# Disciplinary Actions

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NASD Regulation, Inc. (NASD Regulation<sup>SM</sup>) has taken disciplinary actions against the following firms and individuals for violations of National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (NASD®) rules; federal securities laws, rules, and regulations; and the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB). The information relating to matters contained in this *Notice* is current as of the end of September 2001.

# September Disciplinary Actions

# Firms Fined, Individuals Sanctioned

A.S. Goldmen & Co., Inc. (CRD #23180, Red Bank, New Jersey) and Stuart Edward Winkler (CRD #1505029, Registered Principal, Brooklyn, New York). The firm was censured, fined \$150,000, jointly and severally with an individual, and ordered to pay \$549,903, plus interest, in restitution to public customers. In addition, the firm was ordered to retain an independent consultant to review the firm's procedures in regard to markups/markdowns procedures and compliance with SEC Rule 10b-6 and to implement any recommended changes. Winkler was censured, fined \$36,000, and suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for two years. The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) sustained the disciplinary action by the NASD after considering respondents' appeal of a National Adjudicatory Council (NAC) decision. The sanctions were based on findings that the firm, acting through Winkler, charged public customers fraudulently excessive markups in sales of

warrants. The findings also stated that the firm and Winkler violated the antifraud provisions of the securities laws by bidding for and purchasing the warrants while engaged in a distribution of the warrants. In addition, the firm and Winkler failed to establish, maintain, and enforce adequate supervisory procedures, including written procedures, reasonably designed to achieve compliance with applicable securities laws and regulations.

Winkler's suspension began September 4, 2001, and will conclude at the close of business September 3, 2003. (NASD Case #C10960208)

Freedom Investors Corp. (CRD #23714. Pewaukee. Wisconsin) and James Russell Fay (CRD #1003069, Registered Principal, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin) were censured and fined \$40,000, jointly and severally. Fay was also suspended from association with any NASD member in any principal capacity for 90 days and required to requalify by exam before serving in any principal capacity. The NAC imposed the sanctions following appeal of an Office of Hearing Officers (OHO) decision. The sanctions were based on findings that the firm, acting through Fay, conducted a securities business while it failed to maintain the minimum required net capital, prepared inaccurate books and records, and prepared and filed inaccurate FOCUS Part IIA reports. Also, the firm and Fav failed to respond timely to NASD requests for information.

Fay's suspension began August 20, 2001, and will conclude November 17, 2001. (NASD Case #C8A990071)

#### Firms And Individuals Fined

**Gardner Rich & Company** (CRD #23681, Chicago, Illinois), **Christopher Paul Gardner (CRD** #1080424, Registered Principal, Chicago, Illinois) and Maria Luisa Rodriguez (CRD #2316911, Registered Principal, Chicago, Illinois) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which they were censured and fined \$10,000, jointly and severally, and the firm was fined an additional \$2,000. Without admitting or denying the allegations, the respondents consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that the firm, acting through Gardner and Rodriguez, used the mails or other means or instrumentalities of interstate commerce to effect transactions in securities when it failed to maintain the minimum required net capital. The findings also stated that the firm filed FOCUS Part IIA reports late. (NASD Case #C8A010041)

Hoefer & Arnett, Incorporated (CRD #10883, San Francisco, California) and Arthur Edward Raitano (CRD #1007119, Registered Principal, San Francisco, California) submitted an Offer of Settlement in which they were censured and fined \$15,000, jointly and severally. Without admitting or denying the allegations, the respondents consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that Raitano engaged, and the firm permitted him to engage. in proprietary trading in securities and the direct supervision of such trading, without being registered as a limited representative-equity trader. (NASD Case #C01010005)

### **Firms Fined**

Austin Securities, Inc. (CRD #17094, Forest Hills, New York) submitted a Letter of Acceptance,

Waiver, and Consent in which the firm was censured and fined \$10,700 (which includes disgorgement of \$5,700; \$5,000 of the fine is joint and several with another individual). Without admitting or denying the allegations, the firm consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that the firm, acting through its president, permitted an individual associated with the firm to act in a capacity requiring registration while his registration status was inactive due to his failure to complete the Regulatory Element of NASD's Continuing Education Requirement. (NASD Case #C10010104)

Kirlin Securities, Inc. (CRD #21210, Syosset, New York) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which the firm was censured and fined \$12,000. Without admitting or denying the allegations, the firm consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that it failed to transmit through the Automated Confirmation Transaction Service<sup>SM</sup> (ACT<sup>SM</sup>), within 90 seconds after execution, last sale reports of transactions in Nasdag National Market® securities (NNM®) and failed to designate last sale reports as late. The findings also stated that the firm failed to transmit through ACT the correct volume and/or price in last sale reports of transactions in NNM securities, and failed to report to ACT the correct symbol indicating whether transactions were buy, sell, sell short, sell short exempt. or cross for transactions in NNM securities. The NASD also found that the firm failed to show either the time of entry and/or correct time of execution on the memoranda of brokerage orders and failed to indicate on customer order tickets whether the order was long or short. In addition, the

NASD found that the firm failed to indicate on customer order tickets for non-Nasdaq securities transactions the name of each dealer contacted and the quotations received to determine the best inter-dealer market. Furthermore, the NASD findings stated that the firm failed to include the time of entry and/or execution in terms of hours, minutes, and seconds on order tickets. Moreover, the NASD found that the firm executed short sale orders in securities and failed to maintain a written record of the affirmative determination made for such orders. (NASD Case #C10010101)

# Individuals Barred Or Suspended

Henry Belkin (CRD #3176804, Associated Person, San Diego, California) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was barred from association with any NASD member in any capacity. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Belkin consented to the described sanction and to the entry of findings that he submitted a Form U-4 that failed to disclose a material fact. The findings also stated that Belkin submitted an inaccurate amended Form U-4 and provided a false response to a question on the Form U-4. (NASD Case #C02010038)

Charon Marie Bogner (CRD #2132017, Registered Representative, Ocala, Florida) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which she was fined \$5,000 and suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for 60 days. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Bogner consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that she participated in private securities

transactions without providing prior written notice to, or receiving prior written authorization from, her member firm.

Bogner's suspension began August 20, 2001, and will conclude at the close of business October 18, 2001. (NASD Case #C07010056)

Patrick James Boyce (CRD #2388578, Registered Principal, East Setauket. New York) submitted an Offer of Settlement in which he was barred from association with any NASD member in any capacity. In light of his financial status, no monetary sanctions were imposed. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Boyce consented to the described sanction and to the entry of findings that he executed unauthorized trades in the accounts of public customers, failed to execute customer sell orders, and failed to follow customer instructions. In addition. the NASD found that Boyce made material omissions and misrepresentations of fact in his solicitations of public customers to purchase stocks. Moreover, Boyce used high-pressure sales tactics in attempting to get a public customer to purchase stocks. (NASD Case #CAF010007)

Patrick Andrew Brady (CRD #2536672, Registered Representative, Toledo, Ohio) was fined \$42,943.31 and suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for one year for engaging in private securities transactions and barred from association with any NASD member in any capacity for failing to respond to information requests from the NASD. The sanctions are based on findings that Brady engaged in private securities transactions, for compensation, and failed to provide prior written

notice to, or to receive prior written approval from, his member firm to engage in the transactions. The findings also stated that Brady failed to respond to NASD requests for information.

Brady's bar was effective July 16, 2001. (NASD Case #C8B000013)

**Terrence Denis Brazeau** (CRD #2622967, Registered Representative, Chicago, Illinois) submitted an Offer of Settlement in which he was fined \$5,000, suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for two years, and ordered to requalify by exam for the Series 7 registration before again acting in that capacity. The fine must be paid before Brazeau reassociates with any NASD member following the suspension or before requesting relief from any statutory disqualification. Without admitting or denying the allegations. Brazeau consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that he sat for the Series 7 exam, and contrary to written instructions, took notes that contained material relevant to the exam into the exam room.

Brazeau's suspension began August 20, 2001, and will conclude at the close of business August 19, 2003. (NASD Case #C8A000067)

Ronnilo Panaligan Cabral (CRD #1387489, Registered Representative, Basking Ridge, New Jersey) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was barred from association with any NASD member in any capacity. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Cabral consented to the described sanction and to the entry of findings that he participated in outside business activities and failed to provide prompt written notice of such activities

to his member firms. (NASD Case #C9B010060)

Zeng Yi Cai (CRD #1909173, Registered Principal, Bayside, New York) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was barred from association with any NASD member in any capacity. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Cai consented to the described sanction and to the entry of findings that he executed unauthorized transactions in the accounts of public customers. The findings also stated that Cai failed to appear for NASD on-the-record interviews. (NASD Case #C10010095)

**Robert Charles Cole (CRD** #734521. Registered Representative, Spring Lake, Michigan) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was barred from association with any NASD member in any capacity. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Cole consented to the described sanction and to the entry of findings that he received \$49,000 in cash from a public customer for investment purposes, invested \$19.500 of the cash as directed, and used the remaining \$29,500 for some purpose other than the benefit of the customer without the customer's knowledge or consent. (NASD Case #C8A010044)

Michael Anthony Crispo (CRD #2281052, Registered Representative, South Ozone Park, New York) was barred from association with any NASD member in any capacity. The sanction was based on findings that Crispo submitted insurance applications for public customers, and forged the customers' signatures to the applications, without their authorization or

consent. The findings also stated that Crispo made false, deceptive and/or misleading written statements to the NASD and failed to appear for an NASD on-the-record interview. (NASD Case #C10010026)

Ernest Paul Daulong, II (CRD #1042072, Registered Representative, Houston, Texas) submitted an Offer of Settlement in which he was fined \$10,000 and suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for six months. The fine must be paid before Daulong reassociates with any NASD member following the suspension or before requesting relief from any statutory disqualification. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Daulong consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that he engaged in private securities transactions for compensation, and failed to provide prior written notice to, or to receive written permission from, his member firm before engaging in the transactions.

Daulong's suspension began August 20, 2001, and will conclude at the close of business February 19, 2002. (NASD Case #C3A010010)

Linda Joyce Depaolo (CRD #1390208, Registered Representative, Avon, Ohio) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which she was barred from association with any NASD member in any capacity. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Depaolo consented to the described sanction and to the entry of findings that she arranged for partial liquidations of \$47,000 from a public customer's variable annuity policy, asked the issuer to send her the checks, converted them to cashier's checks.

deposited the proceeds in an account she controlled, and used the proceeds for her benefit without the knowledge, consent, or authorization of the customer. The findings also stated that Depaolo arranged for a partial liquidation of \$27,000 from the same customer's variable annuity policy, asked that the liquidation check be made payable to a fund account, altered the check by deleting the customer's name and account number, and attempted to deposit the check into her own account without the knowledge, consent, or authorization of the customer. In addition, the NASD found that Depaolo failed to respond fully and completely to NASD requests for information. (NASD Case #C8B010016)

**Kenneth James Disbrow** (CRD #1294717, Registered Representative, Upper Montclair, New Jersey) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was fined \$7,000, suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for 15 business days, and required to pay \$5,000 in restitution to a public customer. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Disbrow consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that he purchased shares of stock for the account of a public customer without the customer's consent or authorization. The findings also stated that Disbrow caused his member firm's books and records to be inaccurate by marking customer order tickets as unsolicited when, in fact, Disbrow had solicited the transactions.

