

## BrokerCheck Report

**MICHAEL JOSEPH BERNARDO**

CRD# 2334263

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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:
  - 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
  - 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).

**MICHAEL J. BERNARDO**

CRD# 2334263

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

**IA LPL FINANCIAL LLC**  
 40006 10TH ST W  
 PALMDALE, CA 93551  
 CRD# 6413  
 Registered with this firm since: 02/14/2018

**B LPL FINANCIAL LLC**  
 10324 MASON AVE  
 CHATSWORTH, CA 91311  
 CRD# 6413  
 Registered with this firm since: 02/14/2018

**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:**

- 1 Self-Regulatory Organization
- 28 U.S. states and territories

**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):**

- IA INVEST FINANCIAL CORPORATION**  
 CRD# 12984  
 APPLETON, WI  
 02/2012 - 02/2018
- B INVEST FINANCIAL CORPORATION**  
 CRD# 12984  
 WOODLAND HILLS, CA  
 04/2007 - 02/2018
- B PFIC SECURITIES CORPORATION**  
 CRD# 34941  
 WOODLAND HILLS, CA  
 08/2005 - 04/2007

**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	1
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 individual is currently registered with 1 SRO and is licensed in 28 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.**

### Employment 1 of 1

Firm Name: **LPL FINANCIAL LLC**

Main Office Address: **1055 LPL WAY  
FORT MILL, SC 29715**

Firm CRD#: **6413**

	SRO	Category	Status	Date
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	02/14/2018
B	FINRA	Invest. Co and Variable Contracts	Approved	02/14/2018

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Alabama	Agent	Approved	02/14/2018
B	Arizona	Agent	Approved	02/14/2018
B	California	Agent	Approved	02/14/2018
IA	California	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	02/14/2018
B	Colorado	Agent	Approved	07/09/2025
B	Connecticut	Agent	Approved	02/14/2018
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	02/15/2018
B	Georgia	Agent	Approved	09/15/2022
B	Hawaii	Agent	Approved	02/14/2018
B	Idaho	Agent	Approved	10/27/2025
B	Indiana	Agent	Approved	06/26/2024



## Broker Qualifications

### Employment 1 of 1, continued

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Kentucky	Agent	Approved	04/11/2022
B	Massachusetts	Agent	Approved	02/14/2018
B	Michigan	Agent	Approved	04/28/2021
B	Minnesota	Agent	Approved	10/29/2025
B	Nevada	Agent	Approved	02/14/2018
B	New Jersey	Agent	Approved	01/14/2026
B	New York	Agent	Approved	12/21/2025
B	Ohio	Agent	Approved	10/20/2019
B	Oklahoma	Agent	Approved	10/19/2023
B	Oregon	Agent	Approved	03/24/2020
B	Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	10/28/2025
B	South Carolina	Agent	Approved	02/14/2018
B	South Dakota	Agent	Approved	02/14/2018
B	Texas	Agent	Approved	02/14/2018
IA	Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Restricted Approval	06/16/2022
B	Vermont	Agent	Approved	10/28/2025
B	Virginia	Agent	Approved	02/14/2018
B	Washington	Agent	Approved	01/03/2022
B	West Virginia	Agent	Approved	11/06/2025

### Branch Office Locations

## Broker Qualifications



### Employment 1 of 1, continued

**LPL FINANCIAL LLC**

10324 MASON AVE  
CHATSWORTH, CA 91311

**LPL FINANCIAL LLC**

21520 VICTORY BLVD  
WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91367

**LPL FINANCIAL LLC**

23741 CALABASAS ROAD, SUITE B  
CALABASAS, CA 91302

**LPL FINANCIAL LLC**

40006 10TH ST W  
PALMDALE, CA 93551

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## 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 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
<b>B</b> Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	10/01/2018
<b>B</b> General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	12/19/1995
<b>B</b> Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination	Series 6	06/08/1994

### State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
<b>B</b> <b>IA</b> Uniform Combined State Law Examination	Series 66	01/30/2012
<b>B</b> Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	07/12/1994

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/).

