

Award
FINRA Dispute Resolution Services

In the Matter of the Arbitration Between:

Claimant
Paul Breglio

Case Number: 23-00295

vs.

Respondent
Reid & Rudiger LLC

Hearing Site: Hartford, Connecticut

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Nature of the Dispute: Customer vs. Member

This case was decided by an all-public panel.

The evidentiary hearing was conducted partially by videoconference.

REPRESENTATION OF PARTIES

For Claimant Paul Breglio: Stefan Apotheker, Esq., Erez Law, PLLC, Miami, Florida.

For Respondent Reid & Rudiger LLC: Robert G. Heim, Esq., Tarter Krinsky & Drogin LLP, New York, New York.

CASE INFORMATION

Statement of Claim filed on or about: February 6, 2023.

Paul Breglio signed the Submission Agreement: February 6, 2023.

Statement of Answer filed by Respondent on or about: March 29, 2023.

Reid & Rudiger LLC signed the Submission Agreement: March 29, 2023.

CASE SUMMARY

In the Statement of Claim, Claimant asserted the following causes of action: breach of fiduciary duty; negligence; negligent supervision; fraud; breach of contract; violation of Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 of the Securities and Exchange Commission; and violation of the Connecticut Uniform Securities Act. The causes of action relate to the purchase of securities in Claimant's account including, but not limited to, the following: Ginkgo Bioworks/Soaring Eagle; Amicus Therapeutics; Horizon Pharma; Selectquote; Alkermes;

Dropbox; Marvell Technology; Vapotherm; Neogenomics; Hertz Global; and Allogene Therapeutics.

Unless specifically admitted in the Statement of Answer, Respondent denied the allegations made in the Statement of Claim and asserted various affirmative defenses.

RELIEF REQUESTED

In the Statement of Claim, Claimant requested: compensatory damages between \$1,000,000.00 and \$5,000,000.00; rescission; punitive damages; interest; costs; attorneys' fees; and such other and further relief this Panel deemed just and proper.

In the Statement of Answer, Respondent requested: dismissal of the Statement of Claim and denial of all alleged claims with prejudice; attorneys' fees and expenses; an order directing Claimant to reimburse Respondent for FINRA fees and surcharges relating to this arbitration and assessing all forum fees against him; and a recommendation of expungement of this matter (Occurrence Number 2258688) from the Central Registration Depository ("CRD") records for Unnamed Person Clifford R. Reid ("Reid")(CRD Number 1905920).

OTHER ISSUES CONSIDERED AND DECIDED

The Arbitrators acknowledge that they have each read the pleadings and other materials filed by the parties.

On January 23, 2024, Respondent filed a Motion to Dismiss and for Sanctions pursuant to Rule 12511 of the Code of Arbitration Procedure ("Code"). On February 2, 2024, Claimant filed a response opposing the Motion to Dismiss and for Sanctions and filed a Cross Motion to Compel and for Sanctions. On February 7, 2024, Respondent filed a Reply in Support of its Motion to Dismiss and for Sanctions. On February 12, 2024, Respondent filed an Opposition to Claimant's Motion to Compel and for Sanctions. On March 4, 2024, the Panel heard oral arguments on Respondent's Motion to Dismiss and for Sanctions, and on Claimant's Cross Motion to Compel and for Sanctions and subsequently issued an Order in which it denied the motions with prejudice.

AWARD

After considering the pleadings, the testimony and evidence presented at the hearing, and any post-hearing submissions, the Panel has decided in full and final resolution of the issues submitted for determination as follows:

1. Respondent is liable for and shall pay to Claimant the sum of \$743,550.00 in compensatory damages.
2. Respondent's request for expungement on behalf of Unnamed Person Clifford R. Reid (CRD Number 1905920) of Occurrence Number 2258688 from the Central Registration Depository ("CRD") records maintained by the CRD is denied with prejudice.

3. Any and all claims for relief not specifically addressed herein, including any requests for punitive damages, treble damages, and attorneys' fees, are denied.

FEES

Pursuant to the Code, the following fees are assessed:

Filing Fees

FINRA Dispute Resolution Services assessed a filing fee* for each claim:

Initial Claim Filing Fee	= \$ 2,025.00
Expungement Filing Fee	= \$ 1,600.00

*The filing fee is made up of a non-refundable and a refundable portion.

Member Fees

Member fees are assessed to each member firm that is a party in these proceedings or to the member firm(s) that employed the associated person(s) at the time of the event(s) giving rise to the dispute. Accordingly, as a party, Respondent Reid and Rudiger LLC is assessed the following:

Member Surcharge	= \$ 3,200.00
Member Process Fee	= \$ 6,375.00

Postponement Fees

Postponements granted during these proceedings for which fees were assessed or waived:

May 6-10, 2024, joint postponement request	= \$ 1,435.00
January 13-17, 2025, postponement requested by Respondent	= WAIVED

Total Postponement Fees	= \$ 1,435.00
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The Panel has assessed \$717.50 of the postponement fees to Claimant.

The Panel has assessed \$717.50 of the postponement fees to Respondent.

Discovery-Related Motion Fees

Fees apply for each decision rendered on a discovery-related motion.

One (1) decision on a discovery-related motion on the papers with one (1) Arbitrator @ \$200.00/decision	= \$ 200.00
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Claimant submitted One (1) discovery-related motion

Total Discovery-Related Motion Fees	= \$ 200.00
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The Panel has assessed \$100.00 of the discovery-related motion fees to Claimant.

The Panel has assessed \$100.00 of the discovery-related motion fees to Respondent.

Hearing Session Fees and Assessments

The Panel has assessed hearing session fees for each session conducted. A session is any meeting between the parties and the Arbitrator(s), including a pre-hearing conference with the Arbitrator(s), which lasts four (4) hours or less. Fees associated with these proceedings are:

Six (6) pre-hearing sessions with the Panel @ \$1,435.00/session		= \$ 8,610.00
Pre-Hearing Conferences:		
May 23, 2023	1 session	
November 28, 2023	1 session	
March 4, 2024	1 session	
May 6, 2024	1 session	
May 5, 2025	1 session	
September 25, 2025	1 session	
Sixteen (16) hearing sessions @ \$1,435.00/session		= \$ 22,960.00
Hearings:		
November 3, 2025	2 sessions	
November 4, 2025	2 sessions	
November 5, 2025	2 sessions	
November 6, 2025	2 sessions	
November 7, 2025	2 sessions	
March 23, 2026	2 sessions	
March 24, 2026	2 sessions	
March 25, 2026	2 sessions	
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Total Hearing Session Fees		= \$ 31,570.00

The Panel has assessed \$11,193.00 of the hearing session fees to Claimant.

The Panel has assessed \$20,377.00 of the hearing session fees to Respondent.

All balances are payable to FINRA Dispute Resolution Services and are due upon receipt.

ARBITRATION PANEL

Stuart M. Schwartz	-	Public Arbitrator, Presiding Chairperson
Ilene J. Feldman	-	Public Arbitrator
Jed Mark Horowitz	-	Public Arbitrator

I, the undersigned Arbitrator, do hereby affirm that I am the individual described herein and who executed this instrument, which is my award.

Concurring Arbitrators' Signatures

Stuart M. Schwartz

Stuart M. Schwartz
Public Arbitrator, Presiding Chairperson

04/27/2026

Signature Date

Ilene J Feldman

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April 28, 2026

Date of Service (For FINRA Dispute Resolution Services use only)