

BrokerCheck Report

GERARD JOSEPH KOHLER JR

CRD# 273275

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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.

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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:

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

Registration History

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

- B** LPL FINANCIAL LLC
CRD# 6413
FALLBROOK, CA
09/2009 - 01/2026
- B** ASSOCIATED SECURITIES CORP.
CRD# 12969
NEWPORT BEACH, CA
08/1988 - 09/2009
- B** MORGAN, OLMSTEAD, KENNEDY & GARDNER INCORPORATED
CRD# 595
02/1972 - 08/1988

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	1

Investment Adviser Representative Information

The information below represents the individual's record as a broker. For details on this individual's record as an investment adviser representative, visit the SEC's Investment Adviser Public Disclosure website at

<https://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov>

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 broker is not currently registered.



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 1 principal/supervisory exam, 3 general industry/product exams, and 1 state securities law exam.

Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B General Securities Principal Examination	Series 24	08/28/1989

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7TO	01/02/2023
B Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	10/01/2018
B Registered Representative Examination	Series 1	06/03/1968

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B IA Uniform Combined State Law Examination	Series 66	03/20/2002

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 09/2009 - 01/2026	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	6413	FALLBROOK, CA
B 08/1988 - 09/2009	ASSOCIATED SECURITIES CORP.	12969	NEWPORT BEACH, CA
B 02/1972 - 08/1988	MORGAN, OLMSTEAD, KENNEDY & GARDNER INCORPORATED	595	
B 10/1969 - 03/1972	HORNBLOWER & WEEKS - HEMPHILL, NOYES INCORPORATED	412	

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
09/2009 - Present	LPL FINANCIAL CORPORATION	Mass Transfer	Y	NEWPORT BEACH, 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.

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.
 - 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
Customer Dispute	1	0	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.

Customer Dispute - Pending

This type of disclosure event involves (1) a pending consumer-initiated, investment-related arbitration or civil suit that contains allegations of sales practice violations against the broker; or (2) a pending, 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.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source:	Firm
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	MORGAN, OLMSTEAD, KENNEDY & GARDNER, INC.
Allegations:	THE CLAIM ALLEGED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, VIOLATIONS OF SECURITIES LAWS, NEGLIGENCE, FRAUD, AND BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY. A DISPUTE HAS ARISEN CONCERNING THE RESPECTIVE OBLIGATIONS OF MORGAN, OLMSTEAD AND MR. KOHLER FOR PAYMENT OF ASSOCIATED LEGAL COSTS AND FEES AND THE AWARD.

Product Type:

Alleged Damages:

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received:

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Arbitration/Reparation
Litigation

Status Date:

Settlement Amount:



**Individual Contribution
Amount:**

Arbitration Information

**Arbitration/Reparation Claim
filed with and Docket/Case
No.:** NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECURITIES DEALERS, INC.; 86-553

Date Notice/Process Served: 05/08/1986

Arbitration Pending? No

Disposition: Award to Customer

Disposition Date: 06/01/1988

**Monetary Compensation
Amount:** \$120,782.00

**Individual Contribution
Amount:**

Civil Litigation Information

Court Details: US DISTRICT; CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CA; 85-3533

Date Notice/Process Served: 05/24/1985

Litigation Pending? Yes

Firm Statement IN JUNE, 1988, AN ADVERSE DECISION WAS HANDED DOWN AGAINST MORGAN, OLMSTEAD, KENNEDY & GARDNER AND GERALD KOHLER IN AND NASD ARBITRATION ENTITLED [CUSTOMER] V. MORGAN, OLMSTEAD, KENNEDY & GARDNER, INC., ET AL., CASE NUMBER 86-553. MR. KOHLER CHOSE TO RESIGN ON 7/5/88, PRIOR TO RESOLVING THIS DISPUTE. TO DATE, HE HAS NOT FULLY COMPLIED WITH MORGAN, OLMSTEAD'S REQUEST FOR THE RETURN OF RECORDS RELATED TO HIS ACCOUNTS. A COPY OF THE AWARD NOTICE, 86-553, FILED WITH THE NASD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$120,032.00 PLUS INTEREST FROM 1/1/84 TIL THE SATISFACTION OF THE AWARD.

Reporting Source: Broker

**Employing firm when
activities occurred which led
to the complaint:** MORGAN, OLMSTEAD, KENNEDY & GARDNER, INC.

Allegations: ALLEGATIONS INCLUDED FRAUD AND DECEIT, NEGLIGENT MISREPRESENTATION, BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY,



FAILURE TO SUPERVISE, NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OF CONTRACT, SECURITIES VIOLATIONS, INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS; AND MONEY HAD AND RECEIVED. DAMAGES SOUGHT WERE GENERAL DAMAGES OF \$195,000, UNSPECIFIED PUNITIVE AND EXEMPLARY DAMAGES, PLUS INTEREST, ATTORNEYS FEES, COSTS AND SUCH OTHER AND FURTHER RELIEF AS THE COURT MAY DEEM JUST AND PROPER.

Product Type: Other
Other Product Type(s): VARIOUS STOCKS, MUTUAL FUNDS
Alleged Damages: \$195,000.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 05/24/1985
Complaint Pending? No
Status: Arbitration/Reparation
Status Date: 06/01/1988
Settlement Amount:
Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Arbitration Information

Arbitration/Reparation Claim filed with and Docket/Case No.: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECURITIES DEALERS, INC.; 86-553
Date Notice/Process Served: 05/08/1986
Arbitration Pending? No
Disposition: Award to Customer
Disposition Date: 06/01/1988
Monetary Compensation Amount: \$120,782.00
Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00
Broker Statement CIVIL ACTION NO. 85-3533 WAS FILED IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA ON 5/24/85, [CUSTOMER] VS. MORGAN, OLMSTEAD, KENNEDY & GARDNER,



INCORPORATED AND JERRY KOHLER. THE CASE WAS SETTLED BY NASD ARBITRATION (CASE NUMBER 86-553) IN MAY OF 1988. THE MATTER IN CONTROVERSY WAS HEARD BY THE ARBITRATORS ON DECEMBER 9, 10, 1987 AND MAY 10, 11, 1988. [CUSTOMER]'S CLAIM WAS FILED FOR ARBITRATION ON MAY 8, 1986. RESOLUTION WAS AS FOLLOWS: 1) RESPONDENTS ARE JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY LIABLE AND SHALL PAY TO CLAIMANT THE SUM OF \$120,032.00 IN GENERAL DAMAGES. 2) ALL OTHER CLAIMS ARE DISMISSED. 3) CLAIM FOR PUNITIVE DAMAGES IS DISMISSED. 4) THE CLAIMANT IS AWARDED INTEREST AT THE LEGAL RATE ON THE AMOUNT OF \$120,032.00 FROM JANUARY 1, 1984 TO THE DATE THE AWARD SATISFIED. 5) THE PARTIES SHALL EACH BEAR THEIR RESPECTIVE COSTS, INCLUDING ATTORNEYS FEES. 6) PURSUANT TO SECTION 43 OF THE CODE OF ARBITRATION PROCEDURE, THE NASD SHALL REFUND THE \$750.00 FILING FEE PREVIOUSLY DEPOSITED BY CLAIMANT, AND IT IS ASSESSED JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY AGAINST RESPONDENTS AND IS TO BE PAID TO THE NASD.

End of Report



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