

BrokerCheck Report

JOHN JOSEPH HUGHES

CRD# 2887304

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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.

**JOHN J. HUGHES**

CRD# 2887304

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

IA RBC CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC
 200 Park Avenue
 2nd Floor
 FLORHAM PARK, NJ 07932
 CRD# 31194
 Registered with this firm since: 11/30/2018

B RBC CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC
 200 Park Avenue
 2nd Floor
 FLORHAM PARK, NJ 07932-1026
 CRD# 31194
 Registered with this firm since: 11/30/2018

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:**

- 22 Self-Regulatory Organizations
- 13 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 WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC**
 CRD# 19616
 ST. LOUIS, MO
 01/2004 - 12/2018
- B WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC**
 CRD# 19616
 SPRINGFIELD, NJ
 10/2000 - 12/2018
- B FIRST UNION BROKERAGE SERVICES, INC.**
 CRD# 8112
 CHARLOTTE, NC
 11/1999 - 10/2000

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	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 22 SROs and is licensed in 13 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.

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Firm Name: **RBC CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC**

Main Office Address: **200 VESEY ST.
NEW YORK, NY 10281**

Firm CRD#: **31194**

	SRO	Category	Status	Date
B	BOX Exchange LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/30/2018
B	Cboe BYX Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/18/2020
B	Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/18/2020
B	Cboe C2 Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/18/2020
B	Cboe EDGA Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/18/2020
B	Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/18/2020
B	Cboe Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/30/2018
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/30/2018
B	Investors' Exchange LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/18/2020
B	Long-Term Stock Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/01/2020
B	MEMX LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/02/2020
B	MIAX PEARL, LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/01/2020
B	NYSE American LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/30/2018
B	NYSE Arca, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/30/2018
B	NYSE National, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/18/2020



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SRO	Category	Status	Date
B NYSE Texas, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/18/2020
B Nasdaq BX, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/30/2018
B Nasdaq GEMX, LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/18/2020
B Nasdaq ISE, LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/30/2018
B Nasdaq PHLX LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/30/2018
B Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/30/2018
B New York Stock Exchange	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/30/2018

U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B California	Agent	Approved	01/05/2022
B Florida	Agent	Approved	11/30/2018
B Georgia	Agent	Approved	04/14/2020
B Kentucky	Agent	Approved	05/29/2025
B Maryland	Agent	Approved	11/30/2018
B Nevada	Agent	Approved	09/29/2021
B New Jersey	Agent	Approved	11/30/2018
IA New Jersey	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	11/30/2018
B New York	Agent	Approved	11/30/2018
B Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	11/30/2018
B South Carolina	Agent	Approved	01/16/2019
B Tennessee	Agent	Approved	04/02/2025
B Vermont	Agent	Approved	06/12/2025

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U.S. State/ Territory		Category	Status	Date
<div>B</div>	Virginia	Agent	Approved	11/30/2018

Branch Office Locations

RBC CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC
200 Park Avenue
2nd Floor
FLORHAM PARK, NJ 07932-1026

RBC CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC
Bernardsville, NJ



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	07/29/1997
B General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	06/18/1997

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
IA Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination	Series 65	07/02/1997
B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	06/30/1997

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 01/2004 - 12/2018	WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC	19616	SPRINGFIELD, NJ
B 10/2000 - 12/2018	WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC	19616	SPRINGFIELD, NJ
B 11/1999 - 10/2000	FIRST UNION BROKERAGE SERVICES, INC.	8112	CHARLOTTE, NC
B 06/1997 - 11/1999	DEAN WITTER REYNOLDS 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
07/2019 - Present	City National Bank	Employee of an affiliate	Y	Florham Park, NJ, United States
11/2018 - Present	RBC Capital Markets, LLC.	Registered Representative	Y	Florham Park, NJ, United States
11/2016 - 11/2018	WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC	REGISTERED REP	Y	WESTFIELD, NJ, United States
05/2009 - 11/2016	WELLS FARGO ADVISORS LLC	REGISTERED REP	Y	WESTFIELD, NJ, 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
Customer Dispute	0	1	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.

