

**BrokerCheck Report**  
**John Robert Ressler**  
 CRD# 1523226

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## About BrokerCheck®



BrokerCheck offers information on all current, and many former, registered securities brokers, and all current and former registered securities firms. FINRA strongly encourages investors to use BrokerCheck to check the background of securities brokers and brokerage firms before deciding to conduct, or continue to conduct, business with them.

- **What is included in a BrokerCheck report?**

- BrokerCheck reports for individual brokers include information such as employment history, professional qualifications, disciplinary actions, criminal convictions, civil judgments and arbitration awards. BrokerCheck reports for brokerage firms include information on a firm's profile, history, and operations, as well as many of the same disclosure events mentioned above.
- Please note that the information contained in a BrokerCheck report may include pending actions or allegations that may be contested, unresolved or unproven. In the end, these actions or allegations may be resolved in favor of the broker or brokerage firm, or concluded through a negotiated settlement with no admission or finding of wrongdoing.

- **Where did this information come from?**

- The information contained in BrokerCheck comes from FINRA's Central Registration Depository, or CRD® and is a combination of:
  - information FINRA and/or the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) require brokers and brokerage firms to submit as part of the registration and licensing process, and
  - information that regulators report regarding disciplinary actions or allegations against firms or brokers.

- **How current is this information?**

- Generally, active brokerage firms and brokers are required to update their professional and disciplinary information in CRD within 30 days. Under most circumstances, information reported by brokerage firms, brokers and regulators is available in BrokerCheck the next business day.

- **What if I want to check the background of an investment adviser firm or investment adviser representative?**

- To check the background of an investment adviser firm or representative, you can search for the firm or individual in BrokerCheck. If your search is successful, click on the link provided to view the available licensing and registration information in the SEC's Investment Adviser Public Disclosure (IAPD) website at <https://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov>. In the alternative, you may search the IAPD website directly or contact your state securities regulator at <http://www.finra.org/Investors/ToolsCalculators/BrokerCheck/P455414>.

- **Are there other resources I can use to check the background of investment professionals?**

- FINRA recommends that you learn as much as possible about an investment professional before deciding to work with them. Your state securities regulator can help you research brokers and investment adviser representatives doing business in your state.

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For additional information about the contents of this report, please refer to the User Guidance or [www.finra.org/brokercheck](http://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](http://www.finra.org).



**John R. Ressler**

CRD# 1523226

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

- IA SIMPLICITY WEALTH**  
796 CR 466  
Lady Lake, FL 32159  
CRD# 300572  
Registered with this firm since: 09/15/2025
- B THE LEADERS GROUP, INC.**  
796 CR 466  
Lady Lake, FL 32159  
CRD# 37157  
Registered with this firm since: 07/30/2025

**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
- 4 U.S. states and territories

**This broker has passed:**

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

**Registration History**

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

- IA TLG ADVISORS, INC.**  
CRD# 111052  
SUMMIT, NJ  
08/2025 - 08/2025
- IA LPL FINANCIAL LLC**  
CRD# 6413  
FORT MILL, SC  
11/2022 - 08/2025
- B LPL FINANCIAL LLC**  
CRD# 6413  
LADY LAKE, FL  
11/2022 - 08/2025

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

Employment 1 of 2

Firm Name: **SIMPLICITY WEALTH**  
Main Office Address: **475 SPRINGFIELD AVE.  
SUITE #1  
SUMMIT, NJ 07901**  
Firm CRD#: **300572**

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
IA	Florida	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	09/15/2025

Branch Office Locations

475 SPRINGFIELD AVE.  
SUITE #1  
SUMMIT, NJ 07901

796 CR 466  
Lady Lake, FL 32159

Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: **THE LEADERS GROUP, INC.**  
Main Office Address: **475 SPRINGFIELD AVE  
SUMMIT, NJ 07901**  
Firm CRD#: **37157**

	SRO	Category	Status	Date
B	FINRA	General Securities Principal	Approved	07/30/2025
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	07/30/2025



Broker Qualifications

Employment 2 of 2, continued

SRO	Category	Status	Date
<div>B</div> FINRA	Invest. Co and Variable Contracts	Approved	07/30/2025

