

## BrokerCheck Report

**RICHARD JOSEPH BUSWELL**

CRD# 4770105

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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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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
- 0 State Securities Law Exams

### Registration History

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

- B LASALLE ST SECURITIES, L.L.C.**  
CRD# 7191  
ELMHURST, IL  
04/2009 - 05/2009
- B BROOKSTONE SECURITIES, INC.**  
CRD# 13366  
LAFAYETTE, LA  
04/2008 - 04/2009
- B 1ST DISCOUNT BROKERAGE, INC.**  
CRD# 39164  
LAFAYETTE, LA  
07/2006 - 04/2008

### Disclosure Events

This broker has been involved in one or more disclosure events involving certain final criminal matters, regulatory actions, civil judicial proceedings, or arbitrations or civil litigations.

Are there events disclosed about this broker? **Yes**

**The following types of disclosures have been reported:**

Type	Count
Regulatory Event	2
Criminal	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), states and U.S. territories the broker is currently registered and licensed with, the category of each registration, and the date on which the registration became effective. This section also provides, for each 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 0 state securities law exams.

Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
No information reported.		

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
<div>B</div> General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	01/02/2006
<div>B</div> Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination	Series 6	04/03/2004

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
No information reported.		

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 **0** professional designation(s).

No information reported.



# Registration and Employment History

## Registration History

The broker previously was registered with the following securities firms:

Registration Dates	Firm Name	CRD#	Branch Location
<b>B</b> 04/2009 - 05/2009	LASALLE ST SECURITIES, L.L.C.	7191	ELMHURST, IL
<b>B</b> 04/2008 - 04/2009	BROOKSTONE SECURITIES, INC.	13366	LAFAYETTE, LA
<b>B</b> 07/2006 - 04/2008	1ST DISCOUNT BROKERAGE, INC.	39164	LAFAYETTE, LA
<b>B</b> 09/2005 - 06/2006	LINSKO/PRIVATE LEDGER CORP.	6413	LAFAYETTE, LA
<b>B</b> 06/2004 - 10/2005	FORT WASHINGTON BROKERAGE SERVICES, INC.	8099	CINCINNATI, OH

## 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
04/2009 - Present	LASALLE ST. SECURITIES, LLC	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	LAFAYETTE, LA, United States

# Disclosure Events



## What you should know about reported disclosure events:

1. Disclosure events in BrokerCheck reports come from different sources:
- As mentioned at the beginning of this report, information contained in BrokerCheck comes from brokers, their employing firms, and regulators. When more than one source reports information for the same disclosure event, all versions of the event will appear in the BrokerCheck report. The different versions are separated by a solid line with the reporting source labeled.

For your convenience, below is a matrix of the number and status of regulatory 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.

	Final	On Appeal
Regulatory Event	2	0
Criminal	1	0





## Disclosure Event Details

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 involves a final, formal proceeding initiated by a regulatory authority (e.g., a state securities agency, self-regulatory organization, federal regulator such as the Securities and Exchange Commission, foreign financial regulatory body) for a violation of investment-related rules or regulations.

#### Disclosure 1 of 2

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Regulator
<b>Regulatory Action Initiated By:</b>	UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
<b>Sanction(s) Sought:</b>	Other: N/A
<b>Date Initiated:</b>	04/08/2014
<b>Docket/Case Number:</b>	3-15829
<b>Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:</b>	BROOKSTONE SECURITIES, INC., D/B/A BROOKSTONE INVESTMENT ADVISORY SERVICES
<b>Product Type:</b>	Other: UNSPECIFIED SECURITIES
<b>Allegations:</b>	SEC ADMIN RELEASE 34-71907, IA RELEASE 40-3813, APRIL 8, 2014: THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION ("COMMISSION") DEEMS IT APPROPRIATE AND IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST THAT PUBLIC ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS BE, AND HEREBY ARE, INSTITUTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(B) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 ("EXCHANGE ACT") AND SECTION 203(F) OF THE INVESTMENT ADVISERS ACT OF 1940 ("ADVISERS ACT") AGAINST RICHARD J. BUSWELL ("RESPONDENT" OR "BUSWELL"). ON JULY 24, 2013, BUSWELL PLEADED GUILTY TO ONE COUNT OF WIRE FRAUD IN VIOLATION OF TITLE 18 UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 1343 BEFORE THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA, IN UNITED STATES V. BUSWELL ET AL, CRIM. NO. 6:11-CR00198. BUSWELL IS CURRENTLY AWAITING SENTENCING.
<b>Current Status:</b>	Final
<b>Resolution:</b>	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:**

