

BrokerCheck Report

Franco G Fullana

CRD# 4248873

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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
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Franco G. Fullana

CRD# 4248873

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

MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & **SMITH INCORPORATED**

15 2ND ST / 15 CALLE 2 GUAYNABO, PR 00968 CRD# 7691

Registered with this firm since: 11/16/2010

MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & **SMITH INCORPORATED**

15 2ND ST / 15 CALLE 2 GUAYNABO, PR 00968 CRD# 7691

Registered with this firm since: 11/04/2010

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:

- 6 Self-Regulatory Organizations
- 25 U.S. states and territories

This broker has passed:

- 0 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):

A SANTANDER SECURITIES

CRD# 41791 BOSTON, MA 03/2010 - 12/2010

B SANTANDER SECURITIES CRD# 41791

GUAYNABO, PR 02/2001 - 12/2010

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 **Customer Dispute**

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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 individual is currently registered with 6 SROs and is licensed in 25 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.

Employment 1 of 1

Firm Name: MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED

Main Office Address: ONE BRYANT PARK

NEW YORK, NY 10036

Firm CRD#: 7691

| | SRO | Category | Status | Date |
|-------------|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| B | Cboe BYX Exchange, Inc. | General Securities Representative | Approved | 05/09/2014 |
| B | Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. | General Securities Representative | Approved | 05/09/2014 |
| B | Cboe Exchange, Inc. | General Securities Representative | Approved | 11/04/2010 |
| B | FINRA | General Securities Representative | Approved | 11/04/2010 |
| B | Nasdaq Stock Market | General Securities Representative | Approved | 11/04/2010 |
| B | New York Stock Exchange | General Securities Representative | Approved | 11/04/2010 |
| | U.S. State/ Territory | Category | Status | Date |
| | | | | |
| B | Arizona | Agent | Approved | 08/13/2014 |
| B B | Arizona Arkansas | Agent Agent | Approved Approved | 08/13/2014 01/06/2025 |
| | | - | | |
| В | Arkansas | Agent | Approved | 01/06/2025 |
| B B | Arkansas California | Agent Agent | Approved Approved | 01/06/2025 |
| B B | Arkansas California Connecticut | Agent Agent Agent | Approved Approved | 01/06/2025 10/05/2022 04/26/2012 |
| B B B | Arkansas California Connecticut District of Columbia | Agent Agent Agent Agent Agent | Approved Approved Approved Approved | 01/06/2025 10/05/2022 04/26/2012 11/04/2010 |

Broker Qualifications



Employment 1 of 1, continued

| | U.S. State/ Territory | Category | Status | Date |
|----|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------|
| B | Georgia | Agent | Approved | 11/04/2010 |
| В | Illinois | Agent | Approved | 11/04/2010 |
| В | Indiana | Agent | Approved | 06/09/2014 |
| B | Maine | Agent | Approved | 04/25/2019 |
| B | Maryland | Agent | Approved | 08/05/2014 |
| B | Massachusetts | Agent | Approved | 11/04/2010 |
| B | Michigan | Agent | Approved | 05/18/2022 |
| B | New Jersey | Agent | Approved | 04/06/2017 |
| B | New Mexico | Agent | Approved | 05/30/2017 |
| B | New York | Agent | Approved | 11/04/2010 |
| B | North Carolina | Agent | Approved | 02/22/2012 |
| B | Ohio | Agent | Approved | 11/04/2010 |
| B | Oregon | Agent | Approved | 01/02/2025 |
| B | Pennsylvania | Agent | Approved | 02/06/2013 |
| B | Puerto Rico | Agent | Approved | 11/04/2010 |
| B | Texas | Agent | Approved | 11/04/2010 |
| IA | Texas | Investment Adviser Representative | Restricted Approval | 10/15/2012 |
| B | Virginia | Agent | Approved | 11/04/2010 |
| B | Washington | Agent | Approved | 07/09/2025 |
| B | Wisconsin | Agent | Approved | 03/01/2018 |

