

## BrokerCheck Report

**Brian Towle**

CRD# 3047684

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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](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).

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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:

- 3 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):**

- B VALMARK SECURITIES, INC.**  
CRD# 31243  
AKRON, OH  
01/2023 - 03/2023
- B NATIONAL SECURITIES CORPORATION**  
CRD# 7569  
BOCA RATON, FL  
06/2018 - 05/2019
- B MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED**  
CRD# 7691  
JACKSONVILLE, FL  
10/2009 - 05/2018

### 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? **No**

### 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 3 principal/supervisory exams, 3 general industry/product exams, and 2 state securities law exams.**

### Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
<b>B</b> Municipal Securities Principal Examination	Series 53	09/27/2007
<b>B</b> Registered Options Principal Examination	Series 4	07/25/2002
<b>B</b> General Securities Principal Examination	Series 24	03/27/2001

### General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
<b>B</b> Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	01/12/2023
<b>B</b> National Commodity Futures Examination	Series 3	01/21/2012
<b>B</b> General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	06/15/2000

### State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
<b>IA</b> Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination	Series 65	04/29/2003
<b>B</b> Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	06/28/2000

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> 01/2023 - 03/2023	VALMARK SECURITIES, INC.	31243	AKRON, OH
<b>B</b> 06/2018 - 05/2019	NATIONAL SECURITIES CORPORATION	7569	BOCA RATON, FL
<b>B</b> 10/2009 - 05/2018	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	7691	JACKSONVILLE, FL
<b>B</b> 08/2006 - 10/2009	BANC OF AMERICA INVESTMENT SERVICES, INC.	16361	DALLAS, TX
<b>B</b> 07/2005 - 07/2006	CHASE INVESTMENT SERVICES CORP.	25574	CHICAGO, IL
<b>B</b> 10/2005 - 05/2006	BANC ONE SECURITIES CORPORATION	16999	CHICAGO, IL
<b>B</b> 04/2005 - 07/2005	BANC ONE SECURITIES CORPORATION	16999	CHICAGO, IL
<b>B</b> 11/2003 - 01/2005	METLIFE SECURITIES INC.	14251	SPRINGFIELD, MA
<b>B</b> 11/2003 - 01/2005	METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	4095	NEW YORK, NY
<b>B</b> 04/2003 - 11/2003	AXA ADVISORS, LLC	6627	NEW YORK, NY
<b>B</b> 05/2002 - 03/2003	HARRIS INVESTOR SERVICES LLC	42159	JERSEY CITY, NJ
<b>B</b> 12/2000 - 05/2002	HARRIS INVESTORLINE INC.	6362	SEATTLE, WA
<b>B</b> 06/2000 - 12/2000	HARRIS INVESTORLINE	6580	CHICAGO, IL

### 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
12/2022 - Present	Valmark Financial Group	Vendor Services Specialist	Y	Akron, OH, United States



## Registration and Employment History

### Employment History, continued

Employment	Employer Name	Position	Investment Related	Employer Location
01/2020 - 11/2022	Marco's Pizza	Delivery driver	N	Lorain, OH, United States
08/2019 - 12/2019	Pappa John's Pizza	Delivery driver	N	Boca Raton, FL, United States
06/2019 - 07/2019	Direct TV	Inside/Outside sales	N	Miami, FL, United States
05/2018 - 05/2019	National Securities	Regional Supervision Officer	Y	Boca Raton, FL, United States
10/2009 - 05/2018	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	SR. SUPERVISION PRINCIPAL-R	Y	DALLAS, TX, 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.



## End of Report



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