Disbrow's suspension began September 4, 2001, and concluded at the close of business September 24, 2001. (NASD Case #C9B010062) **Robert William Douglass** (CRD #2216606, Registered Representative, Dallas, Texas) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was fined \$5,000 and suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for one year. The fine must be paid before Douglass reassociates with any NASD member following the suspension or before requesting relief from any statutory disqualification. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Douglass consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that he purchased shares of stock in his personal account and on the same day sold the shares, earning a profit of \$4,529.38, but failed to disclose to his member firm that he was financially unable to pay for the shares of stock.

Douglass' suspension began August 20, 2001, and will conclude at the close of business August 19, 2002. (NASD Case #C06010016)

Jeffrey David Eise (CRD #2164695, Registered Representative, St. Louis, Missouri) was barred from association with any NASD member in any capacity. The sanction was based on findings that Eise received \$21,128.29 from a public customer to purchase a mutual fund, endorsed the customer's check, and signed it over to a third party not affiliated with any mutual fund, thereby converting the customer's funds for his own use and benefit, without the customer's knowledge or consent. Eise also failed to respond to NASD requests for information. (NASD Case #C04010002)

John Robert Engle (CRD #2211405, Registered Representative, Beavercreek, Ohio) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was barred from association with any NASD member in any capacity and required to disgorge \$10,000, plus interest, to public customers. Satisfactory proof of payment of the disgorgement, plus interest, must be made before Engle reassociates with any NASD member or requests relief from any statutory disqualification. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Engle consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that he engaged in private securities transactions and failed to provide his member firm with detailed written notice of the transactions, his role therein. and to receive permission from the firm to engage in the transactions.

Michael Todd Farrah (CRD #2747298, Registered Principal, Connellsville, Pennsylvania) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was barred from association with any NASD member in any capacity. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Farrah consented to the described sanction and to the entry of findings that he failed to appear for an NASD on-the-record interview. (NASD Case #C9A010022)

(NASD Case #C8B010018)

Timothy Jude Finegan (CRD #2324579, Registered Representative, Rockville Centre, New York) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was fined \$10,000 (which includes disgorgement of \$1,000 in commissions to the NASD) and suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for two months. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Finegan

consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that he allowed unregistered persons to use his registered representative number to effect securities transactions on behalf of public customers. The findings also stated that Finegan allowed registered representatives to use his registered representative number to effect securities transactions on behalf of public customers residing in states where the other representatives were not registered, thereby circumventing state securities laws.

Finegan's suspension began August 20, 2001, and will conclude at the close of business October 19, 2001. (NASD Case #C10010092)

Carmen Gonzalez (CRD #2278521, Registered Representative, McAllen, Texas) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which she was fined \$5,000 and suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for two years. The fine must be paid before Gonzalez reassociates with anv NASD member following the suspension or before requesting relief from any statutory disqualification. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Gonzalez consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that she received \$445 as payment for a public customer's annual insurance premium and failed to submit the funds to her member firm on the customer's behalf until a later date, thereby misusing the funds without the customer's knowledge or consent.

Gonzalez' suspension began August 20, 2001, and will conclude at the close of business August 19, 2003. (NASD Case #C05010031)

**Dennis Gerald Hanson** (CRD #1439752, Registered Representative, Bend, Oregon) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was fined \$7,500 and suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for three months. Without admitting or denving the allegations. Hanson consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that he affixed the signatures of public customers to annuity applications and other documents to effect the purchase of variable annuity contracts without the knowledge or consent of the customers and in the absence of written or oral authorization to exercise discretion on their behalf.

Hanson's suspension began August 20, 2001, and will conclude at the close of business November 19, 2001. (NASD Case #C3B010012)

Robert Gene Henry, Jr. (CRD #1697736, Registered Representative, Houston, Texas) was fined \$10,000 and suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for 60 business days for engaging in a private securities transaction, and barred from association with any NASD member in any capacity for failing to respond properly. The sanctions were based on findings that Henry effected a private securities transaction and failed to provide written notice to his member firm describing the transaction, his role therein, and whether he had received, or might receive, selling compensation in connection with the transaction. Henry also failed to respond to NASD requests for information and failed to respond to another request in a complete and timely manner.

Henry's bar became effective July 10, 2001. (NASD Case #C06000038)

Melvin Donald Herrell, Jr. (CRD #2216596, Registered Representative, Coral Springs, Florida) was fined \$10,000 and suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for 60 business days for failing to provide notice of an outside business activity and barred from association with any NASD member in any capacity for failing to respond. The sanctions were based on findings that Herrell engaged in an outside business activity without providing prompt written notice to his member firm. Herrell also failed to respond to NASD requests for information.

Herrell's bar was effective July 20, 2001. (NASD Case #C06010002)

Clinton Thomas Hoy (CRD #1280883, Registered Representative, Belle, West Virginia) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was fined \$5,000, suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for three months, and required to disgorge \$700, plus interest, to a public customer. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Hoy consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that he engaged in private securities transactions outside the normal course of his association with his member firm and failed to provide the firm with prior written notice of the transactions.

Hoy's suspension began August 20, 2001, and will conclude at the close of business November 19, 2001. (NASD Case #C9A010028)

Joseph Frank Keppard (CRD #2558464, Registered Representative, Fremont, California) submitted an Offer of Settlement in which he was fined \$25,000 and suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for two years. The fine must be paid before Keppard reassociates with any NASD member following the suspension or before requesting relief from any statutory disqualification. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Keppard consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings the he failed to respond to NASD requests for information in a timely manner.

Keppard's suspension began August 6, 2001, and will conclude at the close of business August 5, 2003. (NASD Case #C01000022)

Norman Gerald Lieberman (CRD #823757, Registered Representative, Weston, Florida) submitted a Letter of

Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for 30 days and further suspended in all capacities after the expiration of the 30-day suspension until he requalifies. In light of his financial status, no monetary sanction was imposed. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Lieberman consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that he recommended to a public customer the purchase of securities, including mutual funds on a short-term basis with the use of margin, without having reason to believe such recommendations were suitable for the customer in light of the customer's investment objectives and financial situation.

Lieberman's suspension began August 6, 2001, and concluded at the close of business September 4, 2001. (NASD Case #C07010053) **Terrell Javon McCuiston (CRD** #4190927, Registered Representative, Jonesboro, Georgia) submitted an Offer of Settlement in which he was fined \$5,000 and suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for six months. The fine must be paid before McCuiston reassociates with any NASD member following the suspension or before requesting relief from any statutory disqualification. Without admitting or denying the allegations, McCuiston consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that he willfully failed to disclose a material fact on his Form U-4. The findings also stated that McCuiston failed to respond timely to NASD requests for information.

McCuiston's suspension began August 20, 2001, and will conclude at the close of business February 19, 2002. (NASD Case #C07010038)

William Martin Ornstein (CRD #500470, Registered Principal, Livingston, New Jersey)

submitted a Letter of Acceptance. Waiver, and Consent in which he was fined \$10,000 and suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for 30 days. Without admitting or denying the allegations. Ornstein consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that he participated in an agreement involving an unregistered person and his member firm. The unregistered person would refer prospective investors to Ornstein who were interested in purchasing securities equipment leases offered by the firm in return for a percentage of the commissions that Ornstein would receive from the sale. The NASD found that as a result of this conduct the individual received

\$250,000 in commissions. The findings also stated that Ornstein failed to amend promptly his Form U-4 to disclose a civil complaint filed by former customers against him.

Ornstein's suspension began August 20, 2001, and concluded at the close of business September 18, 2001. (NASD Case #C9B010063)

Malcolm T. Preece, III (CRD #1345897, Registered Representative, Louisa, **Kentucky)** submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was barred from association with any NASD member in any capacity. Without admitting or denying the allegations. Preece consented to the described sanction and to the entry of findings that he received property and casualty insurance premium payments to be deposited into a bank account he controlled and later remitted to an insurance company. Preece neglected to promptly deposit the funds, resulting in periodic negative balances in the account, including an eventual negative balance of \$16,123.28. (NASD Case #C05010030)

John Elliott Raines, Jr. (CRD #2555534, Registered Representative, Mill Valley, California) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was barred from association with any NASD member in any capacity. In light of the financial status of Raines, no monetary sanction has been imposed. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Raines consented to the described sanction and to the entry of findings that he participated in outside business activities and private securities transactions

without providing prior written notice to, and receiving approval from, his member firms. (NASD Case #C04010028)

Ryan Mark Reynolds (CRD #2716545, Registered Representative, Dallas, Texas) was fined \$85,000, suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for 223 days, and ordered to requalify by examination in all capacities before associating with any NASD member. In addition, Reynolds was required to pre-file any advertising and sales literature on which his name appears with the NASD for three years following the suspension. The NAC imposed the sanctions following appeal of an OHO decision. The sanctions were based on findings that Reynolds assisted in the publication of a report and a single-page advertisement that omitted material information and contained exaggerated claims and material misinformation. The findings also stated that the advertisements failed to present an accurate and balanced picture of the risks and benefits of investing in a stock, and contained unwarranted predictions of future performance and price of the stock. The NASD also found that Reynolds failed to disclose that the stock issuer funded the printing and publication of the advertisements and that he had received shares of the issuer's stock as compensation in the advertisements. In addition, the NASD found that Reynolds shared in a customer loss and failed to disclose the price of a stock at the time a recommendation was made in a single-page advertisement.

Reynold's suspension began August 6, 2001, and will conclude at the close of business March 19, 2002. (NASD Case #CAF990018)

Leon Salmon (CRD #4306283, Registered Representative, Metairie, Louisiana) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was fined \$10,000 and suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for 30 business days. The fine must be paid before Salmon reassociates with any NASD member or requests relief from any statutory disqualification. Without admitting or denying the allegations. Salmon consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that he willfully failed to disclose a material fact

Salmon's suspension began September 4, 2001, and will conclude at the close of business October 15, 2001. (NASD Case #C05010034)

on a Form U-4.

