

**BrokerCheck Report**  
**George Alan Stoutin**  
 CRD# 4481116

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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:
  - 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
  - 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](http://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](http://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
- 2 General Industry/Product Exams
- 2 State Securities Law Exams

### Registration History

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

**B** EDWARD JONES  
CRD# 250  
DOUGLAS, MI  
01/2002 - 09/2025

### 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

### 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, 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>B</b> Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	10/01/2018
<b>B</b> General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	01/28/2002

### State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
<b>B</b> <b>IA</b> Uniform Combined State Law Examination	Series 66	12/17/2009
<b>B</b> Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	02/01/2002

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/](http://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
<b>B</b> 01/2002 - 09/2025	EDWARD JONES	250	DOUGLAS, MI

### 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
11/2001 - 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.

MASON STREET WAREHOUSE THEATER  
BOARD MEMBER. \*\*\*

HS45BS LLC  
Type of business: Commercial Investment Property  
Douglas, MI  
Start date: 3/28/2007  
President  
Hours per week: 0  
Hours during trading: 0  
Property Management of 4 commercial spaces.

Jet Filter Systems LLC  
Type of business: Manufacturing Sales  
Casey, IL  
Start date: 1/2/2018  
Owner

## Registration and Employment History



### Other Business Activities, continued

Hours per week: 0

Hours during trading: 0

I have no responsibilities.

Children First Lakeshore

Saugatuck, MI

Start date: 3/22/2018

Co-Founder; President

Hours per week: 0

Hours during trading: 0

President: Leadership to provide funding and structure to feed children impacted by hunger.

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## 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:**
  - 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.
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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.
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4. **There are different statuses and dispositions for disclosure events:**
  - 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.
  - 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:** 9/1/07-6/16/09; THE CLIENT AND THE POWER OF ATTORNEY ALLEGED THAT THEY WERE GIVEN POOR ADVICE ON THE TRADES THAT WERE EXECUTED IN THIS ACCOUNT. THEY ALLEGED THAT THEY PAID HIGHER COMMISSIONS THAN THEY HAD EXPERIENCED WITH OTHER FINANCIAL ADVISORS AND THE TAX RETURNS SHOWED SUBSTANTIAL LOSSES IN 2008, WHICH THE CLIENTS FELT WERE DUE TO POOR RECOMMENDATION. THE CLIENT AND THE POA REQUESTED A RETURN OF ALL COMMISSIONS AND FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ACCOUNT. IN ADDITION, THEY WANT TO BE MADE WHOLE ON THE ORIGINAL STOCKS THAT WERE SOLD ON OR ABOUT 4/6/09.

**Product Type:** Other: MISCELLANEOUS

**Alleged Damages:** \$5,000.00

**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:** 06/16/2009

**Complaint Pending?**

No

**Status:**

Denied

**Status Date:**

08/03/2009

**Settlement Amount:****Individual Contribution Amount:****Broker Statement**

THE CLIENT WAS 100% INVESTED IN STOCKS WHEN THE ACCOUNT TRANSFERRED. THE FA ADVISED THE CLIENT TO REPOSITION THE INVESTMENTS INTO A MORE BALANCED POSITION. THE CLIENT AND HIS POA AGREED TO LIQUIDATE SOME OF THE LARGER MORE AGGRESSIVE HOLDINGS, WHICH CREATED A TAXABLE LOSS IN THE ACCOUNT. THE CLIENT AND HIS POA ALSO REVIEWED THE CLIENT'S LIFE INSURANCE POLICY, AND SINCE HE DID NOT HAVE ANY CHILDREN, ELECTED TO LIQUIDATE THE CONTRACT. THE FA ORIGINALLY ATTEMPTED TO DO A 1035 EXCHANGE TO AN ANNUITY, BUT DUE TO THE CLIENT'S AGE, THIS EXCHANGE WAS NOT ALLOWED. THE CLIENT WAS ADVISED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO SURRENDER FEE ON THE LIQUIDATION AND THE INSURANCE WAS SOLD. THIS CREATED A TAXABLE GAIN, WHICH WAS OFFSET BY THE PREVIOUS LOSSES ON THE STOCKS THAT WERE SOLD. AS THE MARKET DECLINED IN SEPTEMBER 2008, THE FA ADVISED THE CLIENT AND HIS POA TO REPOSITION \$100,000.00 FROM STOCKS INTO CDS/BONDS. THE CLIENT ELECTED TO REMAIN WITH HIS STOCKS. ON DECEMBER 26, 2008, THE CLIENT CONTACTED THE FA AND AUTHORIZED THE SALE OF TWO STOCKS AND ALSO ELECTED TO KEEP HIS BANK STOCKS. IN MARCH, 2009, THE CLIENT AND A FRIEND ARRIVED AT THE BRANCH OFFICE AND ADVISED THAT THEY DID NOT FEEL THAT THE POA WAS ACTING PROPERLY IN THE ACCOUNT. A NEW POA WAS ADDED THAT DAY. THE ATTORNEY ALSO DREW UP A WILL DESIGNATING NEW BENEFICIARIES ON THE CLIENT'S ACCOUNT. DUE TO THE PROBLEMS WITH THE PREVIOUS POA AND THE DECLINE IN THE CLIENT'S HEALTH, THE FA RECOMMENDED THE EDWARD JONES' TRUST COMPANY BE CONSIDERED AS A PLACE FOR THE CLIENT'S INVESTMENTS. EVERYONE AGREED AND THE NECESSARY PAPERS WERE SIGNED. THE TRUST COMPANY REVIEWED ITS HANDLING OF THIS ACCOUNT AND DEEMED THEIR ACTIONS TO BE APPROPRIATE AND WITHIN THEIR GUIDELINES. THE CLIENT AND POA'S REQUEST TO BE PLACED BACK INTO THE ORIGINAL STOCK POSITIONS WAS DENIED.

## End of Report



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