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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND  
EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

RONALD A. FOSSUM, JR. and ALONZO  
R. CAHOON,

Defendants.

CASE NO. C17-1894-JCC

ORDER

This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiff’s unopposed motion for final judgment pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 54(b) as to Defendant Ronald A. Fossum, Jr. (“Defendant”) (Dkt. No. 30). Having thoroughly considered the parties’ briefing and the relevant record, the Court GRANTS the motion as described below.

Defendant consented to entry of final judgment without admitting or denying the allegations of the Complaint (except as to jurisdiction and except as otherwise provided herein in paragraph IX). (Dkt. No. 30-1.) He also waived findings of fact and conclusions of law and any right to appeal from a final judgment. (*Id.*)

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED as follows:

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I.

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2 Defendant is permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Section 17(a) of the  
3 Securities Act of 1933 (the “Securities Act”), 15 U.S.C. § 77q(a), in the offer or sale of any  
4 security by the use of any means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate  
5 commerce or by use of the mails, directly or indirectly:

6 (a) to employ any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud;

7 (b) to obtain money or property by means of any untrue statement of a material fact  
8 or any omission of a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in  
9 light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; or

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

12 As provided in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(d)(2), the foregoing paragraph also  
13 binds the following who receive actual notice of this order and related judgment by personal  
14 service or otherwise: (a) Defendant’s officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys; and  
15 (b) other persons in active concert or participation with Defendant or with anyone described in  
16 (a).

17 II.

18 Defendant is permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Section 5 of the  
19 Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. § 77e, by, directly or indirectly, in the absence of any applicable  
20 exemption:

21 (a) Making use of any means or instruments of transportation or communication in  
22 interstate commerce or of the mails to sell such security through the use or  
23 medium of any prospectus or otherwise, unless a registration statement is in effect  
24 as to a security;

25 (b) Carrying or causing to be carried through the mails or in interstate commerce, by  
26 any means or instruments of transportation, any such security for the purpose of

1 sale or for delivery after sale, unless a registration statement is in effect as to a  
2 security; or

3 (c) Making use of any means or instruments of transportation or communication in  
4 interstate commerce or of the mails to offer to sell or offer to buy through the use  
5 or medium of any prospectus or otherwise any security, unless a registration  
6 statement has been filed with the Commission as to such security, or while the  
7 registration statement is the subject of a refusal order or stop order or (prior to the  
8 effective date of the registration statement) any public proceeding or examination  
9 under Section 8 of the Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. § 77h.

10 As provided in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(d)(2), the foregoing paragraph also  
11 binds the following who receive actual notice of this order and related judgment by personal  
12 service or otherwise: (a) Defendant’s officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys; and (b)  
13 other persons in active concert or participation with Defendant or with anyone described in (a).

14 III.

15 Defendant is permanently restrained and enjoined from violating, directly or indirectly,  
16 Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”), 15 U.S.C. § 78j(b),  
17 and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder, 17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5, by using any means or  
18 instrumentality of interstate commerce, or of the mails, or of any facility of any national  
19 securities exchange, in connection with the purchase or sale of any security:

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

1 As provided in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(d)(2), the foregoing paragraph also  
2 binds the following who receive actual notice of this order and related judgment by personal  
3 service or otherwise: (a) Defendant's officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys; and  
4 (b) other persons in active concert or participation with Defendant or with anyone described in  
5 (a).

6 IV.

7 Defendant is permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Section 15 of the  
8 Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78o, by making use of any means or instrumentality of interstate  
9 commerce or of the mails and engaging in the business of effecting transactions in securities for  
10 the accounts of others, or inducing or effecting the purchase and sale of securities, while not  
11 registered with the Commission in accordance with the provisions of Section 15(b) of the  
12 Exchange Act, or while not associated with a broker-dealer that was so registered.

13 As provided in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(d)(2), the foregoing paragraph also  
14 binds the following who receive actual notice of this order and related judgment by personal  
15 service or otherwise: (a) Defendant's officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys; and  
16 (b) other persons in active concert or participation with Defendant or with anyone described in  
17 (a).

