

BrokerCheck Report

CRAIG EVAN STERN

CRD# 4595456

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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.

**CRAIG E. STERN**

CRD# 4595456

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

IA WELLS FARGO ADVISORS
 3399 PGA BLVD STE 400
 PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL 33410
 CRD# 19616
 Registered with this firm since: 07/01/2003

B WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC
 3399 PGA BLVD STE 400
 PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL 33410
 CRD# 19616
 Registered with this firm since: 07/01/2003

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:

- 6 Self-Regulatory Organizations
- 32 U.S. states and territories

This broker has passed:

- 0 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 PRUDENTIAL SECURITIES INCORPORATED**
 CRD# 7471
 NEW YORK, NY
 05/2003 - 07/2003
- B PRUDENTIAL SECURITIES INCORPORATED**
 CRD# 7471
 NEW YORK, NY
 05/2003 - 07/2003
- B STG SECURE TRADING GROUP, INC.**
 CRD# 41216
 BOCA RATON, FL
 12/2002 - 04/2003

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
Regulatory Event	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 6 SROs and is licensed in 32 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.

Employment 1 of 1

Firm Name: **WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC**

Main Office Address: **ONE NORTH JEFFERSON AVENUE
MAIL CODE: H0004-05E
ST. LOUIS, MO 63103**

Firm CRD#: **19616**

	SRO	Category	Status	Date
B	Cboe Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/19/2021
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	07/01/2003
B	NYSE American LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	08/12/2011
B	Nasdaq PHLX LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	09/30/2011
B	Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Representative	Approved	07/12/2006
B	New York Stock Exchange	General Securities Representative	Approved	07/01/2003

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Arizona	Agent	Approved	08/21/2009
B	California	Agent	Approved	07/01/2003
B	Colorado	Agent	Approved	08/21/2009
B	Connecticut	Agent	Approved	08/21/2009
B	Delaware	Agent	Approved	08/21/2009
B	District of Columbia	Agent	Approved	12/07/2011
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	07/01/2003



Broker Qualifications

Employment 1 of 1, continued

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
IA	Florida	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	06/21/2011
B	Georgia	Agent	Approved	08/21/2009
B	Illinois	Agent	Approved	08/21/2009
B	Indiana	Agent	Approved	10/24/2017
B	Iowa	Agent	Approved	08/21/2009
B	Kansas	Agent	Approved	05/19/2025
B	Kentucky	Agent	Approved	01/10/2020
B	Louisiana	Agent	Approved	05/19/2025
B	Maryland	Agent	Approved	08/21/2009
B	Massachusetts	Agent	Approved	03/15/2019
B	Michigan	Agent	Approved	05/20/2025
B	New Hampshire	Agent	Approved	04/11/2024
B	New Jersey	Agent	Approved	07/01/2003
IA	New Jersey	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	07/01/2003
B	New Mexico	Agent	Approved	05/19/2025
B	New York	Agent	Approved	08/18/2009
IA	New York	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	06/09/2025
B	North Carolina	Agent	Approved	08/28/2009
B	North Dakota	Agent	Approved	12/14/2020
B	Ohio	Agent	Approved	08/26/2009
B	Oklahoma	Agent	Approved	05/19/2025



Broker Qualifications

Employment 1 of 1, continued

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Oregon	Agent	Approved	08/21/2009
B	Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	08/06/2009
B	South Carolina	Agent	Approved	11/18/2010
B	Tennessee	Agent	Approved	07/01/2003
B	Texas	Agent	Approved	08/21/2009
IA	Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Restricted Approval	07/14/2014
B	Virginia	Agent	Approved	08/21/2009
B	West Virginia	Agent	Approved	08/21/2009

Branch Office Locations

WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC

3399 PGA BLVD STE 400
PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL 33410

WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC

88 FROEHLICH FARM BLVD
WOODBURY, NY 11797



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 1 state securities law exam.

