

**FINANCIAL INDUSTRY REGULATORY AUTHORITY
LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE, WAIVER AND CONSENT
NO. 20140435979**

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

RE: Philip Earl Brunson, Respondent
CRD No. 2153418

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

Philip Earl Brunson ("Brunson" or "Respondent") entered the securities industry when he became associated with a FINRA member firm in July 1997. In September 1997, Brunson became registered with that same FINRA member firm as a General Sales Representative ("GSR") (Series 7 license). In October 2000, Brunson became associated as a GSR with another FINRA member firm. Brunson remained employed at this FINRA member firm until he joined Wells Fargo Advisors LLC ("Wells Fargo" or the "Firm") as a GSR in January 2008. In April 2013, Brunson left Wells Fargo and became associated with another FINRA member firm as a GSR.

On November 25, 2014, Brunson's most recent FINRA member firm employer filed a Uniform Termination Notice for Securities Industry Registration ("Form U5") with FINRA disclosing that Brunson's employment was terminated on November 21, 2014. Brunson's registration with FINRA ended on November 25, 2014. Brunson is not currently associated with a FINRA member firm, but remains subject to FINRA's jurisdiction pursuant to Article V, Section 4 of FINRA's By-Laws.

RELEVANT DISCIPLINARY HISTORY

Brunson has no prior relevant disciplinary history.

OVERVIEW

Brunson failed to provide documents and information as requested by FINRA staff's 8210 letter dated March 24, 2015, in violation of FINRA Rules 8210 and 2010.

FACTS AND VIOLATIVE CONDUCT

On March 24, 2015, during the course of an investigation into allegations that Brunson converted funds from the securities accounts of two Firm customers, FINRA requested, pursuant to FINRA Rule 8210, that Brunson provide documents and information no later than March 31, 2015.

Pursuant to an email from Brunson to FINRA staff dated March 27, 2015, Brunson acknowledged that he received FINRA's Rule 8210 request and informed staff that he would not cooperate with FINRA's investigation.

Brunson failed to provide the requested documents and information by March 31, 2015.

FINRA Rule 8210 authorizes FINRA, in the course of its investigations, to require persons associated with a FINRA member to "provide information orally, in writing, or electronically . . . with respect to any matter involved in the investigation. . . ."

In addition, FINRA Rule 2010 provides that, "[a] member, in the conduct of its business, shall observe high standards of commercial honor and just and equitable principles of trade."

By failing to respond to FINRA's request for documents and information, Brunson violated FINRA Rules 8210 and 2010.

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

A bar from associating with any FINRA member firm in any capacity.

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. Pursuant to FINRA Rule 8313(e), 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 prejudice 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:

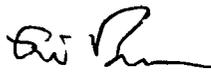
- A. Submission of this AWC is voluntary and will not resolve this matter unless and until it has been reviewed and accepted by the NAC, a Review Subcommittee of the NAC, or the Office of Disciplinary Affairs ("ODA"), pursuant to FINRA Rule 9216;
- B. If this AWC is not accepted, its submission will 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.

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.

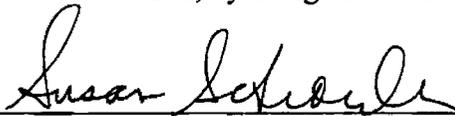
7/8/2015
Date


Philip Earl Brunson

Accepted by FINRA:

4/15/15
Date

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


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