

# **BrokerCheck Report**

# PROSPERA FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.

CRD# 10740

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  - 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.

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- 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.
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# PROSPERA FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.

CRD# 10740

SEC# 8-28164

### **Main Office Location**

5429 LBJ FREEWAY SUITE 750 DALLAS, TX 75240 Regulated by FINRA Dallas Office

# **Mailing Address**

5429 LBJ FREEWAY SUITE 750 DALLAS, TX 75240

# **Business Telephone Number**

972-581-3000

This firm is a brokerage firm and an investment adviser firm. For more information about investment adviser firms, visit the SEC's Investment Adviser Public Disclosure website at:

https://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov

# **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 Texas on 07/16/1982. Its fiscal year ends in June.

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

This firm conducts 17 types of businesses.

This firm is not affiliated with any 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	10	
Arbitration	3	
Bond	1	

This firm is classified as a corporation.

This firm was formed in Texas on 07/16/1982.

Its fiscal year ends in June.

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### **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.

### PROSPERA FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.

Doing business as PROSPERA FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.

**CRD#** 10740

**SEC#** 8-28164

### **Main Office Location**

5429 LBJ FREEWAY SUITE 750 DALLAS, TX 75240

### **Regulated by FINRA Dallas Office**

### **Mailing Address**

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### **Business Telephone Number**

972-581-3000

### Other Names of this Firm

Name	Where is it used
ACM WEALTH MANAGEMENT	NC
ALEX SHORE FINANCIAL	TN
AMARILLO SECURITIES	TX
ARK FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, LLC	TX
ASCENDANT FINANCIAL ADVISORS	NM
BACKE PAGE GROUP	IL
BARNETT FINANCIAL PARTNERS, INC	IA

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BARRIGER & CO, INC.	NY
BECKER SUFFERN MCLANAHAN, LTD	LA
BEDNARZ FINANCIAL	TX
BENNETT JENSEN GROUP	OH
BENTLEY & COMPANY INVESTMENTS	LA
BESPOKE PRIVATE WEALTH ADVISORS	TX
BLANCHARD FINANCIAL SERVICES	NC
BOTEL ASSET MANAGEMENT	PA
BULLINGER WEALTH MANAGEMENT	TX
C E GAYE & SONS SECURITIES, LTD	NY
CAPTRUST FINANCIAL ADVISORS	FL
CASCADE WEALTH MANAGEMENT	OR
CECILCO	TX
CHAPMAN WEALTH MANAGEMENT	MN
CHARNEY INVESTMENT GROUP	PA
CORDATUS WEALTH MANAGEMENT, LLC	PA
DANIAS FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	NJ
DAY WEALTH MANAGEMENT	TX
DOMINION CAPITAL PARTNERS WEALTH MANAGEMENT	VA
DORSEY & COMPANY	LA
ENDURANCE WEALTH PARTNERS	NY
ERIKSEN FINANCIAL, INC	MI
FIDUCIARY 401(K)	TX
FOREMAN FINANCIAL GROUP	MD
FULCRUM WEALTH PLANNING	TX
GODLEY WEALTH MANAGEMENT	LA
GOFF WEALTH MANAGEMENT, LLC	LA
HARTMAN INVESTMENT GROUP, LLC	IN
HEIDTKE & CO, INC.	TN
HUDDLESTON SMITH WEALTH MANAGEMENT	LA
JAMESTOWNE INVESTMENTS, LLC	VA
JEFF POOSCH FINANCIAL SERVICES	MI
JOHNSON WEALTH MANAGEMENT	AZ, CA
JRS WEALTH MANAGEMENT	OH
KAPLAN WEALTH ADVISORS	OR
KATZ FINANCIAL	PA
KUTZEN FINANCIAL	MA
LEVEL WEALTH MANAGEMENT	TX
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LITTLE & ASSOCIATES WEALTH MANAGEMENT	TX
LIVEOAK WEALTH ADVISORS, LLC	LA
LOLLIS FINANCIAL ADVISORS, LLC	TX
LUNDY FINANCIAL SERVICES	MI
LYNN WEALTH MANAGEMENT	CA
MAGELLAN WEALTH ADVISORS	NY
MCGUIRE-DYKE INVESTMENT GROUP	TX
MCMAHAN FINANCIAL, LLC	NC
MONEY MATTERS 911	MO
MOSSAKOWSKI & NICHOLS WEALTH MANAGEMENT, LLC	TX
OAKES WEALTH MANAGEMENT	TX
OSSOLA WEALTH MANAGEMENT	CA
PARKLANE FINANCIAL ADVISORS, LLC	TX
PRICE PERKINS LLC	VA
PROSPERA FINANCIAL NY	NY
PROSPERA FINANCIAL SERVICES	AK, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, PR, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VI, WY
PROVIDENT STRATEGIES GROUP	TX
PSE WEALTH MANAGEMENT	TX
PYLE FINANCIAL SERVICES	SC
REDWOOD ADVISORY GROUP	CA
REED WEALTH MANAGEMENT	CT
RIVERSTONE FINANCIAL GROUP	IN
ROBERT JAMES INVESTMENTS	PA
SABELHAUS WEALTH PARTNERS	LA
SCATOLINI WEALTH MANAGEMENT	MA
SIERRA PACIFIC WEALTH MANAGEMENT	CA, NM, NV, TX
SILVA FINANCIAL GROUP	GA
SILVER CREEK FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC	
0.272.101.22.1111.11101.12.011001.	TX
SILVERTHORN INVESTMENTS	TX TX

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SOUTHERN INVESTMENT PARTNERS	GA
SPEICHER FINANCIAL GROUP	CO
STOCKS WEALTH MANAGEMENT	AZ
SUMMIT INVESTMENTS	TX
TAYLOR & ASSOCIATES, LLC	MI
TCA FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC	NC
THE FINANCIAL MAESTRO, LLC	NM
TN WEALTH MANAGEMENT	TN
WAITS FINANCIAL GROUP	TX
WATERS FINANCIAL GROUP	TX
WATSON WEALTH MANAGEMENT	LA
WESTON BANKS WEALTH PARTNERS	NC
WILLIAMSON WEALTH ADVISORS	CA
WILSON CRONE	ОН
WT WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC	TX

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): PROSPERA FINANCIAL, LLC

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

**Domestic Entity** 

Position HOLDING COMPANY

Position Start Date 07/2021

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): CC

COULTER, ROBERT VINCENT

4211707

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

Individual

Position

CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER

Position Start Date

02/2022

**Percentage of Ownership** 

Less than 5%

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

No

Is this a public reporting

company?

No

Legal Name & CRD# (if any):

EDWARDS, TIM ALAN

1569619

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

Individual

Position CO-CEO

Position Start Date 07/2021

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

**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):

KERN, EDWARD

4364143

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

Individual

Position

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

**Position Start Date** 

10/2017

**Percentage of Ownership** 

Less than 5%

Does this owner direct the management or policies of

management the firm?

No

Is this a public reporting

company?

No

Legal Name & CRD# (if any):

PASCUZZI, RICHARD DEAN

711548

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

Individual

Position

**EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT & SECRETARY** 

**Position Start Date** 

05/1998

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):

STRINGER, DAVID WALTER



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

1410548

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

Individual

**Position** CO-CEO

**Position Start Date** 07/2021

**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):

WILLIAMS, TARAH ELIZABETH

2727706

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

Individual

**Position** 

CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER

**Position Start Date** 

12/2021

**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

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



### **Indirect Owners**

Legal Name & CRD# (if any): PROSPERA HOLDINGS, LLC

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

**Domestic Entity** 

Company through which indirect ownership is established

PROSPERA FINANCIAL, LLC

**Relationship to Direct Owner** 

SHARE HOLDER

Relationship Established

07/2021

**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):

EDWARDS, TIM ALAN

1569619

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

Individual

Company through which indirect ownership is established

PROSPERA HOLDINGS, LLC

**Relationship to Direct Owner** 

SHARE HOLDER

**Relationship Established** 

05/1998

**Percentage of Ownership** 

25% but less than 50%

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

Yes

Is this a public reporting

Legal Name & CRD# (if any):

No

company?

PASCUZZI, RICHARD DEAN

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### **Indirect Owners (continued)**

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

Individual

Company through which indirect ownership is

PROSPERA HOLDINGS, LLC

established

Relationship to Direct Owner SHARE HOLDER

Relationship Established

05/1998

**Percentage of Ownership** 

25% but less than 50%

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

Yes

Is this a public reporting

No

company?

STRINGER, DAVID WALTER

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Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

Legal Name & CRD# (if any):

Individual

Company through which indirect ownership is established

PROSPERA HOLDINGS, LLC

**Relationship to Direct Owner** 

SHARE HOLDER

**Relationship Established** 

05/1998

**Percentage of Ownership** 

25% but less than 50%

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

Yes

Is this a public reporting

company?

No

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# **Firm History**

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

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No information reported.

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## Registrations

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 53 U.S. states and territories.

Federal Regulator	Status	Date Effective
SEC	Approved	10/01/1982

### **SEC Registration Questions**

This firm is registered with the SEC as:

A broker-dealer: Yes

A broker-dealer and government securities broker or dealer: Yes

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	11/05/1982





U.S. States & Territories	Status	Date Effective
Alabama	Approved	06/02/1993
Alaska	Approved	04/05/2001
Arizona	Approved	01/28/1994
Arkansas	Approved	04/23/1992
California	Approved	10/10/1989
Colorado	Approved	01/28/1992
Connecticut	Approved	09/11/1996
Delaware	Approved	10/06/2004
District of Columbia	Approved	09/18/1993
Florida	Approved	03/11/1992
Georgia	Approved	04/21/1992
Hawaii	Approved	05/14/1993
Idaho	Approved	03/03/2003
Illinois	Approved	04/29/1992
Indiana	Approved	03/18/1993
Iowa	Approved	03/25/1992
Kansas	Approved	04/02/1992
Kentucky	Approved	03/22/1994
Louisiana	Approved	03/23/1992
Maine	Approved	09/06/2006
Maryland	Approved	03/07/1995
Massachusetts	Approved	08/17/1995
Michigan	Approved	06/26/1992
Minnesota	Approved	01/13/1998
Mississippi	Approved	08/17/1992
Missouri	Approved	01/11/1995
Montana	Approved	08/20/1997
Nebraska	Approved	07/25/1996
Nevada	Approved	03/05/1992
New Hampshire	Approved	07/05/2005
New Jersey	Approved	05/26/1995
New Mexico	Approved	12/16/1993
New York	Approved	09/21/1989

U.S. States & Territories	Status	Date Effective
North Carolina	Approved	07/26/1993
North Dakota	Approved	02/10/2005
Ohio	Approved	03/19/1992
Oklahoma	Approved	05/13/1988
Oregon	Approved	08/13/1998
Pennsylvania	Approved	10/24/1991
Puerto Rico	Approved	10/22/2014
Rhode Island	Approved	03/15/2001
South Carolina	Approved	07/18/1994
South Dakota	Approved	11/18/1993
Tennessee	Approved	03/18/1992
Texas	Approved	07/22/1983
Utah	Approved	07/01/1996
Vermont	Approved	10/06/2006
Virgin Islands	Approved	08/04/2016
Virginia	Approved	04/16/1993
Washington	Approved	07/31/1992
West Virginia	Approved	01/21/1992
Wisconsin	Approved	10/30/1996
Wyoming	Approved	04/24/1995

# **Types of Business**

This section provides the types of business, including non-securities business, the brokerage firm is engaged in or expects to be engaged in.

This firm currently conducts 17 types of businesses.

### **Types of Business**

Broker or dealer retailing corporate equity securities over-the-counter

Broker or dealer selling corporate debt securities

Underwriter or selling group participant (corporate securities other than mutual funds)

Mutual fund retailer

U S. government securities broker

Municipal securities dealer

Municipal securities broker

Broker or dealer selling variable life insurance or annuities

Solicitor of time deposits in a financial institution

Broker or dealer selling oil and gas interests

Put and call broker or dealer or option writer

Investment advisory services

Broker or dealer selling tax shelters or limited partnerships in primary distributions

Non-exchange member arranging for transactions in listed securities by exchange member

Trading securities for own account

Private placements of securities

Broker or dealer involved in a networking, kiosk or similar arrangment with a: bank, savings bank or association, or credit union





### **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: WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC

**CRD #**: 19616

Business Address: 901 E BYRD STREET

RICHMOND, VA 23229

**Effective Date:** 02/07/2001

**Description:** PROSPERA HAS A FULLY DISCLOSED CLEARING ARRANGEMENT AS

INTRODUCING BROKER THROUGH WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC (AS OF 11/11/16; FORMERLY KNOWN AS FIRST

CLEARING, LLC).

Name: PERSHING LLC

**CRD #**: 7560

Business Address: ONE PERSHING PLAZA

JERSEY CITY, NJ 07399

**Effective Date:** 05/21/2013

**Description:** PROSPERA HAS A FULLY DISCLOSED CLEARING ARRANGEMENT AS

INTRODUCING BROKER THROUGH PERSHING LLC.

### **Industry Arrangements**



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

Name: GLOBAL RELAY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Business Address: 220 CAMBIW STREET

2ND FLOOR

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA V6B 2M9

**Effective Date:** 10/01/2017

Description: GLOBAL RELAY COMMUNICATIONS, INC. ARCHIVES PROSPERA'S EMAIL

AND PROVIDES EXCEPTION REPORTS FOR MONITORING EMAIL

COMMUNICATIONS.

Name: WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC

**CRD #:** 19616

Business Address: 901 E BYRD STREET

RICHMOND, VA 23229

**Effective Date:** 02/07/2001

**Description:** PROSPERA HAS A FULLY DISCLOSED CLEARING ARRANGEMENT AS

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CLEARING, LLC).

Name: MARKETINGPRO, INC.

Business Address: 548 MARKET STREET

#78359

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94104

**Effective Date:** 07/19/2013

Description: MARKETINGPRO, INC. (FNA MARKETINGLIBRARY.NET, INC.) PROVIDES

AN ONLINE ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND SAVES INFORMATION PERTAINING TO ADVERTISING COMPLIANCE HISTORY ON BEHALF OF PROSPERA FINANCIAL SERVICES WHICH IS CONSISTENT AND COMPLIANT WITH FINRA RULES FOR BOOKS AND

RECORD KEEPING.

Name: PERSHING LLC

**CRD #:** 7560

Business Address: ONE PERSHING PLAZA

JERSEY CITY, NJ 07399

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# **Firm Operations**

# **Industry Arrangements (continued)**

**Effective Date:** 05/21/2013

**Description:** PROSPERA HAS A FULLY DISCLOSED CLEARING ARRANGEMENT AS

INTRODUCING BROKER THROUGH PERSHING LLC.

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

Name: WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC

**CRD #:** 19616

**Business Address:** 901 E BYRD STREET

RICHMOND, VA 23229

**Effective Date:** 02/07/2001

**Description:** PROSPERA HAS A FULLY DISCLOSED CLEARING ARRANGEMENT AS

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CLEARING, LLC).

Name: PERSHING LLC

**CRD #**: 7560

Business Address: ONE PERSHING PLAZA

JERSEY CITY, NJ 07399

**Effective Date:** 05/21/2013

**Description:** PROSPERA HAS A FULLY DISCLOSED CLEARING ARRANGEMENT AS

INTRODUCING BROKER THROUGH PERSHING LLC.

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

Name: WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC

**CRD #:** 19616

Business Address: 901 E BYRD STREET

RICHMOND, VA 23229

**Effective Date:** 02/07/2001

**Description:** PROSPERA HAS A FULLY DISCLOSED CLEARING ARRANGEMENT AS

INTRODUCING BROKER THROUGH WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC (AS OF 11/11/16; FORMERLY KNOWN AS FIRST

CLEARING, LLC).

Name: PERSHING LLC

**CRD #**: 7560

Business Address: ONE PERSHING PLAZA

# **Industry Arrangements (continued)**

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**Description:** PROSPERA HAS A FULLY DISCLOSED CLEARING ARRANGEMENT AS

INTRODUCING BROKER THROUGH PERSHING LLC.

### **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**

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

### This firm is not, 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.

### 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	0	10	0
Arbitration	N/A	3	N/A
Bond	N/A	1	N/A



### **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 10

Reporting Source: Regulator

Current Status: Final



### Allegations:

IA RELEASE 40-4498 / AUGUST 25, 2016: THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION ("COMMISSION") DEEMS IT APPROPRIATE THAT CEASE-AND-DESIST PROCEEDINGS BE, AND HEREBY ARE, INSTITUTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 203(K) OF THE INVESTMENT ADVISERS ACT OF 1940 ("ADVISERS ACT") AGAINST RESPONDENT.

ON THE BASIS OF THIS ORDER AND RESPONDENT'S OFFER, THE COMMISSION FINDS THAT THIS MATTER ARISES FROM MISSTATEMENTS MADE BY THE RESPONDENT, A REGISTERED INVESTMENT ADVISER, TO CERTAIN OF ITS ADVISORY CLIENTS, INCLUDING CLIENTS WITH SEPARATELY MANAGED ACCOUNTS INVESTED IN A STRATEGY OFFERED BY F-SQUARED INVESTMENTS, INC. ("F-SQUARED"). THE RESPONDENT ADVERTISED THE STRATEGY BY NEGLIGENTLY RELYING ON F-SQUARED'S MATERIALLY INFLATED, AND HYPOTHETICAL AND BACK-TESTED, PERFORMANCE TRACK RECORD THAT F-SQUARED MISREPRESENTED.

ALPHASECTOR IS A SECTOR ROTATION STRATEGY BASED ON AN ALGORITHM THAT YIELDS A SIGNAL INDICATING WHETHER TO BUY OR SELL EXCHANGE-TRADED FUNDS ("ETFS"). ONE OF THESE ALPHASECTOR STRATEGIES WAS CALLED ALPHASECTOR PREMIUM, WHICH CONSISTED OF NINE INDUSTRY ETFS THAT TOGETHER MADE UP THE INDUSTRIES IN THE S&P 500 INDEX. FROM APRIL 2012 THROUGH THE PRESENT, THE RESPONDENT HAS OFFERED THE ALPHASECTOR STRATEGY TO ITS CLIENTS.

FROM SEPTEMBER 2011 TO OCTOBER 1, 2013, IN RELIANCE ON F-SQUARED'S FALSE STATEMENTS, PROSPERA'S ALPHASECTOR ADVERTISEMENTS FALSELY STATED THAT: (A) ASSETS HAD BEEN INVESTED IN THE ALPHASECTOR STRATEGY FROM APRIL 2001 TO SEPTEMBER 2008; AND (B) THE TRACK RECORD HAD SIGNIFICANTLY OUTPERFORMED THE S&P 500 INDEX FROM APRIL 2001 TO SEPTEMBER 2008. IN FACT, NO CLIENT ASSETS HAD TRACKED THE STRATEGY FROM APRIL 2001 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2008. IN ADDITION, F-SQUARED MISCALCULATED THE HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE OF ALPHASECTOR FROM APRIL 2001 TO SEPTEMBER 2008 BY INCORRECTLY IMPLEMENTING SIGNALS IN ADVANCE OF WHEN SUCH SIGNALS ACTUALLY COULD HAVE OCCURRED. PROSPERA TOOK INSUFFICIENT STEPS TO CONFIRM THE ACCURACY OF F-SQUARED'S HISTORICAL DATA AND OTHER INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE MATERIALS. IN ADDITION, PROSPERA DID NOT OBTAIN SUFFICIENT DOCUMENTATION THAT SUBSTANTIATED F-SQUARED'S ADVERTISING CLAIMS IN THE MATERIALS. AS A RESULT OF THIS INACCURATE COMPILATION OF HISTORICAL DATA BY F-SQUARED. PROSPERA ADVERTISED THE ALPHASECTOR STRATEGY BY USING HYPOTHETICAL AND BACK-TESTED HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE THAT WAS INFLATED SUBSTANTIALLY OVER WHAT PERFORMANCE WOULD HAVE BEEN IF F-SQUARED HAD APPLIED THE SIGNALS ACCURATELY. AS A RESULT, THE RESPONDENT VIOLATED SECTION 206(4) OF THE



ADVISERS ACT AND RULE 206(4)-1(A)(5) THEREUNDER. THE RESPONDENT LIKEWISE VIOLATED SECTION 204(A) OF THE ADVISERS ACT AND RULE

204-2(A)(16) THEREUNDER.

Initiated By: UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

**Date Initiated:** 08/25/2016

Docket/Case Number: 3-17494

Principal Product Type: Other

Other Product Type(s): EXCHANGE-TRADED FUNDS

Principal Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

Cease and Desist

Other Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

Resolution: Order

**Resolution Date:** 08/25/2016

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 \$100,000.00 Cease and Desist/Injunction

No

Other Sanctions Ordered:

Sanction Details: RESPONDENT SHALL CEASE AND DESIST FROM COMMITTING OR

CAUSING ANY VIOLATIONS AND ANY FUTURE VIOLATIONS OF SECTIONS 204(A) AND 206(4) OF THE ADVISERS ACT AND RULES 204-2(A)(16), AND 206(4)-1(A)(5) THEREUNDER. RESPONDENT SHALL, WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE ENTRY OF THIS ORDER, PAY A CIVIL MONEY PENALTY OF \$100,000 TO THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION FOR TRANSFER TO THE

GENERAL FUND OF THE UNITED STATES TREASURY.

Regulator Statement IN ANTICIPATION OF THE INSTITUTION OF THESE PROCEEDINGS,

RESPONDENT HAS SUBMITTED AN OFFER OF SETTLEMENT (THE "OFFER") WHICH THE COMMISSION HAS DETERMINED TO ACCEPT. SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF THESE PROCEEDINGS AND ANY OTHER PROCEEDINGS BROUGHT BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION, OR TO WHICH THE COMMISSION IS A PARTY, AND WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING THE FINDINGS HEREIN, EXCEPT AS TO THE COMMISSION'S JURISDICTION

OVER RESPONDENT AND THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THESE



PROCEEDINGS, WHICH ARE ADMITTED, RESPONDENT CONSENTS TO THE ENTRY OF THIS ORDER INSTITUTING CEASE-AND-DESIST PROCEEDINGS PURSUANT TO SECTION 203(K) OF THE INVESTMENT ADVISERS ACT OF 1940, MAKING FINDINGS, AND IMPOSING A CEASE-AND-DESIST ORDER. IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, THE COMMISSION DEEMS IT APPROPRIATE TO IMPOSE THE SANCTIONS AGREED TO IN RESPONDENT'S OFFER. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT: PURSUANT TO SECTION 203(K) OF THE ADVISERS ACT, RESPONDENT SHALL CEASE AND DESIST FROM COMMITTING OR CAUSING ANY VIOLATIONS AND ANY FUTURE VIOLATIONS OF SECTIONS 204(A) AND 206(4) OF THE ADVISERS ACT AND RULES 204-2(A)(16), AND 206(4)-1(A)(5) THEREUNDER. RESPONDENT SHALL, WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE ENTRY OF THIS ORDER, PAY A CIVIL MONEY PENALTY OF \$100,000 TO THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION FOR TRANSFER TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE UNITED STATES TREASURY.

Reporting Source: Firm

Current Status: Final

Allegations: IA RELEASE 40-4498 / AUGUST 25, 2016: THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE

COMMISSION ("COMMISSION") DEEMS IT APPROPRIATE THAT CEASE-AND-DESIST PROCEEDINGS BE, AND HEREBY ARE, INSTITUTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 203(K) OF THE INVESTMENT ADVISERS ACT OF 1940 ("ADVISERS ACT") AGAINST RESPONDENT ("RESPONDENT"). ON THE BASIS OF THIS ORDER AND RESPONDENT'S OFFER, THE COMMISSION FINDS THAT THIS MATTER ARISES FROM MISSTATEMENTS MADE BY THE RESPONDENT. A REGISTERED INVESTMENT ADVISER, TO CERTAIN OF ITS ADVISORY CLIENTS, INCLUDING CLIENTS' SEPARATELY MANAGED ACCOUNTS INVESTED IN A STRATEGY OFFERED BY F-SQUARED INVESTMENTS. INC. ("F-SQUARED"). THE RESPONDENT ADVERTISED THE STRATEGY BY NEGLIGENTLY RELYING ON F-SQUARED'S MATERIALLY INFLATED, AND HYPOTHETICAL AND BACK-TESTED. PERFORMANCE TRACK RECORD THAT F-SQUARED MISREPRESENTED. ALPHASECTOR IS A SECTOR ROTATION STRATEGY BASED ON AN ALGORITHM THAT YIELDS A SIGNAL INDICATING WHETHER TO BUY OR SELL EXCHANGE-TRADED FUNDS ("ETFS"). ONE OF THESE ALPHASECTOR STRATEGIES WAS CALLED ALPHASECTOR PREMIUM, WHICH CONSISTED OF NINE INDUSTRY ETFS THAT TOGETHER MADE UP THE INDUSTRIES IN THE S&P 500 INDEX. FROM APRIL 2012 THROUGH THE PRESENT, THE RESPONDENT HAS OFFERED THE ALPHASECTOR STRATEGY TO ITS CLIENTS. FROM SEPTEMBER 2011 TO OCTOBER 1, 2013, IN RELIANCE ON F-SQUARED'S FALSE STATEMENTS.

