UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Before the SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION



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

DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY DISPOSITION AGAINST RESPONDENT JEFFREY A. LISKOV

The Division of Enforcement ("Division"), pursuant to Rule 250 of the Commission Rules of Practice, 17 C.F.R. § 201.250, and with leave of the Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), hereby files this motion for summary disposition ("Motion") against Respondent Jeffrey A.

Liskov ("Liskov" or "Respondent"). All facts necessary for summary disposition have previously been determined by the entry of a final judgment, including a permanent injunction against future violations of various provisions of the federal securities laws, against Liskov on December 12, 2012 by the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts ("Court") in the civil action captioned Securities and Exchange Commission v. EagleEye Asset Management, LLC and Jeffrey A. Liskov, Case No. 11-11576 ("Civil Action"). The Division therefore asserts that summary disposition is appropriate in this matter and that sanctions against Liskov are in the public interest and should be imposed by the ALJ.

I. INTRODUCTION

On September 8, 2011, the Commission filed the Civil Action against Liskov and his advisory firm, EagleEye Asset Management LLC ("EagleEye"). Bernstein Decl. ¶ 2.

On December 12, 2012, the Court entered a final judgment in the Civil Action against both EagleEye and Liskov permanently enjoining them from violating Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") and Rule 10b-5 thereunder and Sections 206(1), 206(2), and 204 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 ("Advisers Act") and Rules 204(2)(a)(1)-(6) and 204-2(a)(8) thereunder. In addition, the Court ordered that EagleEye and Liskov were jointly and severally liable for the payment of disgorgement in the amount of \$301,502.26, plus prejudgment interest of \$29,603.59. The Court also ordered EagleEye and Liskov each to pay a civil penalty of \$725,000. Bernstein Decl. ¶¶ 6-7; Final J. (App. Ex. E).

On December 27, 2012, the Commission issued an Order Instituting Proceedings ("OIP") to commence the above-caption matter against Liskov pursuant to Section 203(f) of the Advisers Act. On the same date, proceedings were instituted against EagleEye pursuant to Section 203(e) of the Advisers Act. See In the Matter of EagleEye Asset Management, LLC, Advisers Act Rel. No. 3528, Admin. Proc. File No. 3-15156 (Dec. 27, 2012).

In this proceeding, the Division seeks permanent investment adviser, broker, dealer, municipal securities dealer, municipal advisor, transfer agent, and nationally recognized statistical rating organization associational bars against Liskov based on the injunction that the Court entered against him in the Civil Action and because such bars are in the public interest.

¹ In support of this Motion, the Division submits an Appendix ("App.") containing the Declaration of Deena R. Bernstein ("Bernstein Decl.") and true and accurate copies of various pleadings, orders, and other documents from the Civil Action, including the complaint ("Compl."), the final judgment entered against EagleEye and Liskov ("Final J."), the jury verdict form, and various transcripts of Court proceedings, including the transcript of the Court's hearing on remedies (cited herein as "Tr." followed by the date of the transcript and a page reference). Pursuant to Commission Rule 323, 17 C.F.R. § 201.323, the Division requests that the ALJ take judicial notice of the Civil Action filings and their contents.

II. BACKGROUND

A. Allegations in the Complaint

In its complaint in the Civil Action, the Commission alleged that, between at least November 2008 and August 2010, EagleEye, an investment adviser registered with the Commission since April 2008, and Liskov, EagleEye's sole owner and its president, chief executive officer, and chief investment officer, made material misrepresentations to induce clients to make foreign currency exchange ("forex") investments. Bernstein Decl. ¶ 2; Compl. ¶¶ 1, 12, 13, 17, 29 (App. Ex. A). With respect to two EagleEye clients, Liskov misrepresented the nature of the forex investments he made on their behalf such that they did not know they were investing in forex. Bernstein Decl. ¶ 2; Compl. ¶¶ 1, 29-31 (App. Ex. A). As to at least three other EagleEye clients who knowingly made investments in forex that EagleEye managed, Liskov misled the clients concerning his experience and track record in forex trading. Bernstein Decl. ¶ 2; Compl. ¶¶ 1, 17, 29, 32-34 (App. Ex. A). Specifically, the Commission alleged that Liskov failed to disclose his poor performance trading in forex for himself and for other clients. Bernstein Decl. ¶¶ 2-3; Compl. ¶¶ 17, 29 (App. Ex. A); Jury Verdict Form (App. Ex. B).

The Commission's complaint in the Civil Action further alleged that, as to two EagleEye clients, Liskov made unauthorized liquidations of securities investments and subsequent transfers of assets into forex investments without the client's knowledge or authorization. Bernstein Decl. ¶ 2; Compl. ¶¶ 1, 35 (App. Ex. A). Liskov accomplished the foregoing by doctoring forex account opening documentation as well as written requests to transfer funds from client brokerage accounts to forex accounts. Bernstein Decl. ¶ 2; Compl. ¶¶ 35-55 (App. Ex. A).

B. Jury Trial

After a two-week jury trial and less than four hours of deliberation, the jury in the Civil Action found the following: (1) Liskov made intentional or reckless misrepresentations of material fact in violation of the Advisers Act as to five clients; (2) Liskov made fraudulent misrepresentations of material fact with intent to deceive in connection with the sale of a security in violation of the Exchange Act as to four clients; (3) Liskov fraudulently failed to disclose his forex trading record in violation of the Exchange Act as to four clients; and (4) Liskov intentionally engaged in a scheme to defraud in violation of the Exchange Act as to four clients.²

See Bernstein Decl. ¶ 3, Jury Verdict Form (App. Ex. B).

C. Remedies Hearing

Subsequent to the jury verdict, the Commission filed a post-trial brief seeking remedies, including injunctive relief, disgorgement, and a civil penalty. Bernstein Decl.¶ 3. Liskov and EagleEye submitted responsive briefing. <u>Id</u>. On December 11, 2012, the Court held a hearing on remedies, allowing both sides to present argument and inviting Liskov to make a statement in his defense. See Bernstein Decl. ¶ 5; Tr. 12/11/12 at 28 (App. Ex. D).

Liskov in part stated the following to the Court during the remedies hearing:

I would like to mention that I do feel, as I mentioned at the trial, that I failed my clients in what they had asked me to do. I failed them from the perspective of the care that I needed to take every day with them in handling their money. There's no question about that. And as I tried to explain to my children, I accept responsibility for everything that has come my way, and everything that has come my family's way, it falls on me. . . . However as I stand here today, I must tell you part of the reason I'm in the financial condition I am is because I invested in the very, quote, unquote scheme that I thought my clients would do well in. And I still

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² As to whether there was a scheme in violation of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act, the Court required that the jury find that Liskov acted intentionally and instructed the jury that recklessness was insufficient. <u>See</u> Bernstein Decl. ¶ 3-4; Jury Verdict Form (App. Ex. B); Tr. 11/16/12 at 89-90, 101-02 (App. Ex. C). Also, prior to the submission of the case to the jury, at the Court's suggestion, the parties agreed that, if the jury found Liskov liable, then EagleEye would be deemed liable as Liskov's alter ego. <u>See</u> Tr. 11/16/12 at 89, 103-05 (App. Ex. C).

believe that I should have made sure that they were not getting involved as I had got them involved to the extent that I did. There's no question about that. But I also believe that they were with me. I did not try to mislead them in any way and I did not feel at the time that they were being misled. I felt like they were as hopeful as I was that they would make money with me.

Bernstein Decl. ¶ 5; Tr. 12/11/12 at 29 (App. Ex. D).

After considering the presentation of evidence to the jury and hearing Liskov's statement, the Court explained to Liskov the reasons for the relief it was imposing, as follows:

Here's what I understand from this case. I fully understand that you invested as well as your clients and you got the clients fraudulently to invest in this extraordinarily risky [forex] venture. You — there's no other way to say it. You were gambling with your own money and you were gambling with their money. . . . I have looked over these exhibits. And you're trading at all hours of the night. Your conduct is the same as someone who is out at a casino playing the slots. It is the view of this Court that you got into this, needed funds to further support your speculative ventures, and fraudulently obtained those funds from these various clients. You are in denial, sir, if you think that they were caught up in this as you were. Yes, they were looking to make a profit. . . . But you seem to be utterly deaf to your responsibility as a fiduciary. It was your duty to counsel these people, truly to counsel them, about the risks as well as the rewards. It was your duty to explain your own, your own poor trading record. The jury expressly so found and properly found.

Bernstein Decl. ¶ 5; Tr. 12/11/12 at 31-32 (App. Ex. D).

D. Relief in the Civil Action

On December 12, 2012, the Court entered final judgment against EagleEye and Liskov in the Civil Action. Bernstein Decl. ¶¶ 5-7; Final J. (App. Ex. E). The Court ordered that EagleEye and Liskov be permanently enjoined from violating Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 thereunder, and Sections 206(1), 206(2), and 204 of the Advisers Act, and Rules 204-2(a)(1)-(6) and 204-2(a)(8) thereunder. Final J. (App. Ex. E); Tr. 12/11/12 at 30-31 (App. Ex. D). In addition, the Court ordered EagleEye and Liskov to pay, jointly and severally, disgorgement of \$301,502.26, plus prejudgment interest of \$29,603.59, and the Court also

ordered EagleEye and Liskov each to pay a civil penalty of \$725,000. Final J. (App. Ex. E); Tr. 12/11/12 at 30-31 (App. Ex. D).

III. ARGUMENT

A. Summary Disposition is Appropriate Against Liskov.

Summary disposition is appropriate where the pertinent facts already have been litigated in an earlier judicial proceeding. See, e.g., John W. Lawton, Advisers Act Rel. No. 3513, 2012 WL 6208750, at *4-5 & 13 (Dec. 13, 2012) (Commission finding that grant of Division's motion for summary disposition was appropriate and imposing associational bars); Jeffrey L. Gibson, Exchange Act Rel. No. 57266, 92 S.E.C. Docket 1596 (Feb. 4, 2008) (Commission finding that grant of Division's motion for summary disposition was appropriate and barring respondent from associating with broker, dealer, and investment adviser based on injunction entered against respondent and because bar was in public interest), petition denied, Gibson v. SEC, 561 F.3d 548 (6th Cir. 2009); Conrad P. Seghers, Advisers Act Rel. No. 2656, 91 S.E.C. Docket 1945 (Sep. 26, 2007) (on appeal from initial decision, Commission holding summary disposition was appropriate where respondent was permanently enjoined in district court action from violating anti-fraud provisions of federal securities laws and imposing permanent investment adviser bar), petition denied, Seghers v. SEC, 548 F.3d 129 (D.C. Cir. 2008); Joseph P. Galluzzi, Exchange Act Rel. No. 46405, 78 S.E.C. Docket 906 (Aug. 23, 2002) (Commission upholding grant of Division's motion for summary disposition where facts were determined by earlier criminal conviction and injunctive action), aff'g Initial Decision Rel. No. 187, 75 S.E.C. Docket 1320 (Aug. 7, 2001). See also Richard S. Kern and Charles Wilkins, Initial Decision Rel. No. 281 (Apr. 21, 2005), 85 S.E.C. Docket 799 (initial decision granting summary disposition and ordering penny stock bars in follow-on proceeding based on permanent injunction); Currency

Trading International, Inc., et al., Initial Decision Rel. No. 263, 83 S.E.C. Docket 3008 (Oct. 12, 2004) (granting Division's motion for summary disposition in follow-on proceeding based on entry of injunction); Michael D. Richmond, Initial Decision Rel. No. 224, 79 S.E.C. Docket 2084 (Feb. 25, 2003) (granting summary disposition to the Division in follow-on proceeding based on permanent injunction).

