

BrokerCheck Report

RAFFI ROBERT VARTANIAN

CRD# 2261085

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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.

- **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.

**RAFFI R. VARTANIAN**

CRD# 2261085

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

IA MORGAN STANLEY
 2825 N. UNIVERSITY DRIVE
 SUITE 400
 CORAL SPRINGS, FL 33065
 CRD# 149777
 Registered with this firm since: 09/08/2023

B MORGAN STANLEY
 2825 N. UNIVERSITY DRIVE
 SUITE 400
 CORAL SPRINGS, FL 33065
 CRD# 149777
 Registered with this firm since: 09/08/2023

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
- 17 U.S. states and territories

This broker has passed:

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

Registration History

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

- IA UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.**
 CRD# 8174
 WEEHAWKEN, NJ
 09/2013 - 09/2023
- B UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.**
 CRD# 8174
 BOCA RATON, FL
 09/2013 - 09/2023
- IA MORGAN STANLEY**
 CRD# 149777
 PURCHASE, NY
 06/2009 - 09/2013

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	3



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

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Firm Name: **MORGAN STANLEY**

Main Office Address: **2000 WESTCHESTER AVENUE
PURCHASE, NY 10577-2530**

Firm CRD#: **149777**

	SRO	Category	Status	Date
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	09/08/2023
B	NYSE American LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	09/08/2023
B	Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Representative	Approved	09/08/2023
B	New York Stock Exchange	General Securities Representative	Approved	09/08/2023

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Colorado	Agent	Approved	09/08/2023
B	District of Columbia	Agent	Approved	09/08/2023
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	09/08/2023
IA	Florida	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	09/11/2023
B	Georgia	Agent	Approved	09/08/2023
B	Illinois	Agent	Approved	11/01/2023
B	Massachusetts	Agent	Approved	12/15/2023
B	Michigan	Agent	Approved	09/08/2023
B	New Jersey	Agent	Approved	09/08/2023

Broker Qualifications



Employment 1 of 1, continued

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	New York	Agent	Approved	09/08/2023
B	North Carolina	Agent	Approved	09/08/2023
B	Ohio	Agent	Approved	09/08/2023
B	Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	09/08/2023
B	Rhode Island	Agent	Approved	09/08/2023
B	South Carolina	Agent	Approved	08/20/2025
B	Tennessee	Agent	Approved	09/08/2023
B	Texas	Agent	Approved	09/08/2023
IA	Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Restricted Approval	09/08/2023
B	Virginia	Agent	Approved	09/08/2023

Branch Office Locations

MORGAN STANLEY
 2825 N. UNIVERSITY DRIVE
 SUITE 400
 CORAL SPRINGS, FL 33065



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, 2 general industry/product exams, and 1 state securities law exam.

Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B Municipal Securities Principal Examination	Series 53	07/29/1994

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	10/01/2018
B General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	10/05/1992

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	10/20/1992

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



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
IA 09/2013 - 09/2023	UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.	8174	BOCA RATON, FL
B 09/2013 - 09/2023	UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.	8174	BOCA RATON, FL
B 06/2009 - 09/2013	MORGAN STANLEY	149777	CORAL SPRINGS, FL
IA 06/2009 - 09/2013	MORGAN STANLEY	149777	CORAL SPRINGS, FL
B 11/2007 - 06/2009	MORGAN STANLEY & CO. INCORPORATED	8209	CORAL SPRINGS, FL
IA 11/2007 - 06/2009	MORGAN STANLEY & CO. INCORPORATED	8209	CORAL SPRINGS, FL
IA 03/1998 - 11/2007	CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.	7059	CORAL SPRINGS, FL
B 03/1998 - 11/2007	CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.	7059	CORAL SPRINGS, FL
B 10/1992 - 03/1998	A. F. BEST SECURITIES, INC.	14335	CORAL SPRINGS, FL

