

BrokerCheck Report

MICHAEL ANDREW NEAL

CRD# 2807840

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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.

**MICHAEL A. NEAL**

CRD# 2807840

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

IA KOVACK ADVISORS, INC.
 6451 N. FEDERAL HWY
 SUITE 1201
 FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33308
 CRD# 140808
 Registered with this firm since: 10/21/2005

B KOVACK SECURITIES INC.
 209 N. MAIN STREET
 SUITE 7
 HORSEHEADS, NY 14845
 CRD# 44848
 Registered with this firm since: 09/30/2005

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:**

- 2 Self-Regulatory Organizations
- 19 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 RK ADVISORS**
 CRD# 44848
 FORT LAUDERDALE, FL
 08/2005 - 08/2006
- IA MORGAN STANLEY**
 CRD# 7556
 PURCHASE, NY
 12/2002 - 08/2005
- B MORGAN STANLEY DW INC.**
 CRD# 7556
 PURCHASE, NY
 10/1996 - 08/2005

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	3
Judgment/Lien	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 2 SROs and is licensed in 19 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.

Employment 1 of 2

Firm Name: **KOVACK ADVISORS, INC.**
 Main Office Address: **6451 N. FEDERAL HWY
 SUITE 1201
 FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33308**
 Firm CRD#: **140808**

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
IA	New Jersey	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	08/15/2006
IA	New York	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	09/02/2021
IA	Virginia	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	08/15/2006

Branch Office Locations

6451 N. FEDERAL HWY
 SUITE 1201
 FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33308

Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: **KOVACK SECURITIES INC.**
 Main Office Address: **6451 N. FEDERAL HWY.
 SUITE 1201
 FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33308**
 Firm CRD#: **44848**

	SRO	Category	Status	Date
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	09/30/2005



Broker Qualifications

Employment 2 of 2, continued

SRO	Category	Status	Date
B Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Representative	Approved	07/12/2006

U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B Arizona	Agent	Approved	03/04/2013
B California	Agent	Approved	09/30/2005
B Florida	Agent	Approved	09/30/2005
B Georgia	Agent	Approved	09/30/2005
B Maine	Agent	Approved	11/12/2021
B Maryland	Agent	Approved	09/30/2005
B Massachusetts	Agent	Approved	09/30/2005
B Nevada	Agent	Approved	11/10/2015
B New Jersey	Agent	Approved	09/30/2005
B New York	Agent	Approved	09/30/2005
B North Carolina	Agent	Approved	09/30/2005
B Ohio	Agent	Approved	09/30/2005
B Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	09/30/2005
B Rhode Island	Agent	Approved	05/09/2011
B South Carolina	Agent	Approved	10/06/2005
B Utah	Agent	Approved	01/02/2015
B Virginia	Agent	Approved	09/30/2005
B Washington	Agent	Approved	09/30/2005
B West Virginia	Agent	Approved	09/30/2005

Broker Qualifications



Employment 2 of 2, continued

Branch Office Locations

KOVACK SECURITIES INC.

209 N. MAIN STREET

SUITE 7

HORSEHEADS, NY 14845



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 Futures Managed Funds Examination	Series 31	11/06/1996
B General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	10/14/1996

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
IA Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination	Series 65	11/06/1996
B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	11/06/1996

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
IA 08/2005 - 08/2006	RK ADVISORS	44848	PINE VALLEY, NY
IA 12/2002 - 08/2005	MORGAN STANLEY	7556	ELMIRA, NY
B 10/1996 - 08/2005	MORGAN STANLEY DW INC.	7556	PURCHASE, 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
08/2006 - Present	KOVACK ADVISORS, INC.	INVESTMENT ADVISOR	Y	FT. LAUDERDALE, FL, United States
08/2005 - Present	KOVACK SECURITIES INC.	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	FT. LAUDERDALE, 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.

