

## BrokerCheck Report

**GREGORY AVON MASON**

CRD# 717196

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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](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).



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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
- 1 State Securities Law Exam

Registration History

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

**B** LIBERTY SECURITIES CORPORATION  
CRD# 14416  
PURCHASE, NY  
10/1997 - 11/2001

**B** INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL SECURITIES, INC.  
CRD# 19924  
09/1993 - 08/1998

**B** MARKETING ONE SECURITIES, INC.  
CRD# 16611  
PORTLAND, OR  
04/1992 - 11/1993

Disclosure Events

This broker has been involved in one or more disclosure events involving certain final criminal matters, regulatory actions, civil judicial proceedings, or arbitrations or civil litigations.

Are there events disclosed about this broker? **Yes**

The following types of disclosures have been reported:

| Type             | Count |
|------------------|-------|
| Regulatory Event | 1     |

## Broker Qualifications



### Registrations

This section provides the self-regulatory organizations (SROs), states and U.S. territories the broker is currently registered and licensed with, the category of each registration, and the date on which the registration became effective. This section also provides, for each firm with which the broker is currently employed, the address of each branch where the broker works.

This broker is not currently registered.



## 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>B</b> Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination | Series 6 | 04/22/1992 |
| <b>B</b> General Securities Representative Examination                             | Series 7 | 10/18/1980 |

### State Securities Law Exams

| Exam                                                    | Category  | Date       |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| <b>B</b> Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination | Series 63 | 05/28/1992 |

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 securities firms:

| Registration Dates         | Firm Name                                          | CRD#  | Branch Location |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| <b>B</b> 10/1997 - 11/2001 | LIBERTY SECURITIES CORPORATION                     | 14416 | PURCHASE, NY    |
| <b>B</b> 09/1993 - 08/1998 | INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL SECURITIES, INC.             | 19924 |                 |
| <b>B</b> 04/1992 - 11/1993 | MARKETING ONE SECURITIES, INC.                     | 16611 | PORTLAND, OR    |
| <b>B</b> 03/1988 - 03/1989 | HORNBLOWER FISCHER & CO.                           | 10885 |                 |
| <b>B</b> 10/1980 - 02/1988 | MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED | 7691  |                 |

### 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               |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| 10/1997 - Present | LIBERTY SECURITIES CORPORATION | NOT PROVIDED          | Y                  | LAKE SUCCESS, NY, United States |
| 03/1989 - Present | THE GREATER NEW YORK           | OTHER - ACCOUNT EXEC. | N                  | BROOKLYN, NY, United States     |

## Disclosure Events



**What you should know about reported disclosure events:**

- 1. Disclosure events in BrokerCheck reports come from different sources:**
  - As mentioned at the beginning of this report, information contained in BrokerCheck comes from brokers, their employing firms, and regulators. When more than one source reports information for the same disclosure event, all versions of the event will appear in the BrokerCheck report. The different versions are separated by a solid line with the reporting source labeled.

For your convenience, below is a matrix of the number and status of regulatory 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.

|                  | Final | On Appeal |
|------------------|-------|-----------|
| Regulatory Event | 1     | 0         |



## Disclosure Event Details

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.

### Regulatory - Final

This type of disclosure event involves a final, formal proceeding initiated by a regulatory authority (e.g., a state securities agency, self-regulatory organization, federal regulator such as the Securities and Exchange Commission, foreign financial regulatory body) for a violation of investment-related rules or regulations.

#### Disclosure 1 of 1

|                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Reporting Source:</b>                                                         | Regulator                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Regulatory Action Initiated By:</b>                                           | NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECURITIES DEALERS, INC.                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Sanction(s) Sought:</b>                                                       | Suspension                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Other Sanction(s) Sought:</b>                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Date Initiated:</b>                                                           | 12/09/2002                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Docket/Case Number:</b>                                                       | 8210-10020022                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Product Type:</b>                                                             | No Product                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Other Product Type(s):</b>                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Allegations:</b>                                                              | FAILURE TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION BY THE NASD UNDER NASD RULE 8210 AND TO TAKE CORRECTIVE ACTION WITHIN 20 DAYS AFTER SERVICE OF PRE-SUSPENSION NOTICE DATED DECEMBER 9, 2002.                                          |
| <b>Current Status:</b>                                                           | Final                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Resolution:</b>                                                               | Other                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Resolution Date:</b>                                                          | 06/10/2003                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Sanctions Ordered:</b>                                                        | Bar                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Other Sanctions Ordered:</b>                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Sanction Details:</b>                                                         | BARRED FROM ASSOCIATION WITH ANY NASD MEMBER IN ANY CAPACITY EFFECTIVE JUNE 10, 2003 PURSUANT TO NASD RULE 9544 AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NOTICE OF SUSPENSION FROM ASSOCIATION WITH ANY NASD MEMBER PURSUANT TO NASD RULE 9541(B). |



**Regulator Statement**

SUSPENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002 IN ANY CAPACITY PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF NASD RULE 9541(B). IF RESPONDENT FAILS TO REQUEST A HEARING TO CHALLENGE THE SUSPENSION WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF RECEIPT OF THE PRE-SUSPENSION NOTICE (12/09/02), HE WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE BARRED FROM ASSOCIATION WITH ANY MEMBER IN ANY CAPACITY.

## End of Report



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