

## BrokerCheck Report

**JOSEPH BRIAN LASCALA JR**

CRD# 3070261

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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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**JOSEPH B. LASCALA JR**  
CRD# 3070261

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

- B AEGIS CAPITAL CORP.**  
1305 WALT WHITMAN RD  
SUITE 120  
MELVILLE, NY 11747  
CRD# 15007  
Registered with this firm since: 02/29/2012

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
- 17 U.S. states and territories



This broker has passed:

- 2 Principal/Supervisory Exams
- 2 General Industry/Product Exams
- 2 State Securities Law Exams

Registration History

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

- IA AEGIS CAPITAL CORP.**  
CRD# 15007  
NEW YORK, NY  
01/2014 - 04/2022
- B PAULSON INVESTMENT COMPANY, INC.**  
CRD# 5670  
HAUPPAUGE, NY  
01/2010 - 02/2012
- IA PAULSON INVESTMENT COMPANY, INC.**  
CRD# 5670  
LAKE OSWEGO, OR  
01/2010 - 02/2012

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
Regulatory Event	1
Customer Dispute	6



## 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 17 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.**

### Employment 1 of 1

Firm Name: **AEGIS CAPITAL CORP.**

Main Office Address: **1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS  
27TH FLOOR  
NEW YORK, NY 10105**

Firm CRD#: **15007**

	SRO	Category	Status	Date
B	FINRA	General Securities Principal	Approved	02/29/2012
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	02/29/2012
B	FINRA	Registered Options Principal	Approved	02/29/2012
B	Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Principal	Approved	02/29/2012
B	Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Representative	Approved	02/29/2012
B	Nasdaq Stock Market	Registered Options Principal	Approved	02/29/2012

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Alabama	Agent	Approved	11/21/2014
B	Colorado	Agent	Approved	06/23/2016
B	Connecticut	Agent	Approved	04/12/2012
B	District of Columbia	Agent	Approved	02/29/2012
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	03/19/2012
B	Georgia	Agent	Approved	06/01/2012
B	Louisiana	Agent	Approved	06/17/2013

## Broker Qualifications



### Employment 1 of 1, continued

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Maine	Agent	Approved	08/20/2012
B	Minnesota	Agent	Approved	01/30/2013
B	New Jersey	Agent	Approved	04/20/2012
B	New York	Agent	Approved	02/29/2012
B	North Carolina	Agent	Approved	03/10/2017
B	Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	10/07/2021
B	Puerto Rico	Agent	Approved	09/20/2012
B	South Carolina	Agent	Approved	10/09/2016
B	Virginia	Agent	Approved	02/02/2018
B	West Virginia	Agent	Approved	06/15/2023

### Branch Office Locations

**AEGIS CAPITAL CORP.**  
 1305 WALT WHITMAN RD  
 SUITE 120  
 MELVILLE, NY 11747



## 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.

**This individual has passed 2 principal/supervisory exams, 2 general industry/product exams, and 2 state securities law exams.**

### Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
<b>B</b> Registered Options Principal Examination	Series 4	05/07/2007
<b>B</b> General Securities Principal Examination	Series 24	10/02/2002

### General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
<b>B</b> Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	10/01/2018
<b>B</b> General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	06/24/1998

### State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
<b>IA</b> Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination	Series 65	04/25/2002
<b>B</b> Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	06/30/1998

