

## **BrokerCheck Report**

## **DANIEL JAMES LAULETTA**

CRD# 2659123

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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?
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- Are there other resources I can use to check the background of investment professionals?
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## **DANIEL J. LAULETTA**

CRD# 2659123

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
- 2 State Securities Law Exams

## **Registration History**

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

- IBN FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. CRD# 42360 LIVERPOOL, NY 06/2022 - 09/2022
- B SUPREME ALLIANCE LLC CRD# 45348 CHARLOTTE, NC 05/2022 - 06/2022
- MML INVESTORS SERVICES, LLC CRD# 10409 CLEVELAND, OH 03/2017 - 04/2022

#### **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	6	
Termination	1	

# Investment Adviser Representative Information

The information below represents the individual's record as a broker. For details on this individual's record as an investment adviser representative, visit the SEC's Investment Adviser Public Disclosure website at

https://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov

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## **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 2 state securities law exams.

## **Principal/Supervisory Exams**

Exam		Category	Date
В	Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Principal Examination	Series 26	10/31/2000

## **General Industry/Product Exams**

Exam		Category	Date
B	Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	10/01/2018
В	General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	12/24/2003
В	Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination	Series 6	12/27/1995

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

Exam		Category	Date
B IA Uniform Com	nined State Law Examination	Series 66	07/22/2008
B Uniform Secu	ities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	12/01/1995

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 2 professional designation(s).

Certified Financial Planner

**Chartered Financial Consultant** 

This representative holds or did hold **2** professional designation(s) that may have been used to qualify as an Investment Advisor representative. Please check with the appropriate designation authority for verification that the designation is still in effect. The contact information for these professional designation authorities can be found on the website for the North American Securities Administrators Association at http://www.nasaa.org

## **Registration and Employment History**



## **Registration History**

The broker previously was registered with the following firms:

Reg	istration Dates	Firm Name	CRD#	Branch Location
B	06/2022 - 09/2022	IBN FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	42360	LIVERPOOL, NY
B	05/2022 - 06/2022	SUPREME ALLIANCE LLC	45348	CHARLOTTE, NC
В	03/2017 - 04/2022	MML INVESTORS SERVICES, LLC	10409	CLEVELAND, OH
B	09/2016 - 03/2017	MSI FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	14251	BROADVIEW HEIGHTS, OH
В	09/2013 - 09/2016	CETERA ADVISOR NETWORKS LLC	13572	VALLEY VIEW, OH
В	10/2012 - 09/2013	WALNUT STREET SECURITIES, INC.	15840	VALLEY VIEW, OH
B	02/2008 - 10/2012	AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	6363	BEACHWOOD, OH
B	01/2004 - 02/2008	LINCOLN FINANCIAL ADVISORS CORPORATION	3978	CLEVELAND, OH
B	01/2004 - 05/2006	THE LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	2580	FORT WAYNE, IN
B	04/2003 - 12/2003	CAPITAL BROKERAGE CORPORATION	10465	RICHMOND, VA
В	09/2000 - 03/2003	FORT WASHINGTON BROKERAGE SERVICES, INC.	8099	CINCINNATI, OH
B	01/1996 - 09/2000	CAPITAL ANALYSTS, INCORPORATED	5478	CINCINNATI, OH

## **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.

<b>Employment</b>	Employer Name	Position	Investment Related	<b>Employer Location</b>
05/2022 - Present	SUPREME ALLIANCE LLC	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Υ	CHARLOTTE, NC, United States

## **Registration and Employment History**



## **Employment History, continued**

<b>Employment</b>	Employer Name	Position	Investment Related	<b>Employer Location</b>
03/2017 - 03/2022	MML INVESTORS SERVICES, LLC	Registered Representative	Υ	Cleveland, OH, United States
07/2016 - 03/2022	Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	Agent	Υ	Cleveland, OH, United States
08/2016 - 03/2017	MSI Financial Services Inc	FSR	Υ	Broadview Heights, OH, United States
09/2013 - 08/2016	CETERA ADVISOR NETWORKS LLC	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Υ	EL SEGUNDO, CA, United States
10/2012 - 08/2016	FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES, INC	INVESTMENT ADVISOR	Υ	SWEET VALLEY, OH, United States
09/2012 - 08/2016	PLANCORP INC	FINANCIAL ADVISOR	Υ	VALLEY VIEW, OH, United States
10/2012 - 08/2013	WALNUT STREET SECURITIES INC	REGISTERED REP	Υ	VALLEY VIEW, OH, 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.

