

# **BrokerCheck Report**

# Kevin M. Kordsmeier

CRD# 2488411

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#### 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
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  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
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  representatives doing business in your state.

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User Guidance

#### Kevin M. Kordsmeier

CRD# 2488411

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

IA EDWARD JONES
415 N. MC KINLEY ST.
SUITE 680
LITTLE ROCK, AR 72205
CRD# 250
Registered with this firm since: 05/04/2007

B EDWARD JONES
415 N. MC KINLEY ST.
SUITE 680
LITTLE ROCK, AR 72205
CRD# 250
Registered with this firm since: 06/22/1994

## **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
- 32 U.S. states and territories

#### This broker has passed:

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

#### **Registration History**

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

No information reported.

#### **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 2



Date

## 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.

Status

This individual is currently registered with 4 SROs and is licensed in 32 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.

### **Employment 1 of 1**

Firm Name: **EDWARD JONES** 

Main Office Address: 12555 MANCHESTER ROAD

ST. LOUIS, MO 63131-3710

Category

Firm CRD#: 250

SRO

SRU	Category	Status	Date
FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	06/22/1994
NYSE American LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	09/13/2011
Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Representative	Approved	07/12/2006
New York Stock Exchange	General Securities Representative	Approved	06/22/1994
U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
Alabama	Agent	Approved	06/10/2016
Arizona	Agent	Approved	01/26/2021
Arkansas	Agent	Approved	06/27/1994
Arkansas Arkansas	Agent Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	06/27/1994 05/04/2007
Arkansas	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	05/04/2007
Arkansas California	Investment Adviser Representative  Agent	Approved Approved	05/04/2007 12/07/2001
Arkansas California Colorado	Investment Adviser Representative  Agent  Agent	Approved Approved	05/04/2007 12/07/2001 10/08/2009
	NYSE American LLC  Nasdaq Stock Market  New York Stock Exchange  U.S. State/ Territory  Alabama	NYSE American LLC  Representative  Nasdaq Stock Market  General Securities Representative  New York Stock Exchange  General Securities Representative  U.S. State/ Territory  Category  Alabama  Agent	NYSE American LLC General Securities Representative Approved Nasdaq Stock Market General Securities Representative Approved New York Stock Exchange General Securities Representative Approved U.S. State/ Territory Category Agent Approved



## **Employment 1 of 1, continued**

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
В	Florida	Agent	Approved	04/18/2000
B	Georgia	Agent	Approved	02/24/1998
B	Hawaii	Agent	Approved	09/11/2020
B	Illinois	Agent	Approved	09/12/2007
B	Kansas	Agent	Approved	04/07/2020
B	Kentucky	Agent	Approved	10/24/2011
B	Louisiana	Agent	Approved	05/28/2002
B	Maryland	Agent	Approved	03/20/2006
B	Massachusetts	Agent	Approved	09/13/2022
B	Mississippi	Agent	Approved	09/07/2001
B	Missouri	Agent	Approved	05/01/1998
B	Montana	Agent	Approved	05/14/2008
B	Nebraska	Agent	Approved	11/05/2019
B	New Hampshire	Agent	Approved	07/17/2015
B	New Mexico	Agent	Approved	05/06/2021
B	New York	Agent	Approved	03/21/2023
B	North Carolina	Agent	Approved	02/14/2018
B	Oklahoma	Agent	Approved	11/21/2007
B	Oregon	Agent	Approved	09/26/2011
B	South Carolina	Agent	Approved	11/07/2011
B	South Dakota	Agent	Approved	01/12/2010



## **Employment 1 of 1, continued**

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Tennessee	Agent	Approved	09/11/1998
B	Texas	Agent	Approved	10/02/1997
IA	Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Restricted Approval	08/28/2014
B	Virginia	Agent	Approved	10/27/2000

## **Branch Office Locations**

EDWARD JONES 415 N. MC KINLEY ST. SUITE 680 LITTLE ROCK, AR 72205



#### **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, 2 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	10/01/2018
B	General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	06/20/1994

## **State Securities Law Exams**

Exam		Category	Date
BIA	Uniform Combined State Law Examination	Series 66	05/01/2007
B	Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	06/21/1994

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/.

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## **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

No information reported.

#### **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.

<b>Employment</b>	Employer Name	Position	Investment Related	<b>Employer Location</b>
02/1994 - Present	EDWARD D. JONES & CO., L.P.	NOT PROVIDED	Υ	LITTLE ROCK, AR, United States
02/1994 - Present	EDWARD DR JONES & CO	OTHER - B.D.S.	N	MARYLAND HTS, MD, 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.

LHF LLC; Sonny Williams Steakroom

Type of business: Restaurant

Little Rock, AR
Start date: 3/10/2015
Passive Investor
Hours per week: 0
Hours during trading: 0
None

**Encore Bank** 

Type of business: Banking

Little Rock, AR Start date: 6/26/2019 Passive Investor Hours per week: 0

## **Registration and Employment History**



#### Other Business Activities, continued

Hours during trading: 0

None

Gilgamesh Ventures

Type of business: Fintech Venture Startup

New York, NY

Start date: 10/20/2021 Passive Investor Hours per week: 0 Hours during trading: 0 No responsibilities

Petal

Type of business: Payments Processor

New York, NY 1001 Start date: 11/15/2021 Passive Investor Hours per week: 0 Hours during trading: 0

None

Dark Horse Medicinals, LLC

Type of business: Medical marijuana processing

Little Rock, AR Start date: 6/15/2022 Passive Investor Hours per week: 0 Hours during trading: 0

None

Level Wins LLC

Type of business: Online Payment Provider

Little Rock, AR
Start date: 5/10/2024
Passive Investor
Hours per week: 0
Hours during trading: 0

None

Hilton/Tapestry Hotel

Type of business: Hotel Operation

Scottsdale, AZ Start date: 4/1/2025 www.finra.org/brokercheck

# **Registration and Employment History**



## Other Business Activities, continued

Passive Investor Hours per week: 0 Hours during trading: 0 Passive Investor

#### **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.
- 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.

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.

