

# **BrokerCheck Report**

# **Todd Michael Lesk**

CRD# 2788300

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  same disclosure events mentioned above.
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  - o information that regulators report regarding disciplinary actions or allegations against firms or brokers.
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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
- 2 State Securities Law Exams

### **Registration History**

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

B CAMBRIDGE INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC.

CRD# 39543 Coral Springs, FL 09/2022 - 10/2023

B LPL FINANCIAL LLC CRD# 6413 CORAL SPRINGS, FL 02/2018 - 09/2022

B INVEST FINANCIAL CORPORATION CRD# 12984 FT LAUDERDALE, FL 02/2017 - 02/2018

### **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	2	
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	r	Category	Date
B	General Securities Principal Examination	Series 24	03/02/2006

# **General Industry/Product Exams**

Exam		Category	Date
B	Operations Professional Examination	Series 99TO	01/02/2023
B	Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	10/01/2018
В	General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	06/19/1997

### **State Securities Law Exams**

Exam	ı	Category	Date
IA	Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination	Series 65	11/02/2017
B	Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	07/12/1997

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/.

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# **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:

Reg	istration Dates	Firm Name	CRD#	Branch Location
В	09/2022 - 10/2023	CAMBRIDGE INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC.	39543	Coral Springs, FL
B	02/2018 - 09/2022	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	6413	CORAL SPRINGS, FL
B	02/2017 - 02/2018	INVEST FINANCIAL CORPORATION	12984	FT LAUDERDALE, FL
B	08/2011 - 09/2016	MIDDLEBURY SECURITIES LLC	122602	BOCA RATON, FL
В	08/2010 - 08/2011	STERNE AGEE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	18456	BOCA RATON, FL
B	01/2010 - 08/2010	ATLANTIC COAST SECURITIES CORPORATION	20826	TAMARAC, FL
B	01/2006 - 01/2010	LIVINGSTON MONROE CAPITAL GROUP INC.	31228	TAMARAC, FL
B	10/2008 - 12/2009	G.T. JEFFERS & COMPANY, LLC	45308	TAMARAC, FL
B	11/2001 - 12/2005	G.T. JEFFERS & COMPANY, LLC	45308	TAMARAC, FL
B	05/2001 - 10/2001	J.P. TURNER & COMPANY, L.L.C.	43177	ATLANTA, GA
B	09/2000 - 06/2001	FIRST UNION SECURITIES FINANCIAL NETWORK, INC.	11025	ST. LOUIS, MO
B	11/1997 - 09/2000	BARRON CHASE SECURITIES, INC.	18969	BOCA RATON, FL
B	06/1997 - 02/1998	LH ROSS & COMPANY, INC.	37920	BOCA RATON, FL

# **Employment History**

# **Registration and Employment History**



### **Employment History, continued**

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>
09/2022 - Present	Cambridge Investment Research Advisors, Inc.	Investment Advisor Representative	Υ	Fairfield, IA, United States
09/2022 - Present	Cambridge Investment Research, Inc.	Registered Representative	Υ	Fairfield, IA, United States
02/2018 - 09/2022	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Υ	FORT LAUDERDALE, FL, United States
02/2017 - 02/2018	INVEST Financial Corporation	Registered Representative	Υ	Tampa, FL, United States
08/2011 - 01/2017	MIDDLEBURY SECURITIES	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Υ	CORAL SPRINGS, 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) LESK FINANCIAL, 1375 NW 97th Terrace, Coral Springs FL 33071, 02/2017, INDEPENDENT INSURANCE AGENT FOR VARIOUS INDEPENDENT INSURANCE COMPANIES, NIR, 40 HR/MO 20 HR/MO Trading.
- 2) RLA FINANCIAL, 3932 Coral Ridge Drive, Coral Springs FL 33071, 09/2022, IAR, DBA, NIR, 125 HR/MO 80 HR/MO Trading.
- 3) CIRA, 1776 PLEASANT PLAIN RD, FAIRFIELD, IA, AS ADVISORY REP OF A RIA, INV REL, 160 HR/MO 120 HR/MO TRADING. 09/15/2022

### **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	1	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

Regulatory Action Initiated FINRA

Bv:

Sanction(s) Sought: Other: N/A

Date Initiated: 10/06/2023

**Docket/Case Number:** 2023079873001

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

Cambridge Investment Research, Inc.

Product Type: No Product

**Allegations:** Without admitting or denying the findings, Lesk consented to the sanctions and to

the entry of findings that he refused to provide information and documents and to appear for on-the-record testimony requested by FINRA in connection with its investigation into whether he recommended that his customer invest in a crypto

asset offering away from Lesk's member firm.

Current Status: Final

Resolution: Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)



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

No

Resolution Date:

10/06/2023

**Sanctions Ordered:** 

Bar (Permanent)

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 (Permanent)

Capacities Affected: All capacities

**Duration:** Indefinite

**Start Date:** 10/06/2023

**End Date:** 





### **Customer Dispute - Settled**

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

Disclosure 1 of 1

**Reporting Source:** Broker

**Employing firm when** activities occurred which led

to the complaint:

Allegations:

Customers allege that in 2015 Todd Lesk purchased and sold securities in their

Trust account without authorization and that Mr. Lesk churned the account.

**Product Type:** Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)

Middlebury Securities LLC

**Alleged Damages:** \$33,000.00

Is this an oral complaint? No

Is this a written complaint? Yes

Is this an arbitration/CFTC

No

reparation or civil litigation?

# **Customer Complaint Information**

**Date Complaint Received:** 03/06/2017

**Complaint Pending?** No

Status: Settled

**Status Date:** 11/08/2017

**Settlement Amount:** \$30,000.00

**Individual Contribution** Amount:

\$30,000.00

**Broker Statement** 

I disagree with the complaint as all orders were taken from the Trustee and

executed with their full authorization and understanding.



### **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:

LPL FINANCIAL LLC

Allegations:

Customer alleges representative made unsuitable recommendations during the

period of December 2021 to November 2022.

**Product Type:** 

Other: Non broker/dealer product

**Alleged Damages:** 

\$1,000,000.00

**Arbitration Information** 

Arbitration/CFTC reparation claim filed with (FINRA, AAA,

CFTC, etc.):

**FINRA** 

**Docket/Case #:** 23-02528

Date Notice/Process Served: 09/19/2023

**Arbitration 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:** CAMBRIDGE INVESTMENT RESEARCH, INC.

**Termination Type:** Permitted to Resign

Termination Date: 10/04/2023

Allegations: The FP tendered a resignation however, based on the Firm's understanding that

the FP was unwilling to cooperate with either the regulators or the Firm's requests for information, the Firm was already in the process of terminating its relationship

with the FP and accepted the resignation.

Product Type: No Product

# **End of Report**



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