

# **BrokerCheck Report**

# **SCOTT JONATHAN FREEZE**

CRD# 2518935

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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
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### SCOTT J. FREEZE

CRD# 2518935

CRD# 142374

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

B AVENTURA SECURITIES, LLC 2600 Philmont Ave Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006

Registered with this firm since: 02/28/2025

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

#### This broker has passed:

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

### **Registration History**

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

- B INTERNATIONAL ASSETS ADVISORY, LLC CRD# 10645 HUNTINGDON VALLEY, PA 08/2022 - 03/2025
- B PRECISION SECURITIES, LLC CRD# 103976 HUNTINGDON VALLEY, PA 03/2014 - 07/2022
- B **GWM GROUP, INC.** CRD# 42844 HUNTINGDON VALLEY, PA 01/2011 - 04/2014

#### **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:

Туре	Count	
Regulatory Event	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 3 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.

# Employment 1 of 1

Firm Name: AVENTURA SECURITIES, LLC

Main Office Address: 5550 GLADES ROAD

**SUITE 535** 

**BOCA RATON, FL 33431** 

Firm CRD#: **142374** 

	SRO	Category	Status	Date
B	FINRA	General Securities Principal	Approved	02/28/2025
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	02/28/2025
	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	California	Agent	Approved	03/07/2025
B	New York	Agent	Approved	03/09/2025
B	Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	03/03/2025

### **Branch Office Locations**

**AVENTURA SECURITIES, LLC** 5550 GLADES ROAD SUITE 535

BOCA RATON, FL 33431

#### **AVENTURA SECURITIES, LLC**

2600 Philmont Ave Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006

### **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 3 principal/supervisory exams, 5 general industry/product exams, and 1 state securities law exam.

# **Principal/Supervisory Exams**

Exam		Category	Date
В	Municipal Securities Principal Examination	Series 53	06/07/2001
В	General Securities Principal Examination	Series 24	08/26/1999
В	Registered Options Principal Examination	Series 4	12/30/1998

### **General Industry/Product Exams**

Exam		Category	Date
В	Securities Trader Exam	Series 57TO	01/02/2023
В	Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	10/01/2018
B	National Commodity Futures Examination	Series 3	08/15/2007
В	Limited Representative-Equity Trader Exam	Series 55	03/06/2000
B	General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	09/29/1995

### **State Securities Law Exams**

Exam		Category	Date
В	Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	02/16/1996

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:

Reg	istration Dates	Firm Name	CRD#	Branch Location
B	08/2022 - 03/2025	INTERNATIONAL ASSETS ADVISORY, LLC	10645	HUNTINGDON VALLEY, PA
B	03/2014 - 07/2022	PRECISION SECURITIES, LLC	103976	HUNTINGDON VALLEY, PA
B	01/2011 - 04/2014	GWM GROUP, INC.	42844	HUNTINGDON VALLEY, PA
B	12/2009 - 01/2011	EMERGING GROWTH EQUITIES, LTD.	47040	KING OF PRUSSIA, PA
B	08/2008 - 11/2009	BOENNING & SCATTERGOOD, INC.	100	WEST CONSHOHOCKEN, PA
B	08/2005 - 07/2008	MILLER TABAK + CO., LLC	47293	NEW YORK, NY
B	09/2003 - 07/2005	KNIGHT EQUITY MARKETS, L.P.	38599	JERSEY CITY, NJ
B	07/2003 - 08/2003	J GIORDANO SECURITIES GROUP	104063	NEW YORK, NY
B	01/2003 - 05/2003	VIE SECURITIES, LLC	47786	NEW YORK, NY
B	08/2002 - 05/2003	VIE INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES, INC.	47437	PHILADELPHIA, PA
B	05/2001 - 07/2001	VILLANOVA SECURITIES LLC	107333	CONSHOHOCKEN, PA
B	02/2000 - 11/2000	FIRST UNION SECURITIES, INC.	19616	ST. LOUIS, MO
B	01/1997 - 01/2000	VANGUARD MARKETING CORPORATION	7452	MALVERN, PA
B	01/1996 - 01/1997	WATERHOUSE SECURITIES, INC.	7870	OMAHA, NE
B	10/1995 - 11/1995	RAYMOND JAMES & ASSOCIATES, INC.	705	ST. PETERSBURG, FL

