

**NASD OFFICE OF HEARING OFFICERS**

DEPARTMENT OF ENFORCEMENT,

Complainant,

v.

Respondent 1

and

Respondent 2

Respondents.

Disciplinary Proceeding  
No. EAF0300770001

Hearing Officer – AWH

**ORDER PERMITTING EXPERT TESTIMONY**

On October 6, 2006, the Department of Enforcement filed a motion seeking leave to offer the expert testimony of Robert M. Axelrod, limited to the anti-money laundering allegations contained in the first cause of the Complaint. The motion included, among other items, a statement of the expert's qualifications and a brief summary of his expected testimony. On October 13, 2006, Respondent 1 filed its opposition to the motion, asserting that the hearing panel is fully competent to evaluate its compliance with anti-money laundering requirements, and that Mr. Axelrod's opinions are based on improper, incomplete, or insufficient grounds.

The motion for leave to offer Mr. Axelrod's expert witness testimony is *granted*. Although not new, the anti-money laundering rules have been in effect only for a few years, and the testimony of an expert will assist the panel to determine facts in issue regarding compliance with those rules. After the testimony is offered, Respondent will

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have the right to cross-examine the witness and argue the weight the panel may give to the expert's testimony.

**SO ORDERED.**

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Alan W. Heifetz  
Hearing Officer

Dated: October 23, 2006