Pursuant to Section 203(f) of the Advisers Act (by way of reference to Section 203(e)(4) of the Advisers Act), an individual may be barred from association with an investment adviser, broker, dealer, municipal securities dealer, municipal advisor, transfer agent, and nationally recognized statistical rating organization, if the person has been "permanently or temporarily enjoined by order, judgment, or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction . . . from engaging in or continuing any conduct or practice . . . in connection with the purchase or sale of a security," and the bar is in the public interest. Thus, under these provisions, an injunction may furnish the sole basis for remedial action if such action is in the public interest. See Elliott v. SEC, 36 F.3d 86, 87 (11th Cir. 1994). Recently, the Commission held that Section 203(f) as amended by Section 925 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act ("Dodd Frank") authorized the institution of bars against associating with all regulated entities, including for conduct that preceded the enactment of Dodd-Frank. See Lawton, 2012 WL 6208750, at *10.

Based on the record, the ALJ should conclude as a matter of law that Liskov has been enjoined within the meaning of Section 203(f) of the Advisers Act based on the entry of the injunction against him in the Civil Action. See Glenn M. Barikmo, Initial Decision Rel. No. 436, 2011 WL 4889086 (Oct. 13, 2011) (ALJ found that injunction by federal district court from violating anti-fraud provisions sufficient for imposition of sanctions pursuant to Section 203(f)).

The Division believes that the record is clear, and that indeed the Respondent would not dispute, that a qualifying injunction was entered in the Civil Action. Therefore, the ALJ should grant summary disposition in favor of the Division against Liskov.

B. Sanctions Against Liskov are in the Public Interest.

The ALJ further should conclude that remedial sanctions against Liskov are appropriate and in the public interest for the protection of investors based on the factors set forth in Steadman v. SEC, 603 F.2d 1126 (5th Cir. 1979). The following are relevant considerations in making the public interest determination: (1) the egregiousness of the respondent's actions; (2) the isolated or recurrent nature of the infraction; (3) the degree of scienter involved; (4) the sincerity of the respondent's assurances against future violations; (5) the respondent's recognition of the wrongful nature of his conduct; and (6) the likelihood that the respondent's occupation will present opportunities for future violations. Steadman, 603 F.2d at 1140.

The Commission and ALJs in other matters, applying the <u>Steadman</u> factors, have found that a bar is appropriate in circumstances similar to those in this matter. <u>See, e.g., Lawton, supra</u> (Commission finding that bar was in public interest in follow-on proceeding based on permanent injunction); <u>Gibson, supra</u> (Commission finding that bar was in public interest in follow-on proceeding based on permanent injunction); <u>Seghers, supra</u> (same); <u>Galluzzi, supra</u> (Commission finding imposition of bar against respondent appropriate under <u>Steadman</u> on basis of criminal conviction for mail and wire fraud and entry of Section 10(b) injunction); <u>Charles Phillip Elliott</u>, Exchange Act Rel. No. 31202, 52 S.E.C. Docket 1462 (Sep. 17, 1992) (Commission finding that violations of securities laws were sufficient to support conclusion that permanent bar was in public interest), <u>aff'd</u>, <u>Elliot v. SEC</u>, 36 F.3d 86, 87 (11th Cir. 1994) (also finding that conviction of "serious violations of the securities law . . . in itself" supported Commission conclusion that

bar was in public interest); Nolan W. Wade, Initial Decision Rel. No. 207, 77 S.E.C. Docket 3022 (June 24, 2002) (ALJ citing Steadman and finding a bar in the public interest, where registered representative was enjoined from violations of the federal securities law anti-fraud provisions); Peter M. Harrington, Exchange Act Rel. No. 38518, 64 S.E.C. Docket 768 (Apr. 17, 1997) (ALJ finding bar was in public interest against registered representative who had been enjoined from anti-fraud violations in underlying injunctive action).

The Division believes that all the <u>Steadman</u> factors here weigh in favor of imposing the full range of permanent associational bars against Liskov. This belief is bolstered by both the jury's verdict and the judge's stated reasoning for the relief he ordered in the Civil Action.

The jury's verdict against Liskov starkly illustrates the egregiousness of his conduct, the repetitive nature of his violations, and his high degree of scienter. See Jury Verdict Form (App. Ex. B). The jury found that Liskov violated the anti-fraud provisions of both the Exchange Act and the Advisers Act. The jury further found that Liskov committed each of these violations as to multiple clients, such that his conduct was not isolated but recurring. Perhaps even more telling, the jury found that Liskov intentionally engaged in a scheme to defraud. Because the judge crafted the jury verdict form such that the jury had to find an intentional scheme to defraud (and instructed the jury that a reckless state of mind did not suffice for scheme liability), there is no doubt that the jury found that Liskov possessed the highest level of scienter contemplated by the securities laws. See Jury Verdict Form (App. Ex. B); Tr. 11/16/12 at 89-90, 101-02 (App. Ex. C). Finally, even in the absence of a specific statute, regulation, or other guiding principle of law requiring investment advisers to disclose their past performance, the jury found that Liskov's failure to disclose his own poor track record in forex trading for himself and for other clients violated Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act. See Jury Verdict Form (App. Ex. B); Tr. 12/11/12

at 31-32 (App. Ex. D). The jury's particularly-detailed findings against Liskov in the Civil Action provide overwhelming support for the imposition of strong sanctions against him in this proceeding.

Equally compelling is the fact that the judge in the Civil Action, assessing many of the same factors set forth in <u>Steadman</u>, determined that an anti-fraud injunction and the imposition of a third-tier monetary penalty against Liskov were appropriate. For example, by imposing the injunction, the judge implicitly concluded that, unless sanctioned, there is a likelihood that Liskov will commit future violations. The judge's remarks about the nature of Liskov's forex trading (namely that he engaged in trading akin to gambling in disregard of the best interests of his clients) also speak to the egregiousness of Liskov's conduct and the level of his scienter. <u>See</u> Tr. 12/11/12 at 31-32 (App. Ex. D).

Finally, Liskov has neither recognized the wrongfulness of his conduct nor provided assurances against future violations. In fact, by his public statements, he has done the opposite. In both his statement to the Court at the remedies hearing in the Civil Action and his answer to the OIP in this matter, Liskov has continued to deny all responsibility for his actions. At the remedies hearing, Liskov persisted in his position that he thought he was acting in his clients' interests and that they were in agreement about his forex trading on their behalf. See Tr. 12/11/12 at 29 (App. Ex. D). In his answer to the OIP, Liskov states that he "continues to deny the Commission's allegations." Answer ¶ 4. These statements by Liskov do nothing to guard against the likelihood that, given the opportunity, Liskov will commit further violations in the future.

All of the foregoing, in light of prior precedent, supports the imposition of permanent bars against Liskov from associating with any investment adviser, broker, dealer, municipal

securities dealer, municipal advisor, transfer agent, and nationally recognized statistical rating organization.

IV. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the Division respectfully requests that the ALJ: (a) grant the Division's motion for summary disposition against Liskov; (b) conclude that the allegations against Liskov in the OIP are true; and (c) permanently bar Liskov from association with any investment adviser, broker, dealer, municipal securities dealer, municipal advisor, transfer agent, and nationally recognized statistical rating organization.

Respectfully submitted,

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DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT'S APPENDIX IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR SUMMARY DISPOSITION AGAINST RESPONDENT JEFFREY A. LISKOV

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DECLARATION OF DEENA R. BERNSTEIN IN SUPPORT OF DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT'S 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 Motion for Summary Disposition.
- 2. On September 8, 2011, the Commission filed the Civil Action against Liskov and EagleEye. Attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is a true and accurate copy of the Complaint in the Civil Action.

- 3. On November 26, 2012, after a two-week jury trial and less than four hours of deliberation the jury found Liskov liable for the following: 1) Liskov had made intentional or reckless misrepresentations of material fact in violation of the Adviser's Act as to five clients; 2) Liskov made fraudulent misrepresentations of material fact with intent to deceive in connection with the sale of a security in violation of the Exchange Act as to four clients; 3) Liskov violated the Exchange Act by fraudulently failing, in connection with the sale of a security, to disclose his forex trading record as to four clients; and 5) Liskov *intentionally* engaged in a scheme to defraud in connection with the sale of a security in violation of the Exchange as to four clients. Attached hereto as **Exhibit B** is a true and accurate copy of the Jury's Verdict Form
- 4. Prior to the submission of the case to the jury, the parties agreed that if the jury found Liskov liable, that EagleEye would be found liable as Liskov's alter ego so EagleEye's conduct was not submitted to the jury. Attached as **Exhibit C** is a true and accurate copy of the November 16, 2012 court transcript reflecting that agreement
- 5. Subsequent to the jury verdict, the Division filed a Post Hearing Brief seeking remedies including injunctive, relief, disgorgement, and a penalty. Liskov and EagleEye submitted responsive briefing. On December 11, 2012, the court held a remedies hearing. During the hearing, both sides presented arguments, and Liskov was allowed to make a statement in his defense. Attached hereto as **Exhibit D** is a true and accurate copy of the transcript of that hearing.
- 6. On December 13, 2012, the court issued final judgments against Liskov and EagleEye.
- 7. Attached hereto as **Exhibit E** is a true and accurate copy of the Final Judgment entered against EagleEye and Liskov in the Civil Action.

Deena R. Bernstein

Dated: February 21, 2013

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Jury Verdict Form

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November 16, 2012 Court Transcript (Excerpt)

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Final Judgment against EagleEye

Exhibit F

Final Judgment against Liskov

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,)))
Plaintiff,)
v.) Civil Action No
EAGLEEYE ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC, and JEFFREY A. LISKOV,)))
Defendants.) JURY TRIAL DEMANDED)
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COMPLAINT

Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission ("Plaintiff" or "Commission") alleges the following against EagleEye Asset Management, LLC ("EagleEye") and Jeffrey A. Liskov ("Liskov") (collectively, "Defendants"):

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

1. This case involves material misrepresentations to advisory clients to induce them to make foreign currency exchange ("forex") investments, and unauthorized liquidations of client securities investments and subsequent transfers of client assets into forex investments, by EagleEye Asset Management, LLC ("EagleEye"), a registered investment adviser, and its sole principal, Jeffrey Liskov ("Liskov"). With respect to at least two EagleEye clients, Liskov misrepresented the nature of the forex investments he made on their behalf and, in some instances without their knowledge, sold their securities and transferred the proceeds into forex investment accounts in which he conducted erratic trading and sustained steep losses. As to at least three other EagleEye clients who knowingly made investments in forex that EagleEye

managed, Liskov misled the clients concerning his experience and track record in forex trading. In all, Liskov lost approximately \$4 million in client funds in forex trading, yet, in many cases, EagleEye first collected performance fees(on temporary gains) collectively totaling over \$300,000.