Independent Insurance Agent Lauletta financial - Disability Equity Indexed Annuities Fixed Annuities Indexed Universal Life Life/Accident/Health Long-Term Care from Residential address - 2 security hours and 2 non security hours - since 01/2016

#### **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.
- 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.

#### 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.

#### 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	1	5	N/A
Termination	N/A	1	N/A



#### **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

Reporting Source: Regulator

Regulatory Action Initiated Bv:

Arkansas

Sanction(s) Sought:

Cease and Desist

Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

Revocation

Other: Temporary bar - cannot reapply for 5 years from date of entry of order.

**Date Initiated:** 09/01/2022

Docket/Case Number: S-20-0046

URL for Regulatory Action: https://securities.arkansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Daniel-J.-Lauletta-

Consent-Order-S-20-0046-22-OR02.pdf

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

Cetera Advisor Networks, LLC (CRD# 13572); MML Investors Services, Inc.

(CRD# 10409).

Product Type: Annuity-Fixed

Annuity-Variable

Insurance

Other: Investment advisory recommendations.

Allegations: Arkansas Securities Commissioner J. Campbell McLaurin entered consent order

number S-20-0046-22-OR02 in the matter of Daniel J. Lauletta (CRD# 2659123) on September 1, 2022, based upon Lauletta's activity as an investment adviser



representative with two Arkansas clients. Lauletta breached his fiduciary duty to two Arkansas clients by advising them to liquidate securities invested for retirement to purchase unsuitable insurance products and annuities. Lauletta did not have reasonable grounds for believing the advice and recommendations at issue were suitable for the Arkansas clients. Lauletta also failed disclose certain risks and information to the Arkansas clients when effecting the above-referenced activity. Lauletta's activity constituted fraudulent, deceptive, dishonest, or unethical practices of an investment adviser, in violation of the Arkansas Securities Act ("Act"), Ark. Code. Ann. §§ 23-42-307(a)(3), 23-42-308(a)(2)(B) and (G), and 23-42-507(2), and Rules of the Arkansas Securities Commissioner ("Rules") 308.02(a) and 308.02(aa). Without admitting or denying the findings of fact and conclusions of law, Lauletta consented to the following: 1) cease and desist from further violations of the Act and Rules; 2) revocation of his broker-dealer agent registration in Arkansas as of April 12, 2022, the last date on which Lauletta's registration was effective in Arkansas; 3) not to reapply for registration with the Arkansas Securities Department ("Department") in any capacity for a minimum of five years on or after the entry of the consent order; and 4) payment of a fine to the Department in the amount of \$10,000.00 immediately upon entry of the consent order.

Current Status: Final

Resolution: Consent

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

Yes

Resolution Date: 09/01/2022

Sanctions Ordered: Bar (Temporary/Time Limited)

Cease and Desist

Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

Revocation

Sanction 1 of 1

Sanction Type: Bar (Temporary/Time Limited)

Capacities Affected: All capacities.

**Duration:** 5 years

**Start Date:** 09/01/2022

End Date: 09/01/2027



**Monetary Sanction 1 of 1** 

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

**Total Amount:** \$10,000.00

**Portion Levied against** 

individual:

\$10,000.00

Payment Plan:

**Is Payment Plan Current:** 

Date Paid by individual: 09/06/2022

Was any portion of penalty

waived?

