## AWARD FINRA DISPUTE RESOLUTION

CASE #: 13-03098

J.D. Nicholas & Associates, Inc. (Claimant) vs. Michael Anthony Regina and Patrick Teutonico (Respondents)

## REPRESENTATION OF PARTIES:

For Claimant J.D. Nicholas & Associates, Inc.: lan J. Frimet, Esq., Wexler Burnkhart Hirschberg & Unger LLP, Garden City, New York.

For Respondents Michael Anthony Regina, and Patrick Teutonico: Robert M. Bursky, Esq., Attorney At Law, Melville, New York.

NATURE OF DISPUTE: Member vs. Associated Persons

Statement of Claim filed on or about: October 23, 2013.

CASE SUMMARY: Claimant asserted the following causes of action: breach of contract, unjust enrichment, and indemnification.

The causes of action relate to employment.

RELIEF REQUESTED: In the Statement of Claim, Claimant requested:

Compensatory Damages:

\$16,350.00

Interest:

Legal Rate of 9% per annum

Attorneys' Fees:

Unspecified

Costs:

Unspecified

Other:

Unspecified

AWARD: The undersigned Arbitrator has decided and determined in full and final resolution of the issues submitted for determination as follows: 1) Respondents are jointly and severally liable for and shall pay to the Claimant compensatory damages in the amount of \$8,175.00. 2) All requests for attorneys' fees are denied. 3) FINRA Dispute Resolution shall retain the \$1,050.00 filing fee that the Claimant deposited previously. 4) Respondents are jointly and severally liable for and shall pay to Claimant \$525.00 to reimburse Claimant for one-half of the filing fee previously paid to FINRA Dispute Resolution. 5) All other relief requests are denied.

OTHER FEES: Claimant has paid to FINRA Dispute Resolution the \$425.00 Member Surcharge previously invoiced.

The Arbitrator has assessed the \$450.00 discovery conference fee for the May 1, 2014 conference half to Claimant and half to Respondents jointly and severally.

OTHER ISSUES: The Arbitrator acknowledges that he has read the pleadings and other materials filed by the parties.

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## **ARBITRATOR**

Peter A. Goldman

Sole Public Arbitrator

I, the undersigned Arbitrator, do hereby affirm, pursuant to Article 7507 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules, that I am the individual described herein and who executed this instrument which is my award.

Arbitrator's Signature

Peter A. Goldman Sole Public Arbitrator

Signature Date

June 6, 2014

Date of Service (For FINRA-DR office use only)