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>IA</b> 01/2014 - 04/2022	AEGIS CAPITAL CORP.	15007	HAUPPAUGE, NY
<b>B</b> 01/2010 - 02/2012	PAULSON INVESTMENT COMPANY, INC.	5670	HAUPPAUGE, NY
<b>IA</b> 01/2010 - 02/2012	PAULSON INVESTMENT COMPANY, INC.	5670	HAUPPAUGE, NY
<b>IA</b> 05/2006 - 01/2010	GUNNALLEN FINANCIAL, INC	17609	HAUPPAUGE, NY
<b>B</b> 07/2002 - 01/2010	GUNNALLEN FINANCIAL, INC	17609	HAUPPAUGE, NY
<b>B</b> 10/1999 - 07/2002	INVESTEC ERNST & COMPANY	266	NEW YORK, NY
<b>B</b> 06/1998 - 10/1999	ROYCE INVESTMENT GROUP, INC.	10494	WOODBURY, 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
02/2012 - Present	AEGIS CAPITAL CORP.	REGISTERED REP	Y	NEW YORK, NY, 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) THE ANNUITY DEPOT, LOCATED AT 445 BROADHOLLOW ROAD, SUITE 400, MELVILLE, NY, P. 631-270-7377, F. 631-980-7770, IS A WHOLESALER OF FIXED, INVESTMENT RELATED, LIFE INSURANCE PRODUCTS WITH WHOM I AM APPOINTED AS AN AGENT AND WHO ARRANGES MY APPOINTMENTS WITH VARIOUS INSURANCE COMPANIES. MY BEGIN DATE IS 12/2012 AND I SPEND APPROXIMATELY 10 HOURS PER WEEK ON THIS.

2. SOUTHCAP BROKERAGE GROUP, LOCATED AT TERMINUS 200, 3333 PIEDMONT ROAD, SUITE 2010, ATLANTA, GA 30305, P. 404-920-4140, F. 678-669-2802, IS A WHOLESALER OF FIXED, INVESTMENT RELATED, LIFE INSURANCE PRODUCTS WITH WHOM I AM



## Registration and Employment History



### Other Business Activities, continued

APPOINTED AS AN AGENT AND WHOM ARRANGES MY APPOINTMENTS WITH VARIOUS INSURANCE COMPANIES. MY BEGIN DATE IS 7/2013 AND I SPEND APPROXIMATELY 10 HOURS PER WEEK ON THIS.

3. ACUMEN ADVISORS, INC. 1305 WALT WHITMAN RD., SUITE 120 MELVILLE, NY 11747; NON-INVESTMENT RELATED. CORPORATION IS USED TO PROCESS PAYROLL, PAY TAXES AND BILLS.; PRESIDENT, BOOKKEEPING, START DATE 09/29/2004; 5-10 HOURS PER WEEK DEVOTED TO BUSINESS DURING NON-SECURITIES TRADING HOURS.

4) ACC AGENCY INC., 1305 WALT WHITMAN RD., SUITE 120 MELVILLE, NY 11747; INVESTMENT RELATED, FIXED GENERAL INSURANCE AGENCY; DIRECTOR, OVERSEEING OPERATIONS AND GENERAL GROWTH INITIATIVES; START DATE 08/19/2015; 5-10 HOURS PER MONTH DEVOTED TO BUSINESS DURING NON-SECURITIES TRADING HOURS.

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## 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
Regulatory Event	0	1	0
Customer Dispute	1	5	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.

### Regulatory - Final

This type of disclosure event may involve (1) a final, formal proceeding initiated by a regulatory authority (e.g., a state securities agency, self-regulatory organization, federal regulatory such as the Securities and Exchange Commission, foreign financial regulatory body) for a violation of investment-related rules or regulations; or (2) a revocation or suspension of a broker's authority to act as an attorney, accountant, or federal contractor.

#### Disclosure 1 of 1

**Reporting Source:** Regulator

**Regulatory Action Initiated By:** FINRA

**Sanction(s) Sought:**

**Date Initiated:** 01/24/2022

**Docket/Case Number:** [2021070337201](#)

**Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:** Aegis Capital Corp.

**Product Type:** Other: Unspecified Securities

**Allegations:** Without admitting or denying the findings, LaScala consented to the sanctions and to the entry of findings that he engaged in excessive and quantitatively unsuitable trading in his customer's account. The findings stated that LaScala engaged in short-term trading in the customer's individual 401(k) account. LaScala decided which stocks to trade and when to trade them, and exercised discretionary authority in connection with the trades, he controlled the volume and frequency of trading in, and therefore exercised de facto control over, the customer's account. LaScala's short-term trading in the customer's account resulted in \$90,720 in trading costs and \$116,194 in losses. The findings also stated that LaScala exercised discretionary authority to effect trades in the same customer's account without having obtained prior written authorization from the customer or approval



from his member firm to treat the account as discretionary.

