

BrokerCheck Report

DARIEN EUCLID BONNEY

CRD# 4899007

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 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.
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- 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.
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DARIEN E. BONNEY

CRD# 4899007

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
- 1 State Securities Law Exam

Registration History

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

- B MML INVESTORS SERVICES, LLC CRD# 10409 SCOTTSDALE, AZ 04/2007 - 01/2022
- B NYLIFE SECURITIES INC. CRD# 5167 SCOTTSDALE, AZ 05/2005 - 07/2006

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:

Туре	Count	
Regulatory Event	2	
Customer Dispute	5	
Termination	1	

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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 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
В	Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination	Series 6	05/11/2005

State Securities Law Exams

Exam		Category	Date
В	Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	07/14/2006

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/.

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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:

Reg	istration Dates	Firm Name	CRD#	Branch Location
B	04/2007 - 01/2022	MML INVESTORS SERVICES, LLC	10409	SCOTTSDALE, AZ
B	05/2005 - 07/2006	NYLIFE SECURITIES INC.	5167	SCOTTSDALE, AZ

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
03/2007 - Present	MML INVESTORS SERVICES, LLC	REGISTERED REP	Υ	SCOTTSDALE, AZ, United States
08/2006 - Present	MASSMUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	AGENT	Υ	SCOTTSDALE, AZ, 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.

NAME: DARIEN BONNEY INV REL: Y ADD: 2259 S LABELLE MESA AZ 85209 NATURE:INDIVIDUAL LIFE/HEALTH, GROUP LIFE/HEALTH POSITION: SALES/AGENT START DATE: 2004 NO HRS/MO: 10 NO HRS/MO DUR TRADING: 10 (2) NAME: DARIEN BONNEY INV REL: Y ADD: 2259 S LABELLE MESA AZ 85209 NATURE: ASSIST CUSTOMERS WITH SALES OF WL AND/OR UL POLICIES TO A LIFE SETTLEMENT COMPANY POSTION: AGENT START DATE: 2017 NO HRS/MO: 1 NO HRS/MO DUR TRADING: 1 (3) DFG CASUALTY & BENEFITS, LLC INV REL: Y ADD: 17550 N PERIMETER DR STE 450 SCOTTSDALE AZ 85255 NATURE: P&C POSITION: SALES/REFERRAL PARTNER START DATE: 12/2017 NO HRS/MO: 5 NO HRS/MO DUR TRADING: 5

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.
- 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.

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.

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	2	0
Customer Dispute	2	3	N/A
Termination	N/A	1	N/A



Disclosure Event Details

When evaluating this information, please keep in mind that a discloure 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, selfregulatory 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 2

Reporting Source: Regulator

Regulatory Action Initiated

Bv:

Arizona Corporation Commission - Securities Division

Sanction(s) Sought: Cease and Desist

Revocation

Date Initiated: 08/09/2023

Docket/Case Number: S-21263A-23-0233

URL for Regulatory Action: https://docket.images.azcc.gov/0000215063.pdf?i=1755875902874

Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:

Product Type: Investment Contract

Promissory Note

Allegations: Mr. Bonney violated A.A.C. R14-4-130(A)(17) by effecting the MERCO

transactions without first receiving approval from MMLIS and without the

transactions being recorded on the

records of MMLIS. Respondent's conduct is grounds for revocation of his

securities salesman registration pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-1962.

Current Status: Final



Resolution: Decision

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: 08/19/2025

Sanctions Ordered: Cease and Desist

Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

Restitution Revocation

Monetary Sanction 1 of 2

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

Total Amount: \$30,000.00

Portion Levied against

individual:

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\$30,000.00

Payment Plan: Decision No 81447. Penalty is the sole responsibility of Bonney and due within 30

days of the date of this order.

Is Payment Plan Current: No

Date Paid by individual:

Was any portion of penalty

waived?

Nο

Amount Waived:

Monetary Sanction 2 of 2

Monetary Related Sanction: Restitution

Total Amount: \$1,980,000.00

Portion Levied against

individual:

\$1,980,000.00

Payment Plan: Decision No 81447. Restitution is the sole responsibility of Bonney and due within

30 days of this order.

Is Payment Plan Current:

No

Date Paid by individual:



Was any portion of penalty

waived?

