

BrokerCheck Report

ROBERT CHARLES FONTAINE

CRD# 3073571

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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.

ROBERT C. FONTAINE

CRD# 3073571

Currently employed by and registered with the following Firm(s):**FREEDOM INVESTORS CORP.**

1288 HWY 175

HUBERTUS, WI 53033

CRD# 23714

Registered with this firm since: 09/02/2008

Report Summary for this Broker

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

Broker Qualifications**This broker is registered with:**

- 1 Self-Regulatory Organization
- 5 U.S. states and territories

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):****WORLD GROUP SECURITIES, INC.**

CRD# 114473

WAUKESHA, WI

04/2002 - 09/2008

WMA SECURITIES, INC.

CRD# 32625

DULUTH, GA

07/1998 - 04/2002

**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

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 individual is currently registered with 1 SRO and is licensed in 5 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.

Employment 1 of 1

Firm Name: **FREEDOM INVESTORS CORP.**

Main Office Address: **333 BISHOPS WAY, STE 122
BROOKFIELD, WI 53005**

Firm CRD#: **23714**

SRO	Category	Status	Date
FINRA	General Securities Representative	APPROVED	07/08/2010
FINRA	Invest. Co and Variable Contracts	APPROVED	09/02/2008
FINRA	Investment Co./Variable Contracts Prin	APPROVED	09/02/2008

U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
California	Agent	APPROVED	09/02/2008
Colorado	Agent	APPROVED	09/02/2008
Connecticut	Agent	APPROVED	04/25/2014
Ohio	Agent	APPROVED	09/23/2008
Wisconsin	Agent	APPROVED	09/02/2008

Branch Office Locations

FREEDOM INVESTORS CORP.
1288 HWY 175
HUBERTUS, WI 53033



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
Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Principal Examination	Series 26	09/08/1998

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination	Series 6	07/22/1998
General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	07/07/2010

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	07/22/1998
Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination	Series 65	05/26/2004

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
04/2002 - 09/2008	WORLD GROUP SECURITIES, INC.	114473	WAUKESHA, WI
07/1998 - 04/2002	WMA SECURITIES, INC.	32625	DULUTH, GA

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
10/1990 - Present	F & F CONTRACTORS	OCONOMOWOC, WI
07/2006 - 09/2008	INVESTMENT ADVISOR INTERNATIONAL	WAUKESHA, WI
04/2002 - 09/2008	WORLD GROUP SECURITIES, INC.	WAUKESHA, WI
06/2001 - 09/2008	WORLD FINANCIAL GROUP	WAUKESHA, WI
06/2004 - 07/2006	INTERSECURITIES, INC.	HARTLAND, WI

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.

ASSURANT HEALTH, NON-INVESTMENT RELATED, WWW.ASSURANTHEALTH.COM, N80 W12878 FOND DU LAC AVENUE, MENOMONEE FALLS, WI 53051, 5 HOURS DURING MARKET HOURS, 5 HOURS DURING NON-MARKET HOURS, COMMISSION BASED INCOME;

F & F CONTRACTORS, NON-INVESTMENT RELATED, 1590 RIVER HIGHLANDS DRIVE
OCONOMOWOC, WI 53066

WINTER MAINTENANCE, LUMBER MILLING

OWNER, BIDS, QUOTES, ADMINISTRATION, SOME LABOR. 20 HOURS PER WEEK SPENT DURING REGULAR MARKET HOURS, 20 HOURS DURING NON-MARKET HOURS (SEASONAL)

ADVISOR SOURCE NON-INVESTMENT RELATED, W290 N3186 HILLCREST DRIVE, PEWAUKEE, WI 53072 WWW.

Registration and Employment History



Other Business Activities, continued

ADVISORSOURCEONLINE.COM, 5 HOURS PER MONTH DURING MARKET HOURS, 5 HOURS PER MONTH DURING NON-MARKET HOURS, FIXED ANNUITY, LIFE INSURANCE, DISABILITY PRODUCTS.



