

BrokerCheck Report

LAUREN AUSTIN ESTES

CRD# 5777914

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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:
 - 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 more information about FINRA, visit www.finra.org.](http://www.finra.org)



LAUREN A. ESTES

CRD# 5777914

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

IA INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC
 MEMPHIS, TN
 CRD# 7717
 Registered with this firm since: 02/27/2013

B INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC
 MEMPHIS, TN
 CRD# 7717
 Registered with this firm since: 02/27/2013

Report Summary for this Broker

This report summary provides an overview of the broker's professional background and conduct. Additional information can be found in the detailed report.

Broker Qualifications

This broker is registered with:

- 1 Self-Regulatory Organization
- 10 U.S. states and territories

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):

- IA AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.**
 CRD# 6363
 MINNEAPOLIS, MN
 01/2013 - 01/2013
- B AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.**
 CRD# 6363
 GERMANTOWN, TN
 01/2013 - 01/2013
- IA NFP SECURITIES, INC.**
 CRD# 42046
 AUSTIN, TX
 12/2010 - 12/2012

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? **No**



Broker Qualifications

Registrations

This section provides the self-regulatory organizations (SROs) and U.S. states/territories the broker is currently registered and licensed with, the category of each license, and the date on which it became effective. This section also provides, for every brokerage firm with which the broker is currently employed, the address of each branch where the broker works.

This individual is currently registered with 1 SRO and is licensed in 10 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.

Employment 1 of 1

Firm Name: **INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC**

Main Office Address: **12671 HIGH BLUFF DRIVE
SUITE 200
SAN DIEGO, CA 92130**

Firm CRD#: **7717**

SRO	Category	Status	Date
B FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	02/27/2013

U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B Arkansas	Agent	Approved	10/17/2022
B California	Agent	Approved	05/08/2024
B Colorado	Agent	Approved	07/29/2019
B Florida	Agent	Approved	06/29/2020
B Illinois	Agent	Approved	08/09/2021
B Mississippi	Agent	Approved	07/14/2016
B New York	Agent	Approved	11/03/2020
B Tennessee	Agent	Approved	02/27/2013
IA Tennessee	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	02/27/2013
B Virginia	Agent	Approved	12/11/2024
B Washington	Agent	Approved	09/09/2020

Broker Qualifications



Employment 1 of 1, continued Branch Office Locations

INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC
MEMPHIS, TN



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 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 General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	09/02/2010

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B IA Uniform Combined State Law Examination	Series 66	12/04/2010

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 **1** professional designation(s).

Certified Financial Planner

This representative holds or did hold **1** professional designation(s) that may have been used to qualify as an Investment Advisor representative. Please check with the appropriate designation authority for verification that the designation is still in effect. The contact information for these professional designation authorities can be found on the website for the North American Securities Administrators Association at <http://www.nasaa.org>



Registration and Employment History

Registration History

The broker previously was registered with the following firms:

Registration Dates	Firm Name	CRD#	Branch Location
B 01/2013 - 01/2013	AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	6363	GERMANTOWN, TN
IA 01/2013 - 01/2013	AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	6363	GERMANTOWN, TN
IA 12/2010 - 12/2012	NFP SECURITIES, INC.	42046	MEMPHIS, TN
B 09/2010 - 12/2012	NFP SECURITIES, INC.	42046	MEMPHIS, TN

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
02/2013 - Present	INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL GROUP	FINANCIAL ADVSIOR	Y	MEMPHIS, TN, 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) ALLEGIANT FINANCIAL PLANNING, LLC

POSITION: Agent/Representative NATURE: DBA Name for Marketing Purposes Only INVESTMENT RELATED: Yes NUMBER OF HOURS: 135
 SECURITIES TRADING HOURS: 135 START DATE: 02/01/2013
 ADDRESS: 4100 Hilldale Ave, Memphis TN 38117, United States
 DESCRIPTION: DBA USED TO MARKET SECURITIES, ADVISORY, AND INSURANCE BUSINESS.

(2) ESTES DESIGNS

POSITION: Owner NATURE: Other: INVESTMENT RELATED: No NUMBER OF HOURS: 20 SECURITIES TRADING HOURS: 5 START DATE:
 07/01/2018
 ADDRESS: 481 Vaughn Road, Memphis TN 38122, United States
 DESCRIPTION: 100% OWNER OF DBA ESTES DESIGNS PRODUCING AND SELLING ART PIECES.

(3) SPAY MEMPHIS



Registration and Employment History

Other Business Activities, continued

POSITION: Board Member NATURE: Board Member or Officer (Profit or Non-Profit) INVESTMENT RELATED: No NUMBER OF HOURS: 2
SECURITIES TRADING HOURS: 0 START DATE: 12/18/2019
ADDRESS: 3787 Summer, Memphis TN 38122, United States
DESCRIPTION: General Board Member for Spay Memphis

(4) LAUREN A ESTES

POSITION: Agent/Representative NATURE: Insurance outside of IFG INVESTMENT RELATED: Yes NUMBER OF HOURS: 1 SECURITIES
TRADING HOURS: 1 START DATE: 09/23/2020
ADDRESS: 4100 Hilldale Ave, Memphis TN 38117, United States
DESCRIPTION: Outside sales of group health plans only

DONALD LEE ESTES REVOCABLE TRUST

POSITION: Trustee NATURE: Acting as a POA, Trustee, Executor (This activity is strictly limited and will only be approved for direct family members. If you have questions, please call a Compliance Officer). INVESTMENT RELATED: No NUMBER OF HOURS: 0 SECURITIES
TRADING HOURS: 0 START DATE: 04/19/2024
ADDRESS: 4100 Hilldale Ave, Memphis TN 38117, United States
DESCRIPTION: My father changed his personal trust and updated it this year. It was previously approved under the Estes Family Trust and that has been dissolved.

End of Report



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