

BrokerCheck Report

JARRED M LAWSON

CRD# 6093454

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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:

- 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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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.](http://www.finra.org)

Thank you for using FINRA BrokerCheck.

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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):

MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED

CRD# 7691
JACKSONVILLE, FL
11/2012 - 02/2016

EDWARD JONES

CRD# 250
JACKSONVILLE, FL
08/2012 - 11/2012

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? **Yes**

The following types of disclosures have been reported:

Type	Count
Regulatory Event	1
Criminal	1
Termination	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>

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.

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
Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	02/16/2016
General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	08/21/2012

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
Uniform Combined State Law Examination	Series 66	09/08/2012

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/.



Registration and Employment History

Registration History

The broker previously was registered with the following firms:

Registration Dates	Firm Name	CRD#	Branch Location
11/2012 - 02/2016	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	7691	JACKSONVILLE, FL
08/2012 - 11/2012	EDWARD JONES	250	JACKSONVILLE, FL

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 Dates	Employer Name	Employer Location
12/2012 - Present	BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.	JACKSONVILLE, FL
11/2012 - Present	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	JACKSONVILLE, FL
07/2012 - 11/2012	EDWARD JONES	JACKSONVILLE, FL
01/2012 - 07/2012	GC SERVICES	JACKSONVILLE, FL
01/2012 - 07/2012	TODAY'S PROFESSIONALS	JACKSONVILLE, FL
07/2009 - 12/2011	SUNBELT CREDIT	JACKSONVILLE, FL
08/2005 - 07/2009	BETHUNE COOKMAN UNIVERSITY	DAYTONA BEACH, FL

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.
 - o 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:**
 - o 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



Criminal	0	1	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 1

Reporting Source: Regulator

Regulatory Action Initiated By: FINRA

Sanction(s) Sought:

Date Initiated: 03/27/2017

Docket/Case Number: [2016048923201](#)

Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action: Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated

Product Type: Mutual Fund

Allegations: Without admitting or denying the findings, Lawson consented to the sanctions and to the entry of findings that he made negligent misrepresentations or omissions during telephone calls with customers regarding the sale of mutual funds. The findings stated that Lawson made negligent misrepresentation or omissions regarding the sale of primarily Class A and C mutual funds during telephone conversations with 10 customers at his member firm. Specifically, Lawson failed to discuss all share classes, fees associated with Class A and C shares, and breakpoint fees with the customers. In addition, Lawson made negligent misrepresentation regarding the fees associated with a managed account. By providing inaccurate and incomplete information, Lawson prevented his customers



from fully evaluating the investments that he recommended. The findings also stated that Lawson made misstatements in his firm's internal system regarding what was discussed during the phone calls causing his firm to have inaccurate books and records. Specifically, in nine instances, Lawson misstated that he had discussed all share classes and the fees associated with the share classes, when he had not. In seven instances, Lawson also misrepresented the fees associated with a managed account. In some instances, Lawson represented that he had discussed breakpoints or the availability of either investments, when he had not. Lawson's inaccurate entries in his firm's internal tracking system prevented the firm from properly supervising Lawson's transactions. As a result Lawson impeded supervision of the transactions and caused his firm to have inaccurate books and records.

Current Status:	Final
Resolution:	Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)
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:	03/27/2017
Sanctions Ordered:	Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s) 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?	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 1

Sanction Type: Suspension
Capacities Affected: All Capacities
Duration: one year
Start Date: 04/03/2017
End Date: 04/02/2018

Monetary Sanction 1 of 1

Monetary Related Sanction: Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)
Total Amount: \$10,000.00
Portion Levied against individual: \$10,000.00
Payment Plan: deferred
Is Payment Plan Current:
Date Paid by individual:
Was any portion of penalty waived? No

Amount Waived:



Criminal - Final Disposition

This type of disclosure event involves a criminal charge against the broker that has resulted in a conviction, acquittal, dismissal, or plea. The criminal matter may pertain to any felony or certain misdemeanor offenses, including bribery, perjury, forgery, counterfeiting, extortion, fraud, and wrongful taking of property.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source:	Broker
If charge(s) were brought against an organization over which broker exercised control:	
Organization Name:	
Investment Related Business:	No
Broker's Position:	
Formal Charges were brought in:	State Court
Name of Court:	CHARLESTON COUNTY COURT
Location of Court:	CHARLESTON,SC
Docket/Case #:	H766398. H766399. H766400. H766401
Charge Date:	07/16/2004
Charge(s) 1 of 4	
Formal Charge(s)/Description:	ARMED ROBBERY
No of Counts:	1
Felony or Misdemeanor:	Felony
Plea for each charge:	NOT GUILTY
Disposition of charge:	Dismissed
Charge(s) 2 of 4	
Formal Charge(s)/Description:	POSS OF STOLEN PISTOL
No of Counts:	1
Felony or Misdemeanor:	Felony



Plea for each charge:	NOT GUILTY
Disposition of charge:	Dismissed
Charge(s) 3 of 4	
Formal Charge(s)/Description:	KIDNAPPING
No of Counts:	1
Felony or Misdemeanor:	Felony
Plea for each charge:	NOT GUILTY
Disposition of charge:	Dismissed
Charge(s) 4 of 4	
Formal Charge(s)/Description:	UNLAWFULLY CARRYING OF PISTOL
No of Counts:	1
Felony or Misdemeanor:	Misdemeanor
Plea for each charge:	NOT GUILTY
Disposition of charge:	Dismissed
Current Status:	Final
Status Date:	07/16/2004
Disposition Date:	12/03/2004
Sentence/Penalty:	N/A



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:	Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated
Termination Type:	Discharged
Termination Date:	01/20/2016
Allegations:	Conduct involving failure to make disclosures related to mutual fund transactions.
Product Type:	Mutual Fund

End of Report



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