Kevin Arthur Sawicki (CRD #3100380, Registered Representative, West Palm Beach, Florida) was barred from association with any NASD member in any capacity. The sanction was based on findings that Sawicki failed to respond to NASD requests for information and to appear for an on-the-record interview. Sawicki also made material misrepresentations and omissions of fact to public customers when soliciting the customers to purchase securities. Moreover, Sawicki failed to disclose that he was paid commission on such sales, and failed to discuss any negative or cautionary information regarding the stock to the customers. (NASD Case #C07010006)

Nathan James Smith (CRD #1946055, Registered Representative, Chatham, New Jersey) was barred from association with any NASD member in any capacity. The

sanction was based on findings that Smith failed to respond to NASD requests for information. Smith also converted \$200,000 in funds received from a public customer intended for investment purposes to his own use and benefit without the customer's authorization. (NASD Case #C9B010019)

Nicolette Smith (CRD #4166334, Associated Person, Cedar Rapids, Iowa) was barred from association with any NASD member in any capacity. The sanction was based on findings that Smith failed to disclose a material fact on her Form U-4 and failed to respond to NASD requests for information. (NASD Case #C04010008)

Kristen Nichole Speegle (CRD #2907192, Registered Representative, Aurora, Colorado) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which she was barred from association with any NASD member in any capacity and required to pay \$16,156, plus interest, in restitution to public customers. Satisfactory proof of payment of restitution, plus interest, must be made before Speegle reassociates with any NASD member or requests relief from any statutory disqualification. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Speegle consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that she received compensation for securities transactions that exceeded the compensation to which she was entitled because she entered commission amounts on her member firm's internal record that were greater than the commission amounts reported to the clearing firm and what the customers were charged. The findings also stated that Speegle effected transactions in the accounts of public

customers without the prior authorization of the customers. (NASD Case #C3A010015)

Allan Wayne Talib (CRD #2406626, Registered Representative, Dayton, Ohio) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was barred from association with any NASD member in any capacity. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Talib consented to the described sanction and to the entry of findings that he engaged in private securities transactions away from his member firm and failed to provide his firm with detailed written notice of the transactions. his role therein, and to receive permission from the firm to engage in the transactions. The findings also stated that Talib failed to respond to NASD requests for information and documents. (NASD Case #C8B010020)

Michael Neal Titus (CRD #706561, Registered Principal, Littleton, Colorado) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was barred from association with any NASD member in any capacity and ordered to pay \$43,464, plus interest, in restitution to a public customer. Satisfactory proof of payment of restitution, plus interest, must be provided by Titus before requesting relief from any statutory disqualification. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Titus consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that he converted public customer funds to his own use and benefit. (NASD Case #C3A010026)

Michael Verbitsky, a/k/a, Michael Levine (CRD #3070975, Registered Representative, Livingston, New Jersey) was barred from association with any NASD member in any capacity. The sanction was based on findings that Verbitsky effected unauthorized transactions in the accounts of public customers without the knowledge or consent of the customers, and in the absence of written or oral authorization from the customers to exercise discretion in said accounts. Verbitsky also failed to respond to NASD requests for information. (NASD Case #C9B010018)

**Gregory Lee Woodring** (CRD #1469359, Registered Representative, Muskegon, Michigan) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was fined \$5,000, suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for two months, and ordered to disgorge \$1,375 in commissions to a public customer. Payment of the fine and proof of disgorgement shall be a prerequisite before Woodring reassociates with any NASD member following the suspension or before requesting relief from any statutory disqualification. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Woodring consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that he participated in a private securities transaction, failed and neglected to give written notice of his intention to engage in such activities to his member firm, and failed to receive written approval from the firm prior to engaging in such activities.

Woodring's suspension began August 6, 2001, and concluded at the close of business October 5, 2001. (NASD Case #C8A010046)

Frank Jack Zangara (CRD #1551637, Registered Principal, Hicksville, New York) was suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity

for 30 business days and ordered to pay \$20,214, plus interest, in restitution to a public customer for charging excessive mark-ups, and barred from association with any NASD member in any capacity for failing to respond. The sanctions are based on findings that Zangara effected sales of U.S. Treasury STRIPS (government zero coupon securities) to a public customer on a riskless principal basis and charged excessive mark-ups for the sales. The findings also stated that Zangara failed to respond to NASD requests for information.

Zangara's bar was effective July 24, 2001. (NASD Case #C10010027)

Frank Jack Zangara (CRD #1551637, Registered Principal, Hicksville, New York) was fined \$46.530 and barred from association with any NASD member in any capacity. The fine must be paid before Zangara re-enters the securities business. The sanctions are based on findings that Zangara opened an account at his member firm that was a fictitious entity and submitted a new account form to his firm and its clearing firm that listed the tax identification number of another company and contained a false name and address for the contact information on the account. The findings also stated that Zangara sold securities to a restricted account in violation of NASD's Free Riding and Withholding Interpretation. (NASD Case #C10010033)

Matthew Laurence Zimmerman (CRD #1800015, Registered Representative, Morris Plains, New Jersey) submitted an Offer of Settlement in which he was barred from association with any NASD member in any capacity and ordered to pay \$32,511, plus interest, in restitution to public customers. Without admitting or

denying the allegations, Zimmerman consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that he engaged in unauthorized transactions in the accounts of public customers and lulled the customers into inaction by providing false assertions regarding the transactions. The findings also stated that Zimmerman failed to respond to NASD requests to appear for investigative testimony. (NASD Case #C9B010027)

#### **Decision Issued**

The following decision has been issued by the DBCC or the Office of Hearing Officers and has been appealed to or called for review by the NAC as of August 10, 2001. The findings and sanctions imposed in the decision may be increased, decreased, modified, or reversed by the NAC. Initial decisions whose time for appeal has not yet expired will be reported in the next *Notices to Members*.

Dennis Jay Sturm (CRD #1407180, Registered Principal, Coral Springs, Florida) was barred from association with any NASD member in any capacity. The sanction was based on findings that Sturm failed to respond to NASD requests to produce documents.

Sturm has appealed this action to the NAC and the sanction is not in effect pending consideration of the appeal. (NASD Case #CAF000033)

### **Complaints Filed**

The following complaints were issued by the NASD. Issuance of a disciplinary complaint represents the initiation of a formal proceeding by the NASD in which findings as to the allegations in the complaint have not been made,

and does not represent a decision as to any of the allegations contained in the complaint. Because these complaints are unadjudicated, you may wish to contact the respondents before drawing any conclusions regarding the allegations in the complaint.

**Adam David Gitstein** (CRD #1884208, Registered Representative, New York, New York) and Ray Vahab (CRD #1041775, Registered Principal, New York, New York) were named as respondents in an NASD complaint alleging that Gitstein recklessly effected transactions in the accounts of a public person that were excessive in size and frequency in view of the customer's financial condition and investment objectives. The complaint also alleges that Gitstein, by the use of any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce or of the mails, knowingly or recklessly engaged in manipulative or deceptive devices or contrivances in connection with the purchase or sale of securities, and knowingly or recklessly effected transactions in, or induced the purchase or sale of, securities by means of manipulative or deceptive or other fraudulent devices or contrivances, thereby violating applicable antifraud provisions of federal securities laws and NASD Rules.

Furthermore, the complaint alleges that Gitstein engaged in short-term transactions in a customer's accounts without reasonable grounds for believing that such a strategy was suitable for the customer on the basis of her financial situation, investment objectives, and needs. In addition, the complaint alleges that, in response to an NASD request for documents, Gitstein fabricated order tickets for the customer's accounts and Vahab then provided the NASD with photocopies of the

fabricated order tickets and represented that they were of the original order tickets. The complaint also alleges that Gitstein, at the direction of Vahab, failed to respond truthfully, accurately, non-deceptively, and/or completely during an NASD on-the-record interview and Vahab failed to respond to an NASD request for information. (NASD Case #C10010105)

Michael Glyn Grimes (CRD #2859084, Registered Representative, Memphis, Tennessee) was named as a respondent in an NASD complaint alleging that he received \$323 from a public customer to pay the premium on the customer's variable life insurance policy and failed to apply the premium payments as instructed. The complaint further alleges that Grimes converted the funds to his own use and benefit without the knowledge or consent of the customer. In addition, the complaint alleges that Grimes failed to respond to NASD requests for information. (NASD Case #C05010033)

# Firm Canceled

The following firm was canceled from NASD membership for failure to meet qualification requirements. The action was based on the provisions of NASD Rule 9511(a)(2)(B). The date the cancellation commenced is listed after the entry.

**NI Securities Corp.,** Akron, Ohio (August 13, 2001)

# **Suspension Lifted**

The NASD has lifted the suspension from membership on the date shown for the following

firm because it has complied with formal written requests to submit financial information.

Bennett, Mullaney & Co., Inc., New York, New York (July 19, 2001)

Individuals Barred Pursuant To NASD Rule 9544 For Failure To Provide Information Requested Under NASD Rule 8210. (The date the bar became effective is listed after the entry.)

Breckenridge, Deborah J., Sunrise, Florida (August 2, 2001)

Carnahan, Michael, Jupiter, Florida (August 8, 2001)

Hanson, Jr., Paul, Sausalito, California (July 19, 2001)

Litwin, Gerald, Summit, New Jersey (July 30, 2001)

Reed, Christopher R., Cincinnati, Ohio (July 26, 2001)

Individuals Suspended Pursuant To NASD Rule 9541(b) For Failure To Provide Information Requested Under NASD Rule 8210. (The date the suspension began is listed after the entry.)

Awes, Michael G., Long Lake, Minnesota (August 8, 2001)

Davis, Rodney J., West New York, New Jersey (July 26, 2001)

Grant, Holly V., Tyler, Texas (July 26, 2001) Navard, Masoud H., Columbus, Ohio (July 31, 2001)

Roberts, Aimee, Waterbury, Connecticut (July 17, 2001)

Rockwood, Jonathan R., Ludington, Michigan (July 31, 2001)

Thomas, Mark Allen, St. Joseph, Missouri (July 10, 2001)

# Individuals Suspended Pursuant To NASD Rule Series 9510 For Failure To Comply With An Arbitration Award Or A Settlement Agreement

The date the registration was suspended is included after the entry. If the individual has complied, the listing also includes the date the suspension was lifted.

**Gibbons, Brian L.,** Scottsdale, Arizona (July 26, 2001)

Greer, III, John L., Knoxville, Tennessee (August 6, 2001)

**Preble, Kevin C.,** Litchfield Park, Arizona (July 20, 2001)

**Shah, Naishad D.,** Staten Island, New York (July 18, 2001)

# NASD Regulation Charges Security Capital Trading and Exec With Unjustified Termination Of Firm Commitment Underwriting

NASD Regulation has charged Security Capital Trading, Inc., and its President, Ronald Heineman, with violating NASD rules when they improperly terminated a firm commitment to underwrite an initial public offering (IPO). The firm currently does business under the name Vertical Capital Partners, Inc. and is located in New York, NY.

In its complaint, NASD Regulation charged that Security Capital was the lead underwriter for Galacticomm Technologies, Inc.'s September 23, 1998, \$11 million IPO. The offering consisted of 1.8 million common shares priced at \$6 per share and a similar number of warrants priced at 10 cents each. The complaint alleged that after the first four days of trading the stock and warrants on the Nasdag SmallCap Market, Security Capital, through Heineman, unilaterally and without justification, terminated the IPO. Galacticomm was forced out of business, in part, due to the loss of the IPO proceeds. NASD Regulation charged that Security Capital did not observe high standards of commercial honor and just and equitable principals of trade when they terminated the firm commitment made to Galacticomm. According to the complaint, the termination adversely affected over 500 customers and numerous brokerage firms and their clearing agents when trades had to be unwound and canceled.