No

**Amount Waived:** 

Regulator Statement Without admitting or denying the findings of fact and conclusions of law, Lauletta

consented to the following: 1) cease and desist from further violations of the Act and Rules; 2) revocation of his broker-dealer agent registration in Arkansas as of April 12, 2022, the last date on which Lauletta's registration was effective in Arkansas; 3) not to reapply for registration with the Arkansas Securities

Department ("Department") in any capacity for a minimum of five years on or after the entry of the consent order; and 4) payment of a fine to the Department in the amount of \$10,000.00 immediately upon entry of the consent order. Department

Order No. S-20-0046-22-OR02.

Reporting Source: Firm

**Regulatory Action Initiated** 

By:

Arkansas Securities Department

Sanction(s) Sought: Cease and Desist

Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

Revocation

**Date Initiated:** 03/14/2022

Docket/Case Number: S-20-0046

Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the

regulatory action:

MML Investors Services, LLC

Product Type: Annuity-Variable

Insurance



Allegations: It was determined by the Arkansas Securities Department that the Registered

Representative violated provisions of the Arkansas Securities Act and Rules of the Arkansas Securities Commissioner. They intend to file a Complaint against him with the Arkansas Securities Commissioner seeking appropriate remedies for his

violations of the Act and Rules. "See additional comments 13"

Current Status: Final

Resolution: Consent

Resolution Date: 09/01/2022

Sanctions Ordered: Bar (Temporary/Time Limited)

Cease and Desist

Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

Revocation

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: Bar (Temporary/Time Limited)

Capacities Affected: All capacities

**Duration:** 5 years

**Start Date:** 09/01/2022

**End Date:** 09/01/2027



Monetary Sanction 1 of 1

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

**Total Amount:** \$10,000.00

Portion Levied against

individual:

\$10,000.00

Payment Plan:

**Is Payment Plan Current:** 

Date Paid by individual: 09/06/2022

Was any portion of penalty

waived?

No

**Amount Waived:** 

Firm Statement Arkansas Securities Commissioner J. Campbell McLaurin entered consent order

number S-20-0046-22-OR02 in the matter of Daniel J. Lauletta (CRD# 2659123) on September 1, 2022, based upon Lauletta's activity as an investment adviser representative with two Arkansas clients. Lauletta breached his fiduciary duty to two Arkansas clients by advising them to liquidate securities invested for retirement to purchase unsuitable insurance products and annuities. Lauletta did not have reasonable grounds for believing the advice and recommendations at issue were suitable for the Arkansas clients. Lauletta also failed disclose certain risks and information to the Arkansas clients when effecting the above-referenced activity. Lauletta's activity constituted fraudulent, deceptive, dishonest, or unethical

Lauletta's activity constituted fraudulent, deceptive, dishonest, or unethical practices of an investment adviser, in violation of the Arkansas Securities Act ("Act"), Ark. Code. Ann. §§ 23-42-307(a)(3), 23-42-308(a)(2)(B) and (G), and 23-42-507(2), and Rules of the Arkansas Securities Commissioner ("Rules") 308.02(a) and 308.02(aa). Without admitting or denying the findings of fact and conclusions of law, Lauletta consented to the following: 1) cease and desist from further

violations of the Act and Rules; 2) revocation of his broker-dealer agent registration in Arkansas as of April 12, 2022, the last date on which Lauletta's registration was effective in Arkansas; 3) not to reapply for registration with the Arkansas Securities Department ("Department") in any capacity for a minimum of five years on or after the entry of the consent order; and 4) payment of a fine to the Department in the

amount of \$10,000.00 immediately upon entry of the consent order.

Reporting Source: Broker

**Regulatory Action Initiated** 

By:

Arkansas Securities Department

Sanction(s) Sought: Cease and Desist



Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

Revocation

Other: Temprorary Bar - cannot reapply for 5 years

**Date Initiated:** 03/21/2022

Docket/Case Number: S-20-0046

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

MML Investors Services, Inc. Cetera Advisor Networks, LLC

**Product Type:** Annuity-Fixed

Annuity-Variable

Insurance

Allegations: Lauletta breached his fiduciary duty to two Arkansas clients by advising them to

liquidate securities invested for retirement to purchase unsuitable insurance products and annuities. Lauletta did not have reasonable grounds for believing the advice and recommendations at issue were suitable for the Arkansas clients. Lauletta also failed disclose certain risks and information to the Arkansas clients when effecting the above-referenced activity. Lauletta's activity constituted

fraudulent, deceptive, dishonest, or unethical practices of an investment adviser, in

violation of the Arkansas Securities Act ("Act"), Ark. Code. Ann. §§ 23-42-307(a)(3), 23-42-308(a)(2)(B) and (G), and 23-42-507(2), and Rules of the Arkansas Securities Commissioner ("Rules") 308.02(a) and 308.02(aa). Without admitting or denying the findings of fact and conclusions of law, Lauletta consented to the following: 1) cease and desist from further violations of the Act and Rules; 2) revocation of his broker-dealer agent registration in Arkansas as of April 12, 2022, the last date on which Lauletta's registration was effective in Arkansas; 3) not to reapply for registration with the Arkansas Securities Department ("Department") in any capacity for a minimum of five years on or after the entry of the consent order;

and 4) payment of a fine to the Department in the amount of \$10,000.00 immediately upon entry of the consent order.

Current Status: Final

Resolution: Consent

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

Yes

Resolution Date: 09/01/2022



**Sanctions Ordered:** Bar (Temporary/Time Limited)

Cease and Desist

Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

Sanction 1 of 1

Bar (Temporary/Time Limited) **Sanction Type:** 

**Capacities Affected:** All capacities

**Duration:** 5 years

Start Date: 09/01/2022

**End Date:** 09/01/2027

Monetary Sanction 1 of 1

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

**Total Amount:** \$10,000.00

**Portion Levied against** 

individual:

\$10,000.00

**Payment Plan:** 

**Is Payment Plan Current:** 

Date Paid by individual: 09/06/2022

Was any portion of penalty

waived?

No

**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 3

Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:

MSI FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.

Allegations:

The customer alleged, beginning in 2012, that the representative provided negligent advice and utilized deceptive sales tactics to prompt the purchase of unsuitable life insurance policies, that were financed in a manner that was unsustainable, that depleted retirement investments to pay collateral obligations, and caused him to incur unnecessary surrender charges and tax penalties.

Product Type:

Annuity-Variable

Insurance

Alleged Damages:

\$1,000,000.00

Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not

exact):

The Firm has been unable to make a good faith determination that potential damages from the alleged conduct would be less than \$5,000 based on the the

premiums paid.

## **Civil Litigation Information**

Type of Court: State Court

Name of Court: Ashley County Circuit Court

**Location of Court:** Ashley County, AR

**Docket/Case #:** 02CV-20-152-3

**Date Notice/Process Served:** 10/13/2020

**Litigation Pending?** No

**Disposition:** Settled

**Disposition Date:** 12/10/2021

**Monetary Compensation** 

Amount:

\$1,150,000.00

**Individual Contribution** 

\$0.00

Amount:

Broker Statement Internal Case #202038257



Disclosure 2 of 3

**Reporting Source:** Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:

MSI FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.

Allegations: The Plaintiff alleges that beginning in 2016, the representative made

misrepresentations and fraudulently induced him into purchasing an unsuitable

whole life insurance policy.

Product Type: Insurance

Alleged Damages: \$5,000.00

Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not

The Firm has been unable to make a good faith determination that potential damages from the alleged conduct would be less than \$5,000.

**Explanation (if amount not** damages from the alleged conduct would be less than \$5,00 **exact):** 

## **Civil Litigation Information**

Type of Court: State Court

Name of Court: Jackson County Circuit Court

Location of Court: Jackson County, Arkansas

**Docket/Case #:** 34CV-20-81

Date Notice/Process Served: 09/08/2020

**Litigation Pending?** No

**Disposition:** Settled

**Disposition Date:** 12/31/2021

**Monetary Compensation** 

Amount:

\$953,000.00

Individual Contribution \$0.00

Amount:

Internal Case #202038025 and 202105210155.

