BrokerCheck Report

BRIAN GRANT BROWN

CRD# 810068

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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. 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.

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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:

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

Registration History

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

B **OSAIC WEALTH, INC.**
CRD# 23131
Atlanta, GA
10/2024 - 12/2024

B **AMERICAN PORTFOLIOS FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.**
CRD# 18487
Atlanta, GA
10/2019 - 10/2024

B **THE STRATEGIC FINANCIAL ALLIANCE, INC.**
CRD# 126514
ATLANTA, GA
06/2010 - 10/2019

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
Customer Dispute	3

Investment Adviser Representative Information

The information below represents the individual's record as a broker. For details on this individual's record as an investment adviser representative, visit the SEC's Investment Adviser Public Disclosure website at
https://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov

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 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 1 principal/supervisory exam, 3 general industry/product exams, and 2 state securities law exams.

Principal/Supervisory Exams

	Exam	Category	Date
B	General Securities Principal Examination	Series 24	07/03/1989

General Industry/Product Exams

	Exam	Category	Date
B	Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	10/01/2018
B	General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	06/18/1983
B	Registered Representative Examination	Series 1	07/16/1975

State Securities Law Exams

	Exam	Category	Date
B IA	Uniform Combined State Law Examination	Series 66	07/26/2019
B	Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	08/07/1980

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	10/2024 - 12/2024	OSAIC WEALTH, INC.	23131	Atlanta, GA
B	10/2019 - 10/2024	AMERICAN PORTFOLIOS FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	18487	Atlanta, GA
B	06/2010 - 10/2019	THE STRATEGIC FINANCIAL ALLIANCE, INC.	126514	ATLANTA, GA
B	02/1982 - 06/2010	FSC SECURITIES CORPORATION	7461	ATLANTA, GA
B	05/1980 - 03/1982	PEBSCO SECURITIES CORP.	7110	
B	07/1980 - 03/1982	INTEGRATED RESOURCES EQUITY CORPORATION	6403	
B	07/1975 - 08/1979	SUNCAN EQUITY SERVICES COMPANY	5496	

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
11/2024 - Present	Opportunity Investment Group, LLC	Investment Advisor Representative / Solicitor	Y	Smyrna, GA, United States
10/2024 - Present	OSAIC WEALTH, INC.	Mass Transfer	Y	SCOTTSDALE, AZ, United States
10/2019 - 10/2024	American Portfolios Advisors, Inc.	Investment Advisor Representative	Y	Atlanta, GA, United States
10/2019 - 10/2024	American Portfolios Financial Services, Inc.	Registered Representative	Y	Atlanta, GA, United States
06/2010 - 10/2019	THE STRATEGIC FINANCIAL ALLIANCE, INC.	REGISTERED REP / IAR	Y	ATLANTA, GA, United States

Registration and Employment History

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.

FIXED INSURANCE, NOT INVESTMENT RELATED, 6100 LAKE FORREST DRIVE STE 485 ATLANTA GA 30328, FIXED INSURANCE AND ANNUITIES, AGENT, 01/2015, 10 HOURS/MONTH, DURING TRADING, AGENT.

AS128 Ministries; not investment related; $0 income; Board Member; bring in speakers to speak on religious topics.

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:**
   - A law enforcement agency must file formal charges before a broker is required to disclose a particular criminal event.
   - 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:**
   - 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:**
   - 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.
   - 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
Customer Dispute	0	3	N/A

Disclosure Event Details

When evaluating this information, please keep in mind that a discloure 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.

Customer Dispute - Settled

This type of disclosure event involves a consumer-initiated, investment-related complaint, arbitration proceeding or civil suit containing allegations of sale practice violations against the broker that resulted in a monetary settlement to the customer.

Disclosure 1 of 2

Reporting Source:	Broker
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	THE STRATEGIC FINANCIAL ALLIANCE, INC. and FSC SECURITIES CORPORATION
Allegations:	Claimants allege representative made material misrepresentations and omissions and sold unsuitable and fraudulent investments.
Product Type:	Direct Investment-DPP & LP Interests
Alleged Damages:	$60,000.00
Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):	Claimants allege they are facing damages of $60,000-$100,000 each

Arbitration Information

Arbitration/CFTC reparation claim filed with (FINRA, AAA, CFTC, etc.):	FINRA
Docket/Case #:	17-03331
Date Notice/Process Served:	12/15/2017
Arbitration Pending?	No
Disposition:	Settled
Disposition Date:	12/27/2018

Monetary Compensation Amount:	$100,000.00
Individual Contribution Amount:	$8,825.00
Broker Statement	Respondents deny all and any alleged wrongdoing.

Disclosure 2 of 2

Reporting Source:	Firm
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	FSC
Allegations:	CLAIMANTS ALLEGE UNSUITABLE REIT RECOMMENDATION'S.
Product Type:	Real Estate Security
Alleged Damages:	$1,000,000.00
Is this an oral complaint?	No
Is this a written complaint?	No
Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?	Yes
Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:	FINRA
Docket/Case #:	13-01780
Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation:	06/11/2013

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received:	06/26/2013
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Settled
Status Date:	02/18/2015
Settlement Amount:	$500,000.00
Individual Contribution Amount:	$0.00

Reporting Source:	Broker
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	FSC SECURITIES CORPORATION
Allegations:	MR. BROWN IS NOT NAMED AS A RESPONDENT, HOWEVER, THE STATEMENT OF CLAIM ACCUSES MR. BROWN OF MAKING UNSUITABLE RECOMMENDATIONS. IT ACCUSES FSC, THE RESPONDENT, OF FAILURE TO SUPERVISE MR. BROWN.
Product Type:	Direct Investment-DPP & LP Interests Oil & Gas Real Estate Security
Alleged Damages:	$1,000,000.00
Is this an oral complaint?	No
Is this a written complaint?	Yes
Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?	Yes
Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:	FINRA
Docket/Case #:	13-01780
Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation:	06/11/2013

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received:	03/03/2014
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Settled
Status Date:	02/18/2015
Settlement Amount:	$500,000.00
Individual Contribution Amount:	$0.00

Customer Dispute - Closed-No Action / Withdrawn / Dismissed / Denied

This type of disclosure event involves (1) a consumer-initiated, investment-related arbitration or civil suit containing allegations of sales practice violations against the individual broker that was dismissed, withdrawn, or denied; or (2) a consumer-initiated, investment-related written complaint containing allegations that the broker engaged in sales practice violations resulting in compensatory damages of at least $5,000, forgery, theft, or misappropriation, or conversion of funds or securities, which was closed without action, withdrawn, or denied.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source:	Broker
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	THE STRATEGIC FINANCIAL ALLIANCE, INC. ("SFA")
Allegations:	CLIENT WAS NOT HAPPY WITH THE PERFORMANCE IN HIS ACCOUNT. HE CHOSE TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH THE REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE BUT CHANGED HIS DISCRETIONARY MANAGED ACCOUNT TO A NON-DISCRETIONARY ACCOUNT.
Product Type:	Futures Commodity Oil & Gas Options
Alleged Damages:	$0.00
Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):	NO COMPENSATORY DAMAGES CLAIMED, LOSSES IN THE ACCOUNTS EXCEED $5000
Is this an oral complaint?	No
Is this a written complaint?	Yes
Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?	No

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received:	08/12/2013
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Closed/No Action
Status Date:	08/28/2013
Settlement Amount:	
Individual Contribution Amount:	

Broker Statement MR. BROWN IS THE JOINT REPRESENTATIVE ON THE ACCOUNT WITH BRODY BRAY.

End of Report

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