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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK APPELLATE DIVISION, FIRST DEPARTMENT

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BENJAMIN A. PACE III and LAWRENCE B. WEISSMAN,

Petitioners-Appellants,

Index No. 651623/2014

I.A.S. Part

Hon. Marcy S. Friedman

-against-

DEUTSCHE BANK SECURITIES INC., DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST CORPORATION, DEUTSCHE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT AMERICAS INC., and DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS,

PREARGUMENT STATEMENT

Respondents-Respondents

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, the above named Petitioners-Appellants, Benjamin A. Pace III and Lawrence B. Weissman, by and through their attorneys Vladeck, Waldman, Elias, & Engelhard, P.C., submit the following as their pre-argument statement pursuant to Rule 600.17 of the Supreme Court, Appellate Division – First Department, in connection with their appeal in the above-titled action:

- 1. <u>Title of the Action</u>: The title of the action is set forth in the caption.
- 2. <u>Original Parties to the Action</u>: The full names of the Petitioners-Appellants are Benjamin A. Pace III and Lawrence B. Weissman. The full names of the Respondents-Respondents are Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., Deutsche Bank Trust Corporation, Deutsche Investment Management Americas Inc., and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas. There has been no change in the parties.
- 3. <u>Counsel for Petitioners-Appellants</u>: Counsel for Petitioners-Appellants are Debra L. Raskin, Valdi Licul and Jungmin Cho, Vladeck Waldman Elias & Engelhard, P.C.,

1501 Broadway, Suite 800, New York, New York 10036. Our telephone number is (212) 403-7300.

- 4. <u>Counsel for Respondents-Respondents</u>: Counsel for Respondents-Respondents are John Siegal, Sammi Malek, Baker & Hostetler, LLP, 45 Rockefeller Plaza, 11th Floor, New York, New York 10111. Their telephone number is (212) 589-4200.
- 5. <u>Court from Which the Appeal is Taken:</u> This appeal is taken from an order of Hon. Marcy S. Friedman, Supreme Court State of New York, County of New York. The order is dated May 30, 2014.
- 6. <u>No Additional Appeals</u>: There are no additional appeals pending in this action.
- 7. Related Action: There is one related action pending in this court: *Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas v. HPM Partners LLC, et al*, Index No. 651622/2014, filed in Supreme Court of New York, New York County. Petitioners-Appellants Pace and Weissman are Defendants in that case, and they will also file a notice of appeal to the Appellate Division, First Department, in that case.
- 8. The Object and Nature of the Action: The object of the action is to enter a declaratory judgment and injunction against Respondents-Respondents in aid of arbitration, and prevent Respondents-Respondents from enforcing a notice and a non-solicitation period against Petitioners-Appellants. Petitioners-Appellants allege that Pace never entered into any agreement with Respondents-Respondents which contains a notice or a non-solicitation period; and that any notice or non-solicitation policies are unenforceable against Pace and Weissman because Respondents-Respondents forced Petitioners-Appellants to resign and enforcing any such

policies would cause harm to the customers who are unaware of Respondents-Respondents' shady business practices.

9. <u>Result Below</u>: The court below denied Petitioners-Appellants' motion for a Temporary Restraining Order to enjoin Respondents-Respondents from enforcing any notice or non-solicitation policy against Petitioners-Appellants.

Temporary Restraining Order on the grounds that any notice or non-solicitation policy against Petitioners-Appellants are unenforceable because: (1) Pace never entered into an agreement with Respondents-Respondents containing any such policy; (2) Petitioners-Appellants were forced to resign from Respondents-Respondents; and (3) enforcing any such periods would harm the customers who are unaware of Respondents-Respondents shady business practices.

Dated:

New York, New York

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