

BrokerCheck Report

ISMAIL ELMAS

CRD# 2702531

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About BrokerCheck®



BrokerCheck offers information on all current, and many former, registered securities brokers, and all current and former registered securities firms. FINRA strongly encourages investors to use BrokerCheck to check the background of securities brokers and brokerage firms before deciding to conduct, or continue to conduct, business with them.

- **What is included in a BrokerCheck report?**

BrokerCheck reports for individual brokers include information such as employment history, professional qualifications, disciplinary actions, criminal convictions, civil judgments and arbitration awards. BrokerCheck reports for brokerage firms include information on a firm's profile, history, and operations, as well as many of the same disclosure events mentioned above.

Please note that the information contained in a BrokerCheck report may include pending actions or allegations that may be contested, unresolved or unproven. In the end, these actions or allegations may be resolved in favor of the broker or brokerage firm, or concluded through a negotiated settlement with no admission or finding of wrongdoing.

- **Where did this information come from?**

The information contained in BrokerCheck comes from FINRA's Central Registration Depository, or CRD® and is a combination of:

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

- **How current is this information?**

Generally, active brokerage firms and brokers are required to update their professional and disciplinary information in CRD within 30 days. Under most circumstances, information reported by brokerage firms, brokers and regulators is available in BrokerCheck the next business day.

- **What if I want to check the background of an investment adviser firm or investment adviser representative?**

To check the background of an investment adviser firm or representative, you can search for the firm or individual in BrokerCheck. If your search is successful, click on the link provided to view the available licensing and registration information in the SEC's Investment Adviser Public Disclosure (IAPD) website at <http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov>. In the alternative, you may search the IAPD website directly or contact your state securities regulator at <http://www.finra.org/Investors/ToolsCalculators/BrokerCheck/P455414>.

- **Are there other resources I can use to check the background of investment professionals?**

FINRA recommends that you learn as much as possible about an investment professional before deciding to work with them. Your state securities regulator can help you research brokers and investment adviser representatives doing business in your state.



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For additional information about the contents of this report, please refer to the User Guidance or www.finra.org/brokercheck. It provides a glossary of terms and a list of frequently asked questions, as well as additional resources. For more information about FINRA, visit www.finra.org.

Thank you for using FINRA BrokerCheck.

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This broker is not currently registered.

Report Summary for this Broker

This report summary provides an overview of the broker's professional background and conduct. Additional information can be found in the detailed report.

Broker Qualifications

This broker is not currently registered.

This broker has passed:

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

Registration History

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

CUSO FINANCIAL SERVICES, L.P.

CRD# 42132
SAN DIEGO, CA
01/2013 - 08/2014

CUNA BROKERAGE SERVICES, INC.

CRD# 13941
FAIRFAX, VA
11/2007 - 01/2013

RAYMOND JAMES FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.

CRD# 6694
ARLINGTON, VA
04/2005 - 11/2007

Disclosure Events

All individuals registered to sell securities or provide investment advice are required to disclose customer complaints and arbitrations, regulatory actions, employment terminations, bankruptcy filings, and criminal or civil judicial proceedings.

Are there events disclosed about this broker? **Yes**

The following types of disclosures have been reported:

Type	Count
Regulatory Event	1
Customer Dispute	2
Termination	1

Investment Adviser Representative Information

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

<http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov>

Broker Qualifications



Registrations

This section provides the self-regulatory organizations (SROs) and U.S. states/territories the broker is currently registered and licensed with, the category of each license, and the date on which it became effective. This section also provides, for every brokerage firm with which the broker is currently employed, the address of each branch where the broker works.

This broker is not currently registered.



Broker Qualifications

Industry Exams this Broker has Passed

This section includes all securities industry exams that the broker has passed. Under limited circumstances, a broker may attain a registration after receiving an exam waiver based on exams the broker has passed and/or qualifying work experience. Any exam waivers that the broker has received are not included below.

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

Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
General Securities Sales Supervisor - Options Module Examination	Series 9	02/24/2006

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination	Series 6	01/26/1996
General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	01/20/1999

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	03/04/1996
Uniform Combined State Law Examination	Series 66	03/28/2002

Additional information about the above exams or other exams FINRA administers to brokers and other securities professionals can be found at www.finra.org/brokerqualifications/registeredrep/.



Registration and Employment History

Registration History

The broker previously was registered with the following firms:

Registration Dates	Firm Name	CRD#	Branch Location
01/2013 - 08/2014	CUSO FINANCIAL SERVICES, L.P.	42132	SAN DIEGO, CA
11/2007 - 01/2013	CUNA BROKERAGE SERVICES, INC.	13941	FAIRFAX, VA
04/2005 - 11/2007	RAYMOND JAMES FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	6694	ARLINGTON, VA
06/2001 - 04/2005	CUSO FINANCIAL SERVICES, L.P.	42132	SAN DIEGO, CA
03/2000 - 06/2001	BB&T INVESTMENT SERVICES, INC.	33856	CHARLOTTE, NC
01/1996 - 12/1999	ALLFIRST BROKERAGE CORPORATION	17531	BALTIMORE, MD

