

# **BrokerCheck Report**

# PAUL EDWARD BALDASSARI

CRD# 3155338

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- BrokerCheck reports for individual brokers include information such as employment history, professional
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  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.
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- Are there other resources I can use to check the background of investment professionals?
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### PAUL E. BALDASSARI

CRD# 3155338

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:

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

## **Registration History**

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

- B SUMMIT BROKERAGE SERVICES, INC. CRD# 34643 WASHINGTON, DC 12/2004 - 11/2018
- B WACHOVIA SECURITIES FINANCIAL NETWORK, LLC CRD# 11025 ST. LOUIS, MO 02/2003 - 12/2004
- B SUNTRUST SECURITIES, INC. CRD# 17499 ATLANTA, GA 05/2000 - 03/2003

#### **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:

Туре	Count	
Financial	1	
Judgment/Lien	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

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

# **Principal/Supervisory Exams**

Exan	1	Category	Date
В	General Securities Principal Examination	Series 24	08/26/2003

## **General Industry/Product Exams**

Exam		Category	Date
B	Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	10/01/2018
В	General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	12/22/1998

# **State Securities Law Exams**

Exam		Category	Date
BIA	Uniform Combined State Law Examination	Series 66	03/18/2003
В	Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	01/20/1999

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/.

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# **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:

Reg	istration Dates	Firm Name	CRD#	Branch Location
B	12/2004 - 11/2018	SUMMIT BROKERAGE SERVICES, INC.	34643	WASHINGTON, DC
В	02/2003 - 12/2004	WACHOVIA SECURITIES FINANCIAL NETWORK, LLC	11025	ST. LOUIS, MO
B	05/2000 - 03/2003	SUNTRUST SECURITIES, INC.	17499	ATLANTA, GA
B	01/2000 - 05/2000	CRESTAR SECURITIES CORPORATION	17464	RICHMOND, VA
B	12/1998 - 01/2000	PRUDENTIAL SECURITIES INCORPORATED	7471	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
12/2004 - Present	SUMMIT BROKERAGE SERVICES	REGISTERED REP	Υ	WASHINGTON, DC, United States
12/2004 - Present	SUMMIT FINANCIAL GROUP	IA REP	Υ	WASHINGTON, DC, 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) PALAZZI INTERNATIONAL LLC - 1025 Thomas Jefferson St. NW Ste 420 E, WASHINGTON, DC 20007 - PROPERTY MANAGEMENT OF CLOSELY HELD FAMILY PORTFOLIO OF REAL ESTATE. 1 HRS A MONTH ALL DURING TRADING HOURS. - COMPENSATION IS PROFITS. (2) B&B TERRA LLC, 1025 Thomas Jefferson St. NW Ste 420 E, WASHINGTON, DC 20007 - PROPERTY MANAGEMENT OF CLOSELY HELD FAMILY PORTFOLIO OF REAL ESTATE. 8 HRS A MONTH ALL DURING TRADING HOURS. - COMPENSATION IS PROFITS (3) BP Mgt, LLC - PROPERTY MANAGEMENT FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE. 10 HRS A MONTH DURING TRADING HOURS. COMPENSATION IS PROFITS (4) The Baldassari Group - owner - at branch office - investment related - 120 hrs a month

### **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:

- o A law enforcement agency must file formal charges before a broker is required to disclose a particular criminal event.
- o 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:

- o 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.
- o 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
Financial	0	1	N/A
Judgment/Lien	1	N/A	N/A



#### **Disclosure Event Details**

When evaluating this information, please keep in mind that a discloure 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.

### Financial - Final

This type of disclosure event involves a bankruptcy, compromise with one or more creditors, or Securities Investor Protection Corporation liquidation involving the broker or an organization/brokerage firm the broker controlled that occurred within the last 10 years.

Disclosure 1 of 1

**Reporting Source:** Broker

Action Type: Compromise

**Action Date:** 11/22/2017

Organization Name: Palazzi International, LLC

Individual Position: Managing Member

Organization Investment-

Related?

No

Type of Court: State Court

Name of Court: Superior Court of New Jersey

**Location of Court:** Mercer County

**Docket/Case #:** L-1599-16

Action Pending? No

**Disposition:** Satisfied/Released

**Disposition Date:** 11/22/2017

If a compromise with creditor,

provide:

Name of Creditor: Washington First Bank

Original Amount Owed: \$250,000.00



Terms Reached with Creditor: Settled for \$30,000.

#### **Broker Statement**

The item referenced above is related to blanket mortgages. The collateral for those mortgages were part of a closely held family portfolio of real estate that I owned and managed. All of the properties related to those mortgages are located in Trenton, New Jersey, which is a depressed labor town that has deteriorated year after year for more than 10 years. The situation in the city remains dire. The challenges associated with these types of properties coupled with high vacancy rates and other repercussions of the great recession of 2008 and 2009 explains why I had significant challenges and difficulty honoring the mortgage payments as we reached the end of 2010. Since then, my family and I worked tirelessly to cure the situation. Despite our best intentions and efforts, we were not able to reach an outcome different from the above referenced judgments.

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### Judgment / Lien

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

Disclosure 1 of 1

**Reporting Source:** Broker

Judgment/Lien Holder: Bank of Princeton

Judgment/Lien Amount: \$1,353,448.18

Judgment/Lien Type: Civil

**Date Filed with Court:** 07/10/2015

**Date Individual Learned:** 07/31/2015

Type of Court: State Court

Name of Court: Superior Court of New Jersey

**Location of Court:** Mercer County, New Jersey

**Docket/Case #:** MER-L-001002-15

Judgment/Lien Outstanding?

Yes

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