

## BrokerCheck Report

### Chester E Scotland

CRD# 2858846

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

Registration History

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

- B** SPARTAN CAPITAL SECURITIES, LLC  
CRD# 146251  
NEW YORK, NY  
05/2024 - 02/2025
- B** SW FINANCIAL  
CRD# 145012  
NEW YORK, NY  
12/2019 - 07/2020
- B** WORDEN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLC  
CRD# 148366  
New York, NY  
02/2019 - 12/2019

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
Civil Event	1
Judgment/Lien	2

## 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 0 principal/supervisory exams, 3 general industry/product exams, 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 7TO	03/11/2024
<b>B</b> Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	01/10/2019
<b>B</b> General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	05/02/2000

### State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
<b>B</b> Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	09/23/2024

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 firms:

Registration Dates	Firm Name	CRD#	Branch Location
<b>B</b> 05/2024 - 02/2025	SPARTAN CAPITAL SECURITIES, LLC	146251	NEW YORK, NY
<b>B</b> 12/2019 - 07/2020	SW FINANCIAL	145012	NEW YORK, NY
<b>B</b> 02/2019 - 12/2019	WORDEN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLC	148366	New York, NY
<b>B</b> 01/2002 - 07/2002	SANDS BROTHERS & CO., LTD.	26816	NEW YORK, NY
<b>B</b> 04/2001 - 10/2001	CITICORP INVESTMENT SERVICES	23988	LONG ISLAND CITY, NY
<b>B</b> 02/2001 - 03/2001	CONTINENTAL BROKER-DEALER CORP.	14048	CARLE PLACE, NY
<b>B</b> 12/2000 - 01/2001	SCHNEIDER SECURITIES, INC.	16434	DENVER, CO
<b>B</b> 05/2000 - 08/2000	BISHOP, ROSEN & CO., INC.	1248	NEW YORK, NY
<b>B</b> 05/2000 - 06/2000	MASON HILL & CO., INC.	38308	NEW YORK, 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
05/2024 - Present	Spartan Capital Securities, LLC	Registered Representative	Y	New York, NY, United States
08/2023 - 05/2024	n/a	Unemployed	N	New York, NY, United States
06/2023 - 08/2023	Life Alert	Customer Service	N	New York, NY, United States
09/2020 - 05/2023	Max Infinity Fund, LLC	Administrative Assistant	Y	New York, NY, United States
12/2019 - 07/2020	SW FINANCIAL	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	NEW YORK, NY, United States
11/2018 - 12/2019	Worden Capital Management LLC	Registered Representative	Y	New York, NY, United States



## Registration and Employment History

### Employment History, continued

Employment	Employer Name	Position	Investment Related	Employer Location
08/2016 - 10/2018	Millennium Group	Mail Processor	N	Hackensack, NJ, United States
09/2015 - 07/2016	Unemployed	Unemployed	N	Bronx, NY, United States
05/2015 - 09/2015	DAVID LERNER ASSOCIATES, INC	INVESTMENT COUNSELOR	Y	WESTPORT, 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:**
  - 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
Civil Event	1	0	0
Judgment/Lien	2	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

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Broker
<b>Court Details:</b>	POLICE DEPARTMENT-CITY OF YONKERS 05071999 CASE NUMBER
<b>Charge Date:</b>	10/27/1993
<b>Charge Details:</b>	ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ME WERE PETTY LARCENY, TAKING PARTS OFF AN ABANDONED AUTO. POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY (2 HUBCAPS) POSSESSION OF TOOLS. PLEAD GUILTY TO DISORDERLY CONDUCT.
<b>Felony?</b>	No
<b>Current Status:</b>	Final
<b>Status Date:</b>	01/12/1994
<b>Disposition Details:</b>	PAID FINE OF \$90.00 TO HAVE CASE DISMISSED. ALL PRINTS & PHOTOS HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO ME.
<b>Broker Statement</b>	DISORDERLY CONDUCT



## Civil - Pending

This type of disclosure event involves a pending civil court action that seeks an injunction in connection with any investment-related activity or alleges a violation of any investment-related statute or regulation.

