

BrokerCheck Report

Scott Michael Bremus

CRD# 4073006

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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:
 - 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.
- 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
- 2 General Industry/Product Exams
- 1 State Securities Law Exam

Registration History

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

- B LPL FINANCIAL LLC CRD# 6413 DACULA, GA 10/2016 - 10/2021
- B STERNE AGEE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. CRD# 18456
 DACULA, GA
 10/2009 11/2016
- B MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY CRD# 149777 BRASELTON, GA 06/2009 - 11/2009

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	
Regulatory Event	2	
Customer Dispute	2	
Termination	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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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, 2 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	Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	10/01/2018
B	General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	01/05/2000

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B IA Uniform Combined State Law Examination	Series 66	01/26/2000

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/.

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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	10/2016 - 10/2021	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	6413	DACULA, GA
B	10/2009 - 11/2016	STERNE AGEE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	18456	DACULA, GA
B	06/2009 - 11/2009	MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY	149777	BRASELTON, GA
B	02/2004 - 06/2009	CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.	7059	BRASELTON, GA
B	01/2000 - 03/2004	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	7691	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
01/2022 - Present	Eudaimonia Partners, LLC	Investment Advisor Representative	Υ	Braselton, GA, United States
10/2016 - 10/2021	Hamilton Investment Counsel, LLC	Principal and Investment Advisor Representative	Υ	Dacula, GA, United States
10/2016 - 10/2021	LPL Financial LLC	Registered Representative	Υ	Dacula, GA, United States
06/2016 - 10/2016	STERNE AGEE INVESTMENT ADVISOR SERVICES, INC.	Investment Advisor Representative	Υ	BIRMINGHAM, AL, United States
10/2009 - 10/2016	STERNE AGEE FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Υ	BUFORD, GA, United States

Registration and Employment History



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) 10/14/2016: Fourth Fifth, LLC - Business Entity for tax/expenses purposes only - Not Investment Related - 2040 Forest Glen Dr, Braselton, GA 30517 - Start 07/26/2016 - 1 Hr/Mo; 0 Hour(s) During Securities Trading; 1% Time Spent

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.
- 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.

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.

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
Regulatory Event	0	2	0
Customer Dispute	0	2	N/A
Termination	N/A	1	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.

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 2

Regulatory Action Initiated FINRA

Bv:

Sanction(s) Sought:

Date Initiated: 10/06/2023

Docket/Case Number: 2021073072701

Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:

LPL Financial LLC

Product Type: Promissory Note

Allegations: Without admitting or denying the findings, Bremus consented to the sanctions and

to the entry of findings that he participated in a private securities transaction, for which he received no selling compensation, without providing prior written notice to, or obtain written approval from, his member firm. The findings stated that the private securities transaction involved two of his firm customers, a married couple. Bremus introduced the married couple to a registered representative, who was also registered with FINRA through an association with the firm, to facilitate a discussion among them regarding an investment in a company. The representative engaged in OBAs that he did not disclose to the firm and caused firm clients to transfer money from their firm accounts to those OBAs, one of which was the company. The married couple entered into a \$300,000 promissory note with the



company. With the customers' authorization, Bremus electronically signed and submitted firm "Move Money" forms to request a \$125,000 wire transfer from the of the customer's firm account to the company and a \$175,000 wire transfer from the other customer's firm account to the company. Bremus attested on the forms that he "did not solicit, recommend, or otherwise participate in the underlying transaction or investment for which this transfer was requested." Bremus thereafter communicated with the representative regarding the status of the customers' investment in the company.

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: 10/06/2023

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

Sanction Type: Suspension

Capacities Affected: All Capacities

Duration: six months

Start Date: 10/16/2023

End Date: 04/15/2024

Monetary Sanction 1 of 1

Monetary Related Sanction: Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

Total Amount: \$10,000.00

Portion Levied against

individual:

\$10,000.00

Payment Plan: deferred

Is Payment Plan Current:

Date Paid by individual:

Was any portion of penalty

waived?

No

Amount Waived:



Reporting Source: Broker

Regulatory Action Initiated

Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA)

By:

Sanction(s) Sought: Suspension

Date Initiated: 09/09/2022

Docket/Case Number: 2021073072701

Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:

LPL Financial LLC

Product Type: Promissory Note

Allegations: Mr. Bremus participated in a private securities transaction, for which he received

no selling compensation, without providing prior written notice to, or obtain written approval from, his member firm. The findings stated that the private securities transaction involved two of his firm customers, a married couple. Bremus introduced the married couple to a registered representative, who was also registered with FINRA through an association with the firm, to facilitate a

discussion among them regarding an investment in a company. The representative engaged in OBAs that he did not disclose to the firm and caused firm clients to transfer money from their firm accounts to those OBAs, one of which was the company. The married couple entered into a \$300,000 promissory note with the company. With the customers' authorization, Bremus electronically signed and submitted firm "Move Money" forms to request a \$125,000 wire transfer from the of the customer's firm account to the company and a \$175,000 wire transfer from the other customer's firm account to the company. Bremus attested on the forms that he "did not solicit, recommend, or otherwise participate in the underlying

transaction or investment for which this transfer was requested." Bremus thereafter communicated with the representative regarding the status of the customers'

investment in the company.

