

BrokerCheck Report

JOSEPH PAUL TODARO

CRD# 5708585

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- 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.
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- The information contained in BrokerCheck comes from FINRA's Central Registration Depository, or CRD® and is a combination of:
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 - 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.
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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
- 2 General Industry/Product Exams
- 1 State Securities Law Exam

Registration History

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

- B NETWORK 1 FINANCIAL SECURITIES INC. CRD# 13577 Hauppauge, NY 01/2022 - 11/2022
- B SW FINANCIAL CRD# 145012 MELVILLE, NY 08/2020 - 12/2021
- B WORDEN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLC CRD# 148366 Melville, NY 03/2018 - 08/2020

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	
Civil Event	1	
Customer Dispute	11	
Termination	1	
Judgment/Lien	5	

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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.

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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	General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	02/01/2012

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	1	Category	Date
B	Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	04/19/2012

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 **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	01/2022 - 11/2022	NETWORK 1 FINANCIAL SECURITIES INC.	13577	Hauppauge, NY
B	08/2020 - 12/2021	SW FINANCIAL	145012	MELVILLE, NY
B	03/2018 - 08/2020	WORDEN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLC	148366	Melville, NY
B	07/2016 - 03/2018	SPARTAN CAPITAL SECURITIES, LLC	146251	GARDEN CITY, NY
B	04/2015 - 07/2016	LAIDLAW & COMPANY (UK) LTD.	119037	MELVILLE, NY
B	04/2015 - 04/2015	CRAIG SCOTT CAPITAL, LLC	155924	UNIONDALE, NY
B	08/2012 - 04/2015	ROCKWELL GLOBAL CAPITAL LLC	142485	MELVILLE, NY
B	02/2012 - 08/2012	EKN FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.	113525	MELVILLE, 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
01/2022 - Present	Network 1 Financial Securities, Inc.	Registered Representative	Υ	Red Bank, NJ, United States
08/2020 - 12/2021	SW FINANCIAL	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Υ	Melville, NY, United States
03/2018 - 08/2020	Worden Capital Management LLC	Registered Representative	Υ	Melville, NY, United States
07/2016 - 03/2018	Spartan Capital Securities, LLC.	Trainee	Υ	Garden City, NY, United States
04/2015 - 07/2016	LAIDLAW AND COMPANY	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Υ	NEW YORK, NY, United States

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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.

No information reported.

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
Civil Event	1	0	0
Customer Dispute	3	8	N/A
Termination	N/A	1	N/A
Judgment/Lien	5	N/A	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.

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 2

Regulatory Action Initiated Regulator FINRA

Bv:

Sanction(s) Sought: Suspension

Date Initiated: 08/12/2024

Docket/Case Number: <u>23-00391</u>

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

N/A

Product Type: No Product

Allegations: Respondent Todaro failed to comply with an arbitration award or settlement

agreement or to satisfactorily respond to a FINRA request to provide information

concerning the status of compliance.

Current Status: Final

Resolution: Letter



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:

08/12/2024

Sanctions Ordered:

Suspension

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? Nο

(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 1

Sanction Type: Suspension

Capacities Affected: All capacities

Duration: Indefinite

Start Date: 08/12/2024

End Date:



Regulator Statement Pursuant to Article VI, Section 3 of FINRA By-Laws, and FINRA Rule 9554,

Respondent Todaro is suspended on August 12, 2024 for failure to comply with an arbitration award or settlement agreement or to satisfactorily respond to a FINRA

request to provide information concerning the status of compliance.

Disclosure 2 of 2

Regulatory Action Initiated Regulator FINRA

By:

Sanction(s) Sought: Suspension

Date Initiated: 04/17/2023

Docket/Case Number: 2022073679001

Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the

regulatory action:

n/a

Product Type: No Product

Allegations: Respondent Todaro 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 regulations that prohibit fraudulent, manipulative, or deceptive conduct?