08/13/2014

**Sanctions Ordered:**

Bar (Permanent)

**If the regulator is the SEC, CFTC, or an SRO, did the action result in a finding of a willful violation or failure to supervise?**

No

**(1) willfully violated any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any of such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, or to have been unable to comply with any provision of such Act, rule or regulation?**



**(2) willfully aided, abetted, counseled, commanded, induced, or procured the violation by any person of any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any of such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board? or**

**(3) failed reasonably to supervise another person subject to your supervision, with a view to preventing the violation by such person of any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board?**

**Sanction 1 of 1**

<b>Sanction Type:</b>	Bar (Permanent)
<b>Capacities Affected:</b>	SEE COMMENT
<b>Duration:</b>	Indefinite
<b>Start Date:</b>	08/13/2014
<b>End Date:</b>	

**Regulator Statement**

SEC ADMIN RELEASE 34-72838, IA RELEASE 40-3896, AUGUST 13, 2014: BUSWELL HAS SUBMITTED AN OFFER OF SETTLEMENT (THE "OFFER") WHICH THE COMMISSION HAS DETERMINED TO ACCEPT. SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF THESE PROCEEDINGS AND ANY OTHER PROCEEDINGS BROUGHT BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION, OR TO WHICH THE COMMISSION IS A PARTY, BUSWELL ADMITS THE COMMISSION'S JURISDICTION OVER HIM AND OVER THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND ADMITS THE FINDINGS. BUSWELL FURTHER CONSENTS TO THE ENTRY OF THE ORDER.

IT IS ORDERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(B)(6) OF THE EXCHANGE ACT AND SECTION 203(F) OF THE ADVISERS ACT, RESPONDENT BUSWELL BE, AND HEREBY IS: BARRED FROM ASSOCIATION WITH ANY BROKER, DEALER, INVESTMENT ADVISER, MUNICIPAL SECURITIES DEALER, MUNICIPAL ADVISOR, TRANSFER AGENT, OR NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED STATISTICAL RATING ORGANIZATION; AND BARRED FROM PARTICIPATING IN ANY OFFERING OF A PENNY STOCK, INCLUDING: ACTING AS A PROMOTER, FINDER, CONSULTANT, AGENT OR OTHER PERSON WHO ENGAGES IN ACTIVITIES WITH A BROKER, DEALER OR ISSUER FOR PURPOSES OF THE ISSUANCE OR TRADING IN ANY PENNY STOCK, OR INDUCING OR ATTEMPTING TO INDUCE THE PURCHASE OR SALE OF ANY PENNY STOCK.

**Disclosure 2 of 2**

**Reporting Source:** Regulator

**Regulatory Action Initiated By:** FINRA

**Sanction(s) Sought:** Other: N/A

**Date Initiated:** 06/28/2010

**Docket/Case Number:** [2009017275301](#)

**Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:** BROOKSTONE SECURITIES, INC.

**Product Type:** Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)  
Promissory Note  
Other: UNSECURED BRIDGE NOTES/WARRANTS

**Allegations:** SECTION 10(B) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT, SEC RULE 10B-5, FINRA RULES 2010, 2020, NASD RULES 2110, 2120, 2510 - A MEMBER FIRM, ACTING THROUGH RICHARD J. BUSWELL, MADE MISREPRESENTATIONS AND/OR OMISSIONS OF MATERIAL FACT IN



