

# **BrokerCheck Report**

# STATE FARM VP MANAGEMENT CORP.

CRD# 43036

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  - o information that regulators report regarding disciplinary actions or allegations against firms or brokers.

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# STATE FARM VP MANAGEMENT CORP.

CRD# 43036

SEC# 8-50128

#### **Main Office Location**

ONE STATE FARM PLAZA BLOOMINGTON, IL 61710-0001 Regulated by FINRA Chicago Office

# **Mailing Address**

ONE STATE FARM PLAZA BLOOMINGTON, IL 61710-0001

# **Business Telephone Number**

800-447-4930

# **Report Summary for this Firm**



This report summary provides an overview of the brokerage firm. Additional information for this firm can be found in the detailed report.

# **Firm Profile**

This firm is classified as a corporation.

This firm was formed in Delaware on 11/27/1996. Its fiscal year ends in December.

#### **Firm History**

Information relating to the brokerage firm's history such as other business names and successions (e.g., mergers, acquisitions) can be found in the detailed report.

# **Firm Operations**

#### This firm is registered with:

- the SEC
- 1 Self-Regulatory Organization
- 51 U.S. states and territories

Is this brokerage firm currently suspended with any regulator? **No** 

This firm conducts 4 types of businesses.

This firm is affiliated with financial or investment institutions.

This firm has referral or financial arrangements with other brokers or dealers.

#### **Disclosure Events**

Brokerage firms are required to disclose certain criminal matters, regulatory actions, civil judicial proceedings and financial matters in which the firm or one of its control affiliates has been involved.

Are there events disclosed about this firm?

Yes

The following types of disclosures have been reported:

Туре	Count	
Regulatory Event	6	

This firm is classified as a corporation.

This firm was formed in Delaware on 11/27/1996.

Its fiscal year ends in December.

#### **Firm Names and Locations**

This section provides the brokerage firm's full legal name, "Doing Business As" name, business and mailing addresses, telephone number, and any alternate name by which the firm conducts business and where such name is used.

#### STATE FARM VP MANAGEMENT CORP.

Doing business as STATE FARM VP MANAGEMENT CORP.

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This section provides information relating to all direct owners and executive officers of the brokerage firm.



#### **Direct Owners and Executive Officers**

Legal Name & CRD# (if any): STATE FARM INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

3487

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

Domestic Entity

Position SHAREHOLDER

Position Start Date 01/2006

Percentage of Ownership 75% or more

Does this owner direct the management or policies of the firm?

Yes

Is this a public reporting company?

No

Legal Name & CRD# (if any):

HARBERT, RANDALL HOUSTON

2992788

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

Individual

Position

SR. VICE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR

Position Start Date 12/2011

Percentage of Ownership

Less than 5%

Does this owner direct the management or policies of the firm?

Yes

Is this a public reporting company?

No

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Legal Name & CRD# (if any): HINTZ, SCOTT ALEXANDER

2004555

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

Individual

Position VICE PRESIDENT - FINANCIAL AND SECRETARY

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**Position Start Date** 

12/2018

**Percentage of Ownership** 

Less than 5%

Does this owner direct the

management or policies of

Yes

the firm?

Is this a public reporting

company?

No

Legal Name & CRD# (if any):

LUDWIG, TERRENCE MICHAEL

3231040

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

Individual

**Position** 

CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER AND TREASURER

**Position Start Date** 

03/2022

**Percentage of Ownership** 

Less than 5%

Does this owner direct the management or policies of

the firm?

Yes

Is this a public reporting

company?

Nο

Legal Name & CRD# (if any):

MINEAU, SARAH

4634160

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

Individual

**Position** 

VICE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR

**Position Start Date** 

03/2021

**Percentage of Ownership** 

Less than 5%

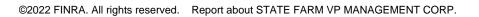
Does this owner direct the management or policies of Yes

the firm?

Is this a public reporting

company?

No



# Number and Everythic Officers (continued)



**Direct Owners and Executive Officers (continued)** 

**Legal Name & CRD# (if any):** MONK, JOSEPH RILEY JR

1357149

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

Individual

**Position** SR. VICE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR

Position Start Date 07/2010

Percentage of Ownership Less than 5%

Does this owner direct the management or policies of the firm?

Yes

Is this a public reporting company?

No

Legal Name & CRD# (if any):

MOORE, DAVID MICHAEL

2876793

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

Individual

Position

ASSISTANT SECRETARY & COUNSEL

Position Start Date

04/2009

**Percentage of Ownership** 

Less than 5%

Does this owner direct the management or policies of the firm?

Nο

Is this a public reporting company?

Nο

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PRESTON, BRIAN LYNN

4312143

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

Legal Name & CRD# (if any):

Individual

**Position** ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING AND OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

**COMPLIANCE OFFICER** 

Position Start Date 03/2022

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**Percentage of Ownership** 

Less than 5%

Does this owner direct the management or policies of Yes

the firm?

Is this a public reporting

company?

No

Legal Name & CRD# (if any):

SMITH, PAUL JOSEPH

4971235 Individual

Is this a domestic or foreign

entity or an individual?

SR. VICE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR

**Position Start Date** 

12/2011

**Percentage of Ownership** 

Less than 5%

Does this owner direct the management or policies of

the firm?

**Position** 

Yes

Is this a public reporting

company?