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	12/11/2002

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B IA Uniform Combined State Law Examination	Series 66	01/23/2003

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
B 05/2003 - 07/2003	PRUDENTIAL SECURITIES INCORPORATED	7471	NEW YORK, NY
IA 05/2003 - 07/2003	PRUDENTIAL SECURITIES INCORPORATED	7471	VINELAND, NJ
B 12/2002 - 04/2003	STG SECURE TRADING GROUP, INC.	41216	BOCA RATON, FL

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
11/2016 - Present	WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC	REGISTERED REP	Y	LANTANA, FL, United States
05/2009 - 11/2016	WELLS FARGO ADVISORS LLC	REGISTERED REP	Y	LANTANA, FL, 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. KEEPER SELF STORAGE, INVESTMENT RELATED, LAKE WORTH, FL, 100% OWNERSHIP, 0 HOURS, DUTIES: MANAGE BUSINESS.
2. TRUSTEE FOR BROTHER, INVESTMENT RELATED, VINELAND, NJ, FAMILY TRUST, MINIMAL TIME SPENT/0 DURING TRADING.
3. TRUSTEE FOR BROTHER'S LIVING TRUST, INVESTMENT RELATED, VINELAND, NJ, FAMILY TRUST, TRUSTEE, 0-1 HOUR / MONTH/ 0 DURING BUSINESS HOURS.
4. TRUSTEE FOR FATHER, INVESTMENT RELATED, VINELAND, NJ, MINIMAL TIME SPENT, NOT DURING BUSINESS HOURS.
5. AUSTIN 1 LLC; INVESTMENT RELATED; JUPITER, FL; 100% OWNERSHIP; REAL ESTATE; START 12/2013; 2 HRS PER MONTH; 0 HRS DURING TRADING.
6. SNOWBALL LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, NOT INV RELATED, BOACA RATON, FL, .5% OWNERSHIP, START 12/31/2013, 1 HOUR PER MONTH, ZERO DURING TRADING.
7. LOAN, INV RELATED, JUPITER, FL, START 11/1/2015, ZERO HOURS PER MONTH, ZERO DURING TRADING.
8. JUGGERKNOT, LLC; NOT INVESTMENT RELATED; JUPITER, FL; 70% OWNERSHIP, START 6/5/2019; NUMBER OF HOURS PER MONTH 10; NUMBER OF HOURS DURING TRADING 0; HOLDS RENTAL PROPERTY.

Registration and Employment History



Other Business Activities, continued

9. RIVER RANCH CONDO ASSOCIATION, NOT INV RELATED, RIVER RANCH, FL, BOARD MEMBER, START 9/15/2021, 2 HOURS PER MONTH, ZERO HOURS DURING TRADING, DISCUSSING THE WELLBEING OF THE PROPERTY.

10. RENTAL PROPERTY, INVT RELATED, LANTANA, FL, 100% OWNERSHIP, START DATE 9/16/2021, 0 HRS PER MONTH, 0 HRS DURING TRADING, OWNER.

11. RENTAL PROPERTY, INVT RELATED, LANTANA, FL, 100% OWNERSHIP, START DATE 9/16/2021, 0 HRS PER MONTH, 0 HRS DURING TRADING, OWNER.

12. SELF STORAGE UNITS, INVT RELATED, LITHIA, FL, 100% OWNERSHIP WITH SPOUSE, START DATE 9/16/2021, 0 HRS PER MONTH, 0 HRS DURING TRADING, OWNER.

13. POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR FATHER; INV. RELATED; JUPITER, FL; START DATE 11/2021; 0 HRS PER MONTH.

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
Regulatory Event	0	1	0



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.