CONNECTION WITH THE SALE OF UNSECURED BRIDGE NOTES AND WARRANTS. BUSWELL, ACTING ON BEHALF OF HIS FIRM, TOLD PURCHASERS OF THE BRIDGE NOTES THAT THEY WERE GUARANTEED WITHOUT ANY REASONABLE BASIS GIVEN THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PLACEMENT AGENT'S LIMITED ROLE IN THE PRIVATE PLACEMENT MEMORANDUM (PPM). BUSWELL PROVIDED UNWARRANTED PRICE PREDICTIONS TO CUSTOMERS REGARDING THE FUTURE PRICE OF COMMON STOCK FOR WHICH WARRANTS WOULD BE EXCHANGEABLE. BUSWELL, ACTING ON BEHALF OF HIS FIRM, GUARANTEED THE PAYMENT AT MATURITY OF PROMISSORY NOTES ALTHOUGH THE PLACEMENT AGENT HAD NO COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE FINANCING FOR THE PRIVATE PLACEMENT OR A LATER PUBLIC OFFERING. BUSWELL, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE FIRM, RECKLESSLY OR KNOWINGLY FAILED TO DISCLOSE THE RISK THAT THE FINANCING WOULD NOT OCCUR AND RECKLESSLY OR KNOWINGLY FAILED TO DISCLOSE THE OTHER RISKS OUTLINED IN THE PPM. BUSWELL, ACTING ON BEHALF OF HIS FIRM, GUARANTEED TO CUSTOMERS THAT THEY WOULD RECEIVE BACK THEIR PRINCIPAL INVESTMENTS PLUS RETURNS, FAILED TO INFORM INVESTORS OF ANY RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE INVESTMENTS AND DID NOT DISCUSS THE RISKS OUTLINED IN THE PPM THAT COULD RESULT IN INVESTORS LOSING THEIR ENTIRE INVESTMENT. A MEMBER FIRM, ACTING THROUGH BUSWELL, MADE MISREPRESENTATIONS AND/OR OMISSIONS OF MATERIAL FACT IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE OF THE PRIVATE PLACEMENT OF FIRM UNITS CONSISTING OF CLASS B COMMON STOCK AND WARRANTS TO PURCHASE CLASS A COMMON STOCK TO CUSTOMERS; THE PPM STATED THAT THE INVESTMENT WAS SPECULATIVE, INVOLVING A HIGH DEGREE OF RISK AND WAS ONLY SUITABLE FOR PERSONS WHO COULD RISK LOSING THEIR ENTIRE INVESTMENT. BUSWELL REPRESENTED TO CUSTOMERS THAT HE WOULD INVEST THEIR FUNDS IN ANOTHER PRIVATE PLACEMENT AND IN DIRECT CONTRADICTION, INVESTED THE FUNDS IN THE FIRM PRIVATE PLACEMENT. A MEMBER FIRM, ACTING THROUGH BUSWELL, RECOMMENDED AND EFFECTED THE SALE OF THESE SECURITIES WITHOUT HAVING A REASONABLE BASIS TO BELIEVE THAT THE TRANSACTIONS WERE SUITABLE GIVEN THE FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES AND CONDITION OF THE CUSTOMERS. BUSWELL RECOMMENDED A TRADING STRATEGY THAT RELIED UPON FREQUENT TRADING, USE OF MARGIN AND CONCENTRATION OF THE ACCOUNTS IN A SMALL NUMBER OF FINANCIAL STOCKS. THE FIRM, ACTING THROUGH BUSWELL, EXERCISED DISCRETION WITHOUT PRIOR WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION IN THE ACCOUNTS OF CUSTOMERS OR ACCEPTANCE OF THE ACCOUNTS AS DISCRETIONARY BY THE FIRM.

**Current Status:**

Final



<b>Resolution:</b>	Decision
<b>Does the order constitute a final order based on violations of any laws or regulations that prohibit fraudulent, manipulative, or deceptive conduct?</b>	Yes
<b>Resolution Date:</b>	02/01/2012
<b>Sanctions Ordered:</b>	Bar (Permanent)
<b>If the regulator is the SEC, CFTC, or an SRO, did the action result in a finding of a willful violation or failure to supervise?</b>	No
<b>(1) willfully violated any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any of such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, or to have been unable to comply with any provision of such Act, rule or regulation?</b>	



**(2) willfully aided, abetted, counseled, commanded, induced, or procured the violation by any person of any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any of such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board? or**

**(3) failed reasonably to supervise another person subject to your supervision, with a view to preventing the violation by such person of any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board?**

#### **Sanction 1 of 1**

<b>Sanction Type:</b>	Bar (Permanent)
<b>Capacities Affected:</b>	All Capacities
<b>Duration:</b>	Indefinite
<b>Start Date:</b>	02/01/2012
<b>End Date:</b>	