- 2. Through the activities alleged in this Complaint, EagleEye and Liskov engaged in: (i) fraudulent or deceptive conduct in connection with the purchase or sale of securities, in violation of Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") and Rule 10b-5 thereunder; and (ii) fraudulent or deceptive conduct with respect to investment advisory clients, in violation of Sections 206(1) and (2) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 ("Advisers Act"). In addition, EagleEye violated numerous record-keeping provisions contained in Sections 204 of the Advisers Act and Rules 204-2(a)(1)-(6) & (8) thereunder, and Liskov aided and abetted EagleEye's violations of those provisions.
- 3. As a result of the foregoing, the Commission seeks the following relief: (a) entry of a permanent injunction prohibiting EagleEye and Liskov from violations of the relevant provisions of the federal securities laws; (b) disgorgement of EagleEye and Liskov's ill-gotten gains, plus pre-judgment interest thereon; and (c) the imposition of a civil monetary penalty due to the egregious nature of EagleEye and Liskov's violations.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

4. The Commission brings this action pursuant to the enforcement authority conferred upon it by Section 21(d) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)] and Section 209(d) of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. § 80b-9(d)].

- 5. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and Sections 21(d) and 27 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 78u(d) & 78aa] and Sections 209(d) and 214 of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 80b-9(d) & 80b-14].
- 6. The Commission seeks a permanent injunction and disgorgement pursuant to Section 21(d)(1) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(1)] and Section 209(d) of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. § 80b-9(d)].
- 7. The Commission seeks the imposition of a civil monetary penalty pursuant to Section 21(d)(3) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(3)] and Section 209(e) of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. § 80b-9(e)].
- 8. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) because a substantial part of the events giving rise to the claims occurred in this district and because EagleEye is located, and Liskov resides, in this district.
- 9. In connection with the conduct alleged in this Complaint, Defendants directly or indirectly made use of the means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce, the facilities of a national securities exchange, or the mails.
- 10. Defendants' conduct involved fraud, deceit, or deliberate or reckless disregard of regulatory requirements, and resulted in substantial loss, or significant risk of substantial loss, to other persons.
- 11. Unless enjoined, Defendants will continue to engage in the securities law violations alleged herein, or in similar conduct that would violate the federal securities laws.

DEFENDANTS

12. **EagleEye** is a Massachusetts limited liability company headquartered in Plymouth, Massachusetts. EagleEye became registered with the Commission as an investment

adviser on April 9, 2008. According to its most recent Form ADV annual amendment filed on March 31, 2010, EagleEye had between 26 and 100 clients and over \$53 million in assets under management. EagleEye did not have custody of any client assets.

13. **Liskov**, age 40, resides in Plymouth, Massachusetts. From August 1993 through December 2007, Liskov was a registered representative of a Commission-registered brokerdealer. Since 2008, Liskov has been EagleEye's sole officer, manager, and employee. Liskov operated EagleEye's offices out of his home.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

Advisory Business and Clients

- 14. In 2008, Liskov began operating his own investment advisory firm, EagleEye.

 According to filings with the Commission, EagleEye provided financial planning and portfolio management services to high net worth and other individuals.
- clients of EagleEye in 2008 and 2009. As of mid-2010, EagleEye was listed as the investment adviser on 88 customer accounts custodied at the brokerage firm where Liskov previously worked. Among the former Liskov brokerage customers who became advisory clients of EagleEye were several individuals who were at or near retirement age, all with generally conservative investment goals, including a 68-year-old woman with a net worth of over \$10 million ("Client A"), a married couple in their seventies ("Clients B"), and a 62-year-old retired man ("Client C"), as well as others (referred to herein as "Client D," "Client E," and "Client F").

Forex Trading and Losses

16. Beginning in or about August 2004, Liskov opened a personal foreign currency exchange ("forex") trading account at Forex Capital Markets, LLC ("FXCM"), an online retail

currency exchange dealer. As of November 2008, Liskov had invested nearly \$270,000 in his personal FXCM account and had sustained trading losses of over \$215,000 in that account, with most of these losses occurring in 2008. Liskov opened and conducted trading in four additional personal accounts at FXCM (in January and April 2008, and in January and May 2009) and also sustained losses in these accounts. Liskov invested a total of nearly \$350,000 in his later-four FXCM accounts and sustained trading losses totaling over \$200,000. By May 2009, Liskov continued actively trading in only two of his personal FXCM accounts. In one account, between May 2009 and August 2010, Liskov invested over \$275,000 and lost over \$187,000 in trading.

- EagleEye's clients, beginning in 2008 and continuing through 2010, Liskov advised several EagleEye clients to open forex trading accounts at FXCM for him to manage on their behalf and to liquidate existing investments in securities and instead invest these assets in forex trading. During this period, Liskov managed forex trading in a total of thirteen FXCM accounts belonging to nine clients, six of whom had been brokerage customers of Liskov's. Eight of these nine clients had one FXCM account in which Liskov managed the forex trading. One client (Client A) had five actively-traded accounts in her name at FXCM in which Liskov traded.
- Attorney ("LPOA") authorized EagleEye (and thus Liskov) to conduct trading in the account.

 Each LPOA contained a "performance fee" provision, which specified that EagleEye could earn performance fees on any net profits in the account for a specified time period. The LPOAs for EagleEye's clients' FXCM accounts purportedly reflected a performance fee rate of 10-20% that EagleEye could earn on any profits generated in the account on a monthly basis.

- 19. With respect to the LPOA pertaining to the FXCM accounts of at least one EagleEye client (Client A), the performance fee percentage was blank when the client signed the LPOA, and, on information and belief, Liskov only later filled in a 20% performance fee rate.

 The client did not know or learn what the performance fee rate was until at least August 2010.
- 20. According to the terms of FXCM's standard form of LPOA, an authorized trader could earn performance fees even if trading in an account occurred only for a short period of time. For example, if an account began trading with only a few days remaining in a calendar month, a performance fee could be earned for any profits generated during those few days.

 Thus, traders potentially could earn a performance fee without establishing a longer track record of success. These terms could create an incentive for traders to generate quick temporary gains in a client's account and collect a performance fee at the end of the first calendar month of trading. Also, FXCM's procedures did not take into account the performance in a customer's prior account(s) before allowing a trader to collect a performance fee on gains in a new account in the name of the same customer. These procedures could create an incentive for a trader who was seeking to earn a performance fee, but who had sustained prior losses in a customer's account, to start trading customer funds in a new account instead of first recouping losses in existing accounts. Liskov, on information and belief, knew all of the foregoing but did not disclose these facts to EagleEye's clients whose FXCM accounts he managed.
- 21. Liskov's forex trading strategy for EagleEye's clients involved continuous purchases and sales of foreign currencies over the course of any given day. Trading occurred in client accounts even during overnight hours. Liskov's forex trading on behalf of EagleEye's clients was assisted or controlled automatically by computer software. Liskov did not disclose the foregoing facts to clients.

- 22. EagleEye's clients suffered significant losses in their forex investments that Liskov managed, while EagleEye (and ultimately Liskov) in many instances earned substantial performance fees on these investments. In general, the performance fees that EagleEye (and ultimately Liskov) earned were disproportionately high, particularly given that the fees were earned on extremely short-term gains, the clients suffered such steep losses over such short periods, and the clients previously were invested in longer-term securities investments with more fixed and predictable fee structures. Specific client investment amounts, loss amounts, and performance fees generated are further detailed below.
- 23. A total of \$3.9 million of Client A's money was invested across a total of five FXCM accounts between November 2008 and June 2010. The total trading losses in Client A's five FXCM accounts during this period exceeded \$3.1 million. The performance fees EagleEye collected on Client A's five accounts during this period totaled nearly \$300,000.
- 24. A total of \$270,000 of Clients B's money was invested in their FXCM account between November 2008 and March 2010. The trading losses in their account through July 2010 exceeded \$250,000. Most of Liskov's trading on behalf of Clients B was not profitable, and EagleEye earned performance fees of less than \$800 on Clients B's account.
- 25. In July 2009, Client C agreed to invest \$100,000 in an FXCM account managed by EagleEye in which Liskov conducted the trading. Client C was able to recoup approximately half of this investment, while EagleEye earned performance fees totaling nearly \$6,000.
- As one of the first clients whom Liskov recruited for a forex investment in November 2008, Client D agreed to invest \$26,000 in an FXCM account managed by EagleEye. Client D lost all but \$500 of this investment by the end of December 2008. EagleEye nonetheless earned a performance fee of nearly \$700 on temporary profits in November 2008.

- 27. Beginning in May 2009, Client E invested a total of \$130,000 in an FXCM account managed by EagleEye. The trading losses in Client E's account exceeded \$125,000 by December 2009. Client E recouped less than \$1,000 of his original investment, while EagleEye earned performance fees of over \$600 on early profits in the account.
- 28. In the fall of 2009, Client F invested a total of \$285,000 in an FXCM account managed by EagleEye. Liskov lost nearly all of this investment in trading within a few weeks, and EagleEye did not earn a performance fee from Client F's account.

Material Misrepresentations to Induce Clients to Make Forex Investments

- 29. Liskov provided different degrees of disclosure to EagleEye's clients about forex trading in general and about their accounts at FXCM in particular. Liskov provided some clients (specifically, Clients C, E, and F) with selective or otherwise misleading information concerning the nature of the investment, the risks, and Liskov's own expertise in forex trading, while other clients (specifically, Clients A and B) had virtually no understanding of the nature of these investments or the extent to which Liskov liquidated their securities investments and instead invested their assets in forex trading in FXCM accounts.
- 30. For example, Liskov never mentioned forex trading at all to Client A, and she did not know that FXCM was a forex firm. Instead, Liskov referred to an "FX account," but Client A did not have a clear understanding of what types of investments were involved. Also, based on what Liskov told her, Client A understood that the FX account would be held alongside her other accounts at the brokerage firm where Liskov used to work. Client A never authorized Liskov to invest any of her money in any accounts outside of that brokerage firm or to liquidate any of her securities investments at the brokerage firm and use the proceeds for non-securities investments outside the firm.

- 31. Similarly, Liskov never discussed forex trading with Clients B and never told them about FXCM. Clients B did not know about the existence of their FXCM account and did not know what FXCM was. Liskov repeatedly told Clients B that all of their investments would remain in an account at the brokerage firm where he used to work. Clients B never agreed that Liskov could move any of their investments to any account outside of the brokerage firm and never authorized any liquidation of the securities investments in their brokerage account or the transfer of the proceeds to FXCM.
- Liskov's, in July 2009. At a meeting at Client C's home to discuss his investments, Liskov told Client C about an opportunity to invest in something that Liskov termed "FX," which Liskov described as involving a little more risk that Client C's existing investments, which consisted of a mix of equity securities and money market funds. Because Liskov had been extremely conservative with Client C's investments in the past, Client C trusted Liskov not to invest in anything too risky. Liskov never explained to Client C that "FX" was forex trading, and Client C only learned that later. Liskov also told Client C that Liskov would be making all the trades and trading decisions in Client C's "FX" account, but Client C later learned that an automated computer system controlled the trading. Based on Liskov's representations in July 2009, Client C agreed to invest \$100,000 in the "FX" market.
- 33. Liskov first raised the prospect of investing a portion of Client E's portfolio in forex trading in the spring of 2009. Although Liskov mentioned to Client E that forex investments were risky, Liskov also told Client E that forex trading would act as a hedge against risk in other investments. Liskov alluded to his capabilities in forex trading and told Client E that he was a "pretty good" forex trader. Liskov did not disclose the performance of any of his

personal or other client accounts at FXCM to Client E. Based on Liskov's representations about his expertise and their long-time adviser-client relationship, Client E decided to open an FXCM account in which he initially invested \$100,000 in late May 2009. In August 2009, Liskov persuaded Client E to invest \$30,000 more in his FXCM account, but by December 2009 all of these funds were lost in trading, and Client E then abandoned forex trading.