## 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>IA</b> 02/2012 - 02/2018	INVEST FINANCIAL CORPORATION	12984	WOODLAND HILLS, CA
<b>B</b> 04/2007 - 02/2018	INVEST FINANCIAL CORPORATION	12984	WOODLAND HILLS, CA
<b>B</b> 08/2005 - 04/2007	PFIC SECURITIES CORPORATION	34941	WOODLAND HILLS, CA
<b>B</b> 08/2001 - 08/2005	FISERV INVESTOR SERVICES, INC.	34637	HOUSTON, TX
<b>B</b> 06/2000 - 12/2000	INTERLINK SECURITIES CORP.	30505	WOODLAND HILLS, CA
<b>B</b> 07/1994 - 09/1999	LINSCO/PRIVATE LEDGER CORP.	6413	FORT MILL, SC
<b>B</b> 06/1994 - 08/1994	FIVE STAR RESOURCES, INC.	30414	

### 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
02/2018 - Present	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	Mass Transfer	Y	Chatsworth, CA, United States
04/2007 - Present	01/24/2011	Mass Transfer	Y	TAMPA, FL, United States
12/2000 - Present	LOGIX FEDERAL CREDIT UNION	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	WOODLAND, CA, 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.

1. 02/14/2018 - LOGIX FINANCIAL SERVICES - Investment Related - At Reported Business Location(s) - DBA for LPL Business (entity for LPL business) - Start Date 12/4/2000.

## Registration and Employment History



### Other Business Activities, continued

2. 09/03/2019 - No business name - Investment related - At reported business location(s) - Non-Variable Insurance - start date:02/14/2018 - 0 hrs/mo - 0 hrs during trading.

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## 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:**
  - 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:**
  - 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.
  - 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	1	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

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Regulator
<b>Regulatory Action Initiated By:</b>	NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECURITIES DEALERS
<b>Sanction(s) Sought:</b>	
<b>Other Sanction(s) Sought:</b>	
<b>Date Initiated:</b>	05/17/2001
<b>Docket/Case Number:</b>	C02010020
<b>Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:</b>	LINSCO PRIVATE LEDGER
<b>Product Type:</b>	Other
<b>Other Product Type(s):</b>	NOTES
<b>Allegations:</b>	05/24/01GS: NASD RULES 2110 AND 3040 - WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING THE ALLEGATIONS, BERNARDO CONSENTED TO THE DESCRIBED SANCTIONS AND TO THE ENTRY OF FINDINGS THAT HE PARTICIPATED IN PRIVATE SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING PURCHASES OF NOTES BY PUBLIC CUSTOMERS WITHOUT PROVIDING PRIOR WRITTEN OR ORAL NOTIFICATION TO HIS MEMBER FIRMS.
<b>Current Status:</b>	Final



**Resolution:** Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)

**Resolution Date:** 05/17/2001

**Sanctions Ordered:** Monetary/Fine \$5,000.00  
Suspension

**Other Sanctions Ordered:**

**Sanction Details:** SUSPENDED FROM ASSOCIATION WITH ANY NASD MEMBER IN ANY CAPACITY FOR 60 DAYS EFFECTIVE JUNE 18, 2001 TO AUGUST 16, 2001.

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**Reporting Source:** Broker

**Regulatory Action Initiated By:** NASD REGULATION, INC.

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

**Other Sanction(s) Sought:** 60 DAY SUSPENSION

**Date Initiated:** 05/17/2001

**Docket/Case Number:** CO 2010020

**Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:** LINSICO PRIVATE LEDGER

**Product Type:** Other

**Other Product Type(s):** NOTES ISSUED BY THE KENTFIELD GROUP, LLC.

**Allegations:** PARTICIPATION IN PRIVATE SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS OF THE KENTFIELD GROUP, LLC NOTES WITHOUT PRIOR WRITTEN OR ORAL NOTIFICATION TO THEN EMPLOYER, LINSICO PRIVATE LEDGER (LPL).

**Current Status:** Final

**Resolution:** Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)

**Resolution Date:** 05/14/2001

**Sanctions Ordered:** Monetary/Fine \$5,000.00

**Other Sanctions Ordered:** 60 DAY SUSPENSION OF GENERAL SECURITIES REPRESENTATIVE.

**Sanction Details:** FINE OF \$5,000.00 AND 60 DAY SUSPENSION OF GENERAL SECURITIES REPRESENTATIVE FROM 6/18/01 TO 8/16/01. PAID FINE 4/11/01.



**Broker Statement** ON 6/18/01 TO 8/16/01 SUSPENSION FROM ANY SECURITIES RELATED TRANSACTIONS OF GENERAL SECURITIES WILL TAKE EFFECT. A FINE OF \$5,000.00 WILL BE PAID TO NASD FINANCE DEPT.

#### Disclosure 2 of 2

**Reporting Source:** Regulator

**Regulatory Action Initiated By:** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS

**Sanction(s) Sought:** Cease and Desist

**Other Sanction(s) Sought:**

**Date Initiated:** 07/27/1999

**Docket/Case Number:**

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

**Product Type:** Other

**Other Product Type(s):** SECURITIES

**Allegations:** SALES OF UNREGISTERED SECURITIES IN VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA CORPORATIONS CODE SECTION 25110.

