

BrokerCheck Report

WILLIAM JOSEPH BURKE III

CRD# 2523888

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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.

**WILLIAM J. BURKE III**

CRD# 2523888

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

IA WELLS FARGO ADVISORS
 461 FROM RD STE 101
 PARAMUS, NJ 07652
 CRD# 19616
 Registered with this firm since: 03/01/2013

B WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC
 461 FROM RD STE 101
 PARAMUS, NJ 07652
 CRD# 19616
 Registered with this firm since: 01/01/2008

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:

- 6 Self-Regulatory Organizations
- 32 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):

- B A. G. EDWARDS & SONS, INC.**
 CRD# 4
 NEW YORK, NY
 11/2002 - 01/2008
- B UBS PAINWEBBER INC.**
 CRD# 8174
 WEEHAWKEN, NJ
 06/1995 - 10/2002

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
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 6 SROs and is licensed in 32 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.

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Firm Name: **WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC**

Main Office Address: **ONE NORTH JEFFERSON AVENUE
MAIL CODE: H0004-05E
ST. LOUIS, MO 63103**

Firm CRD#: **19616**

	SRO	Category	Status	Date
B	Cboe Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/19/2021
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	01/01/2008
B	NYSE American LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	07/29/2011
B	Nasdaq PHLX LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	09/30/2011
B	Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Representative	Approved	01/01/2008
B	New York Stock Exchange	General Securities Representative	Approved	01/01/2008

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Alabama	Agent	Approved	05/26/2020
B	Alaska	Agent	Approved	08/18/2016
B	Arizona	Agent	Approved	01/01/2008
B	California	Agent	Approved	01/01/2008
B	Colorado	Agent	Approved	06/27/2018
B	Connecticut	Agent	Approved	01/01/2008
B	Delaware	Agent	Approved	01/01/2008

Broker Qualifications



Employment 1 of 1, continued

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	District of Columbia	Agent	Approved	08/21/2012
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	01/01/2008
B	Georgia	Agent	Approved	01/01/2008
B	Louisiana	Agent	Approved	03/11/2021
B	Maine	Agent	Approved	01/01/2008
B	Maryland	Agent	Approved	01/01/2008
B	Massachusetts	Agent	Approved	01/01/2008
B	Minnesota	Agent	Approved	07/20/2022
B	Missouri	Agent	Approved	03/04/2009
B	Nevada	Agent	Approved	04/27/2016
B	New Hampshire	Agent	Approved	10/29/2021
B	New Jersey	Agent	Approved	01/01/2008
IA	New Jersey	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	04/06/2021
B	New York	Agent	Approved	01/01/2008
IA	New York	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	07/27/2021
B	North Carolina	Agent	Approved	01/01/2008
B	Ohio	Agent	Approved	08/06/2024
B	Oregon	Agent	Approved	01/01/2008
B	Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	01/01/2008
B	South Carolina	Agent	Approved	01/01/2008
B	Tennessee	Agent	Approved	12/03/2012

Broker Qualifications



Employment 1 of 1, continued

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Texas	Agent	Approved	01/01/2008
IA	Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Restricted Approval	03/01/2013
B	Utah	Agent	Approved	01/10/2025
B	Vermont	Agent	Approved	01/31/2013
B	Virginia	Agent	Approved	01/01/2008
B	Washington	Agent	Approved	04/30/2020
B	West Virginia	Agent	Approved	06/07/2016

Branch Office Locations

WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC

461 FROM RD STE 101
PARAMUS, NJ 07652



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 Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	10/01/2018
B Futures Managed Funds Examination	Series 31	04/01/1996
B General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	06/12/1995

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
IA Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination	Series 65	06/10/1996
B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	06/22/1995

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 11/2002 - 01/2008	A. G. EDWARDS & SONS, INC.	4	NEW YORK, NY
B 06/1995 - 10/2002	UBS PAINEWEBBER INC.	8174	WEEHAWKEN, NJ

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
11/2016 - Present	WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC	REGISTERED REP	Y	NEW YORK, NY, United States
05/2009 - 11/2016	WELLS FARGO ADVISORS LLC	REGISTERED REP	Y	NEW YORK, NY, 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.

No information reported.

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
Customer Dispute	0	3	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.

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:	WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC
Allegations:	Plaintiff alleges that in April 2014, the financial advisor misrepresented the handling of distribution of assets from a Trust.
Product Type:	No Product
Alleged Damages:	\$0.00
Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):	Plaintiff is seeking an unspecified amount in compensatory damages.

Civil Litigation Information

Type of Court:	State Court
Name of Court:	Supreme Court of the State of New York
Location of Court:	New York County, NY
Docket/Case #:	451533/19
Date Notice/Process Served:	11/05/2021
Litigation Pending?	No
Disposition:	Settled
Disposition Date:	11/19/2024



Monetary Compensation Amount:	\$0.00
Individual Contribution Amount:	\$0.00
Broker Statement	In order to avoid the cost and uncertainty of litigation and without admitting liability, the parties settled. There was no monetary contribution by WFCS or the Financial Advisors.

