

BrokerCheck Report

FRANK CHARLES SCARITO

CRD# 1827344

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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. 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.



FRANK C. SCARITO

CRD# 1827344

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

IA BFC PLANNING, INC.
Manchester, NH
CRD# 119682
Registered with this firm since: 07/26/2016

B BERTHEL, FISHER & COMPANY FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.
Manchester, NH
CRD# 13609
Registered with this firm since: 07/18/2016

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
- 5 U.S. states and territories

This broker has passed:

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

Registration History

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

- IA VSR ADVISORY SERVICES**
CRD# 14503
OVERLAND PARK, KS
01/2003 - 07/2016
- B VSR FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.**
CRD# 14503
MANCHESTER, NH
07/2002 - 07/2016
- B LOMBARD SECURITIES INCORPORATED**
CRD# 27954
BALTIMORE, MD
12/1999 - 08/2002

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 5 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.

Employment 1 of 2

Firm Name: **BERTHEL, FISHER & COMPANY FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.**

Main Office Address: **4201 42ND STREET NE
SUITE 100
CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52402**

Firm CRD#: **13609**

	SRO	Category	Status	Date
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	07/18/2016
B	FINRA	General Securities Sales Supervisor	Approved	07/18/2016

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Massachusetts	Agent	Approved	07/20/2016
B	New Hampshire	Agent	Approved	07/26/2016
B	New York	Agent	Approved	07/29/2016
B	Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	07/19/2016
B	South Carolina	Agent	Approved	01/08/2025

Branch Office Locations

BERTHEL, FISHER & COMPANY FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.
Manchester, NH

Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: **BFC PLANNING, INC.**

Main Office Address: **4201 42ND STREET NE**



Broker Qualifications

Employment 2 of 2, continued
SUITE 100
CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52402
Firm CRD#: 119682

U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
IA New Hampshire	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	07/26/2016

Branch Office Locations

4201 42ND STREET NE
SUITE 100
CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52402

Manchester, NH



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, 2 general industry/product exams, and 1 state securities law exam.

Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B General Securities Sales Supervisor - Options Module Examination	Series 9	12/20/2000
B General Securities Sales Supervisor - General Module Examination	Series 10	12/18/2000

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	10/01/2018
B General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	04/16/1988

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	05/23/1988

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
IA 01/2003 - 07/2016	VSR ADVISORY SERVICES	14503	MANCHESTER, NH
B 07/2002 - 07/2016	VSR FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	14503	MANCHESTER, NH
B 12/1999 - 08/2002	LOMBARD SECURITIES INCORPORATED	27954	BALTIMORE, MD
B 05/1999 - 11/1999	SUNPOINT SECURITIES, INC.	25442	LONGVIEW, TX
B 04/1988 - 03/1999	AMERICAN EXPRESS FINANCIAL ADVISORS INC.	6363	MINNEAPOLIS, MN
B 04/1988 - 03/1999	IDS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	6321	MINNEAPOLIS, MN

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
07/2016 - Present	BFC Planning, Inc.	Investment Advisor Representative	Y	Manchester, NH, United States
07/2016 - Present	Berthel Fisher & Company Financial Services, Inc.	Registered Representative	Y	Manchester, NH, United States
08/2007 - 07/2016	VSR ADVISORY SERVICES	IAR	Y	OVERLAND PARK, KS, United States
07/2002 - 07/2016	LEAF INVESTMENT GROUP	REPRESENTATIVE	Y	MANCHESTER, NH, United States
07/2002 - 07/2016	VSR FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	OVERLAND PK, KS, United States



Registration and Employment History

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. LEAF FINANCIAL SERVICES-Y-MANCHESTER, NH-SALES OF INVESTMENTS AND INSURANCE AS WELL AS FINANCIAL PLANNING-REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE-07/2016-200-6.5-DBA FOR SECURITIES AND INSURANCE BUSINESS.
 2. UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION-N-MANCHESTER, NH-OVERSEEING SANCTIONED MATCHES-REFEREE-08/2002-20-0.5-OFFICIATE SANCTIONED MATCHES, AND INSTRUCT, ASSIGN, ASSESS, AND SUPERVISE NEW AND EXISTING OFFICIALS.
 3. Four Winds Assigning Group, LLC-N-Manchester, NH-Amateur soccer matches-Owner-02/2018-10-0-Provides referee assignments for youth and adult amateur matches and oversee a group of independent contractors providing same.
 4. Better Way to Help Inc.- N- Manchester, NH- Non-profit organization- CEO- 08/2022- 10- 5- Providing assistance for those affected by traumatic brain injury, mental health issues. and substance abuse.
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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

