

## **BrokerCheck Report**

## **WILLIAM STUART HORAK**

CRD# 1462594

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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?
- 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
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#### **WILLIAM S. HORAK**

CRD# 1462594

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



2941 KERRY FOREST PARKWAY TALLAHASSEE, FL 32309 CRD# 109576

Registered with this firm since: 11/26/1990

# B PURSHE KAPLAN STERLING INVESTMENTS

2941 Kerry Forest Parkway Tallahassee, FL 32309 CRD# 35747

Registered with this firm since: 05/05/2014

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

#### This broker has passed:

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

#### **Registration History**

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

B NATIONWIDE INVESTMENT SERVICES CORPORATION

CRD# 7110 COLUMBUS, OH 02/1990 - 08/1996

- FSC SECURITIES CORPORATION CRD# 7461 ATLANTA, GA 02/1990 - 07/1996
- B BOARDWALK CAPITAL CORPORATION CRD# 10279 08/1988 - 02/1990

#### **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
Customer Dispute	3

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

## **Employment 1 of 2**

Firm Name: **PURSHE KAPLAN STERLING INVESTMENTS** 

Main Office Address: 80 STATE STREET

**ALBANY, NY 12207** 

Firm CRD#: 35747

	SRO	Category	Status	Date
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	05/05/2014
	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Alabama	Agent	Approved	12/11/2019
B	California	Agent	Approved	10/13/2014
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	05/05/2014
B	Georgia	Agent	Approved	05/22/2014
В	Michigan	Agent	Approved	03/29/2019
B	New Jersey	Agent	Approved	05/31/2023
B	North Carolina	Agent	Approved	05/28/2014
B	Ohio	Agent	Approved	03/08/2019
B	Oklahoma	Agent	Approved	01/28/2019
B	Pennsylvania	Agent	Approved	01/09/2023
B	Texas	Agent	Approved	04/13/2016
B	Virginia	Agent	Approved	05/26/2020

#### **Broker Qualifications**



## **Employment 1 of 2, continued**

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Wisconsin	Agent	Approved	04/25/2023

#### **Branch Office Locations**

#### **PURSHE KAPLAN STERLING INVESTMENTS**

2941 Kerry Forest Parkway Tallahassee, FL 32309

## **Employment 2 of 2**

Firm Name: WEALTH MANAGEMENT CORPORATION

Main Office Address: 2941 KERRY FORREST PARKWAY

**TALLAHASSEE, FL 32309-6825** 

Firm CRD#: **109576** 

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
IA	Florida	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	11/26/1990
IA	Georgia	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	06/11/2012
IA	North Carolina	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	04/13/2012
IA	Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	04/13/2012

#### **Branch Office Locations**

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

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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 1 principal/supervisory exam, 2 general industry/product exams, and 1 state securities law exam.

## **Principal/Supervisory Exams**

Exam	ı	Category	Date
В	General Securities Principal Examination	Series 24	10/24/1989

## **General Industry/Product Exams**

Exam		Category	Date
В	Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	10/01/2018
В	General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	05/05/2014

## **State Securities Law Exams**

Exam	r	Category	Date
В	Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	05/12/2014

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 1 professional designation(s).

#### Certified Financial Planner

This representative holds or did hold **1** 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
В	02/1990 - 08/1996	NATIONWIDE INVESTMENT SERVICES CORPORATION	7110	COLUMBUS, OH
B	02/1990 - 07/1996	FSC SECURITIES CORPORATION	7461	ATLANTA, GA
B	08/1988 - 02/1990	BOARDWALK CAPITAL CORPORATION	10279	
B	04/1988 - 09/1988	INTEGRATED RESOURCES EQUITY CORPORATION	6403	
B	05/1987 - 04/1988	FSC SECURITIES CORPORATION	7461	ATLANTA, GA
B	03/1986 - 05/1987	WADDELL & REED, INC.	866	

## **Employment History**

This section provides up to 10 years of an individual broker's employment history as reported by the individual broker on the most recently filed Form U4.

