

BrokerCheck Report
Robert A Thomas
 CRD# 2283452

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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:

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

Registration History

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

B IBN FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.
 CRD# 42360
 LIVERPOOL, NY
 10/2022 - 05/2023

B AVANTAX INVESTMENT SERVICES, INC.
 CRD# 13686
 Bangor, ME
 06/2020 - 10/2022

B SECURITIES AMERICA, INC.
 CRD# 10205
 BANGOR, ME
 10/2019 - 06/2020

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
Customer Dispute	2
Termination	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 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 1 principal/supervisory exam, 3 general industry/product exams, and 1 state securities law exam.

Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Principal Examination	Series 26	01/29/2000

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	10/01/2018
B Direct Participation Programs Representative Examination	Series 22	12/07/2001
B Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination	Series 6	12/30/1992

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	10/31/2005

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 10/2022 - 05/2023	IBN FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	42360	LIVERPOOL, NY
B 06/2020 - 10/2022	AVANTAX INVESTMENT SERVICES, INC.	13686	Bangor, ME
B 10/2019 - 06/2020	SECURITIES AMERICA, INC.	10205	BANGOR, ME
B 01/1993 - 11/2019	AVANTAX INVESTMENT SERVICES, INC.	13686	Bangor, ME

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
10/2022 - Present	IBN Financial Services, Inc.	Registered Representative	Y	Liverpool, NY, United States
09/1978 - Present	Thomas Tax and Financial Services	Owner	N	BANGOR, ME, United States
06/2020 - 10/2022	Avanatx Insurance Agency LLC	Insurance Agent	Y	Bangor, ME, United States
05/2020 - 10/2022	Avantax Investment Services, Inc.	Registered Representative	Y	Bangor, ME, United States
10/2019 - 05/2020	Securities America, Inc	Registered Representative	Y	Bangor, ME, United States
11/2014 - 10/2019	HD VEST INSURANCE AGENCY	AGENT	N	IRVING, TX, United States
09/1992 - 10/2019	HD VEST INVESTMENT SECURITIES, INC.	REGISTERED REP	Y	BANGOR, ME, 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

Commercial Rental Property in Bangor Maine, 5 hours per month. Tax Preparation Bangor Maine, 40 hours per month. Traditional Insurance Sales Bangor Maine, 5 hours per month.

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	0	2	N/A
Termination	N/A	1	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

Reporting Source:	Regulator
Regulatory Action Initiated By:	FINRA
Sanction(s) Sought:	Suspension
Date Initiated:	03/31/2025
Docket/Case Number:	23-01153
Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:	N/A
Product Type:	No Product
Allegations:	Respondent Thomas failed to comply with an arbitration award or settlement agreement or to satisfactorily respond to a FINRA request to provide information concerning the status of compliance.
Current Status:	Final
Resolution:	Letter



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: 03/31/2025

Sanctions Ordered: Suspension

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?

No

(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?



(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 1

Sanction Type:	Suspension
Capacities Affected:	All capacities
Duration:	Indefinite
Start Date:	03/31/2025
End Date:	

**Regulator Statement**

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 3 of FINRA By-Laws, and FINRA Rule 9554, Respondent Thomas is suspended on March 31, 2025 for failure to comply with an arbitration award or settlement agreement or to satisfactorily respond to a FINRA request to provide information concerning the status of compliance.

Disclosure 2 of 2

Reporting Source:	Regulator
Regulatory Action Initiated By:	FINRA
Sanction(s) Sought:	Suspension
Date Initiated:	09/24/2024
Docket/Case Number:	2022076486701
Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:	N/A
Product Type:	No Product
Allegations:	Respondent Thomas failed to respond to FINRA requests for information.
Current Status:	Final
Resolution:	Letter
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:	01/15/2025
Sanctions Ordered:	Bar (Permanent)
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?	No



(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?

(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: 01/15/2025

End Date:

Sanction 2 of 2

Sanction Type: Suspension
Capacities Affected: All Capacities
Duration: n/a
Start Date: 10/18/2024
End Date: 01/14/2025

Regulator Statement

Pursuant to FINRA Rule 9552(h) and in accordance with FINRA's Notice of Suspension and Suspension from Association letters dated September 24, 2024 and October 22, 2024, respectively, on January 15, 2025, Thomas is barred from association with any FINRA member in all capacities. Thomas 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.





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 2

Reporting Source:	Broker
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	AVANTAX INVESTMENT SERVICES, INC.
Allegations:	Customers alleged the representative incorrectly informed them that they could activate the income rider associated with the variable annuities they purchased in 2007 early because they were disabled. They also alleged the income riders were not activated on the date reflected in their contract.
Product Type:	Annuity-Variable
Alleged Damages:	\$104,516.09
Is this an oral complaint?	No
Is this a written complaint?	Yes
Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?	No

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received:	09/30/2021
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Settled
Status Date:	12/17/2021
Settlement Amount:	\$130,635.84
Individual Contribution Amount:	\$0.00

Disclosure 2 of 2

Reporting Source:	Broker
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	H.D. VEST INVESTMENT SERVICES
Allegations:	ACCORDING TO THE STATE OF MAINE INQUIRY, IT APPEARS THE



	ALLEGATIONS ARE RELATED TO THE SUITABILITY OF MUTUAL FUNDS.
Product Type:	Mutual Fund
Alleged Damages:	\$0.00
Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):	THE FIRM MADE A GOOD FAITH DETERMINATION THAT THE DAMAGES FROM THE ALLEGED CONDUCT WOULD BE GREATER THEN \$5,000.
Is this an oral complaint?	Yes
Is this a written complaint?	No
Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?	No
Customer Complaint Information	
Date Complaint Received:	11/11/2010
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Settled
Status Date:	06/26/2012
Settlement Amount:	\$42,000.00
Individual Contribution Amount:	\$0.00
Broker Statement	THIS SETTLEMENT IS A COMPROMISE OF A DISPUTED CLAIM. THE PAYMENT MADE IS NOT TO BE CONSTRUED AS AN ADMISSION OF LIABILITY.



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

Reporting Source: Firm

Employer Name: AVANTAX INVESTMENT SERVICES, INC.

Termination Type: Discharged

Termination Date: 10/05/2022

Allegations: Failure to follow firm policies relating to Regulation Best Interest, holding customer funds, use of discretion, and direct trades.

Product Type: Annuity-Variable
Mutual Fund

Reporting Source: Broker

Employer Name: AVANTAX INVESTMENT SERVICES, INC.

Termination Type: Discharged

Termination Date: 10/05/2022

Allegations: Failure to follow firm policies relating to Regulation Best Interest, holding customer funds, use of discretion, and direct trades

Product Type: Annuity-Variable

Broker Statement

I submitted several annuity application and did not here from the firm as to approval. When I pressed for an answer they would call me back. I took the problem to upper management and I was terminated. They had accepted applications over the course of the year with no problems. They would not tell me why I was terminated. There were no checks taken for the applications I submitted. I don't get a check until after the account is approved by compliance. I always call clients before making any transactions in their accounts. I never use discretion when making trades in a clients accounts.

End of Report



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