

BrokerCheck Report

Gary J Helbling

CRD# 2655105

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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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User Guidance

Gary J. Helbling

CRD# 2655105

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

AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC

95 GLASTONBURY BLVD STE 408 GLASTONBURY, CT 06033 CRD# 6363

Registered with this firm since: 08/03/2020

B AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC

95 GLASTONBURY BLVD STE 408 GLASTONBURY, CT 06033-4412 CRD# 6363

Registered with this firm since: 06/14/2019

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
- 16 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):

B OPPENHEIMER & CO. INC.

CRD# 249 CHESHIRE, CT 09/2014 - 06/2019

B WELLS FARGO ADVISORS, LLC CRD# 19616

NEW HAVEN, CT 01/2008 - 07/2014

B A. G. EDWARDS & SONS, INC.

CRD# 4 HAMDEN, CT 01/2001 - 01/2008

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:

Туре	Count
Regulatory Event	1
Customer Dispute	1
Financial	1

Broker Qualifications



Date

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.

Status

This individual is currently registered with 1 SRO and is licensed in 16 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.

Employment 1 of 1

Firm Name: AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC

Main Office Address: 9013RD AVENUE SOUTH

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402

Category

Firm CRD#: **6363**

SRO

	SKU	Category	Status	Date
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	06/14/2019
	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	California	Agent	Approved	08/27/2021
B	Colorado	Agent	Approved	01/19/2021
B	Connecticut	Agent	Approved	06/14/2019
IA	Connecticut	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	08/03/2020
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	06/14/2019
B	Georgia	Agent	Approved	03/12/2025
B	Maine	Agent	Approved	02/20/2025
B	Maryland	Agent	Approved	09/12/2024
B	Massachusetts	Agent	Approved	01/13/2025
B	New Hampshire	Agent	Approved	02/14/2023
B	New Jersey	Agent	Approved	11/30/2020
B	New York	Agent	Approved	06/14/2019

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	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	11/08/2021
B	Rhode Island	Agent	Approved	01/20/2021
B	South Carolina	Agent	Approved	07/12/2024
B	Vermont	Agent	Approved	06/14/2019
B	Virginia	Agent	Approved	09/10/2024

Branch Office Locations

AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC Durham, CT

AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC 95 GLASTONBURY BLVD STE 408 GLASTONBURY, CT 06033-4412

AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC 165A Tolland Stage Rd Tolland, CT 06084

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	02/13/1997

State Securities Law Exams

Exam		Category	Date
BIA	Uniform Combined State Law Examination	Series 66	08/01/2020
В	Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	03/14/1997

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/.

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User Guidance

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
B	09/2014 - 06/2019	OPPENHEIMER & CO. INC.	249	CHESHIRE, CT
B	01/2008 - 07/2014	WELLS FARGO ADVISORS, LLC	19616	NEW HAVEN, CT
B	01/2001 - 01/2008	A. G. EDWARDS & SONS, INC.	4	HAMDEN, CT
B	02/1997 - 01/2001	DAVID LERNER ASSOCIATES, INC.	5397	SYOSSET, 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.

Employment	Employer Name	Position	Investment Related	Employer Location
03/2020 - Present	Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC	Registered Rep	Υ	Westbrook, CT, United States
06/2019 - 03/2020	Ameriprise Financial Services Inc	Registered Rep	Υ	Portland, CT, United States
08/2014 - 06/2019	OPPENHEIMER & CO. INC.	FINANCIAL CONSULTANT	Υ	CHESHIRE, CT, 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:

- 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.

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.

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
Regulatory Event	0	1	0
Customer Dispute	0	1	N/A
Financial	0	1	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.

Regulatory - Final

This type of disclosure event may involve (1) a final, formal proceeding initiated by a regulatory authority (e.g., a state securities agency, self-regulatory organization, federal regulatory such as the Securities and Exchange Commission, foreign financial regulatory body) for a violation of investment-related rules or regulations; or (2) a revocation or suspension of a broker's authority to act as an attorney, accountant, or federal contractor.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Regulatory Action Initiated Regulator FINRA

Bv:

Sanction(s) Sought: Suspension

Date Initiated: 03/02/2021

Docket/Case Number: 20210707213

Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:

N/A

Product Type: No Product

Allegations: Respondent Helbling failed to pay an arbitration award rendered against him and

failed to prove that he has a bona fide inability to pay the award.

Current Status: Final

Resolution: Decision



Does the order constitute a final order based on violations of any laws or regulations that prohibit fraudulent, manipulative, or deceptive conduct?

No

Resolution Date: 07/23/2021

Sanctions Ordered: Monetary Penalty other than Fines

Suspension

If the regulator is the SEC, CFTC, or an SRO, did the action result in a finding of a willful violation or failure to supervise? No

(1) willfully violated any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any of such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, or to have been unable to comply with any provision of such Act, rule or regulation?