34. Client F began discussing the possibility of forex trading with Liskov in the spring or summer of 2009. Liskov, whom Client F had known from his brokerage firm days, made various representations that ultimately influenced Client F's decision to choose Liskov manage his forex investment. For example, Liskov told Client F that Liskov had had prior success for other clients in forex trading, causing Client F to believe that Liskov had expertise and a successful track record in this arena. In reality, by the time Client F invested in forex in September 2009, several EagleEye clients had experienced losses in forex investments that Liskov managed. Client F was not aware that Liskov's clients had suffered such losses or that Liskov had personally invested in forex trading and lost money doing so, and Client F would not have made any such investment with Liskov if he had known about the prior losses. Like Client C, Client F also understood that Liskov would conduct the trades in his FXCM account manually and only later learned that Liskov instead used an automated computer trading system.

Unauthorized Liquidations and Transfers in Accounts of Client A

35. With respect to at least two EagleEye clients—Clients A and B—at least some of the transfers of their assets from securities investments in their brokerage accounts to FXCM occurred either without their full understanding or altogether without their knowledge or authorization. Liskov accomplished the foregoing by doctoring FXCM account opening documentation (in the case of Client A) as well as written requests to transfer funds from client

brokerage accounts—funds that had been invested in securities—to FXCM (in the case of Clients A and B).

- 36. Client A always intended to cap her "FX" investment at \$600,000, and Liskov knew this. Moreover, Client A only knew about and authorized Liskov to trade in one FXCM account. However, as noted above, Liskov managed trading in five FXCM accounts in Client A's name between November 2008 and June 2010, and a total of \$3.9 million was invested in these five accounts.
- 37. After the opening of Client A's initial FXCM account in November 2008, additional FXCM accounts were opened in October 2009, February 2010, May 2010, and June 2010. Client A was not aware of the opening of the later accounts. The original FXCM account opening documents, kept in Liskov's files at EagleEye's offices, contain "white out" correction fluid over certain fields. Liskov thus altered the FXCM account opening documentation for the later accounts in various respects by applying "white out" correction fluid over certain information. Specifically, to open the later accounts, Liskov used old account opening documentation that Client A had signed but whited-out the date and inserted a new date.
- 38. Although Client A received emails from FXCM confirming the opening and initial funding of each new FXCM account, neither FXCM nor Liskov notified Client A of subsequent deposits into her FXCM accounts. On at least one occasion, Liskov affirmatively misled Client A concerning an email she received from FXCM pertaining to the opening of one of her later FXCM accounts. On February 15, 2010, Liskov sent an email to Client A indicating that an FXCM email confirming the opening of Client A's third FXCM account in February 2010 instead related to a prior account. The email stated: "This is a confirmation email from my support group at fxcm for the paperwork we completed together *back in October*. We will cover

the strategies I have implemented for these accounts in person in May when you are back from FL..." (Emphasis added.)

- 39. Client A's first FXCM account was opened in November 2008 with an initial deposit of \$100,000. The initial deposit into Client A's first FXCM account came from a withdrawal in the same amount from a money market fund in her brokerage account. At that time, the holdings in that brokerage account consisted of approximately 75% mutual funds and lesser percentages of stocks, bonds, and a money market fund.
- 40. Liskov's trading in Client A's first FXCM account in November 2008 generated a profit of approximately \$1,300, and FXCM withdrew a 20% performance fee, or \$266.61, from Client A's account and credited this amount to EagleEye's account at FXCM. By January 15, 2009, approximately 45 days after the opening of Client A's first FXCM account and after active trading, account statements reflect that the account had lost nearly all of its value and that a balance of less than \$1,000 remained of the original \$100,000 investment. Liskov did not inform Client A of these losses at the time, and she was not aware of the losses. In February and July 2009, two additional deposits, totaling \$500,000, were made into Client A's first FXCM account, for a total investment in the first account of \$600,000.
- 41. Coinciding with the date of the opening of Client A's second FXCM account in October 2009, a new account at the brokerage firm where Liskov previously worked also was opened in Client A's name, although she already had several existing accounts there. The account opening documentation reflects that, unlike Client A's other accounts at the brokerage firm, EagleEye had full discretion over the new account, meaning that Liskov could not only conduct transactions in the new account but also had the authority to transfer assets out of the account. Client A never knowingly provided Liskov with full authority over any of her accounts.

- 42. All of the funds that ultimately were transferred into Client A's second, third, fourth, and fifth FXCM accounts originated from the new brokerage firm account opened in October 2009. Between October 2009 and June 2010, there were seven transfers totaling \$3.3 million from Client A's new brokerage account to one of the four later-opened FXCM accounts. Within days before each such transfer to FXCM, there was a transfer in the same amount from one of Client A's pre-existing brokerage accounts into the brokerage account opened in October 2009. In every instance, the funds from Client A's pre-existing accounts were withdrawn from investments in money market funds.
- 43. Although Liskov had authority to make transfers out of Client A's new brokerage account, each of the transfers from this account to one of her four later-opened FXCM accounts is evidenced by a written wire transfer request that was purportedly signed by Client A. All of the transfer requests bear Liskov's fax number at the top of the page. In the requests for the three wire transfers in each of October, November, and December 2009, Client A's signature is dated in October 2009. Similarly, in the requests for three later wire transfers, two in May 2010 and one in June 2010, Client A's signature is dated in March 2010. Several of the original transfer requests, kept in Liskov's files at EagleEye's offices, contain "white out" correction fluid over certain fields, including the transfer amount. Liskov thus doctored the transfer requests without informing the client and, because Liskov faxed the transfer requests, the whited-out information was not apparent to the brokerage firm.
- 44. After accomplishing (in the foregoing manner) the transfer of funds to Client A's FXCM accounts, which funds were derived from assets that had invested in securities in Client A's brokerage accounts, Liskov's trading in each of Client A's four later-opened FXCM accounts adhered to the same general pattern, as follows: First, all four accounts were opened

and funded around mid-month or later. Second, three of the four accounts generated some profits by the end of the month in which they were opened, and EagleEye collected a performance fee. Finally, after either the collection of a performance fee on early gains or the inability to generate such gains, the balance in each account plummeted, and, soon after, the next new account was opened, funded, and traded.

45. In particular:

- In the first two weeks of trading in Client A's second FXCM account, from October 18, 2009 until October 31, 2009, Liskov earned a profit of \$112,250 over the initial investment amount of \$400,000. EagleEye collected a performance fee of 20% of the profit, or \$22,454.21, on or about November 5, 2009. In November 2009, Liskov continued trading in Client A's second account, and there were vast fluctuations in the account value. There were additional deposits into the account in November and December 2009. In the following months, the account again experienced wide swings of temporary gains and eventual losses. By February 11, 2010, the account value was down to \$13,151.41. Between the opening of the second account on October 15, 2009 and February 11, 2010, Liskov lost nearly \$1.1 million of Client A's assets without notifying her.
- Within two weeks after the opening of Client A's third FXCM account on February 16, 2010, the account's value nearly doubled from an initial investment of \$600,000.00 to \$1,189,581.05, such that the month-end profits equaled \$589,581.05, and EagleEye collected a performance fee of \$117,916.21. On March 4, 2010, just before the performance fee was withdrawn, Client A's third account reached a peak value of \$1,400,416.45. By the end of the next day, the

- account had sustained steep losses, leaving a balance of under \$200,000. The account balance continued to decline in March and April 2010, and, by early May 2010, there was a negative account balance.
- In the days following the opening of Client A's fourth FXCM account on May 25, 2010, with an initial deposit of \$400,000, the account lost nearly \$330,000. On or about May 30, 2010, there was an additional deposit of \$200,000 into the account. The account continued to lose value, and, by June 8, 2010, the account balance fell below \$100,000.00 and did not again exceed six figures.
- On or about June 14, 2010, Client A's fifth FXCM account was opened with an initial deposit of \$1 million. There were temporary gains in the account, and it finished the month with a value of \$1,474,349.29. These profits resulted in a performance fee of \$94,869.86, credited to EagleEye's account on July 7, 2010.
 By July 16, 2010, the account balance fell below \$100,000.00.
- 46. Liskov also did not inform Client A of the status of her FXCM accounts, the volume of trading activity and vast account value fluctuations described above, and, most importantly, the steep losses in the accounts and the serial opening and funding of new accounts.
- 47. In July 2010, Client A sought assurances from Liskov concerning the safety of her investments. At that time, unbeknownst to her, Client A's fifth FXCM account was on its way to losing much of its value. On July 3, 2010, Client A emailed Liskov:

I am worried about the fxcm account—originally, we were going to put 600 thousand in—then it kept going up—I have watched it go up up and a big down—I think we maybe should be less risky after we get back to 1.5—I do not want to lose my shirt—just some trepidation at this point….

Liskov responded three days later, on July 6, 2010, with the following email:

I completely understand, and can assure you that no one is going to lose their shirt on my watch — we can and will take on less volatility.... I am looking forward to the next 2 quarters as a successful end to 2010....

On the same day, the fifth account lost \$765,466.51 and never recovered these losses.

- 48. Shortly thereafter, on or about July 21, 2010, an account was opened in Client A's name at Deutsche Bank's forex trading platform ("dbFX"). Client A was not aware of the opening of this account. On July 23, 2010, without Client A's authorization, there was a transfer of \$800,000.00 from her brokerage account opened in October 2009 to her dbFX account. As with prior transfers to FXCM, the funds that were transferred to dbFX originated from assets held in a money market fund in one of Client A's pre-existing brokerage accounts, the faxed transfer request came from Liskov's fax number, and Liskov used an old transfer request signed by Client A but changed the date, amount, and destination bank for Client A's funds.
- 49. Around this time, in late July 2010, Client A again questioned Liskov about her FXCM account. On July 27, 2010, Client A emailed Liskov as follows:

...I am very concerned—I cannot access the fxcm account and have no idea how much there is in there or how much I have gained or lost—again, I thought this account would have under a million in it—but there is much too much going into it....

Several hours later, Client A again emailed Liskov with the following:

...I am more concerned than before. We never discussed a new bank and that is on the table for Monday. Please do not take any more monies from [my brokerage account]. I really want to see the transactions that have occurred as I have been asking for some time. I think it would be wise to put the \$800,000 back in [my brokerage account]. I thought we agreed that we would keep most of the money in fixed and stable accounts and the plan was to work with \$600[,]000. Something is wrong. We need to get on this....

Liskov thereafter did not respond to Client A's emails.

