



CASE SUMMARY # 201523

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MFDA Case Summary

Enforcement

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Hearing Panel Imposes Penalties on Neil Rutley

Neil Rutley (the “Respondent”) has been registered in Ontario as a mutual fund salesperson with Investors Group Financial Services Inc. (“IG”) since February, 1976. The Respondent admitted that between November 2005 and February 2014, he obtained and maintained 16 blank pre-signed forms in respect of eight clients, contrary to MFDA Rule 2.1.1. The account forms consisted of order entry forms, know-your-client forms and bank account authorization forms. The Respondent also admitted that on February 12, 2014, he accepted cash from a client, thereby failing to comply with IG’s anti-money laundering procedures, contrary to MFDA Rules 2.5.1 and 1.1.2. The funds were invested in the client’s Registered Retirement Savings Plan account, but his actions violated IG’s policies and procedures that cash should not be accepted. The Hearing Panel accepted a Settlement Agreement between the Respondent and the MFDA and imposed the following penalties: (a) a fine of \$10,000; (b) costs of \$2,500; and (c) a commitment to comply with MFDA Rules 1.1.2, 2.1.1 and 2.5.1 in the future.

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