UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Before the SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION



File No. 3-15155	
In the Matter of	
JEFFREY A. LISKOV,	
Respondent.	

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING

DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT'S REPLY BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF ITS MOTION FOR SUMMARY DISPOSITION AGAINST RESPONDENT JEFFREY LISKOV

Respondent Jeffrey A. Liskov (Liskov") provides four reasons to support his argument that the ALJ should impose some sanction less than a permanent bar: 1) Liskov is financially ruined because of his conduct; 2) the publicity of the jury verdict against him in the underlying civil action is sufficient to accomplish the goal of deterrence; 3) Liskov needs to work in the financial services sector to pay off the disgorgement and fines assessed due to his conduct; and 4) his conduct was not "egregiously" fraudulent. None of these reasons are availing.

The first three reasons can be dismissed easily. None of those reasons address the factors set forth in Steadman v. SEC, 603 F.2d 1126 (5th Cir. 1979). Simply because Liskov is broke and allegedly unable to work outside the financial services industry does not mean that he should be given an opportunity to repeat the egregious fraudulent conduct for which the jury found him liable. Moreover, without the imposition of a bar, publicity alone cannot serve to prevent Liskov from repeating the conduct for which the jury found him liable.

Finally, by arguing that his fraud was not so egregious, Liskov is improperly re-litigating the jury's finding that he intentionally committed fraud and the relief entered by the judge. See James E. Franklin, Exchange Act Rel. No. 56449 (Oct. 12 2007) (where injunction entered after jury trial, Commission precluded "from reconsidering the injunction as well as factual and procedural issues that were actually litigated and necessary to the court's decision to issue the injunction"). Moreover, Liskov has misrepresented the Division's case and the jury's findings by improperly relying on snippets of counsel's closing argument to suggest a much narrower case than the case actually tried before the jury and that the court considered when ordering disgorgement and a penalty. Liskov wrongly contends that the Division's case only involved disclosures regarding his forex expertise. Liskov Opp. at 2.

In advance of the trial, the parties stipulated to numerous facts. Stip. Facts (at Appendix, Exhibit C). The judge charged the jury that these facts were evidence and not disputed.

11/26/2012 Tr. at 8:19-25 (at Appendix, Exhibit A). Those facts reflect a much broader fraud than Liskov now tries to outline – a fraud that the jury was required to consider in rendering its verdict. For example, in the stipulations, Liskov admitted to opening three forex trading accounts in one client's name in February, May, and June of 2010 at Forex Capital Markets, LLC ("FXCM") without the client's explicit authorization. Stip. Facts ¶¶ 32-35 (at Appendix C). He admitted that he did so by sending documents to FXCM that he altered with whiteout. *Id.* ¶ 37. Liskov admitted that, from his client's perspective, there was no reason or benefit to opening more than one forex account. *Id.* ¶ 38. He admitted that he knew that, by opening additional

¹ Liskov repeatedly referenced a timeline used during the Division's closing argument and selectively quoted from counsel's argument. Liskov Opp. at 3 & 6. Although neither is evidence, for clarification, the Division has attached hereto a *complete* copy of counsel's closing argument as well as the timeline, both delineating the broader fraud. 11/26/2013 Tr. at 51-68 (at Appendix A); Timeline (at Appendix B).

accounts, trading losses in prior accounts would not count toward the calculation of his performance bonuses. *Id.* ¶ 9. To fund these accounts, Liskov admitted that, on six separate occasions from November 2009 through June 2010, he transferred money out of the client's brokerage account without her specific authorization. *Id.* ¶¶ 40-44, 47-49. He did so by altering prior transfer documents with the use of whiteout.² *Id.* ¶¶ 45-46, 49-50. He also admitted that in July of 2010 he opened an account at a new forex trading firm without the client's explicit authorization and that he signed the client's name to (i.e., forged) a document as part of the account-opening process. *Id.* ¶¶ 51-53. He also used altered documents to transfer funds from her brokerage account to the new forex trading firm.³ *Id.* ¶54.

After considering the evidence, including the foregoing stipulated facts, the jury found that Liskov *intentionally* (not negligently) committed a scheme to defraud four clients. Mot. Summ. Disp. at 4 & n.2. That scheme clearly encompassed each of the numerous instances he used whiteout over a ten-month period from November 2009 through July of 2010. The jury separately found a fraudulent failure by Liskov concerning the non-disclosure of his poor forex track record to those four clients. *Id.* at 4. Of those clients, the earliest ones became clients in November of 2008, and Liskov solicited an investment from the latest client in July of 2009. Stip. Facts ¶ 10, 16, 21. Moreover, contrary to Liskov's argument that he did not steal money (Liskov Opp. at 6), when ordering relief, the Court specifically found that he had fraudulently

² During the trial, Liskov admitted that he did not disclose to either FXCM or the client's brokerage firm that he had used altered documents. 11/14/2013 Tr. at 30:25-31:4 9 (at Appendix D). In addition, at trial he admitted that he did not disclose the account openings at the time that he opened the multiple accounts but dismissed the whiteouts as "shortcuts." 11/14/2013 Tr. at 26:3-19 (at Appendix D).

³ Liskov excused this conduct by arguing that the client saw confirmations after the fact. Liskov Opp. at 3-4. Such evidence (even if true, which it is not) is irrelevant because the Division need not prove reliance to prove fraud. <u>SEC v. Tambone</u>, 597 F.3d 436, 447 n.9 (1st Cir. 2010).

obtained money from his clients in the form of performance fees to support his own speculative ventures. Mot. Summ. Disp. at 5.

