

# **BrokerCheck Report**

# **Ryan Donald Genz**

CRD# 4376946

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- 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?
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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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# Ryan D. Genz

CRD# 4376946

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

EDWARD JONES
1170 DEKALB AVE
SUITE 109

SYCAMORE, IL 60178 CRD# 250

Registered with this firm since: 02/14/2008

B EDWARD JONES
1170 DEKALB AVE
SUITE 109
SYCAMORE, IL 60178
CRD# 250
Registered with this firm since: 05/30/2001

# **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:

- 4 Self-Regulatory Organizations
- 34 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):

No information reported.

#### **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



**Date** 

# 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.

**Status** 

This individual is currently registered with 4 SROs and is licensed in 34 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.

### **Employment 1 of 1**

Firm Name: **EDWARD JONES** 

Main Office Address: 12555 MANCHESTER ROAD

ST. LOUIS, MO 63131-3710

Category

Firm CRD#: **250** 

SRO

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|-------------------------|---|---|---|
| FINRA                   | General Securities Representative   | Approved  | 05/30/2001  |
| NYSE American LLC       | General Securities Representative   | Approved  | 09/14/2011  |
| Nasdaq Stock Market     | General Securities Representative   | Approved  | 07/12/2006  |
| New York Stock Exchange | General Securities Representative   | Approved  | 07/23/2001  |
| U.S. State/ Territory   | Category  | Status  | Date  |
| Alabama                 | Agent   | Approved  | 02/20/2020  |
| Arizona                 | Agent   | Approved  | 05/18/2010  |
| Arkansas                | Agent   | Approved  | 05/20/2025  |
| California              | Agent   | Approved  | 03/16/2006  |
| Colorado                | Agent   | Approved  | 05/22/2012  |
| Connecticut             | Agent   | Approved  | 04/08/2014  |
| Florida                 | Agent   | Approved  | 08/04/2004  |
| Georgia                 | Agent   | Approved  | 04/15/2010  |
| Hawaii                  | Agent   | Approved  | 02/18/2014  |
|                         | NYSE American LLC  Nasdaq Stock Market  New York Stock Exchange  U.S. State/ Territory  Alabama  Arizona  Arkansas  California  Colorado  Connecticut  Florida  Georgia | FINRA General Securities Representative  NYSE American LLC General Securities Representative  Nasdaq Stock Market General Securities Representative  New York Stock Exchange General Securities Representative  U.S. State/ Territory Category  Alabama Agent  Arizona Agent  Arkansas Agent  California Agent  Colorado Agent  Connecticut Agent  Florida Agent  Georgia Agent | FINRA General Securities Representative Approved  NYSE American LLC General Securities Representative Approved  Nasdaq Stock Market General Securities Representative Approved  New York Stock Exchange General Securities Representative Approved  U.S. State/ Territory Category Status  Alabama Agent Approved  Arizona Agent Approved  Arkansas Agent Approved  California Agent Approved  Colorado Agent Approved  Connecticut Agent Approved  Florida Agent Approved  Georgia Agent Approved  Approved Approved |



# **Employment 1 of 1, continued**

|    | U.S. State/ Territory | Category                          | Status   | Date       |
|----|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|------------|
| B  | Idaho                 | Agent                             | Approved | 04/24/2012 |
| В  | Illinois              | Agent                             | Approved | 06/26/2001 |
| IA | Illinois              | Investment Adviser Representative | Approved | 02/14/2008 |
| В  | Indiana               | Agent                             | Approved | 05/19/2021 |
| В  | lowa                  | Agent                             | Approved | 07/13/2005 |
| В  | Kansas                | Agent                             | Approved | 06/21/2019 |
| В  | Kentucky              | Agent                             | Approved | 01/16/2018 |
| В  | Maryland              | Agent                             | Approved | 03/06/2019 |
| В  | Michigan              | Agent                             | Approved | 04/21/2008 |
| B  | Minnesota             | Agent                             | Approved | 03/07/2006 |
| В  | Missouri              | Agent                             | Approved | 06/25/2019 |
| B  | New Jersey            | Agent                             | Approved | 06/24/2008 |
| B  | New York              | Agent                             | Approved | 06/12/2020 |
| B  | North Carolina        | Agent                             | Approved | 03/16/2007 |
| B  | North Dakota          | Agent                             | Approved | 04/26/2016 |
| B  | Ohio                  | Agent                             | Approved | 04/27/2015 |
| B  | Oklahoma              | Agent                             | Approved | 05/18/2006 |
| B  | Oregon                | Agent                             | Approved | 04/29/2020 |
| В  | Puerto Rico           | Agent                             | Approved | 05/27/2021 |
| B  | South Carolina        | Agent                             | Approved | 12/13/2005 |
| B  | Tennessee             | Agent                             | Approved | 10/27/2008 |



