



Brokerage Account -



# Amendment to the Client Agreement

Advisor Name  G Number

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**This agreement contains a pre-dispute arbitration clause. By signing an arbitration agreement, the parties agree as follows:**

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- (B) Arbitration awards are generally final and binding; a party's ability to have a court reverse or modify an arbitration award is very limited.
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- (D) The arbitrators do not have to explain the reason(s) for their award.
- (E) The panel of arbitrators will typically include a minority of arbitrators who were or are affiliated with the securities industry.
- (F) The rules of some arbitration forums may impose time limits for bringing a claim in arbitration. In some cases, a claim that is ineligible for arbitration may be brought in court.
- (G) The rules of the arbitration forum in which the claim is filed, and any amendments thereto, shall be incorporated into this agreement.

All controversies that may arise between us (including, but not limited to controversies concerning any account, order or transaction, or the continuation, performance, interpretation or breach of this or any other agreement between us, whether entered into or arising before, on or after the date this account is opened) shall be determined by arbitration in accordance with the rules then prevailing of the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., or the NASD, Inc., as I may designate. If I do not notify you in writing of my designation within five (5) days after I receive from you a written demand for arbitration, then I authorize you to make such designation on my behalf. I understand that judgment upon any arbitration award may be entered in any court of competent jurisdiction.

No person shall bring a putative or certified class action to arbitration, nor seek to enforce any Pre-Dispute Arbitration Agreement against any person who has initiated in court a putative class action; or who is a member of a putative class action who has not opted out of the class with respect to any claims encompassed by the putative class action until: (i) the class certification is denied; or (ii) the class is decertified; or (iii) the customer is excluded from the class by the court. Such forbearance to enforce an agreement to arbitrate shall not constitute a waiver of any rights under this agreement except to the extent stated herein.

### Signature and Acknowledgement

I represent that I have read the terms and conditions concerning this account and agree to be bound by such terms and conditions as currently in effect or as may be amended from time to time. I acknowledge the Client Agreement has been amended to include the revised Pre-Dispute Arbitration Agreement included above. This account is governed by a pre-dispute arbitration clause which is found above. I acknowledge receipt of the pre-dispute arbitration clause.

Account Holder Name

Social Security Number

Account Holder Signature  Date

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