

BrokerCheck Report

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CRD# 6681737

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About BrokerCheck®



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:
 - o 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
 - o 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 additional information about the contents of this report, please refer to the User Guidance or www.finra.org/brokercheck. It provides a glossary of terms and a list of frequently asked questions, as well as additional resources. For more information about FINRA, visit www.finra.org.



MICHAEL A. GARD
CRD# 6681737

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

B **NORTHERN FUNDS DISTRIBUTORS, LLC**
190 Middle Street
Suite 301
Portland, ME 04101
CRD# 45943
Registered with this firm since: 06/26/2025

B **DISTRIBUTION SERVICES, LLC**
190 Middle Street
Suite 301
Portland, ME 04101
CRD# 25938
Registered with this firm since: 01/02/2025

B **PARNASSUS FUNDS DISTRIBUTOR, LLC**
190 Middle Street
Suite 301
Portland, ME 04101
CRD# 15883
Registered with this firm since: 12/10/2024

B **FORESIDE GLOBAL SERVICES, LLC**
190 Middle Street
Suite 301
Portland, ME 04101
CRD# 147382
Registered with this firm since: 01/11/2024

This broker is currently registered with FINRA or a national securities exchange at more than four brokerage firms. Please see the Registration History section of the report for a list of these brokerage firms.

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
- 2 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):

- B** **COMPASS DISTRIBUTORS, LLC**
CRD# 172662
PORTLAND, ME
08/2023 - 10/2023
- IA** **ELEY-GRAHAM-AUSTGEN FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES**
CRD# 121635
CROWN POINT, IN
03/2019 - 04/2023
- IA** **CSENGE ADVISORY GROUP, LLC**
CRD# 131167
CLEARWATER, FL
05/2021 - 04/2023

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
Criminal	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 individual is currently registered with 1 SRO and is licensed in 2 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.

Employment 1 of 9

Firm Name: **DISTRIBUTION SERVICES, LLC**

Main Office Address: **190 MIDDLE STREET
SUITE 301
PORTLAND, ME 04101**

Firm CRD#: **25938**

SRO	Category	Status	Date
B FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	01/02/2025

Branch Office Locations

DISTRIBUTION SERVICES, LLC

190 Middle Street
Suite 301
Portland, ME 04101

Employment 2 of 9

Firm Name: **FORESIDE FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC**

Main Office Address: **190 MIDDLE STREET
SUITE 301
PORTLAND, ME 04101**

Firm CRD#: **148477**

SRO	Category	Status	Date
B FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	08/25/2023

Branch Office Locations



Broker Qualifications

Employment 2 of 9, continued

FORESIDE FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC

190 Middle Street
Suite 301
Portland, ME 04101

Employment 3 of 9

Firm Name: **FORESIDE FUND SERVICES, LLC**

Main Office Address: **190 MIDDLE STREET
SUITE 301
PORTLAND, ME 04101**

Firm CRD#: **46106**

SRO	Category	Status	Date
B FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	08/25/2023
U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B Indiana	Agent	Approved	08/25/2023
B Maine	Agent	Approved	02/22/2024

Branch Office Locations

FORESIDE FUND SERVICES, LLC

190 Middle Street
Suite 301
Portland, ME 04101

Employment 4 of 9

Firm Name: **FORESIDE FUNDS DISTRIBUTORS LLC**

Main Office Address: **190 MIDDLE STREET
SUITE 301
PORTLAND, ME 04101**

Firm CRD#: **31334**



Broker Qualifications

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SRO	Category	Status	Date
B FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	08/25/2023

Branch Office Locations

FORESIDE FUNDS DISTRIBUTORS LLC

190 Middle Street
Suite 301
Portland, ME 04101

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Firm Name: **FORESIDE GLOBAL SERVICES, LLC**
Main Office Address: **190 MIDDLE STREET
SUITE 301
PORTLAND, ME 04101**
Firm CRD#: **147382**

SRO	Category	Status	Date
B FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	01/11/2024

Branch Office Locations

FORESIDE GLOBAL SERVICES, LLC

190 Middle Street
Suite 301
Portland, ME 04101

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Firm Name: **IMST DISTRIBUTORS, LLC**
Main Office Address: **190 MIDDLE STREET
SUITE 301
PORTLAND, ME 04101**
Firm CRD#: **130745**



Broker Qualifications

Employment 6 of 9, continued

SRO	Category	Status	Date
B FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	08/25/2023

Branch Office Locations

IMST DISTRIBUTORS, LLC

190 Middle Street
Suite 301
Portland, ME 04101

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Firm Name: **NORTHERN FUNDS DISTRIBUTORS, LLC**
Main Office Address: **190 MIDDLE STREET
SUITE 301
PORTLAND, ME 04101**
Firm CRD#: **45943**

SRO	Category	Status	Date
B FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	06/26/2025

Branch Office Locations

NORTHERN FUNDS DISTRIBUTORS, LLC

190 Middle Street
Suite 301
Portland, ME 04101

Employment 8 of 9

Firm Name: **PARNASSUS FUNDS DISTRIBUTOR, LLC**
Main Office Address: **190 MIDDLE STREET
SUITE 301
PORTLAND, ME 04101**
Firm CRD#: **15883**



