

BrokerCheck Report

IAN BEN BASS

CRD# 5459387

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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.

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

IA MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED
 301 TRESSER BLVD
 STAMFORD, CT 06901
 CRD# 7691
 Registered with this firm since: 10/06/2016

B MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED
 301 TRESSER BLVD
 STAMFORD, CT 06901
 CRD# 7691
 Registered with this firm since: 10/06/2016

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:

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

This broker has passed:

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

Registration History

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

B MORGAN STANLEY
 CRD# 149777
 PURCHASE, NY
 06/2009 - 09/2016

IA MORGAN STANLEY
 CRD# 149777
 PURCHASE, NY
 06/2009 - 09/2016

IA MORGAN STANLEY & CO. INCORPORATED
 CRD# 8209
 NEW YORK, NY
 03/2008 - 06/2009

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
Termination	1
Financial	1
Judgment/Lien	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 26 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.

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Firm Name: **MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED**

Main Office Address: **ONE BRYANT PARK
NEW YORK, NY 10036**

Firm CRD#: **7691**

	SRO	Category	Status	Date
B	Cboe BYX Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	10/06/2016
B	Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	10/06/2016
B	Cboe Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	10/06/2016
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	10/06/2016
B	Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Representative	Approved	10/06/2016
B	New York Stock Exchange	General Securities Representative	Approved	10/06/2016

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Alaska	Agent	Approved	12/21/2022
B	Arizona	Agent	Approved	10/06/2016
B	California	Agent	Approved	10/06/2016
B	Colorado	Agent	Approved	11/28/2016
B	Connecticut	Agent	Approved	10/06/2016
IA	Connecticut	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	10/06/2016
B	Delaware	Agent	Approved	10/28/2024

Broker Qualifications



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	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	District of Columbia	Agent	Approved	11/03/2016
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	10/06/2016
B	Georgia	Agent	Approved	10/06/2016
B	Maryland	Agent	Approved	11/16/2018
B	Massachusetts	Agent	Approved	11/29/2016
B	Michigan	Agent	Approved	12/21/2021
B	Minnesota	Agent	Approved	10/26/2016
B	Montana	Agent	Approved	04/12/2021
B	New Jersey	Agent	Approved	10/06/2016
B	New Mexico	Agent	Approved	08/01/2024
B	New York	Agent	Approved	10/06/2016
B	North Carolina	Agent	Approved	10/18/2016
B	Oregon	Agent	Approved	06/07/2023
B	Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	10/06/2016
B	Rhode Island	Agent	Approved	10/06/2016
B	Texas	Agent	Approved	10/06/2016
IA	Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Restricted Approval	10/06/2016
B	Utah	Agent	Approved	04/05/2021
B	Vermont	Agent	Approved	10/06/2016
B	Virginia	Agent	Approved	10/06/2016
B	Washington	Agent	Approved	10/06/2016

Broker Qualifications



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Branch Office Locations

MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED
301 TRESSER BLVD
STAMFORD, CT 06901



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, 3 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 Futures Managed Funds Examination	Series 31	02/29/2008
B General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	01/15/2008

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B IA Uniform Combined State Law Examination	Series 66	02/06/2008

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 06/2009 - 09/2016	MORGAN STANLEY	149777	PURCHASE, NY
IA 06/2009 - 09/2016	MORGAN STANLEY	149777	PURCHASE, NY
IA 03/2008 - 06/2009	MORGAN STANLEY & CO. INCORPORATED	8209	PURCHASE, NY
B 01/2008 - 06/2009	MORGAN STANLEY & CO. INCORPORATED	8209	PURCHASE, 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
12/2016 - Present	BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.	SENIOR FINANCIAL ADVISOR	Y	STAMFORD, CT, United States
10/2016 - Present	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	SENIOR FINANCIAL ADVISOR	Y	STAMFORD, CT, United States
01/2015 - 09/2016	MORGAN STANLEY PRIVATE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	FINANCIAL ADVISOR	Y	NEW YORK, NY, United States
06/2009 - 09/2016	MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY	Mass Transfer	Y	PURCHASE, NY, United States
11/2007 - 09/2016	MORGAN STANLEY & CO., INCORPORATED	FINANCIAL ADVISOR	Y	PURCHASE, 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.

