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The problem isn't just if they are FINRA regulated, as FINRA can suspend their registration and put them out of business. It needs to also cover those advisors who SEC register and/or solely register under state law rather than FINRA register. While they may appear on BrokerCheck, those are not subject to mandatory FINRA arbitration rules and often either have arbitration agreements in place or have to be sued in courts. Please be sure the rules cover any advisor and puts them out of business if they don't pay. We also need to make sure the law recognizes these claims as non-dischargeable in bankruptcy.

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