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Complainant and respondent RB&H have settled their dispute. Talamantes is an unwitting beneficiary of the settlement as his liability in the following Reparation Award has been reduced by the amount of the settlement. As part of the settlement, complainants also agreed to dismissal of the complaint against RB&H's guaranteed introducing broker, Tradeline, and its associated person, Gorrie, although those respondents were not parties to the settlement.

Violations having been found, respondent Christopher John Talamantes is ORDERED to pay reparations to complainants in the amount of \$7,000.00, plus prejudgment interest compounded annually at the rate of 2.35% from September 15, 1998 to the date of payment, plus costs in the amount of complainants' filing fee of \$125.00.

The complaint against respondent RB&H is DISMISSED pursuant to the mutual release signed by complainants and that firm. That release also provides for dismissal of the complaint against respondents Gorrie and Tradeline, and therefore the complaint against those respondents is hereby DISMISSED as well.

Dated: November 30, 2001

  
JOEL R. MAILLIE  
Judgment Officer