

## **BrokerCheck Report**

## **LAURA ORTEGA SHEAN**

CRD# 2628756

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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:

- 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.

## 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.

www.finra.org/brokercheck User Guidance

## **LAURA O. SHEAN**

CRD# 2628756

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
- 3 State Securities Law Exams

#### **Registration History**

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

#### LPL FINANCIAL LLC

CRD# 6413 MEDFORD, OR 03/1999 - 11/2017

# MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED

CRD# 7691 NEW YORK, NY 03/1996 - 03/1999

#### **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	
Investigation	1	
Customer Dispute	1	
Termination	1	

# 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

www.finra.org/brokercheck
User Guidance

## **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 3 state securities law exams.

## **Principal/Supervisory Exams**

General Industry/Product Exams	Catagory	Data
General Securities Principal Examination	Series 24	04/26/2000
Exam	Category	Date

Exam	Category	Date
General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	03/04/1996

#### **State Securities Law Exams**

Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination Series 63 09/	08/1995
Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination Series 65 02/	13/1996
Uniform Combined State Law Examination Series 66 05/	21/2003

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	s Firm Name	CRD#	Branch Location
03/1999 - 11/2017	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	6413	MEDFORD, OR
03/1996 - 03/1999	MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED	7691	NEW YORK, NY

## **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.

<b>Employment Dates</b>	Employer Name	Employer Location
03/1999 - Present	LINSCO/PRIVATE LEDGER CORP.	MEDFORD, OR

#### **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.

- 1. 9/1/2011: OTHER-NOTARY PROVIDE NOTARY SERVICES FOR CLIENTS. I DO NOT CHARGE FOR THIS SERVICE. NOT INVESTMENT RELATED TIME SPENT 0% MEDFORD, OR.
- 2. 9/12/2011: NON-VARIABLE INSURANCE POTENTIAL SALES OF LIFE, HEALTH, DISABILITY,. LONG TERM CARE & FIXED ANNUITIES. INVESTMENT RELATED TIME SPENT 1% MEDFORD, OR.
- 3. 8/5/2014: OTHER-DIRECTOR ROLE ORTEGA ORCHARDS INC NOT INVESTMENT RELATED 0 HOURS PER MONTH HOOD RIVER, OR.
- 4. 11/3/2014: REAL ESTATE RENTAL SHEAN PROPERTIES LLC BUSINESS CONDO STARTED 08/20/10 INVESTMENT RELATED 1 HOUR PER MONTH/0 HOURS DURING TRADING MEDFORD, OR.

#### **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.
- 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
Regulatory Event	1	0	0



Customer Dispute	0	1	N/A
Investigation	1	N/A	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 - 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

Bv:

Reporting Source: Firm

**Regulatory Action Initiated** 

Oregon Division of Financial Regulation

Sanction(s) Sought:

Cease and Desist

Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

Denial Revocation

Other: Pending sanctions listed below.

**Date Initiated:** 

12/22/2017

Docket/Case Number:

S-17-0156

Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the

regulatory action:

LPL Financial LLC

**Product Type:** 

No Product

Allegations:

From March 2017 through October 2017, Ms. Shean caused six unauthorized transfers of funds totaling \$124,402.83 from a customer's account, without the customers knowledge or consent, and transferred those funds to the IRS for the benefit of herself. These unauthorized transactions and misappropriation of funds violate Oregon Revised Statutes 59.135(2). The Oregon Division of Financial

Regulation issued a Notice Order on December 22, 2017.

**Current Status:** 

Pending



Resolution: Pending sanctions listed below.

**Resolution Date:** 

**Firm Statement** 

Pending actions: Notice of Proposed Revocation of Investment Adviser Representative, Salesperson and Insurance Producer Licenses; Notice of

Proposed Civil Penalties; Proposed Order Denying Use of Exemptions; and Notice

of Right to an Administrative Hearing.



#### Investigation

This type of disclosure event involves any ongoing formal investigation by an entity such as a grand jury state or federal agency, self-regulatory organization or foreign regulatory authority. Subpoenas, preliminary or routine regulatory inquiries, and general requests by a regulatory entity for information are not considered investigations and therefore are not included in a BrokerCheck report.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source: Regulator

Initiated By: FINRA

**Notice Date:** 02/22/2018

**Details:** Wells Notice examination #20170562369: FINRA made a preliminary

determination to recommend that disciplinary action be brought against Laura Shean alleging potential violations, specifically, FINRA Rules 2150(a), 2020, 2010, and willful violations of Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and

Rule 10b-5.

Is Investigation pending? Yes



## 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:

LINSCO / PRIVATE LEDGER CORP.

Allegations:

CUSTOMER COMPLAINS THAT 401(K) PLAN TRANSACTIONS WERE NOT ALL

MADE AT NAV AS REPRESENTED BY MS. SHEAN. ALLEGED

COMPENSATORY DAMAGES WERE NOT SPECIFIED, BUT BELIEVED TO BE

GREATER THAN \$5000.

**Product Type:** Mutual Fund(s)

**Alleged Damages:** 

**Customer Complaint Information** 

Date Complaint Received: 02/14/2005

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Closed/No Action

**Status Date:** 10/24/2005

**Settlement Amount:** 

**Individual Contribution** 

**Amount:** 

Broker Statement REIMBURSEMENT MADE TO 401(K) PLAN OF \$32,502.85 WITHOUT

SETTLEMENT AND NO CONTRIBUTION FROM MS. SHEAN. NO RESPONSE

TO OCTOBER 17 CORRESPONDENCE TO CUSTOMER REQUESTING

WHETHER ISSUE IS CONSIDERED SETTLED.



## **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:** 11/02/2017

Allegations: Registered Representative terminated after admitting to accessing one client's

funds for personal use.

Product Type: No Product

## **End of Report**



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