

BrokerCheck Report

A. BRUCE OTTO

CRD# 2124765

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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.



A. BRUCE OTTO

CRD# 2124765

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

IA CETERA INVESTMENT ADVISERS LLC
 204 S. MAIN ST
 PO BOX 656
 MINIER, IL 61759
 CRD# 105644
 Registered with this firm since: 02/16/1998

B CETERA FINANCIAL SPECIALISTS LLC
 204 S. MAIN ST
 MINIER, IL 61759
 CRD# 10358
 Registered with this firm since: 03/18/1991

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
- 15 U.S. states and territories

This broker has passed:

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

Registration History

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

No information reported.

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**



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

Employment 1 of 2

Firm Name: **CETERA FINANCIAL SPECIALISTS LLC**

Main Office Address: **1450 AMERICAN LANE
6TH FLOOR, SUITE #650
SCHAUMBURG, IL 60173**

Firm CRD#: **10358**

	SRO	Category	Status	Date
B	FINRA	Invest. Co and Variable Contracts	Approved	03/18/1991
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	06/18/1996

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Arizona	Agent	Approved	08/07/2008
B	California	Agent	Approved	07/13/2004
B	Colorado	Agent	Approved	01/05/1998
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	10/13/2000
B	Illinois	Agent	Approved	03/18/1991
B	Indiana	Agent	Approved	05/23/2024
B	Iowa	Agent	Approved	04/29/2024
B	Kansas	Agent	Approved	06/10/2002
B	Missouri	Agent	Approved	05/28/1997
B	New Hampshire	Agent	Approved	03/08/2007
B	Ohio	Agent	Approved	04/20/2021



Broker Qualifications

Employment 1 of 2, continued

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Oregon	Agent	Approved	04/29/2015
B	Tennessee	Agent	Approved	06/03/2022
B	Washington	Agent	Approved	01/27/1998
B	Wisconsin	Agent	Approved	03/27/2008

Branch Office Locations

CETERA FINANCIAL SPECIALISTS LLC

204 S. MAIN ST
MINIER, IL 61759

Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: **CETERA INVESTMENT ADVISERS LLC**

Main Office Address: **1450 AMERICAN LANE
6TH FLOOR, SUITE 650
SCHAUMBURG, IL 60173-2096**

Firm CRD#: **105644**

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
IA	Illinois	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	02/16/1998

Branch Office Locations

204 S. MAIN ST
PO BOX 656
MINIER, IL 61759



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, 3 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 Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	10/01/2018
B General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	06/17/1996
B Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination	Series 6	02/27/1991

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
IA Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination	Series 65	01/07/1998
B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	02/27/1991

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
No information reported.			

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
06/2021 - Present	Orchard Financial Group	OWNER	Y	MINIER, IL, United States
02/1998 - Present	CETERA INVESTMENT ADVISERS LLC	INVESTMENT ADVISER REPRESENTATIVE	Y	SCHAUMBURG, IL, United States
12/1990 - Present	CETERA FINANCIAL SPECIALISTS LLC	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	SCHAUMBURG, IL, United States
03/1991 - 02/2023	O & G FINANCIAL CONSULTING	PRESIDENT	N	MINIER, 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.

1) NAME OF OTHER BUSINESS: MINER PROGRESS INC ;
 INVESTMENT RELATED: NO ;
 ADDRESS: 204 S. MAIN MINIER, IL 61759 ;
 NATURE OF BUSINESS: C CORPORATION ;
 START DATE: 12/2014 ;
 POSITION/TITLE/RELATIONSHIP: PRESIDENT ;
 APX NUMBER OF HOURS PER WEEK: 10 PER YEAR
 APX NUMBER OF HOURS DURING TRADING HOURS: 10 PER YEAR
 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES: ADMINISTRATIVE AND CORPORATE ;

2) NAME OF OTHER BUSINESS: ORCHARD FINANCIAL GROUP INC ;

Registration and Employment History



Other Business Activities, continued

INVESTMENT RELATED: YES ;

ADDRESS: SAME AS REGISTERED LOCATION

NATURE OF BUSINESS: FINANCIAL SERVICES ;

START DATE: 06/2021 ;

POSITION/TITLE/RELATIONSHIP: OWNER / FINANCIAL PROFESSIONAL ;

APX NUMBER OF HOURS PER WEEK: 30 ;

APX NUMBER OF HOURS DURING TRADING HOURS: 30 ;

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES: CORPORATION ADMINISTRATION, CONSULATION, BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ;

3) NAME OF OTHER BUSINESS: MINIER FOUNDATION;

INVESTMENT RELATED: NO;

ADDRESS: SAME AS REGISTERED LOCATION;

NATURE OF BUSINESS: NON-PROFIT;

START DATE: 08/2022;

POSITION/TITLE/RELATIONSHIP: SECRETARY/TREASURER;

APX NUMBER OF HOURS PER WEEK: LESS THAN 1;

APX NUMBER OF HOURS DURING TRADING HOURS: LESS THAN 1;

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES: SECRETARY/TREASURER FOR NON-PROFIT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION;

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