

**BrokerCheck Report**

**GARY SAITOWITZ**

CRD# 4238395

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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 <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](http://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:**

- 2 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):**

**IFS SECURITIES**

CRD# 40375  
Atlanta, GA  
05/2014 - 06/2016

**TRANSAMERICA FINANCIAL ADVISORS, INC**

CRD# 16164  
ATLANTA, GA  
08/2012 - 04/2014

**KOVACK SECURITIES INC.**

CRD# 44848  
ATLANTA, GA  
08/2009 - 08/2012

**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
Customer Dispute	3
Termination	1
Financial	1
Judgment/Lien	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

<http://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 2 principal/supervisory exams, 2 general industry/product exams, and 2 state securities law exams.**

### Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
General Securities Principal Examination	Series 24	02/08/2010
Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Principal Examination	Series 26	04/19/2004

### General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination	Series 6	11/16/2000
General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	01/22/2009

### State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	04/09/2001
Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination	Series 65	08/01/2005

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/](http://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
05/2014 - 06/2016	IFS SECURITIES	40375	Atlanta, GA
08/2012 - 04/2014	TRANSAMERICA FINANCIAL ADVISORS, INC	16164	ATLANTA, GA
08/2009 - 08/2012	KOVACK SECURITIES INC.	44848	ATLANTA, GA
08/2008 - 05/2009	SUMMIT BROKERAGE SERVICES, INC.	34643	DULUTH, GA
04/2002 - 08/2008	WORLD GROUP SECURITIES, INC.	114473	DULUTH, GA
11/2000 - 04/2002	WMA SECURITIES, INC.	32625	DULUTH, GA

### 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
08/2009 - Present	PARAGON GLOBAL ADVISORS	ATLANTA, GA
08/2012 - 04/2014	TRANSAMERICA FINANCIAL ADVISORS, INC	ATLANTA, GA
08/2009 - 08/2012	KOVACK ADVISORS, INC.	FT. LAUDERDALE, FL
08/2009 - 08/2012	KOVACK SECURITIES, INC.	FT. LAUDERDALE, FL
07/2009 - 08/2009	PARAGON COLLEGIATE ADVISORS	ATLANTA, GA
08/2008 - 05/2009	SUMMIT BROKERAGE SERVICES INC	DULUTH, GA
08/2008 - 05/2009	SUMMIT FINANCIAL GROUP	DULUTH, GA
09/2006 - 08/2008	INVESTMENT ADVISORS INTERNATIONAL	DULUTH, GA
04/2002 - 08/2008	WORLD GROUP SECURITIES, INC.	DULUTH, GA
06/2001 - 08/2008	WORLD FINANCIAL GROUP	DULUTH, GA
09/2006 - 06/2008	INNERGY LENDING LLC	DULUTH, GA
04/2006 - 04/2008	ALISA HOLDING INC	DULUTH, GA



## Registration and Employment History

### 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)PARAGON COLLEGIATE ADVISORS,HELPING FAMILIES PLAN FOR COLLEGE AND PLANNING STRATEGIES TO MINIMIZE COLLEGE COSTS. (2)FIXED INSURANCE SALES. 562 HACKNEY DRIVE,MARIETTA, GA. INV-REL, START 2002, SELL FIXED INS PRODUCTS, 10 HRS/MO  
(3)K2015091240 SOUTH AFRICA (PTY)LTD, INVESTMENT - RELATED,173 BECKETT ST. PRETORIA,SOUTH AFRICA, 0083,EXPLORE INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN SOUTH AFRICA,VICE PRESIDENT,05/21/2015,10HRS, 15-30 DURING SECURITIES TRADING HOURS, FIND POTENTIAL CLIENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA

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## 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
Customer Dispute	1	2	N/A





Termination	N/A	1	N/A
Financial	0	1	N/A
Judgment/Lien	1	N/A	N/A



## 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.

### 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 2

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Broker
<b>Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:</b>	WORLD GROUP SECURITIES, INC.
<b>Allegations:</b>	CLIENT ALLEGES THAT REPRESENTATIVE TOLD HIM THAT HE COULD REDUCE FACE AMOUNT ANYTIME AFTER POLICY WAS ISSUED.
<b>Product Type:</b>	Insurance
<b>Alleged Damages:</b>	\$13,735.19