No

Resolution Date: 07/20/2023

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: 07/20/2023

End Date:

Sanction 2 of 2

Sanction Type: Suspension

Capacities Affected: All Capacities

Duration: n/a

Start Date: 05/11/2023

End Date: 07/19/2023

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

Suspension and Suspension from Association letters dated April 17, 2023 and May 11, 2023, respectively, on July 20, 2023, Todaro is barred from association with any FINRA member in all capacities. Todaro 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.

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Civil - Pending

This type of disclosure event involves a pending civil court action that seeks an injunction in connection with any investment-related activity or alleges a violation of any investment-related statute or regulation.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source: Regulator

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION **Initiated By:**

Relief Sought: Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

> Disgorgement Injunction

Monetary Penalty other than Fines

Date Court Action Filed: 09/28/2023

Product Type: Other: Unspecified securities

Type of Court: Federal Court

Name of Court: U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York

Location of Court: New York

Docket/Case #: 1:23-cv-07250

Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the action:

Allegations:

On September 28, 2023, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York

issued this Complaint against defendants Michael Blumer ("Blumer"), John

Kuprianchik ("Kuprianchik"), David Page ("Page"), Steven Thompson

("Thompson"), and Joseph Todaro ("Todaro") (together, "Defendants"). Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission, for its Complaint, alleges as follows: From at least August 2018 through June 2022 ("the Relevant Period"), Defendants were registered representatives at Salomon Whitney LLC, a broker-dealer in Melville, New York doing business under the name SW Financial ("SW Financial"). As registered representatives, Defendants each had an obligation pursuant to the

federal securities laws to have a reasonable basis for the investment

recommendations that they made to their customers. They failed to fulfill this obligation. During the Relevant Period, Defendants recommended and executed a short-term, high-volume trading strategy in the accounts of at least sixteen retail customers ("the Affected Accounts") without a reasonable basis. These registered representatives recommended and executed more than 2,000 trades in the Affected Accounts without regard for the high transaction costs incurred by the customers. As a result of this high volume of recommended transactions and their attendant commissions and fees, it would have been virtually impossible for these



customers to achieve a profit in their accounts. Indeed, the trading resulted in aggregate losses exceeding \$1,000,000 in the Affected Accounts during the Relevant Period. As a result of the excessive trading they recommended, the Defendants and SW Financial profited; they collectively received more than \$660,000 in commissions and fees from the excessive trading in the Affected Accounts. The excessive trading recommended by the Defendants violated two separate obligations of the federal securities laws. First, each Defendant had an obligation to have a reasonable basis for his recommendations to clients, which included the obligation to consider the costs imposed by the recommended trades in the client accounts. Defendants each violated the antifraud provisions of the federal securities laws because they knew or recklessly disregarded that their recommendations to their customers were unsuitable. Second, each Defendant also violated the care obligation of Regulation Best Interest ("Reg BI") because they failed to exercise reasonable diligence, care and skill in order to have a reasonable basis to believe that the series of recommended transactions in the Affected Accounts, even if in the retail customer's best interest when viewed in isolation, was not excessive and was in the retail customer's best interest when taken together in light of the retail customer's investment profile, and did not place the financial or other interest of the broker, dealer, or associated person making the series of recommendations ahead of the interest of the retail customer, from the beginning of Reg Bl's effective period, June 30, 2020, through June 2022. As a result, the Defendants, directly or indirectly, singly or in concert, violated and are otherwise liable for violations of Section 17(a)(1) and (3) of the Securities Act of 1933, Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rules 10b-5(a) and (c) and 15I-1 thereunder.

Current Status: Pending

Limitations or Restrictions in Effect During Appeal:

N/A



Customer Dispute - Award / Judgment

This type of disclosure event involves a final, consumer-initiated, investment-related arbitration or civil suit containing allegations of sales practice violations against the broker that resulted in an arbitration award or civil judgment for the customer.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source: Regulator

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:

SW FINANCIAL

Allegations:

Todaro was named in a customer complaint that asserted the following causes of action: churning for commissions and quantitative unsuitability (fraud) Rules 2111 and Section 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 10b-5; unauthorized transactions (Rule 2010); unauthorized and excessive use of margin (Rule 2010); qualitative and quantitative unsuitability (Rule 2111); failure to supervise and negligent supervision (Rule 3010); control person liability; breach of fiduciary contract and implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing; negligent misrepresentation and omissions; and standards of commercial honor and principles of trade (Rule 2010).