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Broker Qualifications



Employment 1 of 1, continued Branch Office Locations

MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED 15 2ND ST / 15 CALLE 2 GUAYNABO, PR 00968

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 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 | General Securities Representative Examination | Series 7 | 02/26/2001 |

State Securities Law Exams

| Exam | | Category | Date |
|------|--|-----------|------------|
| IA | Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination | Series 65 | 12/03/2001 |
| B | Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination | Series 63 | 07/11/2001 |

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 |
|-----|-------------------|----------------------|-------|-----------------|
| IA | 03/2010 - 12/2010 | SANTANDER SECURITIES | 41791 | GUAYNABO, PR |
| B | 02/2001 - 12/2010 | SANTANDER SECURITIES | 41791 | GUAYNABO, PR |

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 |
|-------------------|--|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| 07/2011 - Present | Bank of America, N.A. | Senior Financial Advisor | Υ | GUAYNABO, PR, United States |
| 11/2010 - Present | MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED | FINANCIAL ADVISOR | Υ | GUAYBABO, PR, 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.

I*78915

For profit or not for profit: For-Profit Organization

Name of outside business organization: FULLMED Investments LLC

Investment related: Y Address of business: Guaynabo, 966

Nature of business: LLC,

Position, title, association: Owner, Start date of relationship: 11/1/2013

Number of hours devoted: 2 hour(s) Monthly Number of hours devoted during trading hours: 2

Duties: This is a non operating investment company for estate planning purposes.

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Other Business Activities, continued

I*98606

FOR PROFIT OR NOT FOR PROFIT: FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

NAME OF OUTSIDE BUSINESS ORGANIZATION: L & F SERVICE STATION

INVESTMENT RELATED: N ADDRESS OF BUSINESS:

BARRIO JAGUAS CIALES, 00638

NATURE OF BUSINESS: CORPORATION, POSITION, TITLE, ASSOCIATION: OWNER, START DATE OF RELATIONSHIP: 9/30/2016

NUMBER OF HOURS DEVOTED: 0 HOUR(S) ANNUALLY NUMBER OF HOURS DEVOTED DURING TRADING HOURS: 0

DUTIES: GAS STATION

50% OWNER

CAPITAL INVESTOR

NON OPERATIONAL OWNER

I*130259

For profit or not for profit: For-Profit Organization

Name of outside business organization: Finca La Jaguas

Investment related: N Address of business: Ciales, Puerto Rico 00638

Nature of business: Family Business Position, title, association: Family Held, Start date of relationship: 1/1/2020

Number of hours devoted: 2 hour(s) Monthly Number of hours devoted during trading hours: 0

Duties: Agriculture Business / Cattle Farm

I*1037251

For profit or not for profit:

Name of outside business organization: Fullana Ramirez Trust

Investment related: N Address of business: , , Nature of business:

Position, title, association:, Start date of relationship:

Number of hours devoted: hour(s)

Number of hours devoted during trading hours:

Duties: , Rental Beach House own by the Fullana Ramirez Trust

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.

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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 |
|------------------|---------|-------|-----------|
| Customer Dispute | 0 | 7 | N/A |

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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.

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 7

Reporting Source: Firm

Employing firm when activities occurred which led

to the complaint:

Santander Securities LLC

Allegations: Client alleges over-concentration, unsuitability, breach of fiduciary duty, breach of

contract, contractual negligence, fraud, constructive fraud, failure to supervise and

control, and violations of securities laws and rules (Puerto Rico bond funds).

Includes request for punitive damages, interest, costs and fees.

Product Type: Debt-Municipal

Alleged Damages: \$0.00

Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not

exact):

Compensatory damages from \$100,000 to \$500,000.

Is this an oral complaint? No

Is this a written complaint? No

Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?

Yes

Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:

FINRA - San Juan, PR

Docket/Case #: 19-01038



Filing date of

04/16/2019

arbitration/CFTC reparation

or civil litigation:

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 04/16/2019

Complaint Pending? No

Settled Status:

Status Date: 12/02/2020

Settlement Amount: \$25,000.00

Individual Contribution

Amount:

\$0.00

Firm Statement Franco Fullana is not a named respondent to this arbitration. The claims are

believed to stem from the unprecedented turmoil experienced in the Puerto Rico

economy. As of 12/2/20, the Firm has settled this case for \$25,000. The

representative was not asked to contribute to the settlement.

Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:

Santander Securities LLC

Allegations: Client alleges over-concentration, unsuitability, breach of fiduciary duty, breach of

contract, contractual negligence, fraud, constructive fraud, failure to supervise and control, and violations of securities laws and rules (Puerto Rico bond funds).

Includes request for punitive damages, interest, costs and fees.

Product Type: Debt-Municipal

Alleged Damages: \$0.00

Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):

Compensatory damages from \$100,000 to \$500,000.

Is this an oral complaint? No Is this a written complaint?

Nο

Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation? Yes



Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:

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or court manne and location.

19-01038

Filing date of

Docket/Case #:

04/16/2019

arbitration/CFTC reparation

or civil litigation:

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 04/16/2019

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 12/02/2020

Settlement Amount: \$25,000.00

Individual Contribution

\$0.00

Amount:

Franco Fullana is not a named respondent to this arbitration. The claims are

believed to stem from the unprecedented turmoil experienced in the Puerto Rico

economy. As of 12/2/20, the Firm has settled this case for \$25,000. The

representative was not asked to contribute to the settlement.

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Broker Statement

Reporting Source: Firm

Employing firm when activities occurred which led

to the complaint:

SANTANDER SECURITIES LLC

Allegations: Client alleges over-concentration, unsuitability, breach of fiduciary duty, breach of

contract, contractual negligence, fraud, constructive fraud, failure to supervise and

control, and violations of securities laws and rules (Puerto Rico bond funds).

Includes request for punitive damages, interest, costs and fees.

Product Type: Debt-Municipal

Other: Closed-end funds

Alleged Damages: \$760,000.00

Is this an oral complaint? No

Is this a written complaint? No



Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?

Yes

Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:

FINRA

Docket/Case #:

19-02478

Filing date of

08/22/2019

arbitration/CFTC reparation

or civil litigation:

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 08/23/2019

Complaint Pending?

No

Status Date:

Settled

07/21/2021

Settlement Amount:

\$145,000.00

Individual Contribution

\$0.00

Amount:

Status:

Firm Statement

This matter was originally received as a complaint in 2018 but has evolved into

arbitration #19-02478. As of 7/21/21, the Firm settled this matter for \$145,000. The

representative was not asked to contribute to the settlement.

Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when

activities occurred which led

to the complaint:

SANTANDER SECURITIES LLC

Allegations: Client alleges over-concentration, unsuitability, breach of fiduciary duty, breach of

contract, contractual negligence, fraud, constructive fraud, failure to supervise and control, and violations of securities laws and rules (Puerto Rico bond funds).

Includes request for punitive damages, interest, costs and fees.

Product Type: Debt-Municipal

Alleged Damages: \$760,000.00

Is this an oral complaint? No

Is this a written complaint? No



Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?

Yes

Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:

FINRA

Docket/Case #:

19-02478

Filing date of

08/22/2019

arbitration/CFTC reparation

or civil litigation:

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 08/23/2019

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 07/21/2021

Settlement Amount: \$145,000.00

Individual Contribution

Amount:

\$0.00

Broker Statement

This matter was originally received as a complaint in 2018 but has evolved into arbitration #19-02478. As of 7/21/21, the Firm settled this matter for \$145,000. The representative was not asked to contribute to the settlement.

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Reporting Source: Firm

Employing firm when activities occurred which led

to the complaint:

Santander Securities, LLC

Allegations: Client alleges, among other things, unsuitability, overconcentration, violations of

securities laws and rules, fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, breach of good faith and fair dealings, negligence, failure to supervise, breach of contract, and gross and wanton negligence (Puerto Rico bonds, open-end funds and closed-end funds). Includes request for punitive damages, interest, costs and fees, disgorgement of

commission and rescission.

