

## BrokerCheck Report

### ALLEN COHEN

CRD# 849258

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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).

**ALLEN COHEN**

CRD# 849258

**Currently employed by and registered with the following Firm(s):****IA VANDERBILT ADVISORY SERVICES**

468 South Pearl Street, Suite B  
Canandaigua, NY 14424  
CRD# 116537  
Registered with this firm since: 03/25/2025

**B VANDERBILT SECURITIES, LLC**

468 South Pearl Street, Suite B  
Canandaigua, NY 14424  
CRD# 5953  
Registered with this firm since: 03/25/2025

**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:**

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

**Registration History****This broker was previously registered with the following securities firm(s):****IA LPL FINANCIAL LLC**

CRD# 6413  
FORT MILL, SC  
09/2011 - 03/2025

**B LPL FINANCIAL LLC**

CRD# 6413  
CANANDAIGUA, NY  
09/2011 - 03/2025

**IA RBC CAPITAL MARKETS CORPORATION**

CRD# 31194  
NEW YORK, NY  
02/2006 - 06/2010

**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	4
Termination	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 3 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.**

### Employment 1 of 2

Firm Name: **VANDERBILT ADVISORY SERVICES**

Main Office Address: **125 FROEHLICH FARM BLVD.  
WOODBURY, NY 11797**

Firm CRD#: **116537**

U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
<b>IA</b> New York	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	03/25/2025

### Branch Office Locations

**125 FROEHLICH FARM BLVD.  
WOODBURY, NY 11797**

**468 South Pearl Street, Suite B  
Canandaigua, NY 14424**

### Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: **VANDERBILT SECURITIES, LLC**

Main Office Address: **125 FROEHLICH FARM BLVD.  
WOODBURY, NY 11797**

Firm CRD#: **5953**

SRO	Category	Status	Date
<b>B</b> FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	03/25/2025

## Broker Qualifications



### Employment 2 of 2, continued

U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B Florida	Agent	Approved	05/30/2025
B New York	Agent	Approved	03/25/2025
B Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	03/26/2025

### Branch Office Locations

**VANDERBILT SECURITIES, LLC**  
468 South Pearl Street, Suite B  
Canandaigua, NY 14424

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

#### Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
<b>B</b> General Securities Sales Supervisor Examination (Options Module & General Module)	Series 8	10/06/1993

#### General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
<b>B</b> Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	10/01/2018
<b>B</b> General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	02/18/1978

#### State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
<b>IA</b> Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination	Series 65	03/28/2006
<b>B</b> Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	08/22/1980

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/](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 09/2011 - 03/2025	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	6413	CANANDAIGUA, NY
B 09/2011 - 03/2025	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	6413	CANANDAIGUA, NY
IA 02/2006 - 06/2010	RBC CAPITAL MARKETS CORPORATION	31194	NAPLES, FL
B 06/2005 - 06/2010	RBC CAPITAL MARKETS CORPORATION	31194	NAPLES, FL
B 07/1998 - 07/2005	CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.	7059	NEW YORK, NY
B 01/1990 - 06/1998	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	7691	NEW YORK, NY
B 10/1989 - 01/1990	ESSEX CAPITAL MARKETS, INC.	11896	ROCHESTER, NY
B 12/1983 - 10/1989	DEAN WITTER REYNOLDS INC.	7556	PURCHASE, NY
B 03/1978 - 01/1984	PRUDENTIAL-BACHE SECURITIES INC.	7471	

## 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
03/2025 - Present	Vanderbilt Securities, LLC	Registered Representative	Y	Woodbury, NY, United States
09/2011 - 03/2025	LPL FINANCIAL	ADVISOR	Y	CANANDAIGUA, 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.

## Registration and Employment History



### Other Business Activities, continued

No information reported.

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## 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
Customer Dispute	1	3	N/A
Termination	N/A	1	N/A



## 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.

### 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:** Firm  
**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED  
**Allegations:** CUSTOMER ALLEGES FINANCIAL CONSULTANT FAILED TO FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING HIS ACCOUNT. CUSTOMER CLAIMS DAMAGES IN EXCESS OF \$635,000.00.

