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28 APPLICATION FOR REVIEW - I

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON D.C.



IN THE MATTER OF FINRA'S NATIONAL ADJUDICATORY COUNCIL'S DECISION,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ALLEN HOLEMAN,

SYOSSET, NY

Defendant

Complaint No. 2014043001601 Dated May 21, 2018

3-18546

APPLICATION FOR REVIEW

Allen Holeman ("Holeman") submits this application to the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") for review of FINRA's National Adjudicatory Council's (the "NAC") findings that affirmed and modified sanctions of FINRA Hearing Panel's decision.

Background: On May 27, 2017, a FINRA Hearing Panel found that Holeman willfully failed to timely amend his Uniform Application for Securities Industry Registration or Transfer ("Form U4") to disclose three federal tax liens, in violation for NASD IM-1000-1 and FINRA Rules 1120 and @010. The Hearing Panel also concluded that Holeman is subject to statutory disqualification because his actions were willful and involved the failure to disclose material information. The Hearing Panel also found that Holeman made false statements on his firm's annual compliance questionnaire, in violation of FINRA Rule 2010. The Hearing Panel imposed a unitary sanction, fined Holeman \$10,000, and suspended him for 30 business days. Holeman appealed to the NAC and FINRA's Department of Enforcement cross-appealed. On May 21, 2018, the NAC found respondent willfully failed to timely disclose material information on his Form U4 and made false statements to his firm on its annual compliance questionnaire and imposed a four month suspension, a \$20,000 fine for willful failure to disclose and the omission of material information.

Application for Review: Holeman makes this application to the SEC for review of the NAC's decision in this matter because both the facts and the records appeared to have been disregarded and misapplied by

the NAC in reaching its conclusion. In summary, Holeman's rendering of the events were accurate and not "specious." The NAC provided no evidence to support either its position or its accusations and erroneously concluded that Holeman was on "notice of the liens filed at the time of their filing." FINRA had the burden of providing evidence to support its allegations and failed to do so. The NAC's statement that referring to "the liens" and "the Installment Agreement" and that they were "different" during Holeman's OTR does not prove that the liens were in existence at that time. To the contrary, there were no liens filed in connection with the Installment Agreement with the IRS. The suspension and fine rendered are appealed as they are outside the scope of FINRA's own disciplinary guidelines. The finding of "willful" is also appealed as inappropriate. The NAC's findings were first based on implications, second, wrongful conclusions and third were inconsistent with the record. Holeman seeks review of this FINRA disciplinary action and shall provide additional arguments and principal considerations in support of this appeal for review by the SEC.

Oral arguments and appearances are respectfully requested.

Dated this 15th day of June, 2018.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on June 15, 2018, I caused an original and copies of the foregoing: "Application for Review in the matter of Complaint No. 2014043001601 FINRA NATIONAL ADJUDICATORY COUNCIL'S DECISION, Plaintiff vs. ALLEN HOLEMAN, Defendant to be sent by FedEx Express Mail and U.S. Postal Service mail addressed as follows:

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