NASD Regulation further alleged that Timothy Ryan, a registered representative formerly associated with Security Capital, violated NASD rules and federal securities laws by entering purchase orders for customers who had not authorized them. Those orders were entered as part of the IPO.

This case was investigated by NASD Regulation's Enforcement Department with assistance from the Corporate Financing Department.

The issuance of a disciplinary complaint represents the initiation of a formal proceeding by NASD Regulation and does not represent a decision as to any of the allegations contained in the complaint. Because this complaint is unadjudicated, the respondents should be contacted before drawing any conclusion regarding the allegations in the complaint.

Under NASD Regulation rules, the individuals named in the complaint can file a response and request a hearing before an NASD Regulation disciplinary panel. Possible sanctions include a fine, suspension, bar, or expulsion from the NASD.

# **October Disciplinary Actions**

# Firm Expelled, Individuals Sanctioned

Meyers Pollock Robbins, Inc. (CRD #13436, Boca Raton, Florida), Michael Ploshnick (CRD #1014589, Registered Principal, Boca Raton, Florida), **Bruce Harvey Barbers (CRD** #1011037, Registered Representative, Edgewater, New Jersey), and Harry Scott Barbers (CRD #1494670. Registered Representative, South Orange, New Jersey) submitted Offers of Settlement in which the firm was expelled from membership in the NASD. Ploshnick and Bruce Barbers were barred from association with any NASD member in any capacity, and Harry Barbers was suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for 30 days and required to requalify prior to reassociating with a member firm following the suspension. In light of the financial status of Harry Barbers, no monetary sanction has been imposed. Without admitting

or denying the allegations, the respondents consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that the firm, acting through Ploshnick and Bruce Barbers, recommended and sold secured notes to public customers. In connection with the sales to retail customers, the NASD also found that the firm. acting through Ploshnick and Bruce Barbers, by the use of the instrumentalities of interstate commerce or the mails. intentionally or recklessly employed devices to defraud these customers by making untrue statements of material facts or omitting to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading.

According to the findings, customers were told that payment of principal and interest on notes was insured by performance bonds issued by an insurance company or companies and were purportedly signed by a vice president when, in fact, no performance bond was obtained on the notes and the individual was not an officer, director, or otherwise authorized to incur debt on behalf of the notes. The findings also stated that the firm, acting through Ploshnick, Bruce Barbers, and Harry Barbers, recommended and sold securities to public customers when no registration statement had been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), nor did the securities qualify for any exemption from registration.

Harry Barbers' suspension began September 17, 2001, and will conclude at the close of business October 16, 2001. (NASD Case #C04970029)

### Firms And Individuals Fined

C.J.M. Planning Corporation (CRD #5698, Pompton Lakes, New Jersey) and Joseph Charles Musumeci (CRD #821112, Registered Representative, Pompton Lakes, New Jersey) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which they were censured and fined \$12,000, jointly and severally. The firm was also fined an additional \$4,500. Without admitting or denying the allegations, the respondents consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that the firm, acting through Musumeci, used the instrumentalities of interstate commerce to conduct a securities business while failing to maintain minimum required net capital. The NASD also found that the firm permitted Musumeci to act as the firm's limited financial operations principal without proper registration. The findings also stated that the firm, acting through Musumeci, in connection with a limited partnership private placement offering, established an escrow account that did not meet the requirements of Section 15(c) of the Securities and Exchange Act and Rule 15c2-4(b)(2) thereunder, and permitted an affiliated person of the issuer to purchase a portion of the private placement offering and subsequently withdraw a portion of that purchase from the offering.

Furthermore, the NASD found that the firm claimed an exemption under the provisions of Section 15(c) of the Exchange Act, which prohibits the receipt of customer funds and/or securities, and acting through Musumeci, opened an account in the issuer's name acting on the issuer's behalf. Moreover, the firm, acting through Musumeci, received funds from subscribers in the private placement offering, therefore failing to

comply with the claimed exemptions and was fully subject to the Customer Protection Rule, In addition, the findings state that the firm permitted registered representatives to conduct a securities business while their securities registrations were inactive because of their failure to satisfy the Regulatory Element of the NASD's Continuing Education Requirement. The NASD also found that the firm failed to establish, maintain, and enforce written supervisory procedures reasonably designed to achieve compliance with applicable securities laws and regulations; failed to ensure compliance with the firm's continuing education policy; and failed to ensure that registered persons maintain the appropriate registrations for the functions they perform while registered with the firm. (NASD Case #C9B010067)

**Clements Company Investment** Advisors, Inc. n/k/a First Geneva Securities (CRD #47000, San Diego, California) and James Michael Clements (CRD #2626038, Registered Principal, San Diego, California) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which they were censured, fined \$7,500, jointly and severally, and required to pay \$6,593.21, plus interest, in restitution to customers. Without admitting or denying the allegations, the respondents consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that, in connection with offsetting riskless principal transactions corresponding to public customer buys/sells, the firm, acting through Clements, violated its obligation to deal fairly with its customers. According to the findings, the firm, acting through Clements, failed to adequately disclose on the customer order confirmations the difference in the price that

securities were purchased from and sold to customers and the firm's contemporaneous offsetting purchase or sale price to or from a market maker. Specifically, the NASD found that the firm failed to disclose, or to disclose accurately, the extent of the markup or markdown it charged its customers on confirmations, nor was the firm a market maker in the securities. The findings also stated that the firm, acting through Clements, charged its customers more than a fair markup or markdown taking into consideration all relevant circumstances, including market condition with respect to such securities at the time of the transaction, the expense of executing the orders, and the value of any services they may have rendered by reason of experience in, and knowledge of, such securities and the markets. (NASD Case #C02010039)

# **Firms Fined**

Aegis Capital Corp. (CRD #15007, Uniondale, New York) submitted a Letter of Acceptance. Waiver, and Consent in which it was censured, fined \$40,000, and required to revise its written supervisory procedures with respect to transaction reporting, customer confirmation disclosures, and best execution. Without admitting or denying the allegations, the firm consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that it failed to report through the Automated Confirmation Transaction Service<sup>SM</sup> (ACT<sup>SM</sup>) last sale reports of transactions in securities and failed to designate through ACT such last sale reports as late. The findings also stated that the firm failed to provide written notification to its customers disclosing its correct capacity in the transaction; failed when it acted as principal for its own

account to provide written notification to its customers disclosing whether it was a market marker in a security, and to provide written notification to its customers disclosing the reported trade price and the difference, if any, between the reported trade price and the price to the customer; and failed to comply with applicable reporting transactions rules that allow customers to determine independently that the firm complied with the duty of best execution.

The findings also stated that the firm failed to provide supervision reasonably designed to achieve compliance with applicable securities laws and regulations concerning transaction reporting and customer confirmation disclosures, and the firm's supervisory system failed to provide for supervision reasonably designed to achieve compliance with applicable securities laws and regulations concerning best execution, transaction reporting, and customer confirmation disclosures. Specifically, the firm's supervisory system did not include written supervisory procedures providing for the identification of the person(s) responsible at the firm to ensure compliance with the applicable rules, a statement of the step(s) that such person(s) should take to ensure compliance therewith, a statement as to how often such person(s) should take such step(s), and a statement as to how enforcement of such written supervisory procedures should be documented at the firm. (NASD Case #CMS010125)

CIBC World Markets Corp. (CRD #630, New York, New York) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which the firm was censured and fined \$15,000. Without admitting or denying the allegations, the firm

consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that it failed to display immediately customer limit orders in Nasdag securities in its public quotation when each such order was at a price that would have improved the firm's bid or offer in each such security, or when the order was priced equal to its bid or offer and the national best bid or offer for each such security, and the size of the order represented more than a de minimis change in relation to the size associated with its bid or offer in each such security. (NASD Case #CMS010129)

Grady and Hatch & Company, Inc. (CRD #14262, Staten Island, New York) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which the firm was censured and fined \$15,000. Without admitting or denying the allegations, the firm consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that it reported transactions to ACT more than 90 seconds after the transactions' executions, failed to attach the ".SLD" late-trade modifier to transactions reported late, and incorrectly reported to ACT that it had acted as an agent in a transaction when, in fact, it had acted as a principal. The findings also stated that the firm failed to execute limit order transactions when the limit price was reached. In addition, the NASD found that the firm failed to time-stamp, or to accurately time-stamp, order tickets reported to ACT and that order tickets contained an inaccurate date or inaccurate account identity. The NASD also found that the firm failed to maintain order tickets in connection with transactions, failed to disclose the markup charged to the customer on a confirmation, failed to disclose the firm's status

as a market maker on a confirmation, and failed to accurately disclose the firm's capacity on confirmations. (NASD Case #C10010117)

Moors & Cabot, Inc. (CRD #594, **Boston, Massachusetts)** submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which the firm was censured, fined \$20,000, and required to revise its written supervisory procedures with respect to transaction reporting. Without admitting or denying the allegations, the firm consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that it failed, within 90 seconds after execution, to transmit through ACT, last-sale reports of transactions in Nasdaq National Market, (NNM®), Nasdaq SmallCap<sup>SM</sup>, and OTC Equity securities, and failed to designate through ACT such last sale reports as late. The findings also stated that the firm's supervisory system failed to provide for supervision reasonably designed to achieve compliance with applicable securities laws and regulations concerning transaction reporting. Specifically, the firm's supervisory system did not include written supervisory procedures providing for the identification of the person(s) responsible at the firm to ensure compliance with applicable rules, a statement of the step(s) that such person(s) should take to ensure compliance therewith, a statement as to how often such person(s) should take such step(s), and a statement as to how enforcement of such written supervisory procedures should be documented at the firm. The NASD also found that the firm incorrectly designated as "PRP" through ACT last-sale reports of transactions in NNM and Nasdag SmallCap securities. (NASD Case #CMS010120)

NatCity Investments, Inc. (CRD #17490, Cleveland, Ohio) submitted a Letter of Acceptance. Waiver, and Consent in which the firm was censured and fined \$10,000. Without admitting or denying the allegations, the firm consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that it failed to report the time of execution through ACT in last-sale reports of transactions in NNM securities for which it had recording and reporting obligations, failed to transmit through ACT last-sale reports in NNM securities within 90 seconds after execution, and reported through ACT a last-sale report of a transaction in NNM securities it was not required to report. The findings also stated that the firm failed to report the correct price of a transaction through ACT in lastsale reports of transactions in eligible securities, failed to transmit through ACT one last-sale report of a transaction in eligible securities within 90 seconds after execution, and failed to report the time of execution through ACT in last-sale reports of transactions in eligible securities.

