

# **BrokerCheck Report**

# **GEORGE ANTHONY ZEDAN**

CRD# 3073261

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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 http://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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#### **GEORGE A. ZEDAN**

CRD# 3073261

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

# WESTERN INTERNATIONAL SECURITIES, INC.

450 NORTH BRAND BOULEVARD SUITE 650 GLENDALE, CA 91203 CRD# 39262

Registered with this firm since: 04/02/2013

# WESTERN INTERNATIONAL SECURITIES, INC.

2555 TOWNSGATE ROAD #300 WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA 91361 CRD# 39262

Registered with this firm since: 04/02/2013

# **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
- 1 U.S. state or territory

#### This broker has passed:

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

#### **Registration History**

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

#### LPL FINANCIAL LLC

CRD# 6413 GLENDALE, CA 04/2004 - 04/2013

#### WM FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.

CRD# 599 IRVINE, CA 09/1999 - 04/2004

# AMERICAN EXPRESS FINANCIAL ADVISORS INC.

CRD# 6363 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 09/1998 - 10/1999

#### **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	
Criminal	1	
Investigation	1	
Customer Dispute	1	
Judgment/Lien	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 1 U.S. state or territory through his or her employer.

## **Employment 1 of 1**

Firm Name: WESTERN INTERNATIONAL SECURITIES, INC.

Main Office Address: 70 SOUTH LAKE AVENUE

**SUITE 700** 

PASADENA, CA 91101

Firm CRD#: **39262** 

SRO	Category	Status	Date
FINRA	General Securities Principal	APPROVED	04/02/2013
FINRA	General Securities Representative	APPROVED	04/02/2013

U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
California	Agent	APPROVED	04/02/2013

### **Branch Office Locations**

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL SECURITIES, INC. 450 NORTH BRAND BOULEVARD SUITE 650 GLENDALE, CA 91203

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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.

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

## **Principal/Supervisory Exams**

Exam	Category	Date
General Securities Principal Examination	Series 24	06/26/2008
General Industry/Product Exams		
Exam	Category	Date
General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	09/04/1998
State Securities Law Exams		
Exam	Category	Date
Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	08/17/1998

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
04/2004 - 04/2013	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	6413	GLENDALE, CA
09/1999 - 04/2004	WM FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	599	IRVINE, CA
09/1998 - 10/1999	AMERICAN EXPRESS FINANCIAL ADVISORS INC.	6363	MINNEAPOLIS, MN
09/1998 - 10/1999	IDS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	6321	MINNEAPOLIS, MN

# **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
04/2013 - Present	WESTERN INTERNATIONAL SECURITIES, INC	PASADENA, CA
04/2004 - 04/2013	LINSCO PRIVATE LEDGER	GLENDALE, CA

#### **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.

09/1998-PRESENT; LIFE INSURANCE; NIR;40/40/HRS/MO; 11503 BEVERLY BLVD WHITTIER, CA;

#### **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.

#### 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
Criminal	0	1	0

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Customer Dispute	0	1	N/A
Investigation	1	N/A	N/A
Judgment/Lien	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.

# **Criminal - Final Disposition**

This type of disclosure event involves a criminal charge against the broker that has resulted in a conviction, acquittal, dismissal, or plea. The criminal matter may pertain to any felony or certain misdemeanor offenses, including bribery, perjury, forgery, counterfeiting, extortion, fraud, and wrongful taking of property.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source: Firm

Formal Charges were

brought in:

State Court

Name of Court: GLENDALE COUNTY COURT

Location of Court: GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA

**Docket/Case #:** DR 12-13314

**Charge Date:** 10/10/2012

Charge(s) 1 of 1

Formal GRAND THEFT AND ELDER FINANCIAL ABUSE

Charge(s)/Description:

No of Counts:

Felony or Misdemeanor: Felony

Plea for each charge: NOT GUILTY

**Disposition of charge:** Dismissed

Current Status: Final

**Status Date:** 02/05/2013

**Disposition Date:** 02/05/2013



Sentence/Penalty: NOT APPLICABLE

Reporting Source: Broker

**Formal Charges were** 

brought in:

State Court

Name of Court: GLENDALE COURTHOUSE

Location of Court: GLENDALE, CA

**Docket/Case #:** DR 12-13314

**Charge Date:** 12/04/2012

Charge(s) 1 of 1

Formal GRAND THEFT & ELDER FINANCIAL ABUSE

Charge(s)/Description:

No of Counts:

Felony or Misdemeanor: Felony

Plea for each charge: NOT GUILTY

**Disposition of charge:** Dismissed

Current Status: Final

**Status Date:** 02/06/2013

**Disposition Date:** 02/06/2013

Sentence/Penalty: NOT APPLICABLE



## 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: Broker
Initiated By: FINRA

**Notice Date:** 06/03/2015

**Details:** POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS OF FINRA RULES 1122, 2010, 2150(A), 3270, 8210,

AND ARTICLE V, SECTION 2(C) OF THE FINRA BY-LAWS

Is Investigation pending? Yes



#### **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 activities occurred which led to the complaint:

WM FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.

Allegations: CLIENT ALLEGES HE DOES NOT UNDERSTAND THE INVESTMENT

PRODUCT AND DOES NOT AGREE WITH THE PENLTY ASSOCIATED WITH LIQUIDATIONS FROM THE PRODUCT. THE PRODUCT WAS PURCHASED

JANUARY 2, 2004.

**Product Type:** Annuity(ies) - Variable

Alleged Damages: \$17,500.00

**Customer Complaint Information** 

Date Complaint Received: 05/27/2004

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

**Status Date:** 06/28/2004

Settlement Amount: \$1,682.25

**Individual Contribution** 

Amount:

\$0.00

Firm Statement AS A RESULT OF OUR INVESTIGATION INTO THE CLIENT'S ALLEGATIONS

THE INVESTMENT PURCHASE APPEARS SUITABLE AND FULL AND FAIR DISCLOSURE WAS PROVIDED. ALTHOUGH THE COMPLAINT WAS ORIGINALLY DENIED ON 6/28/04,AFTER FURTHER CONTACT WITH THE CLIENT, IT APPEARS THE CLIENT ATTEMPTED TO FREE LOOK THE POLICY WITHIN THE FREE LOOK PERIOD. THE CLIENT WAS OFFERED A GOODWILL GESTURE, WHICH WAS ACCEPTED ON 9/8/04. THE INSURANCE CARRIER

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## Judgment/Lien

This type of disclosure event involves an unsatisfied and outstanding judgments or liens against the broker.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source: Broker

Judgment/Lien Holder: ANDEST PROPERTIES INC

Judgment/Lien Amount: \$5,461.00

Judgment/Lien Type: Civil

Date Filed with Court: 09/16/2014

Date Individual Learned: 06/10/2015

Type of Court: MUNICIPAL COURT

Name of Court: ALHAMBRA MUNICIPAL - LA COUNTY

Location of Court: ALHAMBRA, CA

**Docket/Case #:** 14G04845

Judgment/Lien Outstanding? Yes

# **End of Report**



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