

## **BrokerCheck Report**

## **MIKE BERMAN**

CRD# 2192935

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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.
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- Are there other resources I can use to check the background of investment professionals?
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## **MIKE BERMAN**

CRD# 2192935

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

MELLS FARGO ADVISORS

767 5TH AVE 33RD FL [Y5-RBO] NEW YORK, NY 10153 CRD# 19616

Registered with this firm since: 01/31/2020

# B WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC

767 5TH AVE 33RD FL [Y5-RBO] NEW YORK, NY 10153 CRD# 19616

Registered with this firm since: 01/31/2020

## **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:

- 11 Self-Regulatory Organizations
- 16 U.S. states and territories

#### This broker has passed:

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

#### **Registration History**

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

B MORGAN STANLEY CRD# 149777 NEW YORK, NY 05/2011 - 02/2020

MORGAN STANLEY
CRD# 149777
PURCHASE, NY
05/2011 - 02/2020

CHASE INVESTMENT SERVICES CORP.
CRD# 25574
NEW YORK, NY
08/1997 - 05/2011

#### **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 11 SROs and is licensed in 16 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.

## **Employment 1 of 1**

Firm Name: WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC

Main Office Address: ONE NORTH JEFFERSON AVENUE

**MAIL CODE: H0004-05E** ST. LOUIS, MO 63103

Firm CRD#: 19616

	SRO	Category	Status	Date
B	Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	01/31/2020
B	Cboe Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	01/31/2020
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	01/31/2020
B	FINRA	Invest. Co and Variable Contracts	Approved	01/31/2020
B	NYSE American LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	01/31/2020
В	NYSE Arca, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	01/31/2020
B	NYSE Texas, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	01/31/2020
В	Nasdaq GEMX, LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	01/31/2020
В	Nasdaq ISE, LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	01/31/2020
В	Nasdaq PHLX LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	01/31/2020
B	Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Representative	Approved	01/31/2020
B	New York Stock Exchange	General Securities Representative	Approved	01/31/2020
	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	California	Agent	Approved	03/02/2022

## **Broker Qualifications**



## **Employment 1 of 1, continued**

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Colorado	Agent	Approved	03/16/2020
B	Connecticut	Agent	Approved	03/07/2025
B	District of Columbia	Agent	Approved	03/12/2025
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	02/03/2020
B	Indiana	Agent	Approved	04/17/2024
B	Kansas	Agent	Approved	05/14/2024
B	New Hampshire	Agent	Approved	01/31/2020
B	New Jersey	Agent	Approved	01/31/2020
IA	New Jersey	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	03/13/2020
B	New York	Agent	Approved	01/31/2020
IA	New York	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	07/27/2021
B	North Carolina	Agent	Approved	10/29/2021
В	Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	06/25/2025
В	Texas	Agent	Approved	05/13/2024
IA	Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Restricted Approval	05/13/2024
В	Virginia	Agent	Approved	03/07/2025
B	Washington	Agent	Approved	08/08/2024
B	Wyoming	Agent	Approved	05/02/2025

## **Branch Office Locations**

**WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC** 767 5TH AVE 33RD FL

## **Broker Qualifications**



**Employment 1 of 1, continued** 

[Y5-RBO] NEW YORK, NY 10153

## **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 1 principal/supervisory exam, 3 general industry/product exams, and 2 state securities law exams.

## **Principal/Supervisory Exams**

Exam		Category	Date
В	Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Principal Examination	Series 26	05/08/1999

## **General Industry/Product Exams**

Exam		Category	Date
В	Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination	Series 6TO	01/02/2023
В	Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	10/01/2018
В	General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	01/16/1992

#### **State Securities Law Exams**

Exam		Category	Date
IA	Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination	Series 65	08/06/1997
B	Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	01/30/1992

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**



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## **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:

Reg	istration Dates	Firm Name	CRD#	Branch Location
B	05/2011 - 02/2020	MORGAN STANLEY	149777	NEW YORK, NY
IA	05/2011 - 02/2020	MORGAN STANLEY	149777	NEW YORK, NY
IA	08/1997 - 05/2011	CHASE INVESTMENT SERVICES CORP.	25574	BROOKLYN, NY
B	09/1996 - 05/2011	CHASE INVESTMENT SERVICES CORP.	25574	BROOKLYN, NY
B	08/1994 - 09/1996	CHEMICAL INVESTMENT SERVICES CORP.	36312	
B	04/1994 - 08/1994	LIBERTY SECURITIES CORPORATION	14416	PURCHASE, NY
B	04/1993 - 04/1994	CITICORP INVESTMENT SERVICES	23988	LONG ISLAND CITY, NY
B	06/1992 - 03/1993	GRUNTAL & CO. INCORPORATED	372	NEW YORK, NY
B	01/1992 - 06/1992	LEHMAN BROTHERS INC.	7506	NEW YORK, NY

## **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
01/2020 - Present	Wells Fargo Clearing Services LLC	Registered Rep	Υ	New York, NY, United States
01/2015 - 01/2020	MORGAN STANLEY PRIVATE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	FINANCIAL ADVISOR	Υ	NEW YORK, NY, United States
05/2011 - 01/2020	MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY	FINANCIAL ADVISOR	Υ	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.

## **Registration and Employment History**



Other Business Activities, continued

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.
- 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:

- 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 discloure 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 1

**Reporting Source:** Broker

**Employing firm when** activities occurred which led

to the complaint:

Allegations:

MISREPRESENTATION. CUSTOMER CLAIMS SHE WAS MISLED AND NOT

CHASE INVESTMENT SERVICES CORP.

PROPERLY INFORMED THAT SHE WAS INVESTING IN AN ANNUITY.

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

**Alleged Damages:** \$19,709,13

**Customer Complaint Information** 

**Date Complaint Received:** 04/03/2002

**Complaint Pending?** No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 08/30/2002

**Settlement Amount:** \$21.800.84

**Individual Contribution** 

\$0.00

Amount:

COMPLIANCE CONCLUDED THERE WERE NO IMPROPRIETIES OR **Broker Statement** 

WRONGDOING. NEVERTHELESS, AS AN ACCOMODATION, CISC MADE THE

CUSTOMER WHOLE. RR FORFEITED \$4119.47 IN COMMISSIONS.

## **End of Report**



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