

BrokerCheck Report

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CRD# 5277526

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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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www.finra.org/brokercheck User Guidance

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

B SPARTAN CAPITAL SECURITIES, LLC 595 STEWART AVENUE, 8TH FLOOR GARDEN CITY, NY 11530 CRD# 146251 Registered with this firm since: 05/15/2023

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:

- 2 Self-Regulatory Organizations
- 33 U.S. states and territories

This broker has passed:

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

Registration History

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

B SW FINANCIAL CRD# 145012 NEW YORK, NY 12/2019 - 05/2023

B WORDEN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLC CRD# 148366 New York, NY 11/2016 - 12/2019

B LEGEND SECURITIES, INC. CRD# 44952 NEW YORK, NY 08/2013 - 11/2016

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:

Туре	Count
Customer Dispute	3

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 2 SROs and is licensed in 33 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.

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Firm Name: SPARTAN CAPITAL SECURITIES, LLC

Main Office Address: 45 BROADWAY

19TH FLOOR

NEW YORK, NY 10006

Firm CRD#: **146251**

	SRO	Category	Status	Date
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	05/15/2023
B	Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Representative	Approved	11/21/2024
	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Alabama	Agent	Approved	06/01/2023
B	Arizona	Agent	Approved	05/15/2023
B	Arkansas	Agent	Approved	06/15/2023
B	California	Agent	Approved	05/15/2023
B	Colorado	Agent	Approved	06/14/2023
B	Connecticut	Agent	Approved	05/15/2023
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	05/15/2023
B	Georgia	Agent	Approved	05/15/2023
B	Indiana	Agent	Approved	05/15/2023
B	Iowa	Agent	Approved	05/15/2023
B	Kansas	Agent	Approved	05/15/2023

Broker Qualifications



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	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
В	Kentucky	Agent	Approved	06/20/2023
B	Louisiana	Agent	Approved	07/10/2023
B	Maine	Agent	Approved	06/14/2023
B	Maryland	Agent	Approved	05/15/2023
B	Michigan	Agent	Approved	06/12/2023
B	Minnesota	Agent	Approved	05/31/2023
B	Nebraska	Agent	Approved	05/15/2023
B	New Hampshire	Agent	Approved	05/15/2023
B	New Jersey	Agent	Approved	05/31/2023
B	New York	Agent	Approved	05/15/2023
B	North Carolina	Agent	Approved	05/31/2023
B	North Dakota	Agent	Approved	05/15/2023
B	Ohio	Agent	Approved	05/17/2023
B	Oklahoma	Agent	Approved	05/15/2023
B	Oregon	Agent	Approved	05/15/2023
B	Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	05/15/2023
B	South Carolina	Agent	Approved	05/15/2023
B	Texas	Agent	Approved	08/02/2023
B	Virginia	Agent	Approved	05/15/2023
B	Washington	Agent	Approved	05/15/2023
B	West Virginia	Agent	Approved	05/15/2023

Broker Qualifications



Employment 1 of 1, continued

U.S. State/ TerritoryCategoryStatusDateWisconsinAgentApproved06/13/2023

Branch Office Locations

SPARTAN CAPITAL SECURITIES, LLC 595 STEWART AVENUE, 8TH FLOOR GARDEN CITY, NY 11530

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 2 state securities law exams.

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	General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	03/06/2007

State Securities Law Exams

Exam		Category	Date
IA	Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination	Series 65	10/22/2024
В	Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	07/03/2007

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/.

www.finra.org/brokercheck
User Guidance

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:

Reg	istration Dates	Firm Name	CRD#	Branch Location
B	12/2019 - 05/2023	SW FINANCIAL	145012	NEW YORK, NY
B	11/2016 - 12/2019	WORDEN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLC	148366	New York, NY
B	08/2013 - 11/2016	LEGEND SECURITIES, INC.	44952	NEW YORK, NY
B	06/2012 - 08/2013	JOSEPH GUNNAR & CO. LLC	24795	UNIONDALE, NY
B	11/2009 - 06/2012	BROOKSTONE SECURITIES, INC.	13366	STATEN ISLAND, NY
B	03/2007 - 04/2008	J.P. TURNER & COMPANY, L.L.C.	43177	STATEN ISLAND, NY

