

BrokerCheck Report

MARK GERARD SONNTAG

CRD# 1939350

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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:
 - o 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
 - 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.

- **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.

**MARK G. SONNTAG**

CRD# 1939350

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

IA AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC
 12800 University Dr
 Ste 105
 Fort Myers, FL 33907
 CRD# 6363
 Registered with this firm since: 11/14/2022

B AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC
 12800 University Dr
 Ste 105
 Fort Myers, FL 33907
 CRD# 6363
 Registered with this firm since: 11/11/2022

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
- 18 U.S. states and territories

This broker has passed:

- 0 Principal/Supervisory Exams
- 4 General Industry/Product Exams
- 2 State Securities Law Exams

Registration History

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

B B. RILEY WEALTH MANAGEMENT
 CRD# 2543
 FORT MYERS, FL
 07/2022 - 11/2022

IA B. RILEY WEALTH ADVISORS, INC.
 CRD# 115927
 MEMPHIS, TN
 06/2014 - 11/2022

B NATIONAL SECURITIES CORPORATION
 CRD# 7569
 FORT MYERS, FL
 11/2013 - 07/2022

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

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Firm Name: **AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC**

Main Office Address: **9013RD AVENUE SOUTH
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402**

Firm CRD#: **6363**

	SRO	Category	Status	Date
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/11/2022
B	FINRA	Government Securities Representative	Approved	11/11/2022
B	FINRA	Invest. Co and Variable Contracts	Approved	11/11/2022

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	11/11/2022
IA	Florida	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	11/18/2022
B	Georgia	Agent	Approved	11/11/2022
B	Illinois	Agent	Approved	08/27/2024
B	Maine	Agent	Approved	08/16/2023
B	Massachusetts	Agent	Approved	11/11/2022
B	Michigan	Agent	Approved	11/11/2022
B	Missouri	Agent	Approved	11/11/2022
B	New Hampshire	Agent	Approved	11/30/2022
B	New Jersey	Agent	Approved	11/11/2022

Broker Qualifications



Employment 1 of 1, continued

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	New Mexico	Agent	Approved	03/14/2025
B	New York	Agent	Approved	11/11/2022
B	North Carolina	Agent	Approved	11/21/2022
B	Ohio	Agent	Approved	11/11/2022
B	Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	11/11/2022
B	Rhode Island	Agent	Approved	11/11/2022
B	Tennessee	Agent	Approved	11/11/2022
B	Texas	Agent	Approved	01/03/2023
IA	Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Restricted Approval	11/14/2022
B	Wisconsin	Agent	Approved	11/28/2022

Branch Office Locations

AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC

12800 University Dr
Ste 105
Fort Myers, FL 33907

AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC

Fort Myers, FL



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 0 principal/supervisory exams, 4 general industry/product exams, and 2 state securities law exams.

Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
No information reported.		

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B Government Securities Representative Examination	Series 72	01/02/2023
B Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	10/01/2018
B General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	05/12/2003
B Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination	Series 6	04/03/1989

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
IA Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination	Series 65	12/14/1999
B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	04/24/1989

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

Registration History

The broker previously was registered with the following firms:

Registration Dates	Firm Name	CRD#	Branch Location
B 07/2022 - 11/2022	B. RILEY WEALTH MANAGEMENT	2543	FORT MYERS, FL
IA 06/2014 - 11/2022	B. RILEY WEALTH ADVISORS, INC.	115927	FORT MYERS, FL
B 11/2013 - 07/2022	NATIONAL SECURITIES CORPORATION	7569	FORT MYERS, FL
IA 10/2009 - 05/2014	ASSET & FINANCIAL PLANNING, LTD	110709	BONITA SPRINGS, FL
B 09/2009 - 11/2013	PRIME CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	18334	FORT MYERS, FL
B 08/2006 - 10/2009	CAMBRIDGE INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC.	39543	FORT MYERS, FL
IA 03/2008 - 09/2009	SCHLAGER SONNTAG & LEVIN	144104	FORT MYERS, FL
IA 08/2006 - 06/2009	CAMBRIDGE INVESTMENT RESEARCH ADVISORS, INC.	134139	FORT MYERS, FL
IA 02/2001 - 10/2006	ASSET & FINANCIAL PLANNING, LTD	110709	FORT MYERS, FL
B 02/2000 - 09/2006	PRIME CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	18334	FT. MYERS, FL
B 07/1997 - 02/2000	NATHAN & LEWIS SECURITIES, INC.	8503	NEW YORK, NY
B 07/1993 - 08/1997	NEW ENGLAND SECURITIES	615	NEW YORK, NY
B 12/1992 - 03/1993	LINCOLN FINANCIAL ADVISORS CORPORATION	3978	FORT WAYNE, IN
B 12/1992 - 03/1993	THE LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	2580	FORT WAYNE, IN
B 04/1989 - 10/1992	JOHN HANCOCK DISTRIBUTORS, INC.	468	BOSTON, MA
B 04/1989 - 10/1992	JOHN HANCOCK MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	5181	BOSTON, MA

