

**FINANCIAL INDUSTRY REGULATORY AUTHORITY
LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE, WAIVER AND CONSENT
NO. 2014041041801**

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

RE: Christopher Mark Schonsheck, Respondent
Investment Company and Variable Contracts Products Representative
CRD No. 2303093

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

Christopher Mark Schonsheck ("Schonsheck") entered the securities industry in November 1992, and was first registered as an investment company and variable contracts products representative in January 1993. Schonsheck was employed by several FINRA member firms from November 1992 through December 2000. Schonsheck was then employed by Resource Horizons Group, LLC ("Resource Horizons") in March 2001. Schonsheck remained with Resource Horizons until October 2014. Schonsheck was then employed by another FINRA member firm in October 2014 and remained with this FINRA member firm until March 2015. Thereafter, Schonsheck became associated with another FINRA member firm in March 2015, where he remains currently associated. Therefore, Schonsheck is subject to FINRA's jurisdiction pursuant to Article V of FINRA's By-Laws. Schonsheck does not have a relevant disciplinary history.

OVERVIEW

Schonsheck, while associated with a FINRA member firm, willfully failed to timely amend his Uniform Application for Securities Industry Registration or Transfer Form ("Form U4") to disclose five tax liens totaling \$117,567.80 and a civil judgment in the amount of \$1,120.61, in contravention of Article V, Section 2(c) of FINRA's By-Laws and in violation of FINRA Rules 1122 and 2010. Schonsheck further completed Affirmation of Compliance ("Affirmation") forms falsely stating that he had disclosed all unsatisfied judgments and liens when he had not, in violation of FINRA Rule 2010.

FACTS AND VIOLATIVE CONDUCT

A person registering with FINRA must comply with FINRA's By-Laws by filing a Form U4 to provide information required by FINRA. Article V, Section 2(c) of FINRA's By-Laws generally provides that every application for registration filed with FINRA shall be kept current at all times by supplementary amendments that must be filed within 30 days after learning of the facts or circumstances giving rise to the amendment.

FINRA Rule 1122 indicates that persons associated with FINRA member firms shall not file information with respect to any registration that is incomplete or inaccurate so as to be misleading, or which could in any way tend to mislead, or fail to correct such filing after notice of any necessary amendment.

Contravention of Article V, Section 2(c) of FINRA's By-Laws and a violation of FINRA Rule 1122 constitutes a violation of FINRA Rule 2010, which requires an associated person to observe high standards of commercial honor and just and equitable principles of trade.

Question 14M on the Form U4 asks "[d]o you have any unsatisfied judgments or liens against you?" At all times, Schonsheck was required to keep his Form U4 current by filing amendments within 30 days of learning of facts that are required to be disclosed.

Willful Failure to Timely Update Form U4

Between October 2009 and July 2015, Schonsheck willfully failed to amend his Form U4 to disclose two Federal tax liens recorded by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"), three Ohio state tax liens recorded by the Ohio State Tax Commission, and a civil judgment entered against him. Specifically, on July 9, 2009 and October 5, 2009, the IRS filed tax liens against Schonsheck for unpaid taxes in the amounts of \$56,736.68 and \$19,585.79, respectively. On February 26, 2009 and January 8, 2010, the Ohio State Tax Commissioner filed tax liens against Schonsheck for unpaid taxes in the amounts of \$7,705.29, 3,648.57 and \$29,891.47, respectively. Additionally, on April 14, 2011, a civil judgment was entered against Schonsheck in the amount of \$1,120.61.

Schonsheck knew of the Federal tax liens by at least October 2009, but willfully failed to update his Form U4 to disclose these liens until September 11, 2013. Additionally, Schonsheck knew of the Ohio state tax liens by at least June 2012, but willfully failed to update his Form U4 to disclose these liens until September 11, 2013. Finally, Schonsheck was aware of the civil judgment in 2011, when it was entered, did not satisfy the judgment until on or about July 23, 2014, and willfully failed to amend his Form U4 to disclose the judgment until July 10, 2015.

As a result of the foregoing conduct, Schonsheck acted in contravention of Article V, Section 2(c) of FINRA's By-Laws and violated FINRA Rules 1122 and 2010.

False Attestations

Additionally, between 2009 and 2013, Schonsheck submitted Affirmations to Resource Horizons in which he made false representations that his Form U4 was up to date with all disclosures relating to financial proceedings, including unsatisfied judgments and liens. At the time Schonsheck completed the Affirmations, however, he was aware at various times of the foregoing unsatisfied civil judgment and tax liens.

As a result of the foregoing conduct, Schonsheck violated FINRA Rule 2010.

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

- A \$5,000 fine; and
- A four-month suspension from associating with any FINRA member firm in all capacities.

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

I understand that this settlement includes a finding that I willfully omitted to state a material fact on a Form U4, and that under Section 3(a)(39)(F) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Article III, Section 4 of FINRA's By-Laws, this omission makes me subject to a statutory disqualification with respect to association with a member.

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 accordance with FINRA Rule 8313;
 - 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.

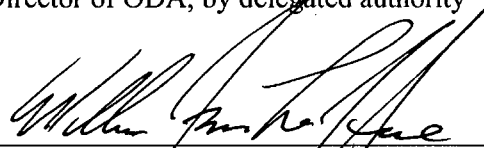
July 28, 2016
Date

Christopher M. Schonscheck
Christopher Mark Schonscheck, Respondent

Accepted by FINRA:

8/23/2016
Date

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



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