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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE  
COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ROBERT A. FERRANTE and  
MARILYN R. THOMASSEN,

Defendants.

Case No. 8:18-cv-01758-CJC (DFMx)

**FINAL JUDGMENT AS TO  
DEFENDANT MARILYN R.  
THOMASSEN**

1 The Securities and Exchange Commission having filed a Complaint and  
2 Defendant Marilyn R. Thomassen having entered a general appearance; consented to  
3 the Court's jurisdiction over Defendant and the subject matter of this action; consented  
4 to entry of this Final Judgment without admitting or denying the allegations of the  
5 Complaint (except as to jurisdiction and except as otherwise provided herein in  
6 paragraph VI); waived findings of fact and conclusions of law; and waived any right to  
7 appeal from this Final Judgment:

8 **I.**

9 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant is  
10 permanently restrained and enjoined from violating, directly or indirectly, Section  
11 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") [15 U.S.C. §  
12 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5], by using any  
13 means or instrumentality of interstate commerce, or of the mails, or of any facility of  
14 any national securities exchange, in connection with the purchase or sale of any  
15 security:

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

22 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that, as provided  
23 in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(d)(2), the foregoing paragraph also binds the  
24 following who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment by personal service or  
25 otherwise: (a) Defendant's officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys; and  
26 (b) other persons in active concert or participation with Defendant or with anyone  
27 described in (a).

1 **II.**

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

- 7 (a) to employ any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud;  
8 (b) to obtain money or property by means of any untrue statement of a  
9 material fact or any omission of a material fact necessary in order to make  
10 the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were  
11 made, not misleading; or  
12 (c) to engage in any transaction, practice, or course of business which  
13 operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon the purchaser.

14 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that, as provided  
15 in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(d)(2), the foregoing paragraph also binds the  
16 following who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment by personal service or  
17 otherwise: (a) Defendant’s officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys; and  
18 (b) other persons in active concert or participation with Defendant or with anyone  
19 described in (a).

20 **III.**

21 IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that  
22 Defendant is permanently restrained and enjoined from, directly or indirectly,  
23 including but not limited to, through an entity owned or controlled by Defendant,  
24 participating in the issuance, purchase, offer, or sale of any security, provided,  
25 however, that such injunction shall not prevent Defendant from purchasing or selling  
26 securities for her own personal account.

27 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that, as provided  
28 in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(d)(2), the foregoing paragraph also binds the

1 following who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment by personal service or  
2 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  
4 described in (a).

5 **IV.**

6 IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that  
7 Defendant is permanently restrained and enjoined from, directly or indirectly,  
8 participating in the offer or sale of any security which constitutes an investment in a  
9 “commercial enterprise” under the United States Government EB-5 visa program  
10 administered by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (“USCIS”),  
11 including engaging in activities with a broker, dealer, or issuer, or a Regional Center  
12 designated by the USCIS, for purposes of issuing, offering, trading, or inducing or  
13 attempting to induce the purchase or sale of any such EB-5 investment.

14 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that, as provided  
15 in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(d)(2), the foregoing paragraph also binds the  
16 following who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment by personal service or  
17 otherwise: (a) Defendant’s officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys; and  
18 (b) other persons in active concert or participation with Defendant or with anyone  
19 described in (a).

20 **V.**

21 IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that  
22 Defendant is liable for a civil penalty in the amount of \$187,767.00 pursuant to Section  
23 20(d) of the Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. § 77t(d), and Section 21(d)(3) of the Exchange  
24 Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(3). Defendant shall satisfy this obligation by paying  
25 \$187,767.00 to the Securities and Exchange Commission within 14 days after entry of  
26 this Final Judgment.

27 Defendant may transmit payment electronically to the SEC, which will provide  
28 detailed ACH transfer/Fedwire instructions upon request. Payment may also be made

1 directly from a bank account via Pay.gov through the SEC website at  
2 <http://www.sec.gov/about/offices/ofm.htm>. Defendant may also pay by certified  
3 check, bank cashier's check, or United States postal money order payable to the  
4 Securities and Exchange Commission, which shall be delivered or mailed to

5           Enterprise Services Center  
6           Accounts Receivable Branch  
7           6500 South MacArthur Boulevard  
8           Oklahoma City, OK 73169

9 and shall be accompanied by a letter identifying the case title, civil action number, and  
10 name of this Court; Defendant's name as a defendant in this action; and specifying that  
11 payment is made pursuant to this Final Judgment.

12           Defendant shall simultaneously transmit photocopies of evidence of payment  
13 and case identifying information to the Commission's counsel in this action. By  
14 making this payment, Defendant relinquishes all legal and equitable right, title, and  
15 interest in such funds and no part of the funds shall be returned to Defendant.

16           Defendant shall pay post judgment interest on any delinquent amounts pursuant  
17 to 28 U.S.C. § 1961. The SEC shall hold the funds, together with any interest and  
18 income earned thereon (collectively, the "Fund"), pending further order of the Court.

19           The SEC may propose a plan to distribute the Fund subject to the Court's  
20 approval. Such a plan may provide that the Fund shall be distributed pursuant to the  
21 Fair Fund provisions of Section 308(a) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. The Court  
22 shall retain jurisdiction over the administration of any distribution of the Fund. If the  
23 SEC staff determines that the Fund will not be distributed, the SEC shall send the  
24 funds paid pursuant to this Final Judgment to the United States Treasury.

25           Regardless of whether any such Fair Fund distribution is made, amounts ordered  
26 to be paid as civil penalties pursuant to this Judgment shall be treated as penalties paid  
27 to the government for all purposes, including all tax purposes. To preserve the  
28 deterrent effect of the civil penalty, Defendant shall not, after offset or reduction of any  
award of compensatory damages in any Related Investor Action based on Defendant's

1 payment of disgorgement in this action, argue that she is entitled to, nor shall she  
2 further benefit by, offset or reduction of such compensatory damages award by the  
3 amount of any part of Defendant's payment of a civil penalty in this action ("Penalty  
4 Offset"). If the court in any Related Investor Action grants such a Penalty Offset,  
5 Defendant shall, within 30 days after entry of a final order granting the Penalty Offset,  
6 notify the SEC's counsel in this action and pay the amount of the Penalty Offset to the  
7 United States Treasury or to a Fair Fund, as the SEC directs. Such a payment shall not  
8 be deemed an additional civil penalty and shall not be deemed to change the amount of  
9 the civil penalty imposed in this Judgment. For purposes of this paragraph, a "Related  
10 Investor Action" means a private damages action brought against Defendant by or on  
11 behalf of one or more investors based on substantially the same facts as alleged in the  
12 Complaint in this action.

13 **VI.**

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

18 **VII.**

19 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that, solely for  
20 purposes of exceptions to discharge set forth in Section 523 of the Bankruptcy Code,  
21 11 U.S.C. §523, the allegations in the complaint are true and admitted by Defendant,  
22 and further, any debt for disgorgement, prejudgment interest, civil penalty or other  
23 amounts due by Defendant under this Final Judgment or any other judgment, order,  
24 consent order, decree or settlement agreement entered in connection with this  
25 proceeding, is a debt for the violation by Defendant of the federal securities laws or  
26 any regulation or order issued under such laws, as set forth in Section 523(a)(19) of the  
27 Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. §523(a)(19).

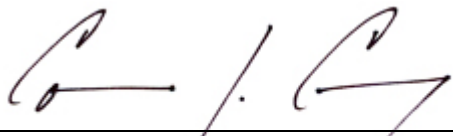
**VIII.**

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.

**IX.**

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: October 2, 2018



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HON. CORMAC J. CARNEY  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE