

BrokerCheck Report

Anthony Caruso

CRD# 6058056

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BrokerCheck offers information on all current, and many former, registered securities brokers, and all current and former registered securities firms. FINRA strongly encourages investors to use BrokerCheck to check the background of securities brokers and brokerage firms before deciding to conduct, or continue to conduct, business with them.

What is included in a BrokerCheck report?

- BrokerCheck reports for individual brokers include information such as employment history, professional
 qualifications, disciplinary actions, criminal convictions, civil judgments and arbitration awards. BrokerCheck
 reports for brokerage firms include information on a firm's profile, history, and operations, as well as many of the
 same disclosure events mentioned above.
- Please note that the information contained in a BrokerCheck report may include pending actions or allegations that may be contested, unresolved or unproven. In the end, these actions or allegations may be resolved in favor of the broker or brokerage firm, or concluded through a negotiated settlement with no admission or finding of wrongdoing.
- Where did this information come from?
- The information contained in BrokerCheck comes from FINRA's Central Registration Depository, or CRD® and is a combination of:
 - o information FINRA and/or the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) require brokers and brokerage firms to submit as part of the registration and licensing process, and
 - o information that regulators report regarding disciplinary actions or allegations against firms or brokers.
- How current is this information?
- Generally, active brokerage firms and brokers are required to update their professional and disciplinary information in CRD within 30 days. Under most circumstances, information reported by brokerage firms, brokers and regulators is available in BrokerCheck the next business day.
- What if I want to check the background of an investment adviser firm or investment adviser representative?
- To check the background of an investment adviser firm or representative, you can search for the firm or individual in BrokerCheck. If your search is successful, click on the link provided to view the available licensing and registration information in the SEC's Investment Adviser Public Disclosure (IAPD) website at https://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov. In the alternative, you may search the IAPD website directly or contact your state securities regulator at http://www.finra.org/Investors/ToolsCalculators/BrokerCheck/P455414.
- Are there other resources I can use to check the background of investment professionals?
- FINRA recommends that you learn as much as possible about an investment professional before deciding
 to work with them. Your state securities regulator can help you research brokers and investment adviser
 representatives doing business in your state.

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www.finra.org/brokercheck User Guidance

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

(A) CARUSO FAMILY FINANCIAL ADVISORS (CFFA) LLC

6525 Crown Blvd. # 20775 San Jose, CA 95160 CRD# 306593

Registered with this firm since: 01/14/2020

B LIGHTPATH CAPITAL, INC 1560 E. Southlake Blvd., Suite 100 Southlake, TX 76092 CRD# 34617 Registered with this firm since: 05/24/2021

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
- 1 U.S. state or territory

This broker has passed:

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

Registration History

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

- WHITEHALL-PARKER SECURITIES, INC CRD# 10608 SAN RAFAEL, CA 01/2019 - 03/2020
- B WHITEHALL-PARKER SECURITIES, INC. CRD# 10608 SAN RAFAEL, CA 01/2019 - 03/2020
- TAYLOR ADVISORY GROUP CRD# 288437 SCOTTSDALE, AZ 07/2017 - 12/2019

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 | |
|---------------|-------|--|
| Termination | 1 | |
| Bond | 1 | |
| Judgment/Lien | 1 | |

Broker Qualifications



Registrations

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

This individual is currently registered with 1 SRO and is licensed in 1 U.S. state or territory through his or her employer.

Employment 1 of 2

Firm Name: CARUSO FAMILY FINANCIAL ADVISORS (CFFA) LLC

Main Office Address: 4990 SPEAK LANE

SUITE 280

SAN JOSE, CA 95118

Firm CRD#: **306593**

| | U.S. State/ Territory | Category | Status | Date |
|----|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|
| IA | California | Investment Adviser Representative | Approved - Pending IAR CE | 01/14/2020 |

Branch Office Locations

6525 Crown Blvd. # 20775 San Jose, CA 95160

Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: LIGHTPATH CAPITAL, INC Main Office Address: 1560 E. SOUTHLAKE BLVD.

SUITE 100

SOUTHLAKE, TX 76092

Firm CRD#: **34617**

SROCategoryStatusDateBFINRAGeneral Securities RepresentativeApproved05/24/2021

Branch Office Locations

Broker Qualifications



Employment 2 of 2, continued LIGHTPATH CAPITAL, INC 1560 E. Southlake Blvd., Suite 100 Southlake, TX 76092

Broker Qualifications



Industry Exams this Broker has Passed

This section includes all securities industry exams that the broker has passed. Under limited circumstances, a broker may attain a registration after receiving an exam waiver based on exams the broker has passed and/or qualifying work experience. Any exam waivers that the broker has received are not included below. A passed exam or exam waiver does not permit a broker to do business without an active SRO or state registration.

This individual has passed 0 principal/supervisory exams, 3 general industry/product exams, and 1 state securities law exam.