- 1) DBA: M.A. NEAL FINANCIAL SERVICES, 209 NORTH MAIN STREET, SUITE 7, HORSEHEADS, NY 14845, DBA FOR SECURITIES, 80% OF TIME SPENT, COMPENSATED BY COMMISSION. 08/16/11
- 2) FIXED INSURANCE SALES - 209 NORTH MAIN STREET, SUITE 7, HORSEHEADS, NY 14845; FIXED INSURANCE SALES; NON INVESTMENT RELATED; INSURANCE AGENT; SELL INSURANCE; 20% OF TIME SPENT
- 3) M.A. NEAL LLC. - HORSEHEADS, NY 14845 - MANAGING MEMBER

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	3	N/A
Judgment/Lien	1	N/A	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
Organization Name (if charge(s) were brought against an organization over which broker exercised control):	N/A
Court Details:	HORSEHEADS TOWN COURT, STATE OF NY CR-1104
Charge Date:	09/09/1992
Charge Details:	1 COUNT, ISSUE BAD CHECK, MISDEMEANOR, NO PLEA AMENDED TO DISORDERLY CONDUCT, PLEAD GUILTY
Felony?	No
Current Status:	Final
Status Date:	06/08/1993
Disposition Details:	I PLEAD GUILTY TO DISORDERLY CONDUCT AND MADE RESTITUTION OF \$190.05, 6/8/93
Broker Statement	A VENDOR FILED CHARGES AGAINST ME FOR ISSUING A BAD CHECK OF \$190.05. I WROTE THE CHECK FOR BUSINESS PRUPOSES, IN GOOD FAITH, UNFORTUNATELY MY BUSINESS SUFFERED A LACK OF ADEQUATE CASE FLOW AND THE CHECK BOUNCED. CHARGES WERE FILED BY MY VENDOR AS A COUNSEQUENCE. I DID MAKE FULL RESTITUTION.





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 3

Reporting Source:	Broker
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	Kovack Securities, Inc.
Allegations:	Client was unhappy with representative's recommendations and the commissions that he was charged.
Product Type:	Mutual Fund
Alleged Damages:	\$7,613.19
Is this an oral complaint?	Yes
Is this a written complaint?	No
Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?	No

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received:	02/14/2018
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Settled
Status Date:	03/07/2018
Settlement Amount:	\$7,613.19
Individual Contribution Amount:	\$7,613.19

Disclosure 2 of 3

Reporting Source:	Broker
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	KOVACK SECURITIES, INC.
Allegations:	CLIENT ALLEGES UNSUITABLE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE MADE IN 2011.
Product Type:	Annuity-Variable



Alleged Damages: \$21,137.90

Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact): AMOUNT REQUESTED ON CLIENT/ATTORNEY LETTER.

Is this an oral complaint? Yes

Is this a written complaint? No

Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation? No

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 12/19/2011

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 03/06/2013

Settlement Amount: \$21,137.90

Individual Contribution Amount: \$21,137.90

Disclosure 3 of 3

Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: KOVACK SECURITIES, INC.

Allegations: CLIENT ALLEGES UNSUITABLE INVESTMENTS IN 2010.

Product Type: Annuity-Variable
Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)
Real Estate Security

Alleged Damages: \$20,000.00

Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact): CLIENT ALLEGED \$18,000 FOR THE LOSS OF PREFERRED STOCK AND REIT LIQUIDATION FEES OF APPROXIMATELY \$2,000.

Is this an oral complaint? No

Is this a written complaint? Yes



**Is this an arbitration/CFTC
reparation or civil litigation?** No

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 10/22/2012

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 11/09/2012

Settlement Amount: \$6,000.00

**Individual Contribution
Amount:** \$6,000.00



Judgment / Lien

This type of disclosure event involves an unsatisfied and outstanding judgments or liens against the broker.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source:	Broker
Judgment/Lien Holder:	Unspecified creditor - Medical Related
Judgment/Lien Amount:	\$2,465.00
Judgment/Lien Type:	Civil
Date Filed with Court:	03/14/2012
Date Individual Learned:	08/31/2005
Type of Court:	State Court
Name of Court:	Chemung County
Location of Court:	Chemung County, NY USA
Docket/Case #:	201205936
Judgment/Lien Outstanding?	Yes
Broker Statement	<p>This lien involves a medical billing issue from 10 years ago.</p> <p>At the time of the medical procedure, my understanding was that my insurance provider was liable for the payment, not me. The issue remains unresolved.</p>

End of Report



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