Nο

Amount Waived:

Reporting Source: Firm

Regulatory Action Initiated

By:

Arizona Corporation Commission - Securities Division

Sanction(s) Sought: Cease and Desist

Revocation

Date Initiated: 08/09/2023

Docket/Case Number: S-21263A-23-0233

Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the

regulatory action:

MML Investors Services, LLC

Product Type: Investment Contract

Promissory Note

Allegations: Mr. Bonney violated A.A.C. R14-4-130(A)(17) by effecting the MERCO

transactions without first receiving approval from

MMLIS and without the transactions being recorded on the records of MMLIS.

Respondent's conduct is grounds for revocation

of his securities salesman registration pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-1962.

Current Status: Final

Resolution: Decision

Resolution Date: 08/19/2025

Sanctions Ordered: Cease and Desist

Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

Restitution Revocation

Monetary Sanction 1 of 2

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

Total Amount: \$30,000.00

Portion Levied against

individual:

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Payment Plan: Decision No 81447. Penalty is the sole responsibility of Bonney and due within 30

days of the date of this order.

Is Payment Plan Current:

No

Date Paid by individual:

Was any portion of penalty waived?

No

Amount Waived:

Monetary Sanction 2 of 2

Monetary Related Sanction: Restitution

Total Amount: \$1,980,000.00

Portion Levied against

\$1,980,000.00

individual:

Payment Plan: Decision No 81447. Restitution is the sole responsibility of Bonney and due within

30 days of this order.

Is Payment Plan Current:

No

Date Paid by individual:

Was any portion of penalty

waived?

No

Amount Waived:

Disclosure 2 of 2

Reporting Source: Regulator **FINRA**

Regulatory Action Initiated

By:

Sanction(s) Sought: Suspension

Date Initiated: 05/06/2022

Docket/Case Number: 2021072817601

Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the

N/A

regulatory action:

Product Type:

No Product



Allegations: Respondent Bonney failed to respond to FINRA requests for information.

Current Status: Final

Resolution: Letter

Does the order constitute a final order based on violations of any laws or fraudulent, manipulative, or No

regulations that prohibit deceptive conduct?

Resolution Date: 08/09/2022

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 2

Sanction Type: Bar (Permanent)

Capacities Affected: All Capacities

Duration: Indefinite

Start Date: 08/09/2022

End Date:

Sanction 2 of 2



Sanction Type: Suspension

Capacities Affected: All Capacities

Duration: n/a

Start Date: 05/31/2022

End Date: 08/08/2022

Regulator Statement Pursuant to FINRA Rule 9552(h) and in accordance with FINRA's Notice of

Suspension and Suspension from Association letters dated May 6, 2022 and May 31, 2022, respectively, on August 9, 2022, Bonney is barred from association with any FINRA member in all capacities. Bonney failed to request termination of his suspension within three months of the date of the Notice of Suspension; therefore,

he is automatically barred from association with any FINRA member in all

capacities.



Customer Dispute - Settled

This type of disclosure event involves a consumer-initiated, investment-related complaint, arbitration proceeding or civil suit containing allegations of sale practice violations against the broker that resulted in a monetary settlement to the customer.

Disclosure 1 of 3

Reporting Source: Firm

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:

MML INVESTORS SERVICES, LLC

Allegations:

The complainants allege that beginning on or around November 2018, they gave the registered representative money for a down payment on a home, and then subsequently invested in two private securities (MERCO & Spyglass) on or about April 02, 2019, and October 15, 2020, both of which were misrepresented and unsuitable.

Product Type:

Other: Private Securities, Cash

Alleged Damages:

\$0.00

Alleged Damages Amount

Explanation (if amount not

exact):

The Firm has been unable to make a good faith determination that damages would

be less than \$5000.

Is this an oral complaint?

Is this a written complaint?

Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?

Yes

Nο

No

Arbitration/Reparation forum

or court name and location:

FINRA

Docket/Case #:

23-00303

Filing date of

arbitration/CFTC reparation

or civil litigation:

02/06/2023

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 02/08/2023

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 10/16/2023



Settlement Amount: \$75,000.00

Individual Contribution

\$0.00

Amount:

Firm Statement Internal Case # 202302100094

Disclosure 2 of 3

Reporting Source: Firm

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:

MML INVESTORS SERVICES. LLC

Allegations:

The complainants allege that in 2018, the producer recommended, without a reasonable basis, that they invest in a risky, unregistered investment, leading them to believe that there were no significant risks with it. The complainants have since only received a portion of their investment back despite asking the producer to return it, causing them financial harm.

Product Type: Promissory Note

Alleged Damages: \$49,000.00

Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not

exact):

The complainants are seeking compensatory damages of \$40,000, punitive damages of \$9,000, interest, attorney's fees, costs and other relief that the panel

deems just and proper.

