

# **BrokerCheck Report**

# STEPHEN MICHAEL MAHER

CRD# 807523

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  same disclosure events mentioned above.
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- 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.
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### STEPHEN M. MAHER

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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:

- 2 Principal/Supervisory Exams
- 4 General Industry/Product Exams
- 1 State Securities Law Exam

## **Registration History**

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

- B 1ST DISCOUNT BROKERAGE, INC. CRD# 39164 ERIE, PA 06/2003 - 07/2008
- B ADVEST, INC. CRD# 10 HARTFORD, CT 11/1990 - 06/2003
- B LEHMAN BROTHERS INC. CRD# 7506 NEW YORK, NY 06/1989 - 12/1990

#### **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:

| Туре             | Count |  |
|------------------|-------|--|
| Regulatory Event | 2     |  |

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### **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 2 principal/supervisory exams, 4 general industry/product exams, and 1 state securities law exam.

## **Principal/Supervisory Exams**

| Exam |  | Category  | Date       |
|------|--|-----------|------------|
| B    | Registered Options Principal Examination | Series 4  | 07/14/1983 |
| B    | NYSE Branch Manager Examination          | Series 12 | 08/15/1981 |

### **General Industry/Product Exams**

| Exam              |                                  | Category   | Date       |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|------------|------------|
| B AMEX Put and    | Call Exam                        | PC         | 07/28/1982 |
| B Interest Rate C | Options Examination              | Series 5   | 12/12/1981 |
| B General Secur   | ities Representative Examination | Series 7   | 04/19/1975 |
| B General Secur   | ities Principal Examination      | Series 000 | 04/14/1969 |

#### **State Securities Law Exams**

| Exam |  | Category  | Date       |
|------|--|-----------|------------|
| В    | Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination | Series 63 | 03/01/1988 |

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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# **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:

| Reg | istration Dates   | Firm Name                             | CRD#  | Branch Location |
|-----|-------------------|---------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| B   | 06/2003 - 07/2008 | 1ST DISCOUNT BROKERAGE, INC.          | 39164 | ERIE, PA        |
| B   | 11/1990 - 06/2003 | ADVEST, INC.                          | 10    | HARTFORD, CT    |
| B   | 06/1989 - 12/1990 | LEHMAN BROTHERS INC.                  | 7506  | NEW YORK, NY    |
| B   | 02/1987 - 06/1989 | ADVEST, INC.                          | 10    | HARTFORD, CT    |
| B   | 03/1985 - 01/1987 | FSC SECURITIES CORPORATION            | 7461  |                 |
| B   | 04/1981 - 03/1985 | SHEARSON LEHMAN/AMERICAN EXPRESS INC. | 7506  |                 |
| B   | 10/1979 - 05/1981 | THOMSON MCKINNON SECURITIES INC.      | 829   |                 |
| B   | 07/1978 - 10/1979 | SHEARSON LOEB RHOADES INC.            | 7506  |                 |
| B   | 03/1976 - 08/1978 | BABBITT, MYERS & COMPANY, INC.        | 63    |                 |
| B   | 04/1975 - 05/1976 | KIDDER, PEABODY & CO., INCORPORATED   | 488   |                 |

# **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 | <b>Employer Location</b> |
|-------------------|------------------------------|--|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 06/2003 - Present | 1ST DISCOUNT BROKERAGE, INC. | INDEPENDENT<br>FINANCIAL<br>CONSULTANT | Y                  | ERIE, PA, United States  |

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### **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 | 2     | 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 2

Regulatory Action Initiated FINRA

By:

Sanction(s) Sought: Other: N/A

**Date Initiated:** 07/13/2009

**Docket/Case Number:** <u>200801</u>4350801

Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the

regulatory action:

1ST DISCOUNT BROKERAGE, INC.

Product Type: No Product

Allegations: NASD RULES 2110, 2370 AND INTERPRETATIVE MATERIAL-1000-1:

RESPONDENT STEPHEN M. MAHER BORROWED MONEY FROM CUSTOMERS IN CONTRAVENTION OF HIS FIRM'S WRITTEN POLICIES PROHIBITING REPRESENTATIVES FROM BORROWING MONEY FROM

CUSTOMERS AND WITHOUT NOTIFICATION TO HIS MEMBER FIRM. MAHER WILLFULLY FAILED TO AMEND HIS FORM U4 TO DISCLOSE MATERIAL

INFORMATION.

Current Status: Final

Resolution: Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)

Does the order constitute a No

Does the order constitute a final order based on

violations of any laws or regulations that prohibit fraudulent, manipulative, or

deceptive conduct?

Resolution Date: 07/13/2009



Sanctions Ordered:

Bar (Permanent)

No

If the regulator is the SEC, CFTC, or an SRO, did the action result in a finding of a willful violation or failure to supervise?

