

BrokerCheck Report
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 CRD# 5886896

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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 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.



Ryan P. French

CRD# 5886896

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

IA EDWARD JONES
5120 PROSPERITY WAY SOUTH
SUITE 110
FARGO, ND 58104
CRD# 250
Registered with this firm since: 10/07/2024

B EDWARD JONES
5120 PROSPERITY WAY SOUTH
SUITE 110
FARGO, ND 58104
CRD# 250
Registered with this firm since: 09/06/2024

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:

- 4 Self-Regulatory Organizations
- 5 U.S. states and territories

This broker has passed:

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

Registration History

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

- B COUNTRY CAPITAL MANAGEMENT COMPANY**
CRD# 12060
Moorhead, MN
04/2014 - 09/2024
- IA WELLS FARGO ADVISORS, LLC**
CRD# 19616
ST. LOUIS, MO
09/2011 - 02/2014
- B WELLS FARGO ADVISORS, LLC**
CRD# 19616
FARGO, ND
04/2011 - 02/2014

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	3
Termination	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 4 SROs and is licensed in 5 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.

Employment 1 of 1

Firm Name: **EDWARD JONES**

Main Office Address: **12555 MANCHESTER ROAD
ST. LOUIS, MO 63131-3710**

Firm CRD#: **250**

	SRO	Category	Status	Date
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	09/06/2024
B	NYSE American LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	09/06/2024
B	Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Representative	Approved	09/06/2024
B	New York Stock Exchange	General Securities Representative	Approved	09/06/2024

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Arizona	Agent	Approved	09/17/2024
B	Iowa	Agent	Approved	09/16/2024
B	Minnesota	Agent	Approved	09/10/2024
B	North Dakota	Agent	Approved	09/06/2024
IA	North Dakota	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	10/07/2024
B	South Dakota	Agent	Approved	05/14/2025

Branch Office Locations

EDWARD JONES
5120 PROSPERITY WAY SOUTH

Broker Qualifications



Employment 1 of 1, continued

SUITE 110
FARGO, ND 58104



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 3 state securities law exams.

Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
No information reported.		

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	10/01/2018
B General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	04/11/2011

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B IA Uniform Combined State Law Examination	Series 66	09/30/2024
IA Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination	Series 65	09/12/2011
B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	08/15/2011

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 04/2014 - 09/2024	COUNTRY CAPITAL MANAGEMENT COMPANY	12060	Moorhead, MN
IA 09/2011 - 02/2014	WELLS FARGO ADVISORS, LLC	19616	FARGO, ND
B 04/2011 - 02/2014	WELLS FARGO ADVISORS, LLC	19616	FARGO, ND

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
09/2024 - Present	EDWARD JONES	FINANCIAL ADVISOR	Y	ST LOUIS, MO, United States
01/2023 - 09/2024	COUNTRY TRUST BANK	FINANCIAL ADVISOR	Y	Moorhead, MN, United States
04/2014 - 09/2024	COUNTRY CAPITAL MANAGEMENT CO	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	Moorhead, MN, United States
04/2014 - 09/2024	COUNTRY INSURANCE AFFILIATES	INSURANCE AGENT	Y	Moorhead, MN, United States
04/2014 - 12/2022	COUNTRY FINANCIAL	FINANCIAL REPRESENTATIVE	Y	FARGO, ND, 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.

DLRF Properties, LLC
 Type of business: Office Building LLC
 Dilworth, MN

Registration and Employment History



Other Business Activities, continued

Start date: 12/11/2017

Vice President

Hours per week: 0

Hours during trading: 0

Pay rent while worked for Country Financial. I was bought out effective August 31st, 2024 and the LLC will dissolve effective December 31st, 2024.

