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Former Tarrytown brokerage expelled

NASD has expelled Adolph Komorsky Investments, a former brokerage firm in Tarrytown, from the securities industry for failing to pay a \$12,500 fine in full by May 2002. NASD recently disclosed the action, though the firm was notified of the expulsion by a letter dated Aug. 20. **Richard Roth** of New York City, an attorney for the firm, disputed the NASD's action because the firm has not existed since March 6, when it filed with NASD to withdraw from membership. **Roth** said the firm withdrew for business reasons. "Then, in error, NASD decided to expel a previously withdrawn firm," he said. NASD maintains that the firm was expelled because the disciplinary procedure began before the firm withdrew. NASD said Adolph Komorsky has failed to pay about \$6,230 of the monies owed, or half of the original amount. While the firm did business as Adolph Komorsky Investments, its full name was Adolph Komorsky Hoffman & Associates.

NASD previously levied the fine after finding that the firm had paid compensation to four people who were not properly registered as foreign associates from September 1998 to November 1999. The NASD also found the firm had reallocated 6,000 shares of a computer company that it bought in error and also failed to provide those customers with the correct price on the transaction. Adolph Komorsky accepted NASD's findings more than a year ago without admitting or denying the alleged violations. Since Adolph Komorsky disbanded, its principals, Peter Adolph and Mark Komorsky have been brokers with Ryan Beck & Co. Inc. in Poughkeepsie.

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