**Product Type:**

**Alleged Damages:**

#### Customer Complaint Information

**Date Complaint Received:** 10/09/1998

**Complaint Pending?** No

**Status:** Arbitration/Reparation

**Status Date:** 04/05/1999

**Settlement Amount:**

**Individual Contribution Amount:**

#### Arbitration Information



<b>Arbitration/Reparation Claim filed with and Docket/Case No.:</b>	NYSE; 1998-007349
<b>Date Notice/Process Served:</b>	10/13/1998
<b>Arbitration Pending?</b>	No
<b>Disposition:</b>	Settled
<b>Disposition Date:</b>	04/05/1999
<b>Monetary Compensation Amount:</b>	\$55,000.00
<b>Individual Contribution Amount:</b>	
<b>Firm Statement</b>	CLOSED. SETTLED FOR \$55,000 BY MERRILL LYNCH. MERRILL LYNCH SETTLED THE MATTER TO AVOID THE EXPENSES AND UNCERTAINTY OF LITIGATION. THE ALLEGATIONS ARE DENIED. THE ALLEGATIONS ARE DENIED.

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<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Broker
<b>Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:</b>	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED
<b>Allegations:</b>	SELLING NAKED PUTS/ UNSOLICITED SELLIN STOCK SHORT.
<b>Product Type:</b>	Other
<b>Other Product Type(s):</b>	STOCKS; OPTIONS

**Alleged Damages:****Customer Complaint Information**

<b>Date Complaint Received:</b>	10/09/1998
<b>Complaint Pending?</b>	No
<b>Status:</b>	Arbitration/Reparation
<b>Status Date:</b>	09/07/1999
<b>Settlement Amount:</b>	
<b>Individual Contribution Amount:</b>	



## Arbitration Information

<b>Arbitration/Reparation Claim filed with and Docket/Case No.:</b>	NYSE; 1998-007349
<b>Date Notice/Process Served:</b>	10/13/1998
<b>Arbitration Pending?</b>	No
<b>Disposition:</b>	Settled
<b>Disposition Date:</b>	04/05/1999
<b>Monetary Compensation Amount:</b>	\$55,000.00
<b>Individual Contribution Amount:</b>	\$0.00
<b>Broker Statement</b>	PAID BY MERRILL LYNCH, BROKER NEVER ADMITTED ANYTHING WRONG, STRONGLY OBJECTED TO SETTLEMENT ENTIRELY. SETTLED TO FORGO COURT COSTS.

## Disclosure 2 of 2

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Firm
<b>Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:</b>	DEAN WITTER
<b>Allegations:</b>	CUSTOMERS ALLEGED INTER ALIA, LACK OF SUITABILITY IN CONNECTION WITH INVESTMENT IN REAL ESTATE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP & HIGH YIELD BOND FUND. THEY REQUESTED \$30K IN DAMAGES.
<b>Product Type:</b>	
<b>Alleged Damages:</b>	\$30,000.00

## Customer Complaint Information

<b>Date Complaint Received:</b>	
<b>Complaint Pending?</b>	No
<b>Status:</b>	Arbitration/Reparation
<b>Status Date:</b>	
<b>Settlement Amount:</b>	

**Individual Contribution****Amount:****Arbitration Information**

**Arbitration/Reparation Claim filed with and Docket/Case No.:** National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.; 93-00320

**Date Notice/Process Served:** 03/01/1993

**Arbitration Pending?** No

**Disposition:** Settled

**Disposition Date:** 04/27/1993

**Monetary Compensation Amount:** \$15,100.00

**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$0.00

**Firm Statement** CUSTOMERS AGREED TO WITHDRAW THE STATEMENT OF CLAIM & CONVEY THEIR INTEREST IN THE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP BACK TO DEAN WITTER IN RETURN FOR A SETTLEMENT PAYMENT OF \$15,100. COHEN WASN'T ASKED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SETTLEMENT.  
N/A

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**Reporting Source:** Broker

**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** DEAN WITTER

**Allegations:** CUSTOMERS ALLEGED INTER ALIA, LACK OF SUITABILITY IN CONNECTION WITH INVESTMENT IN REAL ESTATE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP AND HIGH YIELD FUND. THEY REQUESTED \$3E0,000 IN DAMAGES.