Product Type: Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)

Alleged Damages: \$131,555.92

Arbitration Information

Arbitration/Reparation Claim filed with and Docket/Case

FINRA - CASE #23-00391

No.:

Date Notice/Process Served: 06/01/2022

Arbitration Pending? No

Disposition: Award

Disposition Date: 04/25/2023

Disposition Detail: Todaro is liable for and shall pay to Claimant the sum of \$131,555.92 in

compensatory damages.

Regulator Statement Claimant's claims against Todaro were originally brought in FINRA Arbitration

Number 22-01230.

This award has not been paid by or on behalf of Todaro as of August 12, 2024.

Reporting Source: Firm



Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:

SW FINANCIAL

Allegations:

Excessive trading, excessive commissions, unauthorized trading, churning,

unauthorized use of margin

Product Type:

Equity-OTC

Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)

Options

Alleged Damages:

\$194,599.73

Arbitration Information

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

CFTC, etc.):

FINRA

Docket/Case #: 22-01230

Date Notice/Process Served: 07/11/2022

Arbitration Pending? Yes

Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led

to the complaint:

Allegations:

SW FINANCIAL

Excessive trading, excessive commissions, unauthorized trading, churning,

unauthorized use of margin

Product Type: Equity-OTC

Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)

Options

Alleged Damages: \$194,599.00

Arbitration Information

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

CFTC, etc.):

FINRA

Docket/Case #: 22-01230

Date Notice/Process Served:

07/11/2022

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Arbitration Pending?

Yes



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 4

Reporting Source: Firm

Employing firm when

SW FINANCIAL

activities occurred which led

to the complaint:

Allegations:

Client claimed that RR executed unauthorized equity and options trades.

Product Type: Equity-OTC

Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)

Options

Alleged Damages: \$19,000.00

Is this an oral complaint? Yes

Is this a written complaint? Nο

Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?

No

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 01/14/2022

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 01/14/2022

Settlement Amount: \$19,000.00

Individual Contribution \$0.00

Amount:

Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when

activities occurred which led

to the complaint:

SW Financial

Allegations: Unauthorized trading.

Product Type: Equity-OTC



Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)

Alleged Damages: \$19,000.00

Is this an oral complaint? Yes

Is this a written complaint? Nο

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

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 01/14/2022

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 01/14/2022

Settlement Amount: \$19,000.00

Individual Contribution

Amount:

\$0.00

Broker Statement This dispute was made between my prior firm, SW Financial, and the client in

> question after I had already left the firm. I maintained constant communication with this client for the duration of this client's account and, not only was he well aware of the options in his account, he is the one that suggested using options as another

method of investing as per his investment experience and objectives.

The settlement of \$19,000 was between SW Financial and this client alone. I, not only, DID NOT CONTRIBUTE a dollar to this settlement financially, whatsoever and; I was also completely unaware that this complaint existed or had a say in its

settlement.

Disclosure 2 of 4

Reporting Source: Firm

Employing firm when activities occurred which led

to the complaint:

Laidlaw and Company (UK) Ltd.

Allegations: Client alleges churning, unauthorized and unsuitable trading from 2015-2017

Product Type: Equity-OTC

Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)

Alleged Damages: \$15,775.00



Arbitration Information

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

CFTC, etc.):

Docket/Case #: 18-01736

Date Notice/Process Served: 05/15/2018

Arbitration Pending? Nο

Disposition: Settled

Disposition Date: 07/31/2020

Monetary Compensation

Amount:

\$14,000.00

Individual Contribution \$0.00

Amount:

Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led

to the complaint:

Laidlaw and Company (UK) Ltd.

