

BrokerCheck Report

CHRISTOPHER KENNEALLY

CRD# 2646535

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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.



CHRISTOPHER KENNEALLY

CRD# 2646535

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

IA FORTIS GROUP ADVISORS LLC
345 KINDERKAMACK ROAD, SUITE B
WESTWOOD, NJ 07675
CRD# 290427
Registered with this firm since: 02/21/2018

B LPL FINANCIAL LLC
345 KINDERKAMACK RD STE B
WESTWOOD, NJ 07675
CRD# 6413
Registered with this firm since: 02/14/2018

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
- 33 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):

- IA LPL FINANCIAL LLC**
CRD# 6413
FORT MILL, SC
09/2018 - 02/2019
- IA LPL FINANCIAL LLC**
CRD# 6413
FORT MILL, SC
02/2018 - 07/2018
- IA INVEST FINANCIAL CORPORATION**
CRD# 12984
APPLETON, WI
03/2008 - 02/2018

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
Customer Dispute	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 33 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.

Employment 1 of 2

Firm Name: **FORTIS GROUP ADVISORS LLC**
 Main Office Address: **345 KINDERKAMACK ROAD, SUITE B
 WESTWOOD, NJ 07675**
 Firm CRD#: **290427**

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
IA	New Jersey	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	02/21/2018
IA	Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Restricted Approval	10/14/2024

Branch Office Locations

345 KINDERKAMACK ROAD, SUITE B
 WESTWOOD, NJ 07675

Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: **LPL FINANCIAL LLC**
 Main Office Address: **1055 LPL WAY
 FORT MILL, SC 29715**
 Firm CRD#: **6413**

	SRO	Category	Status	Date
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	02/14/2018
B	FINRA	Invest. Co and Variable Contracts	Approved	02/14/2018

Broker Qualifications



Employment 2 of 2, continued

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Alaska	Agent	Approved	02/14/2018
B	Arizona	Agent	Approved	11/07/2023
B	California	Agent	Approved	02/14/2018
B	Colorado	Agent	Approved	02/14/2018
B	Connecticut	Agent	Approved	02/14/2018
B	Delaware	Agent	Approved	02/14/2018
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	02/15/2018
B	Georgia	Agent	Approved	02/14/2018
B	Illinois	Agent	Approved	02/14/2018
B	Indiana	Agent	Approved	02/14/2018
B	Iowa	Agent	Approved	02/14/2018
B	Louisiana	Agent	Approved	02/14/2018
B	Maine	Agent	Approved	02/14/2018
B	Maryland	Agent	Approved	02/14/2018
B	Massachusetts	Agent	Approved	02/14/2018
B	Nebraska	Agent	Approved	02/14/2018
B	Nevada	Agent	Approved	02/14/2018
B	New Hampshire	Agent	Approved	02/14/2018
B	New Jersey	Agent	Approved	02/14/2018
B	New Mexico	Agent	Approved	02/14/2018
B	New York	Agent	Approved	02/14/2018

Broker Qualifications



Employment 2 of 2, continued

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	North Carolina	Agent	Approved	02/14/2018
B	North Dakota	Agent	Approved	02/14/2018
B	Ohio	Agent	Approved	02/14/2018
B	Oklahoma	Agent	Approved	02/14/2018
B	Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	02/14/2018
B	South Carolina	Agent	Approved	02/14/2018
B	South Dakota	Agent	Approved	02/14/2018
B	Texas	Agent	Approved	02/14/2018
B	Utah	Agent	Approved	10/10/2018
B	Virginia	Agent	Approved	02/14/2018
B	Washington	Agent	Approved	02/14/2018
B	Wisconsin	Agent	Approved	02/14/2018

Branch Office Locations

LPL FINANCIAL LLC

345 KINDERKAMACK RD STE B
WESTWOOD, NJ 07675

LPL FINANCIAL LLC

9 PROFESSIONAL CIR STE 204
COLTS NECK, NJ 07722



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 General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	07/30/1998
B Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination	Series 6	09/25/1995

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
IA Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination	Series 65	04/10/2000
B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	06/02/1997

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 **1** professional designation(s).

Chartered Financial Consultant

This representative holds or did hold **1** professional designation(s) that may have been used to qualify as an Investment Advisor representative. Please check with the appropriate designation authority for verification that the designation is still in effect. The contact information for these professional designation authorities can be found on the website for the North American Securities Administrators Association at <http://www.nasaa.org>



Registration and Employment History

Registration History

The broker previously was registered with the following firms:

Registration Dates	Firm Name	CRD#	Branch Location
IA 09/2018 - 02/2019	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	6413	FORT MILL, SC
IA 02/2018 - 07/2018	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	6413	FORT MILL, SC
IA 03/2008 - 02/2018	INVEST FINANCIAL CORPORATION	12984	WESTWOOD, NJ
B 03/2008 - 02/2018	INVEST FINANCIAL CORPORATION	12984	WESTWOOD, NJ
IA 03/2003 - 04/2008	THRIVENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT INC.	18387	ORADELL, NJ
B 07/2002 - 04/2008	THRIVENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT INC.	18387	ORADELL, NJ
B 09/1995 - 07/2002	LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD SECURITIES CORP.	4205	MINNEAPOLIS, MN

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
02/2018 - Present	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	WESTWOOD, NJ, United States
01/2018 - Present	Fortis Group Advisors, LLC	Member / Investment Adviser Representative	Y	Westwood, NJ, United States
03/2008 - 02/2018	INVEST FINANCIAL CORPORATION	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	Tampa, FL, 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.



