

## **BrokerCheck Report**

## **KEITH GAINES DRAGO Sr**

CRD# 858785

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#### 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.
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- Are there other resources I can use to check the background of investment professionals?
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#### **KEITH G. DRAGO Sr**

CRD# 858785

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



3817 Gulf Shores Pkwy Ste 2 Gulf Shores, AL 36542 CRD# 6363

Registered with this firm since: 03/28/2019

# B AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC

4332 Boulevard Park S Mobile, AL 36609 CRD# 6363

Registered with this firm since: 03/28/2019

## **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
- 8 U.S. states and territories

#### This broker has passed:

- 3 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):

- B RAYMOND JAMES & ASSOCIATES, INC. CRD# 705 MOBILE, AL
  - 02/2013 03/2019
- A RAYMOND JAMES & ASSOCIATES, INC. CRD# 705
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ST. PETERSBURG, FL 02/2013 - 03/2019

🖪 MORGAN KEEGAN & COMPANY, INC.

CRD# 4161 MOBILE, AL 02/2007 - 02/2013

#### **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:

Туре	Count	
Regulatory Event	1	
Customer Dispute	1	
Termination	1	

### **Broker Qualifications**



Date

## 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.

Status

This individual is currently registered with 1 SRO and is licensed in 8 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.

## **Employment 1 of 1**

Firm Name: AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC

Main Office Address: 9013RD AVENUE SOUTH

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402

Category

Firm CRD#: **6363** 

SRO

	SKU	Category	Status	Date
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	03/28/2019
B	FINRA	General Securities Sales Supervisor	Approved	03/28/2019
B	FINRA	Investment Banking Representative	Approved	03/28/2019
	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Alabama	Agent	Approved	04/03/2019
IA	Alabama	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	04/03/2019
B	Alaska	Agent	Approved	04/17/2019
В	California	Agent	Approved	06/06/2024
B	Georgia	Agent	Approved	03/28/2019
B	Mississippi	Agent	Approved	04/04/2019
В	North Carolina	Agent	Approved	04/04/2023
B	Texas	Agent	Approved	05/09/2019
IA	Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Restricted Approval	03/28/2019
B	Wyoming	Agent	Approved	03/28/2019

## **Broker Qualifications**



## **Employment 1 of 1, continued**

## **Branch Office Locations**

AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC 4332 Boulevard Park S Mobile, AL 36609

AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC 3817 Gulf Shores Pkwy Ste 2 Gulf Shores, AL 36542

AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC Mobile, AL

### **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 3 principal/supervisory exams, 3 general industry/product exams, and 2 state securities law exams.

## **Principal/Supervisory Exams**

Exam		Category	Date
В	General Securities Sales Supervisor - General Module Examination	Series 10	01/02/2023
В	General Securities Sales Supervisor - Options Module Examination	Series 9	01/02/2023
В	General Securities Sales Supervisor Examination (Options Module & General Module)	Series 8	07/31/1987

## **General Industry/Product Exams**

Exam		Category	Date
В	Investment Banking Registered Representative Examination	Series 79TO	01/02/2023
B	Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	10/01/2018
B	General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	10/21/1978

### **State Securities Law Exams**

Exam		Category	Date
IA	Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination	Series 65	09/02/1992
В	Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	02/17/1984

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 firms:

Reg	istration Dates	Firm Name	CRD#	Branch Location
B	02/2013 - 03/2019	RAYMOND JAMES & ASSOCIATES, INC.	705	MOBILE, AL
IA	02/2013 - 03/2019	RAYMOND JAMES & ASSOCIATES, INC.	705	MOBILE, AL
B	02/2007 - 02/2013	MORGAN KEEGAN & COMPANY, INC.	4161	MOBILE, AL
IA	02/2007 - 02/2013	MORGAN KEEGAN & COMPANY, INC.	4161	MOBILE, AL
B	01/2002 - 03/2007	CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.	7059	MOBILE, AL
IA	01/2002 - 03/2007	CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.	7059	MOBILE, AL
В	10/1988 - 01/2002	THE ROBINSON-HUMPHREY COMPANY, LLC	723	ATLANTA, GA
B	05/1988 - 10/1988	SHEARSON LEHMAN HUTTON INC.	7506	
B	04/1986 - 05/1988	E. F. HUTTON & COMPANY INC	235	
B	04/1986 - 04/1986	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	7691	NEW YORK, NY
B	11/1978 - 04/1986	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	<b>Employer Location</b>
03/2020 - Present	Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC	Registered Rep	Υ	Mobile, AL, United States
03/2019 - 03/2020	Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc.	Registered Representative	Υ	Mobile, AL, United States
02/2013 - 03/2019	RAYMOND JAMES & ASSOCIATES, INC.	REGISTERED ASSOCIATE	Υ	MOBILE, AL, United States

## **Registration and Employment History**



## **Employment History, continued**

Employment Employer Name Position Investment Related Employer Location

#### **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.

No information reported.

#### **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.
- 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.

#### 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.

#### 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
Regulatory Event	0	1	0
Customer Dispute	0	1	N/A
Termination	N/A	1	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.

#### Regulatory - Final

This type of disclosure event may involve (1) a final, formal proceeding initiated by a regulatory authority (e.g., a state securities agency, self-regulatory organization, federal regulatory such as the Securities and Exchange Commission, foreign financial regulatory body) for a violation of investment-related rules or regulations; or (2) a revocation or suspension of a broker's authority to act as an attorney, accountant, or federal contractor.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Regulatory Action Initiated FINRA

By:

Sanction(s) Sought:

**Date Initiated:** 07/31/2020

**Docket/Case Number:** 2019062068401

Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:

Raymond James & Associates, Inc.

Product Type: No Product

**Allegations:** Without admitting or denying the findings, Drago consented to the sanctions and to

the entry of findings that he borrowed \$25,000 from his member firm customer without prior notice to, or obtaining prior written approval from, the firm. The findings stated that Drago falsely stated on two firm compliance certifications that he had not engaged in any lending or borrowing arrangement with any firm

customer.

Current Status: Final

**Resolution:** Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)



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

No

Resolution Date: 07/31/2020

Sanctions Ordered: Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

Suspension

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? No

(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: Suspension

Capacities Affected: All capacities

**Duration:** 35 days

**Start Date:** 08/17/2020

**End Date:** 09/20/2020



Monetary Sanction 1 of 1

**Monetary Related Sanction:** Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

**Total Amount:** \$5,000.00

Portion Levied against

individual:

\$5,000.00

Payment Plan:

**Is Payment Plan Current:** 

**Date Paid by individual:** 08/10/2020

Was any portion of penalty

waived?

No

**Amount Waived:** 

**Regulator Statement** Fines paid in full on August 10, 2020.

Reporting Source: Broker
Regulatory Action Initiated FINRA

Regulatory Action Initiated By:

Dy.

Sanction(s) Sought:

**Date Initiated:** 07/31/2020

**Docket/Case Number:** <u>2019062068401</u>

Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the

regulatory action:

Raymond James & Associates, Inc.

Product Type: No Product

**Allegations:** Without admitting or denying the findings, Drago consented to the sanctions and to

the entry of findings that he borrowed \$25,000 from his member firm customer without prior notice to, or obtaining prior written approval from, the firm. The findings stated that Drago falsely stated on two firm compliance certifications that he had not engaged in any lending or borrowing arrangement with any firm

customer.

Current Status: Final

Resolution: Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)



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

No

Resolution Date: 07/31/2020

Sanctions Ordered: Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

Suspension

Sanction 1 of 1

Sanction Type: Suspension

Capacities Affected: All Capacities

**Duration:** 35 Days

**Start Date:** 08/17/2020

**End Date:** 09/20/2020

Monetary Sanction 1 of 1

Monetary Related Sanction: Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

**Total Amount:** \$5,000.00

**Portion Levied against** 

individual:

\$5,000.00

**Payment Plan:** 

Is Payment Plan Current: Yes

**Date Paid by individual:** 08/11/2020

Was any portion of penalty

waived?