U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
<div>B</div> Florida	Agent	Approved	07/30/2025
<div>B</div> Iowa	Agent	Approved	08/05/2025
<div>B</div> Oklahoma	Agent	Approved	07/30/2025
<div>B</div> Texas	Agent	Approved	07/30/2025

Branch Office Locations

THE LEADERS GROUP, INC.  
796 CR 466  
Lady Lake, FL 32159

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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 1 principal/supervisory exam, 3 general industry/product exams, and 2 state securities law exams.**

### Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
<b>B</b> General Securities Principal Examination	Series 24	10/06/2004

### General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
<b>B</b> Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	10/01/2018
<b>B</b> General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	04/02/1997
<b>B</b> Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination	Series 6	08/14/1986

### State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
<b>B IA</b> Uniform Combined State Law Examination	Series 66	09/04/2001
<b>B</b> Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	07/31/1986

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/](http://www.finra.org/brokerqualifications/registeredrep/).



Broker Qualifications

Professional Designations

This section details that the representative has reported **2** professional designation(s).

Certified Financial Planner
Chartered Financial Consultant

This representative holds or did hold **2** professional designation(s) that may have been used to qualify as an Investment Advisor representative. Please check with the appropriate designation authority for verification that the designation is still in effect. The contact information for these professional designation authorities can be found on the website for the North American Securities Administrators Association at <http://www.nasaa.org>



## Registration and Employment History

### Registration History

The broker previously was registered with the following firms:

	Registration Dates	Firm Name	CRD#	Branch Location
IA	08/2025 - 08/2025	TLG ADVISORS, INC.	111052	Lady Lake, FL
B	11/2022 - 08/2025	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	6413	LADY LAKE, FL
IA	11/2022 - 08/2025	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	6413	LADY LAKE, FL
B	07/2019 - 12/2022	SAGEPOINT FINANCIAL, INC.	133763	MASON CITY, IA
IA	07/2019 - 12/2022	SAGEPOINT FINANCIAL, INC.	133763	MASON CITY, IA
B	02/2018 - 07/2019	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	6413	MASON CITY, IA
IA	02/2018 - 07/2019	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	6413	MASON CITY, IA
IA	05/2012 - 02/2018	SII INVESTMENTS, INC.	2225	MASON CITY, IA
B	05/2012 - 02/2018	SII INVESTMENTS, INC.	2225	MASON CITY, IA
IA	09/2005 - 05/2012	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	6413	MASON CITY, IA
B	09/2005 - 05/2012	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	6413	MASON CITY, IA
IA	07/2002 - 09/2005	MUTUAL SERVICE CORPORATION	4806	MASON CITY, IA
B	07/2002 - 09/2005	MUTUAL SERVICE CORPORATION	4806	BOSTON, MA
B	01/2001 - 07/2002	BERTHEL, FISHER & COMPANY FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	13609	CEDAR RAPIDS, IA
B	05/1998 - 12/2000	PRINCOR FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION	1137	DES MOINES, IA
B	01/1997 - 06/1998	LOCUST STREET SECURITIES, INC.	1703	DES MOINES, IA
B	08/1986 - 01/1997	PRINCOR FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION	1137	DES MOINES, IA

### Employment History





## Registration and Employment History

### Employment History, continued

This section provides up to 10 years of an individual broker's employment history as reported by the individual broker on the most recently filed Form U4.

**Please note that the broker is required to provide this information only while registered with FINRA or a national securities exchange and the information is not updated via Form U4 after the broker ceases to be registered. Therefore, an employment end date of "Present" may not reflect the broker's current employment status.**

Employment	Employer Name	Position	Investment Related	Employer Location
08/2025 - Present	Simplicity Wealth	Investment Adviser Representative	Y	Summit, NJ, United States
07/2025 - Present	The Leaders Group Inc	Registered Representative	Y	Summit, NJ, United States
07/2023 - Present	Strategic Wealth Planning Group	President	N	Lady Lake, FL, United States
11/2022 - 07/2025	LPL Financial LLC	Registered Representative	Y	Mason City, IA, United States
03/1998 - 07/2025	Ressler Insurance & Financial Services	Financial Advisor	Y	Mason City, IA, United States
07/2019 - 11/2022	Sagepoint Financial Inc	Registered Representative	Y	Mason City, IA, United States
02/2018 - 07/2019	LPL Financial LLC	Mass Transfer	Y	Mason City, IA, 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.

