

BrokerCheck Report

BRIAN JAMES PAVELKO

CRD# 6347352

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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:
 - 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 more information about FINRA, visit www.finra.org.

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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):

- B NI ADVISORS**
CRD# 134502
MILPITAS, CA
03/2022 - 12/2025
- B SW FINANCIAL**
CRD# 145012
MELVILLE, NY
09/2018 - 03/2022
- B DEMOCRACY FUNDING LLC**
CRD# 122804
New York, NY
02/2018 - 04/2018

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
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 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 1 state securities law exam.

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	06/07/2014

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	06/30/2014

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 03/2022 - 12/2025	NI ADVISORS	134502	MILPITAS, CA
B 09/2018 - 03/2022	SW FINANCIAL	145012	MELVILLE, NY
B 02/2018 - 04/2018	DEMOCRACY FUNDING LLC	122804	New York, NY
B 06/2014 - 08/2016	COASTAL EQUITIES, INC.	23769	New York, NY

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
03/2022 - Present	Ni Advisors	Registered Representative	Y	Milpitas, CA, United States
09/2018 - 03/2022	SW Financial	Registered Representative	Y	Melville, NY, United States
03/2017 - 12/2019	First Capital Master Advisor	Business Development	N	New York, NY, United States
03/2017 - 04/2018	Democracy Funding LLC	Registered Representative	Y	410 Park Ave. 14th Floor, NY, United States
01/2017 - 03/2017	Unemployed	Unemployed	N	Hazleton, PA, United States
11/2016 - 12/2016	Nigel Frank International	Recruiter	N	New York, NY, United States
10/2016 - 11/2016	Granite Telecommunications	Cold Caller Rep	N	New York, NY, United States
08/2016 - 09/2016	Unemployed	Unemployed	N	New York, NY, United States
01/2016 - 08/2016	CGM GROUP, LLC	BROKER	Y	NEW YORK, NY, United States

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.

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:**
 - 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	1	0	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 - Pending

This type of disclosure event involves a pending formal proceeding initiated by a regulatory authority (e.g., a state securities agency, self-regulatory organization, federal regulatory agency such as the Securities and Exchange Commission, foreign financial regulatory body) for alleged violations of investment-related rules or regulations.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source: Regulator

Regulatory Action Initiated By: FINRA

Sanction(s) Sought: Other: N/A

Date Initiated: 09/25/2025

Docket/Case Number: [2020066757804](#)

Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action: SW Financial LLC and NI Advisors

Product Type: No Product

Allegations: Pavelko was named a respondent in a FINRA complaint alleging that he failed to comply with FINRA requests for documents and information related to his receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) from the New Jersey Department of Labor, Division of Unemployment Insurance (NJDIU). The findings stated that FINRA opened an investigation into whether Pavelko had misrepresented his employment status, income, or any other material facts on his application for PUA benefits or in any other correspondence with NJDIU related to his application for or receipt of PUA benefits. In connection with this investigation, FINRA sent Pavelko two requests for a copy of his application for PUA benefits. Pavelko initially replied to FINRA advising that he did not possess a copy of his application, and he produced a record reflecting that he had requested a copy of the application from NJDIU. Following FINRA's second request, Pavelko copied FINRA on an email to



another New Jersey state agency to inquire about the status of his request to NJDUI for a copy of the application. The state agency responded that it had informed Pavelko that it could not assist with his request and provided him with resources to contact NJDUI. However, FINRA had not been included on the agency's response to Pavelko, and Pavelko did not inform FINRA that he had received any response. FINRA then requested, and took, Pavelko's testimony. Pavelko testified that he still had not received a copy of his PUA application from NJDUI. The following month, Pavelko, through counsel, informed FINRA that he possessed a copy of the PUA application, but that he would not produce it to FINRA in response to the information requests. Based on the statement from Pavelko's counsel, FINRA investigated whether Pavelko had provided false testimony to FINRA, related to his possession of his application for PUA benefits. In connection with its investigation, FINRA sent Pavelko two requests for documents and information regarding how he came to receive the PUA application, including when and from whom he received it. To date, Pavelko has not produced the documents and information FINRA requested. As a result, FINRA is unable to investigate the extent and nature of misrepresentations and omissions Pavelko may have made to NJDUI in connection with his application for and receipt of PUA benefits. FINRA is also unable to determine whether Pavelko provided false testimony to FINRA regarding his possession of his PUA application.

Current Status: Pending

Reporting Source: Broker

Regulatory Action Initiated By: FINRA

Sanction(s) Sought: Monetary Penalty other than Fines

Date Initiated: 09/25/2025

Docket/Case Number: [2020066757804](#)

Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action: ni advisors

Product Type: No Product

Allegations: Regarding FINRA Case 20200667578, on September 10, 2024, FINRA made a preliminary determination to recommend disciplinary action be brought against Brian Pavelko alleging that he made material misrepresentations and omissions and engaging in a deceptive scheme in connection with private placement offerings; and alleging that he made material misrepresentations and omissions in



connection with an application for and receipt of unemployment insurance benefits; and stating that he failed to produce to FINRA staff documents and information that were requested pursuant to FINRA Rule 8210.

Current Status:

Pending

Broker Statement

Update to this DRP made on 12/8/2025 per FINRA request to include more details about the FINRA regulatory action.



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:	NI ADVISORS
Termination Type:	Voluntary Resignation
Termination Date:	12/23/2025
Allegations:	As previously reported on the representative's U4 filing, and reported on the representative's U5 filing ("Investigation"): FINRA Case 2020066757804: September 10, 2024 FINRA made a preliminary determination to recommend disciplinary action be brought against the representative alleging he made material misrepresentations and omissions and engaging in a deceptive scheme in connection with private placement offerings, and alleging he made material misrepresentations and omissions in connection with an application for and receipt of unemployment insurance benefits, and alleging he failed to produce to FINRA staff documents and information that were requested.
Product Type:	No Product
Firm Statement	This FINRA case is pending.

End of Report



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