

# **BrokerCheck Report**

# **BRIAN SCOTT LINDE**

CRD# 4376496

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#### What is included in a BrokerCheck report?

- 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.
- What if I want to check the background of an investment adviser firm or investment adviser representative?
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- 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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### **BRIAN S. LINDE**

CRD# 4376496

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

LPL FINANCIAL LLC
800 HOWE AVE SUITE 160
SACRAMENTO, CA 95825
CRD# 6413
Registered with this firm since: 12/14/2009

B LPL FINANCIAL LLC 800 HOWE AVE SUITE 160 SACRAMENTO, CA 95825 CRD# 6413 Registered with this firm since: 12/14/2009

### **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:

- 1 Self-Regulatory Organization
- 19 U.S. states and territories

#### 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):

LINCOLN FINANCIAL ADVISORS CORPORATION

CRD# 3978 FORT WAYNE, IN 04/2002 - 12/2009

B LINCOLN FINANCIAL ADVISORS CORPORATION

CRD# 3978 SACRAMENTO, CA 07/2001 - 12/2009

THE LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

CRD# 2580 FORT WAYNE, IN 07/2001 - 03/2006

#### **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 2

### **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 1 SRO and is licensed in 19 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.

### **Employment 1 of 1**

Firm Name: LPL FINANCIAL LLC

Main Office Address: 1055 LPL WAY

FORT MILL, SC 29715

Firm CRD#: **6413** 

	SRO	Category	Status	Date
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	12/14/2009
	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
В	Arizona	Agent	Approved	12/14/2009
B	California	Agent	Approved	12/14/2009
IA	California	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	12/14/2009
В	Colorado	Agent	Approved	02/04/2015
B	Delaware	Agent	Approved	09/20/2017
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	12/14/2009
B	Idaho	Agent	Approved	02/06/2019
B	Illinois	Agent	Approved	12/14/2009
В	Michigan	Agent	Approved	01/07/2011
B	Minnesota	Agent	Approved	07/19/2018
В	Nevada	Agent	Approved	12/14/2009
B	New Mexico	Agent	Approved	04/27/2023

### **Broker Qualifications**



# **Employment 1 of 1, continued**

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	North Carolina	Agent	Approved	04/07/2015
B	Ohio	Agent	Approved	06/27/2017
B	Oregon	Agent	Approved	03/25/2021
B	South Carolina	Agent	Approved	08/16/2013
B	Tennessee	Agent	Approved	05/13/2024
B	Texas	Agent	Approved	06/16/2010
IA	Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Restricted Approval	06/16/2010
B	Utah	Agent	Approved	08/25/2025
B	Washington	Agent	Approved	12/14/2009

### **Branch Office Locations**

LPL FINANCIAL LLC 800 HOWE AVE SUITE 160 SACRAMENTO, CA 95825 www.finra.org/brokercheck

### **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	05/23/2001

### **State Securities Law Exams**

Exam	Category	Date
B IA Uniform Combined State Law Examination	Series 66	05/30/2001

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	04/2002 - 12/2009	LINCOLN FINANCIAL ADVISORS CORPORATION	3978	SACRAMENTO, CA
B	07/2001 - 12/2009	LINCOLN FINANCIAL ADVISORS CORPORATION	3978	SACRAMENTO, CA
В	07/2001 - 03/2006	THE LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	2580	FORT WAYNE, IN

### **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.

<b>Employment</b>	Employer Name	Position	Investment Related	<b>Employer Location</b>
12/2009 - Present	LPL FINANCIAL	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Υ	SACRAMENTO, CA, 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. 6/15/2011: NON-VARIABLE INSURANCE SOLSTICE INSURANCE SERVICES INSURANCE AGENT FOR BOTH PROPERTY AND CASUALTY POLICIES INCLUDING HOME AND AUTO. TIME SPENT 15% SACRAMENTO, CA.
- 2. 3/8/2012: DBA W/OBA SOLSTICE WEALTH MANAGEMENT & INSURANCE SERVICES FIXED ANNUITIES, LTC, DISABILITY, HEALTH, PROPERTY & CASUALTY. TIME SPENT 25% SACRAMENTO, CA.
- 3. 8/10/2012: NON-VARIABLE INSURANCE DBA SOLSTICE WEALTH MANAGEMENT FIXED ANNUITIES, LTC, DISABILITY, HEALTH TIME SPENT 15% SACRAMENTO, CA.
- 4. 7/28/2014: BUSINESS ENTITY FOR TAX/INVESTMENT PURPOSES ONLY SOLSTICE WEALTH MANAGEMENT 1 HOUR PER MONTH DURING TRADING SACRAMENTO, CA.

#### **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
Customer Dispute	0	2	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.

#### 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 2

Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when Life activities occurred which led

to the complaint:

LPL FINANCIAL LLC

Allegations: Customer alleges that purchases of structured notes were not in her best interests

and seeks recovery of losses. Activity period - 8/30/20 to 1/1/21.

**Product Type:** Other: Structured notes

Alleged Damages: \$26,364.49

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:** 07/29/2022

**Complaint Pending?** No

Status: Denied

**Status Date:** 09/12/2022

**Settlement Amount:** 



**Individual Contribution** 

Amount:

**Broker Statement** The claim has been denied. Prior to the purchase of the two structured notes that

are the subject of the complaint, customer had invested in other structured notes that had been profitable. Customer was aware of the potential benefits and risks of these investments. When the customer decided to terminate the relationship in September 2021, the representative offered to assist with selling the structured notes at issue, which would have been profitable at that time. As a result of global market events after the termination of the relationship, the notes declined in value and had sustained an investment loss at maturity in July 2022. This was more than 10 months after the customer had transferred her account to another firm, and more than 10 months after the representative had no role in the customer's

investments.

Disclosure 2 of 2

Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led

to the complaint:

Allegations:

LPL FINANCIAL LLC

CUSTOMER ALLEGES MISREPRESENTATION OF STRUCTURED NOTE.

ACTIVITY PERIOD: 1/24/20 - 3/17/21.

**Product Type:** Other: STRUCTURED PRODUCT

Alleged Damages: \$50,000.00

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: 03/17/2021

**Complaint Pending?** No

Status: Denied

**Status Date:** 05/06/2021

**Settlement Amount:** 



Individual Contribution Amount:

**Broker Statement** 

THERE WAS NO MISREPRESENTATION MADE TO THE CUSTOMER WITH REGARD TO THE SALE OF THE STRUCTURED NOTE, AND ALL TERMS OF THE NOTE, INCLUDING INVESTMENT RISKS, WERE FULLY DISCUSSED AND DISCLOSED TO THE CUSTOMER AND ACKNOWLEDGED BY HIM. CUSTOMER'S INVESTMENTS WERE NO LONGER UNDER MY ADVISEMENT AT THE TIME THE CLIENT MADE THE ALLEGATIONS. THE CLAIM IS WITHOUT MERIT AND I DENY ALL ALLEGATIONS OF WRONGDOING.

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# **End of Report**



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