

BrokerCheck Report

KARL WESTON KLOSTER

CRD# 2565031

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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.

**KARL W. KLOSTER**

CRD# 2565031

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

- B ARETE WEALTH MANAGEMENT, LLC**
 1115 W FULTON MARKET
 3RD FLOOR
 CHICAGO, IL 60607
 CRD# 44856
 Registered with this firm since: 10/22/2024

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
- 1 U.S. state or territory

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):

- B JCC CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC**
 CRD# 146776
 LAGUNA NIGUEL, CA
 09/2017 - 10/2024
- B EMERSON EQUITY LLC**
 CRD# 130032
 MINNEAPOLIS, MN
 01/2015 - 09/2017
- B ARQUE CAPITAL, LTD.**
 CRD# 121192
 SCOTTSDALE, AZ
 03/2014 - 12/2014

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:

Type	Count
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 1 U.S. state or territory through his or her employer.

Employment 1 of 1

Firm Name: **ARETE WEALTH MANAGEMENT, LLC**
Main Office Address: **1115 W FULTON MARKET
3RD FLOOR
CHICAGO, IL 60607**
Firm CRD#: **44856**

SRO	Category	Status	Date
B FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	10/22/2024

U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B Minnesota	Agent	Approved	10/22/2024

Branch Office Locations

ARETE WEALTH MANAGEMENT, LLC
1115 W FULTON MARKET
3RD FLOOR
CHICAGO, IL 60607



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	01/13/1995

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
IA Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination	Series 65	03/07/1995
B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	02/09/1995

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 09/2017 - 10/2024	JCC CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC	146776	LAGUNA NIGUEL, CA
B 01/2015 - 09/2017	EMERSON EQUITY LLC	130032	MINNEAPOLIS, MN
B 03/2014 - 12/2014	ARQUE CAPITAL, LTD.	121192	SCOTTSDALE, AZ
B 05/2010 - 03/2014	LOCORR DISTRIBUTORS, LLC	41782	EXCELSIOR, MN
B 12/2009 - 04/2010	PRUCO SECURITIES, LLC.	5685	PLYMOUTH, MN
B 01/2007 - 06/2009	RIVERSOURCE DISTRIBUTORS, INC.	139135	MINNEAPOLIS, MN
B 03/2003 - 01/2007	AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	6363	MINNEAPOLIS, MN
B 10/2004 - 07/2006	IDS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	6321	MINNEAPOLIS, MN
B 10/2004 - 10/2004	IDS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	6321	MINNEAPOLIS, MN
B 07/2002 - 01/2003	U.S. BANCORP PIPER JAFFRAY INC.	665	MINNEAPOLIS, MN
B 01/2002 - 07/2002	AMERICAN EXPRESS FINANCIAL ADVISORS INC.	6363	MINNEAPOLIS, MN
B 01/2002 - 07/2002	IDS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	6321	MINNEAPOLIS, MN
B 04/1998 - 08/2001	AMERICAN ENTERPRISE INVESTMENT SERVICES INC.	26506	MINNEAPOLIS, MN
B 08/1996 - 11/1998	AMERICAN EXPRESS FINANCIAL ADVISORS INC.	6363	MINNEAPOLIS, MN
B 08/1996 - 11/1998	IDS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	6321	MINNEAPOLIS, MN
B 11/1995 - 12/1995	TCF SECURITIES, INC.	34954	MINNEAPOLIS, MN
B 01/1995 - 09/1995	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	7691	NEW YORK, NY

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.

Employment	Employer Name	Position	Investment Related	Employer Location
10/2024 - Present	Arete Wealth Management	Registered Representative	Y	Chicago, IL, United States
01/2021 - Present	Equity Markets Group	Wholesaler	Y	Sarasota, FL, United States
09/2017 - Present	JCC Advisors LLC	Wholesaler	Y	Laguna Niguel, CA, United States
09/2017 - 09/2023	GK Development Inc	Wholesaler	Y	Barrington, IL, United States
01/2015 - 09/2017	EMERSON EQUITY LLC	WHOLESALE	Y	SAN MATEO, CA, United States
03/2014 - 09/2017	GWG	WHOLESALE	Y	MINNEAPOLIS, MN, 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.

Equity Markets Group - Wholesaler for various product sponsors, since 2021, Investment Related, Wholesaler. 32 hours per week during market hours.

JCC Capital - Wholesaler for various product sponsors, Investment Related, 8 hours per week during market hours, Start date: 01/2021.

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
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.

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:	Broker
Employer Name:	TCF SECURITIES, INC.
Termination Type:	Discharged
Termination Date:	11/13/1995
Allegations:	NASD CASE #96-04025 SOLICITING W/O A LICENSE. CONVERTED CUSTODIAL PASSBOOK SAVING ACCOUNTS FOR A CLIENT'S GRAND CHILDREN INTO CUSTIDIAL PUTNAM MUTUAL FUND ACCOUNTS.
Product Type:	Mutual Fund(s)
Other Product Types:	
Broker Statement	AN INTERNAL REVIEW CONDUCTED BY TCF SECURITIES, INC. WAS IN RESPONSE TO THE EVENTS OF FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1995. ON THAT DATE, TCF'S COMPLIANCE OFFICER, SARA MONKE, TELEPHONED KARL KLOSTER THAT THE STATE OF MINNESOTA COMMERCE DEPARTMENT WOULD PROCESS HIS LICENSE THAT DAY. MONKE EXPLAINED THAT "THE WAIT WAS NOW OVER", AND KLOSTER COULD START SELLING MUTUAL FUNDS. THAT EVENING, KLOSTER ASSISTED A BANK CLIENT CONVERTING HER GRAND CHILDREN'S PASSBOOK SAVINGS ACCOUNTS INTO PUTNAM MUTUAL FUND ACCOUNTS. KLOSTER'S LICENSES WERE NOT PROCESSED UNTIL THE FOLLOWING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1995 AND WAS TERMINATED FOR SOLICITING WITHOUT A LICENSE. KLOSTER IMMEDIATELY FILED AN ARBITRATION SUIT AGAINST TCF SECURITIES FOR "WRONGFUL TERMINATION", AND SETTLED OUT-OF-COURT ON



SEPTEMBER 17TH, 1998. A NASD INVESTIGATION INTO THE SITUATION YIELDED A "INCONCLUSIVE" RESULT. THUS CLOSING NASD CASE #96-04025.

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