

STATE OF ILLINOIS
SECRETARY OF STATE
SECURITIES DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF: GREGORY GASSOSO

FILE NO. 0300654

CONSENT ORDER OF WITHDRAWAL

TO THE RESPONDENT:

Gregory Gassoso
(CRD#: 2873605)
1248 80th Street
Brooklyn, New York 11228

c/o Investprivate, Inc.
500 5th Avenue
54th Floor
New York, New York 10110

C/o Eric S. Hutner, Esq.
Law Offices of Eric S. Hutner & Associates
1065 Avenue of the Americas
Suite 2100
New York, New York 10018

WHEREAS, Respondent on the 27th day of January 2004 executed a certain Stipulation to Enter Consent Order of Withdrawal (the "Stipulation"), which hereby is incorporated by reference herein.

WHEREAS, by means of the Stipulation, Respondent has admitted to the jurisdiction of the Secretary of State and service of the Notice of Hearing of the Secretary of State, Securities Department, dated October 9, 2003 in this proceeding (the "Notice") and Respondent has consented to the entry of this Consent Order of Withdrawal ("Consent Order").

WHEREAS, by means of the Stipulation, the Respondent acknowledged, while neither admitting nor denying the truth thereof, that the following allegations contained in the Notice of Hearing shall be adopted as the Secretary of State's Findings of Fact:

1. That at all relevant times, the Respondent was registered with the Secretary of State as a salesperson in the State of Illinois pursuant to Section 8 of the Act.

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2. That on May 21, 2003 NASD entered a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver and Consent (AWC) submitted by the Respondent regarding File No. C10030032 which sanctioned the Respondent as follows:
 - a. suspension from association with any NASD member in any capacity for a period of 10 business days: and
 - b. fined \$5,000.
3. That the AWC found, for purposes of that proceeding, and without Gassoso admitting or denying any findings, that the Respondent in or around August 2000, while registered with Barron Chase, opened Barron Chase customer accounts for customers JJ, GJ, and CR, without the customers' knowledge, authorization or consent. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent violated NASD Conduct Rule 2110.
4. That Section 8.E(1)(j) of the Act provides, inter alia, that the registration of the salesperson may be revoked if the Secretary of State finds that such salesperson has been suspended by any self-regulatory organization registered under the Federal 1934 Act or the Federal 1974 Act arising from any fraudulent or deceptive act or a practice in violation of any rule, regulation or standard duly promulgated by the self-regulatory organization.
5. That NASD is a self-regulatory organization as specified as specified in Section 8.E(1)(j) of the Act.

WHEREAS, by means of the Stipulation Respondent has acknowledged, without admitting or denying the averments, that the following shall be adopted as the Secretary of State's Conclusion of Law:

That by virtue of the foregoing, the Respondent's registration as a salesperson in the State of Illinois is subject to revocation pursuant to Section 8.E(1)(j) of the Act.

WHEREAS, by means of the Stipulation Respondent has acknowledged and agreed that:

1. He shall cause to have his registration as a salesperson in the State of Illinois withdrawn within three (3) days from the entry of this Consent Order and will not re-apply for registration for a period of two (2) years from the entry of this Consent Order; and
2. He shall pay the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty dollars (\$750.00) to the Office of the Secretary of State, Investors Education Fund as reimbursement to cover the cost of investigation of this matter. Said sum shall be payable by means of certified or cashier's check and made to the Secretary of State, Investors

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Education Fund and shall be due within thirty (30) days from the entry of this Consent Order.

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State, by and through his duly authorized representative, has determined that the matter related to the aforesaid formal hearing may be dismissed without further proceedings.

NOW THEREFORE IT SHALL BE AND IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Gregory Gassoso shall cause to have his registration as a salesperson in the State of Illinois withdrawn within three (3) days from the entry of this Consent Order and will not re-apply for registration for a period of two (2) years from the entry of this Consent Order.
2. Gregory Gassoso shall pay the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty dollars (\$750.00) to the Office of the Secretary of State, Investors Education Fund as reimbursement to cover the cost of investigation of this matter. Said sum shall be payable by means of certified or cashier's check and made to the Secretary of State, Investors Education Fund and shall be due within thirty (30) days from the entry of this Consent Order.
3. The formal hearing scheduled on this matter is hereby dismissed without further proceedings.

ENTERED: This 2nd day of February, 2004.



JESSE WHITE
Secretary of State
State of Illinois