

## BrokerCheck Report

# MARK STEVEN ELIAS

CRD# 2938707

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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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[brokercheck.finra.org](http://brokercheck.finra.org)



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)

**MARK S. ELIAS**

CRD# 2938707

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

**IA UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.**  
 4400 POST OAK PARKWAY  
 20TH FLOOR  
 HOUSTON, TX 77027  
 CRD# 8174  
 Registered with this firm since: 01/31/2003

**B UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.**  
 4400 POST OAK PARKWAY  
 20TH FLOOR  
 HOUSTON, TX 77027  
 CRD# 8174  
 Registered with this firm since: 01/31/2003

**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:**

- 10 Self-Regulatory Organizations
- 21 U.S. states and territories

**This broker has passed:**

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

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

- IA MORGAN STANLEY & CO., INCORPORATED**  
 CRD# 8209  
 NEW YORK, NY  
 11/1997 - 02/2003
- B MORGAN STANLEY & CO., INCORPORATED**  
 CRD# 8209  
 NEW YORK, NY  
 10/1997 - 02/2003

**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 individual is currently registered with 10 SROs and is licensed in 21 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.**

### Employment 1 of 1

Firm Name: **UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.**

Main Office Address: **1200 HARBOR BOULEVARD  
WEEHAWKEN, NJ 07086**

Firm CRD#: **8174**

	<b>SRO</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>B</b>	BOX Exchange LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	05/16/2012
<b>B</b>	Cboe Exchange, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	01/31/2003
<b>B</b>	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	01/31/2003
<b>B</b>	NYSE American LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	01/31/2003
<b>B</b>	NYSE Arca, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	01/31/2003
<b>B</b>	NYSE Chicago, Inc.	General Securities Representative	Approved	07/13/2022
<b>B</b>	Nasdaq ISE, LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	01/28/2008
<b>B</b>	Nasdaq PHLX LLC	General Securities Representative	Approved	01/31/2003
<b>B</b>	Nasdaq Stock Market	General Securities Representative	Approved	07/12/2006
<b>B</b>	New York Stock Exchange	General Securities Representative	Approved	01/31/2003

	<b>U.S. State/ Territory</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>B</b>	California	Agent	Approved	01/31/2003
<b>B</b>	Colorado	Agent	Approved	01/03/2017
<b>B</b>	Delaware	Agent	Approved	05/15/2018



## Broker Qualifications

### Employment 1 of 1, continued

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	04/13/2018
B	Georgia	Agent	Approved	08/08/2012
B	Illinois	Agent	Approved	01/07/2011
B	Louisiana	Agent	Approved	01/25/2011
B	Massachusetts	Agent	Approved	12/19/2012
B	Michigan	Agent	Approved	06/07/2005
B	Minnesota	Agent	Approved	12/13/2018
B	Missouri	Agent	Approved	09/30/2008
B	New Mexico	Agent	Approved	01/31/2003
B	New York	Agent	Approved	01/31/2003
B	North Carolina	Agent	Approved	10/03/2003
IA	Oklahoma	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	10/08/2003
B	Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	01/05/2017
B	Puerto Rico	Agent	Approved	03/02/2017
B	South Dakota	Agent	Approved	06/18/2020
B	Texas	Agent	Approved	01/31/2003
IA	Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	01/31/2003
B	Utah	Agent	Approved	09/24/2020
B	Virginia	Agent	Approved	01/09/2015

### Branch Office Locations

## Broker Qualifications



### Employment 1 of 1, continued

#### UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.

4400 POST OAK PARKWAY

20TH FLOOR

HOUSTON, TX 77027

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

### 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> National Commodity Futures Examination	Series 3	10/27/1997
<b>B</b> General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	10/20/1997

### State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
<b>B IA</b> Uniform Combined State Law Examination	Series 66	10/31/1997

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> 11/1997 - 02/2003	MORGAN STANLEY & CO., INCORPORATED	8209	HOUSTON, TX
<b>B</b> 10/1997 - 02/2003	MORGAN STANLEY & CO., INCORPORATED	8209	NEW YORK, NY

### 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
11/2013 - Present	UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC	FINANCIAL ADVISOR	Y	HOUSTON, TX, United States
01/2003 - 11/2013	UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.	FINANCIAL ADVISOR	Y	HOUSTON, TX, 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)PARTNER (1/3) IN PHYSICIAN TELEPHONE ANSWERING SERVICE HOUSTON,TEXAS.
- 2)ALL STAR ENERGY LLC /800 BERING DRIVE, SUITE 250 HOUSTON, TX 77057 / UTILITIES (ELECTRICITY, GAS DISTRIBUTION, WATER) / WHOLESALE ELECTRICITY SALES / MEMBER OF BOD / ATTEND BOARD MEETINGS / START DATE 08/01/2010.
- 3)TANGLEWOOD HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION / 5757 WOODWAY, SUITE 160 HOUSTON,TX 77057 / ASSOCIATION (I.E., TRADE OR INDUSTRY, SPORT...)/ OTHER HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION / HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION / MEMBER OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS / / ATTEND MEETINGS ABOUT NEIGHBORHOOD / START DATE 11/30/2012.



## 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	2	2	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 - Award / Judgment

This type of disclosure event involves a final, consumer-initiated, investment-related arbitration or civil suit containing allegations of sales practice violations against the broker that resulted in an arbitration award or civil judgment for the customer.