Allegations:

Client alleges churning, unauthorized and unsuitable trading from 2015-2017

Product Type:

Equity-OTC

Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)

Alleged Damages:

\$15,775.00

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Arbitration Information

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

CFTC, etc.):

Docket/Case #: 18-01736

Date Notice/Process Served: 05/15/2018

Arbitration Pending? No

Disposition: Settled

Disposition Date: 07/31/2020

Monetary Compensation \$14,000.00



Amount:

Individual Contribution

Amount:

\$0.00

Broker Statement

I had a partnership with a senior broker in a shared book of business. My role in the partnership was to establish new client relationships. After the initial conversation with the client, I did not speak to them AT ALL. This arbitration is linked to many other brokers and clients that were grouped into an arbitration against Laidlaw & Co. by Cold Spring Advisory (an arbitration solicitation firm). I would like to reiterate that after the initial conversation with the client I never spoke to him nor made any investment recommendations.

Disclosure 3 of 4

Reporting Source: Firm

Employing firm when activities occurred which led

to the complaint:

Spartan Capital Securities, LLC

Allegations: Churning, breach of fiduciary duty, excessive commissions were alleged against

respondents.

Product Type: Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)

Alleged Damages: \$184,241.00

Arbitration Information

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

CFTC, etc.):

FINRA

Docket/Case #: 17-02818

Date Notice/Process Served: 11/24/2017

Arbitration Pending? No

Disposition: Settled

Disposition Date: 06/15/2018

Monetary Compensation

Amount:

\$60,000.00

Individual Contribution

\$0.00

Amount:



Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:

SPARTAN CAPITAL SECURITIES LLC

Allegations:

Churning, breach of fiduciary duty, and excessive commissions were alleged against respondents, all of whom denied all allegations in their entirety.

Product Type:

Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)

Alleged Damages:

\$184,241.00

Is this an oral complaint?

No

Is this a written complaint?

Yes

Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?

Yes

Arbitration/Reparation forum

FINRA DISPUTE RESOLUTION

or court name and location:

Docket/Case #: 17-02818

Filing date of

11/22/2017

arbitration/CFTC reparation

or civil litigation:

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 11/24/2017

Complaint Pending?

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

Status Date: 11/24/2017

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution

Amount:

Arbitration Information

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

FINRA

No

CFTC, etc.):

Docket/Case #: 17-02818

Date Notice/Process Served: 11/24/2017



Arbitration Pending? No

Disposition: Settled

Disposition Date: 06/15/2018

Monetary Compensation

Amount:

\$60,000.00

Individual Contribution

Amount:

\$0.00

Broker Statement

I opened a new account with [Redacted] and it was then placed into a joint rep. with my partner, Michael Resciniti. Once the account was opened, I had NO CONTACT with the client whatsoever. I did not place a single trade for [Redacted] nor was I aware of any trades conducted with Mr.Resciniti. I was not included on any conversations with the client, any of the trades that were done, or the commission charged. The customer authorized and directed all trades executed by Mr.Resciniti - each of which was consistent with the clients specified financial condition, investment experience, risk tolerance as well as investment objective. Any wrongdoing in the account, if any, was at the fault of Mr.Rescini. Furthermore, at no time did the client complain about the activity in his account, the commission charged, or advise us of any health/mental problems he might or might not have. I believe that the client included me in this case to make it stronger monetarily and is aware that I played no part in any damage done. This was settled directly with the firm. I had no monetary contribution toward the settlement. I am working to have this expunged from my record.

Disclosure 4 of 4

Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:

Rockwell Global Capital LLC

Allegations: Churning; excessive commissions

Product Type: Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)

Alleged Damages: \$82,699.00

Arbitration Information

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

August 17, 2017

CFTC, etc.):

Docket/Case #: 20170558866



Date Notice/Process Served: 09/27/2017

Arbitration Pending? No

Disposition: Settled

Disposition Date: 10/17/2018

Monetary Compensation

Amount:

\$14,800.00

Individual Contribution

Amount:

\$14,800.00

Broker Statement The client was opened by another broker and placed into a joint rep with me. All

contact and trading was done solely by that broker until he was fired from the firm. The client had account with firm for 3 years and I only handled the account for approximately 4 months after the client was already down from the previous broker. Before then, I had zero contact with the client. Less than 10% of the activity in question occurred during the period which I dealt with the client. The customer authorized and directed all trades executed by me - each of which was consistent with the clients specified financial condition, investment experience, risk tolerance as well as investment objective. The trades in question occurred over 4 years ago. During that time, client never complained once. So, all the allegations set forth are false while the account was managed by me. I believe client grouped me into this

to extort money from me.