#### Customer Complaint Information

<b>Date Complaint Received:</b>	10/27/2006
<b>Complaint Pending?</b>	No
<b>Status:</b>	Denied
<b>Status Date:</b>	12/06/2006
<b>Settlement Amount:</b>	
<b>Individual Contribution Amount:</b>	
<b>Broker Statement</b>	COMPLAINT DENIED



**Disclosure 2 of 2**

**Reporting Source:** Broker  
**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** WORLD GROUP SECURITIES, INC.  
**Allegations:** CLIENT IS ALLEGING VUL POLICY IS NOT SUITABLE.  
**Product Type:** Insurance  
**Alleged Damages:** \$7,500.00

**Customer Complaint Information**

**Date Complaint Received:** 06/17/2005  
**Complaint Pending?** No  
**Status:** Denied  
**Status Date:** 07/05/2005  
**Settlement Amount:**  
**Individual Contribution Amount:**



## Customer Dispute - Pending

This type of disclosure event involves (1) a pending consumer-initiated, investment-related arbitration or civil suit that contains allegations of sales practice violations against the broker; or (2) a pending, 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.

### Disclosure 1 of 1

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Firm
<b>Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:</b>	TRANSAMERICA FINANCIAL ADVISORS, INC.
<b>Allegations:</b>	CLIENT'S CPA ON BEHALF OF THE CLIENT ALLEGES THAT THE REPRESENTATIVE FACILITATED A TRANSFER FROM A NON-QUALIFIED ACCOUNT INTO A QUALIFIED ACCOUNT, WHICH MAY LEAD TO UNNECESSARY TAX PENALTIES.
<b>Product Type:</b>	Annuity-Variable Other: BROKERAGE ACCOUNT
<b>Alleged Damages:</b>	\$8,000.00
<b>Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):</b>	THE CPA BELIEVES TAX PENALTIES MAY BE ASSESSED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,000.00.
<b>Is this an oral complaint?</b>	No
<b>Is this a written complaint?</b>	Yes
<b>Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?</b>	No

### Customer Complaint Information

<b>Date Complaint Received:</b>	12/20/2013
<b>Complaint Pending?</b>	Yes
<b>Settlement Amount:</b>	
<b>Individual Contribution Amount:</b>	

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Broker
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**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:**

TRANSAMERICA FINANCIAL ADVISORS

**Allegations:**

CPA SUBMITTED A LETTER ON CLIENTS BEHALF.CLIENT WAS TRANSFERRING FUNDS INTO HIS NON-QUALIFIED ACCOUNT. FUNDS WERE ERRONEOUSLY DEPOSITED INTO CLIENTS IRA ACCOUNT. WHEN THE ERROR WAS DISCOVERED THE FUNDS WERE PLACED IN THE CORRECT ACCOUNT. HOWEVER DUE TO THIS ACTION THIS MAY HAVE CREATED A TAXABLE EVENT FOR THE CLIENT. ADVISOR HAS OFFERED TO COMPENSATE CLIENT FOR ANY ENSUING TAX BILL.

**Product Type:**

No Product

**Alleged Damages:**

\$8,000.00

**Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):**

THE CPA BELIEVES TAX PENALTIES MAY BE ASSESSED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,000

**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:** 12/13/2013

**Complaint Pending?** Yes

**Settlement Amount:**

**Individual Contribution Amount:**



## 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:** TRANSAMERICA FINANCIAL ADVISORS, INC.

**Termination Type:** Discharged

**Termination Date:** 04/01/2014

**Allegations:** THE REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE WAS TERMINATED DUE TO VIOLATIONS OF THE FIRM'S POLICIES AND PROCEDURES INCLUDING SALES PRACTICE ISSUES INVOLVING ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENTS, SUBMISSION OF INACCURATE CLIENT FINANCIAL DATA ON NEW ACCOUNT PAPERWORK, ATTEMPTING TO CONDUCT INAPPROPRIATE ASSET TRANSFERS, FAILING TO DISCLOSE REPORTABLE EVENTS ON THE FORM U4, FAILING TO DISCLOSE OUTSIDE BUSINESS ACTIVITIES, AND USE OF UNAPPROVED EMAIL ACCOUNTS.

