

BrokerCheck Report

JOHN MORGAN PICKENS JR

CRD# 4316358

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

Registration History

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

- B** **UNITED BROKERAGE SERVICES, INC**
CRD# 39062
DUNBAR, WV
10/2006 - 02/2013
- B** **EDWARD JONES**
CRD# 250
ST. LOUIS, MO
01/2001 - 01/2005

Disclosure Events

This broker has been involved in one or more disclosure events involving certain final criminal matters, regulatory actions, civil judicial proceedings, or arbitrations or civil litigations.

Are there events disclosed about this broker? **Yes**

The following types of disclosures have been reported:

Type	Count
Regulatory Event	2

Investment Adviser Representative Information

The information below represents the individual's record as a broker. For details on this individual's record as an investment adviser representative, visit the SEC's Investment Adviser Public Disclosure website at <https://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov>

Broker Qualifications



Registrations

This section provides the self-regulatory organizations (SROs), states and U.S. territories the broker is currently registered and licensed with, the category of each registration, and the date on which the registration became effective. This section also provides, for each 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, 1 general industry/product exam, and 2 state securities law exams.

Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
No information reported.		

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	01/30/2001

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
IA Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination	Series 65	08/17/2007
B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	02/02/2001

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/.

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 securities firms:

Registration Dates	Firm Name	CRD#	Branch Location
B 10/2006 - 02/2013	UNITED BROKERAGE SERVICES, INC	39062	DUNBAR, WV
B 01/2001 - 01/2005	EDWARD JONES	250	ST. LOUIS, MO

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
09/2006 - Present	UNITED BROKERAGE SERVICES, INC.	INVESTMENT CONSULTANT	Y	PARKERSBURG, WV, United States

Disclosure Events



What you should know about reported disclosure events:

- 1. **Disclosure events in BrokerCheck reports come from different sources:**
 - As mentioned at the beginning of this report, information contained in BrokerCheck comes from brokers, their employing firms, and regulators. When more than one source reports information for the same disclosure event, all versions of the event will appear in the BrokerCheck report. The different versions are separated by a solid line with the reporting source labeled.

For your convenience, below is a matrix of the number and status of regulatory 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.

	Final	On Appeal
Regulatory Event	2	0



Disclosure Event Details

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 involves a final, formal proceeding initiated by a regulatory authority (e.g., a state securities agency, self-regulatory organization, federal regulator such as the Securities and Exchange Commission, foreign financial regulatory body) for a violation of investment-related rules or regulations.

Disclosure 1 of 2

Reporting Source:	Regulator
Regulatory Action Initiated By:	FINRA
Sanction(s) Sought:	Suspension
Date Initiated:	08/18/2015
Docket/Case Number:	13-03082
Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:	N/A
Product Type:	No Product
Allegations:	RESPONDENT PICKENS FAILED TO COMPLY WITH AN ARBITRATION AWARD OR SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT OR TO SATISFACTORILY RESPOND TO A FINRA REQUEST TO PROVIDE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE STATUS OF COMPLIANCE.
Current Status:	Final
Resolution:	LETTER
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:	08/18/2015
Sanctions Ordered:	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: ANY CAPACITY

Duration: N/A

Start Date: 08/18/2015

End Date:

Regulator Statement

PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 3 OF FINRA BY-LAWS, AND FINRA RULE 9554, RESPONDENT PICKENS IS SUSPENDED ON AUGUST 18, 2015 FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AN ARBITRATION AWARD OR SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT OR TO SATISFACTORILY RESPOND TO A FINRA REQUEST TO PROVIDE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE STATUS OF COMPLIANCE.

Disclosure 2 of 2

Reporting Source: Regulator

Regulatory Action Initiated By: FINRA

Sanction(s) Sought: Other: N/A

Date Initiated: 08/06/2013

Docket/Case Number: [2013036045601](#)



Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:	UNITED BROKERAGE SERVICES, INC.
Product Type:	Annuity-Variable
Allegations:	FINRA RULES 2010, 2150(A), NASD RULES 2210(D)(1), 2330(A): PICKENS SENT LETTERS TO HIS MEMBER FIRM'S CUSTOMERS WITHOUT THE FIRM'S KNOWLEDGE OR AUTHORIZATION, CIRCUMVENTING ITS PROCEDURES FOR REVIEWING AND APPROVING OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE. THE LETTERS TO THE CUSTOMERS MADE FALSE REPRESENTATIONS AND/OR PROMISED UNAUTHORIZED BENEFITS REGARDING AN INVESTMENT PRODUCT THAT EACH CUSTOMER OWNED, AND THE FIRM HAD NO KNOWLEDGE PICKENS HAD MADE THE REPRESENTATIONS AND DID NOT AUTHORIZE SUCH. PICKENS FORGED SIGNATURES ON SOME OF THE LETTERS. ONE OF THE LETTERS PURPORTED TO BE SIGNED BY PICKENS AND HIS MANAGER AT THE FIRM, WHEN IN FACT PICKENS FORGED HIS MANAGER'S SIGNATURE; ANOTHER LETTER PURPORTED TO BE SIGNED BY PICKENS AND HIS FORMER COLLEAGUE AT HIS FIRM, WHEN IN FACT PICKENS FORGED HIS FORMER COLLEAGUE'S SIGNATURE; AND A THIRD LETTER PURPORTED TO BE SIGNED BY AN OFFICER AT ANOTHER COMPANY, AND WAS SENT ON THAT COMPANY'S STATIONERY, WHEN IN FACT PICKENS FORGED THE INDIVIDUAL'S SIGNATURE. THE LETTER TO ONE OF THE CUSTOMERS STATED THAT THE FIRM WOULD MAKE SPECIFIED PAYMENTS TO HER WITH RESPECT TO VARIABLE ANNUITIES SHE OWNED. THEREAFTER, ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS WITHOUT THE CUSTOMER'S KNOWLEDGE OR AUTHORIZATION, PICKENS CAUSED A TOTAL OF ABOUT \$7,714 TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM A MONEY MARKET FUND THE CUSTOMER OWNED AND DEPOSITED INTO HER VARIABLE ANNUITIES.
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:	08/06/2013
Sanctions Ordered:	Bar (Permanent)



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:	Bar (Permanent)
Capacities Affected:	All Capacities
Duration:	
Start Date:	08/06/2013
End Date:	

Regulator Statement	WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING THE FINDINGS, PICKENS CONSENTED TO THE DESCRIBED SANCTION AND TO THE ENTRY OF FINDINGS; THEREFORE, HE IS BARRED FROM ASSOCIATION WITH ANY FINRA MEMBER IN ANY CAPACITY.
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