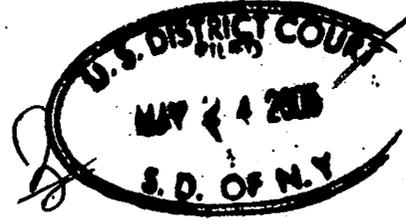


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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK



SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

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JEFFREY SZUR, BERTRAM SLUTSKY,  
FIRST NATIONAL EQUITY CORP., f.k.a.  
J.S. SECURITIES, INC., VADIM KAPLUN,  
JOSEPH EPSTEIN, CARY WEINSTEIN,  
DAVID GOLD, RONALD GRAY, ALEX LEVIN,  
DIANE LAKIN, ELAINE SZUR, and  
GEORGE ELIAN,

Defendants.

**FINAL JUDGMENT AS TO DEFENDANT JOSEPH EPSTEIN**

The Securities and Exchange Commission having filed a Complaint and defendant Joseph Epstein ("Defendant") having entered a general appearance; consented to the Court's jurisdiction over Defendant and the subject matter of this action; consented to entry of this Final Judgment without admitting or denying the allegations of the Complaint (except as to jurisdiction); waived findings of fact and conclusions of law; and waived any right to appeal from this Final Judgment:

**I.**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED** that Defendant and Defendant's agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment by personal service or otherwise are permanently restrained and enjoined from violating, directly or indirectly, Section

10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5], by using any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce, or of the mails, or of any facility of any national securities exchange, in connection with the purchase or sale of any security:

- (a) to employ any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud;
- (b) to make any untrue statement of a material fact or to omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; or
- (c) to engage in any act, practice, or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon any person.

## II.

**IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED** that Defendant and Defendant's agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment by personal service or otherwise are permanently restrained and enjoined from violating, directly or indirectly, Section 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)] by the use of any means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce or of the mails, in the offer or sale of any security:

- (a) to employ any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud;
- (b) to obtain money or property by means of any untrue statement of a material fact or any omission of a material fact necessary in order to make the statements

made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;  
or

- (c) to engage in any transaction, practice, or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon the purchaser.

### III.

**IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED** that Defendant is permanently barred from participating in an offering of penny stock, including engaging in activities with a broker, dealer, or issuer for purposes of issuing, trading, or inducing or attempting to induce the purchase or sale of any penny stock. A penny stock is any equity security that has a price of less than five dollars, except as provided in Rule 3a51-1 under the Exchange Act [17 C.F.R. 240.3a51-1].

### IV.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED** that the Consent is incorporated herein with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein, and that Defendant shall comply with all of the undertakings and agreements set forth therein.

### V.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED** that this Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter for the purposes of enforcing the terms of this Final Judgment.

VI.

There being no just reason for delay, pursuant to Rule 54(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Clerk is ordered to enter this Final Judgment forthwith and without further notice.

Dated: New York, New York

May 17, 200<sup>5</sup>

Louisa A. Pinsky  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

**MEMO ENDORSED**

**THIS DOCUMENT WAS ENTERED  
ON THE DOCKET ON 5/27/05**