

BrokerCheck Report

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CRD# 4455892

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

IA EDWARD JONES
 730 S SCALES ST SUITE D
 REIDSVILLE, NC 27320
 CRD# 250
 Registered with this firm since: 02/08/2007

B EDWARD JONES
 730 S SCALES ST SUITE D
 REIDSVILLE, NC 27320
 CRD# 250
 Registered with this firm since: 11/20/2001

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
- 11 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	1



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 4 SROs and is licensed in 11 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**

Firm CRD#: **250**

	SRO	Category	Status	Date
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/20/2001
B	NYSE American LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	09/14/2011
B	Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Representative	Approved	07/12/2006
B	New York Stock Exchange	General Securities Representative	Approved	01/14/2002

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Arizona	Agent	Approved	01/27/2025
B	Colorado	Agent	Approved	05/21/2025
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	08/20/2020
B	Georgia	Agent	Approved	08/05/2005
B	Kentucky	Agent	Approved	09/08/2025
B	Nevada	Agent	Approved	09/04/2024
B	North Carolina	Agent	Approved	12/11/2001
IA	North Carolina	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	02/08/2007
B	South Carolina	Agent	Approved	01/28/2003

Broker Qualifications



Employment 1 of 1, continued

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Tennessee	Agent	Approved	11/30/2005
B	Texas	Agent	Approved	01/25/2017
IA	Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Restricted Approval	12/13/2018
B	Virginia	Agent	Approved	09/17/2002

Branch Office Locations

EDWARD JONES
730 S SCALES ST SUITE D
REIDSVILLE, NC 27320



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	11/19/2001

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B IA Uniform Combined State Law Examination	Series 66	01/26/2007
B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	11/24/2001

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).

Certified Financial Planner

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
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.

Employment	Employer Name	Position	Investment Related	Employer Location
09/2001 - Present	EDWARD JONES	INVESTMENT REP	Y	ST LOUIS, 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.
 - o 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:**
 - o 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	1	N/A



Disclosure Event Details

When evaluating this information, please keep in mind that a disclosure 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 1

Reporting Source:	Broker
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	EDWARD JONES
Allegations:	FROM MARCH 31, 2004 TO APRIL 2, 2012 CLIENTS CLAIM THEY HAVE BEEN CLIENTS SINCE 3/31/04. AT THE TIME OF THE PURCHASE THE CLIENTS CLAIM THEY WERE TOLD BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISOR THAT AFTER 7 YEARS THEY WOULD GET THE TOTAL THEY INVESTED BACK AND MORE IF IT GAINS. CLIENTS CLAIM THE 7 YEAR DEATH BENEFIT WAS NEVER MENTIONED. CLIENTS CLAIM THEY WERE TOLD BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISOR THE \$700 MONTHLY DISTRIBUTION WAS INTEREST AND THEY WERE TOLD THERE WAS NO WAY THEY WOULD LOSE THEIR MONEY.
Product Type:	Annuity-Variable
Alleged Damages:	\$5,000.00
Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):	ALLEGATIONS CLAIM 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: 04/23/2012

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Denied

Status Date: 06/13/2012

Settlement Amount:

**Individual Contribution
Amount:**

Broker Statement

EDWARD JONES DENIES CLIENTS' REQUEST FOR THE RETURN OF THE PRINCIPAL INVESTED IN THE SUNAMERICA POLARIS II VARIABLE ANNUITY(ANNUITY) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$152,307.00. THE ANNUITY WAS PURCHASED ON MARCH 31, 2004. AT THE TIME OF PURCHASE THE DETAILS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ANNUITY WERE DISCUSSED IN DETAIL. FINANCIAL ADVISOR STATED AND HAS CONVEYED TO CLIENTS HE DID NOT GUARANTEE THE RETURN OF PRINCIPAL NOR DID HE INDICATE THE MONTHLY AMOUNT CLIENTS WOULD RECEIVE REPRESENTED ONLY INTEREST. FURTHER, IT IS UNDERSTOOD CLIENTS WERE INFORMED ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION, AS THIS WAS A CLASS A ANNUITY, CLIENTS WOULD PAY A COMMISSION UP-FRONT AND THEREFORE NO SURRENDER PERIOD ON THE CONTRACT. WE ARE UNCLEAR WHAT CLIENTS ARE REFERRING TO WITH REGARD TO THE "7 YEAR" PERIOD OR "7 YEAR DEATH BENEFIT". FINANCIAL ADVISOR BELIEVES CLIENTS MAY HAVE CONFUSED SOME INFORMATION WITH THEIR GE ANNUITIES WHICH HAD A 7 YEAR SURRENDER PERIOD. THE DEATH BENEFIT ELECTED FOR THIS ANNUITY IS THE MAXIMUM ANNIVERSARY DEATH BENEFIT AND DOES NOT INVOLVE A 7 YEAR PERIOD. CLIENTS RECEIVED THE ANNUITY CONTRACT ON MAY 5, 2004 AS EVIDENCED BY THEIR SIGNATURES ON THE DELIVERY RECEIPT. IN ADDITION TO THE DETAILS OF THE ANNUITY PROVIDED TO CLIENTS BY FINANCIAL ADVISOR, THE ANNUITY CONTRACT PROVIDES CLIENTS WITH ALL OF THE TERMS ASSOCIATED WITH THEIR CONTRACT. CLIENTS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED WITH STATEMENTS FROM SUNAMERICA AND THE ANNUITY IS ALSO LINKED AND REPORTED ON THEIR EDWARD JONES ACCOUNT STATEMENT. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED REFLECTS WITHDRAWALS AS WELL AS THE CURRENT VALUE OF THE CONTRACT. AS A RESULT, IT IS OUR BELIEF CLIENTS WERE AWARE THE MANNER IN WHICH THE WITHDRAWALS AFFECTED THE VALUE OF THE ANNUITY. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING CLIENTS HAVE MET WITH FINANCIAL ADVISOR FOR



ACCOUNT REVIEWS AND ATTENDED SEMINARS AND DID NOT EXPRESS TO HIM THEIR CONCERNS UNTIL HIS MEETING WITH CLIENTS ON OR AROUND MARCH 27, 2012. BASED ON OUR REVIEW OF THE PERFORMANCE OF THE ANNUITY AND TAKING WITHDRAWALS INTO ACCOUNT, THE ANNUITY CURRENTLY REFLECTS A NET GAIN.

End of Report



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