**Product Type:** Real Estate Security

**Reporting Source:** Broker

**Employer Name:** TRANSAMERICA FINANCIAL ADVISORS

**Termination Type:** Discharged

**Termination Date:** 04/01/2014

**Allegations:** FAILURE TO DISCLOSE OBA A COMPANY CALLED CASHKOWS THAT IS BASED IN SOUTH AFRICA AND ASSISTS EX-PATS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD , WITH GETTING THEIR RETIREMENT FUNDS FROM SOUTH AFRICA TO THEIR NEW COUNTRY, USE OF NON APPROVED EMAILS, INCORRECT DETAILS ON CLIENT ACCOUNT FORM,PLACING CLIENTS NON-QUALIFIED FUNDS INTO HIS QUALIFIED ACCOUNT ERRONEOUSLY.

**Product Type:** No Product

**Broker Statement** I HAD NO OBA'S AT THAT TIME.I HAD BEEN IN COMMUNICATION WITH A COMPANY CALLED CASHKOWS THAT IS BASED IN SOUTH AFRICA AND ASSISTS EX-PATS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD , WITH GETTING THEIR RETIREMENT FUNDS FROM SOUTH AFRICA TO THEIR NEW COUNTRY. AT



THIS TIME CASHKOWS DOES NOT HAVE ANY REPRESENTATION IN THE USA, WE WERE IN DISCUSSIONS TO SEE IF THAT WOULD BE A VIABLE OPPORTUNITY. AS I HAD NOT BEGUN OR ENTERED INTO ANY FORMAL ARRANGEMENT WITH CASHKOWS I HAD NOT REQUESTED APPROVAL FOR THIS OBA. ONLY ONCE I HAD MADE MY DECISION WOULD I HAVE REQUESTED APPROVAL FOR THIS OBA. IT WSA STILL PREMATURE TO REQUEST APPROVAL. 99.9% OF EMAILS WENT THROUGH CORRECT ACCOUNT, THERE WAS NEVER ANY INTENTION TO CIRCUMVENT SYSTEM. CLIENTS SITUATION HAD NOT CHANGED AS ADVISOR HAD THOUGHT. THE CLIENTS FUNDS WERE TRANSFERRED INTO HIS INCORRECT ACCOUNT, THE MISTAKE WAS CORRECTED ONCE IT WAS DISCOVERED.

**Financial - Final**

This type of disclosure event involves a bankruptcy, compromise with one or more creditors, or Securities Investor Protection Corporation liquidation involving the broker or an organization/brokerage firm the broker controlled that occurred within the last 10 years.

**Disclosure 1 of 1**

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Broker
<b>Action Type:</b>	Bankruptcy
<b>Bankruptcy:</b>	Chapter 7
<b>Action Date:</b>	03/18/2015
<b>Organization Investment-Related?</b>	No
<b>Type of Court:</b>	Federal Court
<b>Name of Court:</b>	US Bankruptcy Court
<b>Location of Court:</b>	Northern District of Georgia
<b>Docket/Case #:</b>	15-55047
<b>Action Pending?</b>	No
<b>Disposition:</b>	Discharged
<b>Disposition Date:</b>	10/07/2015





## Judgment / Lien

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

### Disclosure 1 of 1

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Broker
<b>Judgment/Lien Holder:</b>	IRS
<b>Judgment/Lien Amount:</b>	\$54,962.00
<b>Judgment/Lien Type:</b>	Tax
<b>Date Filed:</b>	10/10/2011
<b>Type of Court:</b>	COUNTY
<b>Name of Court:</b>	COBB COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
<b>Location of Court:</b>	COBB COUNTY, GA
<b>Docket/Case #:</b>	BK63PG5907SQBK63PG5
<b>Judgment/Lien Outstanding?</b>	Yes

## End of Report



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