

BrokerCheck Report

PAULA ROSE SWANSON

CRD# 4526551

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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.

**PAULA R. SWANSON**

CRD# 4526551

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

IA LPL FINANCIAL LLC
 2501 UNIVERSITY DR S
 FARGO, ND 58103
 CRD# 6413
 Registered with this firm since: 03/04/2017

B LPL FINANCIAL LLC
 3100 13TH AVENUE SOUTH
 FARGO, ND 58103
 CRD# 6413
 Registered with this firm since: 02/28/2017

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
- 20 U.S. states and territories

This broker has passed:

- 2 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):**

- IA CETERA INVESTMENT ADVISERS LLC**
 CRD# 105644
 SCHAUMBURG, IL
 01/2014 - 02/2017
- B CETERA INVESTMENT SERVICES LLC**
 CRD# 15340
 FARGO, ND
 06/2012 - 02/2017
- IA CETERA INVESTMENT SERVICES LLC**
 CRD# 15340
 ST CLOUD, MN
 06/2012 - 01/2014

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**



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 20 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	02/28/2017
B	FINRA	General Securities Sales Supervisor	Approved	02/28/2017

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Arizona	Agent	Approved	05/30/2017
B	California	Agent	Approved	02/15/2022
B	Colorado	Agent	Approved	01/31/2022
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	02/28/2017
IA	Florida	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	05/31/2017
B	Illinois	Agent	Approved	01/25/2022
B	Iowa	Agent	Approved	02/28/2017
B	Kansas	Agent	Approved	08/26/2020
B	Maryland	Agent	Approved	11/14/2017
B	Minnesota	Agent	Approved	02/28/2017
IA	Minnesota	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	06/04/2017



Broker Qualifications

Employment 1 of 1, continued

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Missouri	Agent	Approved	12/10/2020
B	Montana	Agent	Approved	12/06/2017
B	New Jersey	Agent	Approved	08/27/2025
B	North Carolina	Agent	Approved	09/08/2022
B	North Dakota	Agent	Approved	02/28/2017
IA	North Dakota	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	03/04/2017
B	South Dakota	Agent	Approved	08/30/2021
B	Texas	Agent	Approved	03/18/2020
IA	Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Restricted Approval	09/23/2020
B	Virginia	Agent	Approved	08/22/2022
B	Washington	Agent	Approved	04/25/2025
B	Wisconsin	Agent	Approved	11/29/2018
B	Wyoming	Agent	Approved	11/07/2023

Branch Office Locations

LPL FINANCIAL LLC

3100 13TH AVENUE SOUTH
FARGO, ND 58103

LPL FINANCIAL LLC

320 32ND AVE WEST, STE. 100
WEST FARGO, ND 58078

LPL FINANCIAL LLC

2501 UNIVERSITY DR S
FARGO, ND 58103



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 2 principal/supervisory exams, 2 general industry/product exams, and 1 state securities law exam.

Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B General Securities Sales Supervisor - General Module Examination	Series 10	09/08/2005
B General Securities Sales Supervisor - Options Module Examination	Series 9	06/06/2005

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	10/01/2018
B General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	06/19/2002

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B IA Uniform Combined State Law Examination	Series 66	08/08/2002

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/.

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:

Registration Dates	Firm Name	CRD#	Branch Location
IA 01/2014 - 02/2017	CETERA INVESTMENT ADVISERS LLC	105644	FARGO, ND
B 06/2012 - 02/2017	CETERA INVESTMENT SERVICES LLC	15340	FARGO, ND
IA 06/2012 - 01/2014	CETERA INVESTMENT SERVICES LLC	15340	FARGO, ND
B 02/2012 - 05/2012	STATE FARM VP MANAGEMENT CORP.	43036	FARGO, ND
IA 01/2011 - 09/2011	WELLS FARGO ADVISORS, LLC	19616	MINNEAPOLIS, MN
B 01/2011 - 09/2011	WELLS FARGO ADVISORS, LLC	19616	MINNEAPOLIS, MN
B 06/2002 - 01/2011	WELLS FARGO INVESTMENTS, LLC	10582	MINNEAPOLIS, MN

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
02/2017 - Present	LPL Financial, LLC	Registered Representative	Y	Fargo, ND, United States
06/2012 - Present	Bell Bank (Formerly: BELL STATE BANK & TRUST)	Registered Representative	Y	FARGO, ND, United States
01/2014 - 02/2017	CETERA INVESTMENT ADVISERS LLC	MASS TRANSFER	Y	FARGO, ND, United States
06/2012 - 02/2017	CETERA INVESTMENT SERVICES LLC	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	ST. CLOUD, MN, 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) 02/23/2017 - Bell Investments - DBA for LPL Business (entity for LPL business) - inv rel - at reported business location(s)

Registration and Employment History



Other Business Activities, continued

2) 02/23/2017 - BELL BANK - VP/WEALTH ADVISOR - inv rel - at reported business location(s) - start: 6/2012

End of Report



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