

## BrokerCheck Report

### Melissa Rose Bickerstaff

CRD# 6976229

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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:
  - 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 additional information about the contents of this report, please refer to the User Guidance or [www.finra.org/brokercheck](http://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.](http://www.finra.org)



## Melissa R. Bickerstaff

CRD# 6976229

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

#### IA MOLOKAI ADVISORS

140 Broad Street  
Suite 200  
Red Bank, NJ 07701  
CRD# 336242  
Registered with this firm since: 02/12/2026

#### B UMERGENCE LLC

1006 S. MAIN ST.  
PLANTSVILLE, CT 06479  
CRD# 284368  
Registered with this firm since: 06/20/2023

## 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
- 3 U.S. states and territories

#### This broker has passed:

- 0 Principal/Supervisory Exams
- 3 General Industry/Product Exams
- 2 State Securities Law Exams

### Registration History

#### This broker was previously registered with the following securities firm(s):

#### IA BLOCK 3 STRATEGY GROUP

CRD# 323212  
DURHAM, NC  
09/2023 - 02/2024

#### B OLD CITY SECURITIES LLC

CRD# 171910  
NEW YORK, NY  
12/2022 - 05/2023

#### IA MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED

CRD# 7691  
NEW YORK, NY  
07/2019 - 09/2021

### 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**



## 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 3 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.**

#### Employment 1 of 2

Firm Name: **MOLOKAI ADVISORS**  
 Main Office Address: **140 BROAD STREET SUITE 200, OFFICE 231  
 RED BANK, NJ 07701**  
 Firm CRD#: **336242**

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
<b>IA</b>	New Jersey	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	02/12/2026

### Branch Office Locations

140 BROAD STREET SUITE 200, OFFICE 231  
 RED BANK, NJ 07701

140 Broad Street  
 Suite 200  
 Red Bank, NJ 07701

#### Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: **UMERGENCE LLC**  
 Main Office Address: **1006 S. MAIN ST.  
 PLANTSVILLE, CT 06479**  
 Firm CRD#: **284368**

	SRO	Category	Status	Date
<b>B</b>	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	06/20/2023



## Broker Qualifications

### Employment 2 of 2, continued

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	07/05/2023
B	New York	Agent	Approved	07/11/2023

### Branch Office Locations

**UMERGENCE LLC**  
1006 S. MAIN ST.  
PLANTSVILLE, CT 06479

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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. 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, 3 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>B</b> General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7TO	12/13/2022
<b>B</b> Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	11/15/2018
<b>B</b> General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	11/14/2018

### State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
<b>B IA</b> Uniform Combined State Law Examination	Series 66	06/25/2019
<b>B</b> Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	11/27/2018

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/](http://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
IA 09/2023 - 02/2024	BLOCK 3 STRATEGY GROUP	323212	DURHAM, NC
B 12/2022 - 05/2023	OLD CITY SECURITIES LLC	171910	NEW YORK, NY
IA 07/2019 - 09/2021	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	7691	BONITA SPRINGS, FL
B 05/2019 - 09/2021	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	7691	BONITA SPRINGS, FL
B 11/2018 - 05/2019	LOHI SECURITIES	36402	DENVER, CO

### 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
02/2026 - Present	MOLOKAI ADVISORS	FINANCIAL ADVISOR	Y	RED BANK, NJ, United States
06/2023 - Present	Umergence LLC	Registered Representative	Y	Plantsville, CT, United States
12/2022 - 05/2023	Old City Securities	Registered Representative	Y	New York, NY, United States
07/2018 - 04/2023	Nest Seekers International	NYS Licensed Real Estate Agent- referral agent	Y	New York, NY, United States
01/2022 - 11/2022	Merida Capital Holdings	Investor Relations	Y	New York, NY, United States
05/2019 - 09/2021	BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.	Financial Advisor Trainee - FADP	Y	BONITA SPRINGS, FL, United States
04/2019 - 09/2021	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	Financial Advisor Trainee - FADP	Y	BONITA SPRINGS, FL, United States



## Registration and Employment History

### Employment History, continued

Employment	Employer Name	Position	Investment Related	Employer Location
07/2018 - 04/2019	LoHi Securities	Registered Representative	Y	Denver, CO, United States
09/2017 - 04/2019	Hudson Capital Properties	Capital Markets Consultant	Y	New York, NY, United States
08/2015 - 03/2018	Keller Williams	Realtor	Y	New York, NY, United States
12/2007 - 12/2017	Self- Employed	International Model	N	NEW YORK, NY, United States
01/2017 - 10/2017	Crescala Fashion Development	Sales	N	New York, NY, United States
08/2015 - 09/2017	Elite Model Management	Owner	N	New York, NY, 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.

Company Name: Monarch Wild Media Address: Safety Harbor, FL Type of company/service provided: Media/Content Creation/Marketing Start Date: March 2023 Role / Title: Founder Hours per Week: 0-5 Company Name: Melrose Wild Consulting LLC Address: Tampa, FL Type of company/service provided: Business advising, permaculture design consulting, ESG advisory, circular systems design Start Date: May 2023 Role / Title: Consultant Hours per Month: 10-20 Nature / Purpose of Business: Adds value to my work as an investor relations director to help navigate adding more value to businesses with ESG metrics Company Name: PARADISIAC LLC Address: 13531 Southampton Drive, Bonita Springs, FL 34135 Type of company/service provided: Consumer Good Company - Fashion, home goods, and consumables Start Date: April 2011 Role / Title: CEO / Founder Hours per Week: 0 Nature / Purpose of Business: Wholesaler and retailer for consumer goods with ROC (Return on Community / ESG value / giveback model); Company Name: Molokai advisors Address: Red Bank, NJ Type of company/service provided: Financial Advisory Start Date: February 9, 2026 Role / Title: Financial Advisor Hours per Month: 10-15 Nature / Purpose of Business: Wealth Management and Advisory

## End of Report



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