Product Type: Debt-Municipal

Mutual Fund

Other: Closed-end funds



Alleged Damages: \$312,044.21

Is this an oral complaint?

Is this a written complaint? No

Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?

Yes

Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:

FINRA - San Juan, PR

Docket/Case #: 18-00487

Filing date of

arbitration/CFTC reparation

or civil litigation:

02/06/2018

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 02/07/2018

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 11/16/2020

Settlement Amount: \$100,000.00

Individual Contribution

Amount:

\$0.00

Firm Statement Franco Fullana is not a named respondent to this arbitration. The claims are

believed to stem from the unprecedented turmoil experienced in the Puerto Rico economy. As of 11/16/20, the Firm has settled this case for \$100,000. The

representative was not asked to contribute to the settlement.

Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:

Santander Securities, LLC

Allegations: Client alleges, among other things, unsuitability, overconcentration, violations of

securities laws and rules, fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, breach of good faith and fair dealings, negligence, failure to supervise, breach of contract, and gross and wanton negligence (Puerto Rico bonds, open-end funds and closed-end funds). Includes request for punitive damages, interest, costs and fees, disgorgement of

commission and rescission.



Product Type: Debt-Municipal

Mutual Fund

Other: Closed-end funds

Alleged Damages: \$312,044.21

Is this an oral complaint? No

Is this a written complaint? No

Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?

Yes

02/06/2018

Arbitration/Reparation forum

or court name and location:

FINRA - San Juan, PR

Docket/Case #: 18-00487

Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation

arbitration/CF1C reparati

or civil litigation:

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 02/07/2018

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 11/16/2020

Settlement Amount: \$100,000.00

Individual Contribution

Amount:

\$0.00

Broker Statement Franco Fullana is not a named respondent to this arbitration. The claims are

believed to stem from the unprecedented turmoil experienced in the Puerto Rico economy. As of 11/16/20, the Firm has settled this case for \$100,000. The

representative was not asked to contribute to the settlement.

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Reporting Source: Firm

Employing firm when

activities occurred which led

to the complaint:

Santander Securities, LLC

Allegations: Client alleges, among other things, unsuitability, overconcentration, violations of



securities laws and rules, fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, breach of good faith and fair dealings, negligence, failure to supervise, breach of contract, and gross and wanton negligence (Puerto Rico bonds and closed-end funds). Includes request for punitive damages, interest, costs and fees, disgorgement of commission and

rescission.

Product Type: Debt-Municipal

Other: Closed-end funds

Alleged Damages: \$1,110,387.62

Is this an oral complaint? No

Is this a written complaint? No

Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?

Yes

11/14/2017

Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:

FINRA - San Juan, PR

Docket/Case #: 17-03062

Filing date of

arbitration/CFTC reparation

or civil litigation:

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 11/30/2017

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 11/16/2020

Settlement Amount: \$190,000.00

Individual Contribution

Amount:

\$0.00

Firm Statement Franco Fullana is not a named respondent to this arbitration. The claims are

believed to stem from the unprecedented turmoil experienced in the Puerto Rico economy. As of 11/16/20, the Firm has settled this case for \$190,000. The

representative was not asked to contribute to the settlement.

Reporting Source: Broker



Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:

Santander Securities, LLC

Allegations:

Client alleges, among other things, unsuitability, overconcentration, violations of securities laws and rules, fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, breach of good faith and fair dealings, negligence, failure to supervise, breach of contract, and gross and wanton negligence (Puerto Rico bonds and closed-end funds). Includes request for punitive damages, interest, costs and fees, disgorgement of commission and rescission.

Product Type:

Debt-Municipal

Other: Closed-end funds

Alleged Damages:

\$1.110.387.62

Is this an oral complaint?

No

Is this a written complaint?

No

Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?

Yes

Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:

FINRA - San Juan, PR

Docket/Case #:

17-03062

Filing date of

11/14/2017

arbitration/CFTC reparation

or civil litigation:

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 11/30/2017

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status: Settled

Status Date: 11/16/2020

Settlement Amount: \$190,000.00

Individual Contribution

Amount:

\$0.00

Broker Statement

Franco Fullana is not a named respondent to this arbitration. The claims are believed to stem from the unprecedented turmoil experienced in the Puerto Rico economy. As of 11/16/20, the Firm has settled this case for \$190,000. The representative was not asked to contribute to the settlement.