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:

Allegations: Unauthorized trading, Excessive trading and Excessive commissions from

3/1/2021-10/6/2021

Yes

FINRA

11/15/2022

SW FINANCIAL

Product Type: Equity-OTC

Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)

Alleged Damages: \$903,968.06

Is this an oral complaint? No

Is this a written complaint? No

Is this an arbitration/CFTC

reparation or civil litigation?

Arbitration/Reparation forum

or court name and location:

Docket/Case #: 22-01884

Filing date of

arbitration/CFTC reparation

or civil litigation:

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 11/30/2022

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Withdrawn

Status Date: 11/30/2022

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution

Amount:



Disclosure 2 of 3

Reporting Source: Firm

Employing firm when activities occurred which led SW FINANCIAL

to the complaint:

Allegations: Unauthorized trading, Excessive trading and Excessive commissions from

3/1/2021-10/6/2021

No

Evolved into FINRA arbitration 22-01884

Product Type: Equity-OTC

Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)

\$903,968.06 **Alleged Damages:**

Is this an oral complaint? No

Is this a written complaint? Yes

Is this an arbitration/CFTC

reparation or civil litigation?

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 06/15/2022

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Withdrawn 11/30/2022 Status Date:

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution

Amount:

Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led SW FINANCIAL

to the complaint:

Allegations: Unauthorized trading, Excessive trading and Excessive commissions from

3/1/2021-10/6/2021



Product Type: Equity-OTC

Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)

Alleged Damages: \$903,968.00

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: 06/15/2022

Complaint Pending?

Yes

SW Financial

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution

Amount:

Disclosure 3 of 3

Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when

activities occurred which led

to the complaint:

Allegations:

Excessive trading and commissions from 3/1/2021-10/6/2021

Product Type: Equity-OTC

Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)

Alleged Damages: \$903,968.06

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: 11/23/2021

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Withdrawn

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Status Date: 11/23/2021

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution

Amount:



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 3

Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:

ng firm when WORDEN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLC

Allegations: Negligence, Excessive Trading, Suitability, and Breach of Fiduciary Duty

Product Type: Equity-OTC

Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)

Alleged Damages: \$5,000.00

Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):

This arbitration has 54 claimants and 54 representatives, therefore the alleged

amount of damages for this representative cannot be determined.

Arbitration Information

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

FINRA

CFTC, etc.):

Docket/Case #: 22-00347

Date Notice/Process Served: 03/18/2022

Arbitration Pending? Yes

Disclosure 2 of 3

Reporting Source: Firm

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:

SW FINANCIAL

Allegations: Customer claims unauthorized trading in account.

Product Type: Equity-OTC

Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)



Alleged Damages: \$5,000.00

Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not

No damage amount was alleged

exact):

Is this an oral complaint? No

Is this a written complaint? Yes

No

Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 01/28/2022

Complaint Pending?

Yes

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution

Amount:

Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led

to the complaint:

SW FINANCIAL

Allegations: Unauthorized Trading

Product Type: Equity-OTC

Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)

Alleged Damages: \$5,000.00

Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):

No damage amount was alleged

Is this an oral complaint?
Is this a written complaint?

No Yes

Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?

No

Customer Complaint Information



Date Complaint Received: 02/23/2022

Complaint Pending? Yes

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution

Amount:

Broker Statement I have a signed letter from the two clients listed above, that states they never

complained to SW Financial regarding the activity in their accounts.

Disclosure 3 of 3

Reporting Source: Firm

Employing firm when activities occurred which led

to the complaint:

Worden Capital Management, LLC

Allegations: Poor Performance; failure to follow instructions; poor service; and, excessive

trading from June 2020 to July 2020.

