

**FINANCIAL INDUSTRY REGULATORY AUTHORITY
LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE, WAIVER AND CONSENT
NO. 2012035213701**

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

RE: Daniel Ray Hartley, Respondent
Registered Representative
CRD No. 1141270

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

Daniel Ray Hartley ("Hartley") has been registered as a Registered Representative with PSF Investments, Inc. ("PFSI"), a FINRA-registered firm since 1985. Hartley continues to be registered with PFSI.

RELEVANT DISCIPLINARY HISTORY

Hartley has no relevant disciplinary history.

OVERVIEW

In November 2009, Hartley solicited a loan from a customer ("Customer"), for \$150,000, but structured the loan as a promissory note between the Customer and Hartley's wife. PFSI prohibited its representatives from receiving loans from customers, therefore, Hartley violated NASD Rule 2370 and FINRA Rules 3240

and 2010. In addition, Hartley failed to disclose to PFSI and on his Form U4 four IRS liens filed against him, in contravention of FINRA By-Laws Article 5 section 2, and in violation of NASD IM-1000-1, NASD Rule 2110, and FINRA Rules 1122 and 2010.

FACTS AND VIOLATIVE CONDUCT

1. Borrowing From a Customer

PFSI has procedures in place that prohibits its representatives from receiving loans from Firm customers.

In 2009, Hartley approached the Customer and requested a \$150,000 loan (the "Loan"). Cognizant of the Firm's policy, Hartley structured the Loan as a promissory note between the Customer and Hartley's wife. On January 1, 2011, Hartley's wife signed a new promissory note confirming the original Loan terms, but extending the maturity date. Despite the fact that Hartley structured the Loan as one between his wife and the Customer, Hartley's conduct amounted to improper borrowing of money from a Customer. This conduct violated NASD Rule 2370 and FINRA Rules 3240 and 2010.¹

2. Untimely Disclosure of IRS Tax Liens

Hartley had four liens filed against him by the IRS in connection with the 2003, and 2005-2011 tax years. Specifically, the following liens were filed against him:

1. \$33,265 lien filed by the IRS on July 27, 2009;
2. \$5,158 lien filed by the IRS on July 27, 2009;
3. \$6,731 lien filed by the IRS on July 9, 2012; and
4. \$43,737 IRS lien filed by the IRS on January 22, 2008.

Hartley failed to disclose the liens to his Firm and on his Form U4. Therefore, he contravened FINRA By-Laws Article 5 section 2, and violated NASD IM-1000-1, NASD Rule 2110, and FINRA Rules 1122 and 2010.

B. I also consent to the imposition of the following sanctions:

A two (2) month suspension from associating with any FINRA registered firm in any capacity and a fine of \$10,000.

I agree to pay the monetary sanction(s) upon notice that this AWC has been accepted and that such payment(s) are due and payable. I have submitted an

¹ Effective June 14, 2010, FINRA Rule 3240 replaced NASD Rule 2370.

Election of Payment form showing the method by which I propose to pay the fine imposed.

I specifically and voluntarily waive any right to claim that I am unable to pay, now or at any time hereafter, the monetary sanction(s) imposed in this matter.

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.

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 prejudgment 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 response to public inquiries about my 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. 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.
- D. I may attach a Corrective Action Statement to this AWC that is a statement of demonstrable corrective steps taken to prevent future misconduct. I understand that I 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.

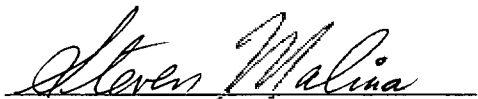
I certify that I have read and understand all of the provisions of this AWC and have been given a full opportunity to ask questions about it; that I have agreed to its provisions voluntarily; and that no offer, threat, inducement, or promise of any kind, other than the terms set forth herein and the

prospect of avoiding the issuance of a Complaint, has been made to induce me to submit it.

08/04/2014
Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Daniel R. Hartley
Respondent, Daniel Ray Hartley

Reviewed by:

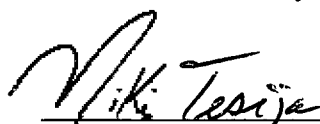


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Accepted by FINRA:

8-5-14
Date

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



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