

**FINANCIAL INDUSTRY REGULATORY AUTHORITY  
LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE, WAIVER AND CONSENT  
NO. 2018058302101**

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

RE: Bradley Joseph Tennison, Respondent  
Former Registered Representative  
CRD No. 1561988

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 Bradley Joseph Tennison (“Tennison”) first associated with a FINRA member firm in January 1989. Tennison obtained his Series 7 and Series 63 licenses in March 1989, his Series 24 license in May 1992, and his Series 65 license in September 1993. Between 1990 and 2005, Tennison was registered with a number of FINRA member firms. On August 15, 2005, Tennison became registered with member firm Geneos Wealth Management, Inc. (“Geneos” or the “Firm”). On April 26, 2018, Tennison’s registration with Geneos was terminated.

Although Tennison is not currently registered with any FINRA member firm, FINRA retains jurisdiction over him pursuant to Article V, Section 4 of the FINRA By-Laws.

**RELEVANT DISCIPLINARY HISTORY**

Respondent has no relevant disciplinary history.

## **OVERVIEW**

In June 2018, after initially cooperating with FINRA's investigation, Respondent refused to appear and provide on-the-record testimony 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."

After Tennison was terminated by the Firm in April 2018, FINRA began an investigation regarding allegations that Tennison recommended a \$300,000 investment away from the Firm to a former Firm customer. In connection with its investigation, in May 2018, FINRA requested that Tennison provide certain documents and information to FINRA, pursuant to FINRA Rule 8210. Although Tennison provided partial responses to these document and information requests, he thereafter refused to cooperate further. In particular, in May 22, 2018, FINRA sent a request to Tennison for on-the-record testimony pursuant to FINRA Rule 8210. As stated in his counsel's phone call to FINRA on June 15, 2018, and by this agreement, Tennison acknowledges that he received FINRA's request and will not appear for the on-the-record testimony at any time.

By virtue of the foregoing, Tennison 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 prejudice 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.

06/25/2018  
Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Bradley Joseph Fennison  
Respondent Bradley Joseph Fennison

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Accepted by FINRA:

7/2/2018  
Date

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

  
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