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SIGNIFICANTLY OUTPERFORMED THE S&P INDEX FROM APRIL 2001 TO SEPTEMEBER 2008. IN FACT, NO CLIENT ASSETS HAD TRACKED THE STRATEGY FROM APRIL 2001 THROUGH 2008. IN ADDITION, F-SQUARED MISCALCULATED THE HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE OF ALPHASECTOR FROM APRIL 2001 TO SEPTEMBER 2008 BY INCORRECTLY IMPLEMENTING SIGNALS IN ADVANCE WHEN SUCH SIGNALS ACTUALLY COULD HAVE OCCURRED. RESPONDENT TOOK INSUFFICIENT STEPS TO CONFIRM THE ACCURACY OF F-SQUARED'S HISTORICAL DATA AND OTHER INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE MATERIALS. IN ADDITION, RESPONDENT DID NOT OBTAIN SUFFICIENT DOCUMENTATION THAT SUBSTANTIATED F-SQUARED'S ADVERTISING CLAIMS IN THE MATERIALS. AS A RESULT OF THIS INACCURATE COMPILATION OF HISTORICAL DATA BY F-SQUARED, RESPONDENT ADVERTISED THE ALPHASECTOR STRATEGY BY USING HYPOTHETICAL AND BACK-TESTED HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE THAT WAS INFLATED SUBSTANTIALLY OVER WHAT PERFORMANCE WOULD HAVE BEEN IF F-SQUARED HAD APPLIED THE SIGNALS ACCURATELY. AS A RESULT, THE RESPONDENT VIOLATED SECTION 206(4) OF THE ADVISERS ACT AND RULE 206(4)-1(A)(5) THEREUNDER. THE RESPONDENT LIKEWISE VIOLATED SECTION 204(A) OF THE ADVISERS ACT AND RULE 204-2(A)(16) THEREUNDER.

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION **Initiated By:** 

**Date Initiated:** 08/25/2016

Docket/Case Number: 3-17494

**Principal Product Type:** Other

Other Product Type(s): **EXCHANGE=TRADED FUNDS** 

Principal Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

Cease and Desist

Other Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

Resolution: Order

**Resolution Date:** 08/25/2016

Monetary/Fine \$100,000.00 Sanctions Ordered:

Cease and Desist/Injunction

Other Sanctions Ordered: RESPONDENT SHALL CEASE AND DESIST FROM COMMITTING OR

> CAUSING ANY VIOLATIONS AND ANY FUTURE VIOLATIONS OF SECTIONS 204(A) AND 206(4) OF THE ADVISERS ACT AND RULES 204-2(A)(16) AND 206(4)-1(A)(5) THEREUNDER. RESPONDENT SHALL, WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE ENTRY OF THIS ORDER, PAY A CIVIL MONEY PENALTY OF \$100,000,00 TO THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION FOR TRANSFER TO



THE GENERAL FUND OF THE UNITED STATES TREASURY.

Sanction Details: IN ANTICIPATION OF THE INSTITUTION OF THESE PROCEEDINGS,

RESPONDENT HAS SUBMITTED AN OFFER OF SETTLEMENT (THE "OFFER") WHICH THE COMMISSION HAS DETERMINED TO ACCEPT. SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF THESE PROCEEDINGS AND ANY OTHER PROCEEDINGS BROUGHT BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION, OR TO WHICH THE COMMISSION IS A PARTY, AND WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING THE FINDINGS HEREIN, EXCEPT AS TO THE COMMISSION'S JURISDICTION

OVER RESPONDENT AND THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THESE

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IMPOSE THE SANCTIONS AGREED TO IN RESPONDENT'S OFFER.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT: PURSUANT TO SECTION 203(K) OF THE ADVISERS ACT, RESPONDENT SHALL CEASE AND DESIST FROM COMMITTING OR CAUSING ANY VIOLATIONS AND ANY FUTURE VIOLATIONS OF SECTIONS 204(A) AND 206(4) OF THE ADVISERS ACT AND RULES 204-2(A)(16) AND 206(4)-1(A)(5) THEREUNDER. RESPONDENT SHALL, WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE ENTRY OF THIS ORDER, PAY A CIVIL MONEY PENALTY OF \$100,000 TO THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE COMMISSION FOR TRANSFER TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE UNITED STATES TREASURY.

Firm Statement RESPONDENT'S OFFER OF SETTLEMENT TO THE COMMISSION WAS

DATED JUNE 13, 2016 AND AMENDED ON AUGUST 16, 2016. THE FINE WAS

PAID IN FULL BY CHECK DATED AUGUST 30, 2016.

Disclosure 2 of 10

Reporting Source: Regulator

Current Status: Final

Allegations: WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING THE FINDINGS, THE FIRM CONSENTED

TO THE SANCTIONS AND TO THE ENTRY OF FINDINGS THAT IT FAILED TO TRANSMIT 32,636 REPORTABLE ORDER EVENTS (ROES) TO THE ORDER AUDIT TRAIL SYSTEM (OATS) ON 140 BUSINESS DAYS. THE FINDINGS STATED THAT THE FIRM'S SUPERVISORY SYSTEM DID NOT PROVIDE FOR SUPERVISION REASONABLY DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE COMPLIANCE WITH RESPECT TO THE APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS AND REGULATIONS, AND THE RULES OF FINRA. THE FIRM'S WRITTEN SUPERVISORY PROCEDURES (WSPS) FAILED TO PROVIDE FOR THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR

ADEQUATE WSPS FOR OATS.

Initiated By: FINRA



**Date Initiated:** 06/03/2015

**Docket/Case Number:** 2014040008801

**Principal Product Type:** 

No Product

Other Product Type(s):

Principal Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

Other Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

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

No

Resolution Date: 06/03/2015

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

deceptive conduct?

Sanctions Ordered: Censure

Monetary/Fine \$12,500.00

Other Sanctions Ordered: UNDERTAKING: REQUIRED TO REVISE ITS WRITTEN SUPERVISORY

**PROCEDURES** 

Sanction Details: THE FIRM WAS CENSURED, FINED \$12,500 AND UNDERTAKES TO REVISE

ITS WRITTEN SUPERVISORY PROCEDURES.

FINE PAID IN FULL ON JUNE 23, 2015.

Reporting Source: Firm

Current Status: Final

Allegations: WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING THE FINDINGS, THE FIRM CONSENTED

TO THE SANCTIONS AND TO THE ENTRY OF FINDINGS THAT IT FAILED TO TRANSMIT 32,636 REPORTABLE EVENTS (ROES) TO THE ORDER AUDIT TRAIL SYSTEM (OATS) ON 140 BUSINESS DAYS. THE FINDINGS STATED THAT THE FIRM'S SUPERVISORY SYSTEM DID NOT PROVIDE FOR THE SUPERVISION REASONABLY DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE COMPLIANCE WITH RESPECT TO THE APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS AND REGULATIONS AND THE RULES OF FINRA. THE FIRM'S WRITTEN SUPERVISORY PROCEDURES (WSPS) FAILED TO PROVIDE FOR THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR

ADEQUATE WSPS FOR OATS.



Initiated By: FINRA

**Date Initiated:** 06/03/2015

**Docket/Case Number:** 2014040008801

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: 06/03/2015

Sanctions Ordered: Censure

Monetary/Fine \$12,500.00

Other Sanctions Ordered: UNDERTAKING: REQUIRED TO REVISE ITS WRITTEN SUPERVISORY

**PROCEDURES** 

Sanction Details: THE FIRM WAS CENSURED, FINED \$12,500 AND UNDERTAKES TO REVISE

ITS WRITTEN SUPERVISORY PROCEDURES.

Firm Statement THIS INCIDENCE OCCURRED WHEN THE FIRM ENTERED INTO A

SECONDARY CLEARING AGREEMENT AND DID NOT TIMELY NOTIFY THE FIRST CLEARING FIRM TO CHANGE ITS EXEMPT OATS REPORTING STATUS OVER TO BEING A REPORTING MEMBER. THE EVENTS WERE REPORTED, BUT UNDER THE CLEARING FIRM'S IDENTIFIER RATHER THAN THE FIRM'S.