Strategic Wealth Planning Group LLC ; investment related; 796 CR 466, Lady Lake, FL 32159; 07/2023; President/Insurance Sales; Sell life insurance and fixed annuities; 50 Hours per month outside/during trading hours.

John Ressler; investment related; 796 CR 466, Lady Lake, FL 32159; Registered Insurance Agent; 06/1983; Sell life insurance and fixed annuities; 50 Hours per month outside/during trading hours.

The Leaders Group; Investment Related; 475 Springfield Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901; 7/30/2025; Registered Representative, Open new accounts and manage assets; 160 Hours per month outside/during trading hours.

## Disclosure Events



### What you should know about reported disclosure events:

1. All individuals registered to sell securities or provide investment advice are required to disclose customer complaints and arbitrations, regulatory actions, employment terminations, bankruptcy filings, and criminal or civil judicial proceedings.
2. **Certain thresholds must be met before an event is reported to CRD, for example:**
  - A law enforcement agency must file formal charges before a broker is required to disclose a particular criminal event.
  - A customer dispute must involve allegations that a broker engaged in activity that violates certain rules or conduct governing the industry and that the activity resulted in damages of at least \$5,000.
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3. **Disclosure events in BrokerCheck reports come from different sources:**
  - As mentioned at the beginning of this report, information contained in BrokerCheck comes from brokers, brokerage firms and regulators. When more than one of these sources reports information for the same disclosure event, all versions of the event will appear in the BrokerCheck report. The different versions will be separated by a solid line with the reporting source labeled.
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4. **There are different statuses and dispositions for disclosure events:**
  - A disclosure event may have a status of *pending*, *on appeal*, or *final*.
    - A "pending" event involves allegations that have not been proven or formally adjudicated.
    - An event that is "on appeal" involves allegations that have been adjudicated but are currently being appealed.
    - A "final" event has been concluded and its resolution is not subject to change.
  - A final event generally has a disposition of *adjudicated*, *settled* or *otherwise resolved*.
    - An "adjudicated" matter includes a disposition by (1) a court of law in a criminal or civil matter, or (2) an administrative panel in an action brought by a regulator that is contested by the party charged with some alleged wrongdoing.
    - A "settled" matter generally involves an agreement by the parties to resolve the matter. Please note that brokers and brokerage firms may choose to settle customer disputes or regulatory matters for business or other reasons.
    - A "resolved" matter usually involves no payment to the customer and no finding of wrongdoing on the part of the individual broker. Such matters generally involve customer disputes.

For your convenience, below is a matrix of the number and status of disclosure events involving this broker. Further information regarding these events can be found in the subsequent pages of this report. You also may wish to contact the broker to obtain further information regarding these events.

	Pending	Final	On Appeal
Customer Dispute	0	2	N/A



## Disclosure Event Details

When evaluating this information, please keep in mind that a disclosure event may be pending or involve allegations that are contested and have not been resolved or proven. The matter may, in the end, be withdrawn, dismissed, resolved in favor of the broker, or concluded through a negotiated settlement for certain business reasons (e.g., to maintain customer relationships or to limit the litigation costs associated with disputing the allegations) with no admission or finding of wrongdoing.

This report provides the information exactly as it was reported to CRD and therefore some of the specific data fields contained in the report may be blank if the information was not provided to CRD.

### Customer Dispute - 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

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Firm
<b>Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:</b>	PRINCOR FINANCIAL SERVICES
<b>Allegations:</b>	NEGLIGENCE IN HANDLING OF CUSTOMER'S ACCOUNT. ORIGINAL COMPLAINT ALLEGED FRAUD, BUT ALLEGATION OF FRAUD WAS DROPPED PRIOR TO TRIAL.
<b>Product Type:</b>	Mutual Fund
<b>Alleged Damages:</b>	\$138,165.00

### Customer Complaint Information

<b>Date Complaint Received:</b>	08/19/1996
<b>Complaint Pending?</b>	No
<b>Status:</b>	Arbitration Award/Monetary Judgment (for claimants/plaintiffs)
<b>Status Date:</b>	07/20/1998
<b>Settlement Amount:</b>	\$125,000.00
<b>Individual Contribution Amount:</b>	\$0.00

