

BrokerCheck Report

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CRD# 2510231

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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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brokercheck.finra.org



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)

Thank you for using FINRA BrokerCheck.

CHRISTOPHER D. BENNETT

CRD# 2510231

Currently employed by and registered with the following Firm(s):**J.J.B. HILLIARD, W.L. LYONS, LLC**

10200 FOREST GREEN BLVD.

SUITE 500

LOUISVILLE, KY 40223

CRD# 453

Registered with this firm since: 12/13/1995

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:**

- 3 Self-Regulatory Organizations
- 19 U.S. states and territories

This broker has passed:

- 0 Principal/Supervisory Exams
- 1 General Industry/Product Exam
- 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? **Yes**

The following types of disclosures have been reported:

Type	Count
Customer Dispute	6

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 individual is currently registered with 3 SROs and is licensed in 19 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.

Employment 1 of 1

Firm Name: **J.J.B. HILLIARD, W.L. LYONS, LLC**

Main Office Address: **500 WEST JEFFERSON STREET
SUITE 700
LOUISVILLE, KY 40202-2517**

Firm CRD#: **453**

SRO	Category	Status	Date
FINRA	General Securities Representative	APPROVED	12/13/1995
NYSE American LLC	General Securities Representative	APPROVED	02/05/1996
New York Stock Exchange	General Securities Representative	APPROVED	02/05/1996

U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
Alabama	Agent	APPROVED	07/16/1998	Maine	Agent	APPROVED	06/02/2004
California	Agent	APPROVED	05/01/2000	Massachusetts	Agent	APPROVED	03/10/2011
Colorado	Agent	APPROVED	12/21/2007	Michigan	Agent	APPROVED	02/22/2012
District of Columbia	Agent	APPROVED	02/22/2012	New York	Agent	APPROVED	10/17/2012
Florida	Agent	APPROVED	02/27/1997	North Carolina	Agent	APPROVED	06/29/2000
Georgia	Agent	APPROVED	11/02/1999	Ohio	Agent	APPROVED	07/16/2009
Hawaii	Agent	APPROVED	11/09/2010	Pennsylvania	Agent	APPROVED	08/14/2007
Idaho	Agent	APPROVED	02/22/2012	Tennessee	Agent	APPROVED	01/22/2010
Indiana	Agent	APPROVED	12/20/1995	Texas	Agent	APPROVED	06/08/1999
Kentucky	Agent	APPROVED	12/21/1995				

Broker Qualifications



Employment 1 of 1, continued

Branch Office Locations

J.J.B. HILLIARD, W.L. LYONS, LLC
10200 FOREST GREEN BLVD.
SUITE 500
LOUISVILLE, KY 40223



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, 1 general industry/product exam, and 2 state securities law exams.

Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
No information reported.		

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	12/12/1995

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	12/19/1995
Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination	Series 65	09/15/2000

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
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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 Dates	Employer Name	Employer Location
10/1995 - Present	J.J.B. HILLIARD, W.L. LYONS, INC.	LOUISVILLE, KY

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.

POSH HOME LLC, NON-INVEST RELATED, 3626 BROWNSBOROR RD #103 LOUISVILLE KY 40206, MY WIFE IS OPENING A HOME DECOR SHOP AND SHE IS MANAGING MEMBER OF THE LLC, PART-OWNER 50/50, 4/2015, 0 HRS/MONTH, NO DUTIES AS MY WIFE IS RUNNING IT AS THE 50/50 OWNER.



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:**
 - o 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
Customer Dispute	3	3	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 3

Reporting Source:	Broker
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	J.J.B. Hilliard, W.L. Lyons, LLC
Allegations:	A representative for the client alleges breach of fiduciary duty, unauthorized trading, violation of suitability rules and inadequate risk assessment.
Product Type:	Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)
Alleged Damages:	\$0.00
Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):	No specific dollar amount alleged, though a good faith determination would be over \$5000.
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: 07/07/2017



Complaint Pending? No
Status: Denied
Status Date: 07/31/2017
Settlement Amount:
Individual Contribution Amount:

Disclosure 2 of 3

Reporting Source: Broker
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: J.J.B. Hilliard, W.L. Lyons, LLC
Allegations: A representative for the client alleges breach of fiduciary duty, unauthorized trading, violation of suitability rules and inadequate risk assessment.
Product Type: Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)
Alleged Damages: \$0.00
Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact): No specific dollar amount alleged, though a good faith determination would be over \$5000.
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: 07/07/2017
Complaint Pending? No
Status: Denied
Status Date: 07/31/2017
Settlement Amount:
Individual Contribution Amount:



Disclosure 3 of 3

Reporting Source:	Broker
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	J.J.B. Hilliard, W.L. Lyons, LLC
Allegations:	Client alleges poor performance in their accounts.
Product Type:	Equity-OTC Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)
Alleged Damages:	\$0.00
Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):	No specific dollar amount was alleged, but a good faith determination would be greater than \$5000.
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:	10/25/2016
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Denied
Status Date:	11/14/2016
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 3

Reporting Source:	Broker
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	J.J.B. Hilliard, W.L. Lyons, LLC
Allegations:	Claimant alleges breach of fiduciary duty as well as the misrepresentation and suitability of certain securities.
Product Type:	Oil & Gas
Alleged Damages:	\$5,000,000.00
Is this an oral complaint?	No
Is this a written complaint?	No
Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?	Yes
Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:	FINRA
Docket/Case #:	18-00200
Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation:	01/17/2018

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received:	01/26/2018
Complaint Pending?	Yes
Settlement Amount:	
Individual Contribution Amount:	

Disclosure 2 of 3

Reporting Source:	Broker
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Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	J.J.B. Hilliard, W.L. Lyons, LLC
Allegations:	Claimant alleges that registered representative failed to properly diversify and invested in products that exposed the client's portfolio to significant risk.
Product Type:	Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)
Alleged Damages:	\$311,455.00
Arbitration Information	
Arbitration/CFTC reparation claim filed with (FINRA, AAA, CFTC, etc.):	FINRA
Docket/Case #:	17-02011
Date Notice/Process Served:	08/07/2017
Arbitration Pending?	Yes
Broker Statement	The registered representative and Hilliard Lyons vehemently deny the Claimant's allegations and believe they are without merit.

Disclosure 3 of 3

Reporting Source:	Broker
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	J.J.B. Hilliard, W.L. Lyons, LLC
Allegations:	Client's daughter/POA alleges the representative engaged in unauthorized trades that were unsuitable. UPDATE--Alleged complaint evolved into arbitration which was received on 4/4/2017.
Product Type:	Equity-OTC Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)
Alleged Damages:	\$250,000.00
Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):	UPDATE-- 4/4/2017 Arbitration notice seeks redress of \$250,000 in alleged losses.
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: 12/10/2016

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Evolved into Arbitration/CFTC reparation (the individual is a named party)

Status Date: 04/04/2017

Settlement Amount:

**Individual Contribution
Amount:**

Arbitration Information

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

Docket/Case #: 17-00750

Date Notice/Process Served: 04/04/2017

Arbitration Pending? Yes

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