



IAPD Report

SETH LAWRENCE HART

CRD# 2287054

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IAPD Information About Representatives

IAPD offers information on all current-and many former representatives. Investors are strongly encouraged to use IAPD to check the background of representatives before deciding to conduct, or continue to conduct, business with them.

What is included in a IAPD report?

IAPD reports for individual representatives include information such as employment history, professional qualifications, disciplinary actions, criminal convictions, civil judgments and arbitration awards.

It is important to note that the information contained in an IAPD 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 representative, or concluded through a negotiated settlement with no admission or finding of wrongdoing.

Where did this information come from?

The information contained in IAPD comes from the Investment Adviser Registration Depository (IARD) and FINRA's Central Registration Depository, or CRD, (see more on CRD below) and is a combination of:

- information the states require representatives and firms to submit as part of the registration and licensing process, and
- information that state regulators report regarding disciplinary actions or allegations against representatives.

How current is this information?

Generally, representatives are required to update their professional and disciplinary information in IARD within 30 days.

Need help interpreting this report?

For help understanding how to read this report, please consult NASAA's IAPD Tips page <http://www.nasaa.org/IAPD/IARReports.cfm>

What if I want to check the background of an Individual Broker or Brokerage Firm?

To check the background of an Individual Broker or Brokerage firm, you can search for the firm or individual in IAPD. If your search is successful, click on the link provided to view the available licensing and registration information in FINRA's BrokerCheck website.

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

It is recommended that you learn as much as possible about an individual representative or Investment Adviser firm before deciding to work with them. Your state securities regulator can help you research individuals and certain firms doing business in your state. The contact information for state securities regulators can be found on the website of the North American Securities Administrators Association <http://www.nasaa.org>



Report Summary

SETH LAWRENCE HART (CRD# 2287054)

The report summary provides an overview of the representative's professional background and conduct. The information contained in this report has been provided by the representative, investment adviser and/or securities firms, and/or securities regulators as part of the states' investment adviser registration and licensing process. The information contained in this report was last updated by the representative, a previous employing firm, or a securities regulator on **02/09/2026**.

CURRENT EMPLOYERS

| | Firm | CRD# | Registered Since |
|-----------|----------------|-------------|------------------|
| B | MORGAN STANLEY | CRD# 149777 | 04/04/2014 |
| IA | MORGAN STANLEY | CRD# 149777 | 04/04/2014 |

QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **4** SRO(s) and **45** jurisdiction(s).

Is this representative currently Inactive or Suspended with any regulator? **No**

Note: Not all jurisdictions require IAR registration or may have an exemption from registration.

Additional information including this individual's qualification examinations and professional designations is available in the Detailed Report.

REGISTRATION HISTORY

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

| | FIRM | CRD# | LOCATION | REGISTRATION DATES |
|-----------|----------------------------|-------|--------------|-------------------------|
| IA | HSBC SECURITIES (USA) INC. | 19585 | NEW YORK, NY | 07/10/2006 - 04/09/2014 |
| B | HSBC SECURITIES (USA) INC. | 19585 | NEW YORK, NY | 01/01/2005 - 04/09/2014 |
| B | HSBC BROKERAGE (USA) INC. | 6956 | NEW YORK, NY | 07/15/2002 - 01/01/2005 |

For additional registration and employment history details as reported by the individual, refer to the Registration and Employment History section of the Detailed Report.

DISCLOSURE INFORMATION

Disclosure events include certain criminal charges and convictions, formal investigations and disciplinary actions initiated by regulators, customer disputes and arbitrations, and financial disclosures such as bankruptcies and unpaid judgments or liens.

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

The following types of events are disclosed about this representative:

| Type | Count |
|------------------|-------|
| Criminal | 1 |
| Customer Dispute | 5 |



Qualifications

REGISTRATIONS

This section provides the SRO, states and U.S. territories in which the representative is currently registered and licensed, the category of each registration, and the date on which the registration becomes effective. This section also provides, for each firm with which the representative is currently employed, the address of each location where the representative works. This individual is currently registered with **45** jurisdiction(s) and 4 SRO(s) through his or her employer(s).

