



SECURITIES EXPERT WITNESS & Litigation Support, LLC

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Curriculum Vitae

Introduction

Over 30 years of experience with securities, investments, and insurance at the financial advisor, supervisory, and managing principal level. Conducted over 1,000 presentations, classes, and workshops on securities, investments and financial planning for a variety of audiences, including financial professionals, university students, and consumers. Articulate and persuasive presenter and speaker with a thorough understanding of FINRA and SEC regulations. Dedicated and knowledgeable of the financial services industry, with advanced, nationally recognized certifications.

Licenses and Certifications (Past and Present)

- **FINRA (NASD) Series 6** – Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Ltd Representative
- **FINRA (NASD) Series 7** – General Securities Representative
- **FINRA (NASD) Series 63** – Uniform Securities Agent
- **FINRA (NASD) Series 65** – Uniform Securities Agent
- **FINRA (NASD) Series 26** – Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Limited Principal
- **FINRA (NASD) Series 24** – General Securities Principal
- **Life, Accident and Health Insurance Producer's License**
- **CFP**– Certified Financial Planner
- **ChFC**– Chartered Financial Consultant
- **CLU**– Chartered Life Underwriter

Professional Experience

SECURITIES EXPERT WITNESS & LITIGATION SUPPORT, LLC
FOUNDER/CONSULTANT

2012 – Present

- Provide objective expert opinion, expert testimony, and case consultation for plaintiff or defense on cases involving securities
- Areas of expertise include:
 - Breach of Fiduciary Duty
 - Failure to Supervise
 - Suitability
 - Churning
 - Inappropriate Asset Allocation
 - Misrepresentation and Omissions
 - Registration Violations
 - Mutual Funds
 - Annuities
 - Life, Disability, and Long-term Care Insurance
 - Employment Issues

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**FINRA DISPUTE RESOLUTION
ARBITRATOR**

2013 – Present

- Review pleadings filed by the parties, listen to arguments, and study documentary and testimonial evidence
- Render decision on cases involving disputes between investors and brokers, investors and brokerage firms, and between brokers and brokerage firms

**UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
ADJUNCT FACULTY**

**2013 – Present
Manchester, NH**

- Financial Management : Topics include: time value of money, financial and investment markets, investment selection strategies and decision making, regulations affecting the securities market, and valuation concepts

**WADDELL & REED
MANAGING PRINCIPAL**

**2000 – 2011
Bedford, NH**

- Conducted suitability review of all business transactions, trades, sales practices and communications of financial advisors, district managers, and administrative staff
- Reviewed all advertising and sales materials to assure compliance with FINRA (NASD) and SEC regulations
- Conducted Compliance Reviews and site inspections of Registered Branch Offices and Advisor Offices
- Review of all outgoing and incoming correspondence, marketing material, sales literature, advertisements, telephone scripts, sales presentation materials, seminars, workshops, and e-mail
- Proven track record in fostering a culture of strict compliance with all Insurance and Investment Laws
- Developed and implemented effective compliance policies and procedures, and teaching methods, resulting in spotless compliance exams from regulatory authorities
- Investigated and determined appropriate disciplinary action for compliance violations
- Created an interactive and effective compliance training program
- Analyzed requests for Outside Business Activities, Fiduciary Capacity, and Conflict Waivers
- Designed and conducted annual compliance training
- Prepared and conducted Anti-Money Laundering (AML) training for financial advisors and managers
- Provided compliance guidance to field management, financial advisors and administrative staff
- Prepared division offices (registered offices) for internal and regulatory compliance inspections
- Monitored public appearances of Advisors to assure compliance with FINRA (NASD) and SEC
- Reviewed insurance sales and financial planning recommendations made by financial advisors
- Qualified for GAMA International Management Award
- Provided professional development and management of Financial Advisors and District Managers

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

1999
Storrs, CT

- Instructor of Investments, Insurance & Risk Management

JOHN HANCOCK FINANCIAL SERVICES
AGENCY MANAGER

1996 – 1999
East Haven, CT

- Taught beginning through advanced financial services training courses
- Conducted annual compliance training and firm element training
- Reviewed all transactions for suitability and compliance with FINRA (NASD) and SEC regulations
- Reviewed all correspondence, marketing materials, and sales literature
- Hired, trained and supervised financial advisors for insurance and FINRA (NASD) license examinations
- Increased professional development of staff through teaching CLU, ChFC and CFP courses
- Assisted representatives with advanced sales and marketing
- Effectively recruited several non-John Hancock producers from the brokerage community increasing sales production by several million dollars

STAFF MANAGER

1986 – 1996

- Recruited and trained marketing representatives
- Reviewed transactions for suitability and compliance with FINRA (NASD) and SEC regulations
- Led company in Long Term Care sales
- Qualified for President's Conference for unit's productivity
- Conducted educational workshops for clients and representatives
- Assisted representatives with advanced sales

FINANCIAL ADVISOR

1982 – 1986

- Marketed securities and financial services to existing and prospective clients
- Provided securities and financial planning services for clients and prospective clients
- Qualified for company Honor Club for sales production

Education

- FINRA Live Arbitrator Training, 2013
- FINRA Arbitrator Expungement Training, 2013
- FINRA Basic Arbitrator Training, 2012
- Essentials of Leadership and Management, 2005
- Agency Management Training Council
- Southern Connecticut State University Bachelor of Science, 1982

Professional and Community Involvement (Past and Present)

- President, Greater New Haven National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors
- National Delegate, National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors
- Chairman, National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors Greater New Haven LUTC
- Member, Securities Experts Roundtable
- Moderator/Instructor, National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors LUTC courses
- Director, University of New Hampshire, Manchester's Business Advisory Board
- President, River Glen Condominium Association
- Conservation Commissioner, Town of North Haven, Connecticut
- President, Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Southwestern Connecticut

Publications and Speaking Engagements

- (February 2016) Boston Bar Association, Speaker and Panelist on the topics of: sales practices, suitability, and supervision.
- (2013) Failure to Supervise: An Inside Perspective. *PIABA Bar Journal*. Vol. 20, No. 2. Pages 233-236.