Liskov's failure to acknowledge, even now, the extent of his culpability and wrongdoing clearly evidences the need for a permanent bar. His fraud took place from November of 2008 through at least July of 2010. It included admitted multiple submissions of altered documents to financial institutions. The jury found that he *intentionally* committed a scheme to defraud as to four victims over an eighteen-month period. Given that he "only" acknowledges a breach of fiduciary duty and fails to take responsibility for his more egregious conduct, any opportunity to associate with a financial services institution only makes it likely that he will repeat the same conduct. The Division therefore respectfully requests the imposition of a permanent bar.

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6	* Plaintiff *
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way I explain it. If you don't understand it make me explain it so you do. That is my responsibility.

Now, as I said, I'm going to try and create for you a mental, or a legal framework. And that means I'm going to talk about all aspects of the case. It doesn't mean that I think anything is proved or anything is not proved. It simply means I have to teach you how you would analyze this or that if your analysis goes in a certain direction.

That's what this is. It's law teaching. So listen to the whole charge. Don't pick out part of it and say, Aha, the case turns on this or that. Not so. Listen to the entire charge.

Now, let's talk about what tools you have to arrive at a fair and a just verdict. Because I keep saying, well, you've got to base your decision on the evidence. Well, that's the tools you have. And what evidence do you have? I'm going to go over the various sources of evidence. These are the tools that you have.

Well, one thing you have, and this hasn't been passed among you, but one thing you have are what the parties have agreed to as stipulated facts. And there are seven pages of stipulated facts, 55 different paragraphs, that everyone agrees to. And the actual document will be with you in the jury room. So you don't have any dispute about any of those things. Those things are agreed to. No

because you didn't do what we said you didn't have to do, then is this courtroom or any courtroom a safe place for justice. I don't think that you will allow the government to play games, not with people's lives.

Thank you.

THE COURT: Ms. Bernstein.

MS. BERNSTEIN: Thank you, your Honor.

And thank you, ladies and gentlemen of the jury, for your time and your attention for the last two weeks, but I want to get straight to the evidence.

For eight days -- at the beginning of this trial we told you this case was going to be about an abuse of trust. And now you got to hear five clients come in and tell you how that trust was abused. It was abused through lies, through material misrepresentations, omissions, because he as a fiduciary had a duty to provide them with material facts and to avoid them being misled. This isn't about blaming the victim. This is his responsibility to make sure they're not misled, and through a scheme to defraud. And what does that scheme look like? It was a scheme that started with the first investor, Mr. Bodi, and ended with Mrs. Stott, August, excuse me, November of 2008 to August of 2010. It was to get investors in. It was to get performance fees. And that's why performance fees matter, because that was the intent, to get performance fees, and he

didn't care about the looses. And the losses do matter for one issue, and that's scienter.

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Before I go into the evidence I want to just briefly summarize what the judge told you about the law. Of course, what he says holds. If I have said something incorrect don't listen to me, listen to the judge.

Question 1 and 2 are about the Investment Advisers

Act. You heard about what a material misrepresentation is.

That's also an omission. Because in this case he was

obligated as a fiduciary to disclose material facts, to take

reasonable care to avoid clients being misled. Any fact

that a reasonable, would have mattered to a reasonable

investor.

Also, let's talk about negligence versus scienter.

Negligence is carelessness. You heard that. There's really not much more to be said. Scienter is either, either intentional, you meant the result of your action, or reckless, you took, you disregarded the consequences. You were heedless of the consequences, you didn't care. And that's also the element for 3a as well which is the misrepresentations.

Let's just talk a little bit about the in connection issue. You heard about stipulations. These are facts that the parties have agreed are true. And you don't have to worry about whether they're true or not. One of

those facts is Stipulation Number 5 which says specifically that investors liquidated securities to invest in forex.

You've heard evidence through the trial that people had money markets in securities and liquidated them to invest in forex. But there is a general stipulation that covers that issue. Scheme? What the scheme is here is to get people in to get performance fees.

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And let's talk a little bit more about the stipulations. The stipulations are again those facts that you don't have to worry about figuring out whether they're true or not because the parties have agreed they're true.

Let's talk about what some of those stipulations are. She opened, Mrs. Stott opened -- three accounts were opened on Mrs. Stott's behalf at FXCM without her explicit authorization, and they were not, it was not to her benefit to open those accounts. He moved \$2 million. Again, it benefited him. And how did he do both of those things? He did it through the use of whiteout. If you're going to look at any exhibit in this case, I suggest that you look at Exhibit 261. That is his original -- that is Mrs. Stott's client file. Those are the originals and the whiteouts. He has told you that whiteouts are no big deal. In fact, he said he didn't intend to mislead anyone. You look at those whiteouts and you come to your own conclusion about whether or not he wanted to mislead. Not only Mrs. Stott but

Fidelity and FXCM which goes to his scienter. Because he wasn't telling people that he was whiting out. He didn't put an initial next to it. He didn't make it clear at all. And for FXCM it mattered that people opened each account separately, that they signed off, because of that clean slate that we've heard about all through trial regarding performance fees. So, he was -- that shows his scienter.

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As to the wire transfers, he says, oh, it's no big deal that there's whiting out. Let's be very clear what a wire transfer is. What a wire transfer is is no different than a check. It's moving money from point A to point B. He's saying it's no big deal. When you write a clerk for \$60, sign your name, put a date, and then he comes behind you, puts a couple of extra zeros on it, puts a new date and sends it in. Yeah, that's your signature. But you didn't authorize that money. And he did it repeatedly. And you have sat here through eight days. You don't even have to rely on anything other than what he himself did. He tried to mislead Mrs. Stott, he tried to, and his intent is shown because he didn't tell Fidelity or FXCM. He didn't actually send her a copy of any of those FXCM accounts that were opened, and he didn't send her a copy of a single one of the documents or even pick up the phone to tell her.

And let's remember also the Deutsch Bank account which is also in Exhibit 261, but that document he signed in

her name with no indication that he was not, he was signing on her behalf, to Deutsch Bank. He forged her signature to Deutsch Bank. It is also undisputed, though not in the stipulations, that he didn't disclose his forex trading record to any of the investors.

So the question is why did he do it? Why did he do it? Well, it's money. Some good evidence of intent of you meant what you were doing -- and by the way, this is Exhibit 274 -- that you meant the consequences of your action is that you were going to physically benefit from it.

Remember he told you that his own personal forex trading had caused a strain on his finances. Remember he told you that he had lost all of his retirement, \$400,000, from January 2008 to July of 2010, that it was gone.

Remember also Exhibit 177 that we looked at at the end of his cross-examination. That was his tax return in 2010. That of \$277,000 he made after business expenses, oh, about \$215,000 of it was from two performance fees from Mrs. Stott. And if you want to see more strain on his finances, he also reported on that tax return a \$127,000 loss in 2010.

The scheme here, the intent was to get as many investors in in the short run, to get performance fees, and not care about losses in the long run. And by the way, that's why we care about losses. One, because he starts to figure out that he's no good at this, but he keeps on doing

it, which suggests that he had no, he didn't have the interest of his clients but instead wanted to get those performance fees. And it indicates generally why the track record was, should have been so important and disclosed to investors.

But now we're going to look at quickly the entire time line. Because you've heard the evidence from, from investor to investor, and maybe you haven't figured out how this fits in timing-wise, so we created a time line to take you from November of 2008 through August, through August of 2010.

I've got my clicker.

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Here's what happened in November of 2008.

We've just lost -- well, I'm going to keep talking because I only have 30 minutes.

In November of 2008 a couple of things happened.

Right? One, Mrs. Starrett gets invested in forex. I'm not going to tell you who to believe between Mr. Liskov and Mrs.

Starrett. You're the jury. You're the ones who determine credibility. She told you she didn't understand that she was investing in forex, that he didn't explain foreign exchange. All of those are material omissions, because he had an obligation as a fiduciary to make sure that she wasn't misled.

Mrs. Stott also got involved. She told, she told

you she didn't understand it was foreign exchange. She kept on referring to it as the client. Again, you judge her credibility versus Mr. Liskov's credibility. Okay? I'm not going to tell you how to conclude that. But you have to remember for there not to be fraud here you have to disbelieve every one of the investors and believe Mr. Liskov.

Also, and you didn't hear from this witness, Mr. Bodi also invested \$26,000. And Mr. Liskov admitted that he didn't disclose that by the end of November he had lost over \$200,000 in forex trading for himself. That's a material omission we would argue because as a fiduciary you have an obligation. And let's talk about what happens next.

In January of 2009, this is the first time an investor tells, tells Mr. Liskov you really might want to think twice about investing in forex. So, if he didn't mean the consequences of his actions which by the way included losses, he starts to get a warning here that maybe he should stop. But this is a scheme to defraud so he doesn't. And by the way, this e-mail, which is Exhibit 33, also contains Mr. Liskov's first apology to a client because he sent out a bill that he felt that he shouldn't receive.

But what does he do next? What does he do with that first apology? Instead, what he does is he seeks money from Mrs. Starrett and Mrs. Stott. And Mrs. Starrett, and

you want to talk about more material omissions, Mrs.

Starrett gave a check for \$30,000 in January and another one in April after money was lost in each one. He didn't tell her the balance either time. Material omission. You're a fiduciary. You have an affirmative obligation to make sure that your clients are not misled. Those are both material omissions. Mrs. Stott, the same thing happened. He didn't tell her about the balances. That's a material omission.

But he also said that the investment was doing well, even though the first \$100,000 was lost. That's a material misrepresentation.

And then what does he do next? Mr. Striano. And let's talk a little bit about puffery. Puffery as the judge told you is about predictions in the future. That is not what happened with Mr. Striano. Mr. Striano as you may remember argued, asked pointed questions of Mr. Liskov. I don't know what I'm doing. Do you know what you're doing? Are you competent to do this? And he says I'm good at it. In the context of that, and that's an affirmative misrepresentation right there, he also was obligated, if you're going to start talking about your performance, you should probably also disclose what your performance, when you say it's good, to give the full context — and you heard the judge talk about context — to give the full context you should disclose your trading record which by the way by

this point he had lost money for not only himself but for Bodi, for Starrett, and for Stott.

July 2010. What happens at this point? He's lost the money for Mr. Striano. This is the second time he apologizes to a client and he says he's gun-shy, that he didn't mean to do this. If he didn't mean to get money at the, at the detriment of his clients he would have stopped, or maybe he would have stopped right here. But he doesn't. He doesn't stop. He gets more money from both Mrs. Stott and Mrs. Starrett. And Mrs. Stott, there's an affirmative misrepresentation because he says the investment is doing well again, as well as material omission about the balance.

As to the, as to the wire, Mrs. Starrett told you that she signed something in blank which means she never knew that that \$50,000 was being wired and he never disclosed it. You can decide the credibility between Mrs. Starrett and Mr. Liskov on whether she trusted him enough to sign something in blank after their years of working together.

And then he gets another client involved and that's Mr. Smith. And given the context, he said repeatedly, Mr. Liskov said you need to be an expert, you need to be an expert. Mr. Smith is hearing you need to be an expert, but he doesn't disclose, oh, by the way I'm not one, because I've lost all this money so far. Another material omission

and a material misrepresentation.

And then we get to Mr. McLaughlin. There he actually puts his entire track record into -- he says he has a good track record. You can decide whether that's subjective or objective. But once you start talking about your track record, at minimum shouldn't you actually disclose what that track record is? Because if you just say it's good, isn't that misleading.

So it's a material misrepresentation and a material omission. And by the way, for the purposes of this jury form, a material omission and a material misrepresentation are the same thing. His silence is not an excuse. He had an obligation to speak. So, if you feel that he didn't disclose a material fact, that's a material misrepresentation for the purposes of the jury form.

And now let's talk about that meeting with Mrs.

Stott. Because this is his only excuse for why it was okay to open three accounts with whiteout and to move \$2 million, is because he said she signed on to it generally.

Now, you heard her. She said I never gave him cart blanche. I never said you could move \$2 million. He says that she did.

Could we look at Exhibit 273 for a second.

And I just wanted you to look at this. You've seen this during his cross-examination. This is what it looked

like for her. Because he got a clean slate for the third account, the fourth account, and the fifth account, which is the green, the red, excuse me, it's the yellow, the blue and yellow. Apparently I'm color blind.

MS. SEVILLA: Red, blue, yellow.

MS. BERNSTEIN: Red, blue, yellow. Thank you. For those three he got a clean, he got a clean slate. And he admitted that those five, those extra accounts were not for her benefit, that the only reason to do it was to get the performance fees that you see right there. But he says she agreed to it.

What do you think? Would anyone agree to a situation where your investment adviser could lose money but still make a profit for himself? Because that's what they're saying, that's what he's saying she agreed to.

Let's go back to the time line.

And so there's what's happening in November and December of 2009. He's starting, and this is in the stipulations, the list of all the moneys that was moved through the use of whiteout is actually paragraphs in the stipulations you will have back in the jury room. And you'll see that that happened twice in the November-December time period.

You'll also remember that there was an \$80,000 wire transfer of Mrs. Starrett where he admits that he used

whiteout. He admits to it. It was whiteout. His story?

That they were okay after the fact after they caught him;

that they figured it out afterwards and so it was okay.

Now, first of all, that's not credible. And that brings me to an issue.

He keeps on blaming the victim, because they could have figured out after the fact. One, reliance is not an element, and two, you have an obligation at the time that you do something to disclose that you're doing it. Finding out a week later, two weeks later, three weeks later, doesn't get you off the hook for failing to make a representation or lying.

Now, the entry of 11-20 refers to an exhibit you may remember. It's Exhibit 95. Whatever gave you the idea that you were competent to trade in currency? You couldn't have made this money disappear any faster if you were a magician.

Here's another warning, the second warning, and a pretty strong one, to Mr. Liskov: Stop. You don't know what you're doing. And if he was looking after his clients and he didn't intend the consequences of his action, or was reckless, didn't really care about the consequences of his action, wouldn't he have stopped here. And he actually apologizes in December. And we saw that, right? That's Exhibit 103. He apologized. If he means -- the way I think

we were all raised is that sometimes it's not our mistakes but what we do after them, what we do next. If everything before this was just bad judgment, just an oopsie, just a mistake, wouldn't he have stopped. But he didn't.

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After he apologized in December, he opened a third account with the use of whiteout. He also took more money from Mrs. Starrett without disclosing it to her. That's her testimony. And by using the whiteout he got himself a \$117,000 performance bonus he wouldn't have otherwise gotten. And if you want to -- and if you don't want to believe that this was him trying to commit fraud, let's look at Exhibit 111.

This e-mail, Exhibit 111, as he admits was the top of an e-mail from FXCM regarding the opening of the third account. And he admits that this is an explanation of what the e-mail below is. Nowhere does this say anything about the opening of a third account. In fact, this e-mail is done so she doesn't read the e-mail below. And what does that suggest is that this related to stuff they did back in October, which was the second account.

But here's the problem with that. The only way
this is true is because he took the documentation from the
second account, applied whiteout, and created the third
account opening documents. And he said that's why this is
accurate. He's trying to hide what he's doing. He's trying

to also get her not to read e-mails from FXCM. Nothing to see here, especially because you're in Florida until May.

You can go back to the time line.

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But here's the problem. She's coming back in May. So he's got to figure out how to hide the fact that he's now lost money in the first account, the second account, and really by this point the third account. He has to hide what he's done. And that's what he's doing here. Don't have any illusions to anything the otherwise. He's hiding. And that's great evidence of scienter. We all know that. If we don't think we've done something wrong don't we come forward. When we hide it means because we know that we've done something wrong.

so he opens the fourth account, he moves \$600,000 in, he sets up a meeting for June 11th. Excuse me a minute, I forgot the number of that exhibit. But he sets up the e-mail, he sets up the exhibit, excuse me, he sets up the meeting. But here's the problem. He loses the money immediately. So then he has to open the fifth account. And takes a million this time because when he shows her the account balance and then shows her how to use the computer, and I want to talk about that for a moment, he needs to show a win. And so he has to open the fifth account. He also by the way delays the meeting, right? Remember seeing that?

writes an e-mail, which is Exhibit 129, saying, oh, can we put the meeting off. By the way, while he's telling her in Exhibit 129 that he's sick in bed, he e-mails FXCM to tell him that he's been taking an exam and has now just passed it. That's Exhibit 134. So, was he sick in bed? Or was he just trying to buy time so he would have profits in the fifth account.

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One of the issues here has been whether Mrs. Stott had access to the FXCM computer website. She told you no until June of 2010. He's been a little bit more all over the place. He first told you, oh, I didn't give her computer training until July. Then he said no, no, no, no, I did it all along. I did it in November 2008 and in October of 2009. During my cross-examination of Mr. Liskov towards the very end of evidence we read his deposition, I read his deposition into the record. In his deposition he said that he didn't know she had access. He speculated that she did because of the intelligence of the woman, but he didn't know that she had access until June of 2010 and he admitted that in 2010 he gave her computer training. And by the way, remember what Mrs. Stott said, that he said it was about installing software. And she was very surprised when he actually showed up and said no, no, no, no. It's not about software, it's about this. And that she told you that she only had access to the one account.

Now, at this point let me just talk a minute before we get into the events of July about her access and whether she, other evidence that proves that she didn't have access.