Regulatory - Final

This type of disclosure event may involve (1) a final, formal proceeding initiated by a regulatory authority (e.g., a state securities agency, self-regulatory organization, federal regulatory such as the Securities and Exchange Commission, foreign financial regulatory body) for a violation of investment-related rules or regulations; or (2) a revocation or suspension of a broker's authority to act as an attorney, accountant, or federal contractor.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source:	Regulator
Regulatory Action Initiated By:	FLORIDA OFFICE OF FINANCIAL REGULATION
Sanction(s) Sought:	Cease and Desist Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)
Date Initiated:	06/21/2011
Docket/Case Number:	0155-SR-5/11
URL for Regulatory Action:	
Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:	WELLS FARGO ADVISORS LLC
Product Type:	No Product
Allegations:	N/A
Current Status:	Final
Resolution:	Order



Does the order constitute a final order based on violations of any laws or regulations that prohibit fraudulent, manipulative, or deceptive conduct?

No

Resolution Date: 06/21/2011

Sanctions Ordered: Cease and Desist
Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

Monetary Sanction 1 of 1

Monetary Related Sanction: Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

Total Amount: \$20,000.00

Portion Levied against individual: \$20,000.00

Payment Plan:

Is Payment Plan Current:

Date Paid by individual: 06/21/2011

Was any portion of penalty waived? No

Amount Waived:

Regulator Statement

ON 6/21/2011 THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL REGULATION ENTERED A FINAL ORDER ADOPTING THE STIPULATION AND CONSENT AGREEMENT IN THE MATTER OF CRAIG E. STERN. MR. STERN NEITHER ADMITTED NOR DENIED THE FINDINGS BUT CONSENTED TO THE ENTRY OF FINDINGS BY THE OFFICE. THE OFFICE FOUND THAT BEGINNING IN JANUARY 2006, MR. STERN ENGAGED IN INVESTMENT ADVISORY BUSINESS FROM OFFICES WITHIN THIS STATE WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF LAWFUL REGISTRATION IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA IN VIOLATION OF SECTION 517.12(4), F. S. MR. STERN AGREED TO CEASE AND DESIST FROM ALL PRESENT AND FUTURE VIOLATIONS OF CHAPTER 517, F.S. AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE RULES THEREUNDER; AND TO PAY AN ADMINISTRATIVE FINE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000. THE OFFICE AGREED TO APPROVE MR. STERN'S APPLICATION AS AN ASSOCIATED PERSON (RA) WITH WELLS FARGO ADVISORS, LLC EFFECTIVE 6/21/2011.

Reporting Source: Broker



Regulatory Action Initiated By:	FLORIDA
Sanction(s) Sought:	Other: N/A
Date Initiated:	06/21/2011
Docket/Case Number:	0155-SR-5/11
Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:	WELLS FARGO ADVISORS, LLC
Product Type:	No Product
Allegations:	APPLICANT CONDUCTED INVESTMENT ADVISORY BUSINESS IN FLORIDA WITHOUT ALL REQUIRED STATE REGISTRATIONS.
Current Status:	Final
Resolution:	Stipulation and Consent
Does the order constitute a final order based on violations of any laws or regulations that prohibit fraudulent, manipulative, or deceptive conduct?	No
Resolution Date:	06/21/2011
Sanctions Ordered:	Cease and Desist Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)
Monetary Sanction 1 of 1	
Monetary Related Sanction:	Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)
Total Amount:	\$20,000.00
Portion Levied against individual:	\$20,000.00
Payment Plan:	PAYMENT OF FINE DUE ON TENDER OF EXECUTED STIPULATION.
Is Payment Plan Current:	Yes
Date Paid by individual:	06/21/2011
Was any portion of penalty waived?	No



Amount Waived:

Broker Statement

ERROR AT EMPLOYING FIRM CAUSED APPLICANT TO UNKNOWINGLY CONDUCT INVESTMENT ADVISORY BUSINESS IN FLORIDA WITHOUT ALL REQUIRED STATE REGISTRATIONS. EMPLOYING FIRM PAID THE FINE LEVIED AGAINST MR. STERN ON HIS BEHALF.

End of Report



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