No

Legal Name & CRD# (if any):

TIPSORD, MICHAEL LEON

1943922

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

Individual

PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR

**Position Start Date** 

04/2015

**Percentage of Ownership** 

Less than 5%

Does this owner direct the management or policies of

Yes

the firm?

**Position** 

Is this a public reporting

company?

No



This section provides information relating to any indirect owners of the brokerage firm.



#### **Indirect Owners**

Legal Name & CRD# (if any): STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COMPANY

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

**Domestic Entity** 

Company through which indirect ownership is established

STATE FARM INVESTEMENT MANAGEMENT CORP.

**Relationship to Direct Owner** 

SHAREHOLDER

Relationship Established

09/1995

**Percentage of Ownership** 

75% or more

Does this owner direct the management or policies of the firm?

Yes

Is this a public reporting

No

company?

# **Firm History**

This section provides information relating to any successions (e.g., mergers, acquisitions) involving the firm.

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No information reported.





This section provides information about the regulators (Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), self-regulatory organizations (SROs), and U.S. states and territories) with which the brokerage firm is currently registered and licensed, the date the license became effective, and certain information about the firm's SEC registration.

This firm is currently registered with the SEC, 1 SRO and 51 U.S. states and territories.

Federal Regulator	Status	Date Effective
SEC	Approved	11/19/1997

# **SEC Registration Questions**

This firm is registered with the SEC as:

A broker-dealer: Yes

A broker-dealer and government securities broker or dealer: No

A government securities broker or dealer only: No

This firm has ceased activity as a government securities broker or dealer: No

Self-Regulatory Organization	Status	Date Effective
FINRA	Approved	11/19/1997

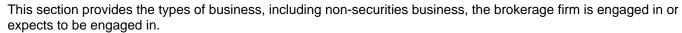




U.S. States & Territories	Status	Date Effective
Alabama	Approved	01/26/2001
Alaska	Approved	01/03/2001
Arizona	Approved	08/21/1998
Arkansas	Approved	06/24/2003
California	Approved	12/27/2000
Colorado	Approved	12/13/2000
Connecticut	Approved	01/08/2001
Delaware	Approved	01/11/2001
District of Columbia	Approved	05/10/1997
Florida	Approved	12/15/2000
Georgia	Approved	12/11/2000
Hawaii	Approved	02/28/2001
Idaho	Approved	01/01/2001
Illinois	Approved	01/25/2001
Indiana	Approved	03/12/2001
lowa	Approved	03/04/1999
Kansas	Approved	01/02/2001
Kentucky	Approved	01/23/2001
Louisiana	Approved	01/02/2001
Maine	Approved	01/11/2001
Maryland	Approved	01/24/2001
Massachusetts	Approved	03/20/2001
Michigan	Approved	02/05/2001
Minnesota	Approved	09/02/1998
Mississippi	Approved	01/30/2001
Missouri	Approved	01/02/2001
Montana	Approved	11/20/1997
Nebraska	Limited	01/01/2001
Nevada	Approved	04/22/1998
New Hampshire	Limited	02/15/2001
New Jersey	Approved	02/09/2001
New Mexico	Approved	02/06/2001
New York	Approved	02/27/2001

U.S. States & Territories	Status	Date Effective
North Carolina	Approved	11/09/2000
North Dakota	Approved	11/18/1998
Ohio	Approved	01/26/2001
Oklahoma	Approved	01/01/2001
Oregon	Approved	01/19/2001
Pennsylvania	Approved	02/08/2001
Rhode Island	Approved	03/06/2001
South Carolina	Approved	02/01/2001
South Dakota	Approved	11/26/1997
Tennessee	Approved	02/07/2001
Texas	Limited	02/27/2001
Utah	Approved	03/04/1999
Vermont	Approved	10/20/1998
Virginia	Approved	11/15/2000
Washington	Approved	01/29/1998
West Virginia	Approved	12/01/2000
Wisconsin	Approved	02/26/2001
Wyoming	Approved	09/04/1998

# **Types of Business**



This firm currently conducts 4 types of businesses.

# **Types of Business**

Mutual fund underwriter or sponsor

Mutual fund retailer

Municipal securities broker

Broker or dealer selling variable life insurance or annuities





# **Clearing Arrangements**

This firm does not hold or maintain funds or securities or provide clearing services for other broker-dealer(s).

# **Introducing Arrangements**

This firm does refer or introduce customers to other brokers and dealers.

Name: RBC CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC

**CRD #:** 31194

Business Address: 3 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER

200 VESEY ST.

NEW YORK, NY 10281

**Effective Date:** 08/24/2018

**Description:** STATE FARM VP MANAGEMENT CORP. WILL BE AN INTRODUCING

BROKER-DEALER FOR RBC CORRESPONDENT SERVICES, A DIVISION OF RBC CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC, A FULLY-DISCLOSED CLEARING FIRM.

#### **Industry Arrangements**



This firm does have books or records maintained by a third party.

Name: SMARSH, INC.

Business Address: 851 SW 6TH AVE

SUITE 800

PORTLAND, OR 97204

**Effective Date:** 03/01/2022

**Description:** AGREED TO MAINTAIN AND PRESERVE RECORDS REQUIRED OF THE

APPLICANT UNDER THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

(ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS)

Name: UNION BANK & TRUST

Business Address: 3606 S. 48TH STREET

P.O. BOX 82535 LINCOLN, NE 68501

Effective Date: 12/07/2020

**Description:** UNION BANK & TRUST IS THE ACCOUNT MANAGER OF THE STATE FARM

529 SAVINGS PLAN AND THE RECORD KEEPER OF ACCOUNT

INFORMATION.