#### Disclosure 1 of 1

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Regulator
<b>Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:</b>	UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.
<b>Allegations:</b>	Elias was a subject of the customer's complaint against his member firm that asserted the following causes of action: fraud; misrepresentation; unsuitability; breach of fiduciary duty; and breach of contract under the federal securities laws, FINRA regulations, and state securities and common law.
<b>Product Type:</b>	Options
<b>Alleged Damages:</b>	\$400,000.00
<b>Arbitration Information</b>	
<b>Arbitration/Reparation Claim filed with and Docket/Case No.:</b>	<a href="#">FINRA - CASE #19-02550</a>
<b>Date Notice/Process Served:</b>	08/26/2019
<b>Arbitration Pending?</b>	No
<b>Disposition:</b>	Award
<b>Disposition Date:</b>	09/15/2021
<b>Disposition Detail:</b>	Mark Elias was a Subject Of the customer's complaint alleging Elias and his member firm caused sales practice violations. Elias's firm is liable for and shall pay to Claimant the sum of \$357,831.22 in compensatory damages, and is liable for and shall pay to Claimant the sum of \$300 as reimbursement for the non-



refundable portion of the filing fee previously paid to FINRA Dispute Resolution Services.

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<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Broker
<b>Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:</b>	UBS Financial Services Inc.
<b>Allegations:</b>	Time frame: 2016 - present Claimant's counsel alleges unsuitability and misrepresentation with respect to recommendations to invest in and hold an options overlay strategy.
<b>Product Type:</b>	Other: In House Wrap Fee
<b>Alleged Damages:</b>	\$400,000.00
<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>	Yes
<b>Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:</b>	FINRA Arbitration
<b>Docket/Case #:</b>	19-02550
<b>Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation:</b>	08/26/2019
<b>Customer Complaint Information</b>	
<b>Date Complaint Received:</b>	08/26/2019
<b>Complaint Pending?</b>	No
<b>Status:</b>	Arbitration Award/Monetary Judgment (for claimants/plaintiffs)
<b>Status Date:</b>	09/15/2021
<b>Settlement Amount:</b>	\$358,131.22
<b>Individual Contribution Amount:</b>	\$0.00
<b>Broker Statement</b>	It's disappointing to me that this arbitration claim and award appears on my record. I always acted properly and in the best interests of this client, as I have done for all my clients throughout my 24 years as a financial advisor. This client brought



claims against my employer, not against me, alleging that the firm misrepresented the risks of a proprietary options overlay strategy. It appears on my record solely because FINRA requires the reporting of arbitration claims on the record of the claimant's broker of record. I was not a named party to the action, there was no award against me, I was not asked to contribute in any way to the award, and I have not been the subject of any disciplinary action by my employer or any regulator. In fact, I continue to have a strong and respectful relationship with this client, who to this day still uses me as his primary financial advisor.



## 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>	Broker
<b>Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:</b>	UBS Financial Services Inc.
<b>Allegations:</b>	Time frame: 2017 - Present Allegations: Claimant's Counsel alleges unsuitability and misrepresentation regarding an options overlay strategy investment.
<b>Product Type:</b>	Other: In House Wrap Fee
<b>Alleged Damages:</b>	\$400,000.00
<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>	Yes
<b>Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:</b>	FINRA ARBITRATION
<b>Docket/Case #:</b>	19-01127
<b>Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation:</b>	05/08/2019

### Customer Complaint Information

<b>Date Complaint Received:</b>	05/08/2019
<b>Complaint Pending?</b>	No
<b>Status:</b>	Settled
<b>Status Date:</b>	02/08/2023
<b>Settlement Amount:</b>	\$165,000.00
<b>Individual Contribution Amount:</b>	\$0.00



**Broker Statement**

I disagree with and deny all allegations. I am comfortable that this customer was treated fairly, the account was handled properly, and, as always, I acted in the best interests of the client at all times."



## 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 2

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Broker
<b>Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:</b>	UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.
<b>Allegations:</b>	Time frame: 2018 - present  Allegations: Claimant's counsel alleges unsuitability and misrepresentation with respect to recommendations to invest in and hold an options overlay strategy.
<b>Product Type:</b>	Other: In-House Wrap Fee
<b>Alleged Damages:</b>	\$600,000.00
<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>	Yes
<b>Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:</b>	FINRA Arbitration
<b>Docket/Case #:</b>	23-00429
<b>Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation:</b>	03/06/2023

### Customer Complaint Information

<b>Date Complaint Received:</b>	03/06/2023
<b>Complaint Pending?</b>	Yes
<b>Settlement Amount:</b>	
<b>Individual Contribution Amount:</b>	





## Disclosure 2 of 2

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Broker
<b>Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:</b>	UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.
<b>Allegations:</b>	Time frame: 2016-2019 Claimant's counsel alleges unsuitability and misrepresentation with respect to recommendations to invest in and hold an options overlay strategy.
<b>Product Type:</b>	Other: In House Wrap Fee
<b>Alleged Damages:</b>	\$1,000,000.00
<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>	Yes
<b>Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:</b>	FINRA Arbitration
<b>Docket/Case #:</b>	22-02026
<b>Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation:</b>	09/16/2022

## Customer Complaint Information

<b>Date Complaint Received:</b>	09/16/2022
<b>Complaint Pending?</b>	Yes
<b>Settlement Amount:</b>	
<b>Individual Contribution Amount:</b>	

## End of Report



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