**Current Status:**

Final

**Resolution:**

Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)

**Does the order constitute a final order based on violations of any laws or regulations that prohibit fraudulent, manipulative, or deceptive conduct?**

No

**Resolution Date:**

01/24/2022

**Sanctions Ordered:**

Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)  
Suspension

**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?**

No

**(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?**



**(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**

<b>Sanction Type:</b>	Suspension
<b>Capacities Affected:</b>	All Capacities
<b>Duration:</b>	four months
<b>Start Date:</b>	02/22/2022
<b>End Date:</b>	06/21/2022

**Monetary Sanction 1 of 1****Monetary Related Sanction:** Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)**Total Amount:** \$7,500.00**Portion Levied against individual:** \$7,500.00**Payment Plan:****Is Payment Plan Current:****Date Paid by individual:** 02/28/2023**Was any portion of penalty waived?** No**Amount Waived:****Reporting Source:** Broker**Regulatory Action Initiated By:** FINRA**Sanction(s) Sought:****Date Initiated:** 01/24/2022**Docket/Case Number:** [2021070337201](#)**Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:** Aegis Capital Corp.**Product Type:** Other: Unspecified securities

**Allegations:** Without admitting or denying the findings, LaScala consented to the sanctions and to the entry of findings that he engaged in excessive and quantitatively unsuitable trading in his customer's account. The findings stated that LaScala engaged in short-term trading in the customer's individual 401(k) account. LaScala decided which stocks to trade and when to trade them, and exercised discretionary authority in connection with the trades, he controlled the volume and frequency of trading in, and therefore exercised de facto control over, the customer's account. LaScala's short-term trading in the customer's account resulted in \$90,720 in trading costs and \$116,194 in losses. The findings also stated that LaScala exercised discretionary authority to effect trades in the same customer's account without having obtained prior written authorization from the customer or approval from his member firm to treat the account as discretionary.



<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>	01/24/2022
<b>Sanctions Ordered:</b>	Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s) Suspension
<b>Sanction 1 of 1</b>	
<b>Sanction Type:</b>	Suspension
<b>Capacities Affected:</b>	All Capacities
<b>Duration:</b>	Four months
<b>Start Date:</b>	02/22/2022
<b>End Date:</b>	06/21/2022
<b>Monetary Sanction 1 of 1</b>	
<b>Monetary Related Sanction:</b>	Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)
<b>Total Amount:</b>	\$7,500.00
<b>Portion Levied against individual:</b>	\$7,500.00
<b>Payment Plan:</b>	
<b>Is Payment Plan Current:</b>	
<b>Date Paid by individual:</b>	02/04/2022
<b>Was any portion of penalty waived?</b>	No
<b>Amount Waived:</b>	
<b>Broker Statement</b>	On the advice of counsel, Mr. LaScala agreed to resolve this legacy matter without admitting or denying any of the allegations. The matter, which originated from FINRA's 2016 cycle examination of Aegis Capital, Corp., related to a single client's account and activity that occurred more than 6.5 to 8.5 years ago. It is important



to note that the client has never filed a complaint with Mr. LaScala's employer or with any regulator and remains a current client of Mr. LaScala. Mr. LaScala has been in the industry for approximately 24 years and has no prior regulatory history.