Reporting Source:	Regulator
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	LOMBARD SECURITIES INCORPORATED
Allegations:	CHURNING, UNSUITABILITY AND UNAUTHORIZED TRADING ACTIONABLE UNDER FEDERAL AND STATE LAW.
Product Type:	Other
Other Product Type(s):	UNSPECIFIED TYPE OF SECURITIES
Alleged Damages:	\$137,979.00

Arbitration Information

Arbitration/Reparation Claim filed with and Docket/Case No.:	NASD - CASE #03-03326
Date Notice/Process Served:	05/02/2003
Arbitration Pending?	No
Disposition:	Award
Disposition Date:	09/27/2006
Disposition Detail:	RESPONDENT FRANK C. SCARITO IS LIABLE FOR AND SHALL PAY TO CLAIMANT COMPENSATORY DAMAGES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,230.02, PLUS INTEREST.



Reporting Source: Firm

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: LOMBARD SECURTIES INCORPORATED

Allegations: SCARITO MANAGED ACCOUNT FROM 12/99 TO 4/02. CLIENT FILED ARBITRATION; ALLEGES CHURNING, UNAUTHORIZED TRADING, AND UNSUITABILITY.

Product Type: Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)

Other Product Type(s): EQUITY OTC

Alleged Damages: \$300,000.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 08/12/2003

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Arbitration/Reparation

Status Date: 08/12/2003

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:

Arbitration Information

Arbitration/Reparation Claim filed with and Docket/Case No.: 03-03326

Date Notice/Process Served: 08/12/2003

Arbitration Pending? No

Disposition: Award to Customer

Disposition Date: 09/22/2006

Monetary Compensation Amount: \$32,230.02

Individual Contribution Amount: \$32,230.02



Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: LOMBARD SECURITIES INC (27954)

Allegations: CUSTOMERS ALLEGATIONS INCLUDE UNSUITABLE INVESTMENTS, BOT 1999-2002 AND, CHURNING. CUSTOMER COMPENSATORY DAMAGES FOR AMOUNT OF \$300,000.

Product Type: Equity - OTC

Other Product Type(s): COVERED OPTIONS

Alleged Damages: \$300,000.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 08/26/2003

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Arbitration/Reparation

Status Date: 08/26/2003

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:

Arbitration Information

Arbitration/Reparation Claim filed with and Docket/Case No.: ARBITRATION FILED WITH NASD #03-03326

Date Notice/Process Served: 08/26/2003

Arbitration Pending? No

Disposition: Award to Customer

Disposition Date: 10/11/2006

Monetary Compensation Amount: \$80,575.04

Individual Contribution Amount: \$32,230.02

Broker Statement CUSTOMER WAS AWARDED A TOTAL OF 80,575, PLUS INTEREST. I FIRST WORKED WITH CUSTOMER FROM ABOUT DEC. 1999 THRU APPROX APRIL 2002. THE CLAIMS WERE GENERAL, CONCLUSORY, UNSUPPORTED BY



EXHIBITS AND VAGUE AS TO THE CLAIM FOR DAMAGES.



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 1

Reporting Source:	Broker
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	VSR FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC
Allegations:	ARBITRATION ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF THE 1934 ACT, VIOLATIONS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES AND CONSUMER PROTECTION LAW, VIOLATIONS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA SECURITIES ACT OF 1972, BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY, COMMON LAW FRAUD, NEGLIGENCE, AND BREACH OF CONTRACT. ACTIVITIES DATED FROM 8/2004-5/2013.
Product Type:	Direct Investment-DPP & LP Interests Equipment Leasing Promissory Note Real Estate Security
Alleged Damages:	\$389,000.00
Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):	GOOD FAITH DETERMINATION BY FIRM SHOWS ALLEGED DAMAGES WOULD BE GREATER THAN \$5,000.
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:	12/19/2013
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Evolved into Arbitration/CFTC reparation (the individual is a named party)
Status Date:	05/07/2015
Settlement Amount:	
Individual Contribution Amount:	



Arbitration Information

Arbitration/CFTC reparation claim filed with (FINRA, AAA, CFTC, etc.):

FINRA

Docket/Case #:

15-00960

Date Notice/Process Served:

05/07/2015

Arbitration Pending?

No

Disposition:

Settled

Disposition Date:

05/04/2016

Monetary Compensation Amount:

\$65,000.00

Individual Contribution Amount:

\$10,000.00

Broker Statement

Customer was overbilled by Broker-Dealer and requested a return of excess fees. Customer became upset and transferred accounts and became angry when fees were not promptly refunded. Customer subsequently filed a complaint. The customer had no demonstrable loss and rather, had a demonstrable gain in their overall portfolio, however I settled the case through mediation to save the time, costs and expenses of litigation.

End of Report



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