Name: JACKSON NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

Business Address: 1 CORPORATE WAY

LANSING, MI 48951

**Effective Date:** 02/03/2020

**Description:** STATE FARM VP MANAGEMENT CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATED INSURANCE

AGENCY, INSURANCE PLACEMENT SERVICES, INC., MARKET AND

SERVICE VARIABLE ANNUITIES AND FIXED INDEX ANNUITIES

PURSUANT TO SELLING AGREEMENTS WITH JACKSON NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AND JACKSON NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW YORK, AND THEIR AFFILIATED DISTRIBUTOR

JACKSON NATIONAL LIFE DISTRIBUTORS, LLC.

Name: STATE FARM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

Business Address: ONE STATE FARM PLAZA

BLOOMINGTON, IL 61710-0001

**Effective Date:** 02/01/1998

**Description:** STATE FARM VP MANAGEMENT CORP. HAS ENTERED INTO AN

# **Industry Arrangements (continued)**

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AGREEMENT WITH A CONTROL AFFILIATE, STATE FARM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY ("LIFE COMPANY"), PURSUANT TO WHICH LIFE COMPANY HAS AGREED TO MAINTAIN AND PRESERVE RECORDS

REQUIRED OF THE APPLICANT UNDER THE SECURITIES AND

EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.

This firm does not have accounts, funds, or securities maintained by a third party.

This firm does have customer accounts, funds, or securities maintained by a third party.

Name: RBC CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC

**CRD #:** 31194

Business Address: 3 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER

200 VESEY ST.

NEW YORK, NY 10281

**Effective Date:** 08/24/2018

**Description:** RBC CORRESPONDENT SERVICES, A DIVISION OF RBC CAPITAL

MARKETS LLC WILL SERVE AS THE FULLY-DISCLOSED CLEARING FIRM

FOR STATE FARM VP MANAGEMENT CORP AND WILL HOLD AND MAINTAIN CUSTOMER ACCOUNTS, FUNDS, AND SECURITIES.

#### **Control Persons/Financing**

This firm does not have individuals who control its management or policies through agreement.

This firm does not have individuals who wholly or partly finance the firm's business.

#### **Organization Affiliates**

This section provides information on control relationships the firm has with other firms in the securities, investment advisory, or banking business.



#### This firm is, directly or indirectly:

- · in control of
- · controlled by
- · or under common control with

the following partnerships, corporations, or other organizations engaged in the securities or investment advisory business.

STATE FARM LIFE AND ACCIDENT ASSURANCE COMPANY is under common control with the firm.

Business Address: ONE STATE FARM PLAZA

BLOOMINGTON, IL 61710

**Effective Date:** 09/01/1998

Foreign Entity: No

Country:

Securities Activities: Yes

**Investment Advisory** 

**Activities:** 

No

**Description:** APPLICANT IS A WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF STATE FARM

INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT CORP. BOTH STATE FARM LIFE AND ACCIDENT ASSURANCE COMPANY AND STATE FARM INVESTMENT

MANAGMENT CORP. ARE WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARIES OF STATE FARM

MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

#### STATE FARM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY is under common control with the firm.

Business Address: ONE STATE FARM PLAZA

BLOOMINGTON, IL 61710

**Effective Date:** 02/01/1998

Foreign Entity: No

Country:

Securities Activities: Yes

Investment Advisorv No

**Activities:** 

**Description:** APPLICANT IS A WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF STATE FARM

INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT CORP. BOTH STATE FARM LIFE INSURANCE

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# **Organization Affiliates (continued)**

COMPANY AND STATE FARM INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT CORP. ARE WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARIES OF STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE

INSURANCE COMPANY.

STATE FARM INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT CORP. controls the firm.

**CRD #**: 3487

Business Address: ONE STATE FARM PLAZA, D-3

BLOOMINGTON, IL 61710-0001

**Effective Date:** 11/27/1996

Foreign Entity: No

Country:

Securities Activities: Yes

**Investment Advisory** 

Activities: Description:

Yes

APPLICANT IS A WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF STATE FARM

INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT CORP. STATE FARM INVESTMENT

MANAGEMENT CORP IS A WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF STATE FARM

MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

This firm is not directly or indirectly, controlled by the following:

- · bank holding company
- · national bank
- · state member bank of the Federal Reserve System
- state non-member bank
- · savings bank or association
- · credit union
- · or foreign bank

# **Disclosure Events**



All firms registered to sell securities or provide investment advice are required to disclose regulatory actions, criminal or civil judicial proceedings, and certain financial matters in which the firm or one of its control affiliates has been involved. For your convenience, below is a matrix of the number and status of disclosure events involving this brokerage firm or one of its control affiliates. Further information regarding these events can be found in the subsequent pages of this report.

