

BrokerCheck Report

JOHN PAUL LEDESMA

CRD# 2379751

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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 more information about FINRA, visit www.finra.org.](http://www.finra.org)

JOHN P. LEDESMA

CRD# 2379751

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

IA EMERSON EQUITY LLC
 9870 Research Drive
 #104
 Irvine, CA 92618
 CRD# 130032
 Registered with this firm since: 05/06/2021

B EMERSON EQUITY LLC
 9870 Research Drive
 #104
 Irvine, CA 92618
 CRD# 130032
 Registered with this firm since: 05/06/2021

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
- 23 U.S. states and territories

This broker has passed:

- 0 Principal/Supervisory Exams
- 4 General Industry/Product Exams
- 2 State Securities Law Exams

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

IA SUTTER CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC
 CRD# 288442
 IRVINE, CA
 03/2019 - 05/2021

B CAPULENT LLC
 CRD# 155155
 Irvine, CA
 01/2019 - 05/2021

IA INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC
 CRD# 7717
 SAN DIEGO, CA
 02/2017 - 03/2017

**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 1 SRO and is licensed in 23 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.

Employment 1 of 1

Firm Name: **EMERSON EQUITY LLC**
 Main Office Address: **155 BOVET ROAD, SUITE 725
 SAN MATEO, CA 94402**
 Firm CRD#: **130032**

SRO	Category	Status	Date
B FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	05/06/2021

U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B Arizona	Agent	Approved	05/06/2021
B California	Agent	Approved	05/06/2021
IA California	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	05/06/2021
B Colorado	Agent	Approved	05/06/2021
B Connecticut	Agent	Approved	05/06/2021
B Florida	Agent	Approved	05/06/2021
B Hawaii	Agent	Approved	12/09/2022
B Indiana	Agent	Approved	05/06/2021
B Kansas	Agent	Approved	07/14/2021
B Louisiana	Agent	Approved	01/19/2022
B Maine	Agent	Approved	01/14/2022
B Massachusetts	Agent	Approved	07/20/2022



Broker Qualifications

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	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Nevada	Agent	Approved	05/06/2021
B	New Jersey	Agent	Approved	05/06/2021
B	New York	Agent	Approved	05/06/2021
B	North Carolina	Agent	Approved	08/16/2024
B	Ohio	Agent	Approved	03/06/2023
B	Oregon	Agent	Approved	05/06/2021
B	Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	02/03/2022
B	Tennessee	Agent	Approved	01/21/2026
B	Texas	Agent	Approved	05/06/2021
B	Vermont	Agent	Approved	05/08/2023
B	Virginia	Agent	Approved	05/06/2021
B	Washington	Agent	Approved	05/06/2021

Branch Office Locations

EMERSON EQUITY LLC

9870 Research Drive
 #104
 Irvine, CA 92618



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, 4 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 Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	03/27/2017
B General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	02/13/2017
B Foreign Currency Options Examination	Series 15	10/22/1993
B National Commodity Futures Examination	Series 3	07/19/1993

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B IA Uniform Combined State Law Examination	Series 66	02/27/2017
B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	10/27/1993

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 03/2019 - 05/2021	SUTTER CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC	288442	Lake Forest, CA
B 01/2019 - 05/2021	CAPULENT LLC	155155	Irvine, CA
IA 02/2017 - 03/2017	INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC	7717	MISSION VIEJO, CA
B 02/2017 - 03/2017	INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC	7717	MISSION VIEJO, CA
B 10/1993 - 11/1994	ATLANTA-ONE, INC.	17881	

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
03/2022 - Present	JOHN PAUL LEDESMA REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE	INDEPENDENT REAL ESTATE BROKER	Y	IRVINE, CA, United States
05/2021 - Present	EMERSON EQUITY LLC	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	SAN MATEO, CA, United States
05/2021 - 10/2023	PERCH WEALTH	VICE PRESIDENT	Y	IRVINE, CA, United States
01/2019 - 03/2022	Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, owned by a sub of NRT LLC	Broker Associate	N	Mission Viejo, CA, United States
03/2019 - 05/2021	Sutter Capital Partners, LLC	Investment Advisor	Y	Irvine, CA, United States
01/2019 - 05/2021	1031 Crowdfunding, LLC	Sales Associate	Y	Lake Forest, CA, United States
01/2019 - 05/2021	Capulent LLC	Registered Representative	Y	Irvine, CA, United States
08/2014 - 09/2020	SCL NUTRIENTS	PROPRIETOR	N	IRVINE, CA, United States
01/2014 - 01/2020	Commonpath, LLC DBA Ozeri	INDEPENDENT REP / V.P. of Sales	N	Ventura, CA, United States