Unauthorized Liquidations and Transfers in Accounts of Clients B

- 50. Like Client A, Clients B did not authorize Liskov to make any investment in forex trading on their behalf or to withdraw any assets from the money market fund in their brokerage account for transfer to or trading at FXCM.
- 51. Between November 2008 and March 2010, there were six withdrawals totaling \$270,000 from a money market fund in Clients B's brokerage account and corresponding deposits into their FXCM account. Three of these withdrawals, in November 2008, January 2009, and April 2009, were by checks, each in the amount of \$30,000. The other three withdrawals were by wires of \$50,000 in July 2009, \$80,000 in December 2009, and \$50,000 in March 2010.
- 52. The three checks were payable to "FXCM" and appeared to have been signed by Mrs. Client B, as did the written requests for the wire transfers. As to the checks, Liskov told Clients B that he needed the money for investments in Clients B's EagleEye account. As to the wires, Clients B never authorized or knew about any wire transfers from their brokerage firm account to FXCM. In fact, on the date of one of the wires in July 2009, Clients B were out of town and did not speak with Liskov at all. As indicated above, Clients B never authorized Liskov to move any of their assets outside of the brokerage firm where they kept their account.
- 53. Liskov faxed each of the one-page handwritten requests for each of the three wire transfers from their brokerage account to their FXCM account, apparently signed by Clients B. The transmittal information at the top of the page indicates that they came from his fax number, and his name appears on the fax cover sheet for one of the transfer requests.
- 54. The original transfer requests, kept in Liskov's files at EagleEye's offices, contain "white out" correction fluid in certain places. Liskov thus doctored at least one of the transfer

requests without informing the client and, because Liskov faxed the transfer requests, the whitedout information was not apparent to the brokerage firm.

55. Liskov did not inform Clients B of the status of their FXCM account, the volume of trading activity and vast account value fluctuations described above, and, most importantly, the steep losses in the accounts. Clients B did not learn about the full extent of the investments and losses in their FXCM account until Client A warned them in July 2010 that something was amiss with Liskov.

Other Misrepresentations to Clients

56. Liskov's misrepresentations to clients and mismanagement of client funds were not limited to liquidating client securities to invest and trade in forex instead but also included ill-advised investments in risky securities. For example, in May of 2008, a couple who had been brokerage customers of Liskov's ("Clients G") entered into an investment management contract for EagleEye to manage approximately \$800,000 of their retirement savings. Liskov invested a significant portion of this investment in a risky and unsuitable leveraged exchange traded fund. This investment was not in line with their conservative investment goals and resulted in a loss of approximately \$85,000.

<u>Liskov's Personal Use of Forex Performance Fees</u> And Other Monetary Benefits to EagleEye and Liskov

November 2008 and July 2010 were deducted from the clients' accounts and deposited into an account in EagleEye's name at FXCM. From there, the vast majority of the performance fees were transferred to EagleEye's business bank account, then to Liskov's personal bank accounts at one of several banking institutions. From there, the money that originated from the performance fees was either used for Liskov's personal expenses or was eventually transferred

back to Liskov's personal trading account(s) at FXCM and, for the most part, lost in forex trading in those accounts.

58. Between at least April 2008 and July 2010, EagleEye (and thus ultimately Liskov) earned certain investment advisory and/or investment management fees from EagleEye's clients, including Clients A through G.

Liskov's Scheme Comes to an End

- 59. On July 15, 2010, FXCM notified Liskov by email that it was terminating its relationship with Liskov due to continuous client trading losses.
- 60. In early August 2010, the brokerage firm where Liskov previously worked removed him and EagleEye as the adviser on all EagleEye customer accounts.
- 61. In August 2010, Liskov informed EagleEye's clients in writing that he was ceasing EagleEye's investment advisory operations.

EagleEye's Books and Records

62. As of August 2010, Liskov did not maintain certain required records related to EagleEye's advisory business, including financial records, such as journals, ledgers, check books, bank statements, trial balances, and financial statements, and other documents necessary to support trading activity in managed accounts. Also, EagleEye's list of active and terminated accounts was missing certain information, such as the names of clients with FXCM accounts.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF (EagleEye and Liskov's Violations of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 Thereunder)

63. The Commission repeats and incorporates by reference the allegations in paragraphs 1-62 above.

- 64. By engaging in the conduct described above, EagleEye and Liskov, directly or indirectly, acting knowingly or recklessly, in connection with the purchase or sale of securities, by the use of means and instrumentalities of interstate commerce, or of the mails, or a facility of a national securities exchange: (a) employed or are employing devices, schemes or artifices to defraud; (b) made or are making untrue statements of material fact or has omitted or is omitting to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; or (c) engaged or are engaging in acts, practices or courses of business which operate as a fraud or deceit upon certain persons.
- 65. The conduct of EagleEye and Liskov involved fraud, deceit, manipulation, or deliberate or reckless disregard of regulatory requirements and directly or indirectly resulted in substantial losses to other persons.
- 66. As a result, EagleEye and Liskov violated and, unless enjoined, will continue to violate Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5] thereunder.

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Liskov Aided and Abetted EagleEye's Violations of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 Thereunder)

- 67. The Commission repeats and incorporates by reference the allegations in paragraphs 1-62 above.
- 68. By reason of the foregoing, EagleEye, directly or indirectly, acting knowing or recklessly, in connection with the purchase or sale of securities, by the use of means and instrumentalities of interstate commerce, or of the mails, or a facility of a national securities exchange: (a) employed or are employing devices, schemes or artifices to defraud; (b) made or are making untrue statements of material fact or has omitted or is omitting to state a material fact

necessary to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; or (c) engaged or are engaging in acts, practices or courses of business which operate as a fraud or deceit upon certain persons.

- 69. Liskov knew or recklessly disregarded that EagleEye's conduct was improper and knowingly rendered to EagleEye substantial assistance in this conduct.
- 70. The conduct of Liskov involved fraud, deceit, manipulation, or deliberate or reckless disregard of regulatory requirements and directly or indirectly resulted in substantial losses to other persons.
- 71. As a result, Liskov aided and abetted, and, unless enjoined, will continue to aid and abet, EagleEye's violations of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5] thereunder.

THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF (EagleEye and Liskov's Violations of Sections 206(1) and 206(2) of the Advisers Act)

- 72. The Commission repeats and incorporates by reference the allegations in paragraphs 1-62 above.
- 73. EagleEye was an "investment adviser" within the meaning of Section 202(a)(11) of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. § 80b-2(a)(11)]. Likewise, Liskov was an "investment adviser" because of his ownership and control of EagleEye.
- 74. EagleEye and Liskov, by use of the mails or any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce, directly or indirectly, acting intentionally, knowingly or recklessly: (a) have employed or are employing devices, schemes, or artifices to defraud; or (b) have engaged or are engaging in transactions, practices, or courses of business which operate as a fraud or deceit upon a client or prospective client.

- 75. The conduct of EagleEye and Liskov involved fraud, deceit, manipulation, or deliberate or reckless disregard of regulatory requirements and directly or indirectly resulted in substantial losses to other persons.
- 76. As a result, EagleEye and Liskov have violated and, unless enjoined, will continue to violate Sections 206(1) and (2) of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 80b-6(1), (2)].

FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Liskov Aided and Abetted EagleEye's Violations of Sections 206(1) and 206(2) of the Advisers Act)

- 77. The Commission repeats and incorporates by reference the allegations in paragraphs 1-62 above.
- 78. EagleEye, by use of the mails or any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce, directly or indirectly, acting intentionally, knowingly or recklessly: (a) have employed or are employing devices, schemes, or artifices to defraud; or (b) have engaged or are engaging in transactions, practices, or courses of business which operate as a fraud or deceit upon a client or prospective client.
- 79. Liskov knew or recklessly disregarded that EagleEye's conduct was improper and knowingly rendered to EagleEye substantial assistance in this conduct.
- 80. The conduct of Liskov involved fraud, deceit, manipulation, or deliberate or reckless disregard of regulatory requirements and directly or indirectly resulted in substantial losses to other persons.
- 81. As a result, Liskov aided and abetted and, unless enjoined, will continue to aid and abet EagleEye's violations of Sections 206(1) and (2) of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 80b-6(1), (2)].

FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (EagleEye's Violations of Section 204 of the Advisers Act and Rule 204-2 Thereunder)

- 82. The Commission repeats and incorporates by reference the allegations in paragraphs 1-62 above.
- 83. Section 204 of the Advisers Act and certain rules promulgated thereunder require a registered investment adviser to make and keep true, accurate, and current books and records.
- 84. Rules 204-2(a)(1), (2), (4), (5), and (6) promulgated under the Advisers Act require a registered investment adviser to keep certain financial records, such as journals, ledgers, check books, bank statements, trial balances, and financial statements. As of August 2010, Liskov maintained bank statements for EagleEye's financial records but no journals, ledgers, bills, trial balances, or other financial statements.
- 85. Rule 204-2(a)(3) promulgated under the Advisers Act requires registered investment advisers keep a memorandum of each order given by the investment adviser for the purchase or sale of any security, any instruction received by the investment adviser from the client concerning the purchase, sale, receipt or delivery of a particular security, and any modification or cancellation of any such order or instruction. Such memoranda must: (i) show the terms and conditions of the order, instruction, modification or cancellation; (ii) identify the person connected with the investment adviser who recommended the transaction to the client and the person who placed such order; and (iii) show the account for which entered, the date of entry, and the bank, broker or dealer by or through whom executed where appropriate. Orders entered pursuant to the exercise of discretionary authority must be so designated. Liskov kept broker confirmations as the only support for trades that EagleEye conducted on behalf of is clients.

However, the broker confirmations lacked the elements required by Rule 204-2(a)(3), including whether or not the trade was executed pursuant to discretionary authority.

- 86. Rule 204-2(a)(8) promulgated under the Advisers Act requires an investment adviser to keep a list or other record of all accounts for which the investment adviser has discretionary authority with respect to any funds or transactions. At least one version of EagleEye's client list as of August 2010 failed to include the FXCM accounts for clients that held accounts at both FXCM and Liskov's former brokerage firm.
- 87. The conduct of EagleEye involved fraud, deceit, manipulation, or deliberate or reckless disregard of regulatory requirements and directly or indirectly resulted in substantial losses to other persons.
- 88. As a result, EagleEye violated and, unless enjoined, will continue to violate Section 204 of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 80b-4] and Rules 204-2(a)(1)-(6) and 204-2(a)(8) thereunder [17 C.F.R. §§ 275.204-2(a)(1)-(6) & 204-2(a)(8)].

SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Liskov Aided and Abetted EagleEye's Violations of Section 204 of the Advisers Act and Rule 204-2 Thereunder)

- 89. The Commission repeats and incorporates by reference the allegations in paragraphs 1-62 above.
- 90. By reasons of the foregoing, EagleEye failed to maintain required books and records for an investment advisor in violation of Section 204 of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. § 80b-4] and Rule 204-2 thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 204-2].
- 91. Liskov knew or recklessly disregarded that EagleEye's conduct was improper and knowingly rendered to EagleEye substantial assistance in this conduct.

- 92. The conduct of Liskov involved fraud, deceit, manipulation, or deliberate or reckless disregard of regulatory requirements and directly or indirectly resulted in substantial losses to other persons.
- 93. As a result, Liskov aided and abetted and, unless enjoined, will continue to aid and abet EagleEye's violations of Section 204 of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 80b-4] and Rules 204-2(a)(1)-(6) and 204-2(a)(8) thereunder [17 C.F.R. §§ 275.204-2(a)(1)-(6) & 204-2(a)(8)].

