

## BrokerCheck Report

**Bruce Wayne Biedar**

CRD# 2085161

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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](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).



**Bruce W. Biedar**

CRD# 2085161

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

**IA EDWARD JONES**  
200 W Northwest Hwy Ste 120  
MT PROSPECT, IL 60056  
CRD# 250  
Registered with this firm since: 11/08/2006

**B EDWARD JONES**  
200 W Northwest Hwy Ste 120  
MT PROSPECT, IL 60056  
CRD# 250  
Registered with this firm since: 02/10/1992

**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:**

- 4 Self-Regulatory Organizations
- 26 U.S. states and territories

**This broker has passed:**

- 0 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):**

**B QUEST CAPITAL STRATEGIES, INC.**  
CRD# 16783  
LAGUNA HILLS, CA  
08/1990 - 02/1992

**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 | 1     |



## 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 4 SROs and is licensed in 26 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.**

### Employment 1 of 1

Firm Name: **EDWARD JONES**

Main Office Address: **12555 MANCHESTER ROAD  
ST. LOUIS, MO 63131-3710**

Firm CRD#: **250**

|   | SRO                     | Category                          | Status   | Date       |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|------------|
| B | FINRA                   | General Securities Representative | Approved | 02/10/1992 |
| B | NYSE American LLC       | General Securities Representative | Approved | 09/13/2011 |
| B | Nasdaq Stock Market     | General Securities Representative | Approved | 07/12/2006 |
| B | New York Stock Exchange | General Securities Representative | Approved | 02/10/1992 |

|   | U.S. State/ Territory | Category | Status   | Date       |
|---|-----------------------|----------|----------|------------|
| B | Alabama               | Agent    | Approved | 01/17/2023 |
| B | Arizona               | Agent    | Approved | 11/12/1996 |
| B | Arkansas              | Agent    | Approved | 05/02/2016 |
| B | California            | Agent    | Approved | 02/11/2005 |
| B | Colorado              | Agent    | Approved | 01/07/2010 |
| B | District of Columbia  | Agent    | Approved | 09/05/2024 |
| B | Florida               | Agent    | Approved | 05/20/1994 |
| B | Georgia               | Agent    | Approved | 12/13/2013 |
| B | Illinois              | Agent    | Approved | 02/10/1992 |



## Broker Qualifications

### Employment 1 of 1, continued

|    | U.S. State/ Territory | Category                          | Status   | Date       |
|----|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|------------|
| IA | Illinois              | Investment Adviser Representative | Approved | 11/08/2006 |
| B  | Indiana               | Agent                             | Approved | 12/09/1992 |
| B  | Iowa                  | Agent                             | Approved | 08/06/2013 |
| B  | Kentucky              | Agent                             | Approved | 07/26/2017 |
| B  | Maryland              | Agent                             | Approved | 02/23/2011 |
| B  | Michigan              | Agent                             | Approved | 06/15/1999 |
| B  | Minnesota             | Agent                             | Approved | 05/30/2000 |
| B  | Missouri              | Agent                             | Approved | 03/14/2006 |
| B  | New Mexico            | Agent                             | Approved | 03/28/2005 |
| B  | North Carolina        | Agent                             | Approved | 09/21/2005 |
| B  | Ohio                  | Agent                             | Approved | 09/01/2004 |
| B  | Oregon                | Agent                             | Approved | 06/26/2024 |
| B  | Pennsylvania          | Agent                             | Approved | 02/25/2004 |
| B  | South Carolina        | Agent                             | Approved | 10/31/2007 |
| B  | Tennessee             | Agent                             | Approved | 01/29/2007 |
| B  | Texas                 | Agent                             | Approved | 08/07/2003 |
| IA | Texas                 | Investment Adviser Representative | Approved | 08/19/2014 |
| B  | Washington            | Agent                             | Approved | 01/05/2017 |
| B  | Wisconsin             | Agent                             | Approved | 10/06/1992 |

### Branch Office Locations

## Broker Qualifications



### Employment 1 of 1, continued

#### EDWARD JONES

200 W Northwest Hwy Ste 120

MT PROSPECT, IL 60056

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

### Principal/Supervisory Exams

| Exam                     | Category | Date |
|--------------------------|----------|------|
| No information reported. |          |      |

### General Industry/Product Exams

| Exam                                                   | Category | Date       |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| <b>B</b> Securities Industry Essentials Examination    | SIE      | 10/01/2018 |
| <b>B</b> General Securities Representative Examination | Series 7 | 08/18/1990 |

### State Securities Law Exams

| Exam                                                    | Category  | Date       |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| <b>B</b> Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination | Series 63 | 09/06/1990 |

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 **1** professional designation(s).

### Certified Financial Planner

This representative holds or did hold **1** professional designation(s) that may have been used to qualify as an Investment Advisor representative. Please check with the appropriate designation authority for verification that the designation is still in effect. The contact information for these professional designation authorities can be found on the website for the North American Securities Administrators Association at <http://www.nasaa.org>



## Registration and Employment History

### Registration History

The broker previously was registered with the following firms:

| Registration Dates         | Firm Name                      | CRD#  | Branch Location  |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------|------------------|
| <b>B</b> 08/1990 - 02/1992 | QUEST CAPITAL STRATEGIES, INC. | 16783 | LAGUNA HILLS, CA |

### 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               |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| 02/1992 - Present | EDWARD D. JONES & CO., L.P. | NOT PROVIDED | Y                  | MT. PROSPECT, IL, 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.