Disclosure 3 of 10

Reporting Source: Regulator

Current Status: Final

Allegations: SEC REGULATION AC, NASD RULES 2110, 2210(D)(1)(A), 2711(H)(4),(5)(A)

AND (10), 2711(I) AND 3010 - RESPONDENT MEMBER, ACTING THROUGH AN EMPLOYEE, ISSUED RESEARCH REPORTS THAT FAILED TO COMPLY WITH SEC REGULATION AC AND NASD RULE 2711 IN THAT THE REPORTS FAILED TO DISCLOSE THE MEANING OF EACH RATING USED BY THE FIRM IN ITS

RATING SYSTEM; FAILED TO DISCLOSE THE PERCENTAGE OF ALL

SECURITIES RATED BY THE FIRM TO WHICH IT WOULD ASSIGN CERTAIN

RATINGS; FAILED TO PROVIDE CLEAR AND COMPREHENSIVE

DISCLOSURES; AND DID NOT INCLUDE CERTIFICATIONS FROM THE RESEARCH ANALYST THAT ALL OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED IN THE



REPORTS ACCURATELY REFLECTED HIS PERSONAL VIEWS AND DID NOT DISCLOSE WHETHER THE ANALYST'S COMPENSATION WAS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE RESEARCH. THE FINDINGS STATED THAT THE FIRM, ACTING THROUGH AN EMPLOYEE ISSUED RESEARCH REPORTS AND/OR SALES LITERATURE THAT FAILED TO COMPLY WITH NASD RULE 2210(D)(1)(A) IN THAT SOME REPORTS FAILED TO PROVIDE READERS WITH A SOUND BASIS ON WHICH TO EVALUATE THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH AN INVESTMENT IN THE STOCKS BEING DISCUSSED; SOME PIECES OF LITERATURE FAILED TO PROVIDE READERS WITH A SOUND BASIS ON WHICH TO EVALUATE ESTIMATED DATA REGARDING PROJECTED PROFITS AND CASH FLOW; AND CONTAINED NON-AFFIRMATIVE, UNCLEAR DISCLOSURES. THE FINDINGS ALSO STATED THAT THE FIRM, ACTING THROUGH AN EMPLOYEE, FAILED TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A SYSTEM TO SUPERVISE THE ACTIVITIES OF ITS REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVES AND ASSOCIATED PERSONS REASONABLY DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS, REGULATIONS AND NASD RULES REGARDING RESEARCH REPORTS.

Initiated By: FINRA

**Date Initiated:** 10/25/2007

Docket/Case Number: E062005000301

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: 10/25/2007

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 \$30,000.00

Other Sanctions Ordered:

Sanction Details: WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING THE FINDINGS, PROSPERA FINANCIAL



SERVICES, INC., CONSENTED TO THE DESCRIBED SANCTIONS AND TO THE ENTRY OF FINDINGS, THEREFORE, THE FIRM IS CENSURED AND FINED \$30,000 OF WHICH \$25,000 IS JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY.

111125 \$60,000 OF WHICH \$20,000 TO CONTIET AND GEVENILET.

Reporting Source: Firm

Current Status: Final

Allegations: SEC REGULATION AC, NASD RULES 2110, 2210(D)(1)(A), 2711(H)(4),(5)(A)

AND (10), 2711(I) AND 3010 - RESPONDENT MEMBER, ACTING THROUGH AN EMPLOYEE, ISSUED RESEARCH REPORTS THAT FAILED TO COMPLY WITH SEC REGULATION AC AND NASD RULE 2711 IN THAT THE REPORTS FAILED TO DISCLOSE THE MEANING OF EACH RATING USED BY THE FIRM IN ITS

RATING SYSTEM; FAILED TO DISCLOSE THE PERCENTAGE OF ALL

SECURITIES RATED BY THE FIRM TO WHICH IT WOULD ASSIGN CERTAIN

RATINGS; FAILED TO PROVIDE CLEAR AND COMPREHENSIVE

DISCLOSURES; AND DID NOT INCLUDE CERTIFICATIONS FROM THE RESEARCH ANALYST THAT ALL OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED IN THE

REPORTS ACCURATELY REFLECTED HIS PERSONAL VIEWS AND DID NOT DISCLOSE WHETHER THE ANALYST'S COMPENSATION WAS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE RESEARCH. THE FINDINGS STATED THAT THE FIRM, ACTING THROUGH AN EMPLOYEE ISSUED RESEARCH REPORTS AND/OR

SALES LITERATURE THAT FAILED TO COMPLY WITH NASD RULE

2210(D)(1)(A) IN THAT SOME REPORTS FAILED TO PROVIDE READERS WITH A SOUND BASIS ON WHICH TO EVALUATE THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH AN INVESTMENT IN THE STOCKS BEING DISCUSSED; SOME PIECES OF LITERATURE FAILED TO PROVIDE READERS WITH A SOUND BASIS ON

WHICH TO EVALUATE ESTIMATED DATA REGARDING PROJECTED PROFITS

AND CASH FLOW; AND CONTAINED NON-AFFIRMATIVE, UNCLEAR DISCLOSURES. THE FINDINGS ALSO STATED THAT THE FIRM, ACTING THROUGH AN EMPLOYEE, FAILED TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A SYSTEM TO SUPERVISE THE ACTIVITIES OF ITS REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVES AND ASSOCIATED PERSONS REASONABLY DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS, REGULATIONS AND

NASD RULES REGARDING RESEARCH REPORTS.

Initiated By: FINRA

**Date Initiated:** 10/25/2007

Docket/Case Number: E062005000301

Principal Product Type: No Product

Other Product Type(s):

Principal Sanction(s)/Relief Other

Sought:



Other Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

MONETARY FINE OF \$30,000 (OF WHICH \$25,000 IS JOINTLY AND

SEVERALLY) AND CENSURE.

Resolution: Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)

Resolution Date: 10/25/2007

Sanctions Ordered: Censure

Monetary/Fine \$30,000.00

Other Sanctions Ordered:

Sanction Details: WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING THE FINDINGS, PROSPERA

CONSENTED TO THE DESCRIBED SANCTIONS AND TO THE ENTRY OF FINDINGS; THEREFORE, THE FIRM IS CENSURED AND FINED \$30,000 OF

WHICH \$25,000 IS JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY.

Firm Statement THE ROOT OF THIS ISSUE IS BASED ON THE DISAGREEMENT OF WHAT

ACTUALLY CONSTITUTES A RESEARCH REPORT BASED ON CURRENT REGULATORY DEFINITIONS AND GUIDELINES. THROUGH ITS FORMER

CCO, THE FIRM MADE A DETERMINATION THAT THE PRIVATELY

DISTRIBUTED EMAILS SENT BY THE RESEARCH ANALYST DID NOT MEET THE REGULATORY DEFININTION OF "RESEARCH REPORT." THE FIRM BELIEVED THAT SINCE THE EMAILS LACKED INFORMATION ON THE TYPE OF BUSINESS IN WHICH THE COVERED COMPANY WAS INVOLVED, THERE WAS INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION UPON WHICH TO BASE AN INVESTMENT DECISION. ACCORDINGLY, THE FIRM BELIEVED THAT THE EMAILS DID NOT MEET THE REGULATORY DEFINITION FOR RESEARCH REPORT AND ANY RESEARCH REPORT DISCLOSURES WERE NOT APPLICABLE. UPON

FINRA'S DETERMINATION THAT THEY CONSIDERED THE EMAILS AS RESEARCH REPORTS, THE FIRM SUBMITTED A WELLS LETTER OUTLINING

ITS POSITION IN THAT THE EMAILS DID NOT MEET THE REGULATORY DEFINITION FOR RESEARCH REPORT AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED CORRESPONDENCE OR SALES LITERATURE WITH LIMITED DISTRIBUTION INSTEAD. RATHER THAN INCURRING ADDITIONAL LEGAL COSTS OF PROCEEDING TO A HEARING, THE FIRM ELECTED TO SETTLE THIS 2005 MATTER PRIMARILY AS AN ECONOMIC DECISION TO PUT CLOSURE TO THE

ISSUE AND MOVE FORWARD WITH ITS BUSINESS.

Disclosure 4 of 10

Reporting Source: Regulator

Current Status: Final

Allegations: PROSPERA FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC CONDUCTED SALES-RELATED

ACTIVITY AT LOCATIONS NOT REGISTERED AS BRANCH OFFICES WITH THE SECURITIES COMMISSIONER. PROSPERA FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.



