

## **BrokerCheck Report**

# **STEVEN BRUCE GRUNWERG**

CRD# 2670062

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  same disclosure events mentioned above.
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- 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.
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#### STEVEN B. GRUNWERG

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This broker is not currently registered.

## **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 not currently registered.

#### This broker has passed:

- 0 Principal/Supervisory Exams
- 1 General Industry/Product Exam
- 1 State Securities Law Exam

#### **Registration History**

This broker was previously registered with the following securities firm(s):

- B WELLS FARGO ADVISORS, LLC CRD# 19616 WESTFIELD, NJ 10/2000 - 05/2012
- B FIRST UNION BROKERAGE SERVICES, INC. CRD# 8112 CHARLOTTE, NC 11/1995 - 10/2000

#### **Disclosure Events**

This broker has been involved in one or more disclosure events involving certain final criminal matters, regulatory actions, civil judicial proceedings, or arbitrations or civil litigations.

Are there events disclosed about this broker? Yes

The following types of disclosures have been reported:

Туре	Count	
Regulatory Event	2	

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#### **Broker Qualifications**



## Registrations

This section provides the self-regulatory organizations (SROs), states and U.S. territories the broker is currently registered and licensed with, the category of each registration, and the date on which the registration became effective. This section also provides, for each firm with which the broker is currently employed, the address of each branch where the broker works.

This broker is not currently registered.

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#### **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, 1 general industry/product exam, and 1 state securities law exam.

### **Principal/Supervisory Exams**

Exam		Category	Date
	No information reported.		
Gene	ral Industry/Product Exams		
Exam		Category	Date
В	Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination	Series 6	11/08/1995
State	Securities Law Exams		
Exam		Category	Date
В	Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	11/10/1995

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/.

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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 securities firms:

Reg	istration Dates	Firm Name	CRD#	Branch Location
B	10/2000 - 05/2012	WELLS FARGO ADVISORS, LLC	19616	WESTFIELD, NJ
B	11/1995 - 10/2000	FIRST UNION BROKERAGE SERVICES, INC.	8112	CHARLOTTE, NC

### **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	<b>Employer Location</b>
05/2009 - Present	WELLS FARGO ADVISORS LLC	REGISTERED REP	Υ	WESTFIELD, NJ, United States
06/2002 - Present	WACHOVIA BANK, N.A.	FINANCIAL SPECIALIST	Υ	WESTFIELD, NJ, United States

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#### **Disclosure Events**



What you should know about reported disclosure events:

- 1. Disclosure events in BrokerCheck reports come from different sources:
  - As mentioned at the beginning of this report, information contained in BrokerCheck comes from brokers, their employing firms, and regulators. When more than one source reports information for the same disclosure event, all versions of the event will appear in the BrokerCheck report. The different versions are separated by a solid line with the reporting source labeled.

For your convenience, below is a matrix of the number and status of regulatory 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.

	Final	On Appeal
Regulatory Event	2	0



#### **Disclosure Event Details**

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 involves a final, formal proceeding initiated by a regulatory authority (e.g., a state securities agency, self-regulatory organization, federal regulator such as the Securities and Exchange Commission, foreign financial regulatory body) for a violation of investment-related rules or regulations.

Disclosure 1 of 2

Reporting Source: Regulator

**Regulatory Action Initiated** 

**NEW JERSEY BUREAU OF SECURITIES** 

By:

Sanction(s) Sought: Revocation

Date Initiated: 03/11/2014

Docket/Case Number: N/A

**URL for Regulatory Action:** 

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

WELLS FARGO ADVISORS, LLC (CRD NO. 19616)

**Product Type:** Promissory Note

Allegations: GRUNWERG IS THE SUBJECT OF AN ORDER OF A SELF-REGULATORY

ORGANIZATION EXPELLING HIM FROM A SELF-REGULATORY ORGANIZATION. GRUNWERG HAS ENGAGED IN DISHONEST OR

UNETHICAL PRACTICES IN THE SECURITIES BUSINESS.

