

## **BrokerCheck Report**

## **HAROLD ALAN SCHWARTZ**

CRD# 841225

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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.

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### **HAROLD A. SCHWARTZ**

CRD# 841225

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

B DMK ADVISOR GROUP, INC.

3000 Hartley Road, Ste. 5 Jacksonville, FL 32257 CRD# 41067

Registered with this firm since: 02/07/2019

A DMK ADVISOR GROUP, INC.

3000 Hartley Road, Ste. 5 Jacksonville, FL 32257 CRD# 41067

Registered with this firm since: 02/20/2019

## **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
- 20 U.S. states and territories

#### This broker has passed:

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

#### **Registration History**

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

A ROYAL ALLIANCE ASSOCIATES, INC.

CRD# 23131 JERSEY CITY, NJ 11/2017 - 02/2019

ROYAL ALLIANCE ASSOCIATES, INC.

CRD# 23131 LUTZ, FL 06/2015 - 02/2019

NEW CENTURY FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC CRD# 104553

PRINCETON, NJ 07/2015 - 04/2018

#### **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     |  |
| Customer Dispute | 3     |  |
| Termination      | 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 20 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.

Category

## **Employment 1 of 1**

Firm Name: DMK ADVISOR GROUP, INC.

Main Office Address: 7114 W. JEFFERSON AVE., STE. 305

**SUITE 305** 

LAKEWOOD, CO 80235

Firm CRD#: **41067** 

**SRO** 

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|------------|
| B FINRA               | General Securities Principal      | APPROVED | 02/07/2019 |
| B FINRA               | General Securities Representative | APPROVED | 02/07/2019 |
| U.S. State/ Territory | Category                          | Status   | Date       |
| B Alabama             | Agent                             | APPROVED | 09/03/2019 |
| B California          | Agent                             | APPROVED | 05/16/2019 |
| B Colorado            | Agent                             | APPROVED | 02/20/2019 |
| (A) Colorado          | Investment Adviser Representative | APPROVED | 02/20/2019 |
| B Connecticut         | Agent                             | APPROVED | 08/28/2019 |
| (A) Connecticut       | Investment Adviser Representative | APPROVED | 01/23/2020 |
| B Florida             | Agent                             | APPROVED | 04/02/2019 |
| IA Florida            | Investment Adviser Representative | APPROVED | 08/06/2019 |
| B Georgia             | Agent                             | APPROVED | 03/27/2019 |
| (A) Georgia           | Investment Adviser Representative | APPROVED | 10/27/2020 |
| B Illinois            | Agent                             | APPROVED | 05/30/2019 |
|                       |                                   |          |            |

**Status** 

**Date** 

## **Broker Qualifications**



## **Employment 1 of 1, continued**

| U.S | . State/ Territory | Category                          | Status   | Date       |
|-----|--------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|------------|
| В   | Indiana            | Agent                             | APPROVED | 09/06/2019 |
| B   | Minnesota          | Agent                             | APPROVED | 04/30/2019 |
| B   | Missouri           | Agent                             | APPROVED | 06/25/2019 |
| B   | New York           | Agent                             | APPROVED | 05/16/2019 |
| B   | North Carolina     | Agent                             | APPROVED | 04/04/2019 |
| B   | North Dakota       | Agent                             | APPROVED | 10/28/2019 |
| IA  | Ohio               | Investment Adviser Representative | APPROVED | 03/26/2019 |
| B   | Oregon             | Agent                             | APPROVED | 05/04/2020 |
| B   | Pennsylvania       | Agent                             | APPROVED | 04/10/2019 |
| B   | Puerto Rico        | Agent                             | APPROVED | 03/15/2019 |
| IA  | Puerto Rico        | Investment Adviser Representative | APPROVED | 04/22/2019 |
| B   | Tennessee          | Agent                             | APPROVED | 02/07/2019 |
| IA  | Tennessee          | Investment Adviser Representative | APPROVED | 04/22/2019 |
| B   | Texas              | Agent                             | APPROVED | 04/04/2019 |
| B   | Virginia           | Agent                             | APPROVED | 08/28/2019 |

## **Branch Office Locations**

DMK ADVISOR GROUP, INC.

