

**FINANCIAL INDUSTRY REGULATORY AUTHORITY
LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE, WAIVER AND CONSENT**

NO. 20090181041-01

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TO: Department of Market Regulation
Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA")

RE: Banc of America Investment Services, Inc., Respondent
Broker-Dealer
CRD No. 7691

Pursuant to FINRA Rule 9216 of FINRA's Code of Procedure, Banc of America Investment Services, Inc. ("NBII" or the "firm") submits 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 the firm alleging violations based on the same factual findings described herein.

I.

ACCEPTANCE AND CONSENT

- A. The firm hereby accepts and consents, 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

The firm became a member of FINRA in 1985, and its registration remains in effect under Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (Firm CRD No. 7691). The firm has no relevant disciplinary history.

SUMMARY

This matter is the result of Review No. 20090181041 in which the staff of Fixed Income Investigations Team of the Department of Market Regulation conducted a review of the municipal bond transactions executed by the firm during the period of October 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008 (the "review period").

FACTS AND VIOLATIVE CONDUCT

During the review period, in 8 transactions, the firm purchased municipal securities for its own account from a customer and/or sold municipal securities for its own account to a customer at an aggregate price (including any mark-down or mark-up) that was not fair and reasonable, taking into consideration all relevant factors, including the best judgment of the broker, dealer or municipal securities dealer as to the fair market value of the securities at the time of the transaction and of any securities exchanged or traded in connection with the transaction, the expense involved in effecting the transaction, the fact that the broker, dealer, or municipal securities dealer is entitled to a profit, and the total dollar amount of the transaction. The transactions are identified on Exhibit A which is attached. The conduct described in this paragraph constitutes separate and distinct violations of MSRB Rules G-17 and G-30(a).

- B. The firm also consents to the imposition of the following sanctions:

A censure and a fine of \$55,000.¹

The firm agrees to pay the monetary sanction(s) upon notice that this AWC has been accepted and that such payment(s) are due and payable. It has submitted an Election of Payment form showing the method by which it proposes to pay the fine imposed.

The firm specifically and voluntarily waives any right to claim that it is unable to pay, now or at any time hereafter, the monetary sanction(s) imposed in this matter.

The sanctions imposed herein shall be effective on a date set by FINRA staff.

II.

WAIVER OF PROCEDURAL RIGHTS

The firm specifically and voluntarily waives the following rights granted under FINRA's Code of Procedure:

- A. To have a Complaint issued specifying the allegations against the firm;
- B. To be notified of the Complaint and have the opportunity to answer the allegations in writing;

¹ The firm has already paid restitution to the customers involved with the eight transactions identified on Exhibit A.

- 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, the firm specifically and voluntarily waives any right to claim bias or prejudgment of the General Counsel, 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.

The firm further specifically and voluntarily waives 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

The firm understands 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 the firm; and
- C. If accepted:
 - 1. this AWC will become part of the firm’s permanent disciplinary record and may be considered in any future actions brought by FINRA or any other regulator against the firm;
 - 2. this AWC will be made available through FINRA’s public disclosure program in response to public inquiries about the firm’s disciplinary record;
 - 3. FINRA may make a public announcement concerning this agreement and the subject matter thereof in accordance with FINRA Rule 8313; and

4. The firm 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. The firm 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 the firm's right to take legal or factual positions in litigation or other legal proceedings in which FINRA is not a party.
- D. The firm may attach a Corrective Action Statement to this AWC that is a statement of demonstrable corrective steps taken to prevent future misconduct. The firm understands that it may not deny the charges or make any statement that is inconsistent with the AWC in this Statement. This Statement does not constitute factual or legal findings by FINRA, nor does it reflect the views of FINRA or its staff.

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Date

By: Levin Finaregon
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Counsel for Respondent

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Thomas R. Gira
Executive Vice President
Department of Market Regulation

Exhibit A

Banc of America Investment Services, Inc. ("NBII")

Review Number: 20090181041

Review Period: October 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008

Item No.	Date	CUSIP ID	Issue	Quantity	Contra*	Trade Time	Trade Price	Firm	Restitution Paid
3	10/22/2008	13067JBE0	CA Economic Recover bonds	90,000.00	C (B)	11:38:29	110.56	NBII	\$ 6,129.00
5	10/29/2008	542690XS6	Long Island bonds	50,000.00	C (B)	12:51:34	103.709	NBII	\$ 2,355.00
6	10/14/2008	59333PEF1	Miami FL bonds	20,000.00	C (S)	12:22:47	67.04	NBII	\$ 1,642.00
10	10/14/2008	13062TG73	CA bonds	45,000.00	C (S)	16:05:42	86.176	NBII	\$ 4,646.00
12	12/22/2008	14760PAM7	Casino Reinvestment bonds	10,000.00	C (B)	12:14:23	100.423	NBII	\$ 742.00
13	10/24/2008	167592YG3	Chicago Illinois bonds	10,000.00	C (B)	12:29:25	87.064	NBII	\$ 1,256.00
20	12/18/2008	64971MGM8	New York, NY bonds	50,000.00	C (B)	12:32:52	99.827	NBII	\$ 3,914.00
22	10/16/2008	915217QT3	University of VA bonds	275,000.00	C (B)	15:52:02	91.688	NBII	\$ 12,892.00
								Total:	\$ 33,576.00

* Contra parties are identified as follows: B-D (S) indicates another Broker-Dealer selling to the firm; B-D (B) indicates another Broker-Dealer buying from the firm; C (S) indicates a customer selling to the firm; and C (B) indicates a customer buying from the firm.