

## BrokerCheck Report

**James Edward Thom**

CRD# 2137278

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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](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).

**James E. Thom**

CRD# 2137278

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

**IA EDWARD JONES**  
 1122 NORTH 7TH STREET  
 SHEBOYGAN, WI 53081  
 CRD# 250  
 Registered with this firm since: 03/10/1998

**B EDWARD JONES**  
 1122 NORTH 7TH STREET  
 SHEBOYGAN, WI 53081  
 CRD# 250  
 Registered with this firm since: 04/06/1994

## 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
- 21 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 AMERICAN EXPRESS FINANCIAL ADVISORS INC.**  
 CRD# 6363  
 MINNEAPOLIS, MN  
 05/1991 - 04/1994
- B IDS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**  
 CRD# 6321  
 MINNEAPOLIS, MN  
 05/1991 - 04/1994

### 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 4 SROs and is licensed in 21 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	04/06/1994
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	04/06/1994

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Alabama	Agent	Approved	03/08/2023
B	Arizona	Agent	Approved	09/07/2004
B	California	Agent	Approved	12/16/2004
B	Colorado	Agent	Approved	09/24/2014
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	08/18/1994
B	Georgia	Agent	Approved	04/26/2023
B	Illinois	Agent	Approved	08/01/1994
B	Iowa	Agent	Approved	06/14/2022
B	Louisiana	Agent	Approved	03/21/2024



## Broker Qualifications

### Employment 1 of 1, continued

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Michigan	Agent	Approved	11/01/2012
B	Minnesota	Agent	Approved	04/06/1994
B	Missouri	Agent	Approved	03/22/2006
B	New Jersey	Agent	Approved	11/29/2018
B	New York	Agent	Approved	05/28/2024
B	North Carolina	Agent	Approved	12/04/2023
B	Tennessee	Agent	Approved	04/24/2020
B	Texas	Agent	Approved	03/08/2017
IA	Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Restricted Approval	03/12/2019
B	Utah	Agent	Approved	08/28/2012
B	Vermont	Agent	Approved	06/14/2022
B	Virginia	Agent	Approved	01/03/2012
IA	Wisconsin	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	03/10/1998
B	Wisconsin	Agent	Approved	01/27/2003

### Branch Office Locations

**EDWARD JONES**  
 1122 NORTH 7TH STREET  
 SHEBOYGAN, WI 53081



## 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	05/01/1991

### State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
<b>B</b> Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	05/07/1991

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/](http://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>B</b> 05/1991 - 04/1994	AMERICAN EXPRESS FINANCIAL ADVISORS INC.	6363	MINNEAPOLIS, MN
<b>B</b> 05/1991 - 04/1994	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
03/1994 - Present	EDWARD D. JONES & CO., L.P.	NOT PROVIDED	Y	SHEBOYGAN, WI, 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.

Commercial office building  
 Type of business: rental  
 Sheboygan, WI  
 Start date: 4/1/1998  
 owner  
 Hours per week: 1  
 Hours during trading: 1  
 MAINTAIN PROPERTY\*\*\*



## 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 - 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 2

**Reporting Source:** Broker

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

**Allegations:** CLIENT STATES SHE HAD HER ACCOUNT EVALUATED BY ANOTHER IR AND IT WAS SUGGESTED THE MUTUAL FUNDS SHE PURCHASED WERE OF "AVERAGE" QUALITY WITH "EXCESSIVE" RISK FOR HER AGE AND RISK TOLERANCE. CLIENT CLAIMS SHE WAS ADVISED SHE SHOULD NOT HAVE PURCHASED INDIVIDUAL STOCKS AND IT WAS "UNPROFESSIONAL" FOR THOM TO SUGGEST SHE PURCHASE INDIVIDUAL STOCKS BASED ON HER "LEVEL OF INVESTMENT KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING". CLIENT STATES SHE WAS ADVISED THE STOCKS WERE "OVER-VALUED HIGH-RISK" STOCKS THAT WERE NOT SUITABLE. CLIENT CLAIMS LOSSES IN EXCESS OF \$5,000.00.