## 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 4

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Broker
<b>Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:</b>	GUNNALLEN FINANCIAL
<b>Allegations:</b>	THIS CASE WAS ORIGINALLY FILED ON 9/16/10 AGAINST ORIGINAL RESPONDENTS CLAIMING MISHANDLING OF ACCOUNT BY THE REP JAMES RAPUANO AND FAILURE TO SUPERVISE BY THE ASSIGNED BRANCH MANAGER. THE CASE WAS THEN AMENDED IN 5/2012 TO ADD ME AS AN ADDITIONAL RESPONDENT IN ANOTHER FAILURE TO SUPERVISE CLAIM EVEN THOUGH I WAS NOT ASSIGNED AS A SUPERVISOR OF THIS ACCOUNT OR REP.
<b>Product Type:</b>	Equity-OTC
<b>Alleged Damages:</b>	\$70,000.00
<b>Is this an oral complaint?</b>	
<b>Is this a written complaint?</b>	
<b>Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?</b>	Yes
<b>Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:</b>	FINANCIAL INDUSTRY REGULATORY AUTHORITY
<b>Docket/Case #:</b>	10-04182
<b>Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation:</b>	05/28/2012

### Customer Complaint Information

<b>Date Complaint Received:</b>	05/28/2012
<b>Complaint Pending?</b>	No
<b>Status:</b>	Settled
<b>Status Date:</b>	11/27/2012
<b>Settlement Amount:</b>	\$7,500.00



**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$7,500.00

### Arbitration Information

**Arbitration/CFTC reparation claim filed with (FINRA, AAA, CFTC, etc.):** FINRA

**Docket/Case #:** [10-04182](#)

**Date Notice/Process Served:** 05/28/2012

**Arbitration Pending?** No

**Disposition:** Settled

**Disposition Date:** 11/27/2012

**Monetary Compensation Amount:** \$7,500.00

**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$7,500.00

### Broker Statement

1)I MAINTAIN THAT THIS CASE WAS MERITLESS AND UNETHICALLY BROUGHT BY BOTH THE CUSTOMER AND ATTORNEY, HOWEVER I HAVE DECIDED TO SETTLE FOR A NOMINAL AMOUNT ON MY PART TO AVOID THE COST AND DISTRACTION OF A PROLONGED DEFENSE. I WAS FULLY PREPARED TO DEFEND MYSELF AT AN EVIDENTIARY HEARING SHOULD THE CASE NOT HAVE BEEN SETTLED.

2)THIS CASE WAS ORIGINALLY FILED IN 2010 BY AN ATTORNEY WHO WAS SOLICITING FORMER CLIENTS OF GUNNALLEN FINANCIAL TO FILE CLAIMS AGAINST ONE OF ITS FORMER REPS. THE ORIGINAL CLAIM WAS MADE AGAINST THIS FORMER REP FOR MISHANDLING OF THE CUSTOMER'S ACCOUNTS AS WELL AS THE BRANCH MANAGER WHO WAS ASSIGNED TO SUPERVISE THE REP. IN 2012 THE ATTORNEY DECIDED TO AMEND THE CLAIM TO ADD ME UNDER A FAILURE TO SUPERVISE CLAIM EVEN THOUGH I WAS NOT ASSIGNED BY THE BROKER/DEALER AS A BRANCH MANAGER OR DIRECT SUPERVISOR OF THE REP OR THE CUSTOMER. I INTEND ON DEFENDING MYSELF VIGOROUSLY AND PLAN ON COUNTERSUING AS APPROPRIATE.

### Disclosure 2 of 4

**Reporting Source:** Broker



**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** GUNN ALLEN

**Allegations:** FAILURE TO SUPERVISE REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE'S EXCESSIVE, UNSUITABLE RECOMMENDATIONS; CHURNING; IMPROPER SALES ACTIVITIES; OVERTRADING; IMPERMISSIBLE PROCEEDS SALES; EXCESSIVE POSITION CONCENTRATION; AND MUTUAL FUND SWITCHING.