Disclosure 3 of 3

**Broker Statement** 

Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when CETERA ADVISOR NETWORKS LLC



activities occurred which led

to the complaint:

Allegations: CLIENT ALLEGED UNAUTHORIZED EXCHANGE OF TWO VARIABLE

ANNUITIES TO FIXED INDEXED ANNUITY.

**Product Type:** Annuity-Variable

Other: FIXED INDEXED ANNUITY

**Alleged Damages:** \$0.00

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

exact):

AMOUNT UNKNOWN, ESTIMATED OVER \$5000.

Is this an oral complaint?

No

Is this a written complaint?

Yes

Is this an arbitration/CFTC

reparation or civil litigation?

No

## **Customer Complaint Information**

**Date Complaint Received:** 08/25/2014

**Complaint Pending?** No

Settled Status:

**Status Date:** 10/06/2014

**Settlement Amount:** \$0.00

**Individual Contribution** 

\$0.00

Amount:

**Broker Statement** ALLIANZ OFFERED CLIENT A FREE LOOK ON 9/30/2014.



#### 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 2

Reporting Source: Firm

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:

MML INVESTORS SERVICES, LLC

Allegations:

The complainant alleges that beginning in 2017, she was sold annual financial plans that she did not need and was told that she was required to have them order maintain a relationship with the firm. She alleges that all of her investable assets were locked into a variable annuity and she had to use its free withdrawal provision to pay for each annual financial plan. She is seeking a return of the annual

financial plan costs that she paid.

**Product Type:** Annuity-Variable

Other: Financial plans

Alleged Damages: \$15,000.00

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: 05/01/2023

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Denied

**Status Date:** 06/02/2023

**Settlement Amount:** 

**Individual Contribution** 

**Amount:** 

Firm Statement Internal case #202305010009.



Disclosure 2 of 2

Reporting Source: Firm

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:

AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.

Allegations:

CLIENT ALLEGED THE SURRENDER CHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH HIS APRIL 2010 VARIABLE ANNUITY PURCHASE WERE NOT DISCLOSED.

**Product Type:** Annuity-Variable

Alleged Damages: \$21,775.47

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:** 02/13/2014

**Complaint Pending?** No

Status: Denied

**Status Date:** 04/09/2014

**Settlement Amount:** 

**Individual Contribution** 

Amount:

Reporting Source: Broker

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AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.

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Amount:



**User Guidance** 

#### **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

**Reporting Source:** Firm

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

Allegations: Plaintiff alleges that beginning in 2011 Defendants made misrepresentations and

Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc.

fraudulently induced him into purchasing several Variable Universal Life Insurance

policies. He seeks more than \$25,000 in damages.

**Product Type:** Insurance **Alleged Damages:** \$25,000.00

**Civil Litigation Information** 

Type of Court: State Court

Name of Court: Court of Common Pleas

**Location of Court:** Summit County, Ohio

Docket/Case #: CV-2019-12-4647

**Date Notice/Process Served:** 12/12/2019

Litigation Pending? Yes

**Reporting Source:** Broker

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

Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc.

Plaintiff alleges that beginning in 2011 Defendants made misrepresentations and Allegations:

fraudulently induced him into purchasing several Variable Universal Life Insurance

policies. He seeks more than \$25,000 in damages.

**Product Type:** Insurance **Alleged Damages:** \$25,000.00

**Civil Litigation Information** 



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**Litigation Pending?** Yes



#### **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: MML INVESTORS SERVICES, LLC

Termination Type: Discharged

Termination Date: 03/24/2022

Allegations: Registered Representative was terminated after the Firm learned the Arkansas

Securities Department determined RR had violated provisions of the Arkansas

Securities Act.

Product Type: No Product

Reporting Source: Broker

**Employer Name:** MML INVESTORS SERVICES, INC.

Termination Type: Discharged

**Termination Date:** 03/24/2022

Allegations: Registered Representative was terminated after the Firm learned the Arkansas

Securities Department determined RR had violated provisions of the Arkansas

Securities Act.

Product Type: No Product

## **End of Report**



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