Bachelor Enterprises LLC  
 Type of business: Rental of property  
 Beaver Creek, CO  
 Start date: 1/13/2005  
 Owner  
 Hours per week: 0  
 Hours during trading: 0  
 Maintain property.

Rental Unit  
 Chicago, IL  
 Start date: 7/1/2012  
 Landlord  
 Hours per week: 0  
 Hours during trading: 0  
 No responsibilities.

## Registration and Employment History



### Other Business Activities, continued

Bottleneck Fund 2018 LLC

Type of business: Restaurants eatery and pour house

Chicago, IL

Start date: 1/2/2019

LPT

Hours per week: 0

Hours during trading: 0

Origami Surgical

Type of business: Robotic surgery products

Madison, NJ

Start date: 3/1/2020

Hours per week: 0

Hours during trading: 0

LPT

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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:**
  - 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       | 1     | 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 - Closed-No Action / Withdrawn / Dismissed / Denied

This type of disclosure event involves (1) a consumer-initiated, investment-related arbitration or civil suit containing allegations of sales practice violations against the individual broker that was dismissed, withdrawn, or denied; or (2) a consumer-initiated, investment-related written complaint containing allegations that the broker engaged in sales practice violations resulting in compensatory damages of at least \$5,000, forgery, theft, or misappropriation, or conversion of funds or securities, which was closed without action, withdrawn, or denied.

#### Disclosure 1 of 1

**Reporting Source:** Broker

**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** EDWARD JONES

**Allegations:** CLIENT CLAIMS THE IR, BRUCE BIEDAR, DID NOT CONVEY ALL FEATURES OF THE PRODUCT SHE PURCHASED AND IT WAS NOT UNTIL SHE CONTACTED HARTFORD DIRECTLY THAT SHE DISCOVERED SHE HAD PURCHASED AN ANNUITY. CLIENT CLAIMS THE IR INFORMED HER SHE WOULD MAKE 9% THE FIRST YEAR SHE OWNED THE INVESTMENT WHICH WOULD MAKE UP FOR THE SURRENDER FEE SHE INCURRED WHEN SURRENDERING HER ING ANNUITY TO PURCHASE THE HARTFORD ANNUITY ON THE ADVICE OF THE IR. CLIENT IS REQUESTING COMPENSATION. CLAIM EXCEEDS \$5,000

**Product Type:** Annuity(ies) - Variable

**Alleged Damages:** \$5,000.00

### Customer Complaint Information

**Date Complaint Received:** 08/30/2002

**Complaint Pending?** No

**Status:** Denied

**Status Date:** 10/17/2002

**Settlement Amount:****Individual Contribution Amount:****Broker Statement**

I REVIEWED THE ANNUITY TRANSACTION IN QUESTION AND CONTACTED IR, MR. BRUCE BIEDAR. IR STATED HE MET WITH CLIENT TO REVIEW HER ACCOUNT AT LEAST TWICE A YEAR SINCE 1997. INCLUDED IN THESE REVIEWS WERE VARIOUS FIXED ANNUITIES HELD OUTSIDE OF EDWARD JONES. IR STATED HE ROUTINELY ADVISED CLIENT TO LEAVE THESE ANNUITIES AS THE FIXED RATE WAS RELATIVELY GOOD AND THE SURRENDER FEES WERE TOO HIGH. IN JUNE, 2001, IR STATED HE DID RECOMMEND MOVING CLIENTS ING FIXED ANNUITY TO A HARTFORD VARIABLE ANNUITY AS THE FIXED RATE WAS DROPPING AND THE SURRENDER FEE WAS DOWN. IR STATED HE BELIEVED THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE VARIABLE ANNUITY FURTHER FIT CLIENT'S BALANCED INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE. IR STATED CLIENT WAS FULLY AWARE OF THE SURRENDER FEE ASSOCIATED WITH ING FIXED ANNUITY. ACCORDING TO IR HE DISCUSSED IN DETAIL THE HARTFORD VARIABLE ANNUITY TO INCLUDE THE 7 YEAR CONTINGENT DEFERRED SALES CHARGE (CDSC), THE 15% ANNUAL WITHDRAWAL AND AVAILABLE SUBACCOUNTS. IR STATED HE DISCUSSED IN DETAIL (PROVIDING CLIENT WITH THE PROSPECTUS) THE SUBACCOUNTS AVAILABLE AND RECOMMENDED FOUR (4) SUBACCOUNTS AND CLIENT WAS INFORMED THE VALUE OF THESE SUBACCOUNTS COULD FLUCTUATE. IR FURTHER STATED HE RECOMMENDED THE ONE (1) YEAR DCA PROGRAM. IN ADDITION TO THE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO CLIENT BY IR, THE PROSPECTUS AND CONTRACT FURTHER DISCLOSE ALL FEATURES OF THE ANNUITY CONTRACT AS WELL AS THE VARIOUS SUBACCOUNTS AND THE ASSOCIATED RISKS. CLIENT SIGNED THE ANNUITY CONFIRMATION/DELIVERY RECEIPT VERIFYING HER RECEIPT OF THE ANNUITY CONTRACT. THE ANNUITY INVESTMENT WOULD HAVE ADDITIONALLY BEEN REPORTED ON CLIENT'S EDWARD JONES CUSTOMER ACCOUNT STATEMENTS FROM THE TIME OF PURCHASE. IT DOES APPEAR THE ANNUITY PURCHASE WAS DONE WITH THE CLIENT'S KNOWLEDGE AND AUTHORIZATION. CLAIM DENIED

## End of Report



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