Please note that the broker is required to provide this information only while registered with FINRA or a national securities exchange and the information is not updated via Form U4 after the broker ceases to be registered. Therefore, an employment end date of "Present" may not reflect the broker's current employment status.

Employment	Employer Name	Position	Investment Related	<b>Employer Location</b>
04/2014 - Present	PURSHE KAPLAN STERLING INVESTMENTS	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Υ	ALBANY, NY, United States
01/1989 - Present	WEALTH MANAGEMENT	OTHER - OWNER	N	TALLAHASSEE, FL, 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) WEALTH MANAGEMENT CORPORATION OF AMERICA, INC. INVESTMENT RELATED. RIA. 2941 KERRY FOREST PARKWAY, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32309. PRESIDENT/OWNER. 1988. 140 HRS/MO. REGISTERED INVESTMENT ADVISORY FIRM.
- 2) Insurance. Not Investment Related. 2941 Kerry Forest Parkway, Tallahassee FL. Insurance. Agent. Start 2013. 3 hours per month during

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## **Registration and Employment History**



## Other Business Activities, continued

trading. Life and fixed annuity agent.

2) Sandbaggers, LLC; Not investment related; Golf Course Board of Directors; Board member; 08/11/2018; 4 hrs/mo., 0 trading; I sit on the Board of Directors. The investment is a golf course, of which I a part owner.

#### **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
Customer Dispute	2	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.

#### Customer Dispute - Closed-No Action / Withdrawn / Dismissed / Denied

This type of disclosure event involves (1) a consumer-initiated, investment-related arbitration or civil suit containing allegations of sales practice violations against the individual broker that was dismissed, withdrawn, or denied; or (2) a consumer-initiated, investment-related written complaint containing allegations that the broker engaged in sales practice violations resulting in compensatory damages of at least \$5,000, forgery, theft, or misappropriation, or conversion of funds or securities, which was closed without action, withdrawn, or denied.

#### Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led

activities occurred which led

to the complaint:

Allegations: Client alleges purchase of Hospitality Investors Trust REIT was unsuitable.

Purshe Kaplan Sterling

Product Type: Real Estate Security

Alleged Damages: \$50,000.00

**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:** 06/05/2021

Complaint Pending? No

**Status:** Withdrawn

**Status Date:** 06/07/2021

**Settlement Amount:** 

**Individual Contribution** 



Amount:



#### **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

Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led

to the complaint:

PURSHE KAPLAN STERLING INVESTMENTS

Allegations: Clients allege unsuitable transactions in the sale of two REITS: ARC Hospitality

Trust and ARC Realty Finance Trust that were sold to the client by William Horak

**Product Type:** Real Estate Security

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?

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Yes

Arbitration/Reparation forum

or court name and location:

**Docket/Case #:** 23-01620

Filing date of

06/05/2023

arbitration/CFTC reparation

or civil litigation:

#### **Customer Complaint Information**

**Date Complaint Received:** 06/05/2023

Complaint Pending? Yes

Status:

**Status Date:** 06/23/2023

**Settlement Amount:** 

**Individual Contribution** 

Amount:



Disclosure 2 of 2

**Reporting Source:** Broker

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

PURSHE KAPLAN STERLING INVESTMENTS

Allegations:

Clients allege Negligence, Breach of Fiduciary Duty, Breach of Contract in relation

to GWG L Bonds.

**Product Type: Debt-Asset Backed** 

**Alleged Damages:** \$160,000.00

Is this an oral complaint? No

Is this a written complaint? No

Is this an arbitration/CFTC

reparation or civil litigation?

**Arbitration/Reparation forum** 

or court name and location:

**FINRA Dispute Resolution** 

Docket/Case #: 22-02529

Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation

or civil litigation:

11/08/2022

Yes

### **Customer Complaint Information**

**Date Complaint Received:** 11/22/2022

**Complaint Pending?** Yes

**Settlement Amount:** 

**Individual Contribution** 

Amount:

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## **End of Report**



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