

**FINANCIAL INDUSTRY REGULATORY AUTHORITY
LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE, WAIVER AND CONSENT
NO. 2017053313001**

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

RE: Jon W. Stagnone (CRD No. 2433974), Respondent

Pursuant to FINRA Rule 9216 of FINRA's Code of Procedure, I, Jon W. Stagnone, 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

Stagnone first became registered with a FINRA member firm in 1994. In June 2007, Stagnone became registered as a General Securities Representative through his association with Fidelity Brokerage Services LLC (CRD No. 7784) ("FBS"). On April 7, 2011, after Stagnone voluntarily resigned from FBS to accept a position with a non-broker-dealer affiliate, FBS terminated his registration. In April 2013, Stagnone accepted a position with FBS that required him to re-register with FINRA, but he failed to do so through January 2017, when FBS terminated his employment.

Stagnone currently is not registered with any FINRA member firm. However, pursuant to Article V, Section 4 of FINRA's By-Laws, FINRA retains jurisdiction over him.

RELEVANT DISCIPLINARY HISTORY

Stagnone has no relevant formal disciplinary history with the Securities and Exchange Commission, any state securities regulator, or any self-regulatory organization.

OVERVIEW

From April 2013 to January 2017 (the “Relevant Period”), Stagnone engaged in activities at FBS that required registration, despite not being registered with FINRA. As a result, Stagnone violated NASD Rule 1031 and FINRA Rule 2010.

FACTS AND VIOLATIVE CONDUCT

NASD Rule 1031 requires that all persons who engage in the securities business of a member firm “shall be registered as such with [FINRA] in the category of registration appropriate to the function to be performed[.]” Activities that require registration include providing investment advice, soliciting prospective customers, and recommending the purchase or sale of securities. Engaging in these types of activities while unregistered is inconsistent with “high standards of commercial honor” and therefore also violates FINRA Rule 2010.

In April 2011, Stagnone voluntarily terminated his registration with FBS. When he rejoined the firm in April 2013, he was informed in his offer letter that his new position required him to be registered as a General Securities Representative. Since more than two years had elapsed since his registrations terminated, Stagnone knew he was required to retake the Series 7 examination in order to re-register. Despite multiple notifications from his supervisor and others at FBS about his registration deficiency, Stagnone throughout the Relevant Period failed to obtain the necessary registration. During this time, Stagnone engaged in securities activities, including meetings with current and prospective customers of FBS and the provision of investment advice and securities recommendations. These activities required registration.

By virtue of the foregoing, Stagnone violated NASD Rule 1031 and FINRA Rule 2010.

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

- A suspension for two months from associating with any FINRA member firm in any capacity; and
- A fine in the amount of \$5,000 (deferred).

The fine shall be due and payable either immediately upon reassociation with a member firm, 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.

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).

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

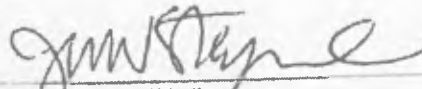
I understand that:

- 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 understand and acknowledge that FINRA does not represent or advise me and I cannot rely on FINRA or FINRA staff members for legal advice; 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.

1/28/2017

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

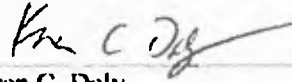


Respondent Jon W. Stagnone

Accepted by FINRA:

12/28/17
Date

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



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