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Reporting Source: Firm

Employing firm when activities occurred which led

Santander Securities LLC

to the complaint:

Allegations:

The clients allege breach of fiduciary duty, negligence, negligent supervision, fraud

and breach of contract.

Product Type: Debt-Municipal

Other: Closed End Funds

Alleged Damages: \$347,193.00

Is this an oral complaint? No

Is this a written complaint? No

Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?

Yes

Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:

FINRA - SAN JUAN, PR

Docket/Case #: 15-02547

Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation

or civil litigation:

09/30/2015

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 10/28/2015

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 08/29/2017

Settlement Amount: \$115,000.00

Individual Contribution

Amount:

\$0.00

Firm Statement Franco Fullana is not a named respondent to this arbitration. As of 8/29/2017, the

firm has settled this case for \$115,000. The representative was not asked to

contribute to the settlement.



Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:

Santander Securities LLC

Allegations:

The clients allege breach of fiduciary duty, negligence, negligent supervision, fraud

and breach of contract.

Product Type: Debt-Municipal

Other: Closed End Funds

Alleged Damages: \$347,193.00

Is this an oral complaint?

No

Is this a written complaint?

No

Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?

Yes

Arbitration/Reparation forum

FINRA - SAN JUAN, PR

or court name and location:

Docket/Case #: 15-02547

Filing date of

09/30/2015

arbitration/CFTC reparation

or civil litigation:

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 10/28/2015

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 08/29/2017

Settlement Amount: \$115,000.00

Individual Contribution

\$0.00

Amount:

Broker Statement Franco Fullana is not a named respondent to this arbitration. As of 8/29/2017, the

firm has settled this case for \$115,000. The representative was not asked to

contribute to the settlement.



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Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:

MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED

Allegations: THE CUSTOMERS ALLEGE UNSUITABLE INVESTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

AND MISREPRESENTATION AND OMISSION OF MATERIAL FACTS FROM

2011 TO 2014.

Product Type: Mutual Fund

Alleged Damages: \$411,000.00

Is this an oral complaint? No

Is this a written complaint?

No

Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?

Yes

Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:

FINRA

Docket/Case #: 14-02719

Filing date of

09/02/2014

arbitration/CFTC reparation

or civil litigation:

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 09/09/2014

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 06/05/2018

Settlement Amount: \$20,000.00

Individual Contribution

Amount:

\$0.00

Broker Statement THE FINANCIAL ADVISOR STRONGLY DENIES ALL ALLEGATIONS AND WILL

SEEK ALL REMEDIES AFFORDED TO HIM TO ESTABLISH THAT THE

ALLEGATIONS ARE ENTIRELY LACKING IN MERIT.



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Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led

SMITH INCORPORATED

to the complaint:

Allegations: THE CUSTOMER ALLEGES UNSUITABLE INVESTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

AND MISREPRESENTATION AND OMISSION OF MATERIAL FACTS FROM

SANTANDER SECURITIES, LLC AND MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER &

2008 TO SEPTEMBER 2014.

Product Type: Other: CLOSED END FUNDS

Alleged Damages: \$320,000.00

Is this an oral complaint? No

No

Is this a written complaint? Is this an arbitration/CFTC

reparation or civil litigation?

Yes

Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:

FINRA

Docket/Case #:

14-02718

Filing date of

09/02/2014

arbitration/CFTC reparation

or civil litigation:

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 09/10/2014

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 12/10/2015 **Settlement Amount:** \$20,000.00

Individual Contribution

Amount:

\$0.00

Broker Statement THE FINANCIAL ADVISOR STRONGLY DENIES ALL ALLEGATIONS AND WILL

SEEK ALL REMEDIES AFFORDED TO HIM TO ESTABLISH THAT THE

ALLEGATIONS ARE ENTIRELY LACKING IN MERIT.

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