

**NASD
OFFICE OF HEARING OFFICERS**

Department of Enforcement,

Complainant,

v.

Jeffrey Kline,
CRD No. 3204373,

Respondent.

Disciplinary Proceeding
No. 20050014075 01

Hearing Officer – David M. FitzGerald

**ORDER ACCEPTING OFFER OF
SETTLEMENT**

Date: February 23, 2006

INTRODUCTION

Disciplinary Proceeding No. 20050014075 01 was filed on January 24, 2006, by the Department of Enforcement of NASD ("Complainant"). Respondent Jeffrey Kline submitted an Offer of Settlement ("Offer") to Complainant on February 17, 2006. Pursuant to Code of Procedure Rule 9270(e), the Complainant and the National Adjudicatory Council ("NAC") Review Subcommittee or the Office of Disciplinary Affairs ("ODA") have accepted the uncontested Offer. Accordingly, this Order now is issued pursuant to Code of Procedure Rule 9270(e)(3). The findings, conclusions and sanctions set forth in this Order are those stated in the Offer as accepted by the Complainant and approved by the NAC.

Under the terms of the Offer, the Respondent has consented, without admitting or denying the allegations of the Complaint, and solely for the purposes of this proceeding and any other proceeding brought by or on behalf of NASD, or to which NASD is a party, to the entry of findings and violations consistent with the allegations of the Complaint, and to the imposition of

the sanctions set forth below, and fully understands that this Order will become part of his permanent disciplinary record and may be considered in any future actions brought by NASD.

BACKGROUND

Respondent Jeffrey Kline entered the securities industry in 1999 and was first registered as a general securities representative of an NASD member in April 1999. He became registered as a general securities principal of an NASD member in September 2002. He is not currently associated with an NASD member. He has no disciplinary history.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

It has been determined that the Offer be accepted and that findings be made as follows:

As alleged in the Complaint, in April 2005, Respondent Kline forged the signature of a client on an IRA Contribution Authorization Form without the customer's prior knowledge, authorization or consent, in violation of NASD Conduct Rule 2110. Based on the foregoing, Respondent Kline violated NASD Conduct Rules 2110.

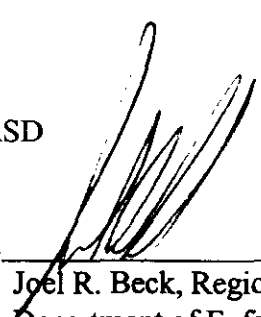
Based on these considerations, the sanctions hereby imposed by the acceptance of the Offer are in the public interest, are sufficiently remedial to deter Respondent from any future misconduct, and represent a proper discharge by NASD, of its regulatory responsibility under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

SANCTIONS

It is ordered that Respondent Kline be suspended from association with any NASD member in all capacities for 60 calendar days, and find \$5,000. The fine shall be due and payable either immediately upon reassociation with a member firm following the 60-day suspension, or prior to any application or request for relief from any statutory disqualification resulting from this or any other event or proceeding, whichever is earlier. Should the fine become due and payable, it may be paid through NASD's installment payment plan.

SO ORDERED.

NASD

By: 

Joel R. Beck, Regional Counsel
Department of Enforcement
on behalf of the Director of ODA, pursuant to
delegated authority