MAINTAINED RECORDS RELATED TO PROSPERA FINANCIAL SERVICES,

INC'S SECURITIES ACTIVITY AT THE UNREGISTERED OFFICES.

Initiated By: TEXAS

**Date Initiated:** 02/24/2006

Docket/Case Number: IC06-CAF-02

**URL for Regulatory Action:** 

**Principal Product Type:** Other

Other Product Type(s): SECURITIES

Principal Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

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Other Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

ADMINISTRATIVE FINE

Resolution: Order

Resolution Date: 02/24/2006

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 \$5,000.00

No

Other Sanctions Ordered: PURSUANT TO SECTION 14.A(6) OF THE TEXAS SECURITIES ACT,

PROSPERA FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC IS HEREBY REPRIMANDED.

Sanction Details: PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-1 OF THE TEXAS SECURITIES ACT, PROSPERA

FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC IS ASSESSED AN ADMINISTRATIVE FINE.

Reporting Source: Firm

Current Status: Final

Allegations: IT WAS ALLEGED THAT SALES RELATED ACTIVITY OCCURRED AT

LOCATIONS NOT REGISTERED AS BRANCH OFFICES WITH THE TX

SECURITIES COMMISSIONER.

Initiated By: TEXAS STATE SECURITIES BOARD

**Date Initiated:** 11/01/2005

Docket/Case Number: IC06-CAF-02



Principal Product Type: Other

Other Product Type(s): NO PRODUCT INVOLVED.

Principal Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

Undertaking

Other Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

**Resolution:** Order

Resolution Date: 03/02/2006

Sanctions Ordered: Monetary/Fine \$5,000.00

Other Sanctions Ordered: NONE

Sanction Details: NO OTHER SANCTIONS. FINE HAS BEEN PAID AND THE MATTER

RESOLVED.

Disclosure 5 of 10

Reporting Source: Regulator

Current Status: Final

ARTICLE V, SECTION 2 AND 3 OF THE NASD BY-LAWS AND NASD RULES

2110, 3070(B), 3070(C)- RESPONDENT MEMBER ACTING THROUGH AN EMPLOYEE, FAILED TO TIMELY REPORT TO NASD STATISTICAL AND SUMMARY INFORMATION, INCLUDING SETTLEMENTS IN EXCESS OF \$15,000, AND FORGERY ALLEGATIONS, CONCERNING CUSTOMER

COMPLAINTS AND A FINDING THAT RESPONDENTS HAD VIOLATED NASD

RULES; FAILED TO KEEP CURRENT THE APPLICATIONS FOR

REGISTRATION FOR REGISTERED PERSONS OF THE FIRM FOR WHOM CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS HAVE BEEN FILED, BECAUSE THEY FAILED TO TIMELY FILE AMENDMENTS TO SUCH APPLICATIONS DISCLOSING THE

CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS.

Initiated By: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECURITIES DEALERS, INC.

Date Initiated: 01/16/2003

Docket/Case Number: C06030001

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: 01/16/2003

Sanctions Ordered: Censure

Monetary/Fine \$15,000.00

**Other Sanctions Ordered:** 

Sanction Details: WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING THE ALLEGATIONS, RESPONDENT

MEMBER CONSENTED TO THE DESCRIBED SANCTIONS AND FINDINGS,

THEREFORE IT IS CENSURED AND A FINE OF \$15,000 JOINTLY AND

SEVERALLY.

Reporting Source: Firm

Current Status: Final

ARTICLE V, SECTION 2 AND 3 OF THE NASD BY-LAWS AND NASD RULES

2110, 3070(B), 3070(C)- RESPONDENT MEMBER ACTING THROUGH AN EMPLOYEE, FAILED TO TIMELY REPORT TO NASD STATISTICAL AND SUMMARY INFORMATION, INCLUDING SETTLEMENTS IN EXCESS OF \$15,000, AND FORGERY ALLEGATIONS, CONCERNING CUSTOMER

COMPLAINTS AND A FINDING THAT RESPONDENTS HAD VIOLATED NASD

RULES; FAILED TO KEEP CURRENT THE APPLICATIONS FOR

REGISTRATION FOR REGISTERED PERSONS OF THE FIRM FOR WHOM CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS HAVE BEEN FILED, BECAUSE THEY FAILED TO TIMELY FILE AMENDMENTS TO SUCH APPLICATIONS DISCLOSING THE

CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS.

Initiated By: NASD, DALLAS DISTRICT

**Date Initiated:** 10/02/2002

Docket/Case Number: C06030001

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:** Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)



Resolution Date: 01/16/2003

Sanctions Ordered: Censure

Monetary/Fine \$15,000.00

Other Sanctions Ordered:

Sanction Details: WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING THE ALLEGATIONS. RESPONDENT

MEMBER CONSENTED TO THE DESCRIBED SANCTIONS AND FINDINGS, THEREFORE IT IS CENSURED AND A FINE OF \$15,000 JOINTLY AND

TEREFORE II IS CENSURED AND A FINE OF \$15,000 JC

SEVERALLY.

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**Current Status:** 

Reporting Source: Regulator

Allegations: NASD RULES 6955(A) AND 6955(B)(2)- WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING

THE ALLEGATIONS, THE FIRM CONSENTED TO THE FINDINGS THAT IT FAILED TO TRANSMIT TO OATS ANY ORDER DATA FOR ITS ORDERS FOR EQUITY SECURITIES TRADED ON THE NASDAQ STOCK MARKET THAT WAS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED PURSUANT TO NASD MARKETPLACE RULE

6955(A.

Final

Initiated By: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECURITIES DEALERS

**Date Initiated:** 02/04/2002

Docket/Case Number: CMS020017

**Principal Product Type:** Equity - OTC

Other Product Type(s):

Principal Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

Other Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

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

Resolution Date: 02/04/2002

Sanctions Ordered: Monetary/Fine \$2,500.00

Other Sanctions Ordered:

Sanction Details: N/A



Reporting Source: Firm

Current Status: Final

Allegations: DURING THE PERIOD AUGUST 1, 1999 TO NOVEMBER 22, 1999 THE FIRM

FAILED TO TRANSMIT TO OATS ANY ORDER DATA FOR ITS ORDERS FOR EQUITY SECURITIES TRADED ON THE NASDAQ VIOLATING NASD RULE

6955(A).

Initiated By: NASD REGULATION, INC.

Date Initiated: 02/01/2001

Docket/Case Number: CMS020017

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:** Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)

Resolution Date: 02/02/2002

Sanctions Ordered: Monetary/Fine \$2,500.00

Other Sanctions Ordered:

Sanction Details: A FINE OF \$2,500.00 WAS ASSESED WHICH WAS PAID ON FEBRUARY 20,

2002.

Firm Statement THE FIRM AGREED TO THE FACTS THAT DATA HAD NOT BEEN

TRANSMITTED TO THE OATS SYSTEM DUE TO TECHNICAL PROBLEMS ON ITS END. A FINE OF \$2,500.00 WAS AGREED TO AND PAID TO SETTLE THE

MATTER.

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Reporting Source: Regulator

Current Status: Final

**Allegations:** 10-05-00, SEC NEWS DIGEST ISSUE #2000-186, DATED 9/27/00,

ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDINGS AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING RELEASE 34-43352, DATED 9/27/00, DISCLOSES: RESPONDENT MEMBER FAILED REASONABLY TO SUPERVISE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD HISTORIES OF CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS PRIOR TO JOINING THE FIRM AND WHO



MISAPPROPRIATED OVER A HALF MILLION DOLLARS IN CUSTOMER FUNDS FOR THEIR OWN USE WHILE AT PROSPERA; AND FAILED TO IMPLEMENT ADEQUATE INTERNAL PROCEDURES THAT MIGHT HAVE ALERTED THE

FIRM TO THE CONDUCT OF THE INDIVIDUALS.

Initiated By: UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

**Date Initiated:** 09/26/2000

Docket/Case Number: REL 34-43352; FILE NO. 3-10306

Principal Product Type: Other

Other Product Type(s): UNKNOWN TYPE OF SECURITIES

Principal Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

Censure

Other Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

A CIVIL PENALTY

**Resolution:** Decision & Order of Offer of Settlement

Resolution Date: 09/26/2000

Sanctions Ordered: Censure

Monetary/Fine \$40,000.00

Other Sanctions Ordered: UNDERTAKING

Sanction Details: CENSURED, ORDERED TO PAY A \$40,000 CIVIL PENALTY, AND ORDERED TO

HIRE AN INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT TO REVIEW ITS SUPERVISORY AND

COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES.