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
09/2023 - Present	MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY LLC	WEALTH MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATE	Y	CORAL SPRINGS, FL, United States
09/2013 - 09/2023	UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.	FINANCIAL ADVISOR	Y	BOCA RATON, FL, 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.
 - 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
Customer Dispute	0	3	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 - 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 3

Reporting Source:	Firm
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY
Allegations:	CLAIMANT ALLEGED, INTER ALIA, UNAUTHORIZED TRADING AND UNSUITABILITY WITH RESPECT TO PUERTO RICO BONDS INVESTMENTS MADE IN HIS ACCOUNT - 2010 TO 2013.
Product Type:	Debt-Municipal
Alleged Damages:	\$300,000.00
Is this an oral complaint?	No
Is this a written complaint?	Yes
Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?	Yes
Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:	FINRA
Docket/Case #:	15-01275
Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation:	05/29/2015

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 06/04/2015



Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 01/17/2017

Settlement Amount: \$143,000.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Firm Statement In order to avoid the costs and uncertainties of litigation, Morgan Stanley agreed to pay the Claimant \$143,000.00 in full and final settlement of any and all claims asserted by the Claimant in this proceeding.

Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC & MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY

Allegations: TIME FRAME: 2010-PRESENT. CLAIMANT ALLEGES FA RECOMMENDED UNSUITABLE AND UNAUTHORIZED BOND.

Product Type: Debt-Municipal
Other: BONDS

Alleged Damages: \$300,000.00

Is this an oral complaint? No

Is this a written complaint? No

Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation? Yes

Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location: FINRA

Docket/Case #: 15-01275

Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation: 05/29/2015

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 06/04/2015

Complaint Pending? No



Status: Settled

Status Date: 01/17/2017

Settlement Amount: \$143,000.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Disclosure 2 of 3

Reporting Source: Regulator

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: A. F. BEST SECURITIES, INC.

Allegations: BRCH OF FIDUCIARY DT; OTHER; OMISSION OF FACTS; ACCOUNT RELATED-NEGLIGENCE

Product Type:

Alleged Damages:

Arbitration Information

Arbitration/Reparation Claim filed with and Docket/Case No.: UNKNOWN - CASE #96-05336

Date Notice/Process Served: 12/10/1996

Arbitration Pending? No

Disposition: Settled

Disposition Date: 07/08/1997

Disposition Detail: CASE CLOSED,SETTLED/OTHER
OTHER COSTS, RELIEF REQUEST IS OVER FOR
OTHER REASONS, AWARD AMOUNT JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY

Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: A. F. BEST SECURITIES, INC.

Allegations: CLAIMANTS ALLEGED THAT I MADE
MISREPRESENTATION AND REQUESTED \$56,593 IN DAMAGES



Product Type:

Alleged Damages:

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received:

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Arbitration/Reparation

Status Date:

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:

Arbitration Information

Arbitration/Reparation Claim filed with and Docket/Case No.: NATIONAL ASSOC. OF SECURITIES DEALERS; 96-05336

Date Notice/Process Served: 12/10/1996

Arbitration Pending? No

Disposition: Settled

Disposition Date: 07/08/1997

Monetary Compensation Amount: \$25,000.00

Individual Contribution Amount:

Broker Statement

RESULTS WERE THAT ALL CLAIMS AGAINST ME WERE DISMISSED. AMOUNT OF SETTLEMENT \$25,000 [CUSTOMER] IS THE BEST FRIEND OF [THIRD PARTY]. DEMAND #1 [CUSTOMER] WANTED TO BUY SOME BONDS THAT I HAD PURCHASED FOR [THIRD PARTY] THEY WERE AN ATTRACTIVE YIELD. I EXCHANGED SOME LOWER COUPON BONDS THAT HAD SOME PROFITS TO INCREASE HIS YIELD. A FEW MONTHS LATER HE CALLED AND SAID HE NEEDED THIS MONEY TO GIVE TO HIS SON NOW BECAUSE OF A DIVORCE HE WAS GOING THROUGH THAT HE NEEDED TO SELL THE BONDS. SINCE INTEREST RATES MOVED UP IT EXPLAINED HE WOULD SUFFER A LOSS. THIS WAS HIS COMPLAINT



Disclosure 3 of 3

Reporting Source: Regulator

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: A. F. BEST SECURITIES, INC.

