

NASD REGULATION AWARD

In the Matter of the Arbitration Between

Name of Claimant

A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc.

96-05440

Name of Respondent

Steven M. Vavoudes

REPRESENTATION

For claimant A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc. ("claimant") appeared Norman S. Buckvar, Esq.,
Litigation counsel for claimant.

Respondent Steven M. Vavoudes ("respondent") did not enter an appearance in this matter.

CASE INFORMATION

Statement of Claim was filed on: December 5, 1996.

Claimant's Submission Agreement was signed on December 5, 1996.

Respondent did not file a Statement of Answer or a Submission Agreement.

HEARING INFORMATION

Pre-Hearing Conference:	September 19, 1997	One Session
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Hearing Date/Sessions:	October 30, 1997	One Session
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The hearing was conducted at the offices of the American Arbitration Association, in Boston,
Massachusetts.

CASE SUMMARY

Claimant contended that respondent purchased options in his account, but failed to pay for the trade. Claimant alleged that, on May 14, 1996, respondent signed an installment promissory note, in which he agreed to pay claimant the sum of \$22,438.74, in monthly installments of

\$500.00 commencing on June 1, 1996. Claimant further alleged that respondent made one payment of \$1000.00 and then defaulted on the note.

RELIEF REQUESTED

Claimant requested actual damages in the sum of \$21,438.74, plus interest at the legal rate from the date of default.

OTHER ISSUES CONSIDERED & DECIDED

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.

The panel made the following determinations concerning respondent, who did not file a Statement of Answer and a Submission Agreement and did not appear at the hearing in this matter:

1. Pursuant to Rule 10101 of the Code of Arbitration Procedure (the "Code"), the panel found subject matter jurisdiction over this entire controversy.
2. The panel found that respondent was a person associated with a member of the NASD at the time this controversy arose. Accordingly, the panel found personal jurisdiction over respondent pursuant to Rule 10301 of the Code.
3. The panel found that respondent was required to file a Statement of Answer and a Submission Agreement with NASD Regulation pursuant to Rule 10314(b) of the Code. In this regard, the panel found that the Statement of Claim was properly served upon respondent pursuant to Rule 10314(a) of the Code.
4. In addition, in accordance with Rules 10310, 10315 and 10318 of the Code, the panel found that NASD Regulation provided respondent with "due notice" of the hearings conducted in this matter by regular and certified mail. The panel further determined to proceed with the hearing without respondent, whose absence was unexcused.

Claimant filed a motion for summary judgment on September 26, 1997. At the conclusion of the hearing and after considering all submissions and exhibits, the panel determined to grant claimant's motion.

AWARD

After considering the pleadings, the testimony and the evidence presented at the hearing and, in accordance with the panel's determination to grant claimant's Motion for Summary Judgment,

the undersigned arbitrators have decided in full and final resolution of the issues submitted for determination as follows:

1. Respondent be and hereby is liable for and shall pay claimant the sum of **TWENTY ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY EIGHT DOLLARS and SEVENTY FOUR CENTS (\$21,438.74)** plus interest at the rate of 8% per annum beginning August 1, 1996.
2. Respondent be and hereby is liable for and shall pay claimant the sum of \$1,844.10 to reimburse claimant for out-of-pocket travel expenses.
3. Respondent be and hereby is liable for and shall pay to claimant the sum of \$600.00 to reimburse claimant for the hearing session deposit previously paid to NASD Regulation, Inc.
4. All other requests are hereby denied.

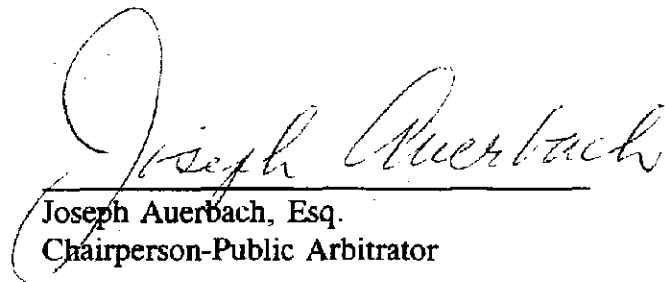
FORUM FEES

Pursuant to Rule 10332(c) of the Code, the arbitrators have determined that NASD Regulation, Inc., shall retain the \$500 non-refundable filing fee and \$200.00 member surcharge previously deposited by claimant and have assessed the following forum fees:

1 Pre-Hearing Session (with full panel)	=	\$600.00
1 Hearing Session x \$600.00	=	\$600.00

1. Respondent be and hereby is liable for the sum of \$1,200.00, representing the total amount of forum fees assessed in this matter. Claimant previously deposited \$600.00 with NASD Regulation, Inc. and, therefore, respondent shall pay to NASD Regulation, Inc. the balance of \$600.00.
2. Respondent be and hereby is liable for and shall pay to claimant the sum of \$600.00 in accordance with the "Award" section above.

Arbitrators' Signatures


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Chairperson-Public Arbitrator

Lucille M. Ponte
Public Arbitrator

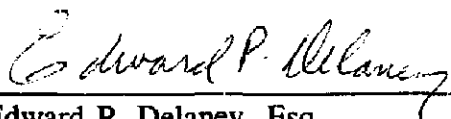
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Date of Decision: January 26, 1998

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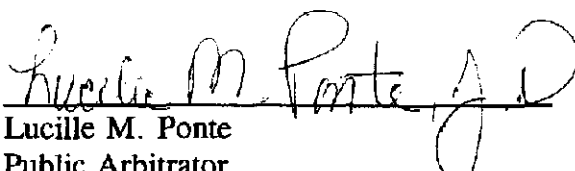


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