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the Commission requests that this Court:

- A. Enter a permanent injunction restraining Defendants and each of their agents, servants, employees and attorneys and those persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of the injunction by personal service or otherwise, including facsimile transmission or overnight delivery service, from directly or indirectly engaging in the conduct described above, or in conduct of similar purport and effect, in violation of:
 - 1. Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5] thereunder;
 - 2. Sections 206(1) and 206(2) of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 80b-6(1) & 80b-6(2)]; and
 - 3. Section 204 of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. § 80b-4] and Rules 204-2(a)(6), 204-2(a)(8) thereunder [17 C.F.R. §§ 275.204-2(a)(1)-(6) & 204-2(a)(8)].
 - B. Require Defendants to disgorge their ill-gotten gains, plus pre-judgment interest;
 - C. Order Defendants to pay a civil monetary penalty;
- D. Retain jurisdiction over this action to implement and carry out the terms of all orders and decrees that may be entered; and

E. Award such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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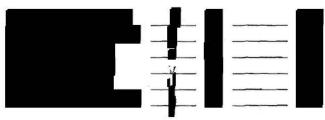
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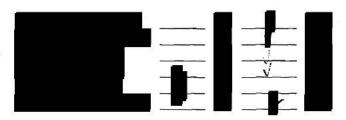
CIVIL ACTION
NO. 11-11576-WGY
JEFFREY LISKOV,
and
EAGLEEYE ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC,
Defendants.

JURY VERDICT

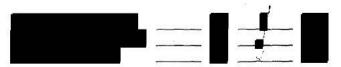
1.a. Did Mr. Liskov make negligent misrepresentations of material fact in violation of the Investment Advisers Act to:



2.a. Did Mr. Liskov make intentional or reckless misrepresentations of material fact in violation of the Investment Advisers Act to:

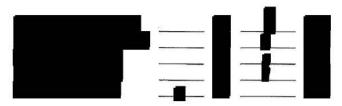


3.a. Did Mr. Liskov make fraudulent mrsrepresentations of material fact with intent to deceive in connection with the sale of a security in violation of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to:





b. Did Mr. Liskov violate the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 by fraudulently failing, in connection with the sale of a security, to disclose his forex trading record to:



c. Did Mr. Liskov intentionally engage in a scheme to defraud in connection with the sale of a security in violation of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934?



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Date: 11-26-2012

1	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS
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3	Civil Action No. 11-11576-WGY
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6	COMMISSION, * *
7	Plaintiff, * * DAILY TRANSCRIPT
8	* OF THE EVIDENCE, * MOTION HEARING
9	JEFFREY LISKOV and EAGLEEYE * and JURY CHARGE ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC, * CONFERENCE
10	* (Volume 8) Defendants. * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *
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12	BEFORE: The Honorable William G. Young,
13	District Judge, and a Jury
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25	November 16, 2012

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So what I'm going to do now is I'll take a recess until a quarter of 12:00. I will review this motion, I will hear such argument as is appropriate on the motion, and then I want, assuming some of the case is left standing, I want to talk to you about the charge and the verdict slip which I ought have for you at that time.

So we'll recess now for one-half hour. We'll recess.

THE CLERK: All rise.

(Recess.)

THE CLERK: All rise. The United States District Court is back in session, you may be seated.

THE COURT: All right, I will hear argument. But let me just pass out to you a proposed verdict slip. But, Mr. Zabin, I'll hear you. Why -- how do you think you can get a directed verdict in part or in whole here?

MR. ZABIN: All right. We assume that the jury could believe what the various witnesses Striano and McLaughlin -- well, let me start with McLaughlin because that's a separate case, a separate, a different issue, and I think it is easily, more easily disposed.

Mr. McLaughlin was never an investment advisee.

All he hired Mr. Liskov to do was to trade for him. He was not trading in securities. And the only evidence of

whether, that supports -- well, there's no evidence that supports the plaintiff's theory that simply cashing in securities to buy non-securities makes this a securities case, because he testified that the first investment came from a cash account from his bank. The 30,000 --

THE COURT: Wait a minute. The last thing you said

I follow. And so, under the Securities Exchange Act,

McLaughlin cannot be the basis of a finding of statutory

violation. But I had thought that under the Investment

Advisers Act he could even if the trading was in forex.

MR. ZABIN: Well, your Honor, there are two answers to that. The first answer which I think disposes of the question is that the second came from an account which he referred to as a cash account. The evidence in the case is --

THE COURT: Wait a minute. I'm with you as to the Securities Exchange Act.

MR. ZABIN: Okay.

THE COURT: The complaint in this case invokes, or alleges violation of two statutes.

MR. ZABIN: Yes.

THE COURT: The Securities Exchange Act and the Investment Advisers Act. I think your argument as to McLaughlin is right under the Securities Exchange Act. But, because I had not expected to break this out investor by

investor, the way I was going to handle that is allow or deny your motion and we just won't let Ms. Bernstein argue that as to McLaughlin the Securities Exchange Act was violated. But she's got other investors. And as to them she's right, isn't she, that a money market account is a security?

MR. ZABIN: Well, that, with respect, with respect to that, that's why I started to address the matter of the second, the second investment. There's no evidence that that was a money market as opposed to the core accounts which you heard is a cash account. That's -- so, that's the plaintiff's burden, if that's relevant.

The second, and I think what's clearly dispositive is that the Investment Advisers Act applies to investment advisers carrying on the work of investment advisers.

THE COURT: All right.

MR. ZABIN: All right.

THE COURT: You made, you made that point --

MR. ZABIN: Okay.

THE COURT: -- right at the beginning. But I want to push back on that point. This is a motion for, you and I used to call it directed verdict, but now they're all into judgment as matter of law.

MR. ZABIN: Right.

THE COURT: But the standard is the same. I have

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      to take all the evidence I've let the jury hear and I have
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      to give it, every reasonable inference has to be drawn in
      favor of the SEC.
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               MR. ZABIN: Right.
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               THE COURT: Against that standard it seems to me
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      that this jury could find that he was acting as an ,
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      investment adviser.
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               MR. ZABIN: No, your Honor.
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               THE COURT: I'll hear you.
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               MR. ZABIN: It cannot. Because the testimony from
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      both Mr. McLaughlin and from Mr. Liskov is that they never
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      had an investment adviser agreement. The testimony from Mr.
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      McLaughlin is solely that he engaged Mr. Liskov to trade
      non-securities for him.
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               THE COURT: I understand the argument. What else
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      do you have?
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               MR. ZABIN: Not persuaded?
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               THE COURT: Respectfully, no. So, let's move on.
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               MR. ZABIN: All right. So, I don't know how to
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      argue that issue to the jury because I don't know how the
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      plaintiff can argue that to the jury.
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               THE COURT: Well, maybe we, maybe we ought to --
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      hold up a minute and take a look at this proposed verdict
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      slip. All right? I haven't ruled.
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               MR. ZABIN: I've --
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THE COURT: And I know I've just handed it to you. But here's my approach here, if you look at it.

The SEC gave me a verdict slip and it made some logical sense. But I think it's difficult for the jury to understand and I have proposed what I think is a simpler approach. And the first thing is it seems undisputed that EagleEye and Mr. Liskov are one and the same, so I propose to treat them as one and the same and then legally --

MR. ZABIN: Sensible. Yes.

THE COURT: You have no problem with that?

MR. ZABIN: I don't.

THE COURT: Well, then my second approach then, because I don't think they, we can talk about this, but I don't think they have to go investor by investor. And so I arranged the factual issues which I would like answers to in what I consider ascending degree of difficulty. Starting with la and under section 2 of the Investment Advisers Act negligent misrepresentations will do it. So I explain that. And then 1b, negligent failure to disclose forex trading, and I'm going to follow that throughout, I would like to know what the jury thinks about that, that's 1b. Up to 3c which, where the, where the SEC has to prove the most. A scheme or artifice to defraud has got to mean an intentional scheme. You don't have reckless schemes. You're going to tell me you do?

1 MS. BERNSTEIN: For scienter it actually, for both 2 it is reckless. THE COURT: Well, you're saying that in a 3 conclusory way. I need --4 5 MS. BERNSTEIN: I'll get you, I'll get case law. 6 THE COURT: You're going to have to. 7 MS. BERNSTEIN: Okay. 8 THE COURT: Because I just don't -- I understand --9 I think I understand. I have had occasion to write opinions 10 which means I have to read a lot of opinions. I know the 11 big scienter problems with 10b-5 and what the different 12 circuits say about that. But I always -- I don't see how 13 you have a reckless seem. A scheme to defraud recklessly? 14 That's, that's my hangup. But whether or not, whether or 15 not you prevail on that --16 MS. BERNSTEIN: Okay. 17 THE COURT: -- to me that's the hardest thing the government, the SEC has to prove. Intentionally engaged in 18 19 a scheme or artifice to defraud in connection with the sale 20 of a security, and then that's Securities Exchange. And 21 that's going to be the whiteout business. 22 MR. ZABIN: Sure, I understand that. 23

 ${\bf THE\ COURT:}$ So that's the worst, or the hardest thing they have to prove.

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Now, focusing on that, without, tell me whether you

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      like this verdict slip. Defense. We'll get to the
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      plaintiff in a minute.
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               MR. ZABIN: Well, just, without having, you know, a
      chance to parse the language, which is probably not much, I
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      don't think there's a lot of point to that --
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               THE COURT: But, but you have a week --
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               MR. ZABIN: But I do have --
               THE COURT: -- and feel free to do it.
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               MR. ZABIN: I have a real serious problem with 1b.
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               THE COURT: And accordingly with --
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               MR. ZABIN: Because --
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               THE COURT: -- 2b and 3b, I imagine, which are all
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      the same.
               MR. ZABIN: No, they're not.
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               THE COURT: All right.
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               MR. ZABIN: Because 1b -- most respectfully.
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               THE COURT: Yes.
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               MR. ZABIN: 1b specifically hangs out, failing to
      disclose forex trading records. Now, your Honor --
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               THE COURT: I didn't say records. His -- maybe I
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      should use a different word. His forex trading experience.
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               MR. ZABIN: Well, I have a real problem with it
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      substantively because I think that is not the law under this
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      evidence. Under -- if, if he is not required, as he's not,
      by regulation, by the governing regulatory agency and by the
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1 way by the CFTC as well at this time, if he is not required to disclose his track record --2 3 THE COURT: Right. MR. ZABIN: -- to allow liability for him not to 4 5 have done that is close to a denial of due process. 6 MS. BERNSTEIN: Your Honor, I may actually be able 7 to shortchange this because I would agree with him to remove 8 1b. 9 THE COURT: Thank you. This is helpful. I'm not 10 asking questions we needn't ask. So you just won that, Mr. 11 Zabin. 12 MR. ZABIN: I will shut up, on that point. THE COURT: Well, I will get to you, Ms. Bernstein. 13 14 MS. BERNSTEIN: Okay. 15 THE COURT: I mean, I know you're chomping at the 16 bit. MR. ZABIN: Okay. 17 18 MS. BERNSTEIN: I apologize. 19 THE COURT: No, don't apologize. Are you going 20 to -- do you agree to dropping anything else? That will 21 save us some time. 22 MS. BERNSTEIN: Well, I mean, in other words, I think the whole forex trading is subsumed generally into the 23 24 negligent material misrepresentations. So I don't think we 25 have to parse them out separately.