	Pending	Final	On Appeal
Regulatory Event	1	5	0



#### **Disclosure Event Details**

What you should know about reported disclosure events:

- BrokerCheck provides details for any disclosure event that was reported in CRD. It also includes summary information regarding FINRA arbitration awards in cases where the brokerage firm was named as a respondent.
- 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 brokerage firm is required to disclose a particular criminal event.
- 3. Disclosure events in BrokerCheck reports come from different sources:
  - Disclosure events for this brokerage firm were reported by the firm and/or regulators. When the firm and a regulator report information for the same event, both 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 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.
- 5. You may wish to contact the brokerage firm to obtain further information regarding any of the disclosure events contained in this BrokerCheck report.

# Regulatory - Final

This type of disclosure event involves (1) a final, formal proceeding initiated by a regulatory authority (e.g., a state securities agency, self-regulatory organization, federal regulator such as the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, foreign financial regulatory body) for a violation of investment-related rules or regulations; or (2) a revocation or suspension of the authority of a brokerage firm or its control affiliate to act as an attorney, accountant or federal contractor.

#### Disclosure 1 of 5

**Reporting Source:** Regulator

Current Status: Final



Allegations: STATE FARM VP MANAGEMENT CORP. FAILED TO REASONABLY

> SUPERVISE ONE AGENT WHO OFFERED AND SOLD UNREGISTERED SECURITIES IN PA IN VIOLATION OF THE PA SECURITIES ACT OF 1972.

Initiated By: PENNSYLVANIA CONTACT: COUNSEL CAROLYN MENDELSON (412)-565-

5083

Date Initiated: 01/08/2013

Docket/Case Number: 2012-09-12 (130006)

**URL for Regulatory Action:** 

**Principal Product Type:** No Product

Other Product Type(s):

Principal Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

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

Other Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

Resolution: Settled

Resolution Date: 01/08/2013

Does the order constitute a

final order based on violations of any laws or regulations that prohibit fraudulent, manipulative, or

deceptive conduct?

Sanctions Ordered: Monetary/Fine \$75,000.00

No

Other Sanctions Ordered:

Sanction Details: STATE FARM VP MANAGEMENT CORP. IS ORDERED TO PAY, WITHIN 30

> DAYS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDER, AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSESSMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000.00 AND INVESTIGATIVE AND

LEGAL COSTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00.

**Regulator Statement** CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER ISSUED TO STATE FARM VP

MANAGEMENT CORP.

Reporting Source: Firm

**Current Status:** Final

**Appealed To and Date Appeal** 

Filed:

N/A



Allegations: SFVPMC FAILED TO ADEQUATELY SUPERVISE IT'S REGISTERED

REPRESENTATIVE, ANDREW PICCUTA. MR. PICCUTA OWNED AN OFFICE BUILDING AND RENTED PART OF THE BUILDING TO HL.I.INC. MR. PICCUTA DID NOT REPORT THIS OBA TO THE FIRM. MR. PICCUTA INVESTED IN HL.I INC. WITHOUT REPORTING HIS INVESTMENT TO THE FIRM AS A PRIVATE SECURITIES TRANSACTION. MR. PICCUTA WAS ALSO ACTIVELY INVOLVED

IN THE PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF HL.I. INC.

Initiated By: COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND

**SECURITIES** 

**Date Initiated:** 03/26/2012

Docket/Case Number: 2012-09-12

**Principal Product Type:** Other

Other Product Type(s): NO SPECIFIC PRODUCT - FAILURE TO SUPERVISE

Principal Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

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

Other Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

Resolution: Consent

Resolution Date: 01/09/2013

**Sanctions Ordered:** Monetary/Fine \$75,000.00

Other Sanctions Ordered: \$10,000.00 IN LEGAL COSTS

Sanction Details: N/A

Firm Statement A CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER WAS FINALIZED ON JANUARY 9,

2013. AS PART OF THE ORDER, SFVPMC AGREED TO PAY AN ASSESSMENT

OF \$75,000.00 AND AN ADDITIONAL \$10,000.00 IN LEGAL COSTS. THE ASSESSMENT WAS BASED ON A FINDING THAT SFVPMC FAILED TO

SUPERVISE IT'S REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE, ANDREW PICCUTA. MR.

PICCUTA PARTICIPATED IN AN OBA AND A PRIVATE SECURITIES TRANSACTION WITHOUT INFORMING THE FIRM OF SUCH ACTIVITIES.

Disclosure 2 of 5

Reporting Source: Firm

Current Status: Final

Allegations: FAILURE TO SUPERVISE UNDER NASD RULE 3010 RELATED TO EMAIL

RETENTION AND FINRA RULE 2010 RELATED TO PROSPECTUS DELIVERY.



FINRA ALLEGES THE FIRM FAILED TO ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN AND ENFORCE A SUPERVISORY SYSTEM OR WRITTEN PROCEDURES REASONABLY DESIGNED TO ENSURE TIMELY DELIVERY OF MUTUAL FUND PROSPECTUSES. FINRA ALLEGES THE FIRM FAILED TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH ITS WRITTEN SUPERVISORY PROCEDURES DIRECTIVE CONCERNING DELIVERY OF A CURRENT MUTUAL FUND PROSPECTUS BY ITS REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVES TO EACH CLIENT PRIOR TO OR AT THE TIME OF THE SALE. THE FIRM ALSO HAD INADEQUATE SYSTEMS AND PROCEDURES IN PLACE TO MONITOR OR OVERSEE THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS SERVICE PROVIDER, A THIRD PARTY SERVICE PROVIDER, IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT MUTUAL FUND PROSPECTUSES WERE BEING DELIVERED TIMELY. FINRA ALSO ALLEGES THE FIRM FAILED TO ENFORCE ITS PROCEDURES REQUIRING DELIVERY OF UNDATED MUTUAL FUND PROSPECTUSES TO CERTAIN FUND HOLDERS. THE FIRM DID NOT ADEQUATELY MONITOR ITS THIRD PARTY VENDOR TO ENSURE THE MAILING LIST WAS COMPLETE, AS A RESULT, THE FIRM FAILED TO DELIVER UPDATED PROSPECTUSES TO CERTAIN FUND HOLDERS AS REQUIRED BY ITS PROCEDURES. FINRA ALSO ALLEGES THE FIRM FAILED TO IMPLEMENT A SUPERVISORY SYSTEM AND PROCEDURES REASONABLY DESIGNED TO REVIEW. MONITOR AND RETAIN EMAIL SENT BY REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVES TO CUSTOMERS. FOR SUPERVISORY PURPOSES, ALL REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVES WERE REQUIRED TO COPY ALL SECURITIES-RELATED MESSAGES INTO A PARTICULAR MAILBOX. THE FIRM'S COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENT WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR REVIEWING THE EMAILS IN THAT BOX. THE FIRM DID NOT RETAIN SECURITIES-RELATED EMAILS WHICH WERE NOT COPIED TO THIS MAILBOX, BUT ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES, THROUGH EMAIL REVIEWS, TO VERIFY WHETHER REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVES WERE COMPLYING WITH THESE DIRECTIVES. THE FIRM WAS AWARE THAT NOT ALL OF ITS REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVES WERE COMPLYING WITH FIRM PROCEDURES. AS A RESULT OF THE REVIEWS, THE FIRM DISCOVERED NUMEROUS INCIDENTS OF NON-COMPLIANCE WITH FIRM GUIDELINES REGARDING THE USE OF THE MAILBOX BY THE SELECTED REPRESENTATIVES.

Initiated By: FINANCIAL INDUSTRY REGULATORY AUTHORITY (FINRA)

**Date Initiated:** 07/02/2012

**Docket/Case Number:** <u>2011029102801</u>

Principal Product Type: Mutual Fund(s)

Other Product Type(s): VARIABLE PRODUCTS

Principal Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

Other

Other Sanction(s)/Relief N/A



Sought:

**Resolution:** Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)

Resolution Date: 12/31/2012

Sanctions Ordered: Censure

Monetary/Fine \$155,000.00

**Other Sanctions Ordered:** 

Sanction Details: WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING THE FINDINGS, THE FIRM CONSENTED

TO THE DESCRIBED SANCTIONS AND TO THE ENTRY OF FINDINGS,

THEREFORE THE FIRM IS CENSURED AND FINED \$155,000.00

Firm Statement THIS ACTION WAS RESOLVED BY AN ACCEPTANCE WAIVER AND CONSENT

WHICH BECAME FINAL ON 12/31/2012. ACCORDING TO ITS TERMS, THE FIRM DID NOT ADMIT LIABILITY BUT AGREED TO PAY A FINE OF \$155,000.00.

Disclosure 3 of 5

Reporting Source: Regulator

Current Status: Final

**Allegations:** FINRA RULE 2010, NASD RULES 2110, 3010(A), 3010(A), 3010(B),

3010(B)(1), AND 3010(D)(1): FOR NEARLY A FULL TWO-AND-A-HALF YEAR PERIOD, THE FIRM FAILED TO ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN AND ENFORCE A SUPERVISORY SYSTEM OR WRITTEN PROCEDURES REASONABLY

DESIGNED TO ENSURE TIMELY DELIVERY OF MUTUAL FUND

PROSPECTUSES, WHEN IT WAS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE EACH OF ITS CUSTOMERS WHO PURCHASED A MUTUAL FUND A PROSPECTUS FOR

THAT FUND NO LATER THAN THREE BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE TRANSACTION. DURING A PERIOD, THE FIRM EXECUTED NUMEROUS MUTUAL FUND PURCHASE TRANSACTIONS THAT REQUIRED IT TO DELIVER A MUTUAL FUND PROSPECTUS. OR A SUMMARY PROSPECTUS.

TO THE PURCHASING CUSTOMER, AND AS SUCH, THE FIRM WAS

REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A SUPERVISORY SYSTEM AND

WRITTEN SUPERVISORY PROCEDURES THAT WERE REASONABLY

DESIGNED TO MONITOR AND ENSURE THE TIMELY DELIVERY OF MUTUAL FUND PROSPECTUSES. THE FIRM FAILED TO ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN AND

ENFORCE AN ADEQUATE SUPERVISORY SYSTEM OR WRITTEN

PROCEDURES TO SUPERVISE MUTUAL FUND PROSPECTUS DELIVERY,

WHEN, DURING THE PERIOD, IT HAD INADEQUATE SYSTEMS AND PROCEDURES IN PLACE TO MONITOR AND ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH ITS WRITTEN SUPERVISORY PROCEDURES DIRECTIVE CONCERNING

DELIVERY OF A CURRENT MUTUAL FUND PROSPECTUS BY ITS

REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVES TO EACH CLIENT PRIOR TO OR AT THE



