUT A REASONABLE BASIS; Negligence, misrepresentation and omission of material

fact, and breach of fiduciary duty.

**Product Type:** Annuity-Variable

**Alleged Damages:** \$0.00

**Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not** exact):

There was no damage amount alleged.

Is this an oral complaint?

Is this a written complaint? No

Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?

Yes

No

**Arbitration/Reparation forum** 

or court name and location:

**FINRA** 

Docket/Case #:

19-02068

Filing date of

07/26/2019

arbitration/CFTC reparation

or civil litigation:

## **Customer Complaint Information**

**Date Complaint Received:** 07/27/2019

**Complaint Pending?** No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 09/15/2021

**Settlement Amount:** \$325,000.00

**Individual Contribution** 

Amount:

\$50,000.00

**Broker Statement** 

This case was settled for the charges associated with surrendering the two IRA annuities. If you add the surrender charges to the surrender values of each contract, [REDACTED] actually made a profit in each contract. In fact, my broker dealer originally offered to pay her the surrender charges for both contracts but this offer was never accepted. As a condition of this settlement, I said that I wanted it in writing that I accept no liability; that what I proposed was suitable given



[REDACTED] cash flow issues: and my broker dealer fully approved of the two annuities I recommended. The real problem was [REDACTED] attorney who rejected the two annuities without ever asking me why I recommended them. I truly believe all this all could have been avoided had it not been for [REDACTED] attorney.

Disclosure 3 of 3

Reporting Source: Firm

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:

oying firm when PRIME CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.

Allegations:

CLIENT ALLEDGES THE REPRESENTATIVE GUARANTEED THE CLIENT AN

8% RETURN ON THEIR VA INVESTMENT WHICH FUNDED THEIR

CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST.

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

Alleged Damages: \$15,000.00

**Customer Complaint Information** 

Date Complaint Received: 12/09/2003

**Complaint Pending?** No

Status: Litigation

**Status Date:** 12/09/2003

Settlement Amount: \$50,000.00

**Individual Contribution** 

Amount:

\$0.00

**Civil Litigation Information** 

Court Details: STATE OF CT. SUPERIOR COURT STAMFORD-NORWALK

**Date Notice/Process Served:** 12/09/2003

**Litigation Pending?** No

**Disposition:** Settled

**Disposition Date:** 08/08/2008

Monetary Compensation

\$50,000.00

Amount:



**Individual Contribution** 

\$0.00

Amount:

WITHOUT ADMITTING ANY WRONG DOING ON THE PART OF THE Firm Statement

REPRESENTATIVE AND/OR THE FIRM, THE CASE WAS SETTLED TO AVOID

FUTURE LITIGATION COSTS.

**Reporting Source: Broker** 

**Employing firm when** 

PRIME CAPITAL SERVICE INC activities occurred which led

to the complaint:

Allegations: CLIENT ALLEGES THEY WERE NOT INFORMED THAT CONTRIBUTIONS TO A

CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST COULD NOT BE SUBSEQUENTLY

WITHDRAWN AS A SINGLE SUM PAYMENT

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

**Alleged Damages:** \$15,000.00

**Customer Complaint Information** 

**Date Complaint Received:** 12/09/2003

**Complaint Pending?** No

Status: Litigation

Status Date: 01/01/2005

**Settlement Amount:** \$0.00

**Individual Contribution** 

Amount:

\$0.00

**Civil Litigation Information** 

SUPERIOR COURT, STAMFORD-NORWALK AT STAMFORD, CT. DOCKET **Court Details:** 

#X05-CV-04-0198525-S

**Date Notice/Process Served:** 11/12/2008

**Litigation Pending?** No

Disposition: Settled

**Disposition Date:** 08/08/2008

**Monetary Compensation** \$50,000.00

Amount:



Individual Contribution Amount:

