

# **BrokerCheck Report**

# **JAMES ROBERT NELSON**

CRD# 2552126

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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?
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- Are there other resources I can use to check the background of investment professionals?
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### **JAMES R. NELSON**

CRD# 2552126

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

B CENTAURUS FINANCIAL, INC.
196 SW TENNESSEE DRIVE
BLUE SPRINGS, MO 64014
CRD# 30833
Registered with this firm since: 01/14/2011

CENTAURUS FINANCIAL, INC.
196 SW TENNESSEE DRIVE
BLUE SPRINGS, MO 64014
CRD# 30833
Registered with this firm since: 01/18/2011

# **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
- 11 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):

MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED

CRD# 7691 NEW YORK, NY 01/2006 - 01/2011

B MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED

CRD# 7691 SCOTTSDALE, AZ 01/2000 - 01/2011

B SALOMON SMITH BARNEY INC.

CRD# 7059 NEW YORK, NY 12/1994 - 06/1999

#### **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

## **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 11 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.

# Employment 1 of 1

Firm Name: **CENTAURUS FINANCIAL, INC.** 

Main Office Address: 2300 EAST KATELLA AVE

**SUITE 200** 

ANAHEIM, CA 92806

Firm CRD#: **30833** 

	SRO	Category	Status	Date
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	01/14/2011
	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Arizona	Agent	Approved	01/14/2011
IA	Arizona	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	02/02/2011
B	California	Agent	Approved	01/14/2011
IA	California	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	01/18/2011
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	07/19/2022
IA	Georgia	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	06/12/2020
B	Georgia	Agent	Approved	01/04/2024
B	Massachusetts	Agent	Approved	04/28/2021
B	Missouri	Agent	Approved	09/23/2019
B	Nevada	Agent	Approved	01/14/2011
IA	Nevada	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	05/24/2012
B	New Jersey	Agent	Approved	01/05/2021

# **Broker Qualifications**



# **Employment 1 of 1, continued**

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
IA	New Jersey	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	01/26/2021
B	New York	Agent	Approved	05/01/2019
B	Ohio	Agent	Approved	01/14/2011
IA	Ohio	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	03/28/2012
B	Texas	Agent	Approved	10/30/2023

# **Branch Office Locations**

CENTAURUS FINANCIAL, INC.

196 SW TENNESSEE DRIVE BLUE SPRINGS, MO 64014 www.finra.org/brokercheck

## **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.

This individual has passed 0 principal/supervisory exams, 2 general industry/product exams, and 2 state securities law exams.

# **Principal/Supervisory Exams**

Exan	1	Category	Date			
	No information reported.					
General Industry/Product Exams						
Exan	1	Category	Date			
В	Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	10/01/2018			
В	General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	12/09/1994			
State Securities Law Exams						
Exan	1	Category	Date			
IA	Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination	Series 65	01/09/1995			
В	Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	12/19/1994			

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:

Reg	istration Dates	Firm Name	CRD#	Branch Location
IA	01/2006 - 01/2011	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	7691	SCOTTSDALE, AZ
B	01/2000 - 01/2011	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	7691	SCOTTSDALE, AZ
B	12/1994 - 06/1999	SALOMON SMITH BARNEY INC.	7059	NEW YORK, NY

## **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>
01/2011 - Present	CENTAURUS FINANCIAL, INC.	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Υ	ANAHEIM, CA, 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.

#### **NELSON WEALTH MANAGEMENT**

POSITION: President NATURE: DBA for branding purposes INVESTMENT RELATED: No NUMBER OF HOURS: 0 SECURITIES TRADING

HOURS: 0 START DATE: 11/18/2022

ADDRESS: BLUE SPRINGS MO 64014, United States

DESCRIPTION: DBA for branding purposes

### **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.

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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:

- 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 - 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 1

Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led

activities occurred which led

to the complaint:

Allegations:

CENTAURUS FINANCIAL, INC.

ERRONEOUS DISCLOSURE OF COMMISSIONS AND FEES AMOUNT IN 2014

& 2015.

**Product Type:** Annuity-Variable

Direct Investment-DPP & LP Interests

Mutual Fund

**Unit Investment Trust** 

Alleged Damages: \$0.00

Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):

DAMAGES ARE NOT SPECIFIED.

**Is this an oral complaint?** No

Is this a written complaint? No

Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?

Yes

Arbitration/Reparation forum FII

or court name and location:

**FINRA** 

**Docket/Case #:** 20-03920



Filing date of

12/02/2020

arbitration/CFTC reparation

or civil litigation:

# **Customer Complaint Information**

**Date Complaint Received:** 12/07/2020

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

**Status Date:** 01/10/2022

Settlement Amount: \$25,000.00

**Individual Contribution** 

Amount:

\$0.00

Broker Statement I vehem

I vehemently deny any wrongdoing and assert that the customer's allegations are completely without merit. Notwithstanding, in an effort to avoid protracted proceedings, and the time and financial resources required, and in an effort to reach an expedited resolution with the customer, my broker/dealer unilaterally and without my agreement, settled with the customer, to which I made no monetary

contribution.



### 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:** Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led

to the complaint:

CENTAURUS FINANCIAL INC.

Allegations: ALLEGATIONS INCLUDE FALSIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS AND

UNSUITABILITY FOR TWO INVESTMENTS PURCHASED IN JUNE 2013.

Product Type: Other: BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMPANIES

Alleged Damages: \$0.00

Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not

exact):

CLIENT DOES NOT SPECIFY DAMAGES.

**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: 09/06/2013

**Complaint Pending?** No

Status: Closed/No Action

**Status Date:** 09/24/2014

**Settlement Amount:** 

**Individual Contribution** 

**Amount:** 

Broker Statement REPRESENTATIVE CATEGORICALLY DENIES ANY WRONGDOING IN THIS

MATTER.

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# **End of Report**



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