# **Employment History**

# **Registration and Employment History**



### **Employment History, continued**

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>
05/2021 - Present	SRN Advisors	Partner	Υ	HUNTINGDON VALLEY, PA, United States
08/2022 - 02/2025	INTERNATIONAL ASSETS ADVISORY, LLC	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Υ	HUNTINGDON VALLEY, PA, United States
03/2014 - 02/2025	PRECISION SECURITIES, LLC	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Υ	SAN DIEGO, CA, United States
10/2009 - 02/2025	STREET ONE FINANCIAL	PRESIDENT	N	HOLLAND, PA, 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) SRN ADVISORS, LLC 2600 PHILMONT AVENUE, STE 215, HUNTINGDON VALLEY, PA 19006 ETF PORTFOLIO MGMT CEO SINCE 10/2019 APPROX 20 HRS/MO FIRM DISTRIBUTIONS
- 2) SIREN ETF TRUST 2600 PHILMONT AVENUE, HUNTINGDON VALLEY, PA 19006 ETF TRUST OWNER SINCE 10/2019 LESS THAN 1 HR/MO NO COMPENSATION
- 3) DARREN DAULTON FOUNDATION 1339 CHESTNUT STREET, SUITE 500, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19107 CHARITY SPECIALIZING IN BRAIN TUMORS BOARD MEMBER SINCE 1/2023 APPROX 1 HR/MO NO COMPENSATION

#### **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
Regulatory Event	0	1	0
Termination	N/A	1	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.

### 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 1

Regulatory Action Initiated FINRA

By:

Sanction(s) Sought:

**Date Initiated:** 12/23/2015

**Docket/Case Number:** 2013035632801

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

GWM Group Inc.

**Product Type:** Other: Unspecified securities

**Allegations:** Without admitting or denying the findings, Freeze consented to the sanctions and

to the entry of findings that he engaged in unethical conduct by failing to disclose to his member firm the remuneration that a company he owned received under payment for order flow (PFOF) Agreements. The findings stated that the company, through Freeze, improperly entered into agreements with broker-dealers to pay compensation to the company for the routing of customer orders for execution. Also, Freeze did not inform or obtain his firm's approval to enter into the PFOF Agreements. The firm was entitled to, and received, a portion of those funds through a written OSJ agreement between the firm and the company. At least three broker-dealers made payments of approximately \$1,061,448 to the company

pursuant to the PFOF Agreements. The findings also stated that while Freeze



disclosed and received approval from the firm for his company to operate as an outside business activity, Freeze exceeded the scope of the disclosed and approved outside business activity by causing the company to engage in business activities with other broker-dealers and receive compensation totaling \$1,061,448. Of the \$1,061,448 received by the company, it and Freeze were entitled to \$796,086 and the firm was entitled to and later scheduled to receive the remaining \$265,362. The findings also included that Freeze caused the firm to make and preserve inaccurate financial books and records, and to file inaccurate FOCUS reports by failing to apprise the firm of the company's receipt of payments under the PFOF Agreements.

Current Status: Final

Resolution: Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)

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: 12/23/2015

Sanctions Ordered: Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

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: Any capacity

**Duration:** three months

**Start Date:** 01/19/2016

**End Date:** 04/18/2016

**Monetary Sanction 1 of 1** 

Monetary Related Sanction: Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

**Total Amount:** \$10,000.00

Portion Levied against

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individual:

\$10,000.00

**Payment Plan:** 

**Is Payment Plan Current:** 

Date Paid by individual: 01/08/2016

Was any portion of penalty

waived?

No

**Amount Waived:** 



Reporting Source: Broker

**Regulatory Action Initiated** 

By:

FINRA

Sanction(s) Sought:

**Date Initiated:** 12/23/2015

**Docket/Case Number:** 2013035632801

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

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reports by failing to apprise the firm of the company's receipt of payments under

the PFOF Agreements.

Current Status: Final

Resolution: Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)



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: 12/23/2015

Sanctions Ordered: Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

Suspension

Sanction 1 of 1

Sanction Type: Suspension
Capacities Affected: Any Capcity

**Duration:** Three Months

**Start Date:** 01/19/2016 **End Date:** 04/18/2016

Monetary Sanction 1 of 1

Monetary Related Sanction: Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

**Total Amount:** \$10,000.00

Portion Levied against

individual:

\$10,000.00

Payment Plan:

Is Payment Plan Current: Yes

**Date Paid by individual:** 01/11/2016

Was any portion of penalty

waived?

No

**Amount Waived:** 



#### **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: MILLER TABAK & CO., LLC

**Termination Type:** Discharged

**Termination Date:** 07/01/2008

Allegations: FAILURE TO DISCLOSE TRADE THAT WOULD HAVE VIOLATED POSITION

LIMITS.

Product Type: Other

Other Product Types: ALGORITHMIC TRADING.

**Reporting Source:** Broker

**Employer Name:** MILLER TABAK

Termination Type: Discharged
Termination Date: 07/01/2008

Allegations: FAILURE TO DISCLOSE TRADE THAT WOULD HAVE VIOLATED POSITION

LIMITS

Product Type: Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)

**Other Product Types:** 

# **End of Report**



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