BrokerCheck Report

MATTHEW D. POOLE

CRD# 5074516

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

IA **DARK HORSE ADVISORS LLC**
SAN DIEGO, CA
CRD# 312741
Registered with this firm since: 03/21/2023

B **DFPG INVESTMENTS, LLC**
16950 Via de Santa Fe
Suite 5060-17
Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067
CRD# 155576
Registered with this firm since: 07/01/2016

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
- 24 U.S. states and territories

This broker has passed:

- 1 Principal/Supervisory Exam
- 2 General Industry/Product Exams
- 1 State Securities Law Exam

Registration History

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

IA **DFPG INVESTMENTS, LLC**
CRD# 155576
SANDY, UT
07/2016 - 02/2024

IA **FIRST ALLIED ADVISORY SERVICES, INC.**
CRD# 137888
SAN DIEGO, CA
06/2012 - 07/2016

B **FIRST ALLIED SECURITIES, INC.**
CRD# 32444
SAN DIEGO, CA
06/2012 - 07/2016

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

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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 individual is currently registered with 1 SRO and is licensed in 24 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.

Employment 1 of 2

Firm Name: **DARK HORSE ADVISORS LLC**

Main Office Address: **SAN DIEGO, CA**

Firm CRD#: **312741**

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
IA	California	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	03/21/2023
IA	Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	06/25/2026

Branch Office Locations

SAN DIEGO, CA

Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: **DFPG INVESTMENTS, LLC**

Main Office Address: **10876 S RIVER FRONT PKWY**
SUITE 600
SOUTH JORDAN, UT 84095

Firm CRD#: **155576**

	SRO	Category	Status	Date
B	FINRA	General Securities Principal	Approved	07/01/2016
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	07/01/2016

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Broker Qualifications

Employment 2 of 2, continued

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Alabama	Agent	Approved	07/01/2016
B	Arizona	Agent	Approved	06/14/2023
B	California	Agent	Approved	07/01/2016
B	Colorado	Agent	Approved	11/26/2025
B	Delaware	Agent	Approved	08/28/2018
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	07/01/2016
B	Georgia	Agent	Approved	09/14/2016
B	Kansas	Agent	Approved	11/30/2018
B	Massachusetts	Agent	Approved	12/20/2016
B	Michigan	Agent	Approved	07/01/2016
B	Minnesota	Agent	Approved	03/04/2025
B	Missouri	Agent	Approved	11/24/2025
B	Montana	Agent	Approved	01/19/2024
B	Nevada	Agent	Approved	09/14/2016
B	New Hampshire	Agent	Approved	11/24/2020
B	New Mexico	Agent	Approved	02/06/2025
B	North Carolina	Agent	Approved	07/01/2016
B	Oregon	Agent	Approved	07/01/2016
B	Tennessee	Agent	Approved	01/20/2026
B	Texas	Agent	Approved	09/14/2016
B	Vermont	Agent	Approved	08/14/2023

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Broker Qualifications

Employment 2 of 2, continued

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Washington	Agent	Approved	09/14/2016
B	West Virginia	Agent	Approved	11/12/2024
B	Wisconsin	Agent	Approved	09/14/2016

Branch Office Locations

DFPG INVESTMENTS, LLC
16950 Via de Santa Fe
Suite 5060-17
Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067

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

Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam		Category	Date
B	General Securities Principal Examination	Series 24	08/25/2008

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam		Category	Date
B	Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	10/01/2018
B	General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	02/03/2006

State Securities Law Exams

Exam		Category	Date
B IA	Uniform Combined State Law Examination	Series 66	03/07/2006

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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Broker Qualifications

Professional Designations

This section details that the representative has reported **1** professional designation(s).

Certified Financial Planner

Only professional designations listed in Question 8 of the Form U4 will appear in this section if the appropriate box is checked and verified by the issuing organization at the time of the filing. Learn more about eligible designations at IARD and NASAA.

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Registration and Employment History

Registration History

The broker previously was registered with the following firms:

Registration Dates		Firm Name	CRD#	Branch Location
IA	07/2016 - 02/2024	DFPG INVESTMENTS, LLC	155576	San Diego, CA
IA	06/2012 - 07/2016	FIRST ALLIED ADVISORY SERVICES, INC.	137888	SAN DIEGO, CA
B	06/2012 - 07/2016	FIRST ALLIED SECURITIES, INC.	32444	SAN DIEGO, CA
IA	03/2009 - 06/2012	CENTARA CAPITAL MANAGEMENT GROUP, INC.	114880	SAN DIEGO, CA
B	03/2009 - 06/2012	CENTARA CAPITAL SECURITIES, INC.	130702	SAN DIEGO, CA
IA	03/2006 - 03/2009	AXA ADVISORS, LLC	6627	SAN DIEGO, CA
B	02/2006 - 03/2009	AXA ADVISORS, LLC	6627	SAN DIEGO, CA

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
01/2023 - Present	Dark Horse Advisors, LLC	Investment Adviser Representative	Y	Henderson, NV, United States
07/2016 - Present	DFPG Investments, Inc.	Registered Representative	Y	South Jordan, UT, 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. DFPG Insurance; Non-Investment Related; San Diego, CA; Insurance; Agent; 12/2016; 5% during business hours; Provide insurance quotes/illustrations to prospective clients, compute and submit applications and provide service to enforce policies. Insurance agency, life and health insurance sales.
2. Dark Horse Advisors, LLC- DBA dark horse private wealth; Owner/Chief Wealth Advisor, Investment related: Yes; 12/2016; 160% during

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Registration and Employment History

Other Business Activities, continued

business hours; Santa Fe, CA; IAR and Financial Planning.

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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	1	0	N/A

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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.

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 1

Reporting Source:	Broker
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	DFPG INVESTMENTS, LLC
Allegations:	Client alleges breach of fiduciary duty and unsuitable investment recommendations related to alternative investments purchased in 2018.
Product Type:	Direct Investment-DPP & LP Interests
Alleged Damages:	$0.00
Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):	Client stated there was an unspecified amount of damages.
Is this an oral complaint?	No
Is this a written complaint?	No
Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?	Yes
Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:	FINRA DRS
Docket/Case #:	26-01707

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Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation: 08/12/2026

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 09/07/2026

Complaint Pending? Yes

Status:

Status Date: 10/05/2026

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:

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