Employment 1 of 1

Firm Name: **MORGAN STANLEY**
Main Address: 2000 WESTCHESTER AVENUE
PURCHASE, NY 10577-2530
Firm ID#: 149777

| Regulator | Registration | Status | Date |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|------------|
| B FINRA | General Securities Representative | Approved | 04/04/2014 |
| B NYSE American LLC | General Securities Representative | Approved | 04/04/2014 |
| B Nasdaq Stock Market | General Securities Representative | Approved | 04/04/2014 |
| B New York Stock Exchange | General Securities Representative | Approved | 04/04/2014 |
| B Arizona | Agent | Approved | 04/04/2014 |
| B California | Agent | Approved | 04/04/2014 |
| B Colorado | Agent | Approved | 04/04/2014 |
| B Connecticut | Agent | Approved | 04/04/2014 |
| B Delaware | Agent | Approved | 05/07/2014 |
| B District of Columbia | Agent | Approved | 04/04/2014 |
| B Florida | Agent | Approved | 04/04/2014 |
| B Georgia | Agent | Approved | 04/04/2014 |
| B Hawaii | Agent | Approved | 12/22/2023 |



Qualifications

| | Regulator | Registration | Status | Date |
|----|---------------|-----------------------------------|----------|------------|
| B | Idaho | Agent | Approved | 06/25/2024 |
| B | Illinois | Agent | Approved | 04/08/2014 |
| B | Indiana | Agent | Approved | 06/19/2024 |
| B | Iowa | Agent | Approved | 04/09/2014 |
| B | Kansas | Agent | Approved | 04/04/2014 |
| B | Kentucky | Agent | Approved | 04/04/2014 |
| B | Louisiana | Agent | Approved | 07/01/2024 |
| B | Maine | Agent | Approved | 04/09/2014 |
| B | Maryland | Agent | Approved | 04/04/2014 |
| B | Massachusetts | Agent | Approved | 04/08/2014 |
| B | Michigan | Agent | Approved | 04/04/2014 |
| B | Minnesota | Agent | Approved | 04/04/2014 |
| B | Missouri | Agent | Approved | 06/25/2024 |
| B | Montana | Agent | Approved | 06/19/2024 |
| B | Nebraska | Agent | Approved | 04/04/2014 |
| B | Nevada | Agent | Approved | 05/28/2014 |
| B | New Hampshire | Agent | Approved | 07/23/2014 |
| B | New Jersey | Agent | Approved | 04/04/2014 |
| IA | New Jersey | Investment Adviser Representative | Approved | 04/04/2014 |



Qualifications

| Regulator | Registration | Status | Date |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|------------|
| B New Mexico | Agent | Approved | 04/04/2014 |
| B New York | Agent | Approved | 04/04/2014 |
| IA New York | Investment Adviser Representative | Approved | 06/16/2021 |
| B North Carolina | Agent | Approved | 04/04/2014 |
| B North Dakota | Agent | Approved | 07/01/2024 |
| B Ohio | Agent | Approved | 04/04/2014 |
| B Oregon | Agent | Approved | 04/04/2014 |
| B Pennsylvania | Agent | Approved | 04/04/2014 |
| B Puerto Rico | Agent | Approved | 03/06/2026 |
| B Rhode Island | Agent | Approved | 04/04/2014 |
| B South Carolina | Agent | Approved | 04/07/2014 |
| B Texas | Agent | Approved | 04/04/2014 |
| IA Texas | Investment Adviser Representative | Approved | 04/04/2014 |
| B Utah | Agent | Approved | 04/08/2014 |
| B Vermont | Agent | Approved | 04/04/2014 |
| B Virginia | Agent | Approved | 04/04/2014 |
| B Washington | Agent | Approved | 05/07/2014 |
| B West Virginia | Agent | Approved | 04/04/2014 |
| B Wisconsin | Agent | Approved | 06/25/2024 |



Qualifications

| Regulator | Registration | Status | Date |
|------------------|--------------|----------|------------|
| B Wyoming | Agent | Approved | 04/04/2014 |

Branch Office Locations

MORGAN STANLEY
One Penn Plaza
43rd Floor
New York, NY 10119



Qualifications

PASSED INDUSTRY EXAMS

This section includes all industry exams that the representative has passed. Under limited circumstances, a representative may attain registration after receiving an exam waiver based on a combination of exams the representative has passed and qualifying work experience. Likewise a new exam requirement may be grandfathered based on a representative's specific qualifying work experience. Exam waivers and grandfathering are not included below.