**Product Type:**

**Alleged Damages:** \$30,000.00

**Customer Complaint Information**

**Date Complaint Received:**

**Complaint Pending?** No

**Status:** Arbitration/Reparation

**Status Date:****Settlement Amount:****Individual Contribution****Amount:****Arbitration Information**

**Arbitration/Reparation Claim filed with and Docket/Case No.:** National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.; 93-00320

**Date Notice/Process Served:** 03/01/1993

**Arbitration Pending?** No

**Disposition:** Settled

**Disposition Date:** 04/27/1993

**Monetary Compensation Amount:** \$15,100.00

**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$0.00

**Broker Statement**  
SETTLEMENT PAYMENT BY DEAN WITTER OF \$15,100.00.  
CUSTOMER AGREED TO WITHDRAW THE STATEMENT OF  
CLAIM AND CONVEY THEIR INTEREST IN THE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP BACK  
TO DEAN WITTER IN RETURN FOR A SETTLEMENT PAYMENT OF \$15,000.00.  
MR. COHEN WAS NOT ASKED TO CONTRIBUTE.



## 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:** Firm

**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** MERRILL LYNCH

**Allegations:** CLAIMANT ALLEGES EXCESSIVE TRADING. NO DAMAGE FIGURE ALLEGED. THIS OCCURRED AT MERRILL LYNCH.

**Product Type:**

**Alleged Damages:**

### Customer Complaint Information

**Date Complaint Received:** 02/16/1999

**Complaint Pending?** No

**Status:** Closed/No Action

**Status Date:** 02/23/1999

**Settlement Amount:**

**Individual Contribution Amount:**

**Firm Statement** CLOSED.  
CLOSED.

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**Reporting Source:** Broker

**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** MERRILL LYNCH

**Allegations:** CLAIMANT ALLEGES EXCESSIVE TRADING. NO DAMAGE FIGURE ALLEGED. THIS OCCURRED AT MERRILL LYNCH.  
ALLEGED AMOUNT = \$10,000

**Product Type:**



**Alleged Damages:**

**Customer Complaint Information**

**Date Complaint Received:** 02/16/1999

**Complaint Pending?** No

**Status:** Closed/No Action

**Status Date:** 02/23/1999

**Settlement Amount:**

**Individual Contribution**

**Amount:**

**Broker Statement** CLOSED  
NOT PROVIDED



## Customer Dispute - Pending

This type of disclosure event involves (1) a pending consumer-initiated, investment-related arbitration or civil suit that contains allegations of sales practice violations against the broker; or (2) a pending, 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.

### Disclosure 1 of 1

**Reporting Source:** Broker

**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** MERRILL LYNCH

**Allegations:** UNAUTHORIZED PURCHASE NOT AWARE OF THE NATURE OF THE INVESTMENTS FIRM: MERRILL LYNCH ALLEGED DAMAGES: \$7,000

**Product Type:**

**Alleged Damages:** \$7,000.00

### Customer Complaint Information

**Date Complaint Received:** 10/16/1998

**Complaint Pending?** Yes

**Settlement Amount:**

**Individual Contribution Amount:**

**Broker Statement** PENDING  
CLIENT BOUGHT MOSTLY SAME STOCKS AS HIS FRIEND WHO WAS A CLIENT OF MINE, BOUGHT THRU HIS MANAGED ACCOUNT. CLIENT WAS WELL AWARE THAT THE STOCK WERE SMALL CAP, TRADES DONE WERE 4 BUYS IN 1998 3 SELL 1998.



## Employment Separation After Allegations

This type of disclosure event involves a situation where the broker voluntarily resigned, was discharged, or was permitted to resign after being accused of (1) violating investment-related statutes, regulations, rules or industry standards of conduct; (2) fraud or the wrongful taking of property; or (3) failure to supervise in connection with investment-related statutes, regulations, rules, or industry standards of conduct.

### Disclosure 1 of 1

**Reporting Source:** Firm  
**Employer Name:** LPL FINANCIAL LLC  
**Termination Type:** Discharged  
**Termination Date:** 03/11/2025  
**Allegations:** Failed to provide notice and receive prior approval for participation in an outside business activity, and accepted loan from customer.

**Product Type:** No Product

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**Reporting Source:** Broker  
**Employer Name:** LPL FINANCIAL LLC  
**Termination Type:** Discharged  
**Termination Date:** 03/11/2025  
**Allegations:** Failed to provide notice and receive prior approval for participation in an outside business activity, and accepted loan from customer.

**Product Type:** No Product

## End of Report



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