The NASD also found that the firm transmitted through ACT a lastsale report of a transaction in NNM securities and failed to designate through ACT that it was reflecting a price different from the current market when the execution was based on a prior reference point in time; transmitted a last-sale report in NNM securities that improperly designated through ACT a price different from the current market: and transmitted through ACT lastsale reports for the same transaction in a NNM security. In addition, the NASD determined that the firm failed to preserve for a period of not less than three years brokerage order memoranda. Furthermore, the NASD found that the firm failed to report to the

NASD customer complaints on a timely basis and failed to report to the NASD conditions requiring disclosure to the NASD within 10 business days. (NASD Case #C8B010023)

Pond Equities, Incorporated (CRD #30934, Brooklyn, New York) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which the firm was censured, fined \$15,000, and required to revise its written supervisory procedures with respect to compliance with the firm quote rule. Without admitting or denying the allegations, the firm consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that it failed to execute orders presented to the firm at the firm's published bid or published offer in an amount up to its published quotation size and thereby failed to honor its published quotation. The findings also stated that the firm failed to establish, maintain, and enforce written supervisory procedures designed to achieve compliance with applicable securities laws and regulations concerning firm quotations. (NASD Case #CMS010128)

Samuel A. Ramirez & Co., Inc. (CRD #6963, New York, New York) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which the firm was censured. fined \$15,000—of which \$7,500 is jointly and severally with an individual—and ordered to disgorge \$50,000. Without admitting or denving the allegations, the firm consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that it permitted individuals associated with the firm to act in a capacity that requires registration while their registration status was inactive for failure to complete the Regulatory Element of NASD's Continuing Education Requirement. The findings also

stated that the firm, acting through an individual, permitted another individual associated with the firm to act in a capacity requiring registration while not properly registered with the NASD. (NASD Case #C10010106)

Spear, Leeds & Kellogg, L.P. (CRD #3466, New York, New York) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which the firm was censured and fined \$50,000. Without admitting or denying the allegations, the firm consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that as a registered market maker in securities, it failed to execute orders presented at the firm's published bid or published offer in an amount up to its published quotation size, and thereby failed to honor its published quotation. (NASD Case #CMS010123)

Trade.com Online Securities, Inc. f/k/a Bluestone Capital Partners, L.P. and Bluestone Capital Securities, Inc. (CRD #36189, New York, New York) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which the firm was censured and fined \$50,000, which includes disgorgement of \$20,000 in commissions obtained by the firm. Without admitting or denying the allegations, the firm consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that it permitted individuals to act as registered persons with the firm while their registration was inactive due to their failure to complete the Regulatory Element of NASD's Continuing Education Requirement. The findings also stated that the firm failed to make, keep current, and/or maintain certain required books and records. In addition, the NASD found that the firm failed to establish, maintain, and enforce written supervisory

procedures reasonably designed to achieve compliance with the books and records provisions related to the maintenance and proper time stamping and marking of order memoranda as long or short. (NASD Case #C10010102)

U.S. Securities & Futures Corp. (CRD #36045, New York, New York) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which the firm was censured and fined \$17,000, of which \$8,500 is jointly and severally with individuals. The firm has paid \$2,908.65, plus interest, in restitution to public customers. Without admitting or denying the allegations, the firm consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that the firm, acting through individuals, failed to report, or timely report, to the NASD statistical and summary information regarding written customer complaints received by the firm. The findings also stated that the firm, acting through an individual, failed to report to the NASD instances in which the firm was found to have violated state securities laws, and one instance in which the firm entered into a settlement agreement with a customer that exceeded \$25,000. The NASD also found that the firm, acting through an individual, failed to file an application with the NASD for approval of change in ownership at least 30 days prior to such a change. In addition, the NASD found that the firm failed to execute customer orders at the best available price; failed to show the time, or correct time, of execution on brokerage order memoranda; failed to show the time of entry on brokerage order memoranda; and failed to preserve for a period of not less than three years the memoranda of brokerage orders. Moreover, the NASD

found that the firm failed to establish, maintain, and enforce adequate written supervisory procedures reasonably designed to achieve compliance with SEC and NASD rules. (NASD Case #C10010113)

Vanguard Capital (CRD #22081, San Diego, California) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which the firm was censured, fined \$15,000, and required to revise its written supervisory procedures relating to transaction reporting. Without admitting or denying the allegations, the firm consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that it failed, within 90 seconds after execution, to transmit to ACT last-sale reports of transactions in eligible securities and failed, within 90 seconds after execution, to transmit through ACT last-sale reports of transactions in NNM, Nasdaq SmallCap, and OTC Equity securities, and failed to designate through ACT such lastsale reports as late. The findings also stated that the firm's supervisory system did not provide for supervision reasonably designed to achieve compliance with respect to applicable securities laws and regulations concerning transaction reporting. Specifically, the firm's supervisory system did not include written supervisory procedures providing for the identification of the person(s) responsible at the firm to ensure compliance with applicable rules, a statement of the step(s) that such person(s) should take to ensure compliance therewith, a statement as to how often such person(s) should take such step(s), and a statement as to how enforcement of such written supervisory procedures should be documented at the firm. (NASD Case #CMS010130)

# Individuals Barred Or Suspended

Robert Baker Adams, III (CRD #2456626, Registered Representative. Germantown. Tennessee) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was fined \$31,900 and suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for two years. The fine must be paid before Adams reassociates with any NASD member following the suspension or before requesting relief from any statutory disqualification. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Adams consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that he engaged in unauthorized transactions in the accounts of public customers without their prior knowledge or consent.

Adams' suspension began October 1, 2001, and will conclude at the close of business September 30, 2003. (NASD Case #C05010040)

Gary Scott Barnhill, Sr. (CRD #3099928, Registered Representative, Friendswood, **Texas)** was fined \$6,555.11 and suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for two weeks for purchasing a hot issue, and barred from association with any NASD member in any capacity for failing to respond to NASD requests for information. The fine must be paid upon reentry into the securities industry. The sanctions are based on findings that Barnhill purchased securities in a public offering that traded at a premium in the secondary market, put the securities into the account of a family member, and falsely marked the account to indicate the customer was not related to him.

Barnhill's bar was effective August 17, 2001. (NASD Case #C05010025)

**Calvin Eugene Cheney** (CRD #1139652, Registered Representative, Louisville, Colorado) submitted an Offer of Settlement in which he was fined \$100,000, suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for two years, ordered to requalify by exam as a general securities representative, and ordered to qualify by exam as a general securities principal. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Cheney consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that he engaged in private securities transactions and failed to provide prior written notice to, or receive prior written authorization from, his member firm before engaging in such activities.

Cheney's suspension began October 15, 2001, and will conclude at the close of business October 14, 2003. (NASD Case #C8A000019)

Michael Henry Christ (CRD #1664410, Registered Principal, Lynbrook, New York) was barred from association with any NASD member in any capacity. The sanction was based on findings that Christ failed to implement, maintain, and enforce an effective supervisory system at his member firm and failed to establish, maintain, and enforce written procedures pertaining to his member firm's underwriting and retail brokerage activities. (NASD Case #C10000029)

Ronald Lloyd Copple (CRD #53935, Registered Representative, Auburn, Washington) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was barred

from association with any NASD member in any capacity. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Copple consented to the described sanction and to the entry of findings that he received \$30,000 from public customers to invest in securities, deposited the funds in his personal checking account, and failed to use the funds to purchase securities, thereby converting \$30,000 to his own use and benefit. (NASD Case #C3B010013)

Perry Rick DeGeurin (CRD #1648847, Registered Representative, Houston, Texas) submitted an Offer of Settlement in which he was barred from association with any NASD member in any capacity. Without admitting or denying the allegations, DeGeurin consented to the described sanction and to the entry of findings that he prepared and distributed to a public customer correspondence in the form of a letter that failed to provide a sound basis for evaluating the facts in regard to certain securities and included untrue statements of material fact that he knew, or should have known, were false or misleading. The findings also stated that DeGeurin did not have the letter approved by a principal at the firm prior to sending it to the customer. DeGeurin also failed to respond to NASD requests for information. (NASD Case #C06010014)

Kris Joseph Destefano (CRD #2949180, Registered Principal, Bethpage, New York) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was censured, fined \$5,000, and suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for five business days. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Destefano consented to the described sanctions and to the

entry of findings that he purchased shares of stock for the account of a public customer without the customer's consent or authorization.

Destefano's suspension began October 1, 2001, and concluded at the close of business October 5, 2001. (NASD Case #C9B010072)

Frederick Joseph Dirsh (CRD #4243703, Registered Representative, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was fined \$5,000 and suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for 30 business days. The fine must be paid before Dirsh reassociates with any NASD member following the suspension or before requesting relief from any statutory disqualification. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Dirsh consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that he failed to disclose a material fact on his Form U-4.

Dirsh's suspension began October 1, 2001, and will conclude at the close of business November 9, 2001. (NASD Case #C9B010071)

Thomas Leo Dooley, III (CRD #1426361, Registered Principal, Powell, Ohio) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was fined \$10,000 and suspended from association with any NASD member in a principal capacity for three months. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Dooley consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that he failed to reasonably supervise the municipal securities trading activities of a representative including his sale of bonds to a member firm.

Dooley's suspension began September 17, 2001, and will conclude December 6, 2001. (NASD Case #CAF010015)

Stephen Kyle Ehman (CRD #2636377, Registered Representative, Noblesville, Indiana) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was barred from association with any NASD member in any capacity. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Ehman consented to the described sanction and to the entry of findings that he bought and sold securities in the form of shares of stock and options for his personal margin and cash account, though he knew that he did not have sufficient funds to pay for the shares and options, did not deposit the required margin, or did not make full cash payments for the shares in a prompt fashion or otherwise before selling the shares. The NASD also found that Ehman effected transactions in the account of a public customer on a discretionary basis without obtaining prior written authorization from the customer and prior written approval from his member firm. (NASD Case #C8A010058)

Scott Douglas Flynn (CRD #2020872, Registered Principal, Highlands, New Jersey)

submitted an Offer of Settlement in which he was fined \$20,000 and suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for three months, two months of which shall be deemed served by virtue of a two-month suspension imposed by his member firm. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Flynn consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that he created and sent a fictitious monthly account statement to a public customer to give the false

appearance that a request made by the customer to transfer funds from one account to another had been fulfilled.

Flynn's suspension began September 4, 2001, and concluded at the close of business October 3, 2001. (NASD Case #C9B010044)

Herman D. Fonseca (CRD #2367303, Registered Representative, Key Biscayne, Florida) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was fined \$5,000 and suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for 10 days. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Fonseca consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that he sold insurance products through a partnership arrangement with another representative, provided an insurance policy to a public customer for which his partner was the selling agent, and signed his partner's name to the delivery receipt without authorization. Subsequently, the NASD found that Fonseca completed an insurance policy application form listing his partner as the selling agent and signed his partner's name to the application without authorization.

Fonseca's suspension began September 17, 2001, and concluded at the close of business September 26, 2001. (NASD Case #C07010058)

Jose Franco (CRD #4251466, Associated Person, Jersey City, New Jersey) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was fined \$10,000 and suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for six months. The fine must be paid before Franco reassociates with any NASD member following the suspension or before requesting relief from any statutory disqualification. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Franco consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that he willfully failed to disclose a material fact on his Form U-4.