This individual has passed 3 principal/supervisory exams, 3 general industry/product exams, and 2 state securities law exams.

Principal/Supervisory Exams

| Exam | Category | Date |
|--|-----------|------------|
| General Securities Sales Supervisor - General Module Examination (S10) | Series 10 | 01/08/2003 |
| General Securities Sales Supervisor - Options Module Examination (S9) | Series 9 | 11/09/2002 |
| General Securities Principal Examination (S24) | Series 24 | 05/17/1996 |

General Industry/Product Exams

| Exam | Category | Date |
|--|-----------|------------|
| Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE) | SIE | 10/01/2018 |
| Limited Representative-Equity Trader Exam (S55) | Series 55 | 05/03/2000 |
| General Securities Representative Examination (S7) | Series 7 | 12/22/1992 |

State Securities Law Exams

| Exam | Category | Date |
|--|-----------|------------|
| Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (S65) | Series 65 | 12/17/2013 |
| Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63) | Series 63 | 03/10/1993 |

PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS

This section details that the representative has reported **0** professional designation(s).

No information reported.



Registration & Employment History

PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED WITH THE FOLLOWING FIRMS

This representative held registrations with the following firms:

| | Registration Dates | Firm Name | ID# | Branch Location |
|-----------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| IA | 07/10/2006 - 04/09/2014 | HSBC SECURITIES (USA) INC. | CRD# 19585 | NEW YORK, NY |
| B | 01/01/2005 - 04/09/2014 | HSBC SECURITIES (USA) INC. | CRD# 19585 | NEW YORK, NY |
| B | 07/15/2002 - 01/01/2005 | HSBC BROKERAGE (USA) INC. | CRD# 6956 | NEW YORK, NY |
| B | 04/06/2000 - 04/19/2002 | KNIGHT SECURITIES, L.P. | CRD# 38599 | JERSEY CITY, NJ |
| B | 03/18/1998 - 04/11/2000 | CHASE INVESTMENT SERVICES CORP. | CRD# 25574 | CHICAGO, IL |
| B | 06/02/1994 - 01/30/1998 | NICHOLS, SAFINA, LERNER & CO. INC. | CRD# 35476 | NEW YORK, NY |
| B | 01/04/1993 - 03/23/1994 | GRUNTAL & CO. INCORPORATED | CRD# 372 | NEW YORK, NY |

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Below is the representative's employment history for up to the last 10 years.

| Employment Dates | Employer Name | Position | Investment Related | Employer Location |
|-------------------|---|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| 01/2015 - Present | MORGAN STANLEY PRIVATE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION | FINANCIAL ADVISOR | Y | NEW YORK, NY, United States |
| 04/2014 - Present | MORGAN STANLEY | FINANCIAL ADVISOR | Y | NEW YORK, NY, United States |

OTHER BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

This section includes information, if any, as provided by the representative regarding other business activities the representative 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.

No information reported.



Disclosure Summary

Disclosure Information

What you should know about reported disclosure events:

(1) Certain thresholds must be met before an event is reported to IARD, for example:

- A law enforcement agency must file formal charges before an Investment Adviser Representative is required to report a particular criminal event.;
- A customer dispute must involve allegations that an Investment Adviser Representative engaged in activity that violates certain rules or conduct governing the industry and that the activity resulted in damages of at least \$5,000.

(2) Disclosure events in IAPD reports come from different sources:

As mentioned in the "About IAPD" section on page 1 of this report, information contained in IAPD comes from Investment Adviser Representatives, 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 IAPD report. The different versions will be separated by a solid line with the reporting source labeled.

(3) There are different statuses and dispositions for disclosure events:

- A disclosure event may have a status of *pending*, *on appeal*, or *final*.
 - A "pending" disclosure event involves allegations that have not been proven or formally adjudicated.
 - A disclosure event that is "on appeal" involves allegations that have been adjudicated but are currently being appealed.
 - A "final" disclosure event has been concluded and its resolution is not subject to change.
- A final disclosure 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 represents a disposition wherein the parties involved in a dispute reach an agreement to resolve the matter. Please note that Investment Adviser Representatives and firms may choose to settle customer disputes or regulatory matters for business or other reasons.
 - A "resolved" matter usually includes a disposition wherein no payment is made to the customer or there is no finding of wrongdoing on the part of the Investment Adviser Representative. Such matters generally involve customer disputes.

