

NASD DISPUTE RESOLUTION AWARD
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CASE: 05-00580

Duane Mattison and Sharon Mattison (Claimants) v. Ferris, Baker, Watts, Inc. and Charles Holton (Respondents)

ATTORNEYS:

For Claimants Duane Mattison and Sharon Mattison (collectively "Claimants") appeared Lee Edelson, BLS Legal Services Corp., Brooklyn, NY.

For Respondents Ferris, Baker, Watts, Inc. and Charles Holton (collectively "Respondents") appeared Dana S. Gloor, Esq., in-house counsel, Ferris, Baker, Watts, Inc., Baltimore, MD.

NATURE OF DISPUTE: Customers v. Member and Associated Person.

DATE FILED: February 2, 2005.

CASE SUMMARY: Claimants alleged that Respondent Charles Holton placed them in investments that were unsuitable to their needs and objectives and executed trades in their account without Claimants' knowledge or authorization. Claimants further alleged that Respondent Charles Holton misrepresented and omitted material facts regarding the risks involved in options trading. Claimants additionally alleged that Respondent Ferris, Baker, Watts, Inc., failed to supervise Respondent Charles Holton. Claimants maintained that due to Respondents' actions, their account suffered losses. Claimants' claim involved various common stocks and options.

Claim Data

Claim: \$24,351.62
Pre-judgment Interest: Unspecified
Post-judgment Interest: Unspecified
Filing Fees: Unspecified
Other: Unspecified

Award Data

Award: \$20,029.68
Pre-judgment Interest: \$0.00
Post-judgment Interest: \$0.00
Filing Fees: \$425.00
Other: \$0.00

AWARD: The undersigned arbitrator has decided and determined in full and final resolution of the issues submitted for determination as follows: 1) Respondents are jointly and severally liable for and shall pay to Claimants \$20,029.68. 2) All requests for interest are denied. 3) All other relief requests are denied. 4) NASD Dispute Resolution shall retain the \$425.00 filing fee that the Claimants deposited previously. 5) Respondents are jointly and severally liable and shall pay Claimants \$425.00 as reimbursement of the filing fee.

OTHER FEES: Pursuant to Rule 10333 of the Code, Respondent Ferris, Baker, Watts, Inc. has paid to NASD Dispute Resolution the \$425.00 Member Surcharge previously invoiced.

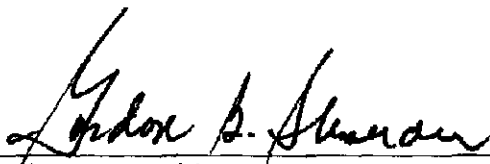
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Gordon B. Shneider, Esq.

Sole Public Arbitrator

AFFIRMATION

I, Gordon B. Shneider, Esq., do hereby affirm, upon my oath as arbitrator that I am the individual described herein who executed this instrument, which is my oath and award.


Gordon B. Shneider, Esq.


Signature Date

June 7, 2005
Date of Service (For NASD-DR office use only)