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               THE COURT: All right. Do you, because I am going
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      to let you argue, and it's not now, do you want to drop any
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               MS. BERNSTEIN: Let me just -- well, we actually
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      have to add because, because of charging issues and penalty
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      issues, EagleEye does need to be in there separately.
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               THE COURT: Well, I'll hear you on that.
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               MS. BERNSTEIN: Okay.
               THE COURT: Because I don't think -- I disagree,
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      but we'll talk it through.
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               All right. So, there.
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               MR. ZABIN: Okav.
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               THE COURT: There is no 1b and therefore there's
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               MR. ZABIN: So --
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               THE COURT: What else?
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               MR. ZABIN: Okay. Well, that changes the
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      complexion of the rest of our argument but not really the
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      substance of it. Because I do not, most respectfully, I
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      just think to allow the plaintiff to argue that
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      McLaughlin's, that somehow McLaughlin, whatever they think
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               THE COURT: Here's how --
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               MR. ZABIN: Yes.
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               THE COURT: -- I propose to do it. And the clerk
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and I were talking about this. I propose, subject to hearing Ms. Bernstein, but for now I'm just talking with you, I propose to say she can't argue McLaughlin. But that's it. We're not going to tell the jury that. And here's the reason. If I tell the jury that that carries with it, and my experience in conspiracy cases I think confirms this, the negative pregnant that I think, though I will give them cautions that I don't think anything about the case, that I think the other investors are from the sale of a security. I would simply keep her away from McLaughlin. She doesn't need him.

MR. ZABIN: All right.

THE COURT: And let it go at that.

Now, that's how I propose, if you, if you win on this point, that's how I propose to deal with it. Doesn't that make sense?

MR. ZABIN: Yes, it does.

THE COURT: All right. Okay. So what other part of this should I direct out?

MR. ZABIN: You should direct out the claim of Bodi. Because while the plaintiff has put in evidence that Mr. Bodi lost his \$26,000, there's no evidence that there was any misrepresentation to him at all. So, he should be out of the case.

THE COURT: All right, I hear what you say. What

else?

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MR. ZABIN: I think Smith should be out of the case because if the jury, if you believe everything he said about what Mr. Liskov said there is no misrepresentation. He agrees Mr. Liskov did not pass himself off as an expert, did not tell him he was successful with other clients, basically take, take his word at a hundred percent. There's nothing in it.

THE COURT: All right. Anything else?

MR. ZABIN: Striano. Striano I think, I think as your Honor observed at the side bar, the statement in quotes in the complaint is that Mr. Liskov said I'm pretty good at forex trading. Your Honor indicated, quite correctly, we gave you a First Circuit case, not that you need backup, but --

THE COURT: I don't consider the First Circuit as backup. I work for the First Circuit.

MR. ZABIN: I know.

THE COURT: Go ahead.

MR. ZABIN: I know. Gallus humor.

THE COURT: Go ahead.

MR. ZABIN: But nonetheless, that is the claim that the, that the plaintiff advanced, you know, in a particularized pleading which they put in quote marks. That is an unambiguous statement of what their evidence is

supposed to be. And it wasn't that. And even if we were to assume that we would, that Mr., that Mr. Striano did say that that is just classical puffing. No liability for fraud can be based on a statement of anybody who says I'm pretty good.

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THE COURT: But my problem is that, I propose to give a puffing charge here, but it seems to me that that is the proper way to handle it, give a charge that liability can't be based upon forward looking puffing and let the jury resolve these questions, but not to prevent her from arguing Striano.

MR. ZABIN: Well, I think -- I gather I'm batting 200 on this. And that I guess is the ballgame. But my views, I hope you'll give some thought, more thought to it.

THE COURT: Oh, believe me, believe me, I will.

Is there any other point that you wish to make?

MR. ZABIN: I don't think she should -- see, I don't think that the plaintiff should be allowed to argue that there is a scheme based on testimony by individual investments when that testimony doesn't show fraud. I just think that, I just think that's grossly unfair.

THE COURT: Well --

MR. ZABIN: I mean --

THE COURT: -- if you're going back to press me on my ruling on reliance, I think I'm right on that. In an

enforcement action they don't have to prove reliance.

MR. ZABIN: They do not. But they do have to prove that the statement, that there were either a fraudulent scheme, fraudulent misrepresentations writ large, but they, but that's not, but nonetheless that isn't reliance. They have been, the plaintiff has been trying this case, even though reliance is not their burden, nor is the amount of losses their burden, they have tried this case as if it were an investment adviser malpractice case.

THE COURT: There's some truth to that.

MR. ZABIN: Huh?

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THE COURT: There's some truth to that.

MR. ZABIN: And that's proper. Because what they put in, even though that's not why they put in, is relevant to show that there was a fraudulent scheme, and as I think it was the Sixth Circuit said plaintiff can show that a scheme was successful in order to show that it was fraudulent. I understand that. I don't like it, but I understand it.

THE COURT: All right.

MR. ZABIN: But now when it comes to arguing this case and they've got, they've made a claim which they open, which is what set out as I recall Ms. Bernstein's very strong opening, that there was a scheme, and as part of that scheme all these investors were defrauded. And now it turns

out that four of the six investors don't make statements
that justify a finding of fraud.

THE COURT: Well, you know, I think the way to handle this issue is, as follows. It's open to a federal judge, to a state judge now, to charge first. I'm going to charge first. And I'm going to say as to Question 3c that that relates to the whiteout business. Now, while I'm not going to emphasize it, the negative pregnant of that statement is that's the scheme or artifice to defraud, not some overarching scheme from the beginning.

Now, having charged first, though I'll let everyone, and you should, take issue with the charge before you have to argue, once the charge is out there the parties are stuck with that charge, subject to a later appeal.

MR. ZABIN: Right.

THE COURT: So, the argument's going to have to conform to the charge, and that's how I plan to handle it.

Now, let's hear --

MR. ZABIN: That's fine.

THE COURT: Okay, let's handle -- let's hear from Ms. Bernstein.

I've said I was disposed not to let you argue

McLaughlin. I haven't said anything -- as to the Securities

Exchange Act. I haven't said anything about the others.

But I do understand his argument, and I'll hear you.

MS. BERNSTEIN: First of all, your Honor, we didn't put a lot of in evidence about the liquidation of securities for the following reason. This was Stipulation Number 5.

THE COURT: Right.

MS. BERNSTEIN: 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.

So, we were perhaps now lulled by the idea that we didn't have to prove investor by investor --

THE COURT: I don't -- you see, I don't think you do. Nevertheless, it seems to me my approach is, is fair and you'd simply want -- in other words, emphasize that stipulation. My charge will say that a stipulation, they have to take the stipulation as given. And they will have the stipulations. So you don't have to go investor by investor. But my instinct is to say that you are not to argue a violation of the Securities Exchange Act as to Mr. McLaughlin.

MS. BERNSTEIN: He actually testified that there were liquidations of his Fidelity account. So it's open to interpretation as to him. Because he did actually testify, and there was an argument about whether that was cash or whether it was a core account, and that would be a jury

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question whether we put in enough evidence as to it.
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               THE COURT: Show me --
               MS. BERNSTEIN: As to the second investment.
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               THE COURT: Show me the transcript on that.
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               MS. BERNSTEIN: I will.
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               THE COURT: You -- well, you've got a week.
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               MS. BERNSTEIN: Okay.
               THE COURT: You've got a week. So we can do that.
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               MS. BERNSTEIN: And there was an argument about
      core account and I'm sure I can find it.
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               THE COURT: I don't need it right now. You just
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      show it to me.
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               MS. BERNSTEIN: We're concerned a little bit about
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      the jury verdict form, and can I be heard --
               THE COURT: Well, now, we're going to get to that.
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      Because in all other respects, other than your agreement to
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      drop Question 1b, in all other respects the motion for
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      judgment as matter of law is denied. Don't argue
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      Exchange Act, unless I take that back in light of looking at
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               MS. BERNSTEIN: Would I be free, though, because I
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      actually think the real strength of McLaughlin is the e-mail
      that he sent to Mr. Liskov. Because that's -- I mean,
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first couple of investors and those losses is a pattern.

And that's also why the overall scheme really does encompass all of them. Because it goes to his scienter and the scheme to defraud through time. He starts with the earlier investors, who are savvier, who are able to look at their account statements. So he gets them in the door, but he can't do very much. But that's the beginning of the scheme.

And he takes acts in furtherance of it.

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whiteout. And you have, with Stott you have whiteout. And so the scheme actually starts in November and October. And that's also why we discussed Bodi. Because it's more of a notice issue as to these early ones and steps that he takes and indications that bring him -- and I don't think it is just the whiteout. He's trying to get people into investments in forex by hook or by crook. And he does it, he picks the ways he does it depending on the investor. And some of it is misrepresentations and some of it is other actions. With the Starretts there are other actions.

there -- how does he make money on this scheme?

MS. BERNSTEIN: Performances in the short run, losses in the long run. And that's one, that's one of the exhibits you saw.

THE COURT: And you say -- I understand. And you

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      say that that's, that he intentionally did that. All right.
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               And let's talk about the verdict slip.
               MS. BERNSTEIN: A couple of issues.
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               THE COURT: I will tell you -- I said let's talk
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      about it and now I'm interrupting. Forgive me.
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                I will tell you that this confirms my approach that
      you're going to have to prove he intentionally did that.
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      You don't recklessly do that.
               MS. BERNSTEIN: I will check the case law.
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                THE COURT: The word reckless just doesn't, won't
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      bear that type of freight. Intention will. And so I am
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      confirmed or I tend to be confirmed in my intention to hold
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      you to that standard.
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               MS. BERNSTEIN: I hear you --
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               MS. BERNSTEIN: -- and I'll look it up.
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               THE COURT: Right.
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               MS. BERNSTEIN: Issues about misrepresentations
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      under the securities law, because he was a fiduciary, under
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      United States v. Chiarella he had an affirmative duty under
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1 Securities Act. 2 THE COURT:: I agree with that but I don't think --3 MS. BERNSTEIN: Okay. THE COURT: -- I have to call out anything. 4 5 MS. BERNSTEIN: Okay. The other issue --6 THE COURT: You see, that's why, that's why I am 7 calling out now 2b and 3b. I want to know what they say 8 about that. But, yes, I think you're entitled to such a charge. There are, under both these statutes, affirmative 10 duties to make disclosures. All my judicial notice was there's no statute, regulation, rule expressly on 11 12 this point. That's how we're going to revisit that issue. 13 Go ahead. 14 MS. BERNSTEIN: Because he actually stands 15 differently than the normal person in terms of the 16 Securities Exchange Act. 17 THE COURT: Well, argue it to the jury. 18 MS. BERNSTEIN: Well, no, that's the law. 19 the law under Chiarella. And that's why I was bringing it 20 out. 21 THE COURT: I will give an appropriate charge. 2.2 MS. BERNSTEIN: Okay. 23 THE COURT: Now, why, with Mr. Zabin's agreement 24 that we are just going to treat them together, why isn't 25 this an adequate verdict slip?