**Current Status:** Final

**Resolution:** Order

**Resolution Date:** 07/27/1999

**Sanctions Ordered:** Cease and Desist/Injunction

**Other Sanctions Ordered:**

**Sanction Details:** DESIST AND REFRAIN ORDER ISSUED.

**Regulator Statement** SUBJECTS IS ORDERED TO DESIST AND REFRAIN FROM ANY FURTHER SALES OF SUCH UNREGISTERED SECURITIES.

**Reporting Source:** Broker

**Regulatory Action Initiated By:** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS



<b>Sanction(s) Sought:</b>	Cease and Desist
<b>Other Sanction(s) Sought:</b>	
<b>Date Initiated:</b>	07/27/1999
<b>Docket/Case Number:</b>	
<b>Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:</b>	
<b>Product Type:</b>	Other
<b>Other Product Type(s):</b>	SECURITIES
<b>Allegations:</b>	SALES OF UNREGISTERED SECURITIES IN VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA CORPORATIONS CODE SECTION 25110.
<b>Current Status:</b>	Final
<b>Resolution:</b>	Order
<b>Resolution Date:</b>	07/27/1999
<b>Sanctions Ordered:</b>	Cease and Desist/Injunction
<b>Other Sanctions Ordered:</b>	
<b>Sanction Details:</b>	DESIST AND REFRAIN ORDER ISSUED.
<b>Broker Statement</b>	SUBJECTS IS ORDERED TO DESIST AND REFRAIN FROM ANY FURTHER SALES OF SUCH UNREGISTERED SECURITIES.



## 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

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Firm
<b>Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:</b>	LINSCO / PRIVATE LEDGER CORP.
<b>Allegations:</b>	CUSTOMERS ALLEGE THAT MR. BERNARDO SOLICITED THEM TO INVEST IN UNSUITABLE PROMISSORY NOTES.
<b>Product Type:</b>	Other
<b>Other Product Type(s):</b>	PROMISSORY NOTES
<b>Alleged Damages:</b>	\$50,000.00

### Customer Complaint Information

<b>Date Complaint Received:</b>	09/09/1999
<b>Complaint Pending?</b>	No
<b>Status:</b>	Settled
<b>Status Date:</b>	03/09/2000
<b>Settlement Amount:</b>	\$22,500.00
<b>Individual Contribution Amount:</b>	\$0.00

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Broker
<b>Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:</b>	LINSCO PRIVATE LEDGER
<b>Allegations:</b>	THE CUSTOMERS ALLEGE THAT IN MARCH ([CUSTOMER]) AND APRIL ([OTHER CUSTOMER NAMED]) 1998, MR. BERNARDO FRAUDULENTLY MISREPRESENTED TO THEM THE KENTFIELD GROUP LLC. GUARANTEED NOTES RESULTING IN LOSSES TOTALING \$53,785.
<b>Product Type:</b>	Other
<b>Other Product Type(s):</b>	GUARANTEED NOTES





**Alleged Damages:** \$53,785.00

**Customer Complaint Information**

**Date Complaint Received:** 09/09/1999

**Complaint Pending?** No

**Status:** Settled

**Status Date:** 03/09/2000

**Settlement Amount:** \$65,000.00

**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$30,000.00



## 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>	Broker
<b>Employer Name:</b>	LINSCO/PRIVATE LEDGER CORP.
<b>Termination Type:</b>	Discharged
<b>Termination Date:</b>	09/17/1999
<b>Allegations:</b>	CUSTOMERS ALLEGE THAT IN MARCH (NICHOLAS & YOLANDA NVNEZ) AND APRIL (JACQUELINE MAJEWSKI) 1998, MR. BERNARDO FRAUDULENTLY MISREPRESENTED TO THEM THE KENTFIELD GROUP LLC. GUARANTEED NOTES RESULTING IN LOSSES TOTALING \$53,785.
<b>Product Type:</b>	Other
<b>Other Product Types:</b>	GUARANTEED NOTES
<b>Broker Statement</b>	MR. BERNARDO WAS TERMINATED FOR FAILURE TO REPORT TO LPL HIS INVOLVMENT WITH THE OFFER AND SALE OF NOTES OFFERED BY THE KENTFIELD GROUP LLC. IN VIOLATION OF THE FIRM POLICIES AND NASD RULE OF CONDUCT 3030 AND POTENTIALLY 3040.

## End of Report



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