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
11/2022 - Present	Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC.	Registered Rep	Y	Fort Myers, FL, United States
11/2022 - 11/2022	Ameriprise Financial Services	Registered Rep	Y	Fort Myers, FL, United States
07/2022 - 11/2022	B. RILEY WEALTH MANAGEMENT	Mass Transfer	Y	FORT MYERS, FL, United States
11/2013 - 11/2022	NATIONAL SECURITIES CORPORATION	Mass Transfer	Y	FORT MYERS, FL, United States
09/2009 - 11/2022	GILMAN CIOCIA, INC.	TAX PREPARER	N	FT. MYERS, FL, United States
03/2020 - 03/2020	Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC	Registered Rep	Y	Fort Myers, FL, 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.

No information reported.

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:**
 - o A law enforcement agency must file formal charges before a broker is required to disclose a particular criminal event.
 - o 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:**
 - o 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:**
 - o 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.
 - o 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 - 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 2

Reporting Source:	Firm
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	NATIONAL SECURITIES CORPORATION
Allegations:	Claimants allege Representative improperly recommended a high-risk investment in GWG L Bonds.
Product Type:	Other: Private Placement
Alleged Damages:	\$50,000.00

Arbitration Information

Arbitration/CFTC reparation claim filed with (FINRA, AAA, CFTC, etc.):	FINRA
Docket/Case #:	23-00753
Date Notice/Process Served:	05/23/2023
Arbitration Pending?	No
Disposition:	Settled
Disposition Date:	02/13/2024
Monetary Compensation Amount:	\$18,500.00
Individual Contribution Amount:	\$0.00



Reporting Source:	Broker
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	NATIONAL SECURITIES CORPORATION
Allegations:	Claimants allege Representative improperly recommended a high-risk investment in GWG L Bonds.
Product Type:	Other: Private Placement
Alleged Damages:	\$50,000.00
Arbitration Information	
Arbitration/CFTC reparation claim filed with (FINRA, AAA, CFTC, etc.):	FINRA
Docket/Case #:	23-00753
Date Notice/Process Served:	05/23/2023
Arbitration Pending?	No
Disposition:	Settled
Disposition Date:	02/13/2024
Monetary Compensation Amount:	\$18,500.00
Individual Contribution Amount:	\$0.00

Disclosure 2 of 2

Reporting Source:	Firm
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	NATIONAL SECURITIES CORPORATION
Allegations:	Alleges unsuitable investment in GWG Holdings L Bonds
Product Type:	Other: Private Placement
Alleged Damages:	\$75,000.00

Arbitration Information



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

Docket/Case #: 22-01052

Date Notice/Process Served: 05/26/2022

Arbitration Pending? No

Disposition: Settled

Disposition Date: 11/07/2022

Monetary Compensation Amount: \$25,000.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$25,000.00

Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: NATIONAL SECURITIES CORPORATION

Allegations: Alleges unsuitable investment in GWG Holdings L Bonds

Product Type: Other: Private Placement

Alleged Damages: \$75,000.00

Is this an oral complaint? No

Is this a written complaint? No

Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation? Yes

Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location: FINRA

Docket/Case #: 22-01502

Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation: 05/16/2022

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 05/26/2022



Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Evolved into Arbitration/CFTC reparation (the individual is a named party)
Status Date:	05/26/2022
Settlement Amount:	
Individual Contribution Amount:	
Arbitration Information	
Arbitration/CFTC reparation claim filed with (FINRA, AAA, CFTC, etc.):	FINRA
Docket/Case #:	22-01052
Date Notice/Process Served:	05/26/2022
Arbitration Pending?	No
Disposition:	Settled
Disposition Date:	11/07/2022
Monetary Compensation Amount:	\$25,000.00
Individual Contribution Amount:	\$25,000.00

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