\$0.00

**Broker Statement** 

CLIENT AND THEIR INVESTMENT BANKING SON-IN-LAW KNEW THEY COULDN'T WITHDRAW CRT PROCEEDS AS A LUMP-SUM. IT'S BASIC TO THE CONCEPT AND WAS DISCUSSED MANY TIMES. CONCEPT ACTUALLY SAVED CLIENT \$40,000 OR MORE IN MKT VALUE. REASON FOR COMPLAINT WAS UNFOUNDED. THE CRT IS USED TO AVOID CAP GAIN TAX ON AN ASSET THAT THE CLIENT WOULD NEVER HAVE SOLD. THEREFORE. WHY WOULD THEY COMPLAIN, AFTER SAVING SUBSTANTIAL DOLLARS, THAT THEY COULDN'T GET A SINGLE-SUM PAYMENT WHEN THEY WOULD NOT HAVE SOLD THE ASSET IN ITS ENTIRETY DURING THEIR LIFETIME ANYWAY. IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE. THEY RECEIVED MORE BENEFIT, MORE INCOME. AND BECAUSE OF THE MARKET COLLAPSE. THE STRATEGY SAVED THEM IN EXCESS OF \$40,000 IN MARKET VALUE. ANYONE CAN COMPLAIN BUT I REMAIN ADAMENT ABOUT THE SUBSTANCE OF OUR DISCUSSIONS AND THE FACT THAT THEY AND THEIR INVESTMENT BANKING SON-IN-LAW KNEW THAT THEY CRT ASSETS COULD NOT BE WITHDRAWN IN A SINGLE-SUM PAYMENT. TO THIS DAY, I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND THE ORIGIN OF THIS COMPLAINT. UNFORTUNATELY IN TODAY'S ENVIRONMENT, LITIGATION IS RAMPANT AND ALOT OF IT UNJUSTIFIED. I BELIEVE THIS COMPLAINT FALLS WITHIN THAT CATEGORY AND I LOOK FORWARD TO ITS RESOLUTION IN MY FAVOR. I STAND BEHIND EVERY RECOMMENDATION THAT I MADE AND FULL DISCLOSURE WAS GIVEN TO THE CLIENT. I SIMPLY REGRET THAT OUR CONVERSATIONS WEREN'T TAPED BECAUSE IT WOULD CONCLUDE THIS MATTER QUICKLY. \*\*\*WITHOUT ADMITTING ANY WRONG DOING ON THE PART OF THE REPRESENTATIVE AND/OR FIRM, THE CASE WAS SETTLED TO AVOID FUTURE LITIGATION COSTS.\*\*\*\*



#### 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: Firm

Employing firm when activities occurred which led

to the complaint:

PRIME CAPITAL SERVICES

Allegations: CLIENT ALLEGES THAT THE REPRESENTATIVE CONVINCED HIM TO MOVE

HIS RETIREMENT MONEY FROM A FIXED RETIREMENT ACCT WITH HIS SCHOOL DISTRICT IN 2001 INTO A VARIABLE ANNUITY AND HIS VALUE HAS

NOT INCREASED AS HE WAS LED TO BELIEVE. THIS SHOULD BE

DIRECTED AT THE REPRESENTATIVE'S PRIOR FIRM, AND NOT TO ROYAL

ALLIANCE.

**Product Type:** Annuity-Variable

Alleged Damages: \$0.00

Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not

exact):

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NO DOLLAR AMOUNT GIVEN, BUT THE DAMAGES COULD AMOUNT TO

MORE THAN \$5,000.

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: 03/05/2012

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Closed/No Action

**Status Date:** 03/20/2012

**Settlement Amount:** 

**Individual Contribution** 

**Amount:** 



Firm Statement THIS WAS FILED IN ERROR BY ROYAL ALLIANCE ASSOCIATES, DURING

RESEARCH OF THE ALLEGED ACTIVITY, IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT JOHN DAVENPORT WAS AFFILIATED WITH PRIME CAPITAL SERVICES IN 2001 WHEN THE VA AND LIFE INSURANCE POLICY WAS SOLD. HE WAS AFFILIATED WITH ROYAL ALLIANCE FROM 5/20/2003 TO 12/29/2006.

**Reporting Source:** Broker

**Employing firm when** activities occurred which led to the complaint:

ROYAL ALLIANCE

Allegations:

CLIENT ALLEGES REPRESENTATIVE GAVE POOR ADVISE WHEN HE

SUGGESTED CLIENT MOVE HIS TRS ACCOUNT TO A VARIABLE ANNUITY IN

2007

**Product Type:** Annuity-Variable

**Alleged Damages:** \$0.00

**Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not** 

exact):

FIRM COULD NOT DETERMINE DAMAGES TO BE LESS THAN 5000.00

Is this an oral complaint? No

Is this a written complaint?

Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation? Nο

Yes

**Customer Complaint Information** 

**Date Complaint Received:** 02/02/2012

**Complaint Pending?** No

Status: Denied

Status Date: 02/07/2012

**Settlement Amount:** 

**Individual Contribution** 

Amount:

THE VARIABLE PRODUCT SOLD TO CLIENT DID EXACTLY WHAT T WAS **Broker Statement** 

SUPPOSE TO DO IN BAD MARKETS; IE, PROVIDE A GUARANTEED MINIMUM

RETURN OF 7% ON ORIGINAL INVESTMENT WITH UNLIMITED UPSIDE



POTENTIAL. HOWEVER, SINCE THE ACTUAL MARKETS WENT THROUGH ONE OF THE GREATEST DOWNTURNS IN MARKET HISTORY, THE CLIENT WAS UPSET THAT HIS MARKET VALUE (NOT GUARANTEED VALUE) WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE HAD HE STAYED IN A FIXED ACCOUNT EARNING A STATED RATE OF INTEREST RATHER THAN THE STOCK MARKET. EVERYTHING SEEMS BETTER WHEN VIEW IN HINDSIGHT. THE PRODUCT SOLD TO THE CLIENT SAVED THE CLIENT'S INVESTMENT FOR FUTURE INCOME DURING THE MARKET DOWN TURN AND DID EXACTLY WHAT WAS ADVERTISED.



#### **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: ROYAL ALLIANCE ASSOCIATES, INC.

Termination Type: Discharged

**Termination Date:** 01/11/2007

Allegations: SEE COMMENT SECTION

**Product Type:** No Product

**Other Product Types:** 

Firm Statement MR. DAVENPORT APPEARS TO HAVE PROVIDED INACCURATE

INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE INCOME STATEMENT OF HIS INDEPENDENT INVESTMENT ADVISORY BUSINESS TO THE SEC

**EXAMINATION STAFF.** 

Reporting Source: Broker

Employer Name: ROYAL ALLIANCE

Termination Type: Discharged
Termination Date: 01/11/2007

Allegations: PROVIDED INACCURATE INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE INCOME

STATEMENT OF MY INDEPENDENT ADVISORY BUSINESS TO THE SEC

**EXAMINATION STAFF.** 

Product Type: No Product

**Other Product Types:** 

Broker Statement ROYAL AND I HAD THE SAME ATTORNEY. SINCE ROYAL WAS UNDERGOING

A RIGOROUS SEC EXAMINATION, ROYAL FELT THIS ISSUE COULD

COMPLICATE MATTERS AND ALTOUGH WE LEFT ON GREAT TERMS, THEY

THOUGHT IT BEST FOR US TO CHANGE BROKER DEALERS.

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#### Financial - Pending

This type of disclosure event involves a pending bankruptcy, compromise with one or more creditors, or Securities Investor Protection Corporation liquidation involving the broker or an organization/brokerage firm the broker controlled that occurred within the last 10 years.

Disclosure 1 of 1

**Reporting Source:** Broker

Action Type: Bankruptcy

Bankruptcy: Chapter 7

**Action Date:** 02/02/2017

**Organization Investment-**

Related?

Type of Court: Federal Court

Name of Court: United States Bankruptcy Court

**Location of Court:** District of Connecticut

**Docket/Case #:** 17-50114

Action Pending? Yes

**Disposition:** Discharged

**Disposition Date:** 10/04/2017

**Amount Paid:** 

SIPA (Securities Investor Protection Act)Trustee:

Currently Open? No

Date Direct Payment Initiated/Filed or Trustee

Appointed:

**Broker Statement** My attorney the business bankruptcy for a new venture I started with another

broker in San Diego, Ca names Ardent Retirement Planning, My partner at the time was entering into lease agreements without my knowledge or approval, To

protect myself I was encouraged to file this Chapter 7 bankruptcy.

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## Judgment / Lien

This type of disclosure event involves an unsatisfied and outstanding judgments or liens against the broker.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source: Broker

Judgment/Lien Holder: IRS

Judgment/Lien Amount: \$1,828,159.00

Judgment/Lien Type: Tax

Date Filed with Court: 06/08/2016

Date Individual Learned: 07/05/2016

Type of Court: City Registrar

Name of Court: New Canaan City Reg

Yes

Location of Court: Fairfield County, CT

Docket/Case #: BK956PG812

Judgment/Lien Outstanding?

**Broker Statement** My legal representative and the IRS are in the final stages of a settlement

agreement. Everything has been agreed upon in principal and the final letter should be sent to me within the next month. The final settlement amount is

projected to be far less than the lien amount originally filed. I am very pleased that

this matter is finally coming to a close.

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