

BrokerCheck Report

RICHARD EUGENE GRIFFIN JR

CRD# 2542692

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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.

**RICHARD E. GRIFFIN JR**

CRD# 2542692

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

IA NFSG CORPORATION
 301 W. MICHIGAN AVENUE, SUITE 404
 YPSILANTI, MI 48197
 CRD# 130814
 Registered with this firm since: 07/27/2015

B NEWBRIDGE SECURITIES CORPORATION
 301 W. MICHIGAN AVENUE, SUITE 404
 YPSILANTI, MI 48197
 CRD# 104065
 Registered with this firm since: 07/01/2015

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:**

- 2 Self-Regulatory Organizations
- 25 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):**

IA LINCOLN FINANCIAL ADVISORS CORPORATION
 CRD# 3978
 FORT WAYNE, IN
 06/2010 - 07/2013

B LINCOLN FINANCIAL ADVISORS CORPORATION
 CRD# 3978
 SOUTHFIELD, MI
 05/2009 - 07/2013

IA MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED
 CRD# 7691
 NEW YORK, NY
 02/2006 - 03/2009

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 2 SROs and is licensed in 25 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.

Employment 1 of 2

Firm Name: **NEWBRIDGE SECURITIES CORPORATION**

Main Office Address: **1200 NORTH FEDERAL HIGHWAY
SUITE 400
BOCA RATON, FL 33432**

Firm CRD#: **104065**

	SRO	Category	Status	Date
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	07/01/2015
B	Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Representative	Approved	07/01/2015

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Alabama	Agent	Approved	10/03/2022
B	Arizona	Agent	Approved	04/13/2018
B	California	Agent	Approved	04/26/2022
B	Colorado	Agent	Approved	07/19/2017
B	Delaware	Agent	Approved	05/15/2024
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	08/12/2015
B	Georgia	Agent	Approved	07/08/2016
B	Illinois	Agent	Approved	08/11/2015
B	Louisiana	Agent	Approved	10/20/2015
B	Maryland	Agent	Approved	05/03/2022
B	Michigan	Agent	Approved	07/27/2015

Broker Qualifications



Employment 1 of 2, continued

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Minnesota	Agent	Approved	05/20/2021
B	Montana	Agent	Approved	03/07/2025
B	Nevada	Agent	Approved	05/09/2022
B	New Jersey	Agent	Approved	09/02/2016
B	North Carolina	Agent	Approved	06/01/2023
B	Ohio	Agent	Approved	10/06/2015
B	Oklahoma	Agent	Approved	09/25/2017
B	Oregon	Agent	Approved	02/18/2023
B	Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	09/09/2015
B	Tennessee	Agent	Approved	05/13/2025
B	Texas	Agent	Approved	01/30/2017
B	Virginia	Agent	Approved	10/13/2015
B	Washington	Agent	Approved	09/22/2017
B	Wisconsin	Agent	Approved	11/30/2015

Branch Office Locations

NEWBRIDGE SECURITIES CORPORATION
 301 W. MICHIGAN AVENUE, SUITE 404
 YPSILANTI, MI 48197

Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: **NFSG CORPORATION**
 Main Office Address: **1200 NORTH FEDERAL HIGHWAY
 SUITE 400**



Broker Qualifications

Employment 2 of 2, continued
BOCA RATON, FL 33432
Firm CRD#: 130814

U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
IA Louisiana	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	01/08/2019
IA Michigan	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	07/27/2015
IA Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Restricted Approval	01/07/2019

Branch Office Locations

1200 NORTH FEDERAL HIGHWAY
SUITE 400
BOCA RATON, FL 33432

301 W. MICHIGAN AVENUE, SUITE 404
YPSILANTI, MI 48197



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, 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	10/19/1994

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
IA Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination	Series 65	05/17/2006
B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	10/28/1994

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/.

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 06/2010 - 07/2013	LINCOLN FINANCIAL ADVISORS CORPORATION	3978	SOUTHFIELD, MI
B 05/2009 - 07/2013	LINCOLN FINANCIAL ADVISORS CORPORATION	3978	SOUTHFIELD, MI
IA 02/2006 - 03/2009	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	7691	ANN ARBOR, MI
B 03/2000 - 03/2009	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	7691	ANN ARBOR, MI
IA 06/2005 - 11/2005	MERRILL LYNCH PIERCE FENNER & SMITH INC.	7691	ANN ARBOR, MI
B 01/1999 - 05/1999	GSG SECURITIES, INC.	38166	BOCA RATON, FL
B 06/1996 - 01/1999	CHATFIELD DEAN & CO., INC.	14714	GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO
B 01/1996 - 07/1996	JOSEPH CHARLES & ASSOC., INC.	3949	BOCA RATON, FL
B 09/1995 - 01/1996	SPENCER EDWARDS, INC.	22067	CENTENNIAL, CO
B 03/1995 - 09/1995	JOSEPH CHARLES & ASSOC., INC.	3949	BOCA RATON, FL
B 03/1995 - 04/1995	A. T. BROD & CO. INC.	1319	CLEVELAND, OH
B 10/1994 - 03/1995	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
06/2015 - Present	NEWBRIDGE SECURITIES CORP	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	YPSILANTI, MI, United States

Registration and Employment History



Employment History, continued

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) RICKSTAR FINANCIAL: DOING BUSINESS AS A DBA (INVESTMENT RELATED), TITLE PRESIDENT, ESTABLISHED 01/01/2014, 160 HOUR/MONTH.