(1) willfully violated any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any of such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, or to have been unable to comply with any provision of such Act, rule or regulation?

(2) willfully aided, abetted, counseled, commanded, induced, or procured the violation by any person of any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the **Securities Exchange Act of** 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the **Investment Company Act of** 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any of such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board? or



(3) failed reasonably to supervise another person subject to your supervision, with a view to preventing the violation by such person of any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the **Securities Exchange Act of** 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the **Investment Company Act of** 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities **Rulemaking Board?** 

Sanction 1 of 1

Sanction Type: Bar (Permanent)
Capacities Affected: All Capacities

**Duration:** Indefinite

**Start Date:** 07/13/2009

**End Date:** 

Regulator Statement WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING THE FINDINGS, MAHER CONSENTED TO

THE DESCRIBED SANCTION AND TO THE ENTRY OF FINDINGS;

THEREFORE, HE IS BARRED FROM ASSOCIATION WITH ANY FINRA

MEMBER IN ANY CAPACITY.

THE SETTLEMENT INCLUDES A FINDING THAT MAHER WILLFULLY FAILED TO DISCLOSE A MATERIAL FACT ON A FORM U4, AND THAT UNDER SECTION 15(B)(4)(A) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 AND ARTICLE III, SECTION 4 OF THE FINRA BY-LAWS, THIS OMISSION MAKES HIM SUBJECT TO A STATUTORY DISQUALIFICATION WITH RESPECT TO

ASSOCIATION WITH A MEMBER.

Disclosure 2 of 2

Reporting Source: Regulator



**Regulatory Action Initiated** 

By:

PENNSYLVANIA CONTACT: COUNSEL JACK CHIAPPETTA (412)-565-5083

Sanction(s) Sought:

Bar

Other Sanction(s) Sought:

STEPHEN M. MAHER IS PERMANENTLY BARRED FROM REPRESENTING AN ISSUER OFFERING OR SELLING SECURITIES IN PA; ACTING AS A PROMOTER, OFFICER, DIRECTOR OR PARTNER OF AN ISSUER (OR AN INDIVIDUAL OCCUPYING A SIMILAR STATUS OR PERFORMING SIMILAR FUNCTIONS) OFFERING OR SELLING SECURITIES IN PA OR OF A PERSON WHO CONTROLS OR IS CONTROLLED BY SUCH ISSUER; AND FROM BEING REGISTERED AS A BROKER-DEALER, AGENT, INVESTMENT ADVISER, OR

INVESTMENT ADVISER REPRESENTATIVE.

**Date Initiated:** 10/07/2008

Docket/Case Number: 2008-08-06

Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the

regulatory action:

Product Type: Other

Other Product Type(s): LIMITED PARTNERSHIP UNITS

Allegations: STEPHEN M. MAHER (RESPONDENT) SIMULTANEOUSLY REPRESENTED

MORE THAN ONE BROKER-DEALER OR ISSUER, AND ENGAGED IN

DISHONEST OR UNETHICAL PRACTICES IN THE SECURITIES BUSINESS BY

EFFECTING SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS NOT RECORDED ON THE REGULAR BOOKS AND RECORDS OF THE BROKER-DEALER WHICH THE RESPONDENT REPRESENTED. RESPONDENT PARTICIPATED IN A PRIVATE SECURITIES TRANSACTION OUTSIDE RESPONDENT'S REGULAR SCOPE OF EMPLOYMENT AND BORROWED MONEY FROM THREE SECURITIES

CLIENTS THAT ARE PA RESIDENTS.

Current Status: Final

Resolution: Settled

Does the order constitute a final order based on violations of any laws or regulations that prohibit fraudulent, manipulative, or

Yes

deceptive conduct?

Resolution Date: 10/07/2008



Sanctions Ordered: Bar

**Other Sanctions Ordered:** 

Sanction Details: STEPHEN M. MAHER IS PERMANENTLY BARRED FROM REPRESENTING AN

ISSUER OFFERING OR SELLING SECURITIES IN PA; ACTING AS A

PROMOTER, OFFICER, DIRECTOR OR PARTNER OF AN ISSUER (OR AN INDIVIDUAL OCCUPYING A SIMILAR STATUS OR PERFORMING SIMILAR FUNCTIONS) OFFERING OR SELLING SECURITIES IN PA OR OF A PERSON WHO CONTROLS OR IS CONTROLLED BY SUCH ISSUER; AND FROM BEING REGISTERED AS A BROKER-DEALER, AGENT, INVESTMENT ADVISER, OR

INVESTMENT ADVISER REPRESENTATIVE.

Regulator Statement FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER ISSUED TO

STEPHEN M. MAHER.

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