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An Online Tool to Help Investors Check  
the Background of Individual Investment  
Professionals and Firms



# FINRA BrokerCheck<sup>®</sup>

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- ▶ Regulatory actions
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