UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Civil Minutes

Date: April 12, 2018 Judge: Hon. James Donato

Time: 11 Minutes

Case No. **C-17-06095-JD**
Case Name **Global Ebusiness Services, Inc. et al v. Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.**

Attorney(s) for Plaintiff(s): Syed Ali (pro se) / James Patrick
Attorney(s) for Defendant(s): Terri L. Reicher

Deputy Clerk: Lisa Clark

Court Reporter: Vicki Eastvold

PROCEEDINGS

Motion to Dismiss - Held
Plaintiff's Counsel's Motion to Withdraw - Held

NOTES AND ORDERS

The Court grants attorney James Patrick's motion to withdraw as counsel for plaintiff Global Ebusiness Services, Inc. Dkt. No. 48.

The Court grants defendant FINRA's motion to dismiss, Dkt. No. 35, on the basis of arbitral immunity. *See Sacks v. Dietrich*, 663 F.3d 1065, 1070 (9th Cir. 2011); Dkt. No. 38 at 4-5 (plaintiffs' opposition brief making clear claims in this case are based only on "decisional acts by arbitrators and/or the forum taken in connection with presiding over the arbitration case"). Because this is a deficiency that cannot be cured by amendment, the Court dismisses FINRA from the case with prejudice.

After repeated inquiries from the Court, pro se plaintiff Syed Nazim Ali makes clear that he does not have any claims that he is asserting on behalf of himself personally against any defendant other than FINRA. Ali acknowledges that he cannot assert on a pro se basis any claims on behalf of Global Ebusiness Services, Inc., because Global Ebusiness is a corporation that can only appear through a member of the bar of this Court. Civil L.R. 3-9(b).

The Court consequently dismisses the entire case with prejudice. The Court will enter judgment and close the case.