# Award FINRA Dispute Resolution Services

In the Matter of the Arbitration Between:

Claimant Case Number: 21-02157

Rocco Gerard Guidicipietro

VS.

Respondent Hearing Site: New York, New York

Alexander Capital, L.P.

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Nature of the Dispute: Associated Person vs. Member

The evidentiary hearing was conducted by videoconference.

## REPRESENTATION OF PARTIES

For Claimant Rocco Gerard Guidicipietro: Scott Holcomb, Esq, Holcomb + Ward, LLP, Atlanta, Georgia.

For Respondent Alexander Capital, L.P.: Michele Misiti, CCO, Alexander Capital, L.P., New York, New York.

#### **CASE INFORMATION**

Statement of Claim filed on or about: August 20, 2021.

Rocco Gerard Guidicipietro signed the Submission Agreement: August 20, 2021.

Statement of Answer filed by Respondent on or about: October 19, 2021.

Alexander Capital, L.P. signed the Submission Agreement: September 17, 2021.

#### CASE SUMMARY

In the Statement of Claim, Claimant asserted a claim seeking expungement of customer dispute information from registration records maintained by the Central Registration Depository ("CRD").

In the Statement of Answer, Respondent supported Claimant's expungement request.

#### **RELIEF REQUESTED**

In the Statement of Claim, Claimant requested: expungement of Occurrence Numbers 2132253, 2132254, 2132255, 2132256, and 2132257.

# OTHER ISSUES CONSIDERED AND DECIDED

The Arbitrators acknowledges having read the pleadings and other materials filed by the parties.

On December 28, 2021, January 3, 2022, and January 7, 2022, Claimant advised that the customers in Occurrence Numbers 2132253, 2132254, 2132255, 2132256, and 2132257 ("Customers") were served with the Statement of Claim and notice of the date and time of the expungement hearing.

The Panel conducted a recorded hearing by videoconference on February 25, 2022, so the parties could present oral argument and evidence on Claimant's request for expungement.

Respondent did not participate in the expungement hearing.

The Customers did not participate in the expungement hearing. The Panel found that the Customers had notice of the expungement request and hearing.

The Panel reviewed Claimant's BrokerCheck® Report. The Panel noted that a prior arbitration panel or court did not previously rule on expungement of the same occurrences in the CRD.

#### **AWARD**

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

1. Claimant's request for expungement of Occurrence Numbers 2132253, 2132254, 2132255, 2132256, and 2132257 from registration records maintained by the CRD is denied.

#### **FEES**

Pursuant to the Code, the following fees are assessed:

#### Filing Fees

FINRA Dispute Resolution Services assessed a filing fee\* for each claim:

Initial Claim Filing Fee

=\$ 1,600.00

## **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 person at the time of the events giving rise to the dispute. Accordingly, as a party, Respondent Alexander Capital, L.P. is assessed the following:

<sup>\*</sup>The filing fee is made up of a non-refundable and a refundable portion.

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Member Surcharge	=\$ 2,000.00
Member Process Fee	=\$ 3,850.00

# **Hearing Session Fees and Assessments**

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

One (1) pre-hearing session with the Panel @ \$1,150.00/session Pre-Hearing Conference: December 8, 2021 1 session	=\$ 1,150.00
One (1) hearing session on expungement request @ \$1,150.00/session Hearing: February 25, 2022 1 session	=\$ 1,150.00
Total Hearing Session Fees	=\$ 2,300.00

The Panel has assessed the total hearing session fees to Claimant.

All balances are payable to FINRA Dispute Resolution Services and are due upon receipt.

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# **ARBITRATION PANEL**

Harvey Barrison	-	Public Arbitrator, Presiding Chairperson
Phillip Michael Brown	-	Public Arbitrator
Joan Ellen Hoffman	-	Non-Public Arbitrator

I, the undersigned Arbitrator, do hereby affirm, pursuant to Article 7507 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules, that I am the individual described herein and who executed this instrument, which is my award.

# **Concurring Arbitrators' Signatures**

Harvey Barrison	03/01/2022	
Harvey Barrison Public Arbitrator, Presiding Chairperson	Signature Date	
Phillip Michael Brown	03/01/2022	
Phillip Michael Brown Public Arbitrator	Signature Date	
Joan Ellen Hoffman	03/01/2022	
Joan Ellen Hoffman Non-Public Arbitrator	Signature Date	

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March 02, 2022

Date of Service (For FINRA Dispute Resolution Services use only)