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	3	0
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 3

Reporting Source:	Broker
Regulatory Action Initiated By:	NORTH DAKOTA INSURANCE DEPARTMENT
Sanction(s) Sought:	Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)
Date Initiated:	05/27/2014
Docket/Case Number:	N/A
Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:	COUNTRY CAPITAL MANAGEMENT COMPANY
Product Type:	Insurance
Allegations:	ON RECENT APPLICATION SHOULD HAVE DISCLOSED THE PREVIOUS NORTH DAKOTA FINE, THE DELEWARE FINE, AND THE WELLS FARGO ADVISORS TERMINATION IN RESPONSE TO BACKGROUND QUESTION TWO.
Current Status:	Final
Resolution:	Order



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: 05/27/2014

Sanctions Ordered: Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

Monetary Sanction 1 of 1

Monetary Related Sanction: Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

Total Amount: \$500.00

Portion Levied against individual: \$500.00

Payment Plan: NO

Is Payment Plan Current: Yes

Date Paid by individual: 05/29/2014

Was any portion of penalty waived? No

Amount Waived:

Disclosure 2 of 3

Reporting Source: Broker

Regulatory Action Initiated By: DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

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

Date Initiated: 12/12/2013

Docket/Case Number: 2183-2013

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

Product Type: Annuity-Fixed
Annuity-Variable



Insurance

Allegations:

THIS ACTION OCCURED BECAUSE THE ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION TAKEN AGAINST ME BY THE NORTH DAKOTA INSURANCE DEPARTMENT ON 01/24/2013 WAS NOT REPORTED TO THE DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE ACTION BEING TAKEN.

Current Status:

Final

Resolution:

Stipulation and Consent

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:

12/16/2013

Sanctions Ordered:

Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

Monetary Sanction 1 of 1**Monetary Related Sanction:**

Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

Total Amount:

\$250.00

Portion Levied against individual:

\$250.00

Payment Plan:

NO

Is Payment Plan Current:

Yes

Date Paid by individual:

12/03/2013

Was any portion of penalty waived?

No

Amount Waived:

Disclosure 3 of 3

Reporting Source:

Broker

Regulatory Action Initiated By:

NORTH DAKOTA INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

Sanction(s) Sought:

Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)



Date Initiated:	01/24/2013
Docket/Case Number:	N/A
Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:	WELLS FARGO ADVISORS
Product Type:	Annuity-Fixed Annuity-Variable Insurance
Allegations:	IN FILLING OUT THE APPLICATION TO ADD A LINE OF AUTHORITY TO MY RESIDENT INSURANCE PRODUCER LICENSE ON JANUARY 10, 2013 A "NO" ANSWER WAS ENTERED TO BACKGROUND QUESTION ONE CONCERNING BEING CONVICTED OF A CRIME OR IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY CHARGED WITH COMMITTING A CRIME. A CHECK OF COURT RECORDS REVEALED A CONVICTION OF MINOR CONSUMING IN 2004 IN MINNESOTA. BECAUSE OF THE INCORRECT ANSWER TO THE QUESTION THE NORTH DAKOTA INSURANCE COMMISSIONER ORDERED ME TO PAY A FINE OF \$200 FOR FAILURE TO DISCLOSE THE CONVICTION.
Current Status:	Final
Resolution:	Settled
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:	01/28/2013
Sanctions Ordered:	Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)
Monetary Sanction 1 of 1	
Monetary Related Sanction:	Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)
Total Amount:	\$200.00
Portion Levied against individual:	\$200.00
Payment Plan:	NO
Is Payment Plan Current:	Yes



Date Paid by individual: 01/28/2013

Was any portion of penalty waived? No

Amount Waived:



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: WELLS FARGO ADVISORS, LLC.

Termination Type: Discharged

Termination Date: 01/23/2014

Allegations: INDIVIDUALLY RECEIVED TWO WRITTEN INQUIRIES FROM STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENTS AND DID NOT FORWARD THEM IN A TIMELY FASHION TO HIS QUALIFIED SUPERVISOR.

Product Type: No Product

Reporting Source: Broker

Employer Name: WELLS FARGO ADVISORS, LLC

Termination Type: Discharged

Termination Date: 01/23/2014

Allegations: FAILED TO FOLLOW FIRM POLICY WITH REGARDS TO THE HANDLING OF INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE. SPECIFICALLY, INDIVIDUALLY RECEIVED TWO WRITTEN INQUIRIES FROM STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENTS AND DID NOT FORWARD THEM IN A TIMELY FASHION TO HIS QUALIFIED SUPERVISOR.

Product Type: No Product

End of Report



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