18 V.

19 Defendant is permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Sections 206(1) and (2)  
20 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, 15 U.S.C. § 80b-6(1) and (2), by the use of any means  
21 or instrumentality of interstate commerce, directly or indirectly:

- 22 (a) to employ any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud any client or prospective  
23 client; or  
24 (b) to engage in any transaction, practice, or course of business which operates as a  
25 fraud or deceit upon any client or prospective client.

26 As provided in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(d)(2), the foregoing paragraph also

1 binds the following who receive actual notice of this order and related judgment by personal  
2 service or otherwise: (a) Defendant's officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys; and  
3 (b) other persons in active concert or participation with Defendant or with anyone described in  
4 (a).

5 VI.

6 Defendant is permanently restrained and enjoined from, directly or indirectly, including,  
7 but not limited to, through any entity owned or controlled by Defendant, participating in the  
8 issuance, purchase, offer, or sale of any security; provided, however, that such injunction shall  
9 not prevent Defendant from purchasing or selling securities listed on a national securities  
10 exchange for his/her own personal account.

11 As provided in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(d)(2), the foregoing paragraph also  
12 binds the following who receive actual notice of this order and related judgment by personal  
13 service or otherwise: (a) Defendant's officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys; and  
14 (b) other persons in active concert or participation with Defendant or with anyone described in  
15 (a).

16 VII.

17 Defendant is liable for disgorgement of \$840,729.42 representing profits gained as a  
18 result of the conduct alleged in the Complaint, together with prejudgment interest thereon in the  
19 amount of \$110,823.04, and a civil penalty in the amount of \$320,000 pursuant to Section  
20 20(d)(1) of the Securities Act, Section 21(d)(3)(A) of the Exchange Act, and Section 209(e) of  
21 the Advisers Act. Defendant shall satisfy this obligation by paying \$1,271,552.46 to the  
22 Securities and Exchange Commission within 14 days after entry of this order and related  
23 judgment.

24 Defendant may transmit payment electronically to the Commission, which will provide  
25 detailed ACH transfer/Fedwire instructions upon request. Payment may also be made directly  
26 from a bank account via Pay.gov through the SEC website at <http://www.sec.gov/about/offices/>

1 [ofm.htm](#). Defendant may also pay by certified check, bank cashier's check, or United States  
2 postal money order payable to the Securities and Exchange Commission, which shall be  
3 delivered or mailed to: Enterprise Services Center, Accounts Receivable Branch, 6500 South  
4 MacArthur Boulevard, Oklahoma City, OK 73169. Such payment shall be accompanied by a  
5 letter identifying the case title, civil action number, and name of this Court; identifying Ronald  
6 A. Fossum, Jr., as a defendant in this action; and specifying that payment is made pursuant to  
7 this order and related judgment.

8 Defendant shall simultaneously transmit photocopies of evidence of payment and case  
9 identifying information to the Commission's counsel in this action. By making this payment,  
10 Defendant relinquishes all legal and equitable right, title, and interest in such funds and no part  
11 of the funds shall be returned to Defendant. The Commission shall send the funds paid pursuant  
12 to this order and related judgment to the United States Treasury.

13 The Commission may enforce the Court's order and related judgment for disgorgement  
14 and prejudgment interest by moving for civil contempt (and/or through other collection  
15 procedures authorized by law) at any time after 14 days following entry of this order and related  
16 judgment. Defendant shall pay post-judgment interest on any delinquent amounts pursuant to 28  
17 U.S.C. Section 1961.

18 VIII.

19 Defendant's Consent is incorporated herein with the same force and effect as if fully set  
20 forth herein. Defendant shall comply with all of the undertakings and agreements set forth  
21 therein.

22 IX.

23 Solely for purposes of exceptions to discharge set forth in Section 523 of the Bankruptcy  
24 Code, 11 U.S.C. § 523, the allegations in the complaint are true and admitted by Defendant, and  
25 further, any debt for disgorgement, prejudgment interest, civil penalty or other amounts due by  
26 Defendant under this order and related judgment, or any other judgment, order, consent order,

1 decree or settlement agreement entered in connection with this proceeding, is a debt for the  
2 violation by Defendant of the federal securities laws or any regulation or order issued under such  
3 laws, as set forth in Section 523(a)(19) of the Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(19).

4 X.

5 This Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter for the purposes of enforcing the terms  
6 of this order and related judgment.

7 DATED this 7th day of June 2018.

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11 John C. Coughenour  
12 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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