
Award
NASD Dispute Resolution

In the Matter of the Arbitration Between:

Names of the Claimants

Christopher and Angela G. LaCombe

Case Number: 04-08291

Name of the Respondent

Edward D. Jones & Co. L.P. d/b/a
Edward Jones

Hearing Site: New Orleans, Louisiana

Nature of the Dispute: Customer vs. Member.

REPRESENTATION OF PARTIES

For Christopher and Angela G. LaCombe, hereinafter collectively referred to as "Claimants":
Charles Hunter, Esq., Woska & Hayes, L.L.P., Kingwood, Texas.

For Edward D. Jones & Co. L.P. d/b/a Edward Jones ("Jones"), hereinafter referred to as
"Respondent": David Simmons, Esq., Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale, P.C., St. Louis, Missouri.

CASE INFORMATION

Statement of Claim filed on or about: December 6, 2004.

Claimants signed the Uniform Submission Agreement: September 13, 2004.

Answer and Affirmative Defenses to the Statement of Claim filed by Respondent on or about:
January 31, 2005.

Respondent signed the Uniform Submission Agreement: December 20, 2004.

CASE SUMMARY

Claimants asserted the following causes of action: 1) controlling person liability pursuant to Section 20(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; 2) breach of fiduciary duty; 3) breach of contract; 4) violation of Know Your Customer rule; 5) unsuitability; 6) failure to diversify; 7) failure to supervise; 8) violation of NASD Rules of Fair Practice; 9) violation of Louisiana Securities Laws LSA-RS51: 712D, LSA-RS51: 712A(2) and LSA-RS51: 714A; 10) violation of Louisiana Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law LSA - RS51.1405A; 11) intentional and negligent misrepresentation; and, 12) failure to hedge. The causes of action relate to investments in, including but not limited to, Putnam mutual fund.

Unless specifically admitted in its Answer, Respondent denied the allegations made in the Statement of Claim, and asserted various affirmative defenses.

RELIEF REQUESTED

Claimants requested: 1) compensatory damages in the amount of \$35,000.00; 2) pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the maximum statutory rate from the date of the transactions until the date of the award, pursuant to Louisiana law; 3) costs of these proceedings, including forum fees, hearing session fees and costs in bringing this action; 4) reasonable attorneys' fees under Louisiana law, costs and expenses, including expert witness fees; 5) punitive damages; and 6) all other and further relief for which Claimant may be entitled.

Respondent requested that the claims be dismissed.

OTHER ISSUES CONSIDERED AND DECIDED

The parties agreed that the Award in this matter may be executed in counterpart copies or that a handwritten, signed Award may be entered.

AWARD

After considering the pleadings, evidence and testimony presented at the evidentiary hearing, the Arbitrator has decided in full and final resolution of the issues submitted for determination as follows:

Respondent Jones shall pay to Claimants, jointly and severally, compensatory damages in the amount of \$34,925.00. Respondent Jones is liable on the claims of: Know Your Customer rule; unsuitability; failure to diversify and failure to supervise.

Respondent Jones shall pay to Claimants, jointly and severally, statutory interest at a rate of 8.25% on the amount of the Award to begin 20 days after the Award is sent to Respondent Jones, or its Attorneys, until the Award is paid in full.

Respondent Jones shall pay to Claimants, jointly and severally, attorneys' fees in the amount of \$28,575.00 pursuant to the contingency fee contract.

Respondent Jones shall reimburse Claimants for the costs of the initial claim filing fee in the amount of \$175.00 previously paid to NASD Dispute Resolution.

Any and all other claims for relief not specifically addressed herein, including Claimants' claims for punitive damages, are denied.

FEES

Pursuant to the NASD Code of Arbitration Procedure (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 = \$ 175.00

Member Fees

Member fees are assessed to each member firm that is a party in these proceedings or to the member firm(s) that employed the associated person(s) at the time of the event(s) giving rise to the dispute. Accordingly, Respondent Jones is a party and a member firm.

Member surcharge	= \$ 875.00
Pre-hearing process fee	= \$ 750.00
<u>Hearing process fee</u>	<u>= \$1,000.00</u>
Total Member Fees	= \$2,625.00

Adjournment Fees

Adjournments granted during these proceedings for which fees were assessed:

No requests for adjournments were filed in this matter for which fees were assessed.

Three-Day Cancellation Fees

Fees apply when a hearing on the merits is postponed or settled within three business days before the start of a scheduled hearing session:

There were no three-day cancellation fees assessed during these proceedings.

Injunctive Relief Fees

Injunctive relief fees are assessed to each member or associated person who files for a temporary injunction in court. Parties in these cases are also assessed arbitrator travel expenses and costs when an arbitrator is required to travel outside his or her hearing location and additional arbitrator honoraria for the hearing for permanent injunction. These fees, except the injunctive relief surcharge, are assessed equally against each party unless otherwise directed by the panel.

There were no injunctive relief fees assessed during these proceedings.

Forum Fees and Assessments

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

Two (2) Pre-hearing sessions with the Arbitrator @ \$ 450.00/session	= \$ 900.00
Pre-hearing conferences:	
April 11, 2005	1 session
December 14, 2005	1 session
Six (6) Hearing Sessions with the Arbitrator @ \$ 450.00/session	= \$ 2,700.00
Hearing Dates:	
March 7, 2006	2 sessions
March 8, 2006	2 sessions
March 9, 2006	2 sessions

Total Forum Fees	= \$ 3,600.00
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The Panel has assessed forum fees in the amount of \$1,800.00 to Claimants, jointly and severally.

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Administrative Costs

Administrative costs are expenses incurred due to a request by a party for special services beyond the normal administrative services. These include, but not limited to, additional copies of arbitrator awards, copies of audio transcripts, retrieval of documents from archives, interpreters, and security.

There were no administrative costs incurred during these proceedings.

Fee Summary

Claimants are jointly and severally liable for:

Initial Filing Fee	= \$ 175.00
Forum Fees	= \$ 1,800.00
Total Fees	= \$ 1,975.00
Less payments	= \$ 625.00
Balance Due NASD Dispute Resolution	= \$ 1,350.00

Respondent is solely liable for:

Member Fees	= \$ 2,625.00
Forum Fees	= \$ 1,800.00
Total Fees	= \$ 4,425.00
Less Payments	= \$ 2,625.00
Balance Due NASD Dispute Resolution	= \$ 1,800.00

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

ARBITRATOR

Leonard J. Sullivan, Esq.

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Public Arbitrator

/s/
Leonard J. Sullivan, Esq.
Public Arbitrator

March 16, 2006
Signature Date

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