TIME OF THE SALES PRESENTATION IN WHICH THE REPRESENTATIVE RECOMMENDED OR DISCUSSED A SPECIFIC MUTUAL FUND. THE FIRM ALSO HAD INADEQUATE SYSTEMS AND PROCEDURES IN PLACE TO MONITOR OR OVERSEE THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS SERVICE PROVIDER, A THIRD PARTY SERVICE PROVIDER, IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT MUTUAL FUND PROSPECTUSES WERE BEING DELIVERED TIMELY. ALL CONSISTENT WITH SECTION 5(B)(2) OF THE SECURITIES ACT. THE FIRM FAILED TO ENFORCE ITS PROCEDURES REQUIRING DELIVERY OF UNDATED MUTUAL FUND PROSPECTUSES TO CERTAIN FUND HOLDERS. THE FIRM'S PROCEDURES REQUIRED DELIVERY OF MUTUAL FUND PROSPECTUSES FOLLOWING FUND COMPANIES' ANNUAL UPDATES TO THEIR PROSPECTUSES, HOWEVER, DURING A PERIOD, THE FIRM FAILED TO DELIVER PROSPECTUSES TO CERTAIN MUTUAL FUND HOLDERS FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL UPDATES OF THE FUNDS' PROSPECTUSES. DURING THAT TIME PERIOD, THE FIRM'S CUSTOMERS WERE GIVEN AN OPTION TO OPT OUT OF HOUSE-HOLDING WHEN COMPLETING PAPER APPLICATIONS, THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD, THE FIRM DID NOT ADEQUATELY MONITOR ITS THIRD PARTY VENDOR TO ENSURE THE MAILING LIST WAS COMPLETE, AS A RESULT, THE FIRM FAILED TO DELIVER UPDATED PROSPECTUSES TO CERTAIN FUND HOLDERS AS REQUIRED BY ITS PROCEDURES. THE FIRM FAILED TO IMPLEMENT A SUPERVISORY SYSTEM AND PROCEDURES REASONABLY DESIGNED TO REVIEW. MONITOR AND RETAIN EMAIL SENT BY REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVES TO CUSTOMERS. DURING A PERIOD, THE FIRM PERMITTED REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVES TO USE AN EMAIL APPLICATION PROGRAM FOR PRE-APPROVED EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS WITH CUSTOMERS. THE FIRM ALSO USED A THIRD PARTY SERVICE PROVIDER FOR EMAIL ARCHIVAL. FOR SUPERVISORY PURPOSES, ALL REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVES WERE REQUIRED TO COPY ALL SECURITIES-RELATED MESSAGES INTO A PARTICULAR MAILBOX. THE FIRM'S COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENT WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR REVIEWING THE EMAILS IN THAT BOX. THE FIRM DID NOT RETAIN SECURITIES-RELATED EMAILS WHICH WERE NOT COPIED TO THIS MAILBOX, BUT ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES, THROUGH EMAIL REVIEWS, TO VERIFY WHETHER REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVES WERE COMPLYING WITH THESE DIRECTIVES. THE FIRM WAS AWARE THAT NOT ALL OF ITS REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVES WERE COMPLYING WITH FIRM PROCEDURES. AS A RESULT OF THE REVIEWS, THE FIRM DISCOVERED NUMEROUS INCIDENTS OF NON-COMPLIANCE WITH FIRM GUIDELINES REGARDING THE USE OF THE MAILBOX BY THE SELECTED REPRESENTATIVES. NOTWITHSTANDING THIS DISCOVERY, THE FIRM FAILED TO EXPAND ITS REVIEWS OR OTHERWISE MODIFY ITS PROCEDURES.

Initiated By: FINRA

**Date Initiated:** 12/31/2012



**Docket/Case Number:** 2011029102801

**Principal Product Type:** 

Mutual Fund(s)

Other Product Type(s):

Principal Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

Other

Other Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

N/A

**Resolution:** Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)

Resolution Date: 12/31/2012

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

No

Sanctions Ordered:

Censure

Monetary/Fine \$155,000.00

Other Sanctions Ordered:

Sanction Details: WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING THE FINDINGS, THE FIRM CONSENTED

TO THE DESCRIBED SANCTIONS AND TO THE ENTRY OF FINDINGS, THEREFORE THE FIRM IS CENSURED AND FINED \$155,000. FINE PAID IN

FULL ON 1/8/2013.

Regulator Statement IN ASSESSING THE SANCTIONS IN THIS MATTER, FINRA TOOK INTO

ACCOUNT THE FACT THAT, BEFORE FINRA COMMENCED ANY

EXAMINATION INTO ANNUAL DELIVERY OF UPDATED MUTUAL FUND PROSPECTUSES, THE FIRM SELF-REPORTED THE FAILURES TO DELIVER UPDATED PROSPECTUSES, AND FOLLOWING FINRA'S INVESTIGATION OF THE FIRM'S FAILURE TO TIMELY DELIVER MUTUAL FUND PROSPECTUSES, THE FIRM SELF-REPORTED TO FINRA THAT ITS SERVICE PROVIDER DID NOT DELIVER CERTAIN UPDATED PROSPECTUSES DURING A PERIOD.