Employment History

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

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

Employment Dates	Employer Name	Employer Location
01/2013 - Present	CUSO FINANCIAL SERVICES, LP	SAN DIEGO, CA
11/2007 - Present	APPLE FINANCIAL SERVICES	FAIRFAX, VA
11/2007 - 12/2012	CUNA BROKERAGE SERVICES, INC.	WAVERLY, IA
04/2005 - 11/2007	RAYMOND JAMES FINANCIAL SERVICES	VIENNA, VA
10/2005 - 10/2006	REAL ESTATE	VIENNA, VA
04/2005 - 04/2006	TANGLEWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	VIENNA, VA
06/2001 - 04/2005	CUSO FINANCIAL SERVICES, L.P.	SAN DIEGO, CA
06/2001 - 04/2005	NRL FEDERAL CREDIT UNION	OXON HILL, MD

Registration and Employment History



Other Business Activities

This section includes information, if any, as provided by the broker regarding other business activities the broker is currently engaged in either as a proprietor, partner, officer, director, employee, trustee, agent or otherwise. This section does not include non-investment related activity that is exclusively charitable, civic, religious or fraternal and is recognized as tax exempt.

CO-OWNER RENTAL PROPERTY IN MD; START 05/2006; 2 HOURS PER MONTH; COMPENSATION YES



Disclosure Events

What you should know about reported disclosure events:

1. All individuals registered to sell securities or provide investment advice are required to disclose customer complaints and arbitrations, regulatory actions, employment terminations, bankruptcy filings, and criminal or civil judicial proceedings.
2. **Certain thresholds must be met before an event is reported to CRD, for example:**
 - A law enforcement agency must file formal charges before a broker is required to disclose a particular criminal event.
 - A customer dispute must involve allegations that a broker engaged in activity that violates certain rules or conduct governing the industry and that the activity resulted in damages of at least \$5,000.
3. **Disclosure events in BrokerCheck reports come from different sources:**
 - As mentioned at the beginning of this report, information contained in BrokerCheck comes from brokers, brokerage firms and regulators. When more than one of these sources reports information for the same disclosure event, all versions of the event will appear in the BrokerCheck report. The different versions will be separated by a solid line with the reporting source labeled.
4. **There are different statuses and dispositions for disclosure events:**
 - 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.
 - A final event generally has a disposition of *adjudicated*, *settled* or *otherwise resolved*.
 - An "adjudicated" matter includes a disposition by (1) a court of law in a criminal or civil matter, or (2) an administrative panel in an action brought by a regulator that is contested by the party charged with some alleged wrongdoing.
 - A "settled" matter generally involves an agreement by the parties to resolve the matter. Please note that brokers and brokerage firms may choose to settle customer disputes or regulatory matters for business or other reasons.
 - A "resolved" matter usually involves no payment to the customer and no finding of wrongdoing on the part of the individual broker. Such matters generally involve customer disputes.

For your convenience, below is a matrix of the number and status of disclosure events involving this broker. Further information regarding these events can be found in the subsequent pages of this report. You also may wish to contact the broker to obtain further information regarding these events.

	Pending	Final	On Appeal
Regulatory Event	0	1	0



Customer Dispute	0	2	N/A
Termination	N/A	1	N/A



Disclosure Event Details

When evaluating this information, please keep in mind that a disclosure event may be pending or involve allegations that are contested and have not been resolved or proven. The matter may, in the end, be withdrawn, dismissed, resolved in favor of the broker, or concluded through a negotiated settlement for certain business reasons (e.g., to maintain customer relationships or to limit the litigation costs associated with disputing the allegations) with no admission or finding of wrongdoing.

This report provides the information exactly as it was reported to CRD and therefore some of the specific data fields contained in the report may be blank if the information was not provided to CRD.

Regulatory - Final

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

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source:	Regulator
Regulatory Action Initiated By:	FINRA
Sanction(s) Sought:	Other: N/A
Date Initiated:	09/25/2014
Docket/Case Number:	2014042148801
Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:	CUSO FINANCIAL SERVICES, L.P.
Product Type:	No Product
Allegations:	WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING THE FINDINGS, ELMAS CONSENTED TO THE SANCTION AND TO THE ENTRY OF FINDINGS THAT HE FAILED TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION REQUESTED BY FINRA. THE FINDINGS STATED THAT THE REQUESTS WERE IN CONNECTION WITH AN INVESTIGATION BY FINRA INTO ALLEGATIONS THAT ELMAS CONVERTED CLIENT FUNDS FOR PERSONAL USE AND PARTICIPATED IN AN UNAUTHORIZED OUTSIDE BUSINESS ACTIVITY.
Current Status:	Final
Resolution:	Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)



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

No

Resolution Date:

09/25/2014

Sanctions Ordered:

Bar (Permanent)

If the regulator is the SEC, CFTC, or an SRO, did the action result in a finding of a willful violation or failure to supervise?

No

(1) willfully violated any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any of such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, or to have been unable to comply with any provision of such Act, rule or regulation?



