

**BrokerCheck Report**

**BRUCE COLIN WORTHINGTON**

CRD# 2193895

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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)

**Thank you for using FINRA BrokerCheck.**

**BRUCE C. WORTHINGTON**

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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:**

- 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):**

**FOUNDERS FINANCIAL SECURITIES LLC**  
CRD# 137945  
Middleton, MA  
06/2013 - 09/2018

**COMMONWEALTH FINANCIAL NETWORK**  
CRD# 8032  
ROWLEY, MA  
02/1999 - 05/2013

**PFS INVESTMENTS INC.**  
CRD# 10111  
DULUTH, GA  
01/1992 - 02/1999

**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
Investigation	1
Customer Dispute	1
Termination	1
Financial	1
Judgment/Lien	2

**Investment Adviser Representative Information**

The information below represents the individual's record as a broker. For details on this individual's record as an investment adviser representative, visit the SEC's Investment Adviser Public Disclosure website at

<https://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov>

## 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.

**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
Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	09/20/2018
General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	07/18/2000
Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination	Series 6	01/03/1992

### State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
Uniform Combined State Law Examination	Series 66	11/09/2004
Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	01/07/1992

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/](http://www.finra.org/brokerqualifications/registeredrep/).



## Registration and Employment History

### Registration History

The broker previously was registered with the following firms:

Registration Dates	Firm Name	CRD#	Branch Location
06/2013 - 09/2018	FOUNDERS FINANCIAL SECURITIES LLC	137945	Middleton, MA
02/1999 - 05/2013	COMMONWEALTH FINANCIAL NETWORK	8032	ROWLEY, MA
01/1992 - 02/1999	PFS INVESTMENTS INC.	10111	DULUTH, GA

### 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 Dates	Employer Name	Employer Location
06/2013 - Present	FOUNDERS FINANCIAL SECURITIES, LLC	TOWSON, MD
06/2013 - Present	LIFE HOUSE FINANCIAL GROUP	ROWLEY, MA
08/1991 - Present	RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT, INC.	READING, MA
02/1999 - 05/2013	COMMONWEALTH EQUITY SERVICES, INC.	ROWLEY, MA
07/2004 - 02/2011	NEW ENGLAND INVESTMENT & RETIREMENT GROUP, INC	METHUEN, MA

### 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. LifeHouse Financial Group; investment related; 1000 Haverhill st, Rowley, MA 01969; DBA for business run through FFS and FFIN; Insurance, VAs, Investments, Investment advisory; 160 per month.
2. Covenant Christian Academy; Not investment related; Pine St., Peabody, MA 01960; School; Substitute Teacher; 9/2016; Hours per month(8); Hours during trading(8); Substitute Teacher



## 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



Customer Dispute	1	0	N/A
Investigation	1	N/A	N/A
Termination	N/A	1	N/A
Financial	0	1	N/A
Judgment/Lien	2	N/A	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.

### 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

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Regulator
<b>Regulatory Action Initiated By:</b>	Massachusetts Securities Division
<b>Sanction(s) Sought:</b>	Bar Cease and Desist Censure Disgorgement Reprimand Restitution
<b>Date Initiated:</b>	02/21/2019
<b>Docket/Case Number:</b>	E-2018-0119
<b>URL for Regulatory Action:</b>	<a href="https://www.sec.state.ma.us/sct/current/sctworthington/Worthington-Complaint-E-2018-0119.pdf">https://www.sec.state.ma.us/sct/current/sctworthington/Worthington-Complaint-E-2018-0119.pdf</a>
<b>Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:</b>	Commonwealth Financial Network
<b>Product Type:</b>	Other: Structured Note
<b>Allegations:</b>	Bruce C. Worthington misappropriated the funds of at least one Massachusetts investor.