**Regulator Statement**

DEFAULT DECISION RENDERED JANUARY 4, 2012 WHEREIN BUSWELL IS BARRED FROM ASSOCIATION WITH ANY FINRA MEMBER IN ANY CAPACITY FOR MATERIAL, AND NON-MATERIAL, MISREPRESENTATIONS AND OMISSIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALES OF SECURITIES, UNSUITABLE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CUSTOMERS AND RECOMMENDING EXCESSIVE TRADING, OVERCONCENTRATION OF INVESTMENTS AND USE OF MARGIN TRADING TO CUSTOMERS. NO ADDITIONAL SANCTION IS IMPOSED FOR EXERCISING DISCRETION IN CUSTOMER ACCOUNTS WITHOUT PRIOR WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION. DECISION IS FINAL FEBRUARY 1, 2012.





## Criminal - Final Disposition

This type of disclosure event involves a conviction or guilty plea for any felony or certain misdemeanor offenses, including bribery, perjury, forgery, counterfeiting, extortion, fraud, and wrongful taking of property that is currently on appeal.

### Disclosure 1 of 1

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Regulator
<b>Formal Charges were brought in:</b>	Federal Court
<b>Name of Court:</b>	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
<b>Location of Court:</b>	LOUISIANA
<b>Docket/Case #:</b>	6:11-CR-198
<b>Charge Date:</b>	08/10/2011
<b>Charge(s) 1 of 6</b>	
<b>Formal Charge(s)/Description:</b>	SECURITIES FRAUD
<b>No of Counts:</b>	1
<b>Felony or Misdemeanor:</b>	Felony
<b>Plea for each charge:</b>	N/A
<b>Disposition of charge:</b>	Dismissed
<b>Charge(s) 2 of 6</b>	
<b>Formal Charge(s)/Description:</b>	CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT SECURITIES FRAUD, INVESTMENT ADVISOR FRAUD, WIRE FRAUD AND MAIL FRAUD
<b>No of Counts:</b>	1
<b>Felony or Misdemeanor:</b>	Felony
<b>Plea for each charge:</b>	N/A
<b>Disposition of charge:</b>	Dismissed
<b>Charge(s) 3 of 6</b>	
<b>Formal Charge(s)/Description:</b>	CRIMINAL FORFEITURE
<b>No of Counts:</b>	1
<b>Felony or Misdemeanor:</b>	Felony



<b>Plea for each charge:</b>	N/A
<b>Disposition of charge:</b>	Dismissed
<b>Charge(s) 4 of 6</b>	
<b>Formal Charge(s)/Description:</b>	INVESTMENT ADVISOR FRAUD
<b>No of Counts:</b>	1
<b>Felony or Misdemeanor:</b>	Felony
<b>Plea for each charge:</b>	N/A
<b>Disposition of charge:</b>	Dismissed
<b>Charge(s) 5 of 6</b>	
<b>Formal Charge(s)/Description:</b>	MAIL FRAUD
<b>No of Counts:</b>	15
<b>Felony or Misdemeanor:</b>	Felony
<b>Plea for each charge:</b>	N/A
<b>Disposition of charge:</b>	Dismissed
<b>Charge(s) 6 of 6</b>	
<b>Formal Charge(s)/Description:</b>	WIRE FRAUD
<b>No of Counts:</b>	8
<b>Felony or Misdemeanor:</b>	Felony
<b>Plea for each charge:</b>	GUILTY TO ONE COUNT; N/A FOR THE REMAINING SEVEN COUNTS
<b>Disposition of charge:</b>	PLED GUILTY TO ONE COUNT; THE REMAINING SEVEN COUNTS WERE DISMISSED
<b>Current Status:</b>	Final
<b>Status Date:</b>	10/06/2014
<b>Disposition Date:</b>	10/06/2014
<b>Sentence/Penalty:</b>	Buswell was sentenced to be imprisoned for a total term of 126 months with credit for time served since December 15, 2011. Upon release, Buswell will be on supervised release for a term of three years. Buswell must pay an assessment of \$100, a fine of \$125,000, and jointly and severally pay restitution in the amount of \$6,380,808.03.



## End of Report



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