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	2	N/A



#### **Disclosure Event Details**

When evaluating this information, please keep in mind that a discloure 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 - Closed-No Action / Withdrawn / Dismissed / Denied

**EDWARD JONES** 

This type of disclosure event involves (1) a consumer-initiated, investment-related arbitration or civil suit containing allegations of sales practice violations against the individual broker that was dismissed, withdrawn, or denied; or (2) a 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, which was closed without action, withdrawn, or denied.

Disclosure 1 of 2

**Reporting Source:** Broker

**Employing firm when** 

activities occurred which led

to the complaint:

Allegations:

CLIENT CLAIMS HE WAS INFORMED THE DEATH VALUE WOULD NOT FALL

BELOW THE AMOUNT INVESTED OF \$100,000 AND PURCHASED THE ANNUITY ON THIS INFORMATION. CLIENT CLAIMS THE VALUE HAS DROPPED WELL BELOW THE AMOUNT INVESTED AND REQUESTED THE ANNUITY BE LIQUIDATED AND THE FULL AMOUNT INVESTED OF \$100,000

BE RETURNED. CLAIM EXCEEDS \$5,000.

**Product Type:** Annuity(ies) - Variable

Alleged Damages: \$5,000.00

**Customer Complaint Information** 

**Date Complaint Received:** 07/25/2002

**Complaint Pending?** Nο

Status: Denied

Status Date: 06/24/2002

**Settlement Amount:** 

Individual Contribution

Amount:



Broker Statement IR STATED HE COVERED ALL DETAILS OF THE ANNUITY WITH THE CLIENT

AT THE TIME OF PURCHASE IN JUNE, 1999. IR STATED THE CLIENT

INDICATED HE WANTED TO TAKE WITHDRAWALS FROM THE ANNUITY AND UPON RECEIPT OF HIS FIRST STATEMENT, IR REVIEWED THAT THE DEATH BENEFIT WOULD BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF THE WITHDRAWALS. METLIFE HAS INDICATED THE CLIENT HAS WITHDRAWN A TOTAL OF \$22,800 AS OF THIS TIME. INFORMED THE CLIENT THE DEATH BENEFIT IS NOT A GUARANTEE TO THE CLIENT BUT TO THE BENEFICIARIES. THIS IS SET OUT IN THE CONTRACT WHICH WAS PROVIDED TO THE CLIENT ON 7/13/99 AS WITNESSED BY THE CLIENT'S SIGNATURE ON THE DELIVER

RECEIPT AND CONFIRMATION FORM. CLAIM DENIED

Disclosure 2 of 2

Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:

**EDWARD JONES** 

Allegations: THE CLIENT PURCHASED 500 SHARES OF HRC ON 1/6/99 AND 500 SHARES

ON 1/21/99. THE CLIENT STATES HE PURCHASED THE STOCK BASED ON MR. KORDSMEIER'S RECOMMENDATION AND STATEMENT THAT IT WAS A GREAT COMPANY. THE CLIENT STATES HE HAS SINCE LEARNED THAT BEFORE THE FIRST RECOMMENDATION OF THE STOCK, LAW SUITS HAD BEEN FILED AGAINST HRC FOR FALSE FINANCIAL REPORTING. THE CLIENT STATES MR. KORDSMEIER EITHER KNEW OR SHOULD HAVE KNOWN ABOUT THE FILLINGS. THE CLIENT REQUEST EDJ TO PURCHASE HIS SHARES AT \$15. THE STOCK IS CURRENTLY TRADING AROUND \$5

Product Type: Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)

Alleged Damages: \$5,000.00

**Customer Complaint Information** 

Date Complaint Received: 03/07/2000

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Denied

**Status Date:** 04/06/2000

**Settlement Amount:** 

**Individual Contribution** 

Amount:



#### **Broker Statement**

THE CUSTOMER WAS ADVISED THAT MR. KORDSMEIER INDICATED HIS RECOMMENDATION TO THE CUSTOMER WAS BASED ON A STRONG BUY OPINION FIRST BOSTON HAD ON THE STOCK. OUR RESEARCH DEPARMENT DOES NOT FOLLOW THE STOCK BUT DID CONFIRM THAT FIRST BOSTON AND SEVERAL OTHER REPUTABLE FIRMS HAD STRONG BUY OPINIONS ON THE STOCK. THE CUSTOMER WAS ADVISED THAT THE RECOMMENDATION DID APPEAR TO BE IN LINE WITH HIS INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES AND HE HAD RECEIVED STATEMENTS SIINCE THE PURCHASE SHOWING THE CURRENT VALUE OF THE STOCK. MR. KORDSMEIER HAD RECEIVED HIS AUTHORIZATON TO PLACE THE TRADES AND THE CUSTOMER COULD HAVE SOLD THE STOCK AT ANYTIME. OUR POSITION IS MR. KORDSMEIER DID NOT ACT IMPROPERLY IN THIS SITUATION AND WE DENIED THE CUSTOMERS REQUEST THAT WE PURCHASE THE STOCK FROM HIM AT \$15.00 PER SHARE.

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## **End of Report**



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