

Award
NASD Regulation, Inc.

In the Matter of the Arbitration Between:

Ivar M. Vedsted, Zonie C. Vedsted, and the Vedsted Family Trust, Claimants v. Titan Value Equities Group, Inc. and Raymond William DeMott, Respondents

Case Number: 98-03841

Hearing Site: Los Angeles, California

REPRESENTATION OF PARTIES

For Claimants Ivar M. Vedsted, Zonie C. Vedsted, and the Vedsted Family Trust:

Jerome N. Field, Esq.
Jerome N. Field, Inc.
San Francisco, California

For Respondents Titan Value Equities Group, Inc. and Raymond William DeMott:

Frederick A. Rafeedie, Esq.
Jones, Bell, Abbot, Fleming & Fitzgerald
Los Angeles, California

Kari S. Turigliatto, Esq.
Titan Value Equities Group, Inc.

CASE INFORMATION

Statement of Claim filed: October 1, 1998

Claimant Ivar M. Vedsted's
Uniform Submission Agreement signed: October 8, 1998

Claimant Zonie C. Vedsted's
Uniform Submission Agreement signed: October 8, 1998

Claimant Ivar M. Vedsted as Trustee of the
Vedsted Family Trust's Uniform Submission Agreement signed: October 8, 1998

Claimant Zonie C. Vedsted as Trustee of the
Vedsted Family Trust's Uniform Submission Agreement signed: October 8, 1998

Joint Statement of Answer filed by Respondents: January 22, 1999

Respondent Titan Value Equities Group, Inc.'s
Uniform Submission Agreement signed:

January 25, 1999

Respondent Raymond William DeMott's
Uniform Submission Agreement signed:

January 25, 1999

CASE SUMMARY

Claimants alleged negligence, breach of fiduciary duty, common law fraud and intentional misrepresentation, negligent misrepresentation, fraud, breach of NASD Rules of Fair Practice, and violations of federal and state securities laws. The case involves investments in Victor Income Growth IV Tax-Free Exchange, IDM Oak Park South Tax-Free Exchange, Alert Income Partners, IV and V Ltd., and Victor Valley Mortgage Income.

Respondents Titan Value Equities Group Inc. and Raymond William DeMott denied the allegations of wrongdoing set forth in the Claimant's Statement of Claim.

RELIEF REQUESTED

Claimants requested compensatory damages in the amount of \$1,247,500.00, special damages, interest, treble damages, punitive damages, attorney's fees and costs.

Respondents Titan Value Equities Group, Inc. and Raymond William DeMott requested a dismissal of the Claimants' Statement of Claim in its entirety, costs and attorney's fees.

OTHER ISSUES CONSIDERED AND 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.

AWARD

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

- 1) Claimants' claims are denied in their entirety.
- 2) Each party shall bear its own costs including attorney's fees.
- 3) All other relief not expressly granted is denied in its entirety.

FEES

Pursuant to the Code, the following fees are assessed:

Filing Fees

NASD Regulation, Inc. has received or will collect the non-refundable filing fees for each claim as follows:

Initial claim filing fee	= \$ 250.00
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Member Fees

Member fees are assessed to each member firm that is either a party in the matter or an employer of a respondent associated person at the time of the event of the dispute. Accordingly, the member firm Titan Value Equities Group, Inc. is a party and the following fees are assessed:

Member Surcharge	= \$ 2,500.00
Pre-Hearing Process Fee	= \$ 600.00
<u>Hearing Process Fee</u>	<u>= \$ 4,500.00</u>
Total Member Fees	= \$ 7,600.00

Adjournment Fees

The following adjournment fees are assessed by the Panel:

September 27-30, 1999, adjournment requested by Claimants	= \$ 1,000.00
December 13-15, 1999, adjournment requested by Claimants	= \$ 1,000.00

Forum Fees and Assessments

The Panel assessed a forum fee for each pre-hearing conference or hearing session conducted. A pre-hearing conference and hearing session is any meeting between the parties and the Chair/Panel. The following fees are assessed:

Two Pre-hearing conference sessions with a single arbitrator @ \$ 300.00/session = \$ 600.00

Pre-hearing conferences: May 14, 1999 1 session
 July 21, 1999 1 session

Two Pre-hearing conference sessions with the Panel @ \$1,000.00/session = \$ 2,000.00

Pre-hearing conferences: April 28, 1999 1 session
 January 11, 2000 1 session

8 Hearing sessions @ \$1,000.00/session = \$ 8,000.00

Hearing(s): May 15, 2000 2 sessions
 May 16, 2000 2 sessions
 May 17, 2000 2 sessions
 May 18, 2000 2 sessions

Total Forum Fees = \$10,600.00

The Arbitration Panel has assessed \$10,600.00 of the forum fees jointly and severally to Respondents Titan Value Equities Group, Inc. and Raymond William DeMott.

Fee Summary

1. Claimants Ivar M. Vedsted, Zonie C. Vedsted, and the Vedsted Family Trust are jointly and severally charged with the following fees and costs:

Initial Filing Fee	= \$ 250.00
Adjournment Fee	= \$ 2,000.00
Total Fees	= \$ 2,250.00
Less payments	= \$(1,250.00)
Balance Due NASD Regulation, Inc.	= \$ 1,000.00

2. Respondent Titan Value Equities Group, Inc. is charged with the following fees and costs:

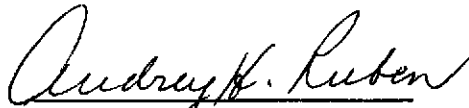
Member Fees	= \$ 7,600.00
Less payments	= \$(7,600.00)
Balance Due NASD Regulation, Inc.	= \$ 0.00

3. Respondents Titan Value Equities Group, Inc. and Raymond William DeMott are charged jointly and severally with the following fees and costs:

<u>Forum Fees</u>	<u>= \$10,600.00</u>
Balance Due NASD Regulation, Inc.	= \$10,600.00

All balances are payable to NASD Regulation, Inc. and are due within 30 days of the Award's date of service.

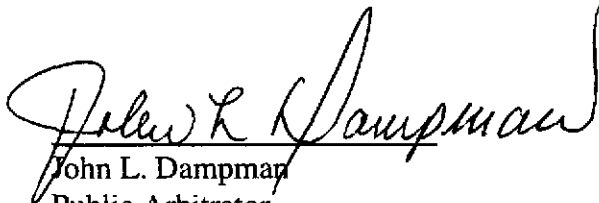
Concurring Arbitrators' Signatures



Audrey H. Ruben, Esq.
Chair, Public Arbitrator

5/18/00

Signature Date



John L. Dampman
Public Arbitrator

5/18/00

Signature Date



Joy D. Williams
Non-Public Arbitrator

5/18/00

Signature Date

May 19, 2000

Date of Service