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Reporting Source:	Broker
Court Details:	ENGLEWOOD NJ MUNICIPAL COURT #W359779
Charge Date:	01/17/1986
Charge Details:	1 COUNT OF POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE (FELONY)CHARGES WAS REDUCED TO DISORDERLY PERSONS (MISDEMEANOR)
Felony?	Yes
Current Status:	Final
Status Date:	10/22/1986
Disposition Details:	CHARGE WAS REDUCED TO A DISORDERLY PERSONS OFFENSE (MISDEMEANOR) AND TWO YEARS PROBATION WAS SERVED FINE OF \$150 PAID.
Broker Statement	ARRESSTED FOR POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE.



Customer Dispute - Closed-No Action / Withdrawn / Dismissed / Denied

This type of disclosure event involves (1) a consumer-initiated, investment-related arbitration or civil suit containing allegations of sales practice violations against the individual broker that was dismissed, withdrawn, or denied; or (2) a 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, which was closed without action, withdrawn, or denied.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: WACHOVIA SECURITIES, LLC

Allegations: NEW JERSEY CLIENT CLAIMED THAT HE TOLD THE FA TO KEEP HIS MONEY SAFELY INVESTED. THE CLIENT FURTHER CLAIMED THAT WHEN THE FA CALLED TO TELL HIM THAT A MUNICIPAL BOND THAT HE HELD IN HIS LLC ACCOUNT HAD MATURED, HE INFORMED THE FA THAT HE DIDN'T WANT TO PURCHASE BONDS AT THAT TIME BUT TO KEEP THE MONEY SAFE. THE MUNICIPAL BOND MATURED IN JULY 2008. THE CLIENT CLAIMED THAT WHEN HE OPENED ONE OF HIS ACCOUNT STATEMENTS HE WAS DISAPPOINTED AND DISPLEASED. THE CLIENT CLAIMED THAT THE FA HAD PURCHASED A JUNK BOND FUND AND A TRUST WITHOUT HIS AUTHORIZATION AND THAT HE HAD LOST OVER \$300,000. THE CLIENT FURTHER CLAIMED THAT WHEN HE SPOKE TO THE FA ABOUT THE TRADES THE FA TOLD HIM IT WAS A GOOD INVESTMENT. ON SEPTEMBER 5, 2008 THE FA PURCHASED 256 UNITS OF THE VAN KAMPEN INVESTMENTS NEW JERSEY QUALITY TAX-EXEMPT TRUST 23 UIT (THE VAN KAMPEN UIT) AT A PRICE OF 973.78 FOR A NET AMOUNT OF \$250,191.36 FOR THE CLIENT'S ACCOUNT; ON THE SAME DATE, THE FA PURCHASED 10,558 UNITS OF THE FIRST TRUST NEW JERSEY MUNICIPAL C/E SERIES 14 UIT (THE FIRST TRUST UIT) AT A PRICE OF 9.94420 FOR A NET AMOUNT OF \$104,990.86 FOR THE ACCOUNT. THE CLIENT SOLD HIS VAN KAMPEN UIT ON DECEMBER 3, 2008 AND HE INCURRED A REALIZED LOSS OF \$52,907.52; THE CLIENT SOLD HIS FIRST TRUST UIT ON DECEMBER 3, 2008 AND HE INCURRED A REALIZED LOSS OF \$35,572.01. THE CLIENT SEEKS TO BE REIMBURSED FOR HIS LOSSES.

Product Type: Unit Investment Trust(s)

Alleged Damages: \$300,000.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 01/12/2009

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Denied



Status Date: 02/25/2009

Settlement Amount:

**Individual Contribution
Amount:**

Broker Statement

THE FIRM DENIED THE COMPLAINT ON FEBRUARY 25, 2009 VIA A LETTER TO THE CLIENT. BASED UPON THE TOTALITY OF THE FIRM'S REVIEW, IT COULD NOT BE CONCLUDED THAT THE UITs WERE PURCHASED FOR THE ACCOUNT WITHOUT THE CLIENT'S AUTHORIZATION AND AGREEMENT. FURTHER, IT APPEARED THAT THE CLIENT'S INVESTMENTS IN THE VAN KAMPEN UIT AND THE FIRST TRUST WERE CONSISTENT WITH THE ACCOUNT'S GROWTH & INCOME INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES AND MODERATE RISK TOLERANCE. PER THE FA, THE CLIENT AUTHORIZED AND AGREED TO THE UIT INVESTMENTS. THE CLIENT RECEIVED TRADE CONFIRMATIONS AND STATEMENTS SUBSEQUENT TO THE TRADES IN QUESTION.

End of Report



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