BrokerCheck Report

Megan C Hocker

CRD# 6584355

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

IA **MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED**
11810 GRAND PARK AVE
NORTH BETHESDA, MD 20852
CRD# 7691
Registered with this firm since: 08/26/2016

B **MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED**
11810 GRAND PARK AVE
NORTH BETHESDA, MD 20852
CRD# 7691
Registered with this firm since: 05/10/2016

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:

- 6 Self-Regulatory Organizations
- 43 U.S. states and territories

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):

No information reported.

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? **No**

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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 6 SROs and is licensed in 43 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.

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Firm Name: **MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED**

Main Office Address: **ONE BRYANT PARK**
NEW YORK, NY 10036

Firm CRD#: **7691**

	SRO	Category	Status	Date
B	Cboe BYX Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	05/10/2016
B	Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	05/10/2016
B	Cboe Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	05/10/2016
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	05/10/2016
B	Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Representative	Approved	05/10/2016
B	New York Stock Exchange	General Securities Representative	Approved	05/10/2016

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Alabama	Agent	Approved	01/06/2023
B	Arizona	Agent	Approved	09/06/2016
B	Arkansas	Agent	Approved	03/06/2017
B	California	Agent	Approved	09/06/2016
B	Colorado	Agent	Approved	09/06/2016
B	Connecticut	Agent	Approved	09/04/2018
B	Delaware	Agent	Approved	09/06/2016

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	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
IA	Delaware	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	04/01/2020
B	District of Columbia	Agent	Approved	09/06/2016
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	09/06/2016
B	Georgia	Agent	Approved	09/06/2016
B	Hawaii	Agent	Approved	09/06/2016
B	Illinois	Agent	Approved	09/06/2016
B	Indiana	Agent	Approved	09/06/2016
B	Iowa	Agent	Approved	02/13/2023
B	Kansas	Agent	Approved	09/06/2016
B	Kentucky	Agent	Approved	09/06/2016
B	Maine	Agent	Approved	09/06/2016
B	Maryland	Agent	Approved	08/26/2016
IA	Maryland	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	08/26/2016
B	Massachusetts	Agent	Approved	09/06/2016
B	Michigan	Agent	Approved	09/06/2016
B	Minnesota	Agent	Approved	09/06/2016
B	Missouri	Agent	Approved	09/06/2016
B	Montana	Agent	Approved	10/03/2022
B	Nevada	Agent	Approved	01/11/2021
B	New Hampshire	Agent	Approved	09/06/2016
B	New Jersey	Agent	Approved	09/06/2016

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	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	New Mexico	Agent	Approved	09/06/2016
B	New York	Agent	Approved	09/06/2016
B	North Carolina	Agent	Approved	09/06/2016
B	Ohio	Agent	Approved	09/06/2016
B	Oklahoma	Agent	Approved	08/15/2019
B	Oregon	Agent	Approved	09/06/2016
B	Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	09/06/2016
B	Rhode Island	Agent	Approved	01/25/2023
B	South Carolina	Agent	Approved	09/06/2016
B	Tennessee	Agent	Approved	09/04/2024
B	Texas	Agent	Approved	09/06/2016
IA	Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	09/06/2016
B	Utah	Agent	Approved	09/06/2016
B	Vermont	Agent	Approved	05/02/2022
B	Virginia	Agent	Approved	09/06/2016
B	Washington	Agent	Approved	09/06/2016
B	West Virginia	Agent	Approved	09/06/2016
B	Wisconsin	Agent	Approved	06/16/2025

Branch Office Locations

MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED
11810 GRAND PARK AVE

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NORTH BETHESDA, MD 20852

MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED
Lewes, DE

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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 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	05/10/2016

State Securities Law Exams

Exam		Category	Date
B IA	Uniform Combined State Law Examination	Series 66	08/25/2016

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.

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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
No information reported.			

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
12/2021 - Present	BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.	Wealth Planner	Y	BETHESDA, MD, United States
11/2015 - Present	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	Wealth Planner	Y	BETHESDA, MD, 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.

No information reported.

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