

## BrokerCheck Report RAYMOND WAI MAN KONG

CRD# 6298671

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- 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.
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#### **RAYMOND W. KONG**

CRD# 6298671

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

#### **B** COMMERCE STREET CAPITAL, LLC

1445 ROSS AVE. SUITE 2700 DALLAS, TX 75202 CRD# 143797 Registered with this firm since: 06/29/2021 **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: • I Self-Regulatory Organization All inc • 1 Self-Regulatory Organization All inc • 8 U.S. states and territories invest complexity complexity This broker has passed: Are th • 1 Principal/Supervisory Exam The former • 3 General Industry/Product Exams The former • 1 State Securities Law Exam Turne

#### **Registration History**

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

TEXAS E&P PARTNERS, INC. CRD# 127228

RICHARDSON, TX 02/2014 - 09/2016

#### **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	
Customer Dispute	2	

#### **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 8 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.

#### Employment 1 of 1

Firm Name:	COMMERCE STREET CAPITAL, LLC
Main Office Address:	1445 ROSS AVE. SUITE 2700 DALLAS, TX 75202
Firm CRD#:	143797

	SRO	Category	Status	Date
В	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	06/29/2021
	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
В	Arizona	Agent	Approved	07/22/2021
B	California	Agent	Approved	07/02/2021
В	Illinois	Agent	Approved	07/23/2021
В	New Hampshire	Agent	Approved	07/07/2021
В	New York	Agent	Approved	07/24/2021
В	Ohio	Agent	Approved	07/02/2021
B	Oklahoma	Agent	Approved	07/21/2021
В	Texas	Agent	Approved	07/20/2021

#### **Branch Office Locations**

COMMERCE STREET CAPITAL, LLC 1445 ROSS AVE. SUITE 2700 DALLAS, TX 75202





#### **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 1 principal/supervisory exam, 3 general industry/product exams, and 1 state securities law exam.

#### **Principal/Supervisory Exams**

Exam	l de la constante de	Category	Date
В	Direct Participation Programs Principal Examination	Series 39	03/28/2015

#### **General Industry/Product Exams**

Exam		Category	Date
В	General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7TO	05/25/2021
В	Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	04/21/2021
В	Direct Participation Programs Representative Examination	Series 22	02/24/2014

#### **State Securities Law Exams**

Exam	I	Category Date	
В	Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	06/16/2021

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.



User Guidance

#### **Registration History**

The broker previously was registered with the following firms:

<b>Registration Dates</b>		Firm Name CRD#		Branch Location
В	02/2014 - 09/2016	TEXAS E&P PARTNERS, INC.	127228	RICHARDSON, TX

#### **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
04/2021 - Present	Commerce Street Capital, LLC	Managing Director	Υ	Dallas, TX, United States
02/2020 - 04/2021	Unemployed	Unemployed	Ν	Plano, TX, United States
06/2017 - 02/2020	King Operating Corporation	Vice President	Υ	Dallas, TX, United States
09/2016 - 06/2017	Unemployed	Unemployed	Ν	Plano, TX, United States
02/2014 - 09/2016	Texas E&P Partners, Inc.	PRESIDENT & CEO; REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	RICHARDSON, TX, 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) RWK Associates Inc.; Non-Investment Related; Plano, Tx; Consulting Business; President; Owner of all S-Corp shares; 9/14/2009; 2 hours/month; 0 hours during trading hours; Consulting work and tax purposes.





#### 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:

- 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
Customer Dispute	0	2	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.

#### **Customer Dispute - Settled**

This type of disclosure event involves a consumer-initiated, investment-related complaint, arbitration proceeding or civil suit containing allegations of sale practice violations against the broker that resulted in a monetary settlement to the customer.

Disclosure 1 of 2	
Reporting Source:	Broker
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	TEXAS E&P PARTNERS, INC.
Allegations:	Customer alleges violations of the California Corporation Code and California Unfair Competition Law after making five investments in various oil and gas programs from 2012 to 2014.
Product Type:	Direct Investment-DPP & LP Interests Oil & Gas
Alleged Damages:	\$277,219.77
Civil Litigation Information	า
Type of Court:	State Court
Name of Court:	Orange County Superior Court, Central Justice Center State of California
Location of Court:	Orange County, California
Docket/Case #:	30-2017-00956320-CU-BC-CJC
Date Notice/Process Served:	11/16/2017
Litigation Pending?	No
Disposition:	Settled
Disposition Date:	04/22/2019



Monetary Compensation Amount:	\$75,000.00	
Individual Contribution Amount:	\$0.00	
Broker Statement Member firm settled the initial FINRA complaint but did not fulfill terms of agreement. Customer filed suit in California in 2017. Suit was settled and settlement payments were made in full by owner of member firm. I was named as respondent as customer listed all officers at the time of his FINRA complaint. I did not market any investments to customer as was not even an employee of member firm when most of the investments were made.		
Disclosure 2 of 2		
Reporting Source:	Broker	
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	TEXAS E&P PARTNERS, INC.	
Allegations:	Customer alleges violations of the California Corporations Code and California Unfair Competition Law in the offer and sale of oil and gas joint ventures and a limited partnership. Customer seeks damages and rescission of his investments.	
Product Type:	Direct Investment-DPP & LP Interests Oil & Gas	
Alleged Damages:	\$277,219.77	
Arbitration Information		
Arbitration/CFTC reparation claim filed with (FINRA, AAA, CFTC, etc.):	FINRA	
Docket/Case #:	16-00823	
Date Notice/Process Served:	04/13/2016	
Arbitration Pending?	No	
Disposition:	Settled	
Disposition Date:	04/22/2019	
Monetary Compensation Amount:	\$138,610.00	
Individual Contribution Amount:	\$0.00	

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**Broker Statement** 

Respondent, Raymond Kong was not involved in the sales process with the Claimant and believes he has been erroneously named as party in this action.



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