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Remember how many e-mails she sent saying every time, the few times he sent her e-mail statements asking, begging him to tell her the bottom line and to send her something in the mail. If you want to look at those e-mails that's Exhibit 29, 30, 88, 89, and 115. And by the way, 115 was an e-mail that was written in March right around the time that he opened the third account and he sends her one day's worth of information about the third account, not really explaining it's about the third account.

THE COURT: Five more minutes, Ms. Bernstein.

MS. BERNSTEIN: And I want you all to look at Exhibits 23, he mentioned it, but there's also Exhibit 24. He told her I will take care of the FXCM e-mails. He didn't want her to read them. He said I'm going to take care of them. He gave you an explanation that it was about administrative and that's what he meant. But it's not what it says. You all look at it, and you're the judge of the credibility and you're the judge of the evidence.

So now let's get to July quickly. 7-6, remember that e-mail, it's either 130, 131, the losing my shirt e-mail. She can now see what she's going on for the first time and she's getting nervous and he's trying to calm her

down. And he says I'm not losing my shirt. That's evidence of scienter because he's trying to hide what he's doing. It's also truthfully a material misrepresentation because in fact she did lose her shirt. She had lost so much money by the time of that e-mail that the only way that you could describe it is losing the shirt. But what he's tying to do is not, to not be caught. Because let's face it, when you're whiting out documents, you want to talk about intent to defraud, that's intent to defraud and he doesn't want to get caught.

On 7-15 he gets an e-mail from FXCM basically firing him. And then on 7-21 they exchange e-mails and he doesn't explain why he's been fired by FXCM, which is because of excessive losses in the account.

And let's talk about the Deutsch Bank account. You can look at the documents. He forges her signature. What he was referring to regarding Deutsch Bank was her routinely forwarding e-mails the way she always did. She didn't understand what DBFX was. But finally she knows something's the problem because that's 7-28 and that's e-mail 153. Because that's when she finally has that conversation with him while he's on vacation and she has finally looked at some of the confirms and goes behind to figure out what's happened. By the way, not her obligation. He's a fiduciary. He had a duty to disclose. He never does. And

that's when this fraud started to unravel.

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This case isn't about blaming the victim. It's not about reliance. It's about material misrepresentations and omissions, which, by the way, are the same for the purposes of the jury form, as to five clients. It's also a scheme to defraud that goes across all the clients. Because the purpose of that scheme was to get as many investors in there to invest in forex so he could get performance fees while whatever happens to the client happens to the client.

We respectfully ask that you find Mr. Liskov liable for fraud.

THE COURT: All right, ladies and gentlemen, just a few words about how you conduct your deliberations.

We'll send you out to the jury room now and you may start your deliberations.

Mr. Foreman, as foreman it doesn't mean you do all the talking, nor does it mean you keep your mouth shut. And really I'm talking to all of you. Set things up in there so that as you go through these questions and you analyze these questions all twelve of you are engaged. That's what jury deliberations are. Not nine of you talking about the case and three of you watching them build the building next door. Jury deliberations are deliberations of the entire jury.

Now, during your deliberations you may use your notes. Take your notes with you now. Don't pass your notes

Timeline of Key Events

11/4/08

Starrett provides Liskov with \$30,000 check to FXCM/Liskov does not tell Starrett what "FX" is

11/6/08

Liskov advises Stott to open 1st FXCM account with \$100,000 investment

> 11/25/08 Bodi invests \$26,000 in forex

11/26/08 Liskov personal forex losses to date of \$215,268 7/13/09 Stott provides Liskov with \$300,000 check to FXCM/Liskov does not tell her balance is \$411

7/10/09 Liskov tells Striano he has become "gun shy" about forex tradina/Striano's balance is \$559 | 7/14/09 | Liskov wires \$50,000 to | Starrett's FXCM | account/Starrett's balance is | S381

MID-JULY 2009 Liskov tells Smith forex is for "experts only"/Smith invests \$100,000 in forex

2008

November December

January

February

March

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2009

August

September:

1/16/09

Bodi emails Liskov, "I am over forex and you should be too"/Bodi balance is \$499

1/22/09

Starrett provides Liskov with \$30,000 check to FXCM/Liskov does not tell her balance is \$803 4/23/09

Starrett provides Liskov with \$30,000 check to FXCM/Liskov does not tell her balance is \$501

2/4/09

Stott provides Liskov with \$200,000 check to FXCM/Liskov does not tell her balance is \$1,157 SEPTEMBER 2009

Liskov tells McLaughlin he has traded forex "successfully" for clients/McLaughlin invests \$250,000 in forex

MAY 2009

Liskov tells Striano he is "good at" forex trading/Striano invests \$100,000 in forex

Timeline of Key Events

October 2009
Liskov arranges for opening of Stott new Fidelity account and 2nd FXCM account

11/19/09

Using white out, Liskov wires \$400,000 more to Stott 2nd FXCM account

11/17/09

Using white out, Liskov wires \$80,000 to Starrett FXCM account/Starrett's balance is \$1,422

11/20/09

to McLaughlin

McLaughlin emails Liskov, "What ever gave you the idea you were competent to trade currency?"