Disclosure 2 of 2

Reporting Source:	Broker
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	WACHOVIA SECURITIES, LLC
Allegations:	CLIENT WRITES THAT ON JANUARY 29, 2008, THE FINANCIAL ASSOCIATE PURCHASED 4 UNITS OF COHEN & STEERS REIT & PFD INC FUND TAXB AUCTION MKT SHS SERIES T 7 AT \$25,000 PER UNIT WITHOUT PROPER AUTHORIZATION FROM THE FOUNDATION.
Product Type:	Other
Other Product Type(s):	ARS CLOSED END FUNDS
Alleged Damages:	\$0.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received:	05/16/2008
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Settled
Status Date:	05/06/2008
Settlement Amount:	\$0.00
Individual Contribution Amount:	\$0.00
Broker Statement	ON MAY 6, 2008, THE FIRM AGREED TO PURCHASE 4 UNITS OF THE AUCTION RATE SECURITIES FROM THE CLIENT, AT NO LOSS TO THE CLIENT. THESE WERE REPURCHASED AT PAR.



Customer Dispute - Closed-No Action / Withdrawn / Dismissed / Denied

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 1

Reporting Source:	Firm
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.
Allegations:	CLIENTS ALLEGE IN AN E-MAIL DIRECTED TO FINANCIAL ADVISOR WILLIAM J BURKE JR. THAT THE PROCEEDS FROM THE UNAUTHORIZED SALE OF SECURITIES IN AN ACCOUNT WERE USED TO OPEN A MANAGED ACCOUNT WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION. DAMAGES SPECIFIED AS \$6,000. TIME PERIOD AND PRODUCT NOT SPECIFIED.
Product Type:	No Product
Other Product Type(s):	PRODUCT UNSPECIFIED
Alleged Damages:	\$6,000.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received:	09/17/2002
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Denied
Status Date:	12/03/2002
Settlement Amount:	
Individual Contribution Amount:	
Firm Statement	THE FINANCIAL ADVISOR HAS ADVISED THAT THE CONCERNS OF THE CUSTOMERS WERE RESOLVED AFTER SPEAKING WITH THE CLIENT AND THE CLIENT ACKNOWLEDGING THAT SHE HAD FORGOTTEN ABOUT THE PRIOR ACCESS ACCOUNT AUTHORIZATION SHE PROVIDED TO EFFECT THE SUBJECT TRANSACTION.

Reporting Source:	Broker
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**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:**

UBS PAINEWEBBER INC.

Allegations:

CLIENTS ALLEGED IN AN E-MAIL DIRECTED TO FINANCIAL ADVISOR WILLIAM J BURKE JR. THAT THE PROCEEDS FROM THE UNAUTHORIZED SALE OF SECURITIES IN AN ACCOUNT WERE USED TO OPEN A MANAGED ACCOUNT WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION. DAMAGES SPECIFIED AS \$6,000. TIME PERIOD AND PRODUCT NOT SPECIFIED.

Product Type:

No Product

Alleged Damages:

\$6,000.00

Customer Complaint Information**Date Complaint Received:**

09/17/2002

Complaint Pending?

No

Status:

Closed/No Action

Status Date:

03/08/2004

Settlement Amount:**Individual Contribution Amount:****Broker Statement**

THE CONCERNS OF THE CUSTOMERS WERE RESOLVED AFTER SPEAKING WITH THE CLIENT AND THE CLIENT ACKNOWLEDGING THAT SHE HAD FORGOTTEN ABOUT THE PRIOR ACCESS ACCOUNT AUTHORIZATION SHE PROVIDED TO EFFECT THE SUBJECT TRANSACTION.



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: UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.

Termination Type: Discharged

Termination Date: 10/11/2002

Allegations: FAILURE TO FOLLOW FIRM POLICY.

Product Type: No Product

Other Product Types:

Firm Statement ASSISTED CLIENTS IN DRAFTING LETTERS TO VOICE CONCERNS REGARDING THEIR ACCOUNTS WHICH WAS FOUND TO BE A VIOLATION OF FIRM POLICY. I WAS ONLY ACTING IN THE INTEREST OF MY CLIENTS TO RESOLVE THEIR SITUATION AND HAD NO IDEA THAT I WAS BREACHING FIRM POLICY.

Reporting Source: Broker

Employer Name: UBS PAINWEBBER

Termination Type: Discharged

Termination Date: 10/11/2002

Allegations: FAILURE TO FOLLOW FIRM POLICY.

Product Type: No Product

Other Product Types:

Broker Statement ASSISTED CLIENTS IN DRAFTING LETTERS TO VOICE CONCERNS REGARDING THEIR ACCOUNTS WHICH WAS FOUND TO BE A VIOLATION OF FIRM POLICY. I WAS ONLY ACTING IN THE INTEREST OF MY CLIENTS TO RESOLVE THEIR SITUATION AND HAD NO IDEA THAT I WAS BREACHING FIRM POLICY.

End of Report



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