**Product Type:** Other

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

### Customer Complaint Information

**Date Complaint Received:** 12/06/2004

**Complaint Pending?** No

**Status:** Denied

**Status Date:** 01/10/2005

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

ACCORDING TO THE IR, WHEN THE PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS WAS ORIGINALLY PURCHASED MOST OF THE INVESTMENTS WERE CATEGORIZED AS GROWTH/GROWTH AND INCOME INVESTMENTS. ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS, THE SPECIFIC STOCKS REFERENCED IN YOUR CORRESPONDENCE WERE PURCHASED AS FOLLOWS: 1) LUCENT TECHNOLOGIES INC – 50 SHARES WERE PURCHASED ON APRIL 27, 2000; 2) MCI WORLDCOM INC – 75 SHARES WERE PURCHASED ON APRIL 27, 2000; 3) WILLIAMS COS INC – 100 SHARES WERE PURCHASED ON APRIL 27, 2000; AND 4) AGERE SYSTEMS INC – 13 SHARES WERE RECEIVED IN THE ACCOUNT ON JUNE 3, 2002 AS A RESULT OF A SPIN-OFF FROM LUCENT TECHNOLOGIES. AT THE TIME OF THE PURCHASES, THE CLIENT RECEIVED TRADE CONFIRMATIONS, WHICH PROVIDED DETAILS OF THE TRANSACTIONS. SINCE THE PURCHASES, THE CLIENT HAS RECEIVED STATEMENTS THAT PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING THE INVESTMENTS HELD IN THE ACCOUNT AS WELL AS REFLECTING ACCOUNT ACTIVITY. THEREFORE, IT IS OUR OPINION ALL TRANSACTIONS EFFECTED IN THE ACCOUNT WERE AUTHORIZED. FURTHERMORE, IT APPEARS THE INVESTMENTS PURCHASED IN THE ACCOUNT WERE NOT OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE ACCOUNT. THE IR HAS INDICATED HE DISCUSSED THE PORTFOLIO WITH THE CLIENT AND DID MAKE SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGES, BUT THE CLIENT WAS NOT RECEPTIVE TO HIS SUGGESTIONS. CLAIM DENIED.

**Disclosure 2 of 2****Reporting Source:**

Broker

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

EDWARD JONES

**Allegations:**

ATTORNEY FOR CLIENT CLAIMS CLIENT WAS MISLED BY THE THOM'S REPRESENTATIONS AND THE ACCOUNT WAS "SERIOUSLY MISMANAGED" RESULTING IN SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE TO THE CUSTOMER'S NET WORTH. ATTORNEY STATES THOM GUARANTEED THE ACCOUNT WOULD PROSPER IF IT WAS MOVED TO EDJ. ATTORNEY CLAIMS MONEY WAS INVESTED IN EXTREMELY AGGRESSIVE HIGH TECH STOCKS WHICH HAVE PERFORMED POORLY AND THOM FAILED TO APPROPRIATELY ADVISE AND



MONITOR CLIENT'S ACCOUNT AND THE ACCOUNT WAS INADEQUATELY DIVERSIFIED. CLAIMS THIS IS CLIENT'S ONLY RETIREMENT ACCOUNT AND CLIENT DID NOT UNDERSTAND THE AGGRESSIVE NATURE OR RISK ASSOCIATED WITH THESE INVESTMENTS. ATTORNEY CLAIMS, AS RESULT OF THOM'S REPRESENTATIONS, THE CLIENT HAS SUSTAINED A LOSS TO CLIENT'S NET WORTH OF APPROX. 50%. CLAIM EXCEEDS \$5,000

**Product Type:** Other  
**Alleged Damages:** \$5,000.00

### Customer Complaint Information

**Date Complaint Received:** 09/05/2001  
**Complaint Pending?** No  
**Status:** Denied  
**Status Date:** 10/01/2001

**Settlement Amount:**

**Individual Contribution Amount:**

**Broker Statement**

CLIENT HELD TWO ACCCOUNT AT KUNKEL/FIDELITY. THOM RECOMMENDED HE CONTINUE HOLDING THE PUTNAM FUNDS (B SHARES) AND THE GOLDEN SELECT ANNUITY AS THERE WOULD BE CONTIGENT DEFERRED SALES CHARGES TO LIQUIDATE BOTH. FIDELITY FUNDS WERE LIQUIDATED AND PROCEEDS TRANSFERRED TO EDWARD JONES TO PURCHASE INDIVIUDAL COMPANY STOCKS -- LUCENT, HOME DEPOT, INTEL AND TEXAS INSTRUMENTS. THOM STATES HE DID NOT GUARANTEE ANY RATE OF RETURN TO THE CLIENT, BUT HE DID SUGGEST THE CLIENT SEEK A 10% RETURN OVER 10 YEARS. ALSO STATES HE INFORMED THE CLIENT HE SHOULD ANTICIPATE BAD YEARS, I.E. YEARS IN WHICH THE INVESTMENTS WOULD NOT PERFORM WELL. BASED ON OUR REVIEW, IT APPEARS THOM MADE HIS SUGGESTIONS BASED ON DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CLIENT. THE CLIENT HAS RECEIVED



TRADE CONFIRMATIONS AS WELL AS STATEMENTS. THEREFORE, IT WOULD APPEAR THE TRANSACTIONS WERE AUTHORIZED. ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS, A SIGNIFICANT PERCENTAGE OF THE INVESTMENTS CATEGORIZED AS "AGGRESSIVE" WERE TRANSFERRED FROM ANOTHER FIRM. IN ADDITION, AT THE TIME OF PURCHASE LUCENT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN CATEGORIZED AS A GROWTH STOCK, AS EVIDENCED BY THE CUSTOMER STATEMENT. FURTHERMORE, SOME OF THE FIDELITY FUNDS HELD BY THE CLIENT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN CATEGORIZED AS AGGRESSIVE FUNDS. CLAIM DENIED.

## End of Report



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