**Product Type:** Equity-OTC  
Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)  
Mutual Fund

**Alleged Damages:** \$23,000.00

### Customer Complaint Information

**Date Complaint Received:**

**Complaint Pending?** No

**Status:** Settled

**Status Date:** 08/27/2012

**Settlement Amount:** \$6,250.00

**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$2,062.50

### Arbitration Information

**Arbitration/CFTC reparation claim filed with (FINRA, AAA, CFTC, etc.):** FINRA ARBITRATION 11-04746

**Docket/Case #:** 11-1104746

**Date Notice/Process Served:** 01/25/2012

**Arbitration Pending?** No

**Disposition:** Settled

**Disposition Date:** 08/27/2012

**Monetary Compensation Amount:** \$6,250.00

**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$2,062.50

**Broker Statement** I MAINTAIN THAT THIS CASE WAS MERITLESS AND UNETHICALLY



BROUGHT BY BOTH THE CUSTOMER AND ATTORNEY HOWEVER I HAVE DECIDED TO SETTLE FOR A NOMINAL AMOUNT ON MY PART TO AVOID THE COST AND DISTRACTION OF A PROLONGED DEFENSE. I WAS FULLY PREPARED TO DEFEND MYSELF AT AN EVIDENTIARY HEARING SHOULD THE CASE NOT HAVE BEEN SETTLED.

#### Disclosure 3 of 4

**Reporting Source:** Broker

**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** GUNN ALLEN FINANCIAL AND PAULSON INVESTMENT COMPANY

**Allegations:** FAILURE TO SUPERVISE REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVES JAMES RAPUANO/SEAN NESTO & FRANK LEE/JOHN JOHNSON. CLAIMANTS ALLEGE EXCESSIVE, UNSUITABLE TRADING BY RAPUANO/NESTO & LEE/JOHNSON BETWEEN FEBRUARY 2010 AND JULY 2011.

**Product Type:** Equity-OTC  
Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)

**Alleged Damages:** \$75,000.00

#### Customer Complaint Information

**Date Complaint Received:**

**Complaint Pending?** No

**Status:** Settled

**Status Date:** 10/31/2012

**Settlement Amount:** \$30,000.00

**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$10,000.00

#### Arbitration Information

**Arbitration/CFTC reparation claim filed with (FINRA, AAA, CFTC, etc.):** FINRA DISPUTE RESOLUTION ARBITRATION NUMBER 11-04181

**Docket/Case #:** 11-04181

**Date Notice/Process Served:** 11/25/2011

**Arbitration Pending?** No



<b>Disposition:</b>	Settled
<b>Disposition Date:</b>	10/31/2012
<b>Monetary Compensation Amount:</b>	\$30,000.00
<b>Individual Contribution Amount:</b>	\$10,000.00
<b>Broker Statement</b>	I MAINTAIN THAT THIS CASE WAS MERITLESS AND UNETHICALLY BROUGHT BY BOTH THE CUSTOMER AND ATTORNEY, HOWEVER I HAVE DECIDED TO SETTLE FOR A NOMINAL AMOUNT ON MY PART TO AVOID THE COST AND DISTRACTION OF A PROLONGED DEFENSE. I WAS FULLY PREPARED TO DEFEND MYSELF AT AN EVIDENTIARY HEARING SHOULD THE CASE NOT HAVE BEEN SETTLED.

#### Disclosure 4 of 4

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Broker
<b>Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:</b>	GUNNALLEN FINANCIAL, INC.
<b>Allegations:</b>	FAILURE TO SUPERVISE.
<b>Product Type:</b>	Equity-OTC Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)
<b>Alleged Damages:</b>	\$1,000,000.00
<b>Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):</b>	ADDITIONAL CLAIMS FOR VARIOUS FEES AND COURT COSTS ARE INCLUDED IN THE CLAIM.
<b>Is this an oral complaint?</b>	No
<b>Is this a written complaint?</b>	No
<b>Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?</b>	Yes
<b>Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:</b>	FINRA ARBITRATION, SUBMISSION AGREEMENT
<b>Docket/Case #:</b>	10-03873
<b>Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation:</b>	08/30/2010