No

**Amount Waived:** 



#### **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 1

Reporting Source: Firm

Employing firm when

MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INC.

activities occurred which led

to the complaint:

Allegations:

IT WAS ALLEGED THAT CERTAIN MATERIAL FACTS WERE NOT DISCLOSED

IN CONNECTION WITH THE PLANTIFFS PURCHASE

THROUGH MERRILL LYNCH OF TWO SINGLE PREMIUM VARIABLE LIFE

INSURANCE POLICIES (15) YEARS AGO IN 1984.

Product Type: Insurance

Alleged Damages: \$0.00

**Customer Complaint Information** 

Date Complaint Received: 01/22/1999

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Litigation

**Status Date:** 04/28/2000

**Settlement Amount:** 

**Individual Contribution** 

**Amount:** 

**Civil Litigation Information** 

Court Details: CIRCUIT COURT OF MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA, CASE NO. CV-98-3914

Date Notice/Process Served: 01/22/1999

**Litigation Pending?** No

**Disposition:** Settled

**Disposition Date:** 04/28/2000

**Monetary Compensation** 

\$48,780.00

Amount:

Individual Contribution

\$0.00

Amount:



Firm Statement MR. DRAGO DENIES THE ALLEGATIONS IN THAT HE DID NOT SELL THE

INSURANCE POLICIES TO THE PLAINTIFFS. IN FACT, MR. DRAGO DID NOT

CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY TO THE SETTLEMENT OF THIS CASE.

Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led

MERRILL LYNCH

to the complaint:

Allegations:

IT IS ALLEGED THAT CERTAIN MATERIAL FACTS

WERE NOT DISCLOSED IN CONNECTION WITH THE PLAINTIFFS PURCHASE

THROUGH MERRILL LYNCH OF TWO SINGLE PREMIUM VARIABLE LIFE

INSURANCE POLICIES (15) YEARS AGO IN 1984.

Product Type: Other

**Alleged Damages:** 

**Customer Complaint Information** 

**Date Complaint Received:** 01/22/1999

**Complaint Pending?** No

Status: Litigation

**Status Date:** 01/22/1999

**Settlement Amount:** 

**Individual Contribution** 

**Amount:** 

**Civil Litigation Information** 

Court Details: CV-98-3914

Date Notice/Process Served: 01/22/1999

**Litigation Pending?** No

**Disposition:** Settled

**Disposition Date:** 04/28/2000

**Monetary Compensation** 

\$48,780.00

Amount:

Individual Contribution \$0.00

Amount:



**Broker Statement** 

MR. DRAGO DENIES THE ALLEGATIONS IN THAT HE DID NOT SELL THE INSURANCE POLICIES TO THE PLAINTIFFS. IN FACT, MR. DRAGO DID NOT CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY TO THE SETTLEMENT OF THIS CASE.



#### **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: RAYMOND JAMES & ASSOCIATES

Termination Type: Discharged

Termination Date: 03/06/2019

Allegations: Terminated after internal review uncovered evidence indicating that Registered

Representative entered into an unapproved lending arrangement with a customer

in violation of firm policy prohibiting such arrangements. Registered

Representative denied that such an arrangement existed between him and his

client.

Product Type: No Product

**Reporting Source:** Broker

**Employer Name:** RAYMOND JAMES & ASSOCIATES

Termination Type: Discharged

**Termination Date:** 03/06/2019

Allegations: Terminated after internal review uncovered evidence indicating that Registered

Representative entered into an unapproved lending arrangement with a customer

in violation of firm policy prohibiting such arrangements. Registered

Representative denied that such an arrangement existed between him and his

client.

Product Type: No Product

## **End of Report**



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