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





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:	08/12/2014
Docket/Case Number:	2013035565401
Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:	FREEDOM INVESTORS CORPORATION
Product Type:	Other: RENEWABLE SECURED DEBENTURES
Allegations:	WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING THE FINDINGS, FONTAINE CONSENTED TO THE SANCTIONS AND TO THE ENTRY OF FINDINGS THAT HE RECOMMENDED AND SOLD \$121,000 OF RENEWABLE SECURED DEBENTURES, AN ILLIQUID AND HIGH-RISK ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT, TO TWO CUSTOMERS THAT WERE UNSUITABLE BASED ON THEIR INVESTMENT PROFILE. THE FINDINGS STATED THAT BASED ON FONTAINE'S RECOMMENDATION, THE CUSTOMERS, WHO WERE MARRIED, REFINANCED THEIR HOUSE AND USED APPROXIMATELY \$79,000 OF THE PROCEEDS TO INVEST \$121,000 IN A FIVE-YEAR DEBENTURE. THIS AMOUNT REPRESENTED APPROXIMATELY 46% OF THEIR LIQUID NET WORTH AND MARKED THEIR FIRST EXPERIENCE WITH ANY ALTERNATIVE



INVESTMENT. THE FINDINGS ALSO STATED THAT FONTAINE RECOMMENDED AND SOLD \$25,000 OF THE DEBENTURES TO ANOTHER CUSTOMER WHO HAD RECENTLY SOLD HER HOME AND WANTED TO USE THE PROCEEDS TO BETTER POSITION HERSELF FOR RETIREMENT. THIS RECOMMENDATION WAS UNSUITABLE BASED ON THE INVESTMENT PROFILE OF THE CUSTOMER.

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:

08/12/2014

Sanctions Ordered:

Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)
Disgorgement
Suspension
Other: FONTAINE CONSENTS TO PAY A FINE OF \$10,000, WHICH INCLUDES DISGORGEMENT OF COMMISSIONS RECIEVED OF \$2,000.

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: Suspension
Capacities Affected: ANY CAPACITY
Duration: ONE MONTH
Start Date: 09/02/2014
End Date: 10/01/2014

Monetary Sanction 1 of 1

Monetary Related Sanction: Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)
Total Amount: \$10,000.00
Portion Levied against individual: \$10,000.00
Payment Plan:
Is Payment Plan Current:
Date Paid by individual: 08/28/2014
Was any portion of penalty waived? No

Amount Waived:

Regulator Statement FINE PAID IN FULL ON AUGUST 28, 2014.



Reporting Source: Broker

Regulatory Action Initiated By: FINRA

Sanction(s) Sought: Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)
Suspension

Date Initiated: 08/06/2014

Docket/Case Number: [2013035565401](#)

Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action: FREEDOM INVESTORS CORP.

Product Type: Other: SECURED DEBENTURES

Allegations: ALLEGED VIOLATION OF FINRA RULE 2111 AND RULE 2010

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: 08/06/2014

Sanctions Ordered: Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)
Disgorgement
Suspension

Sanction 1 of 1

Sanction Type: Suspension

Capacities Affected: ALL CAPACITIES

Duration: 1 MONTH

Start Date: 09/01/2014

End Date: 09/30/2014

Monetary Sanction 1 of 2



Monetary Related Sanction: Disgorgement

Total Amount: \$2,000.00

Portion Levied against individual: \$2,000.00

Payment Plan:

Is Payment Plan Current:

Date Paid by individual: 08/21/2014

Was any portion of penalty waived? No

Amount Waived:

Monetary Sanction 2 of 2

Monetary Related Sanction: Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

Total Amount: \$8,000.00

Portion Levied against individual: \$8,000.00

Payment Plan:

Is Payment Plan Current:

Date Paid by individual: 08/21/2014

Was any portion of penalty waived? No

Amount Waived:

Broker Statement

MR. FONTAINE ENTERED INTO AN AWC, WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING THE FINDINGS, MR. FONTAINE RESOLVED THE ACTION BROUGHT BY FINRA FOR THE RECOMMENDATION AND SALE OF AN ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT PRODUCT TO 2 CUSTOMERS WHICH FINRA HAS STATED WAS UNSUITABLE BASED ON THEIR INVESTMENT PROFILES AND ACCORDINGLY VIOLATED RULE 2111 AND 2010.

End of Report



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