BrokerCheck Report

CLAUDIA GUADALUPE PINEDA PADILLA

CRD# 6549944

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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.
- **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.
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CLAUDIA G. PINEDA PADILLA

CRD# 6549944

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

IA **PRIMERICA ADVISORS**
925 SANDERS RD
SUITE 23
CUMMING, GA 30041
CRD# 10111
Registered with this firm since: 03/23/2023

B **PFS INVESTMENTS INC.**
925 SANDERS RD
SUITE 23
CUMMING, GA 30041
CRD# 10111
Registered with this firm since: 02/27/2023

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:

- 1 Self-Regulatory Organization
- 1 U.S. state or territory

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):

IA **AVANTAX ADVISORY SERVICES**
CRD# 104556
DALLAS, TX
03/2022 - 12/2022

B **AVANTAX INVESTMENT SERVICES, INC.**
CRD# 13686
Norcross, GA
12/2020 - 12/2022

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
Financial	1

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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 individual is currently registered with 1 SRO and is licensed in 1 U.S. state or territory through his or her employer.

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Firm Name: **PFS INVESTMENTS INC.**

Main Office Address: **1 PRIMERICA PARKWAY**
DULUTH, GA 30099-0001

Firm CRD#: **10111**

	SRO	Category	Status	Date
B	FINRA	Invest. Co and Variable Contracts	Approved	02/27/2023

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Georgia	Agent	Approved	03/01/2023
IA	Georgia	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	03/23/2023

Branch Office Locations

PFS INVESTMENTS INC.
925 SANDERS RD
SUITE 23
CUMMING, GA 30041

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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	Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination	Series 6TO	12/03/2020
B	Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	11/14/2020

State Securities Law Exams

Exam		Category	Date
IA	Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination	Series 65	02/15/2022
B	Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	01/12/2021

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/.

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Professional Designations

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

No information reported.

Only professional designations listed in Question 8 of the Form U4 will appear in this section if the appropriate box is checked and verified by the issuing organization at the time of the filing. Learn more about eligible designations at IARD and NASAA.

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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
IA 03/2022 - 12/2022	AVANTAX ADVISORY SERVICES	104556	Norcross, GA
B 12/2020 - 12/2022	AVANTAX INVESTMENT SERVICES, INC.	13686	Norcross, GA

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
02/2023 - Present	PFS INVESTMENTS INC.	SALES	Y	CUMMING, GA, United States
11/2019 - Present	PRIMERICA FINANCIAL SERVICES	SALES	Y	CUMMING, GA, United States
03/2022 - 12/2022	AVANTAX ADVISORY SERVICES	INVESTMENT ADVISER REPRESENTATIVE	Y	NORCROSS, GA, United States
02/2021 - 12/2022	GRACE M. WILLIAMS CPA, PC	CLIENT RELATIONS MANAGER OF THE FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT	Y	NORCROSS, GA, United States
09/2020 - 12/2022	AVANTAX INSURANCE AGENCY, LLC	INSURANCE AGENT	Y	NORCROSS, GA, United States
09/2020 - 12/2022	AVANTAX INVESTMENT SERVICES,INC.	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	NORCROSS, GA, United States
01/2015 - 12/2022	Grace M Williams CPA PC	Client Relations Manager	N	Norcross, GA, United States
09/2015 - 11/2019	AVANTAX INVESTMENT SERVICES, INC.	Registered Representative	Y	Norcross, GA, United States

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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.

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Instacart, Not investment related, San Francisco, CA 94105, Independent Contractor (1099), 03/2025 to Present, 30 hours committed per month (10 hours during securities trading hours).

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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
Financial	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.

Financial - Final

This type of disclosure event involves a bankruptcy, compromise with one or more creditors, or Securities Investor Protection Corporation liquidation involving the broker or an organization/brokerage firm the broker controlled that occurred within the last 10 years.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source:	Broker
Action Type:	Bankruptcy
Bankruptcy:	Chapter 13
Action Date:	01/02/2017
Organization Investment-Related?	
Type of Court:	Federal Court
Name of Court:	US Bankruptcy Court
Location of Court:	Atlanta, GA
Docket/Case #:	1750068
Action Pending?	No
Disposition:	Dismissed
Disposition Date:	05/19/2017

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