Registration and Employment History

Other Business Activities, continued

1. 02/14/2018 - CHRISTOPHER EDWARDS FINANCIAL ASSOCIATES, LLP - Investment Related - At Reported Business Location(s) - DBA for LPL Business (entity for LPL business) - Start Date 03/31/08 - 160 Hours Per Month/100 During Securities Trading.
 2. 02/14/2018 - Stonegate Brokerage - Investment Related - At Reported Business Location(s) - Non-Variable Insurance - Agent - 20 Hours Per Month/10 During Securities Trading.
 3. 4/11/2018 - Fortis Group Advisors, LLC - DBA: (HYBRID) Fortis Group Advisors - Investment Related - At Reported Business Location(s) - Registered Investment Advisor Hybrid - IAR - 120 Hours Per Month During Securities Trading - I provide investment advisory services through Fortis Group Advisors, LLC, an independent investment advisor firm. I started this business activity in 2/2018. I expect to spend approximately 120 hours per month on this activity. Please see the advisory firms Form ADV for more information about its address, the nature of its business, its owners, and its services at <http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov/IAPD>. The firm is separate from and independent of LPL Financial.
 4. 10/28/2024 - Christopher Edwards Financial Associates, LLP - Registered Investment Advisor DBA - IAR - Investment Related - At Reported Business Location(s) - Start Date 04/11/2018 - 160 Hours Per Month/ 120 Hours During Trading
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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
Customer Dispute	0	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.

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:	COURT 81-0735 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Charge Date:	02/26/1981
Charge Details:	STEALING AN AUTOMOBILE TIRE. IT WAS NOT INVESTMENT RELATED. MISDEMEANOR - NOLLE PROSEQUI WAS ENTERED
Felony?	No
Current Status:	Final
Status Date:	09/03/1982
Disposition Details:	I WAS PART OF A PRE TRIAL INTERVENTION PROGRAM FOR BEING WITH SOMEONE WHO STOLE AN AUTOMOBILE TIRE. THE CHARGES WERE DROPPED SINCE I COMPLETED THE PROGRAM NOLLE PROSEQUI WAS ENTERED
Broker Statement	I WAS WITH SOMEONE WHO STOLE A TIRE WHILE A COLLEGE STUDENT WE WERE IN A PRE TRIAL INTERVENTION PROGRAM AND THE CHARGES WERE DROPPED. BAD JUDGEMENT USED IN TAKING AUTOMOBILE TIRE.



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 to the complaint:	JAMES CONTRINI, CPA
Allegations:	THE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ME ARE THAT I SHOULD HAVE BEEN AWARE OF FRUDULENT PRACTICES OF DEFENDENT (OTHER FIRM EMPLOYEE)THIS WAS EITHER NEGLIGENT AND/OR INTENTIONALLY THAT I DID NOT COME FORWARD AND STOP THE FRAUDULENT CONDUCT OF (THE OTHER FIRM EMPLOYEE).
Product Type:	Other
Alleged Damages:	\$0.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received:	01/10/1997
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Settled
Status Date:	02/07/2001
Settlement Amount:	\$0.00
Individual Contribution Amount:	\$15,000.00

Civil Litigation Information

Court Details:	DOCKET NO. BER-L-3396-96, DOCKET NO. BER-L-115-97, DOCKET NO. BER-L-3061-97, DOCKET NO. BER-L-7561-97 AND DOCKET NO. BER-L-11466-98
Date Notice/Process Served:	01/10/1997
Litigation Pending?	No
Disposition:	Settled
Disposition Date:	02/07/2001
Monetary Compensation Amount:	\$15,000.00

**Individual Contribution
Amount:**

\$15,000.00

Broker Statement

THE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ME ARE TOTALLY FALSE AND FRIVOLOUS (OTHER FIRM EMPLOYEE'S) CRIMINAL ACTS WERE DONE LONG BEFORE I NEW HIM. I WAS HIRED AS A SALES TRAINING CONSULTANT LONG AFTER HE COMMITTED THESE ACTS. I HAD NOT KNOWLEDGE OF ANY FRAUDULENT BEHAVIOR AT ANY TIME.

THERE WAS NO ADMISSION OF ANY WRONG DOING. THE 15,000 WAS PAID FOR THE LAWSUIT TO END. I WAS ADVISED BY MY ATTORNEY THAT THE LAWSUIT COULD GO ON FOR A VERY LONG TIME WITH A HUGE LEGAL BILL AND THAT I WOULD BE BETTER OFF SETTTLING IF THE PLAINTIFFS WOULD ACKNOWLEDGE NO WRONG DOING ON MY PART, WHICH THEY DID.

End of Report



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