3000 Hartley Road, Ste. 5 Jacksonville, FL 32257

DMK ADVISOR GROUP, INC.

506 E. SR 434

Winter Springs, FL 32708

## **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, 4 general industry/product exams, and 2 state securities law exams.

## **Principal/Supervisory Exams**

| Exam | r  | Category  | Date       |
|------|--|-----------|------------|
| B    | General Securities Principal Examination | Series 24 | 01/06/2005 |

## **General Industry/Product Exams**

| Exam |   | Category | Date       |
|------|---|----------|------------|
| B    | Securities Industry Essentials Examination    | SIE      | 10/01/2018 |
| B    | AMEX Put and Call Exam                        | PC       | 05/26/1983 |
| B    | General Securities Representative Examination | Series 7 | 05/21/1983 |
| В    | Registered Representative Examination         | Series 1 | 07/28/1977 |

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

| Exam   | Category  | Date       |
|--|-----------|------------|
| B IA Uniform Combined State Law Examination      | Series 66 | 02/25/2005 |
| B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination | Series 63 | 08/12/1983 |

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/.

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## **Broker Qualifications**



## **Professional Designations**

This section details that the representative has reported **0** professional designation(s).

No information reported.

## **Registration and Employment History**



## **Registration History**

The broker previously was registered with the following firms:

| Reg | istration Dates   | Firm Name                                    | CRD#   | Branch Location |
|-----|-------------------|--|--------|-----------------|
| IA  | 11/2017 - 02/2019 | ROYAL ALLIANCE ASSOCIATES, INC.              | 23131  | LUTZ, FL        |
| B   | 06/2015 - 02/2019 | ROYAL ALLIANCE ASSOCIATES, INC.              | 23131  | LUTZ, FL        |
| IA  | 02/2019 - 02/2019 | STEPHEN A. KOHN & ASSOCIATES, LTD.           | 41067  | Littleton, CO   |
| IA  | 07/2015 - 04/2018 | NEW CENTURY FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC             | 104553 | LITTLETON, CO   |
| IA  | 06/2015 - 07/2015 | ROYAL ALLIANCE ASSOCIATES, INC.              | 23131  | LUTZ, FL        |
| IA  | 03/2006 - 07/2015 | TLG ADVISORS, INC.                           | 111052 | LITTLETON, CO   |
| B   | 10/1995 - 07/2015 | THE LEADERS GROUP, INC.                      | 37157  | LITTLETON, CO   |
| B   | 11/1993 - 10/1995 | D.E. FREY & COMPANY, INC.                    | 23595  | DENVER, CO      |
| B   | 06/1992 - 07/1993 | PRUCO SECURITIES CORPORATION                 | 5685   | NEWARK, NJ      |
| B   | 04/1988 - 04/1991 | LEHMAN BROTHERS INC.                         | 7506   | NEW YORK, NY    |
| B   | 08/1982 - 04/1988 | E. F. HUTTON & COMPANY INC                   | 235    |                 |
| B   | 10/1980 - 08/1981 | CONNECTICUT MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY    | 173    |                 |
| B   | 08/1977 - 11/1979 | NEW YORK LIFE VARIABLE CONTRACTS CORPORATION | 5167   |                 |

## **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        | Employer Name           | Position                                | Investment Related | <b>Employer Location</b>    |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| 01/2020 - Present | DMK Advisor Group, Inc. | REGISTERED<br>INVESTMENT<br>ADVISOR/CIO | Y                  | LAKEWOOD, CO, United States |

