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N.A.S.D. AWARD

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECURITIES, INC.

In the matter of the Arbitration Between

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Name of Claimant

David Ritchie

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NASD Arbitration
No. 95-03242

Name of Respondents

Leonard A. Robbins and Private Investors Equity Group

REPRESENTATION

For Claimant: David C. Hinshaw, Esq.
Gansinger, Hinshaw, Buckley & Padilla
Los Angeles, California

For Respondents: Leonard Robbins, Pro Se
Private Investors Equity Group
Calabasas, California

CASE INFORMATION

Statement of Claim filed: July 5, 1995

Claimant's Submission Agreement signed: August 1, 1995

Joint Statement of Answer filed by Respondents: April 8, 1996

Respondent Leonard Robbins' Submission Agreement signed: May 6, 1996

Respondent Private Investors Equity Group's Submission Agreement signed: May 6, 1996

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HEARING INFORMATION

Hearing Dates / Sessions: April 22, 1996 (2 sessions)
April 23, 1996 (2 sessions)

Hearing Location: Los Angeles, California

CASE SUMMARY

Claimant alleged that Respondents were negligent, committed breach of fiduciary duty, made negligent misrepresentations and committed breach of express and implied contract. Specifically, Claimant alleged that Respondent **Robbins** was improperly trained and supervised by Respondent Private Investors and recommended speculative and unsuitable limited partnership investments to Claimant.

Respondents generally and specifically denied each and all of Claimant's allegations.

RELIEF REQUESTED

Claimant sought recovery of **\$518,000.00** in compensatory damages with interest as well as any return a prudently managed portfolio would have returned. In addition, Claimant requested punitive damages.

Respondents requested that Claimant take nothing and that Respondents be awarded costs.

OTHER ISSUES CONSIDERED AND DECIDED

The parties have agreed that the Award in this matter may be executed in either 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 original remains on file with the NASD.

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AWARD

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

1. Respondents breached their fiduciary duties by failing to recommend a systematic approach to investing and by failing to make suitable recommendations given Claimant's age, level of sophistication and that the investments were for Claimant's Pension Plan.
2. Claimant shall be awarded the sum of **\$89,000.00** jointly and severally against Respondents.
3. Respondents pay all forum fees jointly and severally.

FORUM FEES

Pursuant to Section 43(c) of the Code of Arbitration Procedure, the following forum fees are assessed:

Four (4) Hearing Sessions @ \$1,000.00 / Session	=	\$4,000.00
Total Fees Assessed	=	\$4,000.00

Respondents Leonard A. Robbins and Private Investors Equity Group are assessed jointly and severally fees for four Hearing Sessions as follows:

Forum Fee Total	=	\$4,000.00
Respondents Balance Due	=	\$4,000.00

Claimant's Hearing Session Deposit of **\$1,000.00** shall be refunded to Claimant by the NASD.


Fees are payable to the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.

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Concurring Arbitrators' Signatures



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Date of Decision- May 10, 1996

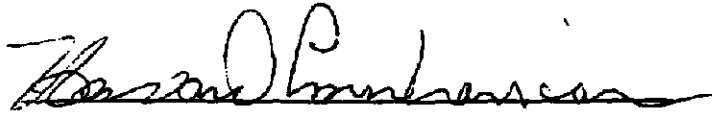
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