(2) willfully aided, abetted, counseled, commanded, induced, or procured the violation by any person of any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any of such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board? or

(3) failed reasonably to supervise another person subject to your supervision, with a view to preventing the violation by such person of any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board?

Sanction 1 of 1

Sanction Type: Bar (Permanent)

Capacities Affected: ANY CAPACITY

Duration:

Start Date: 09/25/2014

End Date:





Customer Dispute - Settled

This type of disclosure event involves a consumer-initiated, investment-related complaint, arbitration proceeding or civil suit containing allegations of sale practice violations against the broker that resulted in a monetary settlement to the customer.

Disclosure 1 of 2

Reporting Source:	Firm
Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:	CUSO FINANCIAL SERVICES, L.P.
Allegations:	ON 4/3/2014, THE CLIENT'S VARIABLE ANNUITY CONTRACT WAS SURRENDERED IN FULL BY THE SERVICING AGENT / BROKER WITH PROCEEDS SENT TO A THIRD-PARTY CONTROLLED BY THE BROKER. THE FULL SURRENDER AND DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS WAS ALLEGEDLY NOT AUTHORIZED BY THE CLIENT. AT THE TIME OF THIS FILING, CFS IS ACTIVELY WORKING WITH CLIENT AND INSURANCE COMPANY TO REINSTATE THE CLIENT'S VARIABLE ANNUITY TO ITS PREVIOUS VALUE AS OF THE DATE OF THE UNAUTHORIZED FULL SURRENDER AT NO COST TO THE CLIENT.
Product Type:	Annuity-Variable
Alleged Damages:	\$302,792.10
Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):	ALLEGED DAMAGES RESULT FROM ALLEGED UNAUTHORIZED FULL SURRENDER OF CLIENT'S VARIABLE ANNUITY CONTRACT BY FORMER REPRESENTATIVE.
Is this an oral complaint?	No
Is this a written complaint?	Yes
Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?	No

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received:	08/12/2014
Complaint Pending?	No
Status:	Settled
Status Date:	09/08/2014
Settlement Amount:	\$308,780.01



Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Disclosure 2 of 2

Reporting Source: Firm

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: RAYMOND JAMES FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC

Allegations: UNSUITABILITY; MISREPRESENTATIONS AND OMISSIONS; FAILURE TO SUPERVISE; BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY; AND BREACH OF CONTRACT.

Product Type: No Product

Alleged Damages: \$738,016.00

Is this an oral complaint? No

Is this a written complaint? Yes

Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation? No

Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:

Docket/Case #:

Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation: 06/17/2009

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 06/17/2009

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Evolved into Arbitration/CFTC reparation (the individual is a named party)

Status Date: 07/10/2009

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:

Arbitration Information



Arbitration/CFTC reparation claim filed with (FINRA, AAA, CFTC, etc.): FINRA

Docket/Case #: 09-03960

Date Notice/Process Served: 07/09/2009

Arbitration Pending? No

Disposition: Settled

Disposition Date: 06/16/2010

Monetary Compensation Amount: \$75,000.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$25,000.00

Firm Statement CLAIMANT FILED HER COMPLAINT WITH FINRA REQUESTING AN ARBITRATION HEARING. CASE NUMBER 09-03960

Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: RAYMOND JAMES FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.

Allegations: UNSUITABILITY; MISREPRESENTATIONS AND OMISSIONS; FAILURE TO SUPERVISE; BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY; AND BREACH OF CONTRACT.

Product Type: No Product

Alleged Damages: \$738,016.00

Is this an oral complaint? No

Is this a written complaint? Yes

Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation? No

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 06/17/2009

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Evolved into Arbitration/CFTC reparation (the individual is a named party)

Status Date: 07/10/2009



Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:

Arbitration Information

Arbitration/CFTC reparation claim filed with (FINRA, AAA, CFTC, etc.):

FINRA

Docket/Case #: 09-03960

Date Notice/Process Served: 07/09/2009

Arbitration Pending? No

Disposition: Settled

Disposition Date: 06/16/2010

Monetary Compensation Amount: \$75,000.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$25,000.00

Broker Statement CLAIMANT FILED HER COMPLAINT WITH FINRA REQUESTING AN ARBITRATION HEARING. CASE NUMBER 09-03960



Employment Separation After Allegations

This type of disclosure event involves a situation where the broker voluntarily resigned, was discharged, or was permitted to resign after being accused of (1) violating investment-related statutes, regulations, rules or industry standards of conduct; (2) fraud or the wrongful taking of property; or (3) failure to supervise in connection with investment-related statutes, regulations, rules, or industry standards of conduct.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source:	Firm
Employer Name:	CUSO FINANCIAL SERVICES, LP
Termination Type:	Discharged
Termination Date:	07/29/2014
Allegations:	REPRESENTATIVE ALLEGEDLY CONVERTED CLIENT FUNDS FOR PERSONAL USE AS WELL AS PARTICIPATED IN AN UNAUTHORIZED OUTSIDE BUSINESS ACTIVITY INVOLVING INVESTMENTS WITHOUT FIRM APPROVAL (EITHER ORAL OR WRITTEN).
Product Type:	Annuity-Variable Other: TO BE DETERMINED

End of Report



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