## **Registration and Employment History**



## **Employment History, continued**

| <b>Employment</b> | Employer Name                      | Position                                | Investment Related | <b>Employer Location</b>     |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|---|--------------------|------------------------------|
| 04/1993 - Present | DEL MAR GROUP, INC                 | PRESIDENT -<br>President                | N                  | LITTLETON, CO, United States |
| 02/2019 - 12/2019 | Stephen A. Kohn & Associates, Ltd. | Registered<br>Representative            | Υ                  | Lakewood, CO, United States  |
| 06/2015 - 01/2019 | ROYAL ALLIANCE                     | REGISTERED<br>REPRESENTATIVE            | Υ                  | LITTLETON, CO, United States |
| 07/2015 - 03/2018 | NEW CENTURY FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC   | INVESTMENT<br>ADVISER<br>REPRESENTATIVE | Υ                  | LITTLETON, CO, United States |
| 03/2006 - 06/2015 | TLG ADVISORS INC                   | INVESTMENT<br>ADVISOR                   | Υ                  | LITTLETON, CO, United States |
| 10/1995 - 06/2015 | THE LEADERS GROUP, INC.            | NOT PROVIDED                            | Υ                  | LITTLETON, CO, United States |

#### 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. DEL MAR GROUP INC - SINCE 01/01/1993 7114 W Jefferson Ave Lakewood, CO 80235 - SEC RELATED - PRESIDENT FIN'L SVCS BSN - DEVOTE APPROX 20 HRS P/M 2. COQUINA KEY PUBLISHING, LLC POSITION: Managing Member NATURE: LLC INVESTMENT RELATED: No, SECURITIES TRADING HOURS: 1 START DATE: 10/24/2013 ADDRESS 7114 W Jefferson Ave. Lakewood CO 80235: DESCRIPTION: Publishing Company 3. DMG FINANCIAL LLC, POSITION: Managing Member NATURE: LLC INVESTMENT RELATED: Yes, SECURITIES TRADING HOURS: 5 START DATE: 01/01/1993 ADDRESS: 7114 W. Jefferson, Ave Lakewood CO 80235 DESCRIPTION: Marketing, Management, 4. Insurance Sales, Various carriers, ADDRESS: 7114 W. Jefferson, Ave Lakewood CO 80235, Non-Trading Hours.

#### **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 |
|------------------|---------|-------|-----------|
| Regulatory Event | 0       | 1     | 0         |
| Customer Dispute | 0       | 3     | N/A       |
| Termination      | N/A     | 1     | N/A       |

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#### **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 - Final

This type of disclosure event may involve (1) a final, formal proceeding initiated by a regulatory authority (e.g., a state securities agency, self-regulatory organization, federal regulatory such as the Securities and Exchange Commission, foreign financial regulatory body) for a violation of investment-related rules or regulations; or (2) a revocation or suspension of a broker's authority to act as an attorney, accountant, or federal contractor.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Regulatory Action Initiated FINRA

By:

Sanction(s) Sought:

**Date Initiated:** 11/21/2019

**Docket/Case Number:** 2019061715601

Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:

Royal Alliance Associates, Inc.

Product Type: No Product

**Allegations:** Without admitting or denying the findings, Schwartz consented to the sanctions

and to the entry of findings that he impersonated a customer on two telephone calls to an annuity company for the purpose of reducing the periodic withdrawals from the customer's annuity, a change the customer wanted. The findings stated that although the customer gave Schwartz permission to effect the reduction of withdrawals, he did not give Schwartz permission to impersonate him with the

annuity company.

Current Status: Final

Resolution: Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)

Does the order constitute a No.



final order based on violations of any laws or regulations that prohibit fraudulent, manipulative, or deceptive conduct?

**Resolution Date:** 11/21/2019

Sanctions Ordered: Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

Suspension

If the regulator is the SEC, CFTC, or an SRO, did the action result in a finding of a willful violation or failure to supervise? No

(1) willfully violated any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any of such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, or to have been unable to comply with any provision of such Act, rule or regulation?



