

## BrokerCheck Report

# IRA BARRY BERKOWITZ

CRD# 1551103

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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).

**IRA B. BERKOWITZ**

CRD# 1551103

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:

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

### Registration History

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

**B** **BENJAMIN SECURITIES, INC.**  
CRD# 7754

PENSACOLA, FL  
10/2012 - 11/2012

**B** **CANTELLA & CO., INC.**  
CRD# 13905

NEW YORK, NY  
09/2010 - 01/2011

**B** **JOHN THOMAS FINANCIAL**  
CRD# 40982

HAUPPAUGE, NY  
04/2010 - 09/2010

### Disclosure Events

This broker has been involved in one or more disclosure events involving certain final criminal matters, regulatory actions, civil judicial proceedings, or arbitrations or civil litigations.

Are there events disclosed about this broker? **Yes**

**The following types of disclosures have been reported:**

Type	Count
Regulatory Event	2

### 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), states and U.S. territories the broker is currently registered and licensed with, the category of each registration, and the date on which the registration became effective. This section also provides, for each 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 1 principal/supervisory exam, 1 general industry/product exam, and 2 state securities law exams.**

#### Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
<b>B</b> General Securities Principal Examination	Series 24	04/15/2002

#### General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
<b>B</b> General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	10/18/1995

#### State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
<b>IA</b> Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination	Series 65	10/20/2010
<b>B</b> Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	08/27/1986

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 **0** professional designation(s).

No information reported.

# Registration and Employment History



## Registration History

The broker previously was registered with the following securities firms:

Registration Dates	Firm Name	CRD#	Branch Location
B 10/2012 - 11/2012	BENJAMIN SECURITIES, INC.	7754	PENSACOLA, FL
B 09/2010 - 01/2011	CANTELLA & CO., INC.	13905	NEW YORK, NY
B 04/2010 - 09/2010	JOHN THOMAS FINANCIAL	40982	HAUPPAUGE, NY
B 10/1998 - 03/2010	JOSEPH GUNNAR & CO. LLC	24795	NEW YORK, NY
B 03/1995 - 08/1998	FIRST ASSET MANAGEMENT, INC.	17341	GARDEN CITY, NY
B 02/1995 - 03/1995	FIRST HANOVER SECURITIES, INC.	14469	STATEN ISLAND, NY
B 08/1994 - 12/1994	DIME SECURITIES OF NY, INC.	28955	BROOKLYN, NY
B 04/1994 - 08/1994	ROYAL ALLIANCE ASSOCIATES, INC.	23131	SCOTTSDALE, AZ
B 06/1993 - 03/1994	FINANCIAL HORIZONS SECURITIES CORPORATION	20221	
B 12/1992 - 03/1994	CITICORP INVESTMENT SERVICES	23988	LONG ISLAND CITY, NY
B 12/1991 - 01/1993	MUTUAL OF OMAHA FUND MANAGEMENT COMPANY	611	OMAHA, NE
B 08/1989 - 09/1990	PRUDENTIAL-BACHE SECURITIES INC.	7471	NEW YORK, NY
B 08/1988 - 08/1989	THOMSON MCKINNON SECURITIES INC.	829	NEW YORK, NY

## 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
10/2012 - Present	BENJAMIN SECURITIES, INC.	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	HICKSVILLE, NY, United States

## Disclosure Events



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

#### 1. Disclosure events in BrokerCheck reports come from different sources:

- As mentioned at the beginning of this report, information contained in BrokerCheck comes from brokers, their employing firms, and regulators. When more than one source reports information for the same disclosure event, all versions of the event will appear in the BrokerCheck report. The different versions are separated by a solid line with the reporting source labeled.

For your convenience, below is a matrix of the number and status of regulatory 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.

	Final	On Appeal
Regulatory Event	2	0



## Disclosure Event Details

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 involves a final, formal proceeding initiated by a regulatory authority (e.g., a state securities agency, self-regulatory organization, federal regulator such as the Securities and Exchange Commission, foreign financial regulatory body) for a violation of investment-related rules or regulations.

