

BrokerCheck Report

BENJAMIN JOSEPH SIELEN

CRD# 2533949

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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. 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.

BENJAMIN J. SIELEN

CRD# 2533949

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

- B** **WELLS FARGO SECURITIES, LLC**
 550 SOUTH TRYON STREET
 CHARLOTTE, NC 28202
 CRD# 126292
 Registered with this firm since: 09/21/2004

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:**

- 27 Self-Regulatory Organizations
- 53 U.S. states and territories

This broker has passed:

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

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

- B** **WACHOVIA SECURITIES, LLC**
 CRD# 19616
 ST. LOUIS, MO
 09/1996 - 11/2004
- B** **EVEREN CLEARING CORP.**
 CRD# 15879
 MILWAUKEE, WI
 07/1995 - 07/1996
- B** **OLDE DISCOUNT CORPORATION**
 CRD# 5979
 DETROIT, MI
 03/1995 - 05/1995

**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
Criminal	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 27 SROs and is licensed in 53 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.

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Firm Name: **WELLS FARGO SECURITIES, LLC**
 Main Office Address: **550 SOUTH TRYON STREET, 6TH FLOOR**
D1086-060
CHARLOTTE, NC 28202
 Firm CRD#: **126292**

	SRO	Category	Status	Date
B	24X National Exchange LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	10/31/2025
B	24X National Exchange LLC	Securities Trader	Approved	10/31/2025
B	BOX Exchange LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	03/31/2014
B	BOX Exchange LLC	Securities Trader	Approved	01/04/2016
B	Cboe BYX Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	09/30/2013
B	Cboe BYX Exchange, Inc.	Securities Trader	Approved	01/04/2016
B	Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	09/30/2013
B	Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.	Securities Trader	Approved	01/04/2016
B	Cboe C2 Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	04/23/2014
B	Cboe C2 Exchange, Inc.	Securities Trader	Approved	01/04/2016
B	Cboe EDGA Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	04/23/2014
B	Cboe EDGA Exchange, Inc.	Securities Trader	Approved	01/04/2016
B	Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	04/23/2014
B	Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc.	Securities Trader	Approved	01/04/2016
B	Cboe Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	03/31/2014

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SRO	Category	Status	Date
B Cboe Exchange, Inc.	Securities Trader	Approved	03/08/2019
B FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	09/24/2004
B FINRA	Investment Banking Representative	Approved	04/22/2010
B FINRA	Operations Professional	Approved	11/05/2014
B FINRA	Securities Trader	Approved	01/04/2016
B FINRA	Corporate Securities Represent	Approved	09/14/2020
B FINRA	Municipal Securities Representative	Approved	09/14/2020
B Investors' Exchange LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	03/08/2019
B Investors' Exchange LLC	Securities Trader	Approved	03/08/2019
B Long-Term Stock Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	02/02/2021
B Long-Term Stock Exchange, Inc.	Securities Trader	Approved	02/02/2021
B MEMX LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	09/14/2020
B MEMX LLC	Securities Trader	Approved	09/14/2020
B MIAX Emerald, LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	03/08/2019
B MIAX Emerald, LLC	Securities Trader	Approved	03/08/2019
B MIAX PEARL, LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	03/08/2019
B MIAX PEARL, LLC	Securities Trader	Approved	03/08/2019
B MIAX Sapphire	General Securities Representative	Approved	09/23/2024
B MIAX Sapphire	Securities Trader	Approved	09/23/2024
B Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	04/23/2014
B Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC	Securities Trader	Approved	01/04/2016

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SRO	Category	Status	Date
B NYSE American LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	08/25/2011
B NYSE American LLC	Securities Trader	Approved	01/04/2016
B NYSE American LLC	Corporate Securities Represent	Approved	09/14/2020
B NYSE American LLC	Municipal Securities Representative	Approved	09/14/2020
B NYSE Arca, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	03/31/2014
B NYSE Arca, Inc.	Securities Trader	Approved	01/04/2016
B NYSE National, Inc.	Securities Trader	Approved	09/17/2018
B NYSE National, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	03/08/2019
B NYSE National, Inc.	Corporate Securities Represent	Approved	09/14/2020
B NYSE National, Inc.	Municipal Securities Representative	Approved	09/14/2020
B NYSE Texas, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	04/23/2014
B NYSE Texas, Inc.	Securities Trader	Approved	01/04/2016
B NYSE Texas, Inc.	Corporate Securities Represent	Approved	09/14/2020
B Nasdaq BX, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	08/25/2011
B Nasdaq BX, Inc.	Securities Trader	Approved	01/04/2016
B Nasdaq GEMX, LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	03/31/2014
B Nasdaq GEMX, LLC	Securities Trader	Approved	01/04/2016
B Nasdaq ISE, LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	02/13/2008
B Nasdaq ISE, LLC	Securities Trader	Approved	01/04/2016
B Nasdaq MRX, LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	05/25/2016
B Nasdaq MRX, LLC	Securities Trader	Approved	05/25/2016
B Nasdaq PHLX LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	08/14/2013

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	SRO	Category	Status	Date
B	Nasdaq PHLX LLC	Securities Trader	Approved	01/04/2016
B	Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Representative	Approved	07/12/2006
B	Nasdaq Stock Market	Securities Trader	Approved	01/04/2016
B	Nasdaq Stock Market	Corporate Securities Represent	Approved	09/14/2020
B	New York Stock Exchange	General Securities Representative	Approved	09/21/2004
B	New York Stock Exchange	Securities Trader	Approved	01/04/2016
B	New York Stock Exchange	Corporate Securities Represent	Approved	09/14/2020
B	New York Stock Exchange	Municipal Securities Representative	Approved	09/14/2020

