

DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA
FOURTH DISTRICT
January Term 2009

ANTHONY FARERI,
Appellant,

v.

**PAUL FARMER, CLAIRE FARMER, PAUL FARMER TRUST U/A DTD
DEC 16, 1985, PAUL FARMER TRUST, PAUL FARMER TTEE UAD
2/16/1985, CLAIRE FARMER TTEE U/A DTD SEP 2, 2003, and
CLAIRE FARMER REV TR,**
Appellees.

No. 4D08-420

[June 17, 2009]

PER CURIAM.

This appeal arises from an arbitration claim against Anthony Fareri and others alleging that Fareri manipulated the market in two penny stocks and engaged in other misconduct. The circuit court confirmed the arbitration award and entered final judgment in favor of the claimants. We affirm the final judgment in all respects, except that portion that awards attorney's fees to counsel for the claimants. Because the trial court failed to conduct an evidentiary hearing before awarding attorney's fees, we reverse and remand for further proceedings on attorney's fees.

Reversed and Remanded

TAYLOR and MAY, JJ., and GARCIA-WOOD, MARINA, Associate Judge,
concur.

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Appeal from the Circuit Court for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Palm Beach County; John J. Hoy, Judge; L.T. Case No. 502006CA014228XXXXMB.

Michael L. Feinstein and Valorie S. Chavin of Michael L. Feinstein, P.A., Fort Lauderdale, for appellant.

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Not final until disposition of timely filed motion for rehearing.