

BrokerCheck Report

Daryn W Pingleton

CRD# 1520639

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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:

- 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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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:

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

Registration History

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

B **MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED**
CRD# 7691
WEST PALM BEACH, FL
10/1987 - 04/2025

B **FIRST INVESTORS CORPORATION**
CRD# 305
06/1986 - 08/1987

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
Regulatory Event	1
Customer Dispute	5

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>

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 2 principal/supervisory exams, 4 general industry/product exams, and 2 state securities law exams.

Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
General Securities Sales Supervisor - General Module Examination	Series 10	02/29/2016
General Securities Sales Supervisor - Options Module Examination	Series 9	02/18/2016

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	10/01/2018
Futures Managed Funds Examination	Series 31	05/06/2004
General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	10/17/1987
Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination	Series 6	06/17/1986

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination	Series 65	08/11/1994
Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	07/22/1986

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/.

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
B 10/1987 - 04/2025	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	7691	WEST PALM BEACH, FL
B 06/1986 - 08/1987	FIRST INVESTORS CORPORATION	305	

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
07/2011 - Present	Bank of America, N.A.	Resident Director	Y	WEST PALM BEACH, FL, United States
08/1987 - Present	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	NOT PROVIDED	Y	WEST PALM BEACH, FL, 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.FOR PROFIT OR NOT FOR PROFIT: FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
- 2.NAME OF OUTSIDE BUSINESS ORGANIZATION: DARYN PINGLETON FARM
- 3.INVESTMENT RELATED: N
- 4.ADDRESS OF BUSINESS:
2360 MILLIGAN HILL RD.,
ALTO PASS, FLORIDA 62905
- 6.POSITION, TITLE, ASSOCIATION: OWNER,
- 7.START DATE OF RELATIONSHIP: 5/15/2002
- 8.NUMBER OF HOURS DEVOTED: 0 HOUR(S) ANNUALLY
- 9.NUMBER OF HOURS DEVOTED DURING TRADING HOURS: 0
- 10.DUTIES: PLANT CROPS INSTEAD OF MOWING GRASS. ZERO RESPONSIBILITY.

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
Regulatory Event	0	1	0
Customer Dispute	0	5	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.

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 1

Reporting Source:	Broker
Regulatory Action Initiated By:	North Carolina Department of Insurance
Sanction(s) Sought:	Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)
Date Initiated:	11/16/2017
Docket/Case Number:	ADF File 53360
Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:	Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated
Product Type:	No Product
Allegations:	Allegation that Mr. Pingleton received a FINRA action in 2005 and failed to report the arbitration on his 2014 application for his North Carolina Producer License.
Current Status:	Final
Resolution:	Settled



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: 11/16/2017

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

Monetary Sanction 1 of 1

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

Total Amount: \$250.00

Portion Levied against individual: \$250.00

Payment Plan:

Is Payment Plan Current:

Date Paid by individual: 11/01/2017

Was any portion of penalty waived? No

Amount Waived:



Customer Dispute - Award / Judgment

This type of disclosure event involves a final, consumer-initiated, investment-related arbitration or civil suit containing allegations of sales practice violations against the broker that resulted in an arbitration award or civil judgment for the customer.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source: Regulator

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: MERRILL LYNCH

Allegations: CLAIMANTS, CUSTOMERS ALLEGE MISHANDLING OF SECURITIES ACCOUNTS, VIOLATIONS OF SECTION 10(B) OF THE EXCHANGE ACT AND RULE 10B-5, EXCESSIVE AND UNSUITABLE TRANSACTIONS, BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY, MISREPRESENTATIONS AND OMISSIONS, FAILURE TO FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS, LACK OF SUPERVISION AND A RESEARCH ANALYST CONFLICT IN CONNECTION WITH THE PURCHASE OF EQUITIES.

Product Type: Other

Alleged Damages: \$500,000.00

Arbitration Information

Arbitration/Reparation Claim filed with and Docket/Case No.: [NYSE - CASE #2003-011566](#)

Date Notice/Process Served: 03/14/2003

Arbitration Pending? No

Disposition: Award

Disposition Date: 03/31/2005

Disposition Detail: CLAIMANTS ARE AWARDED, \$72,492.00 ON THEIR CLAIMS. IN ADDITION, CLAIMANTS ARE AWARDED \$25,000.00 ATTORNEY'S FEES, WHICH ARE AWARDED BASED UPON THE PARTIES' SUBMISSIONS AND REQUESTS FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES. THIS AWARD IS JOINT AND SEVERAL AGAINST RESPONDENTS. NYSE FORUM FEES OF \$14,450.00 ARE ASSESSED HALF AGAINST CLAIMANTS AND HALF AGAINST RESPONDENTS.

Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: MERRILL LYNCH



Allegations: CUSTOMER ALLEGES THAT THE TRANSACTIONS MADE WERE UNSUITABLE GIVEN THE CUSTOMER'S SITUATION AND SOPHISTICATION LEVEL.

Product Type: Equity - OTC

Alleged Damages: \$500,000.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 01/07/2003

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Arbitration/Reparation

Status Date: 03/20/2003

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:

Arbitration Information

Arbitration/Reparation Claim filed with and Docket/Case No.: [NYSE 2003-011566](#)

Date Notice/Process Served: 03/20/2003

Arbitration Pending? No

Disposition: Award to Customer

Disposition Date: 04/11/2005

Monetary Compensation Amount: \$72,492.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Broker Statement THE MATTER IS PENDING.



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 4

Reporting Source:	Broker
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED
Allegations:	THE CUSTOMER ALLEGES UNSUITABLE INVESTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS AND MISREPRESENTATION.
Product Type:	Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock) Other: CLOSED END FUNDS
Alleged Damages:	\$328,000.00
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 #:	09-04268
Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation:	07/15/2009

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received:	07/30/2009
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Settled
Status Date:	10/26/2010
Settlement Amount:	\$8,000.00
Individual Contribution Amount:	\$0.00



Disclosure 2 of 4

Reporting Source: Broker
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: MERRILL LYNCH
Allegations: CLIENT ALLEGES MR. PINGLETON MISDESCRIBED THE ISSUER OF 2 BONDS. NO SPECIFIC DAMAGES ALLEGED.
Product Type: Debt - Corporate
Alleged Damages: \$0.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 10/09/2002
Complaint Pending? No
Status: Settled
Status Date: 11/21/2002
Settlement Amount: \$7,171.87
Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00
Broker Statement THE TRANSACTIONS IN QUESTION WERE CANCELLED.

Disclosure 3 of 4

Reporting Source: Broker
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: MERRILL LYNCH
Allegations: CLIENT ALLEGES THAT FOUR INVESTMENTS, WHICH DEPRECIATED IN VALUE, WERE NOT SUITABLE. NO DAMAGES SPECIFIED.

Product Type: Equity - OTC
Alleged Damages: \$0.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 10/08/2001
Complaint Pending? No



Status:	Settled
Status Date:	02/08/2002
Settlement Amount:	\$5,000.00
Individual Contribution Amount:	\$5,000.00
Broker Statement	MERRILL LYNCH DENIES THE CLIENTS CLAIMS ENTIRETY. HOWEVER, AS A BUSINESS DECISION TO A VALUED CLIENT THE FIRM SETTLED THE MATTER.

Disclosure 4 of 4

Reporting Source:	Broker
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH, INC.
Allegations:	IT IS ALLEGED THAT A STOCK PURCHASED ON JULY 20,1999, WAS MISREPRESENTED TO BE LESS SPECULATIVE THAN IT IS.
Product Type:	Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)
Alleged Damages:	\$5,538.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received:	02/03/2000
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Arbitration/Reparation
Status Date:	05/09/2000
Settlement Amount:	

Individual Contribution Amount:

Arbitration Information

Arbitration/Reparation Claim filed with and Docket/Case No.:	NASD ARBITRATION NUMBER 00-01511 MILTON SHLANSKY FAO HALLOLON FOUNDATION VS. MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INC. AND DARYN PINGLETON
Date Notice/Process Served:	05/09/2000
Arbitration Pending?	No



Disposition:	Settled
Disposition Date:	08/29/2000
Monetary Compensation Amount:	\$4,000.00
Individual Contribution Amount:	\$0.00
Broker Statement	MERRILL LYNCH AND THE FINANCIAL CONSULTANT DENY THE ALLEGATIONS. IT IS REASONABLE TO BELIEVE THAT AN INVESTOR WOULD OBJECT TO AN INAPPROPRIATE INVESTMENT UPON NOTICE OF IT AND NOT AFTER HAVING HAD THE BENEFIT OF TRACKING ITS PROGRESS OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME. THIS MATTER WAS SETTLED BY THE FIRM IN ORDER TO AVOID THE COSTS AND UNCERTAINTIES OF LITIGATION.

End of Report



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