Current Status: Final

Resolution: Order

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:** 03/11/2014

Sanctions Ordered: Revocation

Other: GRUNWERG IS DENIED ALL EXEMPTIONS CONTAINED IN N.J.S.A.



49:3-50 SUBSECTIONS (A) PARAGRAPH 9, 10, AND 11 AND SUBSECTION (B);

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT THE EXEMPTIONS TO THE

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS PROVIDED BY N.J.S.A. 49:3-56(B), N.J.S.A.

49:3-56(C) AND N.J.S.A. 49:3-56(G) ARE HEREBY REVOKED.

Sanction 1 of 1

Sanction Type: Bar (Permanent)

Capacities Affected: ALL CAPACITIES

**Duration:** 

**Start Date:** 03/11/2014

**End Date:** 

Regulator Statement ON OR ABOUT MARCH 10, 2010, GRUNWERG EXECUTED A PROMISSORY

NOTE WITH A CUSTOMER OF WELLS FARGO, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000.

THE NOTE ACKNOWLEDGED A PRE-EXISTING DEBT

OF \$80,000 AND FURTHER STATED THAT \$50,000 HAD ALREADY BEEN REPAID. AFTER WELLS FARGO LEARNED OF THE PROMISSORY NOTE, IT PERMITTED GRUNWERG TO RESIGN ON APRIL 23, 2012. ON THAT SAME DAY, GRUNWERG TOLD ANOTHER BANK CUSTOMER THAT OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS, HE REMOVED \$65,000 FROM HER SAFE DEPOSIT BOX. THE AWC FOUND THAT BY TAKING FUNDS FROM A BANK CUSTOMER WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION AND FOR HIS OWN PERSONAL USE,

GRUNWERG VIOLATED FINRA RULE 2010. FOR BORROWING MONEY FROM A CUSTOMER OF WELLS FARGO, GRUNWERG VIOLATED NASD RULE 2370 AND FINRA RULE 2010. GRUNWERG CONSENTED TO THE IMPOSITION OF A

SANCTION BARRING HIM FROM ASSOCIATION WITH

ANY FINRA MEMBER IN ANY CAPACITY.

Disclosure 2 of 2

Reporting Source: Regulator
Regulatory Action Initiated FINRA

Regulatory Action Initiated By:

Sanction(s) Sought:

Other: N/A

Date Initiated: 06/05/2013

**Docket/Case Number:** <u>2012032630801</u>



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

WELLS FARGO ADVISORS, LLC

**Product Type:** Promissory Note

Allegations: FINRA RULE 2010, NASD RULE 2370: GRUNWERG EXECUTED A

PROMISSORY NOTE WITH A CUSTOMER OF HIS MEMBER FIRM. AFTER GRUNWERG'S FIRM LEARNED OF THE PROMISSORY NOTE, IT PERMITTED HIM TO RESIGN. ON THE SAME DAY, GRUNWERG TOLD A CUSTOMER OF HIS FIRM'S BANK AFFILIATE THAT OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS HE HAD

REMOVED \$65,000 FROM HER SAFE DEPOSIT BOX WITHOUT

AUTHORIZATION AND FOR HIS OWN PERSONAL USE.

Current Status: Final

Resolution: Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)

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:

06/05/2013

**Sanctions Ordered:** 

Bar (Permanent)

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: Bar (Permanent)

Capacities Affected: All Capacities

**Duration:** Indefinite

**Start Date:** 06/05/2013

**End Date:** 

Regulator Statement WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING THE FINDINGS, GRUNWERG

CONSENTED TO THE DESCRIBED SANCTION AND TO THE ENTRY OF FINDINGS; THEREFORE HE IS BARRED FROM ASSOCIATION WITH ANY

FINRA MEMBER IN ANY CAPACITY.

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