

## **BrokerCheck Report**

## **GREGORY CARL DROZDOW**

CRD# 6082474

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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
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### **GREGORY C. DROZDOW**

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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
- 2 State Securities Law Exams

## **Registration History**

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

- B PRUCO SECURITIES, LLC. CRD# 5685 NEW YORK, NY 11/2018 - 01/2021
- B HORNOR, TOWNSEND & KENT, INC. CRD# 4031 NEW YORK, NY 09/2015 - 11/2018
- PURSHE KAPLAN STERLING INVESTMENTS CRD# 35747

Boston, MA 10/2014 - 09/2015

### **Disclosure Events**

All individuals registered to sell securities or provide investment advice are required to disclose customer complaints and arbitrations, regulatory actions, employment terminations, bankruptcy filings, and criminal or civil judicial proceedings.

Are there events disclosed about this broker? Yes

The following types of disclosures have been reported:

Type Count
Regulatory Event 1

## **Investment Adviser Representative Information**

The information below represents the individual's record as a broker. For details on this individual's record as an investment adviser representative, visit the SEC's Investment Adviser Public Disclosure website at

https://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov

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## **Broker Qualifications**



## Registrations

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

This broker is not currently registered.

## **Broker Qualifications**



## **Industry Exams this Broker has Passed**

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

This individual has passed 0 principal/supervisory exams, 2 general industry/product exams, and 2 state securities law exams.

## **Principal/Supervisory Exams**

Exam	Category	Date
No information reported.		

## **General Industry/Product Exams**

Exam		Category	Date
B	Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	10/01/2018
В	Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination	Series 6	10/26/2012

## **State Securities Law Exams**

Exam	1	Category	Date
IA	Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination	Series 65	10/10/2014
B	Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	10/09/2012

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
B	11/2018 - 01/2021	PRUCO SECURITIES, LLC.	5685	NEW YORK, NY
B	09/2015 - 11/2018	HORNOR, TOWNSEND & KENT, INC.	4031	NEW YORK, NY
B	10/2014 - 09/2015	PURSHE KAPLAN STERLING INVESTMENTS	35747	Boston, MA
B	10/2012 - 10/2014	VOYA FINANCIAL ADVISORS, INC.	2882	BOSTON, MA

## **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.

<b>Employment</b>	Employer Name	Position	Investment Related	<b>Employer Location</b>
01/2021 - Present	Certior Financial Group	Investment Advisor Representative	Υ	King of Prussia, PA, United States
01/2020 - 03/2023	Snappy Kraken	Account Executive / Director of Business Development	N	Ormond Beach, FL, United States
11/2018 - 01/2021	PRUCO SECURITIES, LLC	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Υ	NEW YORK, NY, United States
11/2018 - 01/2021	PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA	FINANCIAL PROFESSIONAL	N	NEW YORK, NY, United States
09/2015 - 11/2018	HORNOR TOWNSEND & KENT INC	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Υ	HORSHAM, PA, United States
09/2015 - 11/2018	PENN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO	AGENT	Υ	HORSHAM, PA, United States

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## **Registration and Employment History**



### **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.

I'M A CO OWNER OF AN APARTMENT WITH MY WIFE, MY MOTHER AND MY FATHERAT:118 EAST 60TH STREET, APT. 29ENEW YORK, NY 10022I ALSO WAS GIVEN POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR THE CLOSING OF THE APARTMENT ON BEHALF OF GILBERT DROZDOW AND LINDA DROZDOW (MY PARENTS).

POSITION: Co Owner of apartment NATURE: Real Estate Asset INVESTMENT RELATED: No NUMBER OF HOURS: 0 SECURITIES TRADING

HOURS: 0 START DATE: 02/28/2019

ADDRESS: 118 East 60th Street, Apt. 29E, New York, NY 10022, United States

DESCRIPTION: I'm a Co owner of an apartment

### **DBA - DROZDOW FINANCIAL**

POSITION: CEO of Drozdow Financial NATURE: Finance and Insurance INVESTMENT RELATED: No NUMBER OF HOURS: 120 SECURITIES

TRADING HOURS: 100 START DATE: 06/15/2019

ADDRESS: 20835 NE 31st PLACE AVENTURA FL, United States

DESCRIPTION: Gregory Drozdow is the CEO and owner of Drozdow Financial.

Drozdow Financial is the DBA for Gregory Drozdow providing:

Financial information and advisory services; financial investment brokerage services; financial wealth management services; financial consulting services; insurance brokerage services; insurance consulting services

### **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.

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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:

- 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	1	0



### **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 1

Bv:

Reporting Source: Regulator

**Regulatory Action Initiated** 

Florida Office of Financial Regulation

Sanction(s) Sought:

Cease and Desist

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

**Date Initiated:** 06/29/2023

Docket/Case Number: 114590-SR

**URL** for Regulatory Action:

Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the

regulatory action:

Certior Financial Group, LLC

Product Type: No Product

Allegations: Rendered investment advice, from a location within Florida, without being

registered by the Office.

Current Status: Final

Resolution: Order

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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: 06/29/2023

Sanctions Ordered: Cease and Desist

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

**Monetary Sanction 1 of 1** 

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

**Total Amount:** \$10,500.00

**Portion Levied against** 

individual:

\$10.500.00

**Payment Plan:** 

Is Payment Plan Current:

Date Paid by individual: 06/29/2023

Was any portion of penalty

waived?

No

**Amount Waived:** 

**Regulator Statement** On June 29, 2023, the Office of Financial Regulation (Office) entered a Final Order

adopting the Stipulation and Consent Agreement in the matter of Gregory Carl Drozdow (Drozdow). Drozdow neither admitted nor denied the allegations but consented to the entry of findings by the Office. The Office found that Drozdow violated Section 517.12(4), Florida Statutes, by rendering investment advice, from a location within Florida, without being registered by the Office. Drozdow agreed to Cease and Desist from violations of Chapter 517, Florida Statutes, and the Administrative Rules adopted thereto, and to pay an administrative fine in the amount of \$10,500. The Office agreed to approve Drozdow's application as an associated person (RA) with Certior Financial Group, LLC effective June 29, 2023.

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## **End of Report**



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