(2) willfully aided, abetted, counseled, commanded, induced, or procured the violation by any person of any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the **Securities Exchange Act of** 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the **Investment Company Act of** 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any of such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board? or

(3) failed reasonably to supervise another person subject to your supervision, with a view to preventing the violation by such person of any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the **Securities Exchange Act of** 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the **Investment Company Act of** 1940, the Commodity **Exchange Act, or any rule or** regulation under any such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities **Rulemaking Board?** 

Sanction 1 of 1

Sanction Type: Suspension

Capacities Affected: All Capacities

**Duration:** 15 business days

**Start Date:** 12/16/2019

**End Date:** 01/07/2020



Monetary Sanction 1 of 1

Monetary Related Sanction: Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

**Total Amount:** \$5,000.00

Portion Levied against individual:

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\$5,000.00

Payment Plan:

**Is Payment Plan Current:** 

Date Paid by individual: 12/09/2019

Was any portion of penalty

waived?

No

**Amount Waived:** 

**Regulator Statement** Fines paid in full on December 9, 2019.

**Reporting Source:** Broker

**Regulatory Action Initiated** 

By:

Financial Industry Regulatory Authority

Sanction(s) Sought: Suspension

Date Initiated: 11/21/2019

**Docket/Case Number:** <u>2019061715601</u>

Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the

regulatory action:

Royal Alliance Associates, Inc.

Product Type: No Product

Allegations: Without admitting or denying the findings, Schwartz consented to the sanctions

and to the entry of findings that he impersonated a customer on two telephone calls to an annuity company for the purpose of reducing the periodic withdrawals from the customer's annuity, a change the customer wanted. The findings stated that although the customer gave Schwartz permission to effect the reduction of withdrawals, he did not give Schwartz permission to impersonate him with the

annuity company.

Current Status: Final

Resolution: Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)



Does the order constitute a final order based on violations of any laws or regulations that prohibit fraudulent, manipulative, or

Yes

Resolution Date: 11/21/2019
Sanctions Ordered: Suspension

Sanction 1 of 1

deceptive conduct?

Sanction Type: Suspension

Capacities Affected: All Capacities.

**Duration:** 15 Days

**Start Date:** 12/16/2019

**End Date:** 01/07/2020

**Monetary Sanction 1 of 1** 

Monetary Related Sanction: Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

Total Amount: \$5,000.00

**Portion Levied against** 

individual:

\$5,000.00

Payment Plan: Yes

Is Payment Plan Current: Yes

Date Paid by individual:

Was any portion of penalty

No

waived?

**Amount Waived:** 



#### **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:

The Leaders Group

Allegations:

Customer alleged that representative guaranteed the money would double in 10

years, but the the income base was what doubled in 10 years.

**Product Type:** 

Annuity-Variable

**Alleged Damages:** 

\$100,000.00

**Alleged Damages Amount** 

**Explanation (if amount not** 

exact):

estimate of what the customer would have and contract value.

Is this an oral complaint?

No Yes

Is this a written complaint?

Yes

Is this an arbitration/CFTC

reparation or civil litigation?

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**Arbitration/Reparation forum** 

or court name and location:

Docket/Case #:

18-02946

Filing date of

08/21/2018

arbitration/CFTC reparation

or civil litigation:

## **Customer Complaint Information**

**Date Complaint Received:** 

08/27/2018

**Complaint Pending?** 

No

Status:

Settled

**Status Date:** 

11/19/2018

**Settlement Amount:** 

\$100,000.00



Individual Contribution \$0.00

Amount:

Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:

THE LEADERS GROUP

Allegations:

CUSTOMER ALLEGED THAT REPRESENTATIVE GUARANTEED THE MONEY WOULD DOUBLE IN 10 YEARS, BUT THE INCOME BASE IS WHAT DOUBLED

IN 10 YEARS.

**Product Type:** Annuity-Variable

Alleged Damages: \$100,000.00

Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):

ESTIMATE OF WHAT THE CUSTOMER WOULD HAVE AND CONTRACT VALUE

Is this an oral complaint?

No

Is this a written complaint?

Yes

Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?