3/4/10 Liskov collects performance fee of \$117,730 from Stott's 3rd FXCM account 7/28/10

Stott emails Liskov, "we never discussed a new bank"

7/22/10

Liskov opens dbFX account in Stott's name, forges her signature, uses white out to transfer \$800,000 to dbFX

7/21/10

Stott and Liskov exchange emails/Liskov does not tell Stott of FXCM firing

7/15/10

FXCM terminates its relationship with Liskov

7/7/10

Liskov collects performance fee of \$94,869 from Stott's 5th FXCM account

7/6/10

Liskov emails Stott, "no one is going to lose their shirt on my watch"

Liskov emails Stott postponing

their meeting

2009 2010 December October January February March April November May July 12/14/09 5/24/10 2/17/10 Using white out, Liskov wires Stott and Liskov email about setting up Liskov wires \$50,000 to \$300,000 more to Stott 2nd a meeting on June 11 Starrett FXCM **FXCM** account **LATE MAY 2010** account/Starrett's Using white out, Liskov opens Stott 4th balance is \$1.364 12/22/09 account with \$600,000/Stott lost **FXCM** account balances: \$475,560 in the 3rd account 2/18/10 Striano=\$934, Smith=\$404, 6/14/10 Using white out, Liskov McLaughlin=\$629 Using white out, Liskov opens Stott 5th opens Stott 3rd account account with \$1,000,000/Stott lost with \$600,000/Stott lost \$589,416 in the 4th account \$1,037,743 in the 12/23/09 2nd account 6/18/10 Liskov writes letter apologizing

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,)))
Plaintiff,)
V.) Civil Action No. 11-CV-11576 (WGY)
EAGLEEYE ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC, and JEFFREY A. LISKOV,)))
Defendants.)
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STIPULATED FACTS

Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") and Defendants

EagleEye Asset Management, LLC ("EagleEye") and Jeffrey Liskov ("Liskov") stipulate that:

- 1. On April 9, 2008, EagleEye became registered with the Commission as an investment adviser.
 - 2. Liskov operated EagleEye's offices out of his home in Plymouth, Massachusetts.
 - 3. Liskov was EagleEye's sole officer, manager, and employee.
 - 4. EagleEye and Liskov had a fiduciary duty to their investment advisory clients.
- 5. Beginning in 2008 and continuing through 2010, Liskov advised several clients to open foreign currency exchange, or "forex," trading accounts at FXCM, LLC, an online retail currency firm, and to liquidate investments in securities and instead invest in forex.
- 6. FXCM required the customer to sign account opening documentation, including the LPOA, for each account opened in the customer's name.

- 7. For each of the FXCM accounts of EagleEye's clients, a Limited Power of Attorney, or "LPOA," authorized EagleEye, and thus Liskov, to conduct trading in the account.
- 8. The LPOA for each of the FXCM accounts of EagleEye's clients contained a performance fee provision, which specified that EagleEye could earn performance fees on any net profits in the client's FXCM account for a specified time period.
- 9. FXCM's procedures did not take into account the performance in a customer's prior account or accounts before allowing a performance fee on gains in a new account in the name of the same customer, and Liskov knew this.
- 10. On November 21, 2008, Peter and Judith Starrett, who were advisory clients of EagleEye, invested \$30,000 in a forex account at FXCM, in which Liskov had trading authority.
- 11. EagleEye earned a performance fee of \$761.96 on profits in the Starretts' FXCM account in November 2008.
- 12. A total of \$270,000 of the Starretts' money was invested in their FXCM account between November 2008 and March 2010, and the trading losses in their FXCM account through July 2010 totaled more than \$250,000.
- 13. On November 25, 2008, Steven Bodi, an investment advisory client of EagleEye, invested \$26,000 in a forex trading account at FXCM, in which Liskov had trading authority.
- 14. EagleEye earned a performance fee of \$676.32 on profits in Bodi's FXCM account in November 2008.
- 15. By December 17, 2008, almost all of Bodi's forex investment was lost in trading, and the balance in Bodi's FXCM account was \$499.63.
- 16. On May 29, 2009, John Striano, an investment advisory client of EagleEye, invested \$100,000 in a forex trading account at FXCM, in which Liskov had trading authority.

- 17. EagleEye earned a performance fee of \$641.86 on profits in Striano's FXCM account in May 2009.
- 18. By July 10, 2009, almost all Striano's forex investment was lost in trading, and the balance in Striano's FXCM account was \$559.77.
 - 19. On August 10, 2009, Striano invested \$30,000 more in his FXCM account.
- 20. By December 22, 2009, almost all of Striano's additional forex investment was lost in trading, and the balance in Striano's FXCM account was \$934.21.
- 21. On July 16, 2009, Gordon Smith, an investment advisory client of EagleEye, invested \$100,000 in a forex trading account at FXCM, in which Liskov had trading authority.
- 22. Liskov received a performance fee of \$5,872.64 on profits in Smith's FXCM account in July 2009.
- 23. By December 31, 2009, \$41,676.71 of Smith's \$100,000 forex investment was lost in trading.
- 24. On September 11, 2009, Neil McLaughlin invested \$250,000 in a forex trading account at FXCM, in which Liskov had trading authority.
- 25. By September 30, 2009, more than \$200,000 of McLaughlin's forex investment was lost in trading.
 - 26. On October 13, 2009, McLaughlin invested \$35,000 more in his FXCM account.
- 27. As of November 20, 2009, the balance in McLaughlin's FXCM account was approximately \$2,499.
- 28. By December 22, 2009, almost all of McLaughlin's additional forex investment was lost in trading, and the balance in McLaughlin's FXCM account was \$629.91.
 - 29. Patricia Stott was an investment advisory client of EagleEye.

- 30. Stott's First FXCM Account was opened in November 2008, in which she invested by checks \$100,000 on or about November 20, 2008, \$200,000 on or about February 4, 2009, and \$300,000 on or about July 13, 2009.
- 31. Stott's Second FXCM Account was opened in October 2009, and \$400,000 was wired into the account on or about October 16, 2009.
 - 32. Stott's Third FXCM Account was opened in February 2010.
 - 33. Stott's Fourth FXCM Account was opened in May 2010.
 - 34. Stott's Fifth FXCM Account was opened in June 2010.
- 35. Stott did not explicitly authorize the opening of the Third, Fourth, and Fifth FXCM Accounts.
- 36. Liskov submitted account opening documentation to FXCM to open Stott's Third, Fourth, and Fifth FXCM Accounts.
- 37. Liskov used documentation from the opening of Stott's Second FXCM Account to create the account opening documents for Stott's Third, Fourth, and Fifth FXCM Accounts. Liskov whited out information on the Second FXCM Account opening documentation to create documentation to open the Third, Fourth, and Fifth FXCM Accounts.
- 38. There was no reason from Stott's perspective for five FXCM accounts to be opened in her name. Liskov could have accomplished his forex trading on Stott's behalf in a single account.
- 39. In October 2009, around the same time as the opening of Stott's Second FXCM Account, a new brokerage account was opened in Stott's name, with an account number ending in 4839. Stott had other pre-existing brokerage accounts.

