

# **BrokerCheck Report**

# **SCOTT STAFFORD MCLEAN**

CRD# 1685108

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- The information contained in BrokerCheck comes from FINRA's Central Registration Depository, or CRD® and is a combination of:
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  - 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.
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#### **SCOTT S. MCLEAN**

CRD# 1685108

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 SICOR SECURITIES INC CRD# 16195 BARNEGAT, NJ 07/2008 - 10/2010
- B PFS INVESTMENTS INC. CRD# 10111 BARNEGAT, NJ 12/1996 - 08/2008

#### **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

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#### **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
В	Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Principal Examination	Series 26	04/07/1999

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

Exam		Category	Date
В	Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination	Series 6	12/06/1996

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

Exam		Category	Date
IA	Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination	Series 65	06/26/2020
В	Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	08/15/1998

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 securities firms:

Reg	istration Dates	Firm Name	CRD#	Branch Location
B	07/2008 - 10/2010	SICOR SECURITIES INC	16195	BARNEGAT, NJ
B	12/1996 - 08/2008	PFS INVESTMENTS INC.	10111	BARNEGAT, NJ

#### **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>
05/2025 - Present	Foundations Investment Advisors,LLC	Investment Adviser Representative	Υ	Phoenix, AZ, United States
04/2008 - Present	MCLEAN ADVISORY GROUP, LLC	FOUNDER / CEO	N	WARETOWN, NJ, United States
11/2023 - 05/2025	Sound Income Strategies LLC	Investment Advisor Representative	Υ	Fort Lauderdale, FL, United States
07/2020 - 11/2023	BELPOINTE ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC	INVESTMENT ADVISOR REPRESENTATIVE	Υ	PHOENIX, AZ, 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 FINRA

By:

Sanction(s) Sought: Revocation

**Date Initiated:** 09/03/2013

**Docket/Case Number:** 2010024607501

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

N/A

Product Type: No Product

Allegations: RESPONDENT SCOTT S. MCLEAN FAILED TO PAY FINES AND/OR COSTS OF

\$5,000 IN FINRA CASE #2010024607501.

Current Status: Final

Resolution: LETTER

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:** 09/04/2013

Sanctions Ordered: Revocation



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?** 

**Regulator Statement** PURSUANT TO FINRA RULE 8320, RESPONDENT MCLEAN'S FINRA

REGISTRATION IS REVOKED FOR FAILURE TO PAY FINES AND/OR COSTS.

REVOCATION RESCINDED ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2013.

Disclosure 2 of 2

Regulator **Reporting Source:** 

**Regulatory Action Initiated** 

By:

**FINRA** 

Sanction(s) Sought: Other: N/A

Date Initiated: 09/15/2011

**Docket/Case Number:** 2010024607501

**Employing firm when activity** occurred which led to the

regulatory action:

SICOR SECURITIES, INC.

**Product Type:** Mutual Fund

Allegations: FINRA RULES 2010 AND 2150: MCLEAN RECOMMENDED TO A CUSTOMER

THAT HE TRANSFER HIS EXISTING MUTUAL FUNDS TO THE MEMBER FIRM. MCLEAN TOLD THE CUSTOMER THAT, IF HE BECAME DISSATISFIED, HE

COULD LIQUIDATE THE ACCOUNT AT NO EXPENSE. SHORTLY

THEREAFTER, THE CUSTOMER ACCEPTED MCLEAN'S RECOMMENDATION

AND TRANSFERRED THE MUTUAL FUNDS. LATER, THE CUSTOMER



SUFFERED LOSSES IN THOSE MUTUAL FUND INVESTMENTS AND WANTED TO LIQUIDATE HIS HOLDINGS. MCLEAN REIMBURSED THE CUSTOMER \$252 FOR THE CHARGES HE INCURRED IN SELLING THE MUTUAL FUNDS. THE FIRM'S WRITTEN PROCEDURES EXPRESSLY PROHIBITED

REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVES FROM SHARING IN ANY BENEFITS OR LOSSES WITH CLIENTS RESULTING FROM SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS.

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?

Nο

**Resolution Date:** 09/15/2011

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: ANY CAPACITY

**Duration:** TEN BUSINESS DAYS

**Start Date:** 10/03/2011

**End Date:** 10/14/2011



Monetary Sanction 1 of 1

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

**Total Amount:** \$5,000.00

Portion Levied against

individual:

\$5,000.00

Payment Plan:

**Is Payment Plan Current:** 

Date Paid by individual: 09/10/2013

Was any portion of penalty

waived?

No

**Amount Waived:** 

Regulator Statement WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING THE FINDINGS, MCLEAN CONSENTED

TO THE DESCRIBED SANCTIONS AND TO THE ENTRY OF FINDINGS, THEREFORE, HE IS FINED \$5,000 AND SUSPENDED FROM ASSOCIATION WITH ANY FINRA MEMBER IN ANY CAPACITY FOR 10 BUSINESS DAYS. THE

FINE SHALL BE DUE AND PAYABLE EITHER IMMEDIATELY UPON

REASSOCIATION WITH A MEMBER FIRM FOLLOWING THE FIVE MONTH SUSPENSION, OR PRIOR TO ANY APPLICATION OR REQUEST FOR RELIEF FROM ANY STATUTORY DISQUALIFICATION RESULTING FROM THIS OR ANY

OTHER EVENT OR PROCEEDINGS, WHICHEVER IS EARLIER. THE

SUSPENSION IS IN EFFECT FROM OCTOBER 3, 2011 THROUGH OCTOBER

14, 2011.

# **End of Report**



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