Registration and Employment History

Employment History, continued

Employment	Employer Name	Position	Investment Related	Employer Location
11/2012 - 12/2018	HOMESMART / EVERGREEN	REAL ESTATE SALES	N	MISSION VIEJO, CA, United States
04/2017 - 05/2017	Rich Uncles NNN REIT, Inc.	Investor Relations	Y	Costa Mesa, CA, United States
02/2017 - 03/2017	Independent Financial Group, LLC	Registered Representative / Registered Investment Adviser	Y	Mission Viejo, CA, United States
01/2015 - 09/2016	SIG TECHNOLOGY, INC.	SALES	N	WALNUT, CA, United States
03/2011 - 08/2016	ALL NATURAL GROUP, INC.	BUYER / MARKETING	N	WALNUT, 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)-JOHN PAUL LEDESMA REAL ESTATE-INVESTMENT RELATED; 9870 RESEARCH DRIVE, STE 104, IRVINE, CA 92618; REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE; INDEPENDENT REAL ESTATE BROKER; REAL ESTATE SALES LEASING AND OVERSEE ONE SALES REPRESENTATIVE; 0 HRS DURING SECURITIES TRADING HOURS; 03/2022
- 2)- DBA BEACON 1031-INVESTMENT RELATED, 9870 RESEARCH DRIVE, STE 104, IRVINE, CA 92618, 4241 JUTLAND DR., STE 205, SAN DIEGO, CA 92117, DBA THROUGH WHICH INVESTMENT RELATED BUSINESS IS DONE THROUGH EMERSON EQUITY, FINANCIAL PROFESSIONAL, SELLING SECURITIES THROUGH BROKER/DEALER, EMERSON EQUITY, 30 HRS PER MONTH, 20 HRS DURING SECURITIES TRADING HOURS, 03/2024



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
Customer Dispute	3	0	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 - 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 3

Reporting Source:	Broker
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	EMERSON EQUITY LLC
Allegations:	Violation of Federal Securities Laws; Violations of the California Securities Act; Violation of Ohio Securities Act; Breach of Contract; Common Law Fraud; Breach of Fiduciary Duty; Negligence and Gross Negligence 03/2023
Product Type:	Real Estate Security
Alleged Damages:	\$0.00
Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):	Claimants see the recovery of compensatory damages in an amount to be determined by the arbitration panel, as well as benefit of the bargain damages, lost opportunity costs, model portfolio damages, prejudgment interest, costs, reasonable attorney's fees, punitive damages in an amount to be determined by the arbitrators, and such other relief as is deemed necessary and proper.
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 #: 25-02476
Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation: 11/11/2025

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 11/12/2025

Complaint Pending? Yes

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:

Broker Statement

I was not a named party to the arbitration. I deny the customer's allegations concerning lack of due diligence and improper investment advice. All recommendations were made in accordance with the client's stated investment objectives, risk tolerance, and financial profile, as documented in the account records. The client was provided with appropriate disclosures and executed all necessary documentation prior to the transactions at issue. I acted in good faith and in full compliance with firm policies and regulatory standards.

Disclosure 2 of 3

Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: EMERSON EQUITY LLC

Allegations: Violations of Federal Securities Laws; Violations of the California Securities Act; Violations of the New Jersey Uniform Securities Law; Breach of Contract; Common Law Fraud; Breach of Fiduciary Duty; Negligence and Gross Negligence 03/2022

Product Type: Real Estate Security

Alleged Damages: \$0.00

Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact): Claimant seeks recovery of compensatory damages in an amount to be determined by the arbitration panel, as well as benefit of the bargain damages, lost opportunity costs, model portfolio damages, prejudgment interest, costs, reasonable attorney's fees, punitive damages in an amount to be determined by the arbitrators, and such other relief as is deemed necessary and proper.

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 #: 25-02215

**Filing date of
arbitration/CFTC reparation
or civil litigation:** 10/27/2025

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 10/27/2025

Complaint Pending? Yes

Settlement Amount:

**Individual Contribution
Amount:**

Broker Statement

I was not a named party to the arbitration. I deny the customer's allegations concerning lack of due diligence and improper investment advice. All recommendations were made in accordance with the client's stated investment objectives, risk tolerance, and financial profile, as documented in the account records. The client was provided with appropriate disclosures and executed all necessary documentation prior to the transactions at issue. I acted in good faith and in full compliance with firm policies and regulatory standards.

Disclosure 3 of 3

Reporting Source: Broker

**Employing firm when
activities occurred which led
to the complaint:** EMERSON EQUITY LLC

Allegations: Violation of Federal Securities Laws; Violations of the California Securities Act; Violation of the Pennsylvania Securities Laws; Violation of the Pennsylvania Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law; Breach of Contract; Common Law Fraud; Breach of Fiduciary Duty; Negligence and Gross Negligence. Trades placed between 2022 and 2023

Product Type: Real Estate Security

Alleged Damages: \$0.00

Alleged Damages Amount Claimant seeks recovery of compensatory damages in an amount to be



Explanation (if amount not exact): determined by the arbitration panel, as well as benefit of bargain damages, lost opportunity costs, model portfolio damages, prejudgment interests, cost, reasonable attorney's fees, punitive damages in an amount to be determined by the arbitrators, and such relief as is deemed necessary and proper.

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 #: 25-02160

Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation: 10/20/2025

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 10/21/2025

Complaint Pending? Yes

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:

Broker Statement

I was not a named party to the arbitration. I deny the customer's allegations concerning lack of due diligence and improper investment advice. All recommendations were made in accordance with the client's stated investment objectives, risk tolerance, and financial profile, as documented in the account records. The client was provided with appropriate disclosures and executed all necessary documentation prior to the transactions at issue. I acted in good faith and in full compliance with firm policies and regulatory standards.

End of Report



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