## Customer Complaint Information

**Date Complaint Received:** 10/20/2010

**Complaint Pending?** No

**Status:** Evolved into Arbitration/CFTC reparation (the individual is a named party)

**Status Date:** 01/19/2011

**Settlement Amount:**

**Individual Contribution Amount:**

## Arbitration Information

**Arbitration/CFTC reparation claim filed with (FINRA, AAA, CFTC, etc.):** FINRA ARBITRATION, SUBMISSION AGREEMENT

**Docket/Case #:** 10-03873

**Date Notice/Process Served:** 10/20/2010

**Arbitration Pending?** No

**Disposition:** Settled

**Disposition Date:** 04/18/2012

**Monetary Compensation Amount:** \$275,000.00

**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$0.00

**Broker Statement** THIS CASE HAS BEEN SETTLED WITH ALL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ME BEING DROPPED. THERE WAS NO FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE SETTLEMENT ON MY PART YET I WAS FULLY PREPARED TO DEFEND MYSELF AT AN EVIDENTIARY HEARING SHOULD THE CASE NOT HAVE BEEN SETTLED.



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

This type of disclosure event involves (1) a pending consumer-initiated, investment-related arbitration or civil suit that contains allegations of sales practice violations against the broker; or (2) a pending, 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.

### Disclosure 1 of 1

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Broker
<b>Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:</b>	INVESTEC ERNST & COMPANY
<b>Allegations:</b>	OVER-CONCENTRATION AND OTHER MISTAKES IN HANDLING OF ACCOUNT
<b>Product Type:</b>	Equity-OTC
<b>Alleged Damages:</b>	\$50,000.00
<b>Is this an oral complaint?</b>	No
<b>Is this a written complaint?</b>	Yes
<b>Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?</b>	No

### Customer Complaint Information

<b>Date Complaint Received:</b>	01/28/2002
<b>Complaint Pending?</b>	No
<b>Status:</b>	Denied
<b>Status Date:</b>	05/21/2012
<b>Settlement Amount:</b>	
<b>Individual Contribution Amount:</b>	

<b>Broker Statement</b>	DURING A RECENT REVIEW OF MY PUBLIC CRD RECORD, I BECAME AWARE OF THIS ITEM WHICH IS OVER 10 YEARS OLD, YET IS LISTED AS PENDING. IT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE MATTER WAS ORIGINALLY DENIED BY MY EMPLOYING FIRM AT THE TIME AND IT IS CERTAINLY MY CONTENTION THAT THE CLAIMS ARE UNFOUNDED.
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## Customer Dispute - Pending

This type of disclosure event involves (1) a pending consumer-initiated, investment-related arbitration or civil suit that contains allegations of sales practice violations against the broker; or (2) a pending, 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.

### Disclosure 1 of 1

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Broker
<b>Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:</b>	AEGIS CAPITAL CORP.
<b>Allegations:</b>	Client alleges unauthorized trading.
<b>Product Type:</b>	No Product
<b>Alleged Damages:</b>	\$0.00
<b>Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):</b>	Unspecified. The firm has made a good faith determination that the damages from the alleged conduct would be \$5,000 or more.
<b>Is this an oral complaint?</b>	No
<b>Is this a written complaint?</b>	Yes
<b>Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?</b>	No

## Customer Complaint Information

<b>Date Complaint Received:</b>	03/15/2023
<b>Complaint Pending?</b>	No
<b>Status:</b>	Evolved into Arbitration/CFTC reparation (the individual is a named party)
<b>Status Date:</b>	09/18/2023
<b>Settlement Amount:</b>	
<b>Individual Contribution Amount:</b>	

## Arbitration Information

<b>Arbitration/CFTC reparation claim filed with (FINRA, AAA, CFTC, etc.):</b>	FINRA
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**Docket/Case #:** 23-02232

**Date Notice/Process Served:** 09/18/2023

**Arbitration Pending?** Yes

**Broker Statement** Mr. LaScala vehemently denies the allegations. The complainant is an attorney and court appointed guardian/trustee for the relevant accounts and in connection therewith was required to review all activity in each of the accounts in order to prepare annual performance reports for the court. The complainant was in regular contact with Mr. LaScala regarding all of the activity in all of the accounts. All transactions were authorized by the complainant prior to their execution. Upset with the performance of the investments in a down market, the complainant has fabricated allegations of unauthorized trading. Mr. LaScala intends to vigorously defend himself against these false allegations and expects to prevail at a hearing on the merits.

## End of Report



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