

BrokerCheck Report

LAURENCE ISAAC BALTER

CRD# 4315669

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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.](http://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
- 1 General Industry/Product Exam
- 2 State Securities Law Exams

Registration History

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

LPL FINANCIAL CORPORATION

CRD# 6413
FOX ISLAND, WA
02/2003 - 09/2010

EDWARD JONES

CRD# 250
ST. LOUIS, MO
01/2001 - 02/2003

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
Regulatory Event	1
Customer Dispute	2

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.

This individual has passed 1 principal/supervisory exam, 1 general industry/product exam, and 2 state securities law exams.

Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
General Securities Principal Examination	Series 24	05/17/2003

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	01/30/2001

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	02/02/2001
Uniform Combined State Law Examination	Series 66	09/13/2002

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/.



Registration and Employment History

Registration History

The broker previously was registered with the following firms:

Registration Dates	Firm Name	CRD#	Branch Location
02/2003 - 09/2010	LPL FINANCIAL CORPORATION	6413	FOX ISLAND, WA
01/2001 - 02/2003	EDWARD JONES	250	ST. LOUIS, MO

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 Dates	Employer Name	Employer Location
02/2003 - Present	LINSCO PRIVATE LEDGER	LAHAINA, HI

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:**
 - 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
Regulatory Event	1	0	0



Customer Dispute	0	2	N/A
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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.

Regulatory - Pending

This type of disclosure event involves a pending formal proceeding initiated by a regulatory authority (e.g., a state securities agency, self-regulatory organization, federal regulatory agency such as the Securities and Exchange Commission, foreign financial regulatory body) for alleged violations of investment-related rules or regulations.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source:	Regulator
Regulatory Action Initiated By:	UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Sanction(s) Sought:	Other: n/a
Date Initiated:	10/04/2016
Docket/Case Number:	3-17614
Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:	Oracle Investment Research
Product Type:	Other: family of funds
Allegations:	SEC Admin Release 33-10228/34-79032/IA Release 4545/Investment Company Act Release 32301/October 4, 2016: The Securities and Exchange Commission (Commission) deems it appropriate and in the public interest that public administrative and cease-and-desist proceedings be, and hereby are, instituted pursuant to Section 8A of the Securities Act of 1933 (Securities Act), Section 21C of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Exchange Act), Sections 203(f) and 203(k) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (Advisers Act), and Sections 9(b) and 9(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (Investment Company Act) against Laurence I. Balter doing business as Oracle Investment Research. This proceeding involves multiple breaches of fiduciary duty and violations of the antifraud provisions of the federal securities laws from January 2011 to April 2014 by Balter, a formerly



registered investment adviser to the Oracle Mutual Fund (the Fund) and between 100 and 120 separate accounts (Separately Managed Accounts or SMAs). Balter engaged in three distinct schemes. First, he fraudulently allocated profitable trades to his own accounts to the detriment of several client accounts. Second, Balter falsely told his SMA clients who invested in the Fund that they would not pay both advisory fees and Fund management fees for the portions of their accounts invested in the Fund. Third, Balter made trades for the Fund that deviated from two of its fundamental investment limitations. Together, the violations caused significant harm to Balter's clients. By virtue of this conduct, Balter willfully violated Section 17(a) of the Securities Act, Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 thereunder, Sections 206(1), 206(2), 206(4) and 207 of the Advisers Act and Rule 206(4)-8 thereunder, and Section 34(b) of the Investment Company Act. Balter also willfully aided and abetted and caused the Fund's violations of Sections 13(a) and 34(b) of the Investment Company Act.

Current Status:

Pending



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:	LPL FINANCIAL
Allegations:	CUSTOMERS ALLEGES UNSUITABLE INVESTMENTS AND UNAUTHORIZED SUBSEQUENT SALE OF RADIAN STOCK IN NOVEMBER OF 2008 IN ADVISORY AND BROKERAGE ACCOUNTS, RESULTING IN LOSSES OF APPROXIMATELY \$254,000.00. CUSTOMERS ALSO ALLEGE LOST INVESTMENT GAIN OPPORTUNITY, HAD THEY MAINTAINED THOSE SHARES OVER AN EIGHTEEN-MONTH TIME PERIOD OF \$709,800.00. REPRESENTATIVE DENIES ALL ALLEGATIONS, AND DENIES CLAIMS OF ANY LOSSES TO CUSTOMERS.
Product Type:	Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)
Alleged Damages:	\$253,783.16
Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):	CUSTOMERS ALLEGE THIS AMOUNT AS THEIR LOSS AMOUNT, AND FURTHER CLAIM LOST OPPORTUNITY OF \$709,800.00, HAD THEY HELD THEIR SHARES FOR EIGHTEEN MONTHS.
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:	10/29/2009
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Evolved into Arbitration/CFTC reparation (the individual is a named party)
Status Date:	12/13/2010
Settlement Amount:	
Individual Contribution Amount:	



Arbitration Information

Arbitration/CFTC reparation claim filed with (FINRA, AAA, CFTC, etc.):

FINRA

Docket/Case #: 10-05316

Date Notice/Process Served: 12/13/2010

Arbitration Pending? No

Disposition: Settled

Disposition Date: 04/20/2011

Monetary Compensation Amount: \$249,188.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$15,000.00

Firm Statement

THIS MATTER WAS RESOLVED AS A BUSINESS DECISION AND WITHOUT ANY ADMISSION OF LIABILITY. ALL CLAIMS ASSERTED WERE, ARE AND REMAIN, DENIED AT ALL TIMES, AS REPRESENTATIVE MAINTAINS THAT INVESTMENTS WERE SUITABLE, AND SALES WERE AUTHORIZED AND APPROPRIATE, GIVEN THEN-EXISTING DETERIORATING MARKET CONDITIONS AND CONCERNS.

Disclosure 2 of 2

Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: LPL FINANCIAL

Allegations: COMPLAINANTS ALLEGED THAT REP MISMANAGED THEIR FUNDS AND THEREBY CAUSED THEM TO SUSTAIN UNNECESSARY FEES AND CHARGES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,295.78.

Product Type: Annuity-Variable

Alleged Damages: \$5,295.78

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:	06/02/2008
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Settled
Status Date:	06/28/2008
Settlement Amount:	\$5,295.78
Individual Contribution Amount:	\$5,295.78

End of Report



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