

Award
NASD Dispute Resolution, Inc.

In the Matter of the Arbitration Between:
Abdul Ardekani, Claimant v. Sovereign Securities, Respondent
and Related Counterclaim

Case Number: 99-01756

Hearing Site: Los Angeles, California

REPRESENTATION OF PARTIES

For Claimant:

Paul W. Thomas, Esq.
Paul W. Thomas & Associates
Carlsbad, California

For Respondent/Counterclaimant:

Will S. Montgomery, Esq.
Jenkins & Gilchrist
Dallas, Texas

CASE INFORMATION

Statement of Claim filed: April 13, 1999

Amended Statement of Claim filed: May 26, 1999

Claimant's Uniform Submission Agreement signed: April 13, 1999

Statement of Answer and Counterclaim filed by Respondent/Counterclaimant Sovereign Securities: July 6, 1999

CASE SUMMARY

Claimant alleged negligence by Respondent's wrongful act of liquidating call options on Microsoft and America Online securities.

Respondent denied the allegations of wrongdoing set forth in the Claimant's Statement of Claim. In its Counterclaim, Respondent/Counterclaimant alleged breach of contract.

RELIEF REQUESTED

Claimant requested \$376,143.00 in compensatory damages and sought punitive damages, attorney's fees, and reimbursement for costs of arbitration.

Respondent requested dismissal of the Claimant's Statement of Claim in its entirety. In its Counterclaim, Respondent/Counterclaimant requested \$29,442.21 in compensatory damages and sought interest, attorney's fees, and reimbursement for costs of arbitration.

OTHER ISSUES CONSIDERED AND DECIDED

Respondent/Counterclaimant Sovereign Securities did not file with the NASD Dispute Resolution, Inc. a properly executed submission agreement but is required to submit to arbitration pursuant to the Code and having answered the claim, appeared and testified at the hearing, is bound by the determination of the Panel on all issues submitted.

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

1. All claims in Claimant's Statement of Claim are denied in their entirety.
2. All claims in Respondent/Counterclaimant's Counterclaim are denied in their entirety.
3. Each party shall bear its own costs of arbitration, including attorney's fees.
4. All relief requested and not granted is expressly denied.

FEES

Pursuant to the Code, the following fees are assessed:

Filing Fees

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

Initial claim filing fee	= \$ 300.00
Respondent/Counterclaimant's filing fee	= \$ 1,000.00

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 Sovereign Securities is a party and the following fees are assessed:

Member Surcharge	= \$ 1,500.00
Pre-Hearing Process Fee	= \$ 600.00
Hearing Process Fee	= \$ 2,500.00
Total Member Fees	= \$ 4,600.00

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 Panel. The following fees are assessed:

One Pre-hearing conference session with the Panel @ \$1,125.00/session	= \$ 1,125.00
Pre-hearing conference: March 8, 2000 1 session	
Two Hearing sessions @ \$1,125.00/session	= \$ 2,250.00
Hearings: August 8, 2000 2 sessions	
Total Forum Fees	= \$ 3,375.00

1. The Panel assessed \$ 1,687.50 of the forum fees to Claimant.
2. The Panel assessed \$ 1,687.50 of the forum fees to Respondent/Counterclaimant.

Fee Summary

1. Claimant Abdul Ardekani is charged with the following fees and costs:

Initial Filing Fee	= \$ 300.00
<u>Forum Fees</u>	<u>= \$ 1,687.50</u>
Total Fees	= \$ 1,987.50
<u>Less payments</u>	<u>= \$(1,425.00)</u>
Balance Due NASD Dispute Resolution, Inc.	= \$ 562.50


2. Respondent/Counterclaimant Sovereign Securities is charged with the following fees and costs:

Counterclaim Filing Fee	= \$ 1,000.00
Member Fees	= \$ 4,600.00
<u>Forum Fees</u>	<u>= \$ 1,687.50</u>
Total Fees	= \$ 7,287.50
<u>Less payments</u>	<u>= \$(3,000.00)</u>
Balance Due NASD Dispute Resolution, Inc.	= \$ 4,287.50

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

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Concurring Arbitrators' Signatures


Jesse D. Miller, Esq.
Chair, Public Arbitrator

8-10-00
Signature Date

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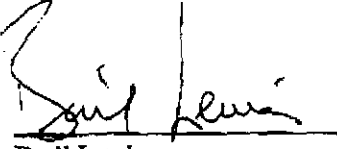
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