(4) You may wish to contact the Investment Adviser Representatives to obtain further information regarding any of the disclosure events contained in this IAPD report.



DISCLOSURE EVENT DETAILS

When evaluating this information, please keep in mind that some items may involve pending actions or allegations that may be contested and have not been resolved or proven. The event may, in the end, be withdrawn, dismissed, resolved in favor of the Investment Adviser Representative, or concluded through a negotiated settlement with no admission or finding of wrongdoing.

This report provides the information exactly as it was reported to the Investment Adviser Registration Depository. Some of the specific data fields contained in the report may be blank if the information was not provided.

The following types of events are disclosed about this representative:

| Type | Count |
|------------------|-------|
| Criminal | 1 |
| Customer Dispute | 5 |

Criminal

This disclosure event involves a criminal charge against the Investment Adviser Representative that has resulted in a dismissal, plea, acquittal or conviction. The criminal matter may relate to any felony or certain misdemeanor offenses (e.g., bribery, perjury, forgery, counterfeiting, extortion, fraud, wrongful taking of property).

Disclosure 1 of 1

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|-----------------------------|--|
| Reporting Source: | Individual |
| Court Details: | ONEONTA POLICE DEPT 91-8344 |
| Charge Date: | 03/17/1991 |
| Charge Details: | I WAS CHARGED W/ THE MISDEMEANOR OF CRIMINAL IMPERSONATION. THERE WERE NO DAMAGES OR CLAIMS AGAINST ME. |
| Felony? | |
| Current Status: | Final |
| Status Date: | 03/27/1992 |
| Disposition Details: | AS A RESULT I WAS FOUND GUILTY OF DISORDERLY CONDUCT. I WAS SENTENCED TO PAY A FINE OF \$75 & A MANDATORY SURCHARGE OF \$42. BOTH FINES WERE PAID. |
| Broker Statement | ON MARCH 17 92 I WAS ARRESTED FOR BEING IN A BAR IN ONEONTA. THE EVENT OCCURED WHILE I WAS UNDER THE AGE OF 21. I HAD A LICENCE THAT WAS NOT MINE BUT THAT WAS NOT ALTERED. I PLEADED GUILTY TO DISORDORLY CONDUCT AND PAID ALL FINES. MY FINGERPRINTS WERE RETURNED TO ME AND THE EVENT WAS SEALED. |



Customer Dispute

This section provides information regarding a customer dispute that was reported to the Investment Adviser Registration Depository (IARD) by the Investment Adviser Representative (IAR), an investment adviser and/or securities firm, and/or a securities regulator. The event may include a consumer-initiated, investment-related complaint, arbitration proceeding or civil suit that contains allegations of sales practice violations against the individual.

The customer dispute may be pending or may have resulted in a civil judgment, arbitration award, monetary settlement, closure without action, withdrawal, dismissal, denial, or other outcome.

Disclosure 1 of 5

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| Reporting Source: | Individual |
| Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: | HSBC SECURITIES (USA) INC. |
| Allegations: | CUSTOMER CLAIMS HE FELT AS THOUGH HE WAS MISLED IN THAT IT WAS NOT EXPLAINED TO HIM THAT HIS YIELD COULD GO TO ZERO. THIS CUSTOMER COMPLAINT INVOLVES ONE OR MORE AUCTION RATE SECURITIES WITH A NOTIONAL VALUE OF \$1,250,000.00 WHICH HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF ONE OR MORE FAILED AUCTIONS. |
| Product Type: | Other: #39 AUCTION RATE SECURITIES - MUNI DEBT |
| Alleged Damages: | \$0.00 |
| Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact): | DAMAGES UNSPECIFIED BUT UNABLE TO CONCLUDE THAT DAMAGES WOULD BE LESS THAN \$5,000. |
| Is this an oral complaint? | Yes |
| Is this a written complaint? | No |
| Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation? | No |

Customer Complaint Information

| | |
|--|----------------|
| Date Complaint Received: | 06/12/2008 |
| Complaint Pending? | No |
| Status: | Settled |
| Status Date: | 07/20/2008 |
| Settlement Amount: | \$1,250,000.00 |
| Individual Contribution Amount: | \$0.00 |

