

## BrokerCheck Report

# CHRISTOPHER NEIL WATKINS

CRD# 4456445

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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 <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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## CHRISTOPHER N. WATKINS

CRD# 4456445

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

**B SILVER OAK SECURITIES, INCORPORATED**  
 436 SOUTH 7TH STREET  
 SUITE 200  
 LOUISVILLE, KY 40203  
 CRD# 46947  
 Registered with this firm since: 12/13/2018

**IA MAGNATE ADVISORY SERVICES, LLC**  
 400 BLANKENBAKER PARKWAY  
 SUITE 100  
 LOUISVILLE, KY 40243  
 CRD# 283056  
 Registered with this firm since: 03/04/2019

## 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
- 2 U.S. states and territories

This broker has passed:

- 0 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):

- IA LPL FINANCIAL LLC**  
 CRD# 6413  
 FORT MILL, SC  
 08/2011 - 12/2018
- B LPL FINANCIAL LLC**  
 CRD# 6413  
 LOUISVILLE, KY  
 05/2011 - 12/2018
- B PNC CAPITAL MARKETS LLC**  
 CRD# 15647  
 LOUISVILLE, KY  
 11/2009 - 03/2011

### 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	2
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 2 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.**

### Employment 1 of 2

Firm Name: **MAGNATE ADVISORY SERVICES, LLC**  
 Main Office Address: **400 BLANKENBAKER PARKWAY  
 SUITE 100  
 LOUISVILLE, KY 40243**  
 Firm CRD#: **283056**

U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
<b>IA</b> Kentucky	Investment Adviser Representative	APPROVED	03/04/2019

### Branch Office Locations

This individual does not have any registered Branch Office where the individual is located.

### Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: **SILVER OAK SECURITIES, INCORPORATED**  
 Main Office Address: **403 N. PARKWAY  
 SUITE 101  
 JACKSON, TN 38305**  
 Firm CRD#: **46947**

SRO	Category	Status	Date
<b>B</b> FINRA	General Securities Representative	APPROVED	12/13/2018

U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
<b>B</b> Kentucky	Agent	APPROVED	03/04/2019
<b>B</b> Texas	Agent	APPROVED	09/16/2021



## Broker Qualifications

### Employment 2 of 2, continued

#### Branch Office Locations

**SILVER OAK SECURITIES, INCORPORATED**

436 SOUTH 7TH STREET

SUITE 200

LOUISVILLE, KY 40203

**SILVER OAK SECURITIES, INCORPORATED**

400 Blankenbaker Parkway

Suite 100

Louisville, KY 40243

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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 0 principal/supervisory exams, 2 general industry/product exams, and 2 state securities law exams.**

### Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
No information reported.		

### General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
<b>B</b> Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	10/01/2018
<b>B</b> General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	11/19/2001

### State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
<b>B IA</b> Uniform Combined State Law Examination	Series 66	08/26/2011
<b>B</b> Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	11/23/2001

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/).



## 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:

Registration Dates	Firm Name	CRD#	Branch Location
<b>IA</b> 08/2011 - 12/2018	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	6413	LOUISVILLE, KY
<b>B</b> 05/2011 - 12/2018	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	6413	LOUISVILLE, KY
<b>B</b> 11/2009 - 03/2011	PNC CAPITAL MARKETS LLC	15647	LOUISVILLE, KY
<b>B</b> 11/2004 - 11/2009	NATCITY INVESTMENTS, INC.	17490	LOUISVILLE, KY
<b>B</b> 11/2001 - 10/2004	EDWARD JONES	250	ST. LOUIS, MO

### 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	Employer Location
12/2018 - Present	Magnate Wealth Management, LLC	INVESTMENT ADVISER REPRESENTATIVE	Y	Louisville, KY, United States
12/2018 - Present	Silver Oak Securities, Inc.	RR	Y	Jackson, TN, United States
05/2011 - 11/2018	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	REGISTERED REP	Y	LOUISVILLE, KY, 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.

Silver Oak Securities, Inc., investment related, 403 N. Parkway, Suite 202, Jakson, TN, 38305, OSJ office address, title: Registered Representative, start date of 12/2018, approximate number of hours per month 80 plus, and 40 during securities 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:**
  - 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	1	N/A
Termination	N/A	1	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 - 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

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Firm
<b>Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:</b>	LPL at time of events, currently at Silver Oak Securities
<b>Allegations:</b>	Recommended unsuitable investments
<b>Product Type:</b>	Other: REITs and energy fund
<b>Alleged Damages:</b>	\$115,000.00
<b>Is this an oral complaint?</b>	No
<b>Is this a written complaint?</b>	No
<b>Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?</b>	Yes
<b>Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:</b>	FINRA
<b>Docket/Case #:</b>	19-02277
<b>Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation:</b>	08/12/2019

### Customer Complaint Information

<b>Date Complaint Received:</b>	08/13/2019
<b>Complaint Pending?</b>	No



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

**Status Date:** 08/13/2019

**Settlement Amount:**

**Individual Contribution Amount:**

### Arbitration Information

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

**Docket/Case #:** 19-02277

**Date Notice/Process Served:** 08/13/2019

**Arbitration Pending?** No

**Disposition:** Settled

**Disposition Date:** 01/21/2021

**Monetary Compensation Amount:** \$17,768.04

**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$4,999.00

**Firm Statement** Broker Watkins contributed \$4999.00 to the settlement.

**Reporting Source:** Broker

**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** LPL

**Allegations:** Recommended unsuitable investments

**Product Type:** Other: REITS / BDC / Energy Funds

**Alleged Damages:** \$115,000.00

**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 #:** 19-02277

**Filing date of  
arbitration/CFTC reparation  
or civil litigation:** 08/12/2019

### **Customer Complaint Information**

**Date Complaint Received:** 09/07/2019

**Complaint Pending?** No

**Status:** Settled

**Status Date:** 01/21/2021

**Settlement Amount:** \$17,768.04

**Individual Contribution  
Amount:** \$4,999.00

### **Arbitration Information**

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

**Docket/Case #:** 19-02277

**Date Notice/Process Served:** 08/13/2019

**Arbitration Pending?** No

**Disposition:** Settled

**Disposition Date:** 01/21/2021

**Monetary Compensation  
Amount:** \$17,768.04

**Individual Contribution  
Amount:** \$4,999.00



## 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>	LPL FINANCIAL LLC
<b>Allegations:</b>	The customer alleges unsuitable recommendations.
<b>Product Type:</b>	Other: Alternative Investments (BDC)
<b>Alleged Damages:</b>	\$5,000.00
<b>Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):</b>	over 5,000.00
<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>	06/02/2022
<b>Complaint Pending?</b>	Yes
<b>Settlement Amount:</b>	
<b>Individual Contribution Amount:</b>	

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Broker
<b>Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:</b>	LPL FINANCIAL LLC
<b>Allegations:</b>	The customer alleges unsuitable recommendations.



**Product Type:** Other: BDC

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

**Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):** The firm did not receive a copy of the complaint. This disclosure information is based on the Form U5 disclosure filed by LPL.

**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:** 06/28/2022

**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:** LPL FINANCIAL LLC  
**Termination Type:** Discharged  
**Termination Date:** 11/30/2018  
**Allegations:** Facilitated the distribution of advisory fee monies to an unregistered person.  
**Product Type:** No Product

**Reporting Source:** Broker  
**Employer Name:** LPL Financial LLC  
**Termination Type:** Discharged  
**Termination Date:** 11/30/2018  
**Allegations:** Facilitated the distribution of advisory fee monies to an unregistered person.  
**Product Type:** No Product

**Broker Statement**  
 I did not facilitate the distribution of advisory fee monies to an unregistered person. Any advisory fee monies payable to or received by me ended up in the firm's bank account and were used for firm expenses, including payroll and other overhead.

## End of Report



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