

BrokerCheck Report

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CRD# 2189969

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

B MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED
 1 TOWN CENTER RD
 BOCA RATON, FL 33486
 CRD# 7691
 Registered with this firm since: 12/10/1991

IA MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED
 1 TOWN CENTER RD
 BOCA RATON, FL 33486
 CRD# 7691
 Registered with this firm since: 12/17/1991

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:**

- 9 Self-Regulatory Organizations
- 37 U.S. states and territories

This broker has passed:

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

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

No information reported.

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? **No**



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 9 SROs and is licensed in 37 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.

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Firm Name: **MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED**

Main Office Address: **ONE BRYANT PARK
NEW YORK, NY 10036**

Firm CRD#: **7691**

	SRO	Category	Status	Date
B	Cboe BYX Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	05/15/2014
B	Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	05/15/2014
B	Cboe EDGA Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	05/15/2014
B	Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	05/15/2014
B	Cboe Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	12/10/1991
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	12/10/1991
B	Investors' Exchange LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	08/19/2016
B	Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Representative	Approved	07/12/2006
B	New York Stock Exchange	General Securities Representative	Approved	02/03/1992

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Alabama	Agent	Approved	03/09/2001
B	Arizona	Agent	Approved	06/02/2015
B	California	Agent	Approved	05/29/1996
B	Colorado	Agent	Approved	01/04/1994

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	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Connecticut	Agent	Approved	09/10/2015
B	District of Columbia	Agent	Approved	01/23/2017
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	12/17/1991
IA	Florida	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	12/17/1991
B	Georgia	Agent	Approved	07/20/1995
B	Hawaii	Agent	Approved	01/15/2010
B	Idaho	Agent	Approved	02/02/2023
B	Illinois	Agent	Approved	01/16/1992
B	Indiana	Agent	Approved	02/01/2002
B	Louisiana	Agent	Approved	10/05/2006
B	Maine	Agent	Approved	06/16/2016
B	Maryland	Agent	Approved	06/05/2007
B	Massachusetts	Agent	Approved	05/02/2002
B	Michigan	Agent	Approved	01/24/2023
B	Minnesota	Agent	Approved	02/21/2007
B	Missouri	Agent	Approved	08/11/2015
B	Nebraska	Agent	Approved	07/25/2006
B	New Jersey	Agent	Approved	08/22/1995
B	New Mexico	Agent	Approved	06/27/1995
B	New York	Agent	Approved	01/03/1996
B	North Carolina	Agent	Approved	03/24/1994



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	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Ohio	Agent	Approved	03/01/2002
B	Oregon	Agent	Approved	08/04/2004
B	Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	01/26/2005
B	Puerto Rico	Agent	Approved	10/03/2014
B	South Carolina	Agent	Approved	08/06/2008
B	Tennessee	Agent	Approved	05/20/2009
B	Texas	Agent	Approved	01/11/2005
IA	Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Restricted Approval	01/14/2005
B	Utah	Agent	Approved	03/03/2015
B	Vermont	Agent	Approved	03/31/2023
B	Virginia	Agent	Approved	07/16/1997
B	Washington	Agent	Approved	01/05/1996
B	Wisconsin	Agent	Approved	05/24/2022
B	Wyoming	Agent	Approved	04/24/2023

Branch Office Locations

MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED
 1 TOWN CENTER RD
 BOCA RATON, FL 33486



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.

This individual has passed 0 principal/supervisory exams, 2 general industry/product exams, and 2 state securities law exams.

Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
No information reported.		

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	10/01/2018
B General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	12/09/1991

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
IA Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination	Series 65	07/06/1994
B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	12/18/1991

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
No information reported.			

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
04/2011 - Present	BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.	Wealth Management Advisor	Y	BOCA RATON, FL, United States
10/1991 - Present	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	WEALTH MANAGEMENT ADVISOR	Y	BOCA RATON, FL, 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.

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For profit or not for profit: For-Profit Organization

Name of outside business organization: Lisa's Dream LLC

Investment related: N

Address of business:

Boca Raton, Florida 33486

Nature of business: LLC,

Position, title, association: Other, manager paying bills

Start date of relationship: 5/1/2014

Number of hours devoted: 1 hour(s) Monthly

Number of hours devoted during trading hours: 0

Duties: created LLC to own real estate & pay any expenses

End of Report



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