(2) willfully aided, abetted, counseled, commanded, induced, or procured the violation by any person of any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the **Securities Exchange Act of** 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the **Investment Company Act of** 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any of such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board? or

(3) failed reasonably to supervise another person subject to your supervision, with a view to preventing the violation by such person of any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the **Securities Exchange Act of** 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the **Investment Company Act of** 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities **Rulemaking Board?**

Sanction 1 of 1

Sanction Type: Suspension

Capacities Affected: All Capacities

Duration: n/a

Start Date: 07/23/2021

End Date: 08/24/2021



Monetary Sanction 1 of 1

Monetary Related Sanction: Monetary Penalty other than Fines

Total Amount: \$2,131.67

Portion Levied against

individual:

\$2,131.67

Payment Plan:

Is Payment Plan Current:

Date Paid by individual:

Was any portion of penalty

waived?

No

Amount Waived:

Regulator Statement Expedited Proceeding No. ARB210004: On July 23, 2021, an Expedited Decision

was issued for Helbling. Pursuant to Article VI, Section 3 of FINRA By-Laws, and FINRA Rule 9554, Respondent Helbling is suspended on July 23, 2021 for failing to pay an arbitration award rendered against him and failing to prove that he has a bona fide inability to pay the award. The suspension will remain in effect until Helbling produces sufficient documentary evidence to FINRA showing that (1) the Award has been paid in full; (2) Helbling and the arbitration creditor have agreed to settle the matter, and Helbling is current on the settlement; or (3) Helbling has filed a petition in a U.S Bankruptcy Court, or a U.S. Bankruptcy Court has discharged the debt representing the Award. Upon such showing, the suspension will automatically terminate. Helbling is also ordered to pay FINRA costs of \$2,131.67.

On August 20, 2021, Helbling filed a request to terminate his suspension on the basis that he paid the full amount of his arbitration award. FINRA has confirmed that he has paid the arbitration award in full. On August 20, 2021, Helbling also complied with the hearing officer's order to pay the hearing costs.

On August 24, the request to terminate Helbling's suspension was granted.

Reporting Source: Broker

Regulatory Action Initiated By:

FINRA

Sanction(s) Sought:

Suspension

Date Initiated:

03/02/2021

Docket/Case Number:

20210707213



Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:

Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc.

Product Type: No Product

Allegations: Failed to pay an arbitration award rendered against him and failed to prove that he

has a bona fide inability to pay the award.

Current Status: Final

Resolution: Decision

Does the order constitute a final order based on violations of any laws or regulations that prohibit fraudulent, manipulative, or deceptive conduct? No

Resolution Date: 07/23/2021

Sanctions Ordered: Monetary Penalty other than Fines

Suspension

Sanction 1 of 1

Sanction Type: Suspension

Capacities Affected: All Capacities

Duration: 32 days

Start Date: 07/23/2021

End Date: 08/24/2021

Monetary Sanction 1 of 1

Monetary Related Sanction: Monetary Penalty other than Fines

Total Amount: \$2,131.67

Portion Levied against individual:

\$2,131.67

Payment Plan:

Is Payment Plan Current:

Date Paid by individual: 08/20/2021



Was any portion of penalty waived?

Nο

Amount Waived:

Broker Statement

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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 WELLS FARGO ADVISORS, LLC

to the complaint:

Allegations:

CLAIMANT, A RESIDENT OF CONNECTICUT ALLEGES SUITABILITY,

MISREPRESENTATION, BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY AND FRAUD AGAINST

FA FOR INVESTMENTS IN AN UNSUITABLE METLIFE ANNUITY IN 2007.

CLAIMANT SEEKS DAMAGES IN AN UNSPECIFIED AMOUNT.

Product Type: Annuity-Variable

Alleged Damages: \$0.00

Alleged Damages Amount

Explanation (if amount not

exact):

CLAIMANT SEEKS DAMAGES IN AN UNSPECIFIED AMOUNT.

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 08/06/2009

Complaint Pending?

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution

Amount:

Arbitration Information

Arbitration/CFTC reparation

claim filed with (FINRA, AAA,

CFTC, etc.):

Docket/Case #: 09-03982

FINRA

Date Notice/Process Served: 08/06/2009

Arbitration Pending? No

Disposition: Settled

Disposition Date: 10/04/2012



Monetary Compensation

Amount:

Individual Contribution

Amount:

\$0.00

\$47,500.00

Broker Statement

WITHOUT ADMITTING ANY LIABILITY, THE MATTER WAS SETTLED FOR \$47,500.00 TO AVOID THE EXPENSE AND UNCERTAINTY OF FURTHER

ARBITRATION AND LITIGATION.



Financial - Final

This type of disclosure event involves a bankruptcy, compromise with one or more creditors, or Securities Investor Protection Corporation liquidation involving the broker or an organization/brokerage firm the broker controlled that occurred within the last 10 years.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source: Broker

Action Type: Bankruptcy

Bankruptcy: Chapter 7

Action Date: 12/08/2021

Organization Investment-

Related?

Type of Court: Federal Court

Name of Court: United States Bankruptcy Court

Location of Court: Middlesex County, CT

Docket/Case #: 21-30951

Action Pending? No

Disposition: Discharged

Disposition Date: 04/08/2022

End of Report



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