2) INSURANCE: INSURANCE SALES/AGENT/PRODUCTS.

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	0	3	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:	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH, INC.
Allegations:	CLIENTS ALLEGE THAT FINANCIAL ADVISOR MADE UNSUITABLE RECOMMENDATIONS, UNAUTHORIZED TRADES, AND EXCESSIVE TRADES.
Product Type:	Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)
Alleged Damages:	\$79,002.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received:	06/30/2007
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Settled
Status Date:	05/23/2008
Settlement Amount:	\$7,500.00
Individual Contribution Amount:	\$0.00
Broker Statement	WE SETTLED THIS MATTER FOR BUSINESS REASONS AND FOR LESS THAN THE COST OF DEFENSE.

Disclosure 2 of 2



Reporting Source: Firm

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: CHATFIELD DEAN & CO., INC.

Allegations: CHURNING, UNSUITABLE FOR MARGIN TRADING, AND CLAIMANT WAS NOT INTERESTED IN SPECULATIVE INVESTMENTS. CLAIMANT ALLEGED DAMAGES EXCEEDED \$30,000 BUT DID NOT EXCEED \$50,000.

Product Type:

Alleged Damages:

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received:

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Arbitration/Reparation

Status Date: 04/20/1999

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:

Arbitration Information

Arbitration/Reparation Claim filed with and Docket/Case No.: NASD; 98-04970

Date Notice/Process Served: 12/28/1998

Arbitration Pending? No

Disposition: Settled

Disposition Date: 04/20/1999

Monetary Compensation Amount: \$20,000.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$15,000.00

Firm Statement CLAIMANT AGREED TO DISMISS ALL CLAIMS AGAINST CHATFIELD DEAN AND CO AND SETTLED WITH COMPANY FOR \$5000 AND SETTLED WITH MR. GRIFFIN FOR \$15,000.



NOT PROVIDED

Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: CHATFIELD DEAN & CO.

Allegations: CLIENT PURCHASED FIRST PLUS (FP) STOCK ON MARGIN, WHICH LATER DROPPED IN PRICE SIGNIFICANTLY, AND CAUSED A MARGIN CALL. CLIENT LATER MADE WRITTEN COMPLAINT STATING HE WAS UNSUITABLE FOR SPECULATION.

Product Type: Mutual Fund(s)

Other Product Type(s): EQUITIES

Alleged Damages: \$30,000.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 12/28/1998

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Arbitration/Reparation

Status Date: 04/18/1999

Settlement Amount: \$20,000.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$15,000.00

Arbitration Information

Arbitration/Reparation Claim filed with and Docket/Case No.: NASD 98-04970

Date Notice/Process Served: 12/28/1998

Arbitration Pending? No

Disposition: Settled

Disposition Date: 04/20/1999

Monetary Compensation Amount: \$20,000.00



Individual Contribution Amount:	\$15,000.00
Broker Statement	CLAIMANT AGREED TO DISMISS ALL CLAIMS AGAINST CHATFIELD DEAN AND CO. AND SETTLED WITH COMPANY FOR \$5,000.00 AND SETTLED WITH MR. GRIFFIN FOR \$15,000.00.



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:	LINCOLN FINANCIAL ADVISORS CORPORATION
Allegations:	THE CLIENT CLAIMS THERE WAS EXCESSIVE AND IMPROPER TRADING ACTIVITY IN HIS ACCOUNT BETWEEN JUNE 2010 AND SEPTEMBER 2013, AND ALLEGES THE INVESTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS IN SEPTEMBER 2010 AND SEPTEMBER 2011 WERE UNSUITABLE.
Product Type:	Annuity-Variable Insurance Mutual Fund
Alleged Damages:	\$0.00
Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):	DAMAGES ARE BELIEVED TO BE GREATER THAN \$5,000.00.
Is this an oral complaint?	No
Is this a written complaint?	Yes
Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?	No

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received:	03/24/2014
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Denied
Status Date:	03/28/2014
Settlement Amount:	
Individual Contribution Amount:	

**Firm Statement**

THE FIRM'S INVESTIGATION FOUND NO EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THE CLAIMS/ALLEGATIONS AND CONFIRMED THE CLIENT RECEIVED THE APPROPRIATE INFORMATION TO MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS.

Reporting Source:

Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:

LINCOLN FINANCIAL ADVISORS CORPORATION

Allegations:

THE CLIENT CLAIMS THERE WAS EXCESSIVE AND IMPROPER TRADING ACTIVITY IN HIS ACCOUNT BETWEEN JUNE 2010 AND SEPTEMBER 2013, AND ALLEGES THE INVESTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS IN SEPTEMBER 2010 AND SEPTEMBER 2011 WERE UNSUITABLE.

Product Type:

Annuity-Variable
Insurance
Mutual Fund

Alleged Damages:

\$0.00

Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):

DAMAGES ARE BELIEVED TO BE GREATER THAN \$5000.00.

Is this an oral complaint?

No

Is this a written complaint?

Yes

Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?

No

Customer Complaint Information**Date Complaint Received:**

03/24/2014

Complaint Pending?

No

Status:

Denied

Status Date:

03/28/2014

Settlement Amount:**Individual Contribution Amount:**

End of Report



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