

BrokerCheck Report

MICHAEL LAWRENCE FRIEDMAN

CRD# 214675

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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.

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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:

- 4 Principal/Supervisory Exams
- 4 General Industry/Product Exams
- 1 State Securities Law Exam

Registration History

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

- B** **FIRST NEW YORK SECURITIES L.L.C.**
CRD# 16362
NEW YORK, NY
06/1985 - 12/2015
- B** **LADENBURG, THALMANN & CO., INC.**
CRD# 505
07/1976 - 06/1985
- B** **LADENBURG THALMANN & COMPANY INCORPORATED**
CRD# 1000005
01/1975 - 07/1976

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
Regulatory Event	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 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 4 principal/supervisory exams, 4 general industry/product exams, and 1 state securities law exam.

Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B Financial and Operations Principal Examination	Series 27	05/02/1985
B Registered Options Principal Examination	Series 4	09/13/1977
B Financial Principal Examination	F04	01/16/1975
B General Securities Principal Examination	Series 00	01/26/1968

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	12/08/2015
B Limited Representative-Equity Trader Exam	Series 55	04/12/2000
B National Commodity Futures Examination	Series 3	08/16/1990
B Registered Representative Examination	Series 1	01/11/1965

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	09/19/1979

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 06/1985 - 12/2015	FIRST NEW YORK SECURITIES L.L.C.	16362	NEW YORK, NY
B 07/1976 - 06/1985	LADENBURG, THALMANN & CO., INC.	505	
B 01/1975 - 07/1976	LADENBURG THALMANN & COMPANY INCORPORATED	1000005	
B 05/1974 - 01/1975	MKI SECURITIES CORP.	2762	
B 02/1968 - 06/1974	STEINDECKER & CO	3493	

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
03/1985 - Present	FIRST NEW YORK SECURITIES L.L.C.	OTHER - GENERAL PARTNER	Y	NEW YORK, NY, 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
Regulatory Event	0	2	0



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.

Regulatory - Final

This type of disclosure event may involve (1) a final, formal proceeding initiated by a regulatory authority (e.g., a state securities agency, self-regulatory organization, federal regulatory such as the Securities and Exchange Commission, foreign financial regulatory body) for a violation of investment-related rules or regulations; or (2) a revocation or suspension of a broker's authority to act as an attorney, accountant, or federal contractor.

Disclosure 1 of 2

Reporting Source: Regulator

Regulatory Action Initiated By: NASD

Sanction(s) Sought:

Date Initiated: 09/14/2006

Docket/Case Number: [2005000245003](#)

Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action: FIRST NEW YORK SECURITIES, L.L.C.

Product Type: No Product

Allegations: NASD RULES 2110, 3010(A), 3010(B) - MICHAEL LAWRENCE FRIEDMAN, AS HIS FIRM'S COMPLIANCE DIRECTOR, WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING A SUPERVISORY SYSTEM AND WRITTEN SUPERVISORY PROCEDURES REASONABLY DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS AND REGULATIONS. THE FIRM'S SUPERVISORY SYSTEM FAILED TO PROVIDE FOR ADEQUATE AND REASONABLE SUPERVISION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF A REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE AND THE FIRM'S TRADING DEPARTMENT; THE FIRM'S SUPERVISORY SYSTEM AND WRITTEN PROCEDURES DID NOT PROVIDE FOR SUPERVISION REASONABLY DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE COMPLIANCE WITH NASD RULES 2110, 2120, 3370, 6130 AND TO DETECT VIOLATIONS OF



SECTION 10(B) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, SEC RULE 10B-5, SECTIONS 5, 17(A)(1) AND 17(A)(3) OF THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 BY ITS REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVES.

Current Status: Final

Resolution: Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)

Does the order constitute a final order based on violations of any laws or regulations that prohibit fraudulent, manipulative, or deceptive conduct? No

Resolution Date: 09/14/2006

Sanctions Ordered: Censure
Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

Regulator Statement WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING THE FINDINGS, FRIEDMAN CONSENTED TO THE DESCRIBED SANCTIONS AND TO THE ENTRY OF FINDINGS; THEREFORE, HE IS CENSURED AND FINED \$100,000. FINES PAID ON 10/20/2006

Reporting Source: Broker

Regulatory Action Initiated By: NASD

Sanction(s) Sought: Censure

Other Sanction(s) Sought: FINE OF \$100000.00

Date Initiated: 09/14/2006

Docket/Case Number: 2005002450-03

Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action: FIRST NEW YORK SECURITIES L.L.C.

