I represent investors in arbitrations with firms. Most of the claimants which I have represented have been financially devastated by the actions of a broker and/or firm. In some cases, if the investor had seen the BrokerCheck report when he initially met the broker, the loss may have been avoided. Therefore, the broader the report the better. I would support a rule which required the brokerage firm to give the investor a copy of a full and complete CRD when the relationship begins.

First, the time period of information available through BrokerCheck should be unlimited.

Second, it would be beneficial for links to be made to the U-4 or U-5 for each firm listed in the CRD.

Third, a broker's educational background should be listed. Many brokers have no formal education; however, investors assume that the broker has advanced education.

Fourth, while the online BrokerCheck is useful as a preliminary tool, it should link the state regulator of each state, where a more comprehensive report could be obtained.

Lastly, I fully support any efforts by FINRA to make the BrokerCheck reports more meaningful to investors.

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