I*4643For profit or not for profit: For-Profit OrganizationName of outside business organization: Rental PropertyInvestment related: NAddress of business: Trumbull, CT 06611Nature of business: Rental PropertyPosition, title, association: Owner Start date of relationship: 06/29/2007Number

Registration and Employment History



Other Business Activities, continued

of hours devoted: 1Number of hours devoted during trading hours: 0Duties: Owner

I*112915For profit or not for profit: For-Profit OrganizationName of outside business organization: Pootatuck Yacht ClubInvestment related: NAddress of business: Stratford, Connecticut 6615Nature of business: CorporationPosition, title, association: Committee MemberStart date of relationship: 4/10/18Number of hours devoted: 2 hrs QtrlyNumber of hours devoted during trading hours: 0Duties: Private Yacht Club I will serve on the new committee to advise the board on our expense management.

I*: 2122260Entity Type: CharitableName of OBA: Habitat for Humanity CFCAddress: Stratford, CT 06615Investment Related: NoPosition, Title, Association: Board Member Employee Start Date: 12/09/2024Number of Hours: 4 hrs mthlyNumber of Hours during trading: 0Duties: building homes for the underserved population Member of the Board

I*433361, Entity Type: Entity Charitable, Name of OBA: Catalyst CT, Address: Bridgeport, Connecticut, 06605, Investment Related: N, Position, Title, Association: Board Member, Employee State Date: 14-Jun-2023, No Hours: 1 Monthly, No Hours during Trading: 1 Monthly, Duties: RYASAP runs programs to help youth at risk, and underprivileged or economically disadvantaged youth and adults

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
Termination	N/A	1	N/A
Financial	0	1	N/A
Judgment/Lien	1	N/A	N/A



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.

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:	Morgan Stanley Wealth Management
Termination Type:	Discharged
Termination Date:	08/15/2016
Allegations:	Allegations related to registered representative's allocation of revenue to an individual production number rather than a joint production number.
Product Type:	No Product

Reporting Source:	Broker
Employer Name:	Morgan Stanley Wealth Management
Termination Type:	Discharged
Termination Date:	08/15/2016
Allegations:	Allegations related to registered representative's allocation of revenue to an individual production number rather than a joint production number.
Product Type:	No Product



Financial - Final

This type of disclosure event involves a bankruptcy, compromise with one or more creditors, or Securities Investor Protection Corporation liquidation involving the broker or an organization/brokerage firm the broker controlled that occurred within the last 10 years.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source:	Broker
Action Type:	Compromise
Action Date:	09/16/2016
Organization Investment-Related?	
Type of Court:	N/A
Name of Court:	
Location of Court:	
Docket/Case #:	
Action Pending?	No
Disposition:	Satisfied/Released
Disposition Date:	09/16/2016
If a compromise with creditor, provide:	
Name of Creditor:	Capital One
Original Amount Owed:	\$4,421.00
Terms Reached with Creditor:	Creditor accepted settlement of \$1,768.00 and forgave remainder of debt.
Broker Statement	As of 06/14/2018, the principal balance has been paid in full.

**Judgment / Lien**

This type of disclosure event involves an unsatisfied and outstanding judgments or liens against the broker.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source:	Broker
Judgment/Lien Holder:	Internal Revenue Service
Judgment/Lien Amount:	\$76,879.26
Judgment/Lien Type:	Tax
Date Filed with Court:	07/17/2015
Date Individual Learned:	07/17/2015
Type of Court:	N/A
Name of Court:	N/A
Location of Court:	N/A
Docket/Case #:	167314215
Judgment/Lien Outstanding?	Yes
Broker Statement	Monthly payment plan approved by IRS and is in place until satisfied in full

End of Report



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