

## BrokerCheck Report

**ERIC A HESSE**

CRD# 5500897

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Please contact FINRA with any concerns.

## 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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For additional information about the contents of this report, please refer to the User Guidance or [www.finra.org/brokercheck](http://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](http://www.finra.org).

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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
- 3 General Industry/Product Exams
- 2 State Securities Law Exams

### Registration History

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

- B CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.**  
CRD# 7059  
CHICAGO, IL  
09/2015 - 02/2019
- B U.S. BANCORP INVESTMENTS, INC.**  
CRD# 17868  
PALATINE, IL  
03/2012 - 09/2015
- B FIFTH THIRD SECURITIES, INC.**  
CRD# 628  
NORTHBROOK, IL  
02/2010 - 03/2012

### 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
Regulatory Event	1
Customer Dispute	4
Termination	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) 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, 3 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>B</b> Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	10/01/2018
<b>B</b> General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	03/07/2011
<b>B</b> Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination	Series 6	04/07/2008

### State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
<b>B</b> <b>IA</b> Uniform Combined State Law Examination	Series 66	03/30/2011
<b>B</b> Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	04/15/2008

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/](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 firms:

Registration Dates	Firm Name	CRD#	Branch Location
<b>B</b> 09/2015 - 02/2019	CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.	7059	CHICAGO, IL
<b>B</b> 03/2012 - 09/2015	U.S. BANCORP INVESTMENTS, INC.	17868	PALATINE, IL
<b>B</b> 02/2010 - 03/2012	FIFTH THIRD SECURITIES, INC.	628	NORTHBROOK, IL
<b>B</b> 04/2008 - 11/2008	CHASE INVESTMENT SERVICES CORP.	25574	WHEATON, IL

### 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
09/2015 - Present	CITIGROUP	FINANCIAL ADVISOR	Y	CHICAGO, IL, United States
03/2012 - 09/2015	U.S. BANCORP INVESTMENTS, INC.	FINANCIAL ADVISOR	Y	CHICAGO, IL, 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.

Rubber Duck Cleaning Company; Not investment-related; Chicago, IL; Residential & Commercial cleaning services; Partner; 08/2014; 2 hours per month, no time during security trading hours; silent partner providing minimal capital resources; 50% of the revenues generated. ///// Rental Property - Chicago, IL.; Business is investment-related; Affiliation started 08/01/2015; Title: Owner/Investor; Duties: Property management and rent collection; No time is devoted to the business each month during security trading hours; 2 hours are devoted to the business each month outside of security trading hours. ///// Rental Property - Chicago, IL.; Investment-related; Chicago, IL; Affiliation started 10/01/2012; Title: Owner/Investor; Duties: Collection of rent and property management; No time is devoted to the business each month during security trading hours; 1 hour is devoted to the business each month outside of security trading hours. ///// Rental Property - Chicago, IL; Investment-related; Affiliation started 02/15/2017; Title: Owner; Duties: Marketing for rent and property management; No time is devoted to the rental each month during security trading hours; 1 hour is devoted to the business each month outside of security 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:**
  - 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
Regulatory Event	0	1	0
Customer Dispute	0	4	N/A
Termination	N/A	1	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.

### 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, self-regulatory 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 1

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Regulator
<b>Regulatory Action Initiated By:</b>	STATE ILLINOIS, ILLINOIS SECURITIES DEPARTMENT
<b>Sanction(s) Sought:</b>	Prohibition
<b>Date Initiated:</b>	10/11/2018
<b>Docket/Case Number:</b>	1500350
<b>URL for Regulatory Action:</b>	
<b>Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:</b>	
<b>Product Type:</b>	Unit Investment Trust
<b>Allegations:</b>	RESPONDENT ERIC A. HESSE VIOLATED SECTIONS 12.A OF THE ILLINOIS SECURITIES ACT.
<b>Current Status:</b>	Final
<b>Resolution:</b>	Stipulation and Consent



<b>Does the order constitute a final order based on violations of any laws or regulations that prohibit fraudulent, manipulative, or deceptive conduct?</b>	No
<b>Resolution Date:</b>	04/30/2019
<b>Sanctions Ordered:</b>	Prohibition
<b>Regulator Statement</b>	NOTICE OF HEARING WAS ISSUED OCTOBER 11, 2018. CONSENT ORDER WAS ISSUED APRIL 30, 2019. IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF SECURITIES AT 312-793-3348.
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<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Broker
<b>Regulatory Action Initiated By:</b>	STATE OF ILLINOIS, SECRETARY OF STATE, SECURITIES DEPARTMENT
<b>Sanction(s) Sought:</b>	Prohibition
<b>Date Initiated:</b>	10/11/2018
<b>Docket/Case Number:</b>	1500350
<b>Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:</b>	U.S. BANCORP INVESTMENTS, INC.
<b>Product Type:</b>	Unit Investment Trust
<b>Allegations:</b>	RESPONDENT ERIC A. HESSE VIOLATED SECTIONS 12.F, 12.G, 12.I AND 12.J OF THE ILLINOIS SECURITIES ACT. HEARING SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 28, 2018 AT 10:00 A.M.
<b>Current Status:</b>	Pending
<b>Broker Statement</b>	NOTICE OF HEARING WAS ISSUED OCTOBER 11, 2018. THE HEARING IS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 28, 2018. IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF SECURITIES AT 312-793-3348.