Franco's suspension began October 1, 2001, and will conclude at the close of business March 31, 2002. (NASD Case #C9B010070)

Scott David Friedberg (CRD #2286270, Registered Representative, Briarcliff Manor, New York) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was fined \$10,000 and barred from association with any NASD member in any capacity with the right to re-apply after five years. The fine must be paid before Friedberg reassociates with any NASD member following the fiveyear period or before requesting relief from any statutory disqualification. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Friedberg consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that he gave gifts and gratuities to clients to obtain and retain trading business from his clients, falsified employee reimbursement reports to his member firm, directed his assistant to falsify forms, and wrongfully diverted and misused firm funds. In addition, the NASD found that Friedberg caused his member firm to fail to maintain accurate and complete firm books and records and submitted a falsified employee reimbursement report to his member firm, causing the firm to reimburse him for tickets based on the falsified reports. (NASD Case #CAF010017)

Sadell Garcia (CRD #4137987, Registered Principal, Aurora, Colorado) submitted an Offer of Settlement in which he was fined \$5,000 and suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for one year. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Garcia consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that he willfully failed to disclose material information on his Form U-4.

Garcia's suspension began October 1, 2001, and will conclude at the close of business September 30, 2002. (NASD Case #C3A010025)

James Parker Gardner (CRD #843375, Registered Principal, Houston, Texas) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was fined \$5,000, which includes disgorgement of commissions, and suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for 10 business days. Without admitting or denying the allegations. Gardner consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that he executed transactions in the accounts under the control of a public customer without the customer's prior knowledge or consent.

Gardner's suspension began October 1, 2001, and will conclude at the close of business October 12, 2001. (NASD Case #C05010037)

Thomas Greiwe Glaser (CRD #1266828, Registered Representative, Cincinnati, Ohio) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for one year and required to requalify by exam as a general securities representative (Series 7) and a general securities principal (Series 24) prior to reassociation with a member firm in those capacities. Without admitting or denying the

allegations, Glaser consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that he engaged in manipulative, deceptive and/or fraudulent conduct by intentionally and/or recklessly causing to be executed and reported to The Nasdaq Stock Market® last-sale reports of transactions in a security at or near the close of the market for the purpose of affecting the reported closing last sale price in the security. The NASD found that the transactions represented the closing last-sale price for the security on each of the dates and were reported at a price higher than the price of the last preceding trade in the stock reported to The Nasdag Stock Market.

Glaser's suspension began October 1, 2001, and will conclude at the close of business September 30, 2002. (NASD Case #CMS010136)

Cynthia Foote Goolsby (CRD #2517862, Registered Representative, Marietta, Georgia) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which she was barred from association with any NASD member in any capacity. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Goolsby consented to the described sanction and to the entry of findings that, in connection with her employment with a bank affiliated with her member firm, Goolsby signed the names of bank clients to loan documents without their authorization. (NASD Case #C07010065)

John Lawson Greer, III (CRD #860076, Registered Principal, Knoxville, Tennessee) was fined \$5,000, suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for six months, and required to complete the supervisory section of the Regulatory Element of the Continuing

Education Program within 180 days of the date this decision becomes final. The National Adjudicatory Council (NAC) imposed the sanctions following the call for review of an Office of Hearing Officers decision. The sanctions were based on findings that Greer submitted falsified documents to his member firm on behalf of a fictitious customer and placed a trade in the account using a cashier's check on which he changed the name of the purchaser to the fictitious customer. The NASD also found that Greer misrepresented to the NASD and the State of Tennessee that he had opened the account for his son.

Greer's suspension began October 1, 2001, and will conclude at the close of business March 29, 2002. (NASD Case #C05990035)

Scott Hancey (CRD #4310217, Registered Representative, Pine, Colorado) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was fined \$7,500 and suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for 10 business days. The fine must be paid before Hancey reassociates with any NASD member following the suspension or before requesting relief from any statutory disqualification. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Hancey consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that he submitted a Form U-4 that contained inaccurate information.

Hancey's suspension began October 1, 2001, and concluded at the close of business October 12, 2001. (NASD Case #C3A010027)

Kevin Robert Hanson (CRD #2619189, Registered Representative, Grand Rapids, Michigan) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was barred from association with any NASD member in any capacity. Without admitting or denying the allegations. Hanson consented to the described sanction and to the entry of findings that he received a \$10,000 cashier's check from a public customer to add to the customer's existing variable annuity and, instead, used the funds for his own benefit or some purpose other than for the benefit of the customer, without the customer's knowledge and authorization. (NASD Case #C8A010053)

Sandra Jean Hassel (CRD #2418950, Registered Representative, Melbourne, Florida) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which she was barred from association with any NASD member in any capacity. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Hassel consented to the described sanction and to the entry of findings that she failed to respond to NASD requests for information. (NASD Case #C07010059)

**Terrell Edwin Harvey** (CRD #1541683, Registered Representative, Ridley Park, Pennsylvania) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was barred from association with any NASD member in any capacity. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Harvey consented to the described sanction and to the entry of findings that he participated in private securities transactions and failed to provide his member firm with prior written notice describing the proposed transactions, his proposed role therein, and to state whether he had received, or might receive, selling compensation in connection with the transactions. (NASD Case #C9A010031)

Edward Paul Haser, Jr. (CRD #3126540, Registered Representative, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for 30 business days and ordered to disgorge \$10,000 representing commissions received. Satisfactory proof of payment of the disgorgement is required following the suspension before Haser reassociates with any NASD member or before requesting relief from any statutory disqualification. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Haser consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that he sold alleged shares of initial public offerings (IPOs) to public customers and negligently misrepresented that a firm had agreements with member firms to acquire shares in the IPOs and that through these agreements acquired the shares. In fact, there were no agreements with these firms and the firms never acquired any shares in the IPOs.

Haser's suspension began October 1, 2001, and will conclude at the close of business November 9, 2001. (NASD Case #C9A010034)

Wallace Thomas Holden (CRD #2949218, Registered Representative, Covington, Louisiana) was fined \$11,500, ordered to pay \$15,000, plus interest, in restitution to a public customer, suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for six months for engaging in private securities transactions, and barred from association with any NASD

member in any capacity for failure to respond to NASD requests for information. The fine shall be due and payable upon Holden's reentry into the securities business. The sanctions were based on findings that Holden engaged in private securities transactions and failed to provide written notice to his member firm describing the transactions, his role therein, and whether he had received, or might receive, selling compensation in connection with the transactions.

Holden's bar was effective September 3, 2001. (NASD Case #C06010006)

Michael Bernard Jawitz (CRD #257703, Registered Principal, Hallandale Beach, Florida) was fined \$50,000, suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for one year, and required to requalify by exam as an equity trader. The SEC affirmed the sanctions following appeal of a NAC decision. The sanctions were based on findings that Jawitz entered fictitious limit orders and prevented the execution of customer limit orders in violation of the NASD's limit order protection rule, and caused non-bonafide transactions to be reported to The Nasdaq Stock Market.

Jawitz's suspension began August 20, 2001, and will conclude at the close of business August 19, 2002. (NASD Case #CMS960238)

Seth Jamal Jeffers (CRD #4266449, Associated Person, Clinton, Maryland) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was fined \$2,500 and suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for 30 days. The fine must be paid before Jeffers requests relief from any

statutory disqualification. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Jeffers consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that he willfully failed to disclose material facts on a Form U-4, causing it to be materially inaccurate.

Jeffers' suspension began October 1, 2001, and will conclude at the close of business October 30, 2001. (NASD Case #C9A010036)

James Lee Judd (CRD #2690192, Registered Representative, Fenton, Michigan) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was fined \$15,000 and suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for one vear. The fine must be paid before Judd reassociates with any NASD member following the suspension or before requesting relief from any statutory disqualification. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Judd consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that he affixed the signature of a public customer on an application to open a securities account with his member firm and on a securities disclosure form without the customer's knowledge or consent. The NASD also found that Judd induced the purchase of the shares of reserves to public customers by making the misstatement of material fact that the investors could withdraw funds after one year from the date on which they invested when, in fact, the investors could not withdraw their funds until after four years from the date on which they invested.

Judd's suspension began October 1, 2001, and will conclude at the close of business September 30, 2002. (NASD Case #C8A010051)

Russell Jon Jundt (CRD #2496393, Registered Principal, Andover. Minnesota) submitted an Offer of Settlement in which he was barred from association with any NASD member in any capacity. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Jundt consented to the described sanction and to the entry of findings that he willfully failed to update his Form U-4 to disclose a material fact. The findings also stated that Jundt failed to respond to NASD requests for information. (NASD Case #C04010011)

Patrick Joseph Kernick (CRD #3112594, Registered Representative, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for 30 business days and ordered to disgorge \$10,000 representing commissions received. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Kernick consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that he sold alleged shares of IPOs to public customers and negligently misrepresented that a firm had agreements with member firms to acquire shares in the IPOs and that through these agreements acquired the shares. In fact, there were no agreements with these firms and the firms never acquired any shares in the IPOs.

Kernick's suspension began October 1, 2001, and will conclude at the close of business November 9, 2001. (NASD Case #C9A010024)

Joseph Patrick Klock (CRD #1339507, Registered Principal, Wayne, Pennsylvania) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was

suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for 10 business days and required to disgorge \$35,000 to a public customer. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Klock consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that he exercised effective control over the account of a public customer and conducted excessive trading in the account.

Klock's suspension began September 17, 2001, and concluded at the close of business September 28, 2001. (NASD Case #C9A010032)

**Albert Henry Kocher (CRD** #1768753, Registered Principal, Boca Raton, Florida) submitted a Letter of Acceptance. Waiver, and Consent in which he was fined \$5,000 and suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for one month. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Kocher consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that he signed a guaranty of two signatures on letters of instruction to a broker/ dealer authorizing the deposit of certified securities into an account for the benefit of the owner of the securities when he knew, or should have known, that one of the signatures on the letters was a forgery.

Kocher's suspension began September 17, 2001, and will conclude at the close of business October 16, 2001. (NASD Case #C05010036)

Jack Allen Levy (CRD #2852171, Registered Representative, Paramus, New Jersey) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was fined \$5,000 and suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for 10 business days. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Levy consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that he conducted unauthorized transactions in the accounts of public customers.

Levy's suspension began October 1, 2001, and concluded at the close of business October 12, 2001. (NASD Case #C11010026)

**Donald William Maclean** (CRD #2352765, Registered Representative, Tequesta, Florida) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was fined \$18,900, which includes disgorgement of \$14,400 in commissions, and suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for 90 days. The fine must be paid before Maclean reassociates with any NASD member following the suspension or before requesting relief from any statutory disqualification. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Maclean consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that he engaged in sales of viatical settlements with public customers outside the scope of his employment with his member firm, and failed to provide prompt written notice to his member firm of his involvement in these transactions.