Allegations: BRCH OF FIDUCIARY DT; ACCOUNT RELATED-NEGLIGENCE; OMISSION OF FACTS; ACCOUNT RELATED-OTHER

Product Type:

Alleged Damages: \$91,149.00

Arbitration Information

Arbitration/Reparation Claim filed with and Docket/Case No.: NASD - CASE #96-01956

Date Notice/Process Served: 05/28/1996

Arbitration Pending? No

Disposition: Settled

Disposition Date: 05/20/1997

Disposition Detail: CASE IS CLOSED, SETTLED
ACTUAL/COMPENSATORY DAMAGES, RELIEF REQUEST IS WITHDRAWN/SETTLED/ETC, AWARD AMOUNT JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY; INTEREST, RELIEF REQUEST IS WITHDRAWN/SETTLED/ETC, AWARD AMOUNT JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY; PUNITIVE/EXEMPLARY DAMAGES, RELIEF REQUEST IS WITHDRAWN/SETTLED/ETC, AWARD AMOUNT JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY; OTHER COSTS, RELIEF REQUEST IS WITHDRAWN/SETTLED/ETC, AWARD AMOUNT JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY; OTHER MONETARY RELIEF, RELIEF REQUEST IS WITHDRAWN/SETTLED/ETC, AWARD AMOUNT JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY

Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: A. F. BEST SECURITIES, INC.



Allegations: CLAIMANTS ALLEGED THAT I MADE
MISREPRESENTATIONS AND REQUESTED DAMAGES OF \$91,149.90

Product Type:

Alleged Damages: \$91,149.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received:

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Arbitration/Reparation

Status Date:

Settlement Amount:

**Individual Contribution
Amount:**

Arbitration Information

**Arbitration/Reparation Claim
filed with and Docket/Case
No.:** NATIONAL ASSOC. OF SECURITIES DEALERS; 96-01956

Date Notice/Process Served: 05/28/1996

Arbitration Pending? No

Disposition: Settled

Disposition Date: 05/20/1997

**Monetary Compensation
Amount:** \$37,500.00

**Individual Contribution
Amount:**

Broker Statement RESULTS WERE THAT ALL CLAIMS AGIANST ME WERE
DISMISSED. AMOUNT OF SETTLEMENT \$37,500
STARTED TO DO BUSINESS WITH [CUSTOOMER] IN JULY
1994. AFTER REVIEWING [CUSTOMER'S] PORTFOLIO I RECOMMENDED
THAT
BE UPGRADE HIS PORTFOLIO OF JUNK RATED BONDS THAT HE WOULD
BENEFIT BEING IN HIGH QUALITY BONDS IWTH A LITTLE LESS INCOME
THAN THE POSSIBLITY OF BOTH LOSS OF PRINCIPLE & INCOME. I FELT
THE PORTFOLIO WAS TOO HEAVY WEIGHTED IN JUNK. HE AGREED AND I
MADE THE RECOMMENDED CHANGES ALL WITH HIS APPROVAL. THEN A
COUPLE MONTHS LATER RATES STARTED MOVING UP AND HE WANTED



TO
MOVE BACK INTO JUNK TO AGAIN GET HIGHER INCOME. OF COURSE THIS
WOULD BE AT A LOSS AND KNOW HE BECAME UNHAPPY. [CUSTOMER] IS A
KNOWLEDGEABLE INVESTOR AND I AM HIS THIRD ARBITRATION WITHIN A
FEW YEARS

End of Report



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