

**STIPULATED AWARD
NASD Dispute Resolution**

In the Matter of the Arbitration Between

Name of Claimant

Richard McBride

and

Case Number: 02-06891

Hearing Site: Houston, Texas

Names of Respondents

IFG Network Securities, Inc., and
Bert E. Miller, Jr.

NATURE OF CASE

Customer v. Member and Associated Person

REPRESENTATION OF PARTIES

Richard McBride ("Claimant") was represented by Robert Bertsch, Esq., and Richard Singer, Esq., Bertsch & Associates, P.C., Uniondale, New York.

IFG Network Securities, Inc., ("IFG") was represented by Wesley Ward, Esq., Fulbright & Jaworski, L.L.P., Houston, Texas.

Bert E. Miller, Jr., ("Miller"), was represented by Edwin J. Tomko, Esq., McManemin & Smith, PC, Dallas, Texas.

CASE INFORMATION

The Statement of Claim was filed on or about November 14, 2002. The Submission Agreement of Claimant was signed on or about November 5, 2002.

Respondent IFG filed a Statement of Answer on or about January 10, 2003. The Submission Agreement of Respondent IFG was signed on or about January 10, 2003.

Respondent Miller filed a Statement of Answer on or about January 9, 2003. The Submission Agreement of Respondent Miller was signed on or about July 6, 2002.

CASE SUMMARY

Claimant asserted the following causes of action: breach of fiduciary duty, failure to supervise, unsuitability, negligence, gross negligence, negligent misrepresentation, and violations of NASD rules of fair dealing. The causes of action related to Claimant's

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allegations that Respondents wrongfully recommended and effectuated the purchase of mutual funds wholly unsuitable to Claimant's investment objectives.

Unless specifically admitted in their Answer, Respondents, IFG and Miller, denied the allegations made in the Statement of Claim and asserted affirmative defenses including the following: contributory negligence, comparative responsibility, sole cause, assumption of risk, failure to mitigate damages, statute of limitations and market conditions.

RELIEF REQUESTED

Claimant requested an award of approximately \$350,000.00, plus punitive and exemplary damages, interest, costs, attorneys' fees and any other relief the panel deemed appropriate.

Respondents requested that the claims asserted against them be dismissed in their entirety with prejudice, and that they be awarded reimbursement of all legal fees, costs and expenses. Respondents also requested the expungement to all references of this arbitration from Respondent Miller's permanent registration records maintained by the NASD Central Registration Depository (CRD).

OTHER ISSUES CONSIDERED & DECIDED

This case settled and Claimant, Richard McBride, and Respondents, IFG Network Securities, Inc., and Bert E. Miller, Jr., have executed a Settlement Agreement and Release.

This Stipulated Award was prepared, in part, based on a proposed award document submitted by Respondents, IFG Network Securities, Inc., and Bert E. Miller, Jr.

The parties have agreed that the Award in this matter may be executed in counterpart copies or that a handwritten, signed Award may be entered. In either case, the parties have agreed to receive conformed copies of the Award while the originals remain on file with the NASD Dispute Resolution (the "NASD").

AWARD

After considering the parties' submissions and representations, but without making any findings of fact or conclusions of law, the undersigned arbitrators order as follows:

- 1.) Claimant's claims against Respondents IFG Network Securities, Inc., and Bert E. Miller, Jr., are hereby dismissed in their entirety with prejudice pursuant to the parties' Settlement Agreement;

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- 2.) The Panel recommends that expungement of all references to the above-captioned arbitration from Respondent Bert E. Miller's registration records maintained by the NASD Central Registration Depository ("CRD") with the understanding that pursuant to NASD Notices to Members 99-09, Respondent Bert E. Miller, Jr., must obtain confirmation from a court of competent jurisdiction before the CRD will execute the expungement directive;
- 3.) Other than Forum Fees, which are specified below, the parties shall each bear their own costs and expenses incurred in this matter, and
- 4.) Any relief not specifically enumerated, including punitive damages and attorney fees, is hereby denied with prejudice.

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
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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. In this matter, the member firm is IFG Network Securities, Inc.

Member surcharge	= \$1,700.00
Pre-hearing process fee	= \$ 750.00
Hearing process fee	= \$2,750.00

Forum Fees and Assessments

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

One (1) Pre-hearing session with the Panel	x \$1,125.00	= \$1,125.00
Pre-hearing Conference; April 29, 2003	1 session	
Total Forum Fees		= \$1,125.00

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The Arbitration Panel has assessed \$562.50 of the forum fees to Claimant Richard McBride.

The Arbitration Panel has assessed \$562.50 of the forum fees jointly and severally to Respondents, IFG Network Securities, Inc., and Bert E. Miller, Jr.

Fee Summary

Claimant, Richard McBride, is liable for:

Initial Filing Fee	= \$ 300.00
Forum Fees	= \$ 562.50
Total Fees	= \$ 862.50
Less payments	= \$ 862.50
Balance Due NASD Dispute Resolution	= \$ 0.00

Respondent, IFG Network Securities, Inc., is liable for:

Member Fees	= \$ 5,200.00
Total Fees	= \$ 5,200.00
Less payments	= \$ 5,200.00

Balance Due NASD Dispute Resolution	= \$ 0.00
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Respondents, IFG Network Securities, Inc., and Bert E. Miller, Jr., are jointly and severally liable for:

Forum Fees	= \$ 562.50
Total Fees	= \$ 562.50
Less payments	= \$ 562.50

Balance Due NASD Dispute Resolution	= \$ 0.00
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All balances are payable to NASD Dispute Resolution and are due upon receipt pursuant to Rule 10330(g) of the Code.

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Donald K. Eckhardt, Esq. - Public Arbitrator, Presiding Chair
David G. Beerbower, Esq. - Public Arbitrator
Jane E. Bates - Non-Public Arbitrator

Concurring Arbitrators:

/s/ Donald K. Eckhardt, Esq.
Donald K. Eckhardt, Esq.
Public Arbitrator, Presiding Chairperson

August 20, 2004
Signature Date

/s/ David G. Beerbower, Esq.
David G. Beerbower, Esq.
Public Arbitrator

August 21, 2004
Signature Date

/s/ Jane E. Bates
Jane E. Bates
Non-Public Arbitrator

August 21, 2004
Signature Date

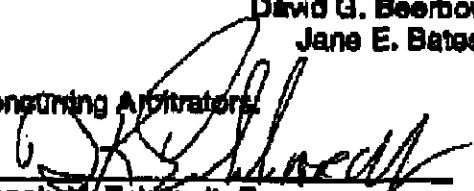
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Consenting Arbitrators:


Donald K. Eckhardt, Esq.
Public Arbitrator, Presiding Chairperson


Signature Date

David G. Beerbower, Esq.
Public Arbitrator

Signature Date

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Public Arbitrator

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Signature Date

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Non-Public Arbitrator

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David G. Beerbower, Esq.
Public Arbitrator

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Jane E. Bates
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Signature Date

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