## 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 1

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Firm
<b>Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:</b>	U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc.
<b>Allegations:</b>	Customer alleges unsuitability and misrepresentation related to a unit investment trust.
<b>Product Type:</b>	Unit Investment Trust
<b>Alleged Damages:</b>	\$38,000.00
<b>Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):</b>	This amount is the Firm's estimate of the alleged compensatory damages.
<b>Is this an oral complaint?</b>	No
<b>Is this a written complaint?</b>	No
<b>Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?</b>	Yes
<b>Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:</b>	FINRA
<b>Docket/Case #:</b>	17-00461
<b>Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation:</b>	02/22/2017

### Customer Complaint Information

<b>Date Complaint Received:</b>	02/27/2017
<b>Complaint Pending?</b>	No
<b>Status:</b>	Settled
<b>Status Date:</b>	01/08/2018
<b>Settlement Amount:</b>	\$8,750.00



**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$0.00

**Reporting Source:** Broker

**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc.

**Allegations:** Customer alleges unsuitability and misrepresentation related to a unit investment trust.

**Product Type:** Unit Investment Trust

**Alleged Damages:** \$38,000.00

**Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):** This amount is the Firm's estimate of the alleged compensatory 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

**Docket/Case #:** 17-00461

**Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation:** 02/22/2017

### Customer Complaint Information

**Date Complaint Received:** 02/27/2017

**Complaint Pending?** No

**Status:** Settled

**Status Date:** 01/08/2018

**Settlement Amount:** \$8,750.00

**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$0.00



## Customer Dispute - Closed-No Action / Withdrawn / Dismissed / Denied

This type of disclosure event involves (1) a consumer-initiated, investment-related arbitration or civil suit containing allegations of sales practice violations against the individual broker that was dismissed, withdrawn, or denied; or (2) a 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, which was closed without action, withdrawn, or denied.

### Disclosure 1 of 3

**Reporting Source:** Firm

**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc.

**Allegations:** Customer alleges that the rep misquoted the term length and instead of 24 months it was 30.

**Product Type:** Debt-Corporate

**Alleged Damages:** \$12,515.55

**Is this an oral complaint?** No

**Is this a written complaint?** Yes

**Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?** No

### Customer Complaint Information

**Date Complaint Received:** 01/17/2018

**Complaint Pending?** No

**Status:** Denied

**Status Date:** 03/09/2018

**Settlement Amount:**

**Individual Contribution Amount:**

**Reporting Source:** Broker

**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc.

**Allegations:** Customer alleges that the rep misquoted the term length and instead of 24 months it was 30.



**Product Type:** Debt-Corporate

**Alleged Damages:** \$12,515.55

**Is this an oral complaint?** No

**Is this a written complaint?** Yes

**Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?** No

### Customer Complaint Information

**Date Complaint Received:** 01/17/2018

**Complaint Pending?** No

**Status:** Denied

**Status Date:** 03/09/2018

**Settlement Amount:**

**Individual Contribution Amount:**

### Disclosure 2 of 3

**Reporting Source:** Broker

**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** U.S. BANCORP INVESTMENTS, INC.

**Allegations:** CUSTOMER ALLEGES THAT THE REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE'S CONDUCT REGARDING A UIT SALE WAS FRAUDULENT.

**Product Type:** Unit Investment Trust

**Alleged Damages:** \$5,971.94

**Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):** THIS AMOUNT IS THE FIRM'S ESTIMATE OF THE ALLEGED COMPENSATORY DAMAGES.

**Is this an oral complaint?** No

**Is this a written complaint?** Yes

**Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?** No



## Customer Complaint Information

**Date Complaint Received:** 04/03/2013

**Complaint Pending?** No

**Status:** Denied

**Status Date:** 04/22/2013

**Settlement Amount:**

**Individual Contribution Amount:**

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### Disclosure 3 of 3

**Reporting Source:** Broker

**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** FIFTH THIRD SECURITIES, INC.

**Allegations:** CUSTOMER ALLEGES REPRESENTATIVE MISREPRESENTED STRUCTURED PRODUCT, WHICH LED TO A PURCHASE IN APRIL 2011.

**Product Type:** Other: STRUCTURED PRODUCT

**Alleged Damages:** \$5,200.00

**Is this an oral complaint?** No

**Is this a written complaint?** Yes

**Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?** No

## Customer Complaint Information

**Date Complaint Received:** 06/02/2011

**Complaint Pending?** No

**Status:** Denied

**Status Date:** 06/24/2011

**Settlement Amount:** \$0.00

**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$0.00



## 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

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Firm
<b>Employer Name:</b>	CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.
<b>Termination Type:</b>	Discharged
<b>Termination Date:</b>	02/12/2019
<b>Allegations:</b>	Firm discharged registered representative due to lack of confidence following internal review of potential document irregularities
<b>Product Type:</b>	No Product



## End of Report



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