<b>Current Status:</b>	Final
<b>Resolution:</b>	Order
<b>Does the order constitute a final order based on violations of any laws or regulations that prohibit fraudulent, manipulative, or deceptive conduct?</b>	Yes
<b>Resolution Date:</b>	06/24/2019
<b>Sanctions Ordered:</b>	Bar (Permanent) Cease and Desist Censure Disgorgement Restitution
<b>Sanction 1 of 1</b>	
<b>Sanction Type:</b>	Bar (Permanent)
<b>Capacities Affected:</b>	All Capacities
<b>Duration:</b>	Permanent
<b>Start Date:</b>	06/26/2019
<b>End Date:</b>	
<b>Monetary Sanction 1 of 3</b>	
<b>Monetary Related Sanction:</b>	Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)
<b>Total Amount:</b>	\$75,000.00
<b>Portion Levied against individual:</b>	\$0.00
<b>Payment Plan:</b>	
<b>Is Payment Plan Current:</b>	
<b>Date Paid by individual:</b>	
<b>Was any portion of penalty waived?</b>	No
<b>Amount Waived:</b>	\$0.00
<b>Monetary Sanction 2 of 3</b>	



<b>Monetary Related Sanction:</b>	Disgorgement
<b>Total Amount:</b>	\$0.00
<b>Portion Levied against individual:</b>	\$0.00
<b>Payment Plan:</b>	Worthington shall disgorge all profits and other direct or indirect remuneration received from the wrongdoing.
<b>Is Payment Plan Current:</b>	
<b>Date Paid by individual:</b>	
<b>Was any portion of penalty waived?</b>	No
<b>Amount Waived:</b>	\$0.00
<b>Monetary Sanction 3 of 3</b>	
<b>Monetary Related Sanction:</b>	Restitution
<b>Total Amount:</b>	\$0.00
<b>Portion Levied against individual:</b>	\$0.00
<b>Payment Plan:</b>	Worthington shall provide restitution to fairly compensate investors for those losses attributable to the wrongdoing.
<b>Is Payment Plan Current:</b>	
<b>Date Paid by individual:</b>	
<b>Was any portion of penalty waived?</b>	No
<b>Amount Waived:</b>	\$0.00

#### Disclosure 2 of 2

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Regulator
<b>Regulatory Action Initiated By:</b>	FINRA
<b>Sanction(s) Sought:</b>	Suspension
<b>Date Initiated:</b>	12/07/2018
<b>Docket/Case Number:</b>	2018059894201



<b>Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:</b>	n/a
<b>Product Type:</b>	No Product
<b>Allegations:</b>	Respondent Worthington failed to respond to FINRA request for information.
<b>Current Status:</b>	Final
<b>Resolution:</b>	Letter
<b>Does the order constitute a final order based on violations of any laws or regulations that prohibit fraudulent, manipulative, or deceptive conduct?</b>	No
<b>Resolution Date:</b>	03/11/2019
<b>Sanctions Ordered:</b>	Bar (Permanent)
<b>If the regulator is the SEC, CFTC, or an SRO, did the action result in a finding of a willful violation or failure to supervise?</b>	No
<b>(1) willfully violated any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any of such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, or to have been unable to comply with any provision of such Act, rule or regulation?</b>	



**(2) willfully aided, abetted, counseled, commanded, induced, or procured the violation by any person of any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any of such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board? or**

**(3) failed reasonably to supervise another person subject to your supervision, with a view to preventing the violation by such person of any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board?**

#### **Sanction 1 of 2**

**Sanction Type:** Bar (Permanent)

**Capacities Affected:** All capacities

**Duration:** Indefinite

**Start Date:** 03/11/2019

**End Date:**

#### **Sanction 2 of 2**



**Sanction Type:** Suspension  
**Capacities Affected:** All Capacities  
**Duration:** n/a  
**Start Date:** 12/31/2018  
**End Date:** 03/10/2019

**Regulator Statement** Pursuant to FINRA Rule 9552(h) and in accordance with FINRA's Notice of Suspension and Suspension from Association letters dated December 7, 2018, and January 2, 2019, respectively, on March 11, 2019, Worthington is barred from association with any FINRA member in all capacities. Respondent failed to request termination of his suspension within three months of the date of the Notice of Suspension; therefore, he is automatically barred from association with any FINRA member in all capacities.



## Investigation

This type of disclosure event involves any ongoing formal investigation by an entity such as a grand jury state or federal agency, self-regulatory organization or foreign regulatory authority. Subpoenas, preliminary or routine regulatory inquiries, and general requests by a regulatory entity for information are not considered investigations and therefore are not included in a BrokerCheck report.

### Disclosure 1 of 1

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Firm
<b>Initiated By:</b>	UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
<b>Notice Date:</b>	09/17/2018
<b>Details:</b>	The SEC opened an investigation of Mr. Worthington after concerns arose about his receipt and disposition of customer funds prior to 2013.
<b>Is Investigation pending?</b>	Yes



## Customer Dispute - Pending

This type of disclosure event involves (1) a pending consumer-initiated, investment-related arbitration or civil suit that contains allegations of sales practice violations against the broker; or (2) a pending, 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.

