

MARKET REGULATION ADVISORY NOTICE

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Subject	Reminder Regarding Giving and Receiving of Gratuities
Rule References	Rule 508
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As a reminder, each Exchange's Rule 508 ("Giving and Receiving of Gratuities") prohibits members, member firms and broker associations and employees of these individuals and entities from giving gifts or gratuities in excess of **\$100 per year** to any employee of another member, member firm or broker association. This rule is substantially similar to the restrictions imposed under FINRA Rule 3220 ("Influencing or Rewarding Employees of Others").

The text of Rule 508 is reprinted below:

508. GIVING AND RECEIVING OF GRATUITIES

A member, member firm, broker association or an employee of any of the foregoing may not give, directly or indirectly, to any employee of another member, member firm or broker association any gratuities or gifts with an aggregate market value in excess of \$100 within any twelve-month period.

This rule applies notwithstanding any internal policy of an entity that allows for gifts in excess of \$100. The requirements of this rule apply to both the providers and the recipients of such gifts and gratuities.

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