Maclean's suspension began October 1, 2001, and will conclude at the close of business December 28, 2001. (NASD Case #C07010063)

Robert Edwin McBride (CRD #1195514, Registered Principal, Chicago, Illinois) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was fined \$15,500 and suspended from association with any NASD member firm in any capacity for 30 business days. The fine must be paid before McBride reassociates

with any NASD member following the suspension or before requesting relief from any statutory disqualification. Without admitting or denying the allegations, McBride consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that a member firm, acting through McBride, permitted the distribution of sales literature in the form of form letters containing solicitations for securities transactions that were not approved by the appropriate principal of the member firm or submitted to the NASD within 10 days of their first use, and failed to include the full address and telephone number of the member firm's registered branch office or Office of Supervisory Jurisdiction (OSJ) responsible for supervision of the proposed trading activity.

In addition, the findings stated that the sales literature omitted material facts and obscured essential information resulting in misleading presentation; contained exaggerated, unwarranted, or misleading statements or claims and failed to reflect the risks of a fluctuating market; failed to disclose in discussing dollar-cost averaging that the plan does not assure a profit or protect against loss in declining markets, and identified purchases of stock, which is improper in option educational material; failed to disclose that options might not be a suitable type of investment for the investor; and failed to contain a complete explanation of the risks of day trading, which include market volatility, potential delay in trade execution, and loss of capital. The NASD also found that a member firm, acting through McBride, permitted individuals to engage in the securities business. to function as representatives, and to place securities transactions while they were not effectively

registered with the member firm. Furthermore, the NASD found that the member firm, acting through McBride, failed to report to the NASD statistical and summary information relating to customer complaints against various representatives received by the firm.

McBride's suspension began October 1, 2001, and will conclude at the close of business November 9, 2001. (NASD Case #C8A010059)

**Michael Brent McCowan** (CRD #2618030, Registered Representative, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for two years. Without admitting or denying the allegations, McCowan consented to the described sanction and to the entry of findings that he removed blank corporate checks from his member firm and made two of these checks payable to a hotel totaling \$507 without the firm's authorization, knowledge, or consent.

McCowan's suspension began September 17, 2001, and will conclude at the close of business September 16, 2003. (NASD Case #C06010019)

Robert Melvin McCulley (CRD #725980, Registered Principal, Fort Collins, Colorado) was fined \$15,000 and suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for 10 business days. The sanctions are based on findings that McCulley engaged in outside business activity, for compensation, and failed to provide his member firm with prompt written notice.

McCulley's suspension began August 20, 2001, and concluded at the close of business August 31, 2001. (NASD Case #C3A000054)

Anthony Paul Minervini (CRD #2383553, Registered Representative, Secaucus, New Jersey) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was barred from association with any NASD member in any capacity. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Minervini consented to the described sanction and to the entry of findings that he provided false testimony during an NASD on-the-record interview. (NASD Case #C9B010074)

**Robert Edward Morris** (CRD #2664262, Registered Representative, Portland, Oregon) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was censured and fined \$11,011, which includes the disgorgement of \$8,511 in transaction profits. The fine must be paid before Morris reassociates with any NASD member or requests relief from any statutory disqualification. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Morris consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that he purchased shares of stock during IPOs prior to the secondary trading of the shares when they traded at a premium in violation of the NASD's Free-Riding and Withholding Interpretation. (NASD Case #C3B010015)

John Joseph Murphy a/k/a
Jack Murphy (CRD #1069365,
Registered Representative,
Quogue, New York) was fined
\$2,500 for failing to notify his
member firm of a securities
account, fined \$5,000 and
suspended from association with
any NASD member in any capacity
for one year for willful failure to
disclose material information on a

Form U-4, and barred from association with any NASD member in any capacity for failure to respond to NASD requests for information. The sanctions are based on findings that Murphy failed to provide written notice to his member firm of a securities account he opened at another member firm.

Murphy's bar became effective September 6, 2001. (NASD Case #C10010045)

Roger Ray Myatt (CRD #1204148, Registered Principal, Fort Collins, Colorado) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was fined \$10,000 and suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for one year. The fine must be paid before Myatt reassociates with any NASD member following the suspension or before requesting relief from any statutory disqualification. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Myatt consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that he participated in a private securities transaction without providing prior written notice to his member firm.

Myatt's suspension began October 1, 2001, and will conclude at the close of business September 30, 2002. (NASD Case #C3A010031)

Robert George Palmeiro (CRD #355533, Registered Principal, East Greenwich, Rhode Island) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for 30 days and barred from association with any NASD member in any principal or supervisory capacity. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Palmeiro consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that he failed to

supervise his member firm's financial and operational principal and compliance officer upon finding out that he had misappropriated firm funds in excess of \$405,000. The NASD also found that Palmeiro failed to register with the NASD as a principal while functioning as his member firm's treasurer, division manager in charge of the firm's retail general securities business, and as a member of the firm's board of directors.

Palmeiro's suspension began October 1, 2001, and will conclude at the close of business October 30, 2001. (NASD Case #C11010027)

Jeffrey Don Petersen (CRD # 3247559, Registered Representative, Roy, Utah) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was fined \$5,000, and suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for one year. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Petersen consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that he willfully failed to disclose material information on a Form U-4.

Petersen's suspension began October 1, 2001, and will conclude at the close of business September 30, 2002. (NASD Case #C3A010028)

Berri Grove Powers
(CRD #366851, Registered
Representative, McMurray,
Pennsylvania) submitted a Letter
of Acceptance, Waiver, and
Consent in which he was barred
from association with any NASD
member in any capacity. Without
admitting or denying the allegations, Powers consented to the
described sanction and to the
entry of findings that he engaged
in business activities, for compensation, outside the scope of his
employment with a member firm

and failed to provide prompt written notice to the firm. The findings also stated that Powers failed to respond to NASD requests for information. (NASD Case #C9A010030)

Alfred Salazar (CRD #1059427, Registered Representative, Littleton, Colorado) submitted an Offer of Settlement in which he was fined \$10,000 and suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for six months. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Salazar consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that he failed to cause the control relationship that existed between his member firm and a stock issuer to be disclosed and confirmed in writing to public customers. The findings also stated that Salazar failed to respond to NASD requests for documents and information and to appear to give testimony.

Salazar's suspension began September 17, 2001, and will conclude at the close of business March 16, 2002. (NASD Case #CAF000048)

**Robert Bruce Sando (CRD** #1132151, Registered Principal, Baltimore, Maryland) submitted a Letter of Acceptance. Waiver, and Consent in which he was barred from association with any NASD member in any capacity. Without admitting or denying the allegations. Sando consented to the described sanction and to the entry of findings that he engaged in private securities transactions and failed to provide his member firm prior written notice describing the proposed transactions, his role therein, and stating whether he had received, or might receive, selling compensation in connection with the transactions. The findings

also stated that Sando failed to respond to NASD requests for information and to provide sworn testimony. (NASD Case #C9A010035)

Greg Dennis Sanfilippo (CRD #2628773, Registered Representative, Staten Island, New York) submitted an Offer of Settlement in which he was fined \$7,500 and suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for 15 business days. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Sanfilippo consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that he effected transactions in the account of a public customer without the prior knowledge or consent of the customer.

Sanfilippo's suspension began October 1, 2001, and will conclude at the close of business October 19, 2001. (NASD Case #C05000065)

Darren Joseph Shasho (CRD #2097386. Registered Principal. Bellmore, New York) submitted a Letter of Acceptance. Waiver, and Consent in which he was fined \$5,000 and suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for 10 days. Without admitting or denying the allegations. Shasho consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that he purchased, or caused to be purchased, a security on margin for the account of a public customer and thereafter sold, or caused to be sold, the same security without the knowledge or consent of the customer and in the absence of any written or oral authorization to exercise margin discretion in the account.

Shasho's suspension began September 17, 2001, and

concluded at the close of business September 26, 2001. (NASD Case #C9B010068)

**Douglas Dean Skinner** (CRD #1553755, Registered Representative, Appalachin, New York) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was fined \$5,000 and suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for three months. The fine must be paid before Skinner reassociates with any NASD member following the suspension or before requesting relief from any statutory disqualification. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Skinner consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that he willfully failed to disclose material information on his Form U-4.

Skinner's suspension began October 1, 2001, and will conclude at the close of business December 31, 2001. (NASD Case #C11010028)

Mitchell Harris Sloane (CRD #2166032, Registered Principal, **Brightwaters, New York)** submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was fined \$8,000, suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for 15 business days, and ordered to pay \$25,450, plus interest, in restitution to public customers. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Sloane consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that he charged excessive markups on U.S. **Government Securities** transactions in the accounts of public customers.

Sloane's suspension will begin October 15, 2001, and will

conclude at the close of business November 2, 2001. (NASD Case #C10010118)

Richard Joseph Sporrer, Jr. (CRD #2663139, Associated Person, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was fined \$12,000 and suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for six months. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Sporrer consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that he engaged in a deceptive act in connection with the sale of a security. According to the findings, Sporrer failed to prevent an individual from selling an issuer's stock in Sporrer's account after discussing whether they possessed material, nonpublic information about the issuer that had been conveyed in the course of their employment at a member firm.

Sporrer's suspension began October 1, 2001, and will conclude March 31, 2002. (NASD Case #CMS010135)

Theresa Jane Stencil (CRD #1215453, Registered Representative, Amherst, Ohio) submitted a Letter of Acceptance. Waiver, and Consent in which she was barred from association with any NASD member in any capacity. Without admitting or denying the allegations. Stencil consented to the described sanction and to the entry of findings that she engaged in private securities transactions and failed to provide her member firm with detailed written notice of the transactions, her role therein, and to receive permission from the firm to engage in the transactions. The NASD also found that Stencil failed to respond to NASD

requests for information. (NASD Case #C8B010021)

**Bradley David St. Myer** (CRD #2630827, Registered Representative, Wexford, Pennsylvania) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for 30 business days and ordered to disgorge \$25,000 representing commissions received. Satisfactory proof of payment of the disgorgement is required following the suspension before St. Myer reassociates with any NASD member or before requesting relief from any statutory disqualification. Without admitting or denying the allegations, St. Myer consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that he sold alleged shares of IPOs to public customers and negligently misrepresented that a firm had agreements with member firms to acquire shares in the IPOs and that through these agreements acquired the shares. In fact, there were no agreements with these firms and the firms never acquired any shares in the IPOs.

St. Myer's suspension began October 1, 2001, and will conclude at the close of business November 9, 2001. (NASD Case #C9A010019)

Richard William Stopa (CRD #2368388, Registered Principal, New York, New York) submitted an Offer of Settlement in which he was suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for 30 business days. In light of the financial status of Stopa, no monetary sanction has been imposed. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Stopa consented to the described sanction and to the entry of findings

that he executed unauthorized transactions in the accounts of public customers and improperly charged a five-percent markup by selling stock from a public customer's regular account and subsequently purchasing shares of the same stock into the customer's individual retirement account.

