

## BrokerCheck Report

**ROCHELLE ANNE LEININGER**

CRD# 2838275

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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](http://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](http://www.finra.org).



ROCHELLE A. LEININGER

CRD# 2838275

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):

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MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED

CRD# 7691

SAN RAMON, CA

05/1999 - 09/2010

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:

| Type             | Count |
|------------------|-------|
| Regulatory Event | 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), 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.



## 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. |          |      |

### General Industry/Product Exams

| Exam                                                   | Category | Date       |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| <b>B</b> General Securities Representative Examination | Series 7 | 05/17/1999 |

### State Securities Law Exams

| Exam                                               | Category  | Date       |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| <b>B IA</b> Uniform Combined State Law Examination | Series 66 | 01/06/2003 |

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/](http://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 securities firms:

| Registration Dates         | Firm Name                                          | CRD# | Branch Location |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------|-----------------|
| <b>B</b> 05/1999 - 09/2010 | MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED | 7691 | SAN RAMON, CA   |

### 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            |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| 11/1996 - Present | MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED | NOT PROVIDED  | Y                  | SAN RAMON, CA, United States |
| 07/1986 - Present | PACIFIC PASTA, INC.                                | OTHER - OWNER | N                  | SAN RAMON, CA, United States |

# 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 | 1     | 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 1

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| <b>Reporting Source:</b>                                                         | Regulator                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Regulatory Action Initiated By:</b>                                           | FINRA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Sanction(s) Sought:</b>                                                       | Other: N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Date Initiated:</b>                                                           | 05/29/2012                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Docket/Case Number:</b>                                                       | <a href="#">2010024175201</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:</b> | MERRILL, LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH, INC.,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Product Type:</b>                                                             | Insurance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Allegations:</b>                                                              | NASD RULE 2110: LEININGER NOTARIZED THE SIGNATURES OF PERSONS, WHO DID NOT APPEAR BEFORE HER. WHILE REGISTERED WITH HER MEMBER FIRM, LEININGER WAS A NOTARY PUBLIC WHEN A FORMER COLLEAGUE OF LEININGER'S WHO WAS REGISTERED WITH ANOTHER FINRA MEMBER FIRM, PRESENTED DOCUMENTS TO LEININGER AND ASKED HER TO NOTARIZE HIS CUSTOMERS' SIGNATURES ON THE DOCUMENTS. THE DOCUMENTS WERE REQUESTS FOR LOANS FROM THE CUSTOMERS' LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES THAT PURPORTEDLY HAD BEEN SIGNED BY THE CUSTOMERS WHOM LEININGER KNEW. THE CUSTOMERS WERE NOT PRESENT AT THE TIME LEININGER NOTARIZED THE DOCUMENTS. IN REALITY, UNBEKNOWNST TO LEININGER, THE CUSTOMERS' SIGNATURES ON THE DOCUMENTS HAD BEEN FORGED BY HER FORMER COLLEAGUE. LEININGER NOTARIZED THE DOCUMENTS BY AFFIXING TO EACH A CALIFORNIA ALL PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM THAT ATTESTED TO THE VERACITY OF THE SIGNATURES. LEININGER THEN FAXED THE NOTARIZED DOCUMENTS TO THE INSURANCE COMPANY. THE COMPANY PROCESSED THE LOAN REQUESTS AGAINST LEININGER'S FORMER COLLEAGUE'S CUSTOMERS' INSURANCE POLICIES AND SENT THE BORROWED FUNDS TO THE FORMER |



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| <b>Current Status:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Final                                                       |
| <b>Resolution:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)                           |
| <b>Does the order constitute a final order based on violations of any laws or regulations that prohibit fraudulent, manipulative, or deceptive conduct?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | No                                                          |
| <b>Resolution Date:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 05/29/2012                                                  |
| <b>Sanctions Ordered:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)<br>Suspension |
| <b>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?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | No                                                          |
| <b>(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?</b> |                                                             |



(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

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|-----------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Sanction Type:</b>       | Suspension   |
| <b>Capacities Affected:</b> | ANY CAPACITY |
| <b>Duration:</b>            | 90 DAYS      |
| <b>Start Date:</b>          | 06/04/2012   |
| <b>End Date:</b>            | 09/01/2012   |

**Monetary Sanction 1 of 1**

**Monetary Related Sanction:** Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

**Total Amount:** \$5,000.00

**Portion Levied against individual:** \$5,000.00

**Payment Plan:**

**Is Payment Plan Current:**

**Date Paid by individual:**

**Was any portion of penalty waived?** No

**Amount Waived:**

**Regulator Statement**

WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING THE FINDINGS, LEININGER CONSENTED TO THE DESCRIBED SANCTIONS AND TO THE ENTRY OF FINDINGS; THEREFORE, SHE IS FINED \$5,000 AND SUSPENDED FROM ASSOCIATION WITH ANY FINRA MEMBER IN ANY CAPACITY FOR 90 DAYS. THE FINE IS DUE AND PAYABLE IMMEDIATELY UPON RE-ASSOCIATION WITH A MEMBER FIRM FOLLOWING HER SUSPENSION OR PRIOR TO ANY APPLICATION OR REQUEST FOR RELIEF FROM ANY STATUTORY DISQUALIFICATION RESULTING FROM THIS OR ANY OTHER EVENT OR PROCEEDING, WHICHEVER IS EARLIER. THE SUSPENSION IS IN EFFECT FROM JUNE 4, 2012, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1, 2012.

## End of Report



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