Principal/Supervisory Exams

| Exam | Category | Date |
|--------------------------|----------|------|
| No information reported. | | |

General Industry/Product Exams

| Exam | | Category | Date |
|------|---|------------|------------|
| В | General Securities Representative Examination | Series 7TO | 01/02/2023 |
| В | Securities Industry Essentials Examination | SIE | 12/23/2016 |
| В | General Securities Representative Examination | Series 7 | 06/29/2012 |

State Securities Law Exams

| Exam | Category | Date |
|---|-----------|------------|
| B IA Uniform Combined State Law Examination | Series 66 | 08/10/2012 |

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

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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 |
|-----|-------------------|--|--------|-----------------|
| IA | 01/2019 - 03/2020 | WHITEHALL-PARKER SECURITIES, INC | 10608 | SAN RAFAEL, CA |
| B | 01/2019 - 03/2020 | WHITEHALL-PARKER SECURITIES, INC. | 10608 | SAN RAFAEL, CA |
| IA | 07/2017 - 12/2019 | TAYLOR ADVISORY GROUP | 288437 | Fresno, CA |
| IA | 02/2017 - 07/2017 | ONE SOURCE HEALTH & WEALTH MANAGEMENT | 194511 | Fresno, CA |
| B | 11/2016 - 12/2016 | PURSHE KAPLAN STERLING INVESTMENTS | 35747 | Fremont, CA |
| IA | 09/2016 - 12/2016 | SILICON PRIVATE WEALTH, LLC | 284145 | FREMONT, CA |
| IA | 08/2012 - 09/2016 | MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED | 7691 | SAN JOSE, CA |
| В | 07/2012 - 09/2016 | MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED | 7691 | SAN JOSE, CA |

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 |
|-------------------|--|--|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| 05/2021 - Present | LIGHTPATH CAPITAL, INC. | REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE | Υ | SOUTHLAKE, TX, United States |
| 12/2019 - Present | Caruso Family Financial Advisors (CFFA) LLC | Managing Member & Chief Compliance Officer | Y | San Jose, CA, United States |
| 01/2019 - 03/2020 | Whitehall-Parker Securities, Inc | Investment Adviser Representative | Υ | SAN JOSE, CA, United States |
| 01/2019 - 12/2019 | Whitehall-Parker Securities, Inc | Registered Representative | Υ | SAN JOSE, CA, United States |

Registration and Employment History



Employment History, continued

| Employment | Employer Name | Position | Investment Related | Employer Location |
|-------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| 07/2017 - 12/2019 | The Taylor Advisory Group | Managing Director | Υ | Fresno, CA, United States |
| 02/2017 - 07/2017 | One Source Health & Wealth | Financial Advisor | Υ | Fresno, CA, United States |
| 09/2016 - 12/2016 | PURSHE KAPLAN STERLING INVESTMENTS | REGISTERED REP | Υ | Albany, NY, United States |
| 09/2016 - 12/2016 | Silicon Private Wealth, LLC | Investment Adviser Representative | Υ | Fremont, CA, United States |
| 09/2016 - 12/2016 | Silicon Private Wealth- PKS | Financial Advisor | Υ | Fremont, CA, United States |
| 10/2012 - 09/2016 | BANK OF AMERICA, N.A | FINANCIAL ADVISOR | Υ | SAN JOSE, CA, United States |
| 04/2012 - 09/2016 | MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER AND SMITH INCORPORATED | FINANCIAL ADVISOR | Υ | SAN JOSE, CA, 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.

Caruso Family Financial Advisors, LLC. (CFFA), San Jose, CA; Registered Investment Advisory; Start Date: 2019; Position: CEO-CCO;

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 |
|---------------|---------|-------|-----------|
| Termination | N/A | 1 | N/A |
| Bond | N/A | 1 | N/A |
| Judgment/Lien | 1 | N/A | N/A |



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.

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: SILICON PRIVATE WEALTH, LLC

Termination Type: Discharged

Termination Date: 12/15/2016

Allegations: Violation of Firm policies; Advisor no longer responsive to voice mails or emails

regarding outside business activity.

Product Type: No Product

Reporting Source: Broker

Employer Name: Silicon Private Wealth, LLC

Termination Type: Discharged **Termination Date:** 12/15/2016

Allegations: Advisor not responsive to voice mails or emails regarding outside business activity.

Product Type: No Product

Broker Statement This accusation is ridiculous. Representative Caruso has provided to FINRA

evidence of significant communication with this employer during the period in question, refuting their argument. Representative Caruso was in the process of travelling to obtain the information requested by this employer when the employer took this action. And the allegation of a short period of non-communication is not a



violation of "investment-related statutes, regulations, rules, or industry standards of conduct". FINRA is improperly requiring that representative Caruso check this box, which creates a false impression of a violation of industry rules to the general public. FINRA will then charge a large fee for reviewing this filing that they require and that should not have to be made. We have addressed this matter with the Disclosure Review Department at FINRA, which we had to chase down over a three week period after our initial filing to get a response, even though it claimed in its automated response to us that it would handle this matter within "three to five business days". Representative Caruso had to remain unemployed during this period. FINRA refuses to address the evidence provided or state the specific violation of industry rules that necessitates this filing.



Civil Bond

This type of disclosure event involves a civil bond for the broker that has been denied, paid, or revoked by a bonding company.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source: Broker

Policy Holder: ANTHONY CARUSO CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION

Bonding Company Name: DEVELOPERS SURETY & INDEMNITY

Disposition: Payout

Disposition Date: 09/07/2011

Payout Amount: \$10,321.92

Date Paid: 10/01/2011



Judgment / Lien

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

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source: Broker

Judgment/Lien Holder: State of California

Judgment/Lien Amount: \$22,486.12

Judgment/Lien Type: Tax

Date Filed with Court: 03/04/2024

Date Individual Learned: 05/28/2024

Type of Court: County Recorder's Office

Name of Court: County Recorder's Office

Location of Court: Santa Clara, CA

Docket/Case #: 24057312392

Judgment/Lien Outstanding? Yes

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