

STATE OF ILLINOIS
SECRETARY OF STATE
SECURITIES DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF: NICHOLAS G. TSIKITAS

FILE NO. 0300555

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO THE RESPONDENT:

Nicholas G. Tsikiktas
(CRD #:2871712)
Post Office Box 81
Ashland, New York 12407

C/o American Capital Partners, LLC
490 Wheeler Road, Suite 106
Hauppauge, New York 11788

You are hereby notified that pursuant to Section 11.F of the Illinois Securities Law of 1953 [815 ILCS 5] (the "Act") and 14Ill. Adm. Code 130, Subpart K, a public hearing will be held at 69 West Washington Street, Suite 1220, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on the 27th day of August 2003, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., or as soon as possible thereafter, before Soula J. Spyropoulos, Esq. or such other duly designated Hearing Officer of the Secretary of State.

Said hearing will be held to determine whether an Order shall be entered revoking Nicholas G. Tsikiktas' (the "Respondent"), registration as a salesperson in the State of Illinois and/or granting such other relief as may be authorized under the Act including but not limited to the imposition of a monetary fine in the maximum amount pursuant to Section 11.E(4) of the Act, payable within ten (10) business days of the entry of the Order.

The grounds for such proposed action are as follows:

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.
2. That on March 26, 2003 NASD entered a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver and Consent (AWC) submitted by the Respondent regarding File No. C9A030010 which sanctioned the Respondent as follows:

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- a. suspension of ten (10) business days from association with any NASD member in any capacity; and
 - b. fined \$75,000.
3. That the AWC found that the Respondent while associated with FMSC (his employing firm), on January 14, 1999 executed an unauthorized purchase of 10,000 Shares of Cato. Corp. in the account of R.H. and on March 17, 1999 executed an unauthorized purchase of 1,600 Shares of Cato Corp. in the account of G.K. This conduct violated NASD Conduct Rule 2110 and IM-2310-2.
 4. That Section 8.E(1)(j) of the Act provides, inter alia, that the registration of a 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 in Section 8.E(1)(j) of the Act. State through a salesperson other than a registered salesperson.
 6. 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.

You are further notified that you are required pursuant to Section 130.1104 of the Rules and Regulations (14 Ill. Adm. Code 130) (the "Rules"), to file an answer to the allegations outlined above within thirty (30) days of the receipt of this notice. A failure to file an answer within the prescribed time shall be construed as an admission of the allegations contained in the Notice of Hearing.

Furthermore, you may be represented by legal counsel; may present evidence; may cross-examine witnesses and otherwise participate. A failure to so appear shall constitute default, unless any Respondent has upon due notice moved for and obtained a continuance.

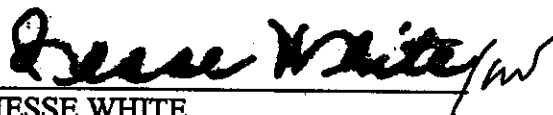
A copy of the Rules, promulgated under the Act and pertaining to Hearing held by the Office of the Secretary of State, Securities Department, is included with this Notice.

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Delivery of this Order or any subsequent notice to the designated representative of any Respondent constitutes service upon such Respondent.

ENTERED: This 11th day of July, 2003.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jesse White" with a stylized flourish at the end.

JESSE WHITE
Secretary of State
State of Illinois

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