

AWARD
NASD Dispute Resolution

In the Matter of the Arbitration Between

Name of Claimant

Robert Solis

vs

Case Number: 99-04218
Hearing Site: Houston, Texas

Names of Respondents

Global Financial Group, Inc.,
Steven C. Staltare, and
Steven C. Cirillo

and

Names of Cross-Claimants

Global Financial Group, Inc.
and Steven C. Staltare

vs

Name of Cross-Respondent

Stephen C. Cirillo

NATURE OF DISPUTE

Customer v. Terminated Member Firm and Associated Persons
and Terminated Member and Associated Person v. Associated Person

REPRESENTATION OF PARTIES

Robert Solis ("**Claimant**") was represented by Randy Scott Zelin, Esq., of Randy Scott Zelin, PC, in Westbury, New York.

Global Financial Group, Inc. ("**Global Financial**") and Steven C. Staltare ("**Staltare**") were represented by Michael H. Ference, Esq., of Sichhenzia, Ross & Friedman, LLP, of New York, New York.

Steven C. Cirillo ("**Cirillo**") of Brooklyn, New York, did not file an appearance in this matter.

CASE INFORMATION

The Statement of Claim was filed on or about September 14, 1999.

The Submission Agreement of Claimant, Robert Solis, was signed on or about September 25, 1999.

The Joint Statement of Answer, Motion to Dismiss and Cross-Claim was filed by Respondents Global Financial Group, Inc., and Steven Staltare, on or about January 19, 2000.

Respondent, Global Financial Group, Inc., did not file a Submission Agreement.

Respondent Steven C. Staltare did not file a Submission Agreement.

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

CASE SUMMARY

Claimant asserted the following causes of action: breach of fiduciary duty, violations of Federal Securities laws, violations of Texas Securities laws, and violations of NASD rules of Fair Practice. The causes of action relate to the recommendation and purchase of Sunbase Asia ("ASIA") stock.

Unless specifically admitted in their Answer, Respondents, Global Financial and Staltare, denied the allegations made in the Statement of Claim and asserted affirmative defenses including the following: Statement of Claim fails to set forth any cause of action for which relief can be granted; Claimant authorized and directed each and every trade in his account; Claimant was advised of and assumed the risk of market fluctuation; Claimant must be barred and estopped from recovery; and the risks assumed by Claimant were the direct and proximate cause of Claimant's losses.

In their Cross-Claim Global Financial and Staltare alleged that Respondent Cirillo signed an acknowledgement that he had read Global Financial's compliance manual. The Statement of Claim alleges that Cirillo employed high-pressure sales tactics regarding the

transactions in Claimant's account. Global denies having knowledge about the use of alleged high-pressure sales tactics. Global alleges that any such wrongdoing by Cirillo was inconsistent with the internal policies of Global and constituted a breach of his fiduciary responsibilities.

RELIEF REQUESTED

Claimant requested an award in the amount of:

Actual/Compensatory	\$25,000
Interest	Unspecified
Other Costs	Unspecified
Attorney's Fees	Unspecified

Respondents' Global Financial and Staltare requested that the claims asserted against them be denied in their entirety and that they be awarded their costs and attorneys' fees.

In their Cross-Claim, Respondents, Global Financial and Staltare, requested unspecified actual damages, costs and attorney's fees.

OTHER ISSUES CONSIDERED & DECIDED

Upon review of the file and the representations made by/on behalf of the Claimant, the undersigned arbitrators have determined that Respondent, Steven C. Cirillo, has not been properly served with the Statement of Claim pursuant to Rule 10302 and Rule 10314 of the NASD Code of Arbitration Procedure (the "Code"). The undersigned arbitrators have also determined that Respondent, Steven C. Cirillo, had not received due notice of the hearing as required under Rule 10315 of the Code.

Respondents Global Financial Group, Inc. and Steven C. Staltare did not file with the NASD Dispute Resolution properly executed submissions to arbitration but are required to submit to arbitration pursuant to Rule 10301 of the NASD Code of Arbitration Procedure (the "Code") and having answered the claim, and appeared and testified through counsel at the pre-hearing conference are bound by the determination of the arbitration panel on all issues submitted.

In its Order entered on March 25, 2004, the panel ordered the parties to submit mutually available hearing dates within fifteen days. On June 14, 2004, the panel unanimously dismissed the above-captioned matter for failure to comply with the panel's Order of March 25, 2004.

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 original(s) remain on file with NASD Dispute Resolution ("NASD").

AWARD

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

- 1.) Claimant's claims, each and all, are hereby denied and dismissed without prejudice;
- 2.) The Cross-Claim of Respondents, Global Financial and Staltare, is dismissed with without prejudice;
- 3.) Other than Forum Fees which are specified below, the parties shall each bear their own costs and expenses incurred in this matter; and
- 4.) Any relief not specifically enumerated, including punitive damages and attorney fees, is hereby denied with prejudice.

FEES

Pursuant to the Code, the following fees are assessed:

Filing Fees

NASD Dispute Resolution will retain or collect the non-refundable filing fees for each claim:

Initial claim filing fee	= \$150.00
Cross-claim filing fee	= \$500.00

Member Fees

Member fees are assessed to each member firm that is a party in these proceedings or to the member firm that employed the associated persons at the time of the events giving rise to the dispute. In this matter, the member firm is Global Financial Group, Inc.

Member surcharge	= \$400.00
Pre-hearing process fee	= \$600.00

Forum Fees and Assessments

The Arbitration Panel assesses forum fees for each hearing session conducted. A hearing session is any meeting between the parties and the arbitrators, including a pre-hearing conference with the arbitrators, that lasts four (4) hours or less. Fees associated with these proceedings are:

Three (3) Pre-hearing sessions with Panel x \$450.00	= \$1350.00
Pre-hearing conference: June 7, 2000	1 session
July 20, 2000	1 session
March 10, 2003	1 session

Total Forum Fees	= \$1350.00
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The Arbitration Panel has assessed \$1350.00 of the forum fees to Robert Solis.

FEE SUMMARY

Claimant, Robert Solis, is liable for:

Initial Filing Fee	= \$ 150.00
Forum Fees	= \$ 1350.00
Total Fees	= \$ 1500.00
Less payments	= \$ 750.00
Balance Due NASD Dispute Resolution	= \$ 750.00

Respondent, Global Financial Group, Inc., is liable for:

Member Fees	= \$ 1000.00
Total Fees	= \$ 1000.00
Less payments	= \$ 0.00
Balance Due NASD Dispute Resolution	= \$ 1000.00

Respondents, Global Financial Group, Inc. and Steven C. Staffare, are jointly and severally liable for:

Cross-Claim Filing Fee	= \$ 500.00
Total Fees	= \$ 500.00
Less payments	= \$ 0.00
Balance Due NASD Dispute Resolution	= \$ 500.00

All balances are payable to NASD Dispute Resolution and are due upon receipt pursuant to Rule 10330(g) of the Code.

ARBITRATION PANEL

George A. Sellnau, Esq. - Public Arbitrator, Presiding Chair
William S. Hopkins - Public Arbitrator
Jeffrey M. Aboloff - Non-Public Arbitrator

Concurring Arbitrators:

/s/ George A. Sellnau
George A. Sellnau, Esq.
Public Arbitrator, Presiding Chair

June 17, 2004
Signature Date

/s/ William S. Hopkins
William S. Hopkins
Public Arbitrator

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Signature Date

/s/ Jeffrey M. Aboloff
Jeffrey M. Aboloff
Non-Public Arbitrator

June 17, 2004
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June 18, 2004
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