**BrokerCheck Report**

# JOSEPH READING MCLEOD

CRD# 6405239


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- **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?**
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- **Are there other resources I can use to check the background of investment professionals?**
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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 **INTERVEST INTERNATIONAL EQUITIES CORPORATION**
CRD# 20289
Cary, NC
01/2019 - 11/2019

B **G.F. INVESTMENT SERVICES, LLC**
CRD# 132939
Cary, NC
01/2015 - 12/2018

### 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 |
|---|---|
| Customer Dispute | 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.

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# 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 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 |
| B | General Securities Representative Examination | Series 7 | 01/14/2015 |

### State Securities Law Exams

| Exam | | Category | Date |
|---|---|---|---|
| IA | Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination | Series 65 | 05/01/2017 |
| B | Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination | Series 63 | 12/06/2014 |

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/.

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# Broker Qualifications

## Professional Designations

This section details that the representative has reported **0** professional designation(s).

No information reported.

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# Registration and Employment History

## Registration History

The broker previously was registered with the following firms:

| Registration Dates | Firm Name | CRD# | Branch Location |
|---|---|---|---|
| B 01/2019 - 11/2019 | INTERVEST INTERNATIONAL EQUITIES CORPORATION | 20289 | Cary, NC |
| B 01/2015 - 12/2018 | G.F. INVESTMENT SERVICES, LLC | 132939 | Cary, NC |

## 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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 06/2017 - Present | RALEIGH CAPITAL MANAGEMENT | Investment Advisor Representative | Y | Cary, NC, United States |
| 09/2015 - Present | RALEIGH WEALTH SOLUTIONS, INC. | ADVISOR | Y | CARY, NC, United States |
| 01/2019 - 12/2019 | Intervest International Equities Corp | Registered Representative | Y | Colorado Springs, CO, United States |
| 01/2015 - 12/2018 | GF INVESTMENT SERVICES, LLC | REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE | Y | SARASOTA, FL, United States |
| 01/2014 - 09/2015 | TRUWEALTH CAPITAL MANAGEMENT | CLIENT SERVICES MANAGER | Y | CARY, NC, 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.

RALEIGH WEALTH SOLUTIONS, INC., A COMPANY OFFERING LIFE INSURANCE AND ANNUITIES. 1400 Crescent Green Drive, Suite 100, Cary, NC 27518; ADVISOR, COMPLETING AND PROCESSING INSURANCE APPLICATIONS. APPROX 8 HOURS EACH MONTH IN THIS POSITION PROCESSING APPLICATIONS AND RECOMMENDING INSURANCE PRODUCTS TO CLIENTS.

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# 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 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Customer Dispute | 0 | 1 | N/A |

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## 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.

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| **Reporting Source:** | Broker |
| **Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** | GF Investment Services, LLC |
| **Allegations:** | Client alleged negligence, professional negligence, violations of law, unsuitable recommendations, negligent supervision, breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, and breach of securities industry law and rules related to two (2) non-traded real estate investment trusts purchased by client on or about June 2016 |
| **Product Type:** | Real Estate Security |
| **Alleged Damages:** | $30,000.00 |

### Arbitration Information

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| **Arbitration/CFTC reparation claim filed with (FINRA, AAA, CFTC, etc.):** | FINRA |
| **Docket/Case #:** | 20-02661 |
| **Date Notice/Process Served:** | 08/26/2020 |
| **Arbitration Pending?** | No |
| **Disposition:** | Settled |
| **Disposition Date:** | 12/21/2020 |
| **Monetary Compensation Amount:** | $10,000.00 |

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| **Individual Contribution Amount:** | $5,000.00 |
| **Broker Statement** | Mr. McLeod vigorously denies all allegations in the underlying matter and settled the customer's claims in view of the costs and risks associated with proceeding to a hearing on the merits. Mr. McLeod welcomes questions regarding this matter from current and prospective clients. |

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