Broker Qualifications

Employment 8 of 9, continued

SRO	Category	Status	Date
B FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	12/10/2024

Branch Office Locations

PARNASSUS FUNDS DISTRIBUTOR, LLC
190 Middle Street
Suite 301
Portland, ME 04101

Employment 9 of 9

Firm Name: **QUASAR DISTRIBUTORS, LLC**
Main Office Address: **190 MIDDLE STREET**
SUITE 301
PORTLAND, ME 04101
Firm CRD#: **103848**

SRO	Category	Status	Date
B FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	08/25/2023

Branch Office Locations

QUASAR DISTRIBUTORS, LLC
190 Middle Street
Suite 301
Portland, ME 04101



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	04/10/2017

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B IA Uniform Combined State Law Examination	Series 66	09/29/2017

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 08/2023 - 10/2023	COMPASS DISTRIBUTORS, LLC	172662	PORTLAND, ME
IA 03/2019 - 04/2023	ELEY-GRAHAM-AUSTGEN FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES	121635	MERRILLVILLE, IN
IA 05/2021 - 04/2023	CSENGE ADVISORY GROUP, LLC	131167	Crown Point, IN
B 04/2021 - 04/2023	LION STREET FINANCIAL, LLC	165828	Crown Point, IN
IA 11/2017 - 05/2021	FSC SECURITIES CORPORATION	7461	MERRILLVILLE, IN
B 04/2017 - 05/2021	FSC SECURITIES CORPORATION	7461	MERRILLVILLE, IN

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
06/2025 - Present	Northern Funds Distributors, LLC	Registered Representative	Y	Winfield, IN, United States
01/2025 - Present	Distribution Services, LLC	Registered Representative	Y	Winfield, IN, United States
12/2024 - Present	Parnassus Funds Distributor, LLC	Registered Representative	Y	Winfield, IN, United States
01/2024 - Present	FORESIDE GLOBAL SERVICES, LLC	Registered Representative	Y	Winfield, IN, United States
08/2023 - Present	Foreside Financial Services, LLC	Registered Representative	Y	Winfield, IN, United States
08/2023 - Present	Foreside Fund Services, LLC	Registered Representative	Y	Winfield, IN, United States
08/2023 - Present	Foreside Funds Distributors, LLC	Registered Representative	Y	Winfield, IN, United States



Registration and Employment History

Employment History, continued

Employment	Employer Name	Position	Investment Related	Employer Location
08/2023 - Present	IMST Distributors, LLC	Registered Representative	Y	Winfield, IN, United States
08/2023 - Present	Quasar Distributors, LLC	Registered Representative	Y	Winfield, IN, United States
07/2023 - Present	ACA Foreside	ETP Specialist	Y	Winfield, IN, United States
08/2023 - 09/2023	Compass Distributors, LLC	Registered Representative	Y	Portland, ME, United States
05/2021 - 04/2023	CSENGE ADVISORY GROUP, LLC	INVESTMENT ADVISER	Y	CLEARWATER, FL, United States
04/2021 - 04/2023	Lion Street Financial	Registered Representative	Y	Merrillville, IN, United States
01/2020 - 04/2023	Eley-Graham-Austgen Financial Advisory Services	Advisor Assistant	Y	Crown Point, IN, United States
02/2017 - 04/2021	FSC Securities Corp	Registered Representative	Y	Atlanta, GA, United States
07/2016 - 12/2019	Eley-Graham Financial Advisory Services	Advisor Assistant	Y	Merrillville, IN, United States
05/2006 - 10/2016	Papa John's	Instore/Manager/Delivery Driver	N	Schererville, IN, 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.



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:**
 - o A law enforcement agency must file formal charges before a broker is required to disclose a particular criminal event.
 - o 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:**
 - o 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
Criminal	0	1	0



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.

Criminal - Final Disposition

This type of disclosure event involves a criminal charge against the broker that has resulted in a conviction, acquittal, dismissal, or plea. The criminal matter may pertain to any felony or certain misdemeanor offenses, including bribery, perjury, forgery, counterfeiting, extortion, fraud, and wrongful taking of property.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source:	Broker
Formal Charges were brought in:	State Court
Name of Court:	Lake Superior Court, County Division 1
Location of Court:	Lake County, Indiana
Docket/Case #:	45D07-2404-F6-001136
Charge Date:	04/07/2024
Charge(s) 1 of 1	
Formal Charge(s)/Description:	Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated: Prior Conviction Within 7 Years
No of Counts:	1
Felony or Misdemeanor:	Felony
Plea for each charge:	Dismissed
Disposition of charge:	Dismissed
Date of Amended Charge:	04/29/2024
Charge was Amended or reduced to:	Felony charge was dismissed. Pled guilty to "Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated Endangering a Person" - a Class A Misdemeanor
Amended No of Counts:	1



Amended Charge:	Misdemeanor
Amended Plea:	Guilty
Disposition of Amended Charge:	Convicted
Current Status:	Final
Status Date:	04/29/2024
Disposition Date:	04/29/2024
Sentence/Penalty:	Probation: Start 4/29/2024 End: 4/23/2025

End of Report



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