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|-------------------------|---|
| Broker Statement | ON 7/20/08, HSBC SECURITIES (USA) INC. AGREED TO VOLUNTARILY REPURCHASE THE ARS SECURITIES AT ISSUE FROM THE CUSTOMER AT PAR VALUE IN ORDER TO PROVIDE LIQUIDITY UNDER UNPRECEDENTED MARKET DEVELOPMENTS TO THE EXTENT THAT A CUSTOMER'S ARS POSITION(S) COULD NOT BE SOLD AND WAS NOT REDEEMED BY THE ISSUER. THE NAMED REPRESENTATIVE WAS NOT A PARTY TO, AND DID NOT AGREE TO OR PARTICIPATE IN, THE REPURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FIRM AND THE CUSTOMER; THE NAMED REPRESENTATIVE DID NOT MAKE ANY PAYMENTS TO THE CUSTOMER; AND THE NAMED REPRESENTATIVE WAS NOT ASKED TO AND DID NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE REPURCHASE AMOUNT. THIS MATTER IS BEING REPORTED AS A SETTLEMENT PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF FINRA REGULATORY |
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Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: HSBC SECURITIES (USA) INC.

Allegations: CUSTOMER ALLEGED THAT HE WAS TOLD INVESTMENT WAS SAFE AND LIQUID EVERY 28 DAYS. THIS COMPLAINT INVOLVES ONE OR MORE AUCTION RATE SECURITIES WITH A NOTIONAL VALUE OF \$5,000,000.00 THAT WERE THE SUBJECT OF ONE OR MORE FAILED AUCTIONS.

Product Type: Other: #39 AUCTION RATE SECURITIES-MUNI DEBT

Alleged Damages: \$0.00

Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact): DAMAGES UNSPECIFIED BUT UNABLE TO CONCLUDE THAT DAMAGES WOULD BE LESS THAN \$5,000.

Is this an oral complaint? Yes

Is this a written complaint? No

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

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 03/12/2008

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 03/14/2008

Settlement Amount: \$5,000,000.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Broker Statement ON 3/14/08, HSBC SECURITIES (USA) INC. AGREED TO VOLUNTARILY REPURCHASE THE ARS SECURITIES AT ISSUE FROM THE CUSTOMER AT PAR VALUE IN ORDER TO PROVIDE LIQUIDITY UNDER UNPRECEDENTED MARKET DEVELOPMENTS TO THE EXTENT THAT A CUSTOMER'S ARS POSITION(S) COULD NOT BE SOLD AND WAS NOT REDEEMED BY THE ISSUER. THE NAMED REPRESENTATIVE WAS NOT A PARTY TO, AND DID NOT AGREE TO OR PARTICIPATE IN, THE REPURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FIRM AND THE CUSTOMER; THE NAMED REPRESENTATIVE DID NOT MAKE ANY PAYMENTS TO THE CUSTOMER; AND THE NAMED REPRESENTATIVE WAS NOT ASKED TO AND DID NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE REPURCHASE AMOUNT. THIS MATTER IS BEING REPORTED AS A SETTLEMENT PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF FINRA REGULATORY NOTICE 09-12.

Disclosure 3 of 5

Reporting Source: Individual



Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: HSBC SECURITIES (USA) INC.

Allegations: CUSTOMER CLAIMS SHE "WAS INDUCED TO INVEST FUNDS INTO THE AUCTION RATE SECURITY ACCOUNT WITHOUT FULL AND FAIR DISCLOSURE OF THE RISKS INVOLVED." THIS COMPLAINT INVOLVES ONE OR MORE AUCTION RATE SECURITIES WITH A NOTIONAL VALUE OF \$700,000 WHICH HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A FAILED AUCTION.

Product Type: Other: #40 AUCTION RATE SECURITIES-CORPORATE DEBT

Alleged Damages: \$0.00

Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact): DAMAGES UNSPECIFIED BUT UNABLE TO CONCLUDE THAT DAMAGES WOULD BE LESS THAN \$5,000.