### Civil Litigation Information

<b>Type of Court:</b>	State Court
<b>Name of Court:</b>	DISTRICT COURT



**Location of Court:** MITCHELL CITY, IA  
**Docket/Case #:** 13732-0896  
**Date Notice/Process Served:** 04/28/2011  
**Litigation Pending?** No  
**Disposition:** Monetary Judgment to Customer  
**Disposition Date:** 07/02/1998  
**Monetary Compensation Amount:** \$125,000.00  
**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$0.00  
**Firm Statement** JUDGE DENIED PLAINTIFF'S POST-TRIAL MOTIONS, AFFIRMED JURY VERDICT OF \$138,165.00, CLIENT SOLD STOCK THAT HAD APPRECIATED AND INCURRED TAX LIABILITY.

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**Reporting Source:** Broker  
**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** PRINCOR FINANCIAL SERVICES CORP  
**Allegations:** NEGLIGENCE IN HANDLING OF CUSTOMER'S ACCOUNT. ORIGINAL COMPLAINT ALLEGED FRAUD, BUT ALLEGATION OF FRAUD WAS DROPPED PRIOR TO TRIAL.  
**Product Type:** Mutual Fund  
**Alleged Damages:** \$138,165.00  
**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:** 08/19/1996  
**Complaint Pending?** No  
**Status:** Arbitration Award/Monetary Judgment (for claimants/plaintiffs)  
**Status Date:** 07/20/1998



**Settlement Amount:** \$125,000.00

**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$0.00

### Civil Litigation Information

**Type of Court:** State Court

**Name of Court:** DISTRICT COURT

**Location of Court:** MITCHELL CITY, IA

**Docket/Case #:** 13732-0896

**Date Notice/Process Served:** 04/28/2011

**Litigation Pending?** No

**Disposition:** Monetary Judgment to Customer

**Disposition Date:** 07/02/1998

**Monetary Compensation Amount:** \$125,000.00

**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$0.00

### Broker Statement

ALTHOUGH PRINCOR PREVIOUSLY REPORTED THAT JUDGEMENT WAS AWARDED ON 7/2/98. PRINCOR BECAME AWARE THAT FRAUD WAS DROPPED AS AN ALLEGATION ON 4/28/11. PRINCOR, AT THE TIME, HAD NO ARBITRATION AGREEMENT. CIVIL LITIGATION JUDGEMENT: PLAINTIFF AND DEFENDANT BOTH FOUND NEGLIGENT. 40% OF TOTAL FAULT ATTRIBUTED TO PLAINTIFF AND 60% TO DEFENDANT. CLIENT SOLD STOCK TO FUND MUTUAL FUNDS THAT HAD APPRECIATED IN VALUE AND INCURRED TAX LIABILITY. FINAL MONETARY SETTLEMENT TO PLAINTIFF OF \$125,000 OF WHICH ½ PAID BY BROKER DEALER AND ½ PAID BY DEFENDANT'S E & O CARRIER.



## 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

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Broker
<b>Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:</b>	SII INVESTMENTS
<b>Allegations:</b>	CLIENT ALLEGES SHE DID NOT WANT HER PRINCIPAL AT RISK AND DID NOT WANT ANY FEES, AND WANTED THE ACCOUNT IN JOINT REGISTRATION. CLIENT ALSO STATED SHE DID NOT RECEIVE CONTRACT.
<b>Product Type:</b>	Annuity-Variable
<b>Alleged Damages:</b>	\$8,908.78
<b>Is this an oral complaint?</b>	No
<b>Is this a written complaint?</b>	Yes
<b>Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?</b>	No

### Customer Complaint Information

<b>Date Complaint Received:</b>	10/31/2013
<b>Complaint Pending?</b>	No
<b>Status:</b>	Closed/No Action
<b>Status Date:</b>	11/15/2013
<b>Settlement Amount:</b>	
<b>Individual Contribution Amount:</b>	
<b>Broker Statement</b>	CLIENT RECEIVED INITIAL PREMIUM AS INSURANCE COMPANY AGREED TO FREE-LOOK THE CONTRACT AT THE CLIENT'S REQUEST.

## End of Report



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