### Disclosure 1 of 1

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Firm
<b>Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:</b>	Commonwealth Financial Network
<b>Allegations:</b>	Customer alleging advisor made certain withdrawals from client accounts between 2006 - 2008 to invest in "structured note." Client believes advisor may have misappropriated the funds.
<b>Product Type:</b>	No Product
<b>Alleged Damages:</b>	\$100,001.00
<b>Is this an oral complaint?</b>	No
<b>Is this a written complaint?</b>	No
<b>Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?</b>	Yes
<b>Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:</b>	FINRA - Boston
<b>Docket/Case #:</b>	19-02799
<b>Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation:</b>	09/17/2019

### Customer Complaint Information

<b>Date Complaint Received:</b>	09/23/2019
<b>Complaint Pending?</b>	Yes
<b>Settlement Amount:</b>	
<b>Individual Contribution Amount:</b>	





## Employment Separation After Allegations

This type of disclosure event involves a situation where the broker voluntarily resigned, was discharged, or was permitted to resign after being accused of (1) violating investment-related statutes, regulations, rules or industry standards of conduct; (2) fraud or the wrongful taking of property; or (3) failure to supervise in connection with investment-related statutes, regulations, rules, or industry standards of conduct.

### Disclosure 1 of 1

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Firm
<b>Employer Name:</b>	Founders Financial Securities, LLC
<b>Termination Type:</b>	Discharged
<b>Termination Date:</b>	09/20/2018
<b>Allegations:</b>	The firm terminated its relationship with Mr. Worthington after concerns arose about his receipt and disposition of customer funds prior to his association with Founders Financial Securities, LLC.
<b>Product Type:</b>	Other: unknown



## Financial - Final

This type of disclosure event involves a bankruptcy, compromise with one or more creditors, or Securities Investor Protection Corporation liquidation involving the broker or an organization/brokerage firm the broker controlled that occurred within the last 10 years.

### Disclosure 1 of 1

**Reporting Source:** Broker

**Action Type:** Compromise

**Action Date:** 06/14/2015

**Organization Investment-Related?**

**Action Pending?** No

**Disposition:** Foreclosure

**Disposition Date:** 06/14/2015

**If a compromise with creditor, provide:**

**Name of Creditor:** Bay State Financial

**Original Amount Owed:** \$400,324.00

**Terms Reached with Creditor:** Foreclosure and Bay State Financial took back ownership of the house. House is currently up for sale by Bay State Financial.



## Judgment / Lien

This type of disclosure event involves an unsatisfied and outstanding judgments or liens against the broker.

### Disclosure 1 of 2

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Broker
<b>Judgment/Lien Holder:</b>	IRS
<b>Judgment/Lien Amount:</b>	\$70,845.36
<b>Judgment/Lien Type:</b>	Tax
<b>Date Filed with Court:</b>	04/30/2014
<b>Date Individual Learned:</b>	09/21/2016
<b>Type of Court:</b>	State Court
<b>Name of Court:</b>	Registry of Deeds Salem MA
<b>Location of Court:</b>	Salem MA
<b>Docket/Case #:</b>	2014043000149
<b>Judgment/Lien Outstanding?</b>	Yes
<b>Broker Statement</b>	The IRS also filed the same lien in US District Court on 4/22/14 #01872WOR2456770

### Disclosure 2 of 2

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Broker
<b>Judgment/Lien Holder:</b>	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
<b>Judgment/Lien Amount:</b>	\$210,507.98
<b>Judgment/Lien Type:</b>	Tax
<b>Date Filed with Court:</b>	04/27/2009
<b>Type of Court:</b>	State Court
<b>Name of Court:</b>	REGISTRY OF DEEDS
<b>Location of Court:</b>	E. CAMBRIDGE, MA
<b>Docket/Case #:</b>	200900070236
<b>Judgment/Lien Outstanding?</b>	Yes
<b>Broker Statement</b>	AT THIS TIME, MR. WORTHINGTON IS IN THE PROCESS OF PAYING OFF HIS DEBT. HE HAS ENTERED INTO AN OFFICIAL PAYMENT PLAN WITH THE IRS,



AND HAS BEEN PAYING ON THE DEBT SINCE JUNE OF 2012.

## End of Report



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