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: 05/22/2008

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 05/30/2008

Settlement Amount: \$700,000.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Broker Statement ON 5/30/08, HSBC SECURITIES (USA) INC. AGREED TO VOLUNTARILY REPURCHASE THE ARS SECURITIES AT ISSUE FROM THE CUSTOMER AT PAR VALUE IN ORDER TO PROVIDE LIQUIDITY UNDER UNPRECEDENTED MARKET DEVELOPMENTS TO THE EXTENT THAT A CUSTOMER'S ARS POSITION(S) COULD NOT BE SOLD AND WAS NOT REDEEMED BY THE ISSUER. THE NAMED REPRESENTATIVE WAS NOT A PARTY TO, AND DID NOT AGREE TO OR PARTICIPATE IN, THE REPURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FIRM AND THE CUSTOMER; THE NAMED REPRESENTATIVE DID NOT MAKE ANY PAYMENTS TO THE CUSTOMER; AND THE NAMED REPRESENTATIVE WAS NOT ASKED TO AND DID NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE REPURCHASE AMOUNT. THIS MATTER IS BEING REPORTED AS A SETTLEMENT PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF FINRA REGULATORY NOTICE 09-12.

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Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: HSBC SECURITIES (USA) INC.

Allegations: CUSTOMER ALLEGED THE RISKS OF THE INVESTMENT WERE NOT PROPERLY DESCRIBED. THIS COMPLAINT INVOLVES ONE OR MORE AUCTION RATE SECURITIES WITH A NOTIONAL VALUE OF 20,275,000.00



THAT WERE THE SUBJECT OF A FAILED AUCTION.

Product Type: Other: #41 AUCTION RATE SECURITIES-CLOSED-END FUND

Alleged Damages: \$0.00

Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact): DAMAGES UNSPECIFIED BUT UNABLE TO CONCLUDE THAT DAMAGES WOULD BE LESS THAN \$5,000.

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: 03/12/2008

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Settled

Status Date: 03/17/2008

Settlement Amount: \$20,275,000.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00

Broker Statement

ON 3/17/08, HSBC SECURITIES (USA) INC. AGREED TO VOLUNTARILY REPURCHASE THE ARS SECURITIES AT ISSUE FROM THE CUSTOMER AT PAR VALUE IN ORDER TO PROVIDE LIQUIDITY UNDER UNPRECEDENTED MARKET DEVELOPMENTS TO THE EXTENT THAT A CUSTOMER'S ARS POSITION(S) COULD NOT BE SOLD AND WAS NOT REDEEMED BY THE ISSUER. THE NAMED REPRESENTATIVE WAS NOT A PARTY TO, AND DID NOT AGREE TO OR PARTICIPATE IN, THE REPURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FIRM AND THE CUSTOMER; THE NAMED REPRESENTATIVE DID NOT MAKE ANY PAYMENTS TO THE CUSTOMER; AND THE NAMED REPRESENTATIVE WAS NOT ASKED TO AND DID NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE REPURCHASE AMOUNT. THIS MATTER IS BEING REPORTED AS A SETTLEMENT PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF FINRA REGULATORY NOTICE 09-12.

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Reporting Source: Individual

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: CHASE INVESTMENT SERVICES

Allegations:

THE CUSTOMER ALLEGED SHE DID NOT UNDERSTAND THE MUTUAL FUNDS THAT WERE PURCHASED. SHE CLAIMED SHE DID NOT UNDERSTAND THE LANGUAGE - FELT SHE DID NOT GIVE A WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION AND CLAIMED I USED MY OWN DISCRETION TO BUY INVESTMENTS. I DON'T BELIEVE LANGUAGE WAS THE PROBLEM. THE PROBLEM IS THAT IT IS A LITTLE DIFFICUL TO FOLLOW OFFSHORE ACCOUNTS FOR HER AS SHE COULD NOT GET QUOTES IN THE MEDIA OR NO WEBSITE FOR OFFSHORE FUNDS.

Product Type: Mutual Fund(s)



Other Product Type(s): PUTNAM OFFSHORE VS. GROWTH PUTNAM OFFSHORE GLOBAL GROWTH
AIM AGG GLOBAL GROWTH

Alleged Damages: \$60,000.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 11/10/1998

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Closed/No Action

Status Date: 08/23/1999

Settlement Amount: \$0.00

Individual Contribution Amount: \$0.00



End of Report

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