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
05/2023 - Present	Spartan Capital Securities, LLC	Registered Representative	Υ	New York, NY, United States
12/2019 - 05/2023	SW FINANCIAL	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Υ	NEW YORK, NY, United States
11/2016 - 12/2019	WORDEN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLC	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Υ	NEW YORK, NY, United States
08/2013 - 11/2016	LEGEND SECURITIES, INC.	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Υ	NEW YORK, NY, 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) PRESIDENT OF SCOTT HECHLER INC., NON INVESTMENT RELATED BUSINESS AT 78 DEXTER AVE, STATEN ISLAND, NY 10309

Registration and Employment History



Other Business Activities, continued

SINCE JULY 2008. RECORDKEEPING. 3 HOURS DURING NON SECURITIES TRADING HOURS.

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
Customer Dispute	0	3	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.

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: Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led

to the compleint

to the complaint:

Allegations:

exact):

SW FINANCIAL

Time Frame: Not specified. Alleged Allegations: Statement of Claim (SOC) filed by

36 Different (Individuals) Claimants. All stating the same allegations of

unsuitability, excessive trading/commissions, unauthorized trading negligence.

Product Type: Equity-OTC

Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)

Alleged Damages: \$0.00

Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not

damages unspecified due to multiple claimants

Is this an oral complaint?

Is this a written complaint? No

Is this an arbitration/CFTC Yes

reparation or civil litigation?

FINRA

Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:

No

Docket/Case #:

22-02586



Filing date of

11/10/2022

arbitration/CFTC reparation

or civil litigation:

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 03/25/2024

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 03/29/2024

Settlement Amount: \$140,000.00

Individual Contribution

Amount:

\$0.00

Broker Statement My previous employer settled this matter with all claimants without my participation

and/or contribution.

Disclosure 2 of 3

Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led

to the complaint:

WORDEN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLC

Allegations: Churning, excessive commissions, unauthorized trading, unsuitability, negligence,

breach of contract, fraud

Product Type: Equity-OTC

Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)

Alleged Damages: \$42,359.96

Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):

There are multiple claimants related to this filing. This is the portion directly related

to Scott Hechler

Arbitration Information

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

FINRA

CFTC, etc.):

Docket/Case #: 22-00347

Date Notice/Process Served: 03/21/2022



Arbitration Pending?

Disposition: Settled

Disposition Date: 12/27/2023

Monetary Compensation

Amount:

\$3,500.00

Nο

Individual Contribution

Amount:

\$3,500.00

Broker Statement On 12.27.2023 RR Settled with the 1 Customer to close this matter. Rep denies

any wrongdoing and will vigorously defend this action. This is a mass claim filed by over 50 unrelated customers who were solicited by the notorious non-attorney group CSAG, which promises recoveries to unsuspecting investors and then extorts money out of innocent brokers and their firms by filing frivolous claims and trying to force settlements in order to avoid expensive litigation. Of the over 50 customers in this claim, I was only associated with 1 of the customers at some point in time. This claim involves experienced and affluent investors who sought to speculate with some of their assets in the hopes of achieving stock market gains - when they were unsuccessful, they were told by CSAG that they could

illegitimately recover their market losses. These are false claims, and I will seek all

damages and costs as a result of having to unnecessarily defend them.

Disclosure 3 of 3

Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:

LEGEND SECURITIES, INC.

Allegations:

STATEMENT OF CLAIM ALLEGES: DECEPTION, CHURNING, AND

MISCOMMUNICATIONS WITH CUSTOMER ON TRADES.

Product Type: Equity-OTC

Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)

Alleged Damages: \$130,000.00

Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not

GTAT MARKET LOSSES.

exact):

Arbitration Information



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

CFTC, etc.):

Docket/Case #: 15-00272

Date Notice/Process Served: 06/11/2015

Arbitration Pending? No

Disposition: Settled

Disposition Date: 07/05/2016

Monetary Compensation

Amount:

\$24,999.00

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Individual Contribution

Amount:

\$24,999.00

RR states Claimant's allegations are completely false. Claimant is an affluent and **Broker Statement**

speculative investor who closely monitored his account activity by phone, e-mail, and internet. Claimant specifically authorized and endorsed every transaction. Claimant's complaint is the result of poor investment performance and nothing

more.

End of Report



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