

# **BrokerCheck Report**

# **MARK STEWART BRODY**

CRD# 1475753

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#### 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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# MARK S. BRODY

CRD# 1475753

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

FINANCIAL PLANNING ANALYSTS, LLC
734 WALT WHITMAN RD
STE 301
MELVILLE, NY 11747
CRD# 121338

Registered with this firm since: 08/09/2021

B PLANNED FINANCIAL PROGRAMS, INC.
734 WALT WHITMAN ROAD
SUITE 301
MELVILLE, NY 11747
CRD# 3049
Registered with this firm since: 08/01/1990

# **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
- 3 U.S. states and territories

#### This broker has passed:

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

#### **Registration History**

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

FINANCIAL PLANNING ANALYSTS, LLC CRD# 121338
MELVILLE, NY
03/2021 - 04/2021

B W. S. GRIFFITH & CO., INC. CRD# 10410 HARTFORD, CT 05/1986 - 07/1990

#### **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 3 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.

### **Employment 1 of 2**

Firm Name: FINANCIAL PLANNING ANALYSTS, LLC

Main Office Address: 734 WALT WHITMAN RD

**STE 301** 

**MELVILLE, NY 11747** 

Firm CRD#: **121338** 

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
IA	New York	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	08/09/2021

# **Branch Office Locations**

734 WALT WHITMAN RD STE 301 MELVILLE, NY 11747

# **Employment 2 of 2**

Firm Name: PLANNED FINANCIAL PROGRAMS, INC.

Main Office Address: 734 WALT WHITMAN ROAD

MELVILLE, NY 11747-2216

Firm CRD#: **3049** 

SRO	Category	Status	Date
B FINRA	General Securities Principal	Approved	08/01/1990
B FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	08/01/1990
B FINRA	Municipal Fund	Approved	03/31/2003
B FINRA	Operations Professional	Approved	11/24/2015

# **Broker Qualifications**



# **Employment 2 of 2, continued**

	SRO	Category	Status	Date
B	FINRA	Compliance Officer	Approved	10/01/2018
	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
В	Florida	Agent	Approved	04/05/2004
B	New Jersey	Agent	Approved	05/24/2004
В	New York	Agent	Approved	08/01/1990

# **Branch Office Locations**

PLANNED FINANCIAL PROGRAMS, INC.

734 WALT WHITMAN ROAD MELVILLE, NY 11747-2216

PLANNED FINANCIAL PROGRAMS, INC.

734 WALT WHITMAN ROAD SUITE 301 MELVILLE, NY 11747

### **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 3 principal/supervisory exams, 3 general industry/product exams, and 1 state securities law exam.

# **Principal/Supervisory Exams**

Exam		Category	Date
В	Compliance Officer Examination	Series 14	01/02/2023
В	Municipal Fund Securities Principal Examination	Series 51	03/28/2003
В	General Securities Principal Examination	Series 24	05/21/1990

#### **General Industry/Product Exams**

Exam		Category	Date
B	Operations Professional Examination	Series 99TO	01/02/2023
B	Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	10/01/2018
B	General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	03/15/1986

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

Exam	ı	Category	Date
В	Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	03/24/1986

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
IA	03/2021 - 04/2021	FINANCIAL PLANNING ANALYSTS, LLC	121338	Melville, NY
B	05/1986 - 07/1990	W. S. GRIFFITH & CO., INC.	10410	HARTFORD, CT

### **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>
01/2002 - Present	FINANCIAL PLANNING ANALYSTS, LLC	Managing Member	Υ	Melville, NY, United States
07/1990 - Present	PLANNED FINANCIAL PROGRAMS, INC.	NOT PROVIDED	Υ	LAKE SUCCESS, NY, 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. FINANCIAL PLANNING ANALYSTS, LLC 734 WALT WHITMAN ROAD STE 301 MELVILLE, NY 11747 STARTED JAN. 2002. INVESTMENT RELATED BUSINESS. 120 HOURS/MONTH. MANAGING MEMBER, PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION.
- 2. UNITY BANCORP CLINTON, NEW JERSEY. STARTED FEB. 2002. NON-INVESTMENT RELATED. 20 HOURS/MONTH. DIRECTOR.
- 3. FINRA, NY,NY. STARTED APPROXIMATELY 1992. NON-INVESTMENT RELATED. <5 HOURS/MONTH. ARBITRATOR.
- 4.NESTEGG BUILDERS HOPEWELL JUNCTION, NY. STARTED 2005. INVESTMENT RELATED. <5 HOURS/MONTH. LIFE AND ANNUITY AGENT.

#### **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.

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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



#### **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.

#### **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 2

**Reporting Source:** Broker

**Employing firm when** 

activities occurred which led

to the complaint:

Planned Financial Programs, Inc.

Allegations: 08/2015-12/2015

Failure to provide suitable investments, misrepresentation

Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock) **Product Type:** 

**Alleged Damages:** \$340,000.00

Arbitration Information

**Arbitration/CFTC reparation** claim filed with (FINRA, AAA,

CFTC, etc.):

**FINRA** 

Docket/Case #: 20-02662 Date Notice/Process Served: 08/20/2020

**Arbitration Pending?** No

**Disposition:** Settled

**Disposition Date:** 12/04/2020

**Monetary Compensation** 

\$55,000.00

Amount:

**Individual Contribution** \$0.00

**Amount:** 



**Broker Statement**The customers were never customers of the broker/dealer or it's co-owners.

Planned Financial Programs, Inc. was dismissed from the claim. Settlement was

on behalf of Financial Planning Analysts, LLC.

Disclosure 2 of 2

**Reporting Source:** Broker

Employing firm when

activities occurred which led

to the complaint:

PLANNED FINANCIAL PROGRAMS, INC.

Allegations: FAILURE TO MONITOR ACCOUNT, RECOMMENDATION OF UNSUITABLE

SECURITIES AND OVER CONCENTRATION. 2007 THROUGH 2008

Product Type: Other: MANAGED ACCOUNT

Alleged Damages: \$39,000.00

Is this an oral complaint? No

Is this a written complaint? Yes

Is this an arbitration/CFTC

reparation or civil litigation?

Arbitration/Reparation forum

FINRA

Yes

or court name and location:

Docket/Case #:

Filing date of

arbitration/CFTC reparation

or civil litigation:

09-00528 01/30/2009

**Customer Complaint Information** 

Date Complaint Received: 03/06/2009

Complaint Pending? No

**Status:** Evolved into Arbitration/CFTC reparation (the individual is a named party)

**Status Date:** 08/01/2009

**Settlement Amount:** 

**Individual Contribution** 

Amount:

**Arbitration Information** 



Arbitration/CFTC reparation claim filed with (FINRA, AAA,

CFTC, etc.):

**Docket/Case #:** 09-00528

Date Notice/Process Served: 01/30/2009

**Arbitration Pending?** No

**Disposition:** Settled

**Disposition Date:** 08/01/2009

**Monetary Compensation** 

Amount:

\$39,000.00

**FINRA** 

**Individual Contribution** 

Amount:

\$0.00

Broker Statement CLAIMS AGAINST BRODY WERE WITHDRAWN. THE MATTER WAS SETTLED

TO AVOID THE DISTRACTION AND EXPENSE OF LITIGATION. (THE

SETTLEMENT AMOUNT WAS PAID BY REGISTERED INVESTMENT ADVISOR)

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# **End of Report**



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