Reporting Source: Firm

Current Status: Final

Allegations: FAILURE TO SUPERVISE UNDER NASD RULE 3010 RELATED TO EMAIL

RETENTION AND FINRA RULE 2010 RELATED TO PROSPECTUS DELIVERY. FINRA ALLEGES THE FIRM FAILED TO ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN AND ENFORCE

A SUPERVISORY SYSTEM OR WRITTEN PROCEDURES REASONABLY



DESIGNED TO ENSURE TIMELY DELIVERY OF MUTUAL FUND PROSPECTUSES. FINRA ALLEGES THE FIRM FAILED TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH ITS WRITTEN SUPERVISORY PROCEDURES DIRECTIVE CONCERNING DELIVERY OF A CURRENT MUTUAL FUND PROSPECTUS BY ITS REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVES TO EACH CLIENT PRIOR TO OR AT THE TIME OF THE SALE. THE FIRM ALSO HAD INADEQUATE SYSTEMS AND PROCEDURES IN PLACE TO MONITOR OR OVERSEE THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS SERVICE PROVIDER, A THIRD PARTY SERVICE PROVIDER, IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT MUTUAL FUND PROSPECTUSES WERE BEING DELIVERED TIMELY. FINRA ALSO ALLEGES THE FIRM FAILED TO ENFORCE ITS PROCEDURES REQUIRING DELIVERY OF UNDATED MUTUAL FUND PROSPECTUSES TO CERTAIN FUND HOLDERS. THE FIRM DID NOT ADEQUATELY MONITOR ITS THIRD PARTY VENDOR TO ENSURE THE MAILING LIST WAS COMPLETE, AS A RESULT, THE FIRM FAILED TO DELIVER UPDATED PROSPECTUSES TO CERTAIN FUND HOLDERS AS REQUIRED BY ITS PROCEDURES. FINRA ALSO ALLEGES THE FIRM FAILED TO IMPLEMENT A SUPERVISORY SYSTEM AND PROCEDURES REASONABLY DESIGNED TO REVIEW, MONITOR AND RETAIN EMAIL SENT BY REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVES TO CUSTOMERS. FOR SUPERVISORY PURPOSES, ALL REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVES WERE REQUIRED TO COPY ALL SECURITIES-RELATED MESSAGES INTO A PARTICULAR MAILBOX. THE FIRM'S COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENT WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR REVIEWING THE EMAILS IN THAT BOX. THE FIRM DID NOT RETAIN SECURITIES-RELATED EMAILS WHICH WERE NOT COPIED TO THIS MAILBOX, BUT ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES, THROUGH EMAIL REVIEWS, TO VERIFY WHETHER REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVES WERE COMPLYING WITH THESE DIRECTIVES. THE FIRM WAS AWARE THAT NOT ALL OF ITS REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVES WERE COMPLYING WITH FIRM PROCEDURES, AS A RESULT OF THE REVIEWS. THE FIRM DISCOVERED NUMEROUS INCIDENTS OF NON-COMPLIANCE WITH FIRM GUIDELINES REGARDING THE USE OF THE MAILBOX BY THE SELECTED REPRESENTATIVES.

Initiated By: FINANCIAL INDUSTRY REGULATORY AUTHORITY (FINRA)

**Date Initiated:** 07/02/2012

**Docket/Case Number:** <u>2011029102801</u>

Principal Product Type: Mutual Fund(s)

Other Product Type(s): VARIABLE PRODUCTS

Principal Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

Other

Other Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

N/A



**Resolution:** Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)

Resolution Date: 12/31/2012

Sanctions Ordered: Censure

Monetary/Fine \$155,000.00

Other Sanctions Ordered:

Sanction Details: WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING THE FINDINGS, THE FIRM CONSENTED

TO THE DESCRIBED SANCTIONS AND TO THE ENTRY OF FINDINGS.

THEREFORE THE FIRM IS CENSURED AND FINED \$155,000,00

Firm Statement THIS ACTION WAS RESOLVED BY AN ACCEPTANCE WAIVER AND CONSENT

WHICH BECAME FINAL ON 12/31/2012. ACCORDING TO ITS TERMS, THE FIRM DID NOT ADMIT LIABILITY BUT AGREED TO PAY A FINE OF \$155,000.00.

Disclosure 4 of 5

Reporting Source: Regulator

Current Status: Final

ARTICLE V, SECTION 3 OF NASD BY-LAWS AND NASD CONDUCT RULES

2110 AND 3010; RESPONDENT SUBMITTED LATE TERMINATION NOTICE FOR SECURITIES INDUSTRY REGISTRATION (FORM U5); IT FAILED TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A SUPERVISORY SYSTEM REASONABLY DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS AND REGULATIONS TO ENSURE THE TIMELY FILING OF FORMS U5

FOR INDIVIDUALS WHOSE REGISTRATIONS WERE TERMINATED.

Initiated By: NASD

**Date Initiated:** 01/13/2006

Docket/Case Number: E8A2005019201

Principal Product Type: No Product

Other Product Type(s):

Principal Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

Other Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

**Resolution:** Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)

Resolution Date: 01/13/2006



Does the order constitute a

final order based on violations of any laws or regulations that prohibit fraudulent, manipulative, or No

deceptive conduct?
Sanctions Ordered:

Censure

Monetary/Fine \$133,000.00

Other Sanctions Ordered:

Sanction Details: WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING THE ALLEGATIONS, RESPONDENT

MEMBER FIRM CONSENTED TO THE DESCRIBED SANCTIONS AND TO THE

ENTRY OF FINDINGS; THEREFORE, FIRM IS CENSURED AND FINED

\$133,000.