Product Type: Equity - OTC

Other Product Type(s): EQUITY LISTED (COMMON STOCK)

Allegations: ALLEGED THAT BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 2001 AND APRIL 2004, THE APPLICANT, IN VIOLATION OF NASD CONDUCT RULES 2110, 3010(A) AND 3010(B), FAILED TO ENSURE THAT THE FIRM'S SUPERVISORY SYSTEM AND



WRITTEN PROCEDURES PROVIDED FOR SUPERVISION REASONABLY DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE COMPLIANCE WITH CERTAIN NASD RULES AND TO DETECT VIOLATIONS OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE FEDERAL SECURITIES LAWS.

Current Status: Final

Resolution: Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)

Resolution Date: 09/14/2006

Sanctions Ordered: Censure
Monetary/Fine \$100,000.00

Other Sanctions Ordered:

Sanction Details: N/A

Disclosure 2 of 2

Reporting Source: Regulator

Regulatory Action Initiated By: AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE, INC.

Sanction(s) Sought: Civil and Administrative Penalt(ies) /Fine(s)

Other Sanction(s) Sought:

Date Initiated: 07/12/1999

Docket/Case Number: 98-007

Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action: FNY CORPORATION

Product Type: No Product

Other Product Type(s):

Allegations: FNY (ASSOCIATE MBR.ORGANIZATION OF EXCHANGE) AND MICHAEL LAWRENCE FRIEDMAN (FNY'S PRESIDENT, TREASURER, DIRECTOR AND ASSOCIATE MBR. OF EXCHANGE)WERE DISCIPLINED BY EXCHANGE DISCIPLINARY PANEL FOR ENGAGING IN ACTS DETRIMENTAL TO THE INTEREST OR WELFARE OF THE EXCHANGE, BY CONTINUING TO DISREGARD THE EXCHANGE'S DIRECTIVE TO REGISTER AND QUALIFY FNY CORP'S SECURITIES TRADERS; AND VIOLATING EXCHANGE RULE 342(E) BY PERMITTING AN INDIVIDUAL TO TRADE FOR FNY CORP. WHILE



HE WAS SUBJECT TO A STATUTORY DISQUALIFICATION. FNY VIOLATED EXCHANGE RULE 341 BY EMPLOYING SECURITIES TRADERS WHO WERE NOT REGISTERED WITH, QUALIFIED BY AND APPROVED BY EXCHANGE. FRIEDMAN VIOLATED RULE 340, COMMENTARY .02 BY FAILING TO MAKE A THOROUGH INQUIRY INTO THE STATUTORILY DISQUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL'S PREVIOUS RECORD AND REPUTATION WHEN HE HIRED HIM TO TRADE FOR FNY COPR. FNY AND FRIEDMAN WERE JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY FINED \$25,000. FNY AND FRIEDMAN SETTLED THE MATTER WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING THE EXCHANGE'S ALLEGATIONS.

Current Status: Final

Resolution: Stipulation and Consent

Resolution Date: 11/05/1999

Sanctions Ordered: Monetary/Fine \$25,000.00

Other Sanctions Ordered:

Sanction Details: FNY AND MICHAEL LAWRENCE FRIEDMAN WERE JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY FINED \$25,000. PAYMENT OF \$25,000 RECEIVED DECEMBER 14, 1999.

Regulator Statement THE PANEL ALSO CONSIDERED THAT FNY AND FRIEDMAN HAVE AGREED TO VOLUNTARILY RESIGN THEIR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS IN THE EXCHANGE WHEN THE DECISION BECOMES FINAL.

Reporting Source: Broker

Regulatory Action Initiated By: AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Sanction(s) Sought: Other

Other Sanction(s) Sought: MONETARY FINE OF \$25,000.

Date Initiated: 08/01/1994

Docket/Case Number: N/A

Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action: FIRST NEW YORK SECURITIES LLC

Product Type: No Product

Other Product Type(s):

Allegations: USING UNREGISTERED TRADERS FOR A PROPRIETARY ACCOUNT UNDER A PROGRAM PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED BY AMEX REGULATIONS, WHICH



THE AMEX CHANGED SEVERAL YEARS LATER. EMPLOYING ONE TRADER WHO WAS SUBJECT TO A STATUTORY DISQUALIFICATION OF WHICH FNY CORP. AND MICHAEL FRIEDMAN WERE UNAWARE.

Current Status:	Final
Resolution:	Other
Resolution Date:	12/15/1999
Sanctions Ordered:	Monetary/Fine \$25,000.00
Other Sanctions Ordered:	
Sanction Details:	VOLUNTARY RESIGNATION FROM AMEX.
Broker Statement	\$25,000.00 FINE AND VOLUNTARY RESIGNATION FROM AMEX.

End of Report



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