Product Type: Equity-OTC

Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)

Alleged Damages: \$206,000.00

Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):

t ot Client only stated that there were large losses in the account. The number

provided is the loss incurred for the life of the account at WCM.

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: 07/29/2020

Complaint Pending? Yes

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution

Amount:



Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:

WORDEN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLC

Allegations: Poor Performance; failure to follow instructions; poor service; and, excessive

trading from June 2020 to July 2020.

Product Type: Equity-OTC

Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)

Alleged Damages: \$206,000.00

Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):

Client only stated that there were large losses in the account. The number

provided is the loss incurred for the life of the account at WCM.

Is this an oral complaint?

. . .

Is this a written complaint?

Yes

No

Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?

No

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 04/05/2021

Complaint Pending? Yes

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution

Amount:

Broker Statement As per RR -The customer authorized and directed all trades executed in his

account - each of which was consistent with the clients specified risk tolerance, financial condition, investment experience, extensive investment knowledge as well as the clients investment objectives. Any wrongdoing, if any, was at the fault of

a previous broker managing his account who he cannot pursue legally.

Furthermore, at no time did the client complain about the activity in his account or the performance and I am currently pursuing the complete dismissal and removal

of these accusations

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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: SW FINANCIAL

Termination Type: Discharged

Termination Date: 12/23/2021

Allegations: RR used non-approved electronic communications method after written

reprimands.

Product Type: No Product

Firm Statement RR owes SW Financial \$16,000

Reporting Source: Broker

Employer Name: Salomon Whitney LLC

Termination Type: Discharged

Termination Date: 12/23/2021

Allegations: RR used non-approved electronic communications method after written reprimand.

Product Type: No Product



Judgment / Lien

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

Disclosure 1 of 5

Reporting Source: Broker

Judgment/Lien Holder: Lakelands Homeowners Association

Judgment/Lien Amount: \$2,971.05

Judgment/Lien Type: Civil

Date Filed with Court: 10/16/2018

Date Individual Learned: 06/27/2022

Type of Court: State Court

Name of Court: State of NY

Location of Court: Suffolk County

Docket/Case #: LMIS00015150

Judgment/Lien Outstanding? Yes

Disclosure 2 of 5

Reporting Source: Broker

Judgment/Lien Holder: Lakelands Homeowners Association

Judgment/Lien Amount: \$3,524.87

Judgment/Lien Type: Civil

Date Filed with Court: 11/28/2016

Date Individual Learned: 06/27/2022

Type of Court: State Court

Name of Court: State of NY

Location of Court: Suffolk County

Docket/Case #: LMIS00012483

Judgment/Lien Outstanding? Yes

Disclosure 3 of 5



Reporting Source: Broker

Judgment/Lien Holder: Lakelands Homeowners Association

Judgment/Lien Amount: \$2,291.21

Judgment/Lien Type: Civil

Date Filed with Court: 06/09/2020

Date Individual Learned: 06/27/2022

Type of Court: State Court

Name of Court: State of NY

Location of Court: Suffolk County

Docket/Case #: LMIS00017494

Judgment/Lien Outstanding? Yes

Disclosure 4 of 5

Reporting Source: Broker

Judgment/Lien Holder: IRS

Judgment/Lien Amount: \$29,322.82

Judgment/Lien Type: Tax

Date Filed with Court: 02/05/2020

Date Individual Learned: 06/27/2022

Type of Court: State Court

Name of Court: State of NY

Location of Court: Suffolk County

Docket/Case #: LFED00032278

Judgment/Lien Outstanding? Yes

Disclosure 5 of 5

Reporting Source: Broker

Judgment/Lien Holder: IRS

Judgment/Lien Amount: \$36,813.16



Judgment/Lien Type: Tax

Date Filed with Court: 02/05/2020

Date Individual Learned: 06/27/2022

Type of Court: State Court

Name of Court: State of New York

Location of Court: Suffolk County

Docket/Case #: LFED00032279

Judgment/Lien Outstanding? Yes

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