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Reporting Source: Firm

Current Status: Final

ARTICLE V, SECTION 3 OF THE NASD BY-LAWS AND NASD CONDUCT

RULES 2110 AND 3010; RESPONDENT SUBMITTED LATE TERMINATION NOTICE FOR SECURITIES INDUSTRY REGISTRATION (FORM U5; IT FAILED TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A SUPERVISORY SYSTEM REASONABLY DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS AND REGULATIONS TO ENSURE THE TIMELY FILING OF FORMS U5

FOR INDIVIDUALS WHOSE REGISTRATIONS WERE TEMINATED.

Initiated By: NASD

**Date Initiated:** 01/13/2006

Docket/Case Number: E8A2005019201

Principal Product Type: No Product

Other Product Type(s):

Principal Sanction(s)/Relief Cens

Sought:

Censure

Other Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

FINE OF \$133,000.00

**Resolution:** Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)

Resolution Date: 01/13/2006

Sanctions Ordered: Censure

Monetary/Fine \$133,000.00



Other Sanctions Ordered:

Sanction Details: WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING THE ALLEGATIONS, RESPONDENT

MEMBER FIRM CONSENTED TO THE DESCRIBED SANCTIONS AND TO THE

ENTRY OF FINDINGS; WAS CENSURED AND FINED \$133,000.00

Firm Statement SEE RESPONSES TO QUESTION 7 AND QUESTION 12(C)

Disclosure 5 of 5

Reporting Source: Regulator

Current Status: Final

Allegations: RESPONDENT ENGAGED IN THE SALE OF ANNUITIES

TO RESIDENTS OF NORTH DAKOTA PRIOR TO ITS REGISTRATION IN

**NORTH** 

DAKOTA AS A BROKER/DEALER.

Initiated By: THE NORTH DAKOTA SECURITIES COMMISSIONER

**Date Initiated:** 12/08/1998

Docket/Case Number:

**URL for Regulatory Action:** 

**Principal Product Type:** 

Other Product Type(s):

Principal Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

Other Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

Resolution: Consent

Resolution Date: 12/08/1998

Sanctions Ordered: Disgorgement/Restitution

**Other Sanctions Ordered:** 

Sanction Details: RESPONDENT ENTERED INTO A CONSENT ORDER WHEREBY

IT AGREED TO MAKE AN OFFER OF RESCISSION TO EACH NORTH DAKOTA

RESIDENT AND WHEREBY IT AGREED TO MAKE PAYMENT TO THE COMMISSIONER A CIVIL PENALTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,000.

Regulator Statement CONTACT: MATTHEW BAHRENBURG (701) 328-4701



Reporting Source: Firm

Current Status: Final

Allegations: ALLEGED THAT APPLICANT SOLD SECURITIES IN NORTH DAKOTA

WITHOUT BEING REGISTERED WITH THE NORTH DAKOTA SECURITIES

COMMISSIONER.

Initiated By: NORTH DAKOTA SECURITIES COMMISSIONER

**Date Initiated:** 09/25/1998

Docket/Case Number: NONE

Principal Product Type: Annuity(ies) - Variable

Other Product Type(s):

Principal Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

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

Other Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

Resolution: Consent

Resolution Date: 12/04/1998

Sanctions Ordered: Monetary/Fine \$7,000.00

Other Sanctions Ordered:

Sanction Details: CIVIL FINE IMPOSED ON APPLICANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,000.00 OR \$500

FOR EACH OF THE 14 SECURITIES SALES. APPLICANT HAS ALSO

OFFERED SECURITIES PURCHASERS RIGHT OF RECISION WITH INTEREST

WITH RESPECT TO THEIR PURCHASES.

Firm Statement APPLICANT THOUGHT THAT IT COULD REGISTER WITH THE NORTH

DAKOTA SECURITIES COMMISSIONER BY CHECKING THE NORTH DAKOTA

BOX ON FORM BD. APPLICANT DID NOT FIND OUT THAT THE

COMMISSIONER HAD ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION AND THAT IT WAS NOT REGISTERED UNTIL IT HAD ALREADY BEGAN

SALES.



#### Regulatory - Pending

This type of disclosure event may include a pending formal proceeding initiated by a regulatory authority (e.g., a state securities agency, self-regulatory organization, federal regulatory agency such as the Securities and Exchange Commission, foreign financial regulatory body) for alleged violations of investment-related rules or regulations.

Disclosure 1 of 1

**Reporting Source:** Firm

Current Status: Pending

Allegations: THIS ENFORCEMENT REFERRAL IS IN RELATION TO THE FIRM'S HANDLING

OF REDUCED SALES CHARGE OPTIONS FOR CUSTOMERS.

Initiated By: FINANCIAL INDUSTRY REGULATORY AUTHORITY (FINRA)

**Date Initiated:** 02/25/2021

Docket/Case Number: EXAMINATION NUMBER 20200680177

Principal Product Type: Mutual Fund(s)

Other Product Type(s): 529 PLANS AND VARIABLE PRODUCTS

Principal Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

Other Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

Firm Statement ON FEBRUARY 25, 2021 THE FIRM RECEIVED A LETTER FROM FINRA

NOTIFYING THAT THE MATTER HAD BEEN SENT TO THEIR ENFORCEMENT

DIVISION FOR REVIEW.

# **End of Report**



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