#### Disclosure 1 of 2

**Reporting Source:** Regulator

**Regulatory Action Initiated By:** TEXAS STATE SECURITIES BOARD

**Sanction(s) Sought:**

**Other Sanction(s) Sought:**

**Date Initiated:** 06/07/1995

**Docket/Case Number:** SUS-1045

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

**Product Type:**

**Other Product Type(s):**

**Allegations:** Not Provided

**Current Status:** Final

**Resolution:** Consent

**Resolution Date:** 06/07/1995

**Sanctions Ordered:** Suspension

**Other Sanctions Ordered:**

**Sanction Details:** ON JUNE 7, 1995, THE TEXAS SECURITIES COMMISSION ENTERED A CONSENT ORDER GRANTING REGISTRATION FOR IRA BARRY BERKOWITZ BUT SUSPENDING HIM FOR A PERIOD OF 50 DAYS AND PLACING HIM ON PROBATION FOR NINE MONTHS FROM DATE OF ORDER.

**Regulator Statement** CONTACT: JOYCE MILLER (512) 305-8390



**Reporting Source:** Broker  
**Regulatory Action Initiated By:** TEXAS STATE SECURITIES BOARD  
**Sanction(s) Sought:**  
**Other Sanction(s) Sought:**  
**Date Initiated:** 06/07/1995  
**Docket/Case Number:** SUS-1045  
**Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:**  
**Product Type:** Other  
**Other Product Type(s):**  
**Allegations:** N/A  
**Current Status:** Final  
**Resolution:** Consent  
**Resolution Date:** 06/07/1995  
**Sanctions Ordered:** Suspension  
**Other Sanctions Ordered:**  
**Sanction Details:** SUSPENSION FOR 50 DAYS, PROBATION FOR 9 MONTHS  
**Broker Statement** NOT PROVIDED

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#### Disclosure 2 of 2

**Reporting Source:** Regulator  
**Regulatory Action Initiated By:** NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECURITIES DEALERS, INC.  
**Sanction(s) Sought:**  
**Other Sanction(s) Sought:**  
**Date Initiated:** 07/19/1995  
**Docket/Case Number:** C10950040



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

**Product Type:**

**Other Product Type(s):**

**Allegations:**

**Current Status:**

Final

**Resolution:**

Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)

**Resolution Date:**

07/19/1995

**Sanctions Ordered:**

Censure

Monetary/Fine \$5,000.00

Suspension

**Other Sanctions Ordered:**

**Sanction Details:**

**Regulator Statement**

ON JULY 19, 1995, DISTRICT NO. 10 NOTIFIED RESPONDENT BERKOWITZ THAT THE LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE, WAIVER AND CONSENT NO.

C10950040 WAS ACCEPTED: THEREFORE HE IS CENSURED, FINED \$5,000, SUSPENDED FROM ASSOCIATION WITH ANY NASD MEMBER IN ANY CAPACITY

FOR 15 BUSINESS DAYS AND MUST REQUALIFY BY EXAMINATION PRIOR TO

AGAIN ACTING IN ANY CAPACITY. - (ARTICLE III, SECTION 1 OF THE RULES OF FAIR PRACTICE - RESPONDENT BERKOWITZ, WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OR CONSENT OF HIS MEMBER FIRM OR A PUBLIC CUSTOMER,

SIGNED THE NAME OF THE CUSTOMER TO A SECURITIES INVESTMENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM).

THE SUSPENSION WILL COMMENCE WITH THE OPENING OF BUSINESS SEPTEMBER 18, 1995 AND WILL CONCLUDE OCTOBER 6, 1995.

\*\*\$5,000.00 FULLY PAID AS OF 03/25/96, INVOICE # 95-10-456\*\*

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**Reporting Source:**

Broker



**Regulatory Action Initiated** NASD DISTRICT #10

**By:**

**Sanction(s) Sought:**

**Other Sanction(s) Sought:**

**Date Initiated:** 07/19/1995

**Docket/Case Number:** C10950040

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

**Product Type:** No Product

**Other Product Type(s):** NO SPECIFIC PRODUCT WAS INVOLVED.

**Allegations:** VIOLATION OF ART III, SEC 1 OF THE RULES OF FAIR PRACTICE

**Current Status:** Final

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

**Resolution Date:** 07/19/1995

**Sanctions Ordered:** Censure  
Monetary/Fine \$5,000.00  
Suspension

**Other Sanctions Ordered:**

**Sanction Details:** \$5000-FINE 15 DAY SUSPENSION, REQUALIFY BY EXAM.  
SEE ATTACHED

**Broker Statement** NOT PROVIDED

## End of Report



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