- 40. Stott's signature was required by Fidelity Investments' Procedures to wire funds over \$250,000 out of the new brokerage account, and Liskov knew this.
- 41. Stott's signature was required by Fidelity Investments' Procedures to transfer funds between Stott's unlike-registered brokerage accounts, and Liskov knew this.
- 42. On or about the following dates, the following amounts were transferred to Stott's new brokerage account from other brokerage accounts of hers:
 - \$400,000 on November 19, 2009;
 - \$300,000 on December 10, 2009;
 - \$600,000 on February 11, 2010;
 - \$400,000 on May 21, 2010;
 - \$200,000 on May 28, 2010; and
 - \$1,000,000 on June 11, 2010.
- 43. The transfers to Stott's new brokerage account from her other brokerage accounts were transfers between unlike-registered accounts.
- 44. Stott did not explicitly authorize the transfers to her new brokerage account from her other brokerage accounts before they occurred.
- 45. Liskov arranged for all of the transfers to Stott's new brokerage account from her other brokerage accounts.
- 46. For all of the transfers to Stott's new brokerage account from her other brokerage accounts, Liskov used prior transfer request forms, used white out to change certain information, such as the prior request amounts, and faxed the prior requests as new requests in each instance.
- 47. On or about the following dates, the following amounts were transferred from Stott's new brokerage account to the following of Stott's FXCM accounts:

- \$400,000 on November 19, 2009 to the Second FXCM Account;
- \$300,000 on December 14, 2009 to the Second FXCM Account;
- \$600,000 on February 18, 2010 to the Third FXCM Account;
- \$400,000 on May 24, 2010 to the Fourth FXCM Account;
- \$200,000 on May 30, 2010 to the Fourth FXCM Account; and
- \$1,000,000 on June 14, 2010 to the Fifth FXCM Account.
- 48. Stott did not explicitly authorize the transfers from her new brokerage account to her FXCM accounts before they occurred.
- 49. Liskov arranged for all of the transfers from Stott's new brokerage account to her FXCM accounts.
- 50. For all of the transfers from Stott's new brokerage account to her FXCM accounts, Liskov altered prior transfer requests by whiting out certain information and faxed them as new requests.
- 51. In July 2010, Liskov opened an account in Stott's name at Deutsche Bank's forex trading platform, known as "dbFX."
- 52. Liskov opened the dbFX account online without obtaining Stott's explicit authorization before opening the account.
- 53. Liskov signed Stott's name to a document that he sent to dbFX as part of the account opening process.
- 54. On July 22, 2010, \$800,000 was transferred to Stott's new brokerage account from one of her other brokerage accounts pursuant to a transfer request that Liskov faxed.

 Liskov used a prior transfer request, used white out to alter the prior transfer request, and then faxed it as a new transfer request.

55. On July 23, 2010, \$800,000 was wired out of Stott's new brokerage account to her account at dbFX. Stott did not explicitly authorize this transfer at the time that it was made.

Respectfully submitted,

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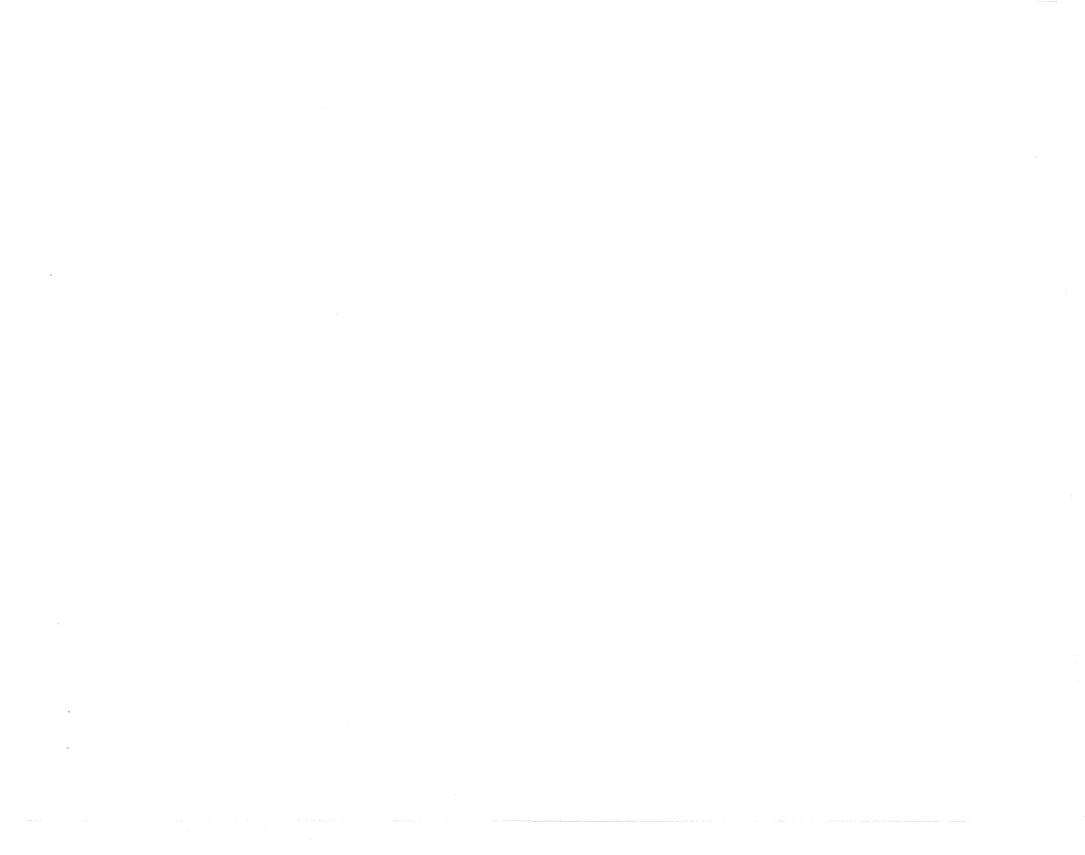
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6	* Plaintiff, *
7	* DAILY TRANSCRIPT
	v. * OF THE EVIDENCE
8	* (Volume 6)
9	JEFFREY LISKOV and EAGLEEYE * ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC, *
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10	Defendants. *
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13	BEFORE: The Honorable William G. Young, District Judge, and a Jury
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said do what you think is right and I am happy. Do what you think is right. And that's what I thought I was doing.

