

**FINANCIAL INDUSTRY REGULATORY AUTHORITY
LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE, WAIVER AND CONSENT
NO. 2017053136102**

TO: Department of Enforcement
Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (“FINRA”)

RE: Brittney Jade Sias, Respondent
Registered Representative
CRD No. 4274432

Pursuant to FINRA Rule 9216 of FINRA’s Code of Procedure, I submit this Letter of Acceptance, Waiver and Consent (“AWC”) for the purpose of proposing a settlement of the alleged rule violations described below. This AWC is submitted on the condition that, if accepted, FINRA will not bring any future actions against me alleging violations based on the same factual findings described herein.

I.

ACCEPTANCE AND CONSENT

- A. I hereby accept and consent, without admitting or denying the findings, and solely for the purposes of this proceeding and any other proceeding brought by or on behalf of FINRA, or to which FINRA is a party, prior to a hearing and without an adjudication of any issue of law or fact, to the entry of the following findings by FINRA:

BACKGROUND

Respondent Brittney Jade Sias (“Sias”) first entered the securities industry in July 1999 when she associated with a FINRA member firm. She obtained her Series 7 license in October 2001 and her Series 63 license in October 2002. Between 2001 and 2013, Sias was registered with a number of other FINRA member firms. On April 26, 2013, Sias became registered with member firm Western International Securities, Inc. (“Western International”). Sias is currently registered with Western International.

RELEVANT DISCIPLINARY HISTORY

Respondent has no relevant disciplinary history.

OVERVIEW

Respondent failed to respond to FINRA Rule 8210 requests for documents and information in violation of FINRA Rules 8210 and 2010.

FACTS AND VIOLATIVE CONDUCT

FINRA Rule 8210(a)(1) requires “a member, person associated with a member, or any other person subject to FINRA’s jurisdiction to provide information orally, in writing, or electronically.”

In connection with FINRA’s investigation of Sias’ alleged receipt of funds from a Western International customer, between February and June 2017, FINRA requested, pursuant to FINRA Rule 8210, that Sias provide certain documents and information to FINRA. Sias provided partial responses to these requests.

On August 3, 2017, FINRA requested, pursuant to FINRA Rule 8210, that Sias provide certain documents and information to FINRA no later than August 10, 2017. Sias provided an incomplete response to FINRA on August 10, 2017. On August 17 and August 29, 2017, Staff issued second and third requests to Sias pursuant to FINRA Rule 8210, requesting that Sias respond completely to the August 3, 2017 request. Sias failed to provide any documents or information in response to the August 17 and August 29, 2017 requests.

On August 11, 2017, FINRA requested, pursuant to FINRA Rule 8210, that Sias provide certain documents and information to FINRA no later than August 25, 2017. Sias failed to provide any documents or information in response to the August 11, 2017 request. On August 29, 2017, FINRA again requested, pursuant to FINRA Rule 8210, that Sias provide the documents and information previously requested in the August 11, 2017 request no later than September 1, 2017. Sias failed to provide any documents or information in response to the August 29, 2017 request.

By virtue of the foregoing, Respondent violated FINRA Rules 8210 and 2010.

B. I also consent to the imposition of the following sanctions:

A bar in all capacities from associating with any FINRA member.

I understand that if I am barred or suspended from associating with any FINRA member, I become subject to a statutory disqualification as that term is defined in Article III, Section 4 of FINRA’s By-Laws, incorporating Section 3(a)(39) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Accordingly, I may not be associated with any FINRA member in any capacity, including clerical or ministerial functions, during the period of the bar or suspension (*see* FINRA Rules 8310 and 8311).

The sanctions imposed herein shall be effective on a date set by FINRA staff. A bar or expulsion shall become effective upon approval or acceptance of this AWC.

II.

WAIVER OF PROCEDURAL RIGHTS

I specifically and voluntarily waive the following rights granted under FINRA's Code of Procedure:

- A. To have a Complaint issued specifying the allegations against me;
- B. To be notified of the Complaint and have the opportunity to answer the allegations in writing;
- C. To defend against the allegations in a disciplinary hearing before a hearing panel, to have a written record of the hearing made and to have a written decision issued; and
- D. To appeal any such decision to the National Adjudicatory Council ("NAC") and then to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and a U.S. Court of Appeals.

Further, I specifically and voluntarily waive any right to claim bias or prejudgment of the Chief Legal Officer, the NAC, or any member of the NAC, in connection with such person's or body's participation in discussions regarding the terms and conditions of this AWC, or other consideration of this AWC, including acceptance or rejection of this AWC.

I further specifically and voluntarily waive any right to claim that a person violated the ex parte prohibitions of FINRA Rule 9143 or the separation of functions prohibitions of FINRA Rule 9144, in connection with such person's or body's participation in discussions regarding the terms and conditions of this AWC, or other consideration of this AWC, including its acceptance or rejection.

III.

OTHER MATTERS

I understand that:

- A. Submission of this AWC is voluntary and will not resolve this matter unless and until it has been reviewed and accepted by the NAC, a Review Subcommittee of the NAC, or the Office of Disciplinary Affairs ("ODA"), pursuant to FINRA Rule 9216;
- B. If this AWC is not accepted, its submission will not be used as evidence to prove any of the allegations against me; and

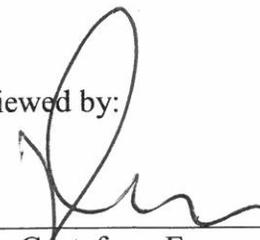
C. If accepted:

1. this AWC will become part of my permanent disciplinary record and may be considered in any future actions brought by FINRA or any other regulator against me;
2. this AWC will be made available through FINRA's public disclosure program in accordance with FINRA Rule 8313;
3. FINRA may make a public announcement concerning this agreement and the subject matter thereof in accordance with FINRA Rule 8313; and
4. I may not take any action or make or permit to be made any public statement, including in regulatory filings or otherwise, denying, directly or indirectly, any finding in this AWC or create the impression that the AWC is without factual basis. I may not take any position in any proceeding brought by or on behalf of FINRA, or to which FINRA is a party, that is inconsistent with any part of this AWC. Nothing in this provision affects my: (i) testimonial obligations; or (ii) right to take legal or factual positions in litigation or other legal proceedings in which FINRA is not a party.

I certify that I have read and understand all of the provisions of this AWC and have been given a full opportunity to ask questions about it; that I have agreed to its provisions voluntarily; and that no offer, threat, inducement, or promise of any kind, other than the terms set forth herein and the prospect of avoiding the issuance of a Complaint, has been made to induce me to submit it.

09/15/2017
Date (mm/dd/yyyy)


09/15/17
Respondent Brittney Jade Sias

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Accepted by FINRA:

10/5/2017
Date

Signed on behalf of the
Director of ODA, by delegated authority



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