Award FINRA Dispute Resolution

In the Matter of the Arbitration Between:

Pasquale W. Croce, Jr. and Diane Croce (Claimants) vs. UBS Financial Services, Inc. (Respondent)

Case Number: 10-00361 Hearing Site: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Nature of the Dispute: Customers vs. Member.

Public Arbitrator Pilot Program/All Public Panel

REPRESENTATION OF PARTIES

Claimants Pasquale W. Croce, Jr. ("P. Croce") and Diane Croce ("D. Croce"), hereinafter collectively referred to as "Claimants": Kevin Galbraith, Esq., Zamansky & Associates, LLC, New York, NY.

Respondent UBS Financial Services, Inc., hereinafter referred to as "Respondent". Andrew W. Sidman, Esq., Bressler, Amery & Ross, PC, New York, NY.

CASE INFORMATION

Statement of Claim filed on or about: January 25, 2010.

Amended Statement of Claim filed on or about: March 19, 2010.

- P. Croce signed the Submission Agreement: January 19, 2010.
- D. Croce signed the Submission Agreement: January 19, 2010.

Statement of Answer to the Amended Statement of Claim filed by Respondent on or about: June 18, 2010.

Respondent signed the Submission Agreement: June 15, 2010.

CASE SUMMARY

Claimants asserted the following causes of action in the Statement of Claim and Amended Statement of Claim: securities fraud, common law fraud, misrepresentation, material omission, unsuitability, breach of fiduciary duty, failure to disclose a material conflict of interest, breach of contract, negligence, failure to supervise, violation of federal securities laws, Pennsylvania securities laws (including Title 70 Pennsylvania Statutes §1-501(a)), Pennsylvania common law, and FINRA Rules. The causes of action relate to a structured derivative issued by Lehman Brothers called a 100% Principal Protected Note (100% PNN).

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

RELIEF REQUESTED

In the Statement of Claim and Amended Statement of Claim, Claimants requested rescission of the purchase of the 100% PPN in their joint account, compensatory damages in the amount of approximately \$2,000,000.00, recovery of pre- and post-award interest, costs, expenses, attorneys' fees, experts' fees, forum fees, and punitive damages in such amount as the Panel deems appropriate to punish and deter Respondent from any future similar conduct.

Respondent requested that the Amended Statement of Claim be dismissed in its entirety and that it be awarded attorneys' fees and costs.

At the close of the hearing, Claimants withdrew their request for punitive damages and Respondent withdrew its request for attorneys' fees.

OTHER ISSUES CONSIDERED AND DECIDED

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

This case proceeded under the Public Arbitrator Pilot Program, which allows parties to choose whether to have a non-public arbitrator on the Panel.

The parties have agreed that the Award in this matter may be executed in counterpart copies or that a handwritten, signed Award may be entered.

<u>AWARD</u>

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

- Respondent is liable for compensatory damages in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 less the residuary value of the investment which is \$480,000.00. Therefore, Respondent shall pay to Claimants compensatory damages in the amount of \$1,520,000.00 plus interest at a rate of 6% per annum from September 15, 2008 to May 27, 2011.
- 2. Any and all relief not specifically addressed herein, including punitive damages, is denied.

FEES

Pursuant to the Code, the following fees are assessed:

Filing Fees

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

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Member Fees

Member fees are assessed to each member firm that is a party in these proceedings or to the member firm that employed the associated persons at the time of the events giving rise to the dispute. Accordingly, as a party, UBS Financial Services, Inc., is assessed the following:

Member surcharge	= \$2,800.00
Pre-hearing process fee	= \$ 750.00
Hearing process fee	= \$5,000.00

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 arbitrators, including a pre-hearing conference with the arbitrators that last four (4) hours or less. Fees associated with these proceedings are:

One (1) Pre-hearing sessi Pre-hearing conference:	•	trator @ \$450.00/session 1 session	= \$ 450.00
Three (3) Pre-hearing ses Pre-hearing conferences:	_	\$1,200.00/session 1 session 1 session 1 session 1 session	= \$ 3,600.00
Sixteen (16) Hearing sess Hearing Dates:	ions with Panel @ \$ May 16, 2011 May 17, 2011 May 18, 2011 May 19, 2011 May 20, 2011 May 23, 2011 May 24, 2011 May 25, 2011	1,200.00/session 2 sessions	= \$19,200.00
Total Hearing Session Fee	es		= \$23,250.00

- 1. The Panel has assessed \$11,625.00 of the hearing session fees jointly and severally to Claimants.
- 2. The Panel has assessed \$11,625.00 of the hearing session fees to Respondent.

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

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Richard F. Bieker, PhiD Public Arbitrator

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Dissenting Arbitrator's Signature

James W. Geiger Public Arbitrator Signature Date

June 9, 2011

Date of Service (For FINRA Dispute Resolution use only)

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