

**Stipulated Award
NASD Dispute Resolution**

In the Matter of the Arbitration Between:

Name of the Claimants

Norman and Kim Holmes

Case Number: 01-00030

Name of the Respondents

Sands Brothers & Company, Ltd.

Robert K. Connors

Hearing Site: Washington, DC

REPRESENTATION OF PARTIES

Claimants, Norman and Kim Holmes, hereinafter collectively referred to as "Claimants", were represented by Larry M. Keller, Esq., Sidkoff, Pincus & Green, P.C., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Respondents, Sands Brothers & Company, Ltd. ("Sands Brothers") and Robert K. Connors ("Connors"), hereinafter collectively referred to as "Respondents", were represented by Richard A. Roth, Esq., The Roth Law Firm, New York, New York.

CASE INFORMATION

Statement of Claim filed on January 2, 2001.

Claimants signed the Uniform Submission Agreement on December 27, 2000.

Statement of Answer filed by Respondents on April 4, 2001.

Respondents Sands Brothers and Connors did not sign the Uniform Submission Agreement.

CASE SUMMARY

Claimants asserted the following causes of action: violation of Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; breach of fiduciary duty; negligence; fraud; and, *respondeat superior*. The causes of action relate to the purchase and sale of cellstar subordinated debentures, Federal Home Loan and Federal Mortgage Association debt securities, Penda Corporation debentures, Consolidated Capital Corporation common stock, Cornerstone Income Realty Trust, Health & Retirement Property Trust, Sunstone Hotel Investors common stock, Patriot American Hospitality, Inc. preferred stock, Shorewood Packaging common stock, Starwood Hotels & Resorts common stock, Kantone Holdings, Ltd., U.S. Office Products Company common stock, Aztec Technology Partners, Inc. common stock, Navigant International, Inc. common stock, Workflow Management, Inc. common stock, Conesco, Inc. preferred stock, School Specialty Inc. common stock and National Propane Partners common stock.

Unless specifically admitted in their Answer, Respondents denied the allegations made in the Statement of Claim and asserted the following defenses among others: failure to state a claim; statute of limitations; ratification; estoppel; waiver; laches; and, failure to mitigate.

RELIEF REQUESTED

Claimants requested the following damages:

Compensatory Damages	\$ 300,000.00
Punitive Damages	amount unspecified
Interest	amount unspecified
Attorneys' Fees	amount unspecified
Other Costs	amount unspecified

Respondents requested that the Statement of Claim be dismissed in its entirety and that they be awarded costs, disbursements and attorneys' fees.

OTHER ISSUES CONSIDERED AND DECIDED

Respondents Sands Brothers and Connors did not file with NASD Dispute Resolution, a properly executed submission to arbitration but are required to submit to arbitration pursuant to the NASD Code of Arbitration Procedure ("Code") and, having answered the claim, are bound by the determination of the Arbitration Panel (the "Panel") on all issues submitted.

Prior to the hearing, the parties fully and finally settled all claims by and between them. Therefore, the parties submit this Stipulated Award to the Panel for its consideration and request that it be entered.

The parties have agreed that the Stipulated Award in this matter may be executed in counterpart copies.

AWARD

Pursuant to the above, the Panel has decided in full and final resolution of the issues submitted for determination as follows:

1. The listed parties have amenablely resolved their differences and have requested this Stipulated Award;
2. The Panel recommends the expungement of all reference to the above captioned arbitration from Respondent Robert Connors' registration records maintained by the NASD Central Registration Depository ("CRD"), with the understanding that pursuant to NASD Notices to Members 99-09 and 99-54, Respondent Robert Connors must obtain confirmation from a court of competent jurisdiction before the CRD will execute the

expungement directive;

3. The parties shall bear their respective costs, including attorney's fees, except as Fees are specifically addressed below; and,
4. Any and all relief not specifically addressed herein, including punitive damages, is denied in its entirety.

FEES

Pursuant to the Code, the following fees are assessed:

Filing Fees

NASD Dispute Resolution will retain or collect the non-refundable filing fees for each claim:

Initial claim filing fee = \$ 300.00

Member Fees

Member fees are assessed to each member firm that is a party in these proceedings or to the member firm that employed the associated person at the time of the events giving rise to the dispute. Accordingly, Sands Brothers & Company, Ltd. is a party.

Member surcharge = \$ 1,500.00
Pre-hearing process fee = \$ 600.00
Hearing process fee = \$ 2,500.00

Adjournment Fees

Adjournments granted during these proceedings for which fees were assessed:

June 12-14, 2002 adjournment requested by Claimants waived
October 15 - 16, 2002 adjournment requested by Respondents = \$ 1,125.00
January 14 - 16, 2003 adjournment by Respondents = \$ 1,500.00

Forum Fees and Assessments

The Panel has assessed forum fees for each session conducted. A session is any meeting between the parties and the arbitrator(s), including a pre-hearing conference with the arbitrator(s), that lasts four (4) hours or less. Fees associated with these proceedings are:

One (1) Pre-hearing session with Panel @ \$ 1,125.00 = \$ 1,125.00
Pre-hearing conference: November 13, 2001 1 session

Total Forum Fees = \$ 1,125.00

1. The Panel has assessed \$ 562.50 of the forum fees to Claimants.
2. The Panel has assessed \$ 562.50 of the forum fees jointly and severally to Respondents.

Fee Summary

1. Claimants are assessed:

Initial Filing Fee	= \$ 300.00
Forum Fees	= \$ 562.50
Total Fees	= \$ 862.50
Less payments	= \$ 1,425.00
Refund owed Claimants	= \$ 562.50

2. Respondent Sands Brothers is assessed:

Member Fees	= \$ 4,600.00
Total Fees	= \$ 4,600.00
Less payments	= \$ 4,600.00
Balance Due NASD Dispute Resolution	= \$ 0.00

3. Respondents are jointly and severally assessed:

Forum Fees	= \$ 562.50
Adjournment Fees	= \$ 2,625.00
Total Fees	= \$ 3,187.50
Less payments	= \$ 0.00
Balance Due NASD Dispute Resolution	= \$ 3,187.50

All balances are payable to NASD Dispute Resolution and are due upon receipt pursuant to Rule 10330(g) of the Code.

ARBITRATION PANEL

Marshall Passman	-	Public Arbitrator, Panelist
John H. West, III, Esq.	-	Non-Public Arbitrator, Panelist

Concurring Arbitrators' Signatures



Marshall Passman
Public Arbitrator, Panelist

8/5/03

Signature Date

John H. West, III, Esq.
Non-Public Arbitrator, Panelist

Signature Date

August 18, 2003

Date of Service (For NASD Dispute Resolution office use only)

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