

BrokerCheck Report

DEAN ROBERT NOWAK

CRD# 1091819

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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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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)

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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:

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

Registration History

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

- B NEWBRIDGE SECURITIES CORPORATION**
CRD# 104065
WINTER PARK, FL
08/2019 - 09/2022
- B TAYLOR CAPITAL MANAGEMENT INC.**
CRD# 43559
Winter Park, FL
05/2012 - 08/2019
- B QUESTAR CAPITAL CORPORATION**
CRD# 43100
WINTER PARK, FL
08/2010 - 02/2011

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	4

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 1 principal/supervisory exam, 3 general industry/product exams, and 1 state securities law exam.

Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B General Securities Principal Examination	Series 24	07/27/1998

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	10/01/2018
B General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	04/29/1998
B Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination	Series 6	09/08/1983

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B IA Uniform Combined State Law Examination	Series 66	10/14/1999

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/.



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 08/2019 - 09/2022	NEWBRIDGE SECURITIES CORPORATION	104065	WINTER PARK, FL
B 05/2012 - 08/2019	TAYLOR CAPITAL MANAGEMENT INC.	43559	Winter Park, FL
B 08/2010 - 02/2011	QUESTAR CAPITAL CORPORATION	43100	WINTER PARK, FL
B 04/2003 - 07/2010	SUMMIT BROKERAGE SERVICES, INC.	34643	WINTER PARK, FL
B 09/1983 - 05/2002	SIGNATOR INVESTORS, INC.	468	BOSTON, MA
B 09/1983 - 05/1997	JOHN HANCOCK MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	5181	BOSTON, MA

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
08/2019 - Present	NEWBRIDGE SECURITIES CORPORATION	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	WINTER PARK, FL, United States
02/2011 - Present	INFINITY FINANCIAL NETWORK	INSURANCE AGENT	N	WINTER PARK, FL, United States
04/2012 - 08/2019	TAYLOR CAPITAL MANAGEMENT	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	WOODSTOCK, GA, 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)INFINITY FINANCIAL NETWORK, P.A. (DBA): 301 N. Park Ave, Ste B, Winter Park, FL 32789, President/Registered Representative, Independent insurance agency.

Registration and Employment History



Other Business Activities, continued

2) FIXED AND VARIABLE INSURANCE AS PART OF SECURITIES BUSINESS. DEVOTE 20+ HRS PER WEEK DURING TRADING HOURS.
Offering fixed indexed annuities and life insurance through various carriers.



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	4	0	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 - 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 4

Reporting Source:	Firm
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	NEWBRIDGE SECURITIES CORPORATION
Allegations:	Violation of Federal Securities Laws , Breach of Contract, Common Law Fraud, Breach of Fiduciary Duty, and Negligence
Product Type:	Other: Alternative Investments and Covered Securities
Alleged Damages:	\$325,000.00
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 #:	22-01999
Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation:	09/02/2022

Customer Complaint Information



Date Complaint Received: 09/21/2022

Complaint Pending? Yes

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:

Disclosure 2 of 4

Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: NEWBRIDGE SECURITIES CORPORATION

Allegations: Negligence, Breach of Fiduciary Duty, Negligent Supervision

Product Type: Other: ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENTS

Alleged Damages: \$100,000.00

Arbitration Information

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

Docket/Case #: 22-01336

Date Notice/Process Served: 06/15/2022

Arbitration Pending? Yes

Disclosure 3 of 4

Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: NEWBRIDGE SECURITIES CORPORATION

Allegations: Negligence, Breach of Fiduciary Duty, Negligent Supervision

Product Type: Other: ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENTS

Alleged Damages: \$50,000.00

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 #: 22-01022

Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation: 05/11/2022

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 05/11/2022

Complaint Pending? Yes

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:

Disclosure 4 of 4

Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: TAYLOR CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

Allegations: Customers allege that Mr. Nowak made misrepresentations and omissions regarding the features and risks of a fixed annuity and a real estate investment trust, including restrictions on liquidity and the applicable time horizon, and that those products were not suitable for the customers.

Product Type: Annuity-Fixed
Real Estate Security

Alleged Damages: \$100,000.00

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: 04/03/2020

Complaint Pending? Yes

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:

Broker Statement

Mr. Nowak vehemently denies the customers' allegations. All of the material features and risks of the subject fixed annuity and real estate investment trust -- specifically including restrictions on liquidity and the time horizon for each -- were fully disclosed to the customers in writing, and the customers acknowledged their understanding of same, in writing. The subject investments were entirely suitable for the customers, based on their stated investment objectives, needs and other aspects of the customers' investor profiles. In addition, the customers' have not incurred any losses or damages on either product.

The clients did received dividends for the last six years, received statements showing non traded estimated share price , acknowledging dollar amount of dividends paid and that they intentionally reinvested to purchase shares of the same non traded REIT with the dividends the entire six years. That option could have been changed at any time to have dividends redirected to them at any time but elected not to from inception of their purchase. They were a knowledgeable, involved, informed participants and received required legal materials for the REIT annually that brought the status of the REIT to their attention regularly and never had any complaint with the dividend amount or the reinvestment of dividends.

End of Report



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