### Disclosure 1 of 1

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Regulator
<b>Initiated By:</b>	UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
<b>Relief Sought:</b>	Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s) Disgorgement Injunction Monetary Penalty other than Fines
<b>Date Court Action Filed:</b>	01/31/2025
<b>Product Type:</b>	Other: Unspecified Pre-IPO Shares
<b>Type of Court:</b>	Federal Court
<b>Name of Court:</b>	United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York
<b>Location of Court:</b>	Brooklyn, NY
<b>Docket/Case #:</b>	1:25-CV-00549
<b>Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the action:</b>	Max Infinity Management LLC d/b/a Max Infinity Fund
<b>Allegations:</b>	Plaintiff SEC, for its Complaint against Max Infinity Management LLC d/b/a Max Infinity Fund, Max Infinity Venture Partners, Inc., Elder Fund Management LLC, JJRP United Corp, Grand Level Consulting Inc., John S. Cangialosi, Jr., Peter N. Girgis, Gene "Jerry" Sarabella, Enrico A. "Ed" Carini, Caner "John" Otari, Chester E. "Chett" Scotland, and Franz H. Lambert II (collectively, Defendants), and Relief Defendants alleges that they engaged in a scheme to defraud investors and prospective investors using high pressure sales tactics, false and misleading statements, and other means of trickery and deception to offer and sell investment fund interests purportedly representing shares of stock in companies that had not yet held an IPO (pre-IPO). The investments were offered by Max Infinity Fund and Elder Fund. The scheme raised over \$70 million from more than 550 investors throughout the United States. The scheme was orchestrated and controlled by Cangialosi, Girgis, and Sarabella (the "Max Principals"). Cangialosi and Girgis are veterans in the securities industry, but each were suspended by FINRA during a portion of the scheme and now are barred by FINRA. Their control of the operations was hidden from investors, while Sarabella, having virtually no experience in financial services, was held out as the investment funds' owner, organizer, adviser, and, at times, manager. The Max Principals operated the



scheme through a variety of entities, including Max Infinity Management, Max Infinity Venture Partners, and Elder Fund Management (Max and Elder Entities) and entities that operated boiler rooms, JJRP and Grand Level. Lambert owned Grand Level but established it at the direction of, and controlled it jointly with, the Max Principals. Scotland, who had no experience in fund management, was held out publicly as the "manager" of most of the investment funds. The Max Principals hired and trained a workforce of unregistered sales agents, including Carini and Otter, to cold call and pitch pre-IPO stock to prospective investors, many of them senior citizens, using scripts and rebuttals that were riddled with false and misleading statements and deceptive devices. Carini and Otter made false and misleading statements to investors and were each in charge of a team of other agents. Defendants and their agents represented to investors that their funds had a record of success in pre-IPO stock, that they held shares at the funds, and that investors' proceeds would be held in an escrow account until the IPO. None of this was true and in reality, the funds were not registered with the SEC, had no record of success, and were organized, advised, and managed by people with no expertise in investment fund management. The funds did not hold investor proceeds in escrow, investments were not shielded from market volatility, and Defendants had no reasonable basis for representing to investors that they could expect substantial short-term profits with little or no risk. Despite telling investors that there were no upfront fees or commissions, Defendants sold interests at a price marked-up by 45% to over 100% above the price that the Max and Elder Entities paid, securing immediate, substantial profits for themselves, while increasing the risk that investors would incur substantial losses. Defendants used these undisclosed charges to pay sizable and undisclosed commissions to their sales agents, as well as to fund bank accounts held in the name of the Relief Defendants, from which monies were then withdrawn for personal expenses, including (in the case of some Defendants) to buy cars and jewelry and take expensive vacations. To date, only one pre-IPO company at issue has gone public, and this event resulted in substantial financial losses for fund investors. Neither Defendants, nor the offer and sale of fund interests, were registered with the Commission or eligible for an exemption from registration.

**Current Status:** Pending

**Limitations or Restrictions in Effect During Appeal:** n/a



## Judgment / Lien

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

### Disclosure 1 of 2

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Broker
<b>Judgment/Lien Holder:</b>	Juan Matthew
<b>Judgment/Lien Amount:</b>	\$8,320.00
<b>Judgment/Lien Type:</b>	Civil
<b>Date Filed with Court:</b>	11/06/2009
<b>Date Individual Learned:</b>	07/02/2024
<b>Type of Court:</b>	State Court
<b>Name of Court:</b>	Westchester County Court
<b>Location of Court:</b>	White Plains, NY 10601
<b>Docket/Case #:</b>	T01250009
<b>Judgment/Lien Outstanding?</b>	Yes

### Disclosure 2 of 2

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Broker
<b>Judgment/Lien Holder:</b>	NY Dept. Tax
<b>Judgment/Lien Amount:</b>	\$3,172.59
<b>Judgment/Lien Type:</b>	Tax
<b>Date Filed with Court:</b>	06/09/2012
<b>Date Individual Learned:</b>	07/15/2015
<b>Type of Court:</b>	County Clerk's Office
<b>Name of Court:</b>	Albany County Clerk
<b>Location of Court:</b>	Albany, NY
<b>Docket/Case #:</b>	E034962809W0065
<b>Judgment/Lien Outstanding?</b>	Yes
<b>Resolution:</b>	Satisfied



**Broker Statement**

Under payment arrangement.

## End of Report



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