Is this an oral complaint? No

Is this a written complaint?

Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?

Yes

No

Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:

FINRA

Docket/Case #: 22-02125

Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation 09/16/2022

or civil litigation:

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 09/16/2022

Complaint Pending? No



Status: Settled

Status Date: 03/08/2023

Settlement Amount: \$17,000.00

Individual Contribution

Amount:

\$0.00

Firm Statement Internal case #202209200111.

Disclosure 3 of 3

Reporting Source: Firm

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:

MML INVESTORS SERVICES, LLC

Allegations:

The complainant alleges that in late 2020, the rep solicited the complainant to invest in a private investment in Spyglass Financial Strategies, which was a business owned by the rep, who represented to the complainant that the investment related to oil and involved no risk. It is further alleged that the terms of the promissory note that the rep drafted have not been met, which has resulted in financial losses to the complainant.

Promissory Note Product Type:

\$1,053,250.00 **Alleged Damages:**

Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):

The complainant is seeking \$1,053,250 plus punitive damages, interest and any other relief that the arbitration panel deems proper.

Is this an oral complaint? No

Is this a written complaint? Nο

Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation? Yes

Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:

FINRA

Docket/Case #: 22-01548

Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation

or civil litigation:

07/11/2022



Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 07/12/2022

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 02/16/2023

Settlement Amount: \$105,000.00

Individual Contribution

Amount:

\$0.00

Firm Statement Internal case #202207140099.



Customer Dispute - Pending

This type of disclosure event involves (1) a pending consumer-initiated, investment-related arbitration or civil suit that contains allegations of sales practice violations against the broker; or (2) a pending, 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.

Disclosure 1 of 2

Reporting Source: Firm

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:

MML INVESTORS SERVICES, LLC

Allegations: The Claimants allege that in 2021, rep sold them two promissory notes that offered

> guaranteed returns, which would be protected, and that wouldn't be subject to stock market volatility, however, their full investments haven't been returned and

The Claimants are seeking \$325,000 plus lost opportunity costs and attorney's

only a portion of the interest was paid.

Product Type: Promissory Note

Alleged Damages: \$325,000.00

Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not

exact):

Is this an oral complaint?

Is this a written complaint? No

Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?

Yes

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No

Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:

FINRA

Docket/Case #: 23-02063

Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation

or civil litigation:

07/26/2023

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 07/26/2023

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Evolved into Arbitration/CFTC reparation (the individual is a named party)



Status Date: 11/09/2023

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution

Amount:

Arbitration Information

Arbitration/CFTC reparation claim filed with (FINRA, AAA,

CFTC, etc.):

FINRA

Docket/Case #: 23-02063

Date Notice/Process Served: 11/09/2023

Arbitration Pending?

Yes

Firm Statement

The Firm has settled its portion of the arbitration as of 10/08/2024. The arbitration

remains pending against the rep. (Case #202307280191.)

Disclosure 2 of 2

Reporting Source: Firm

Employing firm when activities occurred which led

to the complaint:

MML INVESTORS SERVICES, LLC

Allegations: The complainants allege that beginning in or around April 2019 through October

2020, they invested in invested in two private securities (MERCO & Spyglass), both of which were misrepresented and unsuitable, and one of the complainants signed a promissory note in Spyglass. Additionally, one of the complainant's gave the registered representative money for a down payment on a home on or around

November 2018.

Product Type: Promissory Note

Other: Private Securities, Cash

Alleged Damages: \$0.00

Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not

exact):

The Firm has been unable to make a good faith determination that damages are

less than \$5000.

Civil Litigation Information

Type of Court: State Court

Name of Court: Superior Court Of The State of Arizona

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Location of Court: County Of Maricopa

Docket/Case #: CV2022-013707

Date Notice/Process Served: 04/18/2023

Litigation Pending? Yes

Firm Statement Internal Case #202302100094

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Employment Separation After Allegations

This type of disclosure event involves a situation where the broker voluntarily resigned, was discharged, or was permitted to resign after being accused of (1) violating investment-related statutes, regulations, rules or industry standards of conduct; (2) fraud or the wrongful taking of property; or (3) failure to supervise in connection with investment-related statutes, regulations, rules, or industry standards of conduct.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source: Firm

Employer Name: MML INVESTORS SERVICES, LLC

Termination Type: Discharged

Termination Date: 01/20/2022

Allegations: Registered Representative terminated in connection with an investigation into an

undisclosed outside business activity and unauthorized investment activity.

Product Type: No Product

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