Regulator Statement +10/11/2000+ THE SEC DEEMS IT APPROPRIATE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST

AND FOR THE PROTECTION OF INVESTORS THAT PUBLIC ADMINISTRATIVE

PROCEEDINGS BE, AND HEREBY ARE, INSTITUTED PURSUANT TO

SECTIONS 15(B) AND 19(H) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

("EXCHANGE ACT") AGAINST RESPONDENT PROSPERA FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. (FORMERLY KNOWN AS ADDISON SECURITIES, INC.,). IN

ANTICIPATION OF THE INSTITUTION OF THESE PROCEEDINGS.

RESPONDENT HAS SUBMITTED AN OFFER OF SETTLEMENT ("OFFER") TO THE COMMISSION, WHICH THE COMMISSION HAS DETERMINED TO

HEREIN, EXCEPT THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMISSION OVER

RESPONDENT AND THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS PROCEEDING,

ACCEPT. WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING THE FINDINGS CONTAINED

RESPONDENT CONSENT TO THE ISSUANCE OF THIS ORDER INSTITUTING PROCEEDINGS, MAKING FINDINGS AND IMPOSING REMEDIAL SANCTIONS.

THE SEC ALLEGED THAT RESPONDENT FAILED REASONABLY TO SUPERVISE REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVES. THE RESPONDENT IS HEREBY CENSURED, ORDERED TO PAY A CIVIL PENALTY, AND ORDERED



TO HIRE AN INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT TO REVIEW ITS SUPERVISORY

AND COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES. (REL. 34-43352, FILE 3-10306)

Reporting Source: Firm

Current Status: Final

Allegations: THE ALLEGATIONS ARE THAT PROSPERA(AKA ADDISON SECURITIES)

FAILED TO ADEQUATELY SUPERVISE TWO OF ITS REPRESENTATIVES.
THESE REPRESENTATIVES ULTIMATELY CONVERTED CUSTOMER FUNDS
FOR THEIR PERSONAL USE. THE SEC POSITION IS THAT IF PROPER

SUPERVISION HAD BEEN IN PLACE DETECTION AND PREVENTION OF THIS

THEFT COULD HAVE OCCURRED.

Initiated By: U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

**Date Initiated:** 09/26/2000

Docket/Case Number: REL34-43352;FILE NO. 3-10306

Censure

Principal Product Type: No Product

Other Product Type(s):

Principal Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

Other Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

Resolution: Settled

**Resolution Date:** 09/26/2000

Sanctions Ordered: Censure

Monetary/Fine \$40,000.00

Other Sanctions Ordered: THE FIRM IS REQUIRED TO RETAIN A CONSUTANT, AT ITS EXPENSE, TO

REVIEW THE SUPERVISORY PROCEDURES AND REPORT BACK TO THE

SEC THEIR FINDINGS.

Sanction Details: THE FIRM HAS PAID THE \$40,000 REQUIRED OF THE SETTLEMENT PRIOR

TO THE 09/26/2000 FINAL DATE. AN OUTSIDE CONSUTANT HAS BEEN RETAINED TO CONDUCT THE REQUIRED REVIEW OF THE FIRM'S

SUPERVISORY PROCEDURES.

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Reporting Source: Regulator



Current Status: Final

Allegations: NASD RULES 1022, 2110, 2510, 3110, 3350, 3370, AND 6130 - RESPONDENT

MEMBER, ACTING THROUGH AN INDIVIDUAL, LOANED MONIES TO FIRM CUSTOMERS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF MEETING REGULATION T MARGIN CALLS FROM AN ENTITY OWNED OR CONTROLLED IN PART BY THE INDIVIDUAL; RESPONDENT MEMBER, ACTING THROUGH ANOTHER

INDIVIDUAL, ALLOWED HIM TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE

MANAGEMENT OF THE FIRM'S DAY-TRADING BUSINESS, WITHOUT HIS BEING REGISTERED AS A GENERAL SECURITIES PRINCIPAL; RESPONDENT MEMBER FAILED TO PROPERLY EXECUTE TRANSACTIONS THROUGH THE AUTOMATED CONFIRMATION TRANSACTION REPORTING SERVICE AND FAILED TO REPORT EACH OF THESE TRANSACTIONS TO ACT WITH A SHORT SALE INDICATOR; FAILED TO GENERATE AN ORDER TICKET OR EQUIVALENT REFLECTING ANY MODIFICATION OR CANCELLATION OF AN ORDER; AND, FAILED TO ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN, AND ENFORCE WRITTEN SUPERVISORY PROCEDURES REASONABLY DESIGNED TO ENSURE

COMPLIANCE WITH THE NASD RULES.

Initiated By: THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECURITIES DEALERS

 Date Initiated:
 02/23/2000

 Docket/Case Number:
 C05000007

Principal Product Type: Other

Other Product Type(s):

Principal Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

Other Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

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

Censure

Resolution Date: 02/23/2000

Sanctions Ordered: Censure

Monetary/Fine \$37,500.00

Other Sanctions Ordered:

Sanction Details: CENSURED AND FINED \$37,500 AGAINST RESPONDENT MEMBER,

\$22.500.00 OF WHICH IS TO BE ASSESSED JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY.

Reporting Source: Firm

Current Status: Final



Allegations: THE NASDR ALLEGED THAT ADDISON SECURITIES FAILED TO ESTABLISH

SUFFICIENT SUPERVISORY PROCEDURES; ALLOWED AN INDIVIDUAL TO

SUPERVISE ITS DAY-TRADING OPERATION WITHOUT PROPER

REGISTRATION; VIOLATED THE SHORT SELL RULE AND FAILED TO REPORT THESE SELLS CORRECTLY; ALLOWED A SINGLE REG REP TO EXECUTE DISCRETIONARY TRANSACTIONS IN A CUSTOMER ACCOUNT WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING A WRITTEN DISCRETIONARY AGREEMENT; AND ALLEGED

THE FIRM LOANED MONIES TO CUSTOMERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF

COVERING MARGIN CALLS.

Initiated By: NASD REGULATION, INC.

**Date Initiated:** 02/22/2000

Docket/Case Number: CASE NO. C05000007

Principal Product Type: Other

Other Product Type(s): DAY-TRADING ACTIVITIES

Principal Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

Censure

Other Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

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

Resolution Date: 02/23/2000

Sanctions Ordered: Censure

Monetary/Fine \$37,500.00

Other Sanctions Ordered:

Sanction Details: CENSURE AND MONETARY FINE OF \$37,500.00 AGAINST ADDISON

SECURITIES, INC., \$22,500.00 OF WHICH IS TO BE ASSISSED JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY AGAINST ABEL GARCIA JR.; MONETARY FINE OF \$2,500.00 AGAINST JONATHAN D. STEIN; MONETARY FINE OF \$27,500.00 & A 3 WEEK SUSPENSION OF ABEL GARCIA JR., FROM ASSOCIATION WITH ANY MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION IN ANY CAPACITY, \$22,500.00 OF THE FINE

IS TO BE ASSESSED JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY AGAINST ADDISON:

ADDISON AGREES THAT, WITHIN 120 DAYS OF THE FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE AWC, IT WILL REVISE ITS WRITTEN SUPERVISORY PROCEDURES IN A MANNER ACCEPTABLE TO THE ASSOCIATION. AND SUBMIT SUCH REVISED

PROCEDURES TO THE ASSOCIATION FOR APPROVAL.

Firm Statement THESE ALLEGATIONS ARE RELATED TO A DECISION BY ADDISON

SECURITIES TO ACCOMODATE A SMALL GROUP WHO WANTED TO DAY-TRADE. THIS VENTURE DID NOT DEVELOP AS PLANNED AND A DECISION WAS MADE TO DISCONTINUE THIS SERVICE IN NOVEMBER 1999. THE



ALLEGATIONS DID NOT INVOLVE CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS OR LOSSES. WHILE ADDISON SECURITIES SERVICES OVER 15,000 ACCOUNTS, THIS MATTER ADDRESSES THE ACTIVITY OF APPROXIMATELY 10 ACCOUNTS.