# **Employment 1 of 1, continued**

|    | U.S. State/ Territory | Category                          | Status              | Date       |
|----|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------|
| B  | Texas                 | Agent                             | Approved            | 01/15/2008 |
| IA | Texas                 | Investment Adviser Representative | Restricted Approval | 12/06/2018 |
| B  | Utah                  | Agent                             | Approved            | 12/04/2019 |
| B  | Virginia              | Agent                             | Approved            | 02/24/2009 |
| B  | Washington            | Agent                             | Approved            | 12/22/2020 |
| B  | Wisconsin             | Agent                             | Approved            | 05/18/2005 |

### **Branch Office Locations**

**EDWARD JONES** 1170 DEKALB AVE SUITE 109

SYCAMORE, IL 60178



#### **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 | 05/29/2001 |

# **State Securities Law Exams**

| Exam |  | Category  | Date       |
|------|--|-----------|------------|
| BIA  | Uniform Combined State Law Examination         | Series 66 | 02/08/2008 |
| B    | Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination | Series 63 | 06/01/2001 |

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.

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# **Registration and Employment History**



### **Registration History**

The broker previously was registered with the following firms:

Registration Dates Firm Name CRD# Branch Location

No information reported.

#### **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 | Employer Location                   |
|-------------------|---------------|------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 03/2001 - Present | EDWARD JONES  | IR TRAINEE | Υ                  | MARYLAND HEIGHTS, MO, 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.

No information reported.

#### **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 activities occurred which led

to the complaint:

**EDWARD JONES** 

Allegations: CLIENT INDICATES FA AND A COLLEAGUE CAME OUT TO MEET WITH HIM

TO REVIEW HIS INSURANCE POLICIES. CLIENT WAS INFORMED HE COULD GET AN EXTRA \$100,000 IN LIFE INSURANCE FOR LESS AND A BETTER RETURN. CLIENT HAS STATED HE ASKED THE COST AND WAS INFORMED THEY WOULD TAKE CARE OF IT. CLIENT STATES HE SWITCHED IN MAY OF 2007 TO UNIVERSAL LIFE POLICIES AND HAS WATCHED ALL OF THE CASH VALUES DECLINE (HIS IS ABOUT HALF THE VALUE). CLIENT INDICATES WHEN THE POLICIES WERE DELIEVERED, THEY WERE DROPPED OF AT

THE HOUSE WITH NO EXPLANATION. CLIENT STATES HE HAS

QUESTIONED FA ON WHY THE CASH VALUE IS DOWN SO MUCH AND HE HAS BEEN INFORMED IT WAS DUE TO MARKET. CLIENT ASKED ANOTHER FINANCIAL ADVISOR ABOUT THE POLICIES AND HAS FOUND OUT THE COST IS ALMOST DOUBLE THE AMOUNT HE WAS PAYING. CLIENT FEELS LIKE HE HAS BEEN LET DOWN AND WITH NO OPTIONS. FILING REQUIRED,

CLIENT CLAIMS CASH VALUE LOSS EXCEED \$5,000.

Product Type: Insurance

Alleged Damages: \$5,000.00



Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):

ALLEGATION CLAIMS DAMAGES THAT APPEAR TO BE IN EXCESS OF

\$5000.00.

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: 12/09/2011

Complaint Pending?

No

Status:

Denied

Status Date:

02/01/2012

**Settlement Amount:** 

\$0.00

**Individual Contribution** 

Amount:

\$0.00

**Broker Statement** 

ACCORDING TO FA, CLIENT OWNED MANY LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES

WHICH WAS CONFIRMED ON THE NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL CONFIRMATION OF POLICY SURRENDER FORM. IT IS OUR

UNDERSTANDING THE LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES WERE REVIEWED AND

FA PRESENTED OPTIONS.

FA HAS STATED THAT DURING A MEETING AT THE CLIENTS HOME, WHICH LASTED SEVERAL HOURS, HE AND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM HARTFORD LIFE (HL) REVIEWED THE ILLUSTRATIONS AND THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED THE FLEXIBLE PREMIUM VARIABLE UNIVERSAL LIFE PRODUCT WITH THE CLIENTS. WHILE THE EXCHANGES OCCURRED NEARLY FIVE YEARS AGO,

FA BELIEVES CLIENT SAVED SEVERAL THOUSAND IN PREMIUMS.

FURTHER, NEITHER THE FA NOR THE HL REPRESENTATIVE INFORMED CLIENTS THE DEATH BENEFIT WOULD INCREASE BY \$100,000; HOWEVER, IT APPEARS THERE WAS AN INCREASED DEATH BENEFIT BY EXCHANGING THEIR INSURANCE POLICIES TO HL. OUR INTERNAL RECORDS REFLECT THAT FA HAS BEEN MEETING WITH CLIENTS ON A REGULAR BASIS AND A

DETAILED DISCUSSION REGARDING THE LIFE POLICIES WAS

DOCUMENTED ON 6/17/09. IN REGARD TO THE POLICY SPECIFICATION PAGE PROVIDED WITH THE CLIENT'S CORRESPONDENCE, HL INDICATED THAT THE MONTHLY POLICY COVERAGE PROTECTION BENEFIT PREMIUM AMOUNT IS THE MINIMUM PREMIUM AMOUNT DUE WITHOUT ANY INITIAL PREMIUM PLANNED. WHILE THE CLIENT DID HAVE FUNDS COMING INTO



THE POLICY(S) THROUGH THE EXCHANGES, HL HAS INDICATED THAT FOR CONTRACTUAL REASONS, THE PREMIUM MUST BE DISCLOSED TO ENSURE THEY ARE AWARE OF THE PREMIUM AMOUNT (IF THE EXCHANGES WERE NOT OCCUR). WE ALSO SUGGESTED CLIENTS REFERENCE THEIR POLICIES FOR THE POLICY LAPSE PROTECTION BENEFIT FOR THE FIRST TEN YEARS. IF CLIENT CONTINUES TO HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING THE POLICIES, WE SUGGESTED REACHING OUT TO HL DIRECTLY AT 1-800-231-5453, AS THEY HAVE INDICATED THEY DO NOT WANT TO SPEAK WITH FA. CLAIM DENIED.

Disclosure 2 of 2

Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led

to the complaint:

Allegations:

**EDWARD JONES** 

CLIENT STATES HE TOLD FA IN JULY 2007 THAT THE MARKET WAS ON THE

VERGE OF COLLAPSE. CLIENT STATES FA ASSURED HIM HIS FUNDS WERE

SOLID AND NOW HAS LOST OVER \$40,000.

**Product Type:** Other

Alleged Damages: \$40,000.00

**Customer Complaint Information** 

Date Complaint Received: 10/03/2008

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Denied

**Status Date:** 11/06/2008

**Settlement Amount:** 

**Individual Contribution** 

Amount:

Broker Statement OUR CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE FA REVEALED THAT THE FA AND THE

CLIENT HAD QUARTERLY MEETINGS WHERE DIFFERENT INVESTMENT OPTIONS WERE DISCUSSED AND NEW INVESTMENT PROPOSALS WERE MADE. IT APPEARS THAT THE FA WAS NOT GIVEN AUTHORIZATION TO CARRY OUT ANY OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES MADE DURING THOSE MEETINGS. UPON REVIEW OF THE INVESTMENTS THAT ARE HELD IN YOUR ACCOUNT, THEY DO NOT APPEAR TO BE OUTSIDE OF THE SCOPE OF THE INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES LISTED ON THE ACCOUNT. WHILE WE

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UNDERSTAND THE CLIENT'S DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PORTFOLIO, IT DOES APPEAR THE PERFORMANCE IS ATTRIBUTED TO MARKET FLUCTUATION WHICH IS A RISK ASSOCIATED WITH INVESTING. BECAUSE THE FUTURE CANNOT BE PREDICTED WITH COMPLETE ACCURACY, WE ENCOURAGE OUR CLIENTS TO PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE BY MAINTAINING DIVERSIFIED PORTFOLIOS.

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