

BrokerCheck Report

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CRD# 1936373

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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.

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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:

- 3 Principal/Supervisory Exams
- 5 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
HOUSTON, TX
01/2022 - 05/2025
- B WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC**
CRD# 19616
HOUSTON, TX
09/2013 - 11/2021
- B UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.**
CRD# 8174
HOUSTON, TX
03/1995 - 09/2013

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? **No**

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 3 principal/supervisory exams, 5 general industry/product exams, and 2 state securities law exams.

Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B General Securities Sales Supervisor - General Module Examination	Series 10	01/02/2023
B General Securities Sales Supervisor - Options Module Examination	Series 9	01/02/2023
B General Securities Sales Supervisor Examination (Options Module & General Module)	Series 8	04/28/1994

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B Operations Professional Examination	Series 99TO	01/02/2023
B Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	10/01/2018
B Futures Managed Funds Examination	Series 31	01/31/2014
B General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	09/13/1990
B Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination	Series 6	04/12/1989

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
IA Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination	Series 65	02/17/2015
B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	05/02/1989

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

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The broker previously was registered with the following firms:

Registration Dates	Firm Name	CRD#	Branch Location
B 01/2022 - 05/2025	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	7691	HOUSTON, TX
B 09/2013 - 11/2021	WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC	19616	HOUSTON, TX
B 03/1995 - 09/2013	UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.	8174	HOUSTON, TX
B 04/1989 - 03/1995	FIDELITY BROKERAGE SERVICES, INC.	7784	SMITHFIELD, RI

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
11/2021 - Present	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	Market Client Relationship Manager	Y	Houston, TX, United States
11/2016 - 11/2021	WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC	REGISTERED REP	Y	HOUSTON, TX, United States
09/2013 - 11/2016	WELLS FARGO ADVISORS LLC	REGISTERED REP	Y	HOUSTON, TX, 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.

RENTAL PROPERTY, INV RELATED, CRYSTAL BEACH, TX, 25% OWNERSHIP, START 2/15/2010, 4 HOURS PER MONTH/0 DURING TRADING, DUTIES: OWNER OF RENTAL.

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH, INV RELATED, HOUSTON, TX, FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER, START 9/19/2018, ATTENDING MEETINGS TO REVIEW THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND REQUESTS FROM ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN THE CHURCH TO PRIORITIZE NEEDS OF THE PARISH.

End of Report



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