Stopa's suspension began September 4, 2001, and will conclude at the close of business October 15, 2001. (NASD Case #C9B010040)

Jeffrey Scott Tatum (CRD #2761936, Registered Representative, McKinney, Texas) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was barred from association with any NASD member in any capacity. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Tatum consented to the described sanction and to the entry of findings that he received checks totaling \$50,000 from the account of public customers, forged the endorsements, and deposited the checks into a bank account he controlled, thereby converting the funds to his own use and benefit without the customers' knowledge or consent. (NASD Case #C05010035)

**Vishram Vick Toolsie** (CRD #3029954, Registered Representative, South Ozone Park, New York) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was barred from association with any NASD member in any capacity. Without admitting or denying the allegations. Toolsie consented to the described sanction and to the entry of findings that he purchased on margin for his personal account shares of stock without the intent to pay for the trades. Toolsie's willful failure to pay for the trades

resulted in an unsecured debit of \$154,981.02. The findings also stated that Toolsie provided his member firm with a fabricated letter allegedly provided to the NASD as an explanation for his trading on margin. (NASD Case #C10010099)

Robert David Trowbridge (CRD

#1314808, Registered Principal, Sedro-Woolley, Washington) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was fined \$50,000 and suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for two years. The fine must be paid before Trowbridge reassociates with any NASD member or before requesting relief from any statutory disqualification. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Trowbridge consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that, while acting as an investment adviser, he recommended and engaged in transactions in the managed accounts of public customers involving the purchase on margin of speculative, low-priced equity securities totaling \$616,108 without having reasonable grounds for believing that the recommendations and resultant transactions were suitable for the customers on the basis of their financial situations, investment objectives, and needs. In connection with the managed accounts, the findings also stated that Trowbridge's purchase of individual equity securities did not comply with the mutual fund timing & asset allocation service agreements executed by the public customers that permitted him to purchase or sell individual equity securities for their managed accounts. Trowbridge did not receive commissions and was compensated through periodic fee payments.

Trowbridge's suspension began September 17, 2001, and will conclude at the close of business September 16, 2003. (NASD Case #C3B010014)

Roberto Valoy, Jr. (CRD #1161451, Registered Representative, Millbrook, New York) submitted a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent in which he was barred from association with any NASD member in any capacity. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Valoy consented to the described sanction and to the entry of findings that he willfully failed to disclose material facts on a Form U-4. (NASD Case #C10010112)

Guv Anthony Zarrilli (CRD #2194074, Registered Principal, Brick, New Jersey) submitted an Offer of Settlement in which he was fined \$5,000 and suspended from association with any NASD member in any capacity for three months. The fine must be paid before Zarrilli reassociates with any NASD member following the suspension or before requesting relief from any statutory disqualification. Without admitting or denying the allegations, Zarrilli consented to the described sanctions and to the entry of findings that he recommended and effected securities transactions for public customers and lacked reasonable grounds to believe that such recommendations were suitable for the customers in light of their ages, need for income, the speculative nature of the transactions, and the size of the transactions in comparison to the value of the accounts.

Zarrilli's suspension began September 17, 2001, and will conclude December 16, 2001. (NASD Case #C9A010007)

#### **Decision Issued**

The following decision has been issued by the DBCC or the Office of Hearing Officers and has been appealed to or called for review by the NAC as of September 7, 2001. The findings and sanctions imposed in the decision may be increased, decreased, modified, or reversed by the NAC. Initial decisions whose time for appeal has not yet expired will be reported in the next *Notices to Members*.

James Henry Bond, III
(CRD #2001777, Registered
Representative, New York, New
York) was barred from association
with any NASD member in any
capacity. The sanction was based
on findings that Bond executed
unauthorized transactions in the
accounts of public customers.

Bond has appealed this action to the NAC, and the sanction is not in effect pending consideration of the appeal. (NASD Case #C10000210)

# **Complaints Filed**

The following complaints were issued by the NASD. Issuance of a disciplinary complaint represents the initiation of a formal proceeding by the NASD in which findings as to the allegations in the complaint have not been made, and does not represent a decision as to any of the allegations contained in the complaint. Because these complaints are unadjudicated, you may wish to contact the respondents before drawing any conclusions regarding the allegations in the complaint.

George Anaya, Jr. (CRD #2830436, Registered Representative, Jupiter, Florida) was named as a respondent in an NASD complaint alleging that he engaged in a course of unsuitable

and excessive trading in the accounts of a public customer and failed to obtain the customer's prior approval for trades in the account. The complaint further alleges that Anaya engaged in a course of trading that was inconsistent with the customer's financial situation, needs, and investment objectives. Furthermore, the NASD alleges that Anaya failed to respond to an NASD request to appear to give testimony. (NASD Case #C07010064)

**Castle Securities Corporation** (CRD #16077, Freeport, New York), John Joseph Fisher (CRD #208642, Registered Representative, Wantagh, New York), and Victor Soare (CRD #2169051, Registered Principal, Merrick, New York) were named as respondents in an NASD complaint alleging that they engaged in unsuitable trading in the account of a public customer resulting in churning. The complaint also alleges that the firm and Fisher used a margin guarantee agreement for a public customer that was not reasonable in light of the customer's age, mental condition, physical condition, financial situation, and lack of investment sophistication. (NASD Case #C3A010036)

**FAS Wealth Management** Services, Inc. (CRD #10164, Sarasota, Florida) and Jack Asbury Alexander (CRD #2760, Registered Principal, Poway, California) were named as respondents in an NASD complaint alleging that Alexander intentionally or recklessly caused the firm to act as a market maker in, and enter bids for, shares of stock on the Over-the-Counter Bulletin Board on a continuous basis when Alexander was aware that the firm was engaged in a distribution. The complaint also

alleges that Alexander caused the firm to purchase shares of stock from both public customers and other broker/dealers for the firm's proprietary account, and caused the firm's sales force to recommend the purchase of the stock to retail customers while the distribution was in progress. In addition, the complaint alleges that the firm and Alexander, directly or indirectly, employed devices, schemes, or artifices to defraud, engaged in acts, practices, or courses of business that operated as a fraud or deceit upon public investors. The complaint also alleges that the firm, as directed and controlled by Alexander, intentionally or recklessly engaged in a series of activities designed to arbitrarily and artificially increase the price of the stock. Furthermore, the complaint alleges that the firm and Alexander made untrue statements of material facts or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. In addition, the complaint alleges the firm and Alexander effected transactions in, or induced the purchase or sale of, any security by means of

manipulative, deceptive, or other fraudulent devices or contrivances. (NASD Case #CAF010016)

Bobby Joe Garrison, Jr. (CRD #1449625, Registered Representative, Studio City, California) was named as a respondent in an NASD complaint alleging that he induced a public customer to replace an old variable annuity with a new variable annuity by falsely stating that the new annuity was not subject to contingent deferred sales charges. As a result of the alleged activities, Garrison directly, or indirectly, by the use of means or instrumentalities of interstate

commerce, or of the mails, in connection with the purchase or sale of securities employed devices, schemes, or artifices to defraud, made untrue statements of material fact, and engaged in acts, practices, or courses of business which operated as a fraud or deceit upon the customer. The NASD further alleges that Garrison provided the customer with a fabricated letter purportedly from an employee of an insurance company that falsely stated that surrender penalties would not apply to the new variable annuity. (NASD Case #C02010045)

# Firms Expelled For Failing to Pay Fines And/Or Costs In Accordance With NASD Rule 8320

Lexington Capital Corporation n/k/a Preston Langley Asset Management, Inc., New York, New York (September 5, 2001)

The Minneapolis Company, Inc., Melville, New York (September 5, 2001)

Tasin & Company, Inc., Ronkonkoma, New York (September 5, 2001)

# Firms Suspended For Failure To Supply Financial Information

The following firms were suspended from membership in the NASD for failure to comply with formal written requests to submit financial information to the NASD. The actions were based on the provisions of NASD Rule 8210 and Article VII, Section 2 of the NASD By-Laws. The date the suspension commenced is listed after the entry. If the firm has complied with the requests for information, the listing also includes the date the suspension concluded.

# Bright Cove Securities, Inc., Virginia Beach, Virginia

(September 4, 2001)

# **Brokerage Administrators** Corporation,

Englewood, Colorado (September 4, 2001)

# CI Investments, Inc., Lawrenceville, Georgia (September 4, 2001)

Greenwich Partners, LLC, Stamford, Connecticut (September 6, 2001)

# **Marion Bass Securities**

Corporation, Charlotte, North Carolina (September 4, 2001)

# Firm Suspended Pursuant To NASD Rule Series 9510 For Failure To Comply With An Arbitration Award Or A **Settlement Agreement**

Centex Securities, Inc., La Jolla, California (August 16, 2001)

# Suspension Lifted

The NASD has lifted the suspension from membership on the date shown for the following firm because it has complied with formal written requests to submit financial information.

Travis Morgan Securities, Inc., Dallas, Texas (August 23, 2001)

Individuals Barred **Pursuant To NASD Rule 9544** For Failure To Provide Information Requested Under NASD Rule 8210. (The date the bar became effective is listed after the entry.)

Clyde, Stephen B., Richwood, New Jersey (August 17, 2001)

# Dunlap, III, Arthur Lee, Winchester, Virginia

(August 14, 2001)

# Kuwata, Colburn Yoshitaka,

Honolulu, Hawaii (August 20, 2001)

# Mason, Christopher T.,

Glendale, Arizona (August 15, 2001)

# Monares, Ed J.,

Malibu, California (August 14, 2001)

# Phillips, Daniel John,

Stuart, Florida (August 14, 2001)

# Santucci, Joel M.,

Hallandale, Florida (August 14, 2001)

**Individuals Suspended Pursuant To NASD Rule** 9541(b) For Failure To **Provide Information** Requested Under NASD Rule 8210. (The date the suspension began is listed after the entry.)

## Adkins, James R.,

Prescott Valley, Arizona (August 15, 2001)

#### Farris. Lorette.

Hempstead, New York (August 20, 2001)

# Foster, Karl H.,

Toledo, Ohio (September 5, 2001)

### Garcia, Ruben,

Chappagua, New York (August 21, 2001)

#### Hubbard, George.

Virginia Beach, Virginia (August 16, 2001)

### Knopp, Brian D.,

Vacaville, California (August 14, 2001)

# Lam, Thach N.,

Westminster, California (August 16, 2001)

## Levin, Stephanie S.,

New York, New York (August 13, 2001)

# Nhekairo, Mabasha,

Alpharetta, Georgia (August 17, 2001)

# Yacapraro, Jr., Joseph-Anthony,

Coshocton, Ohio (September 4, 2001)

# Individuals Revoked For Failing To Pay Fines And/Or **Costs In Accordance With** NASD Rule 8320

# Aylesworth, Alfred D., Batavia, Illinois

(September 5, 2001)

### Cash, Robert Scott,

St. Petersburg, Florida (September 5, 2001)

# Desilets, Michelle A.,

Littleton, Colorado (September 5, 2001)

#### Kraemer, Jr., Ernest O.,

New Orleans, Louisiana (September 5, 2001)

### Kurczodyna, Joseph E.,

Lake Bluff, Illinois (September 5, 2001)

# Montgomery, Jr., Russell,

Tampa, Florida (September 5, 2001)

## Penn, Susan G.,

Huntington Station, New York (September 5, 2001)