- Q So you think that when she said do what you think is right that she meant using whiteout to open three accounts and to move \$2 million without telling her that you were doing it?
- A Ms. Bernstein, that's not what I said. I don't think it was right to use the whiteout. And, in fact, I'm going to tell you that it wasn't procedure. It was a shortcut. It was -- I wish I could go back in hindsight and say I would have picked up the phone and just confirmed with her, because I don't think we would be here right now. But the whiteout itself was, was a shortcut. I mean, it was an efficient way for me to move money from one account to another which I thought I had authorization on. That's all it was. And it wasn't, certainly it wasn't meant to hide anything from Mrs. Stott or Mrs. Starrett as they were getting notifications on every step of the way. The whiteout created a paper trail. It didn't hide anything.
- ${\bf Q}$ Now, you ultimately got a \$94,000 performance fee in that fifth account, didn't you?
- A I did. The fifth account rose in value to over \$2 million in the June time frame. And again, we are back to the question of not taking profits. But I did get paid a performance fee on the money that the account rose in June.

People had given me the authority to make investments for them without checking first with them. And so, if that were the case, I might pick up the phone and just confirm that they knew exactly what I was doing.

THE COURT: Go ahead, Ms. Bernstein.

- Q Just to clarify a couple of things. You've actually stipulated that Fidelity required Mrs. Stott's signatures on all the documents that you were whiting out; isn't that correct?
- A Yes. And I think that's --
- **Q** Okay.

- 12 A -- why I had a signature there.
- Q Right. A new signature. That the whole idea of signing a document is you get to see the document, right?
 - A Well, I think and I acknowledge the fact that I wish it was an original signature as I sit here today.
 - Q Okay. And you also understood, in part because of the performance fee issue, that FXCM required the client to sign off on each account opening, and you stipulated to that,
- 20 too. You understood that, correct?
- A I did. I understood that while FXCM clients was

 watching, obviously we saw the letter, everything I did with

 customers, that procedure-wise it was, it was certainly a

 shortcut on their end as well.
 - Q Yes. By the way, you never told FXCM you were whiting

out documents to them, did you? 1 2 A No. 3 And you never told Fidelity you were doing that either? I did not. 4 Α 5 Could we go back to Exhibit 131. And she's referring to, and I just want to make 6 sure we see that, she's referring to \$600,000; is that 7 8 correct? In that e-mail, July 3rd, 2010? 9 Right, she's referring to the 6,000 in 2009 that she --10 Well, in fact, actually we can go back there. But it 11 was \$600,000 that got invested in the first account? 12 Α Right. 13 In that very first account in November of 2008. That's how much was invested in the first account. 14 15 Α Correct. 16 Do you want me to go through it? 17 Not at all, no. I agree with you. A Okay. And then she expresses concern at the bottom of 18 19 the e-mail: I do not want to lose my shirt. She told you 20 that, right? 21 Α She did. 22 Q Okay. Can we go back up to the next e-mail.

And this is your response on July 6th; is that

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correct?

Yes.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Before the SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION



File No. 3-15155	
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JEFFREY A. LISKOV,	:
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Respondent.	:

DECLARATION OF DEENA R. BERNSTEIN IN SUPPORT OF THE DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT'S REPLY BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF ITS MOTION FOR SUMMARY DISPOSITION

- 1. I am a Senior Trial Counsel in the Division of Enforcement ("Division") of the Securities and Exchange Commission's Boston Regional Office. I was actively involved in the Division's investigation that preceded the filing of the civil action entitled Securities and Exchange Commission v. Jeffrey Liskov and EagleEye Asset Management, LLC, Case No. 11-11576 (the "Civil Action"), in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts (the "Court"). I was lead counsel of record in the Civil Action, and I am now one of the Division attorneys in the above-captioned proceedings against Jeffrey Liskov ("Liskov") and related proceedings (A.P. File No. 3-15156) against EagleEye Asset Management, LLC ("EagleEye"). I make this declaration based upon my personal knowledge and in support of the Division's Reply Brief in Support of its Motion for Summary Disposition.
- 2. On November 26, 2012, after the court instructed the jury, the Division made its closing argument. Attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is a true and accurate copy of the transcript reflecting relevant jury instructions and the Division's closing argument. As part of that closing

argument, the Division made use of a "time line." Attached hereto as **Exhibit B** is a true and accurate copy of that time line.

- 3. The parties stipulated facts that were provided to the jury. Attached hereto as **Exhibit C** is a true and accurate copy of those facts.
- 4. On November 13 and 14, 2013, Liskov testified as part of the Division's case in chief. Attached hereto as **Exhibit D** is a true and accurate copy of relevant portions of that transcript.

Deena R. Bernstein

Dated: March 15, 2013