

BrokerCheck Report

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About BrokerCheck®



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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For additional information about the contents of this report, please refer to the User Guidance or www.finra.org/brokercheck. It provides a glossary of terms and a list of frequently asked questions, as well as additional resources. For more information about FINRA, visit www.finra.org.

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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
- 3 General Industry/Product Exams
- 2 State Securities Law Exams

Registration History

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

- B** **PURSHE KAPLAN STERLING INVESTMENTS**
CRD# 35747
ALBANY, NY
02/2025 - 06/2025
- B** **NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL INVESTMENT SERVICES, LLC**
CRD# 2881
Edina, MN
08/2001 - 03/2025
- B** **ROBERT W. BAIRD & CO. INCORPORATED**
CRD# 8158
MILWAUKEE, WI
08/2001 - 01/2002

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? **No**

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) 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, 3 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	08/23/2005
B Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination	Series 6	08/27/2001

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B IA Uniform Combined State Law Examination	Series 66	12/27/2005
B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	08/30/2001

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/.

Broker Qualifications



Professional Designations

This section details that the representative has reported **1** professional designation(s).

Chartered Financial Consultant

This representative holds or did hold **1** professional designation(s) that may have been used to qualify as an Investment Advisor representative. Please check with the appropriate designation authority for verification that the designation is still in effect. The contact information for these professional designation authorities can be found on the website for the North American Securities Administrators Association at <http://www.nasaa.org>



Registration and Employment History

Registration History

The broker previously was registered with the following firms:

Registration Dates	Firm Name	CRD#	Branch Location
B 02/2025 - 06/2025	PURSHE KAPLAN STERLING INVESTMENTS	35747	ALBANY, NY
B 08/2001 - 03/2025	NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL INVESTMENT SERVICES, LLC	2881	Edina, MN
B 08/2001 - 01/2002	ROBERT W. BAIRD & CO. INCORPORATED	8158	MILWAUKEE, WI

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
02/2025 - Present	SUMMIT FINANCIAL, LLC DBA GRANDVIEW SQUARE FINANCIAL	INVESTMENT ADVISOR REPRESENTATIVE	Y	EDINA, MN, United States
02/2025 - 06/2025	PURSHE KAPLAN STERLING INVESTMENTS	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	ALBANY, NY, United States
03/2009 - 02/2025	NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL WEALTH MANAGEMENT COMPANY	REPRESENTATIVE	Y	MILWAUKEE, WI, United States
08/2001 - 02/2025	NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL INVESTMENT SERVICES, LLC	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	MILWAUKEE, WI, United States
07/2001 - 02/2025	NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	AGENT	N	MILWAUKEE, WI, 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. Summit Financial dba Grandview Square Financial. Investment-related. At registered location. RIA. IAR. 2/2025. 160 hrs/month. 160 hrs during securities hrs. Advisor.



Registration and Employment History

Other Business Activities, continued

2. Fixed Insurance. Not investment-related. At registered location. Insurance. Agent. 2/2025. 10 hrs/month. 10 hrs during securities hrs. Provide insurance advice based on the needs of clients.

3. Fire Yourself!. Not investment-related. At registered location. Literature. Author. 8/2016. 0 hrs/month. 0 hrs during securities hrs. Co-authored a book on career mgmt.

4. QRO Holdings & Insurance Services, LLC. Not investment-related. At registered location. Holding company. Owner. 3/2024. 2 hrs/month. 2 hrs during securities hrs. This is the holding company for myself and my two partners Austin Hebig and AJ Robbel and dba Grandview Square Financial, a Summit Financial team.

5. Lake Rose, LLC. Not investment-related. At registered location. Holding company. Owner. 12/2018. 2 hrs/month. 2 hrs during securities hrs. This is my personal operating entity, filing as an S Corp.

6. Highland Oaks HOA. Not investment-related. 7091 Highland Ct, Eden Prairie, MN 55346. Board of Directors (profit/non-profit org.). 8/2023. 4 hrs/month. 0 hrs during securities hrs. My duties are quarterly meetings with the board to discuss neighborhood issues, rules, regs, etc.

End of Report



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