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Alabama	Agent	Approved	03/05/2010
B	Alaska	Agent	Approved	10/04/2004
B	Arizona	Agent	Approved	10/21/2004
B	Arkansas	Agent	Approved	09/27/2004
B	California	Agent	Approved	09/24/2004
B	Colorado	Agent	Approved	03/08/2010
B	Connecticut	Agent	Approved	03/10/2010
B	Delaware	Agent	Approved	10/28/2004
B	District of Columbia	Agent	Approved	11/08/2004
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	10/29/2004
B	Georgia	Agent	Approved	09/28/2004
B	Hawaii	Agent	Approved	03/09/2010

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	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Idaho	Agent	Approved	09/27/2004
B	Illinois	Agent	Approved	10/13/2004
B	Indiana	Agent	Approved	02/18/2005
B	Iowa	Agent	Approved	03/10/2010
B	Kansas	Agent	Approved	09/28/2004
B	Kentucky	Agent	Approved	09/27/2004
B	Louisiana	Agent	Approved	10/11/2004
B	Maine	Agent	Approved	09/30/2004
B	Maryland	Agent	Approved	09/28/2004
B	Massachusetts	Agent	Approved	10/08/2004
B	Michigan	Agent	Approved	10/22/2004
B	Minnesota	Agent	Approved	10/12/2004
B	Mississippi	Agent	Approved	09/24/2004
B	Missouri	Agent	Approved	09/29/2004
B	Montana	Agent	Approved	10/20/2004
B	Nebraska	Agent	Approved	09/28/2004
B	Nevada	Agent	Approved	10/06/2004
B	New Hampshire	Agent	Approved	09/27/2004
B	New Jersey	Agent	Approved	09/28/2004
B	New Mexico	Agent	Approved	10/21/2004
B	New York	Agent	Approved	03/30/2010

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	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	North Carolina	Agent	Approved	10/08/2004
B	North Dakota	Agent	Approved	09/29/2004
B	Ohio	Agent	Approved	11/05/2004
B	Oklahoma	Agent	Approved	09/27/2004
B	Oregon	Agent	Approved	09/28/2004
B	Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	09/28/2004
B	Puerto Rico	Agent	Approved	09/29/2004
B	Rhode Island	Agent	Approved	09/28/2004
B	South Carolina	Agent	Approved	09/27/2004
B	South Dakota	Agent	Approved	10/14/2004
B	Tennessee	Agent	Approved	10/20/2004
B	Texas	Agent	Approved	08/28/2020
B	Utah	Agent	Approved	09/27/2004
B	Vermont	Agent	Approved	09/27/2004
B	Virgin Islands	Agent	Approved	08/27/2020
B	Virginia	Agent	Approved	10/06/2004
B	Washington	Agent	Approved	09/27/2004
B	West Virginia	Agent	Approved	09/27/2004
B	Wisconsin	Agent	Approved	09/24/2004
B	Wyoming	Agent	Approved	09/27/2004

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WELLS FARGO SECURITIES, LLC
550 SOUTH TRYON STREET
CHARLOTTE, NC 28202



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 1 principal/supervisory exam, 8 general industry/product exams, and 1 state securities law exam.

Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B General Securities Principal Examination	Series 24	09/15/2003

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B Securities Trader Exam	Series 57TO	01/02/2023
B Investment Banking Registered Representative Examination	Series 79TO	01/02/2023
B Municipal Securities Representative Examination	Series 52TO	01/02/2023
B Operations Professional Examination	Series 99TO	01/02/2023
B Corporate Securities Limited Representative Examination	Series 62	01/02/2023
B Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	10/01/2018
B Limited Representative-Equity Trader Exam	Series 55	04/02/2001
B General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	08/30/1994

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	08/25/1994

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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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 09/1996 - 11/2004	WACHOVIA SECURITIES, LLC	19616	ST. LOUIS, MO
B 07/1995 - 07/1996	EVEREN CLEARING CORP.	15879	MILWAUKEE, WI
B 03/1995 - 05/1995	OLDE DISCOUNT CORPORATION	5979	DETROIT, MI
B 08/1994 - 09/1994	CHATFIELD DEAN & CO., INC.	14714	GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO

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
09/2004 - Present	WELLS FARGO SECURITIES, LLC	VICE PRESIDENT	Y	CHARLOTTE, NC, 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:**
 - 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
Criminal	0	1	0



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.

Criminal - Final Disposition

This type of disclosure event involves a criminal charge against the broker that has resulted in a conviction, acquittal, dismissal, or plea. The criminal matter may pertain to any felony or certain misdemeanor offenses, including bribery, perjury, forgery, counterfeiting, extortion, fraud, and wrongful taking of property.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source:	Broker
Court Details:	COOK COUNTY IL STATES ATTORNEYS OFFICE 97CR5321
Charge Date:	12/20/1996
Charge Details:	MR. SIELEN HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH TWO COUNTS OF DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL AND TWO COUNTS OF RECKLESS HOMICIDE FOLLOWING HIS INVOLVEMENT IN A DECEMBER 20, 1996 AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT IN WHICH THERE WAS A SINGLE FATALITY.
Felony?	Yes
Current Status:	Final
Status Date:	07/08/1998
Disposition Details:	JULY 8, 1998 BENJAMIN J. SIELEN WAS CONVICTED OF RECKLESS HOMICIDE AND SENTENCED OF 4 YEARS PROBATION, 120 DAYS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE, A FINE OF \$1,000.00 AND HOME CONFINEMENT FOR 1 YEAR BETWEEN THE HOURS OF MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 10:00 PM TO 5:30 AM, AND SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 8:00 PM TO 7:00 AM BEGINNING 7/22/98. SIELEN WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE IN A VICTIM IMPACT PANEL.

End of Report



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