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: 10/06/2023
Sanctions Ordered: Suspension

Sanction 1 of 1

Sanction Type: Suspension

Capacities Affected: All Capacities

Duration: six months

Start Date: 10/06/2023

End Date: 04/15/2024

Monetary Sanction 1 of 1

Monetary Related Sanction: Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

Total Amount: \$10,000.00

Portion Levied against

individual:

\$10,000.00

Payment Plan:

Is Payment Plan Current: No

Date Paid by individual:

Was any portion of penalty

waived?

No

Amount Waived:

Disclosure 2 of 2

Reporting Source: Broker

Regulatory Action Initiated

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By:

State Bar of Georgia

Sanction(s) Sought: Other: Voluntary Surrender of Law License

Date Initiated: 05/01/2000

Docket/Case Number: 529 S.E. 2d 370 (GA. 2000)

Employing firm when activity

occurred which led to the

regulatory action:

N/A



Product Type: No Product

Allegations: While practicing law in Georgia as an attorney, Mr. Bremus became the subject of

a Georgia Bar investigation concerning allegations that he submitted certain papers in a legal proceeding bearing inaccurate dates. While the investigation still was pending, Mr. Bremus elected to voluntarily surrender his license to practice

law in Georgia, which voluntary petition was accepted on May 1, 2000.

Current Status: Final

Resolution: Petition for voluntary surrender of law license

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

Yes

Resolution Date: 05/01/2000

Sanctions Ordered: Bar (Permanent)

Sanction 1 of 1

Sanction Type: Bar (Permanent)

Capacities Affected: Adviser petitioned court for voluntary surrender of his law license in the state of

Ga.

Duration:

Start Date: 05/01/2000

End Date:



Customer Dispute - Settled

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

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when

MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY

activities occurred which led

to the complaint:

Allegations:

CLIENT'S ATTORNEY ALLEGED MISREPRESENTATION WITH RESPECT TO

VARIABLE ANNUITY INVESTMENT - DECEMBER 2006.

DAMAGES UNSPECIFIED.

Product Type: Annuity-Variable

Alleged Damages: \$0.00

Is this an oral complaint? No

Is this a written complaint? Yes

Is this an arbitration/CFTC

reparation or civil litigation?

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 06/01/2009

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 09/08/2009

Settlement Amount: \$60,000.00

Individual Contribution

Amount:

\$0.00

No

Broker Statement THE ALLEGED MISREPRESENTATIONS IN THIS COMPLAINT WERE BASED

ON FALSE MATERIEL PROVIDED TO ME BY PAUL D. MCGRATH CRD # 1053178 WHO WAS THE METLIFE WHOLESALER WHO WAS LATER TERMINATED FOR USING THIS UNAPPROVED SALES MATERIEL.



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: Firm

Employing firm when activities occurred which led

to the complaint:

Allegations:

CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.

THE CLIENT ALLEGED MISREPRESENTATION WITH RESPECT TO ANNUITY -

12/28/08. DAMAGES UNSPECIFIED.

Product Type: Annuity-Variable

Alleged Damages: \$0.00 Is this an oral complaint? No

Is this a written complaint? Yes

Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?

No

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 06/30/2008

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Denied

Status Date: 10/13/2009

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution

Amount:

Firm Statement CLAIM DENIED.

Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led

CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.

to the complaint:



Allegations: THE CLIENT ALLEGED MISREPRESENTATION WITH RESPECT TO ANNUITY -

12/28/08.

No

DAMAGES UNSPECIFIED.

Product Type: Annuity-Variable

Alleged Damages: \$0.00

Is this an oral complaint? No

Is this a written complaint? Yes

Is this an arbitration/CFTC

reparation or civil litigation?

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 06/30/2008

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Denied

Status Date: 10/13/2009

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution

Amount:



Employment Separation After Allegations

This type of disclosure event involves a situation where the broker voluntarily resigned, was discharged, or was permitted to resign after being accused of (1) violating investment-related statutes, regulations, rules or industry standards of conduct; (2) fraud or the wrongful taking of property; or (3) failure to supervise in connection with investment-related statutes, regulations, rules, or industry standards of conduct.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source: Firm

Employer Name: LPL Financial LLC

Termination Type: Discharged

Termination Date: 10/01/2021

Allegations: Facilitated private securities transactions without Firm approval.

Product Type: Promissory Note

Reporting Source: Broker

Employer Name: LPL FINANCIAL LLC

Termination Type: Discharged

Termination Date: 10/01/2021

Allegations: Facilitated private securities transactions without Firm approval.

Product Type: Promissory Note

End of Report



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