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Reporting Source: Regulator

Current Status: Final

Allegations: UNLICENSED BROKER-DEALER ACTIVITY

Initiated By: MN

**Date Initiated:** 01/05/1998

Docket/Case Number: SE9706737/LMD

**URL for Regulatory Action:** 

Principal Product Type:

Other Product Type(s):

Principal Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

Other Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

Resolution: Order

Resolution Date: 01/05/1998

Sanctions Ordered: Monetary/Fine \$4,000.00

Cease and Desist/Injunction

**Other Sanctions Ordered:** 

Sanction Details: DEPARTMENT ALLEGED THAT RESPONDENT ENGAGED IN

UNLICENSED BROKER-DEALER ACTIVITY, EFFECTED SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS THROUGH UNLICENSED AGENT, FAILED TO PROPERLY SUPERVISE ITS AGENTS, AND FILED AN APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE C WHICH WAS FALSE OR MISLEADING. RESPONDENT AGREED WITHOUT

ADMITTING OR DENYING THE ALLEGATIONS TO AN INFORMAL

DISPOSITION

AND PAID A \$4,000 FINE. RESPONDENT IS ORDERED TO CEASE AND DESIST FROM FURTHER VIOLATION. NOTHING CONTAINED IN THE ORDER PREVENTS RESPONDENT FROM BECOMING LICENSED AS A SECURITIES

BROKER-DEALER IN MINNESOTA.

Regulator Statement SEE ABOVE CONTACT: LOIS DURENBERGER 612-296-6505



Reporting Source: Firm

Current Status: Final

Allegations: THE STATE ALLEGED THAT ADDISON SECURITIES ENGAGED IN

UNLICENSED BROKER-DEALER ACTIVITY, EFFECTED SECURITIES

TRANSACTIONS THROUGH AN UNLICENSED AGENT, FAILED TO PROPERLY SUPERVISE ITS AGENTS, AND FILED AN APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE

WHICH WAS FALSE OR MISLEADING.

Initiated By: STATE OF MINNESOTA

**Date Initiated:** 01/05/1998

Docket/Case Number: CASE NO. SE9706737

Principal Product Type: No Product

Other Product Type(s):

Principal Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

Other Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

**Resolution:** Order

Resolution Date: 01/05/1998

Sanctions Ordered: Monetary/Fine \$4,000.00

Cease and Desist/Injunction

Cease and Desist

Other Sanctions Ordered:

Sanction Details: ADDISON SECURITIES, INC. WAS FINED \$4,000.00 AND ORDERED TO

CEASE AND DESIST FROM FURTHER VIOLATION BY THE STATE OF MINNESOTA. NOTHING CONTAINED IN THE ORDER PREVENTS

RESPONDENT FROM BECOMING LICENSED AS A SECURITIES BROKER-

DEALER IN MINNESOTA.

Firm Statement ADDISON SECURITIES, INC. AGREED WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING

THE ALLEGATIONS TO AN INFORMAL DISPOSITION.

Disclosure 10 of 10

**Current Status:** 

Reporting Source: Regulator

Final



Allegations:

Initiated By: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECURITIES DEALERS, INC.

 Date Initiated:
 02/08/1994

 Docket/Case Number:
 C06930028

Principal Product Type:
Other Product Type(s):
Principal Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

Other Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

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

Resolution Date: 02/08/1994

Sanctions Ordered: Censure

Monetary/Fine \$5,000.00

**Other Sanctions Ordered:** 

Sanction Details:

Regulator Statement ON FEBRUARY 8, 1994, DISTRICT NO. 6 NOTIFIED ADDISON

SECURITIES, INC. AND BRUCE ELLIOT ZUCKER THAT THE LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE, WAIVER AND CONSENT NO. C06930028 WAS ACCEPTED; THEREFORE, THEY ARE CENSURED AND FINED \$5,000, JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY - (ARTICLE III, SECTIONS 1 AND 27 OF THE RULES OF FAIR PRACTICE - RESPONDENT MEMBER, ACTING THROUGH

RESPONDENT

ZUCKER, FAILED TO PROPERLY AND ADEQUATELY SUPERVISE AN

INDIVIDUAL ASSSOCIATED WITH RESPONDENT MEMBER).

\*\*\$5,000.00 J&S PAID ON 2/17/94 INVOICE #94-06-117\*\*

Reporting Source: Firm

Current Status: Final

Allegations: FAILURE TO PROPERLY SUPERVISE.

Initiated By: NASD

 Date Initiated:
 02/08/1994

 Docket/Case Number:
 C06930028



Principal Product Type: Options

Other Product Type(s):

Principal Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

Censure

Other Sanction(s)/Relief

Sought:

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

**Resolution Date:** 02/08/1994

Sanctions Ordered: Censure

Monetary/Fine \$5,000.00

Other Sanctions Ordered:

Sanction Details: VIOLATIONS OF ART III, SECT 1 & 27 RFP. MATTER RESOLVED THROUGH

ACCEPTANCE, WAIVER AND CONSENT (AWC) AND FINED \$5,000.00, PAID

ON 02/17/1994.



## Arbitration Award - Award / Judgment

Brokerage firms are not required to report arbitration claims filed against them by customers; however, BrokerCheck provides summary information regarding FINRA arbitration awards involving securities and commodities disputes between public customers and registered securities firms in this section of the report.

The full text of arbitration awards issued by FINRA is available at www.finra.org/awardsonline.

Disclosure 1 of 3

Reporting Source: Regulator

Type of Event: ARBITRATION

Allegations: ACCOUNT ACTIVITY-CHURNING; ACCOUNT ACTIVITY-SUITABILITY;

ACCOUNT ACTIVITY-UNAUTHORIZED TRADING; ACCOUNT RELATED-

**FAILURE TO SUPERVISE** 

Arbitration Forum: NASD

**Case Initiated:** 01/20/1992

**Case Number:** 92-00159

Disputed Product Type: COMMON STOCK; UNKNOWN TYPE OF SECURITIES

Sum of All Relief Requested: \$8,000.00

**Disposition:** AWARD AGAINST PARTY

**Disposition Date:** 12/02/1992

Sum of All Relief Awarded: \$5,400.00

There may be a non-monetary award associated with this arbitration.

Please select the Case Number above to view more detailed information.

Disclosure 2 of 3

Reporting Source: Regulator

Type of Event: ARBITRATION

Allegations: ACCOUNT ACTIVITY-MISREPRESENTATION; ACCOUNT ACTIVITY-

SUITABILITY; ACCOUNT ACTIVITY-UNAUTHORIZED TRADING; ACCOUNT

**RELATED-NEGLIGENCE** 

Arbitration Forum: NASD

**Case Initiated:** 02/07/1997

**Case Number:** 97-00174



Disputed Product Type: NO OTHER TYPE OF SEC INVOLVE; MUTUAL FUNDS; OPTIONS; OTHER

TYPES OF SECURITIES

Sum of All Relief Requested: \$1,021,777.32

**Disposition:** AWARD AGAINST PARTY

**Disposition Date:** 03/20/1998

Sum of All Relief Awarded: \$128,000.00

There may be a non-monetary award associated with this arbitration. Please select the Case Number above to view more detailed information.

Disclosure 3 of 3

Reporting Source: Regulator

Type of Event: ARBITRATION

Allegations: ACCOUNT ACTIVITY-BRCH OF FIDUCIARY DT; ACCOUNT ACTIVITY-

CHURNING; ACCOUNT ACTIVITY-SUITABILITY; ACCOUNT RELATED-FAILURE

TO SUPERVISE

Arbitration Forum: NASD

**Case Initiated:** 04/14/1997

**Case Number:** <u>97-01727</u>

Disputed Product Type: COMMON STOCK; NO OTHER TYPE OF SEC INVOLVE; OTHER TYPES OF

SECURITIES; PREFERRED STOCK

Sum of All Relief Requested: \$40,000.00

**Disposition:** AWARD AGAINST PARTY

**Disposition Date:** 03/25/1998

Sum of All Relief Awarded: \$14,500.00

There may be a non-monetary award associated with this arbitration. Please select the Case Number above to view more detailed information.



## **Civil Bond**

This type of disclosure event involves a civil bond for the brokerage firm that has been denied, paid, or revoked by a bonding company.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source: Firm

Policy Holder: PROSPERA FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC (FKA ADDISON SECURITIES, INC.)

**Bonding Company Name:** GULF GROUP LLOYDS

**Disposition:** Payout

**Disposition Date:** 02/23/2001

Payout Details: PAYOUT WAS FOR \$130,000 PAID ON FEBRUARY 23, 2001.

Firm Statement THIS WAS THE FINAL SETTLEMENT OF A CASE INVOVLING THE FIRM'S RR

DOUG HOPWOOD. MR. HOPWOOD CONVERTED INVESTMENT FUNDS OF

CERTAIN CLIENTS IN ACTIVITIES AWAY FORM THE BD.

## **End of Report**



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