

**FINANCIAL INDUSTRY REGULATORY AUTHORITY
LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE, WAIVER AND CONSENT
NO. 2016048719203**

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

RE: Bryan C. Lightsey, Respondent
General Securities Representative
CRD No. 4472767

Pursuant to FINRA Rule 9216 of FINRA's Code of Procedure, Respondent Bryan C. Lightsey (Lightsey) 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 Lightsey 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

Lightsey first became associated with a FINRA member firm in 2001. Lightsey obtained the Series 6 (Investment Company Shares and Variable Contracts Representative) FINRA license in November 2001. Lightsey obtained the Series 7 (General Securities Representative) FINRA license in February 2011. From October 2008 through January 2016, Lightsey was registered with FINRA through his association with AXA Advisors, LLC (AXA). AXA filed a Uniform Termination Notice for Securities Industry Registration (Form U5) on behalf of Lightsey on January 29, 2016, disclosing that it had discharged Lightsey for "material misrepresentations on multiple customer variable annuity applications." Lightsey was then associated with another FINRA member firm from March 2016 until August 29, 2016. Lightsey is not currently associated with a FINRA member firm. Lightsey remains subject to FINRA's jurisdiction pursuant to Article V, Section 4 of FINRA's By-Laws.

OVERVIEW

Lightsey failed to appear for testimony as requested by FINRA pursuant to FINRA Rule 8210, in violation of FINRA Rules 8210 and 2010.

FACTS AND VIOLATIVE CONDUCT

On July 13, 2017, FINRA staff sent a request to Lightsey, through counsel, for on-the-record testimony pursuant to FINRA Rule 8210. The testimony was requested in connection with an inquiry into the circumstances surrounding Lightsey's discharge from AXA. As represented by Lightsey's counsel to FINRA staff, and by this agreement, Lightsey acknowledges that he received FINRA's request and will not appear for on-the-record testimony at any time. By refusing to appear for on-the-record testimony as requested pursuant to FINRA Rule 8210, Lightsey violated FINRA Rules 8210 and 2010.

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

A bar from association with any FINRA member firm in all capacities.

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. A bar or expulsion shall become effective upon approval or acceptance of this AWC.

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.

07/22/17
Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

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Bryan C. Lightsey, Respondent

Reviewed by:

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Accepted by FINRA:

7/24/17
Date

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Director of ODA, by delegated authority

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