Yes

Arbitration/Reparation forum

or court name and location:

**FINRA** 

Docket/Case #:

18-02946

Filing date of

08/21/2018

arbitration/CFTC reparation

or civil litigation:

00/21/2010

## **Customer Complaint Information**

**Date Complaint Received:** 08/27/2018

**Complaint Pending?** No

Status: Settled

**Status Date:** 11/19/2018

Settlement Amount: \$100,000.00



Individual Contribution

Amount:

**Civil Litigation Information** 

Type of Court: N/A

\$0.00

Name of Court:

**Location of Court:** 

Docket/Case #:

**Date Notice/Process Served:** 

**Litigation Pending?** 

Broker Statement [REDACTED] was a client for over 10 years having bought several products from

me. This started out with me inquiring with the annuity company regarding his question. This escalated between him and the annuity company ending in an arbitration settlement. I was never named by [REDACTED] for any wrong doing.

However, I did sell him the product thus being associated with it.

Disclosure 2 of 2

Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led

to the complaint:

Allegations:

THE LEADERS GROUP

MARKET CONDITIONS CHANGED AND CLIENT BELIEVED POLICY WAS NO

LONGER VIABLE

**Product Type:** Other

Other Product Type(s): VUL

Alleged Damages: \$0.00

**Customer Complaint Information** 

Date Complaint Received: 12/01/2001

**Complaint Pending?** No

Status: Settled

**Status Date:** 05/19/2004

Settlement Amount: \$118,223.13

Individual Contribution \$20,000.00



Amount:

**Civil Litigation Information** 

Court Details: DISTRICT COURT OF COMAL COUNTY TEXAS -

\$118,223.13

CASE #C2003-0024C

Date Notice/Process Served: 12/01/2001

**Litigation Pending?** No

**Disposition:** Settled

**Disposition Date:** 05/19/2004

**Monetary Compensation** 

Amount:

**Individual Contribution** 

Amount:



#### 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:** Firm

**Employing firm when** activities occurred which led

to the complaint:

Royal Alliance Associates. Inc.

Allegations: Customer alleges issues of suitability in recommended investment strategy.

**Product Type:** Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)

Other: ETF

**Alleged Damages:** \$5,000.00

**Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not** 

exact):

The firm has made a good faith determination that the alleged damages exceed

\$5000.

Is this an oral complaint?

Is this a written complaint? Yes

Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation? No

No

**Customer Complaint Information** 

**Date Complaint Received:** 01/27/2020

**Complaint Pending?** No

Status: Denied

**Status Date:** 04/17/2020

**Settlement Amount:** 

**Individual Contribution** 

Amount:

**Reporting Source:** Broker



Employing firm when activities occurred which led

N when Royal Alliance Associates, Inc.

to the complaint:

Allegations: Customer alleges issues of suitability in recommended investment strategy.

**Product Type:** 

Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)

Other: ETF

Alleged Damages:

\$5,000.00

Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not

The firm has made a good faith determination that the alleged damages exceed

\$5000.00.

exact):

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: 01/27/2020

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Denied

**Status Date:** 04/17/2020

**Settlement Amount:** 

Individual Contribution

Amount:

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#### **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.

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**Reporting Source:** Broker

**Employer Name:** Royal Alliance Associates

**Termination Type:** Permitted to Resign

Termination Date: 02/01/2019

Allegations: Making an improper telephone call.

**Product Type:** Annuity-Variable

Broker Statement In reviewing a client's annuity distribution I suggested he reduce the monthly amt.

which he agreed was in his interest. The paperwork was signed and submitted to the company on 2 separate occasions with no results. He still received the higher amt. We finally did a 3-way call with the company & were on hold 20+ minutes. The client was mad, hung up & called us back telling us to "Just get it done." The client's brother was a registered asst. of mine & informed his brother he wasn't talking to the company again & I needed to get this done. So I did something I know I shouldn't have. That was April-July. The RA left my group to join a competing group at Royal Alliance & in October, I was accused of making an improper call. After an internal review in which the client admitted he told me to get it done, Royal Alliance & I worked out an early retirement. I do not believe the punishment fit the crime as I was working, as I have for 45 years, in the best

interest of my client.

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