1 MS. BERNSTEIN: Because then, it would be if we're, 2 he's going to agree that EagleEye is there for, liable as 3 Mr. Liskov is. 4 THE COURT: Well, that's the implication of what he just agreed to and I'm taking it that way. 5 6 MS. BERNSTEIN: Because there are separate 7 penalties for both the way --THE COURT: There may be. 9 MS. BERNSTEIN: -- it was charged and they're 10 separate actions for both that would accrue from actions of 11 this Court in an administrative context. 12 THE COURT: Yes. You agree we can treat them the 13 same? 14 MR. ZABIN: I just want to make sure that I 15 understand where we are. The comments that I made talking 16 about 1b applied to 2b. Is that out as well? THE COURT: No, no. It's in and you're going to 17 18 have to --19 MR. ZABIN: Well --20 THE COURT: It's in and I guess your rights are 21 saved, insofar as I do intend to charge 2b, your rights are 22 saved. Now, what I say, if you disagree with how I explain 23 it, I mean, you know First Circuit law is very strict on that, I'll invite you to the side bar and you're going to 24 25 have to take your exception at that point.

MR. ZABIN: Yes. 1 THE COURT: But here's what I think you've agreed 2 to, Mr. Zabin. If they answer yes to one or more of these 3 questions then there is going to have to be a further 4 5 hearing before the Court. I understood your agreement to 6 be, but we need to have it clear, that I would be 7 considering sanctions against EagleEye as well as sanctions 8 against Liskov because we have agreed to treat them as one 9 and the same. Is that okay? MR. ZABIN: Yes. 10 11 THE COURT: That's sufficient for me, Ms. 12 Bernstein. 13 MR. ZABIN: My, my problem with, is not just intentionally or recklessly. My problem that I thought I, I 14 15 thought I argued, at least if not persuasively, at least 16 clearly, is that there cannot be liability --17 THE COURT: Oh, you have. You have. I disagree 18 with you. I disagree with you based upon the more general 19 statutes that Ms. Bernstein just alluded to and the concept 20 of the T.J. Hooper which I seem to have embraced. 21 MR. ZABIN: T.J. Hooper is a negligence case. 2.2 THE COURT: I understand that. 23 MR. ZABIN: I know. But the considerations are

THE COURT: I think the principle is sufficiently

entirely different.

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1 similar. Go ahead, Ms. Bernstein. 2 3 MS. BERNSTEIN: I'm actually happy to get rid of 2b. I thought that's actually what --4 THE COURT: You are? Fine. 5 6 MS. BERNSTEIN: Because I think it just goes to 7 general misrepresentations and leave it to the jury. THE COURT: I'm fine with that. I'm fine with 8 9 that. MS. BERNSTEIN: And failures to disclose material 10 11 misrepresentations. 12 THE COURT: Okay. And so what about -- you're 13 going to leave it in under 3b? Or do you want it out under 14 that? 15 MS. BERNSTEIN: No, because I think it's subsumed 16 generally in material misrepresentation, it's one among 17 many. And I don't think we need to ask the question 18 separately about forex trading. 19 THE COURT: Well, I tell you, one of the reasons I wanted to preserve a separate question, candidly, and this 20 21 discussion is very helpful to the Court, is that, while I 2.2 have rejected Mr. Zabin's able argument, I don't think at 23 all that the matter is free from doubt. And therefore, I thought by asking a separate question, I could get the view 24

of the jury on that issue and I could do it without

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prejudicing either side which would give me a better record to conduct further proceedings and also should there be an appeal give the appeals court, the court of appeals, a better record on which to review my conduct.

So, if you want it out under the Investment

Advisers Act, that's fine, but I think I'm going to leave it

there under, under the Securities Exchange Act and 10b-5.

MS. BERNSTEIN: It's just that I think it's focusing on -- it's interesting, we're both arguing on the same thing as well.

THE COURT: That's true.

MS. BERNSTEIN: I think it's focusing on --

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{MR}}\xspace.$ Two great minds arriving at the same place on different roads.

MS. BERNSTEIN: I think that may be accurate.

Because I think it's a misnomer, this whole negligence failure, we did brief it that way in summary judgment because it was not, it was not disputed. What was disputed was what the investors came in and said. And they all, and all three of them did come in and say that he made affirmative representations about his abilities. Our argument is once you make an affirmative representation, once you actually say I'm good at forex or I have traded --

THE COURT: I'm going to let you make that argument.

7 MS. BERNSTEIN: And there's --2 THE COURT: Because in my charge I will be saying 3 in the circumstances that you believe in this case, it was, it was a violation to intentionally or recklessly fail to 4 5 disclose. 6 MS. BERNSTEIN: But the problem is this focuses on 7 that disclosure to the absence of all others. What --THE COURT: Such as what? 8 9 MS. BERNSTEIN: Okay. When I'm asking you for a 10 check for \$200,000, I didn't tell you what your balance was. 11 Every time -- he had, as an investment adviser, fiduciary 12 duty, he had an affirmative duty, this is capital gains, 13 Supreme Court precedent, to disclose all of, to all, 14 affirmatively disclose all material facts. 15 THE COURT: Here's what we're going to do, Ms. 16 Bernstein. Because I think you've done an interesting thing 17 here, the way you've pleaded this and the way you've gone about it. My charge under 3a will cover the waterfront, but 18 19 I'm asking 3b because I want to know what they have to say 20 about it. 21 MS. BERNSTEIN: But I would request that it makes 22 clear that a failure --23 THE COURT: The charge --24 MS. BERNSTEIN: -- that there was a negligent 25 failure to disclose material facts. Because that is the

1 requirement. That he had an affirmative duty to disclose all material facts. 2 3 THE COURT: Under the Investment Advisers Act. MS. BERNSTEIN: Actually also under the Exchange 4 Act. Because that's United States v. Chiarella. If you 5 6 have an affirmative duty, and one way to have an affirmative 7 duty is to have a fiduciary duty, then you actually have to 8 disclose material facts. Is isn't the more narrow version of disclose, you know, material misrepresentations or 9 10 omissions --11 THE COURT: I will, I will reflect on that, and 12 you've given me briefs and I am grateful for them. But I am 1.3 not persuaded of that. MS. BERNSTEIN: It's in our, just to point out, 14 15 it's in our summary judgment and we actually cited to the 16 case law. 17 THE COURT: Oh, I'm sure, it's the cases that I'm 1.8 going to be reading. I thought that the mens rea required 19 an intentional or reckless statement or omission. 20 MS. BERNSTEIN: It does. 21 THE COURT: It's not that it's negligent omissions. 22 MS. BERNSTEIN: No, no, it's not negligent for the 23 Securities Act. But my point is that --THE COURT: Isn't that what we just said? It's 24 25 negligent under the Investment Advisers Act.

1 MS. BERNSTEIN: It can be. My point is just that 2 he has --3 THE COURT: Under section 2 it can be. MS. BERNSTEIN: Right. My point is only under the 4 5 Securities Exchange Act, because he had a fiduciary duty, he 6 had a broader duty to disclose material facts. 7 THE COURT: Oh, that I will say. 8 MR. ZABIN: Well. THE COURT: But the duty is violated only by 9 10 intentional or reckless omissions. 11 MS. BERNSTEIN: Absolutely, your Honor. 12 THE COURT: Okay, fine, we're on the same -- all 13 right, this is helpful. I will revise the verdict slip this 14 way. Now, here's, here's all we need say. I think. So 15 16 nine o'clock Monday morning, the 26th, I will charge. My 17 charges always follow the same format, and let's go through 18 it and we can focus on specifics if need be. 19 I charge the jury as to their duties, pay attention 20 to the evidence, free from bias or prejudice, unanimous verdict based on the evidence. 21 22 I charge them as to my duty, to instruct as to the 23 Tell them they can ask questions just as they've asked questions to the witnesses. 24 25 I tell them to listen to my entire charge. Tell

them that I build for them a complete mental framework and they're not to take from me that I have any view about how any question should be answered.

I go over the evidence. I think I will go over the evidence in the following order. I think I will mention the stipulations and say they must take the stipulations as established.

Mention my taking judicial notice and say that that is essentially undisputed. Then I will give a stock charge on credibility. This is a case where witnesses have testified differently about the same events. And so, I will tell the jury they can resolve that. Then I will, as part of that I will tell them about depositions again and how they can use depositions.

I will tell them about exhibits and that they will have all the exhibits.

I will tell them then about some things -- at that juncture I'll pass out the verdict slip so they each have one so they can follow it. And I will tell them some things that are not evidence.

I will compliment you, and genuinely. This has been a very well-tried and interesting case. I will compliment you all, and then I will say pay no attention to the lawyers. Or pay no attention to that. But the point I want to make is if they like a lawyer or dislike a lawyer

that doesn't count, and I will say that.

I'll say the same about myself, that I have no view about the case. I do not. That I do not talk to the substance of the case.

I will tell them about reasonable inferences and then go from reasonable inferences into the fact that the SEC has the burden of proof here as to each of these questions by a fair preponderance of the evidence.

Having done that, I will tell them things that are not evidence. And you in essence -- not evidence, but not, we're not asking them about. It is not evidence of anything that Mr. Liskov lost clients' money. This is not that type of case. At the same time, the SEC does not have to prove that any of the people with whom he spoke relied on, actually depended on what he said.

And then I will start going through the questions question by question. I will, in Question 1, I will define, I will start on the question of duty. And I will say that an investment adviser stands in a special fiduciary relationship with a client, and I will explain that. So that's the duty.

Negligence is the failure to, to exercise that degree of care that a reasonable investment adviser in the same or similar circumstances would exercise.

I'll define misrepresentation. I will define fact

as opposed to puffing. I will define material as something that a reasonable investor would think would make a difference about an investment. I will mention without being specific that this can include omissions to state facts which under the circumstances ought be stated. I'll take some time on that one.

And then when I get now to 2a I will define, and I'll say that this requires something different. It's the same misrepresentation of material fact, it's the same fiduciary duty under the Investment Advisers Act, but we are talking about intentional or reckless misrepresentation. I will define both.

Then I'll go to 3a. And I will -- I've covered everything except it must be in connection with the sale of a security. I will say that stocks and bonds are securities. I will say that the money market fund of Fidelity is a security. But I've covered the other things.

Under 3b -- oh, but I will emphasize that omissions, that the law requires the disclosure of facts which ought be disclosed, so the omission of facts may, the intentional or reckless omission of facts may be in connection with the sale of a security because no one, is being purchased here, I won't use the word sucking it out, but the sale of securities in order to invest in forex.

Then 3b, which no one wants me to charge on, I

will, and it's the, that one I will focus on the forex trading records. And I'll make clear we're not talking about written records, we're talking about experience. In fact, if you would like the word experience better than record --

MR. ZABIN: My problem with it is --

THE COURT: Is conceptual.

MR. ZABIN: -- not semantic.

THE COURT: That's fine. I understand.

And then c, unless some brief in the interim puts me off it, I will say that the, it has to intentionally engage in a scheme or artifice to defraud. I will give the broad, like mail fraud definition of artifice. But I think it has to be intentional.

I will say that this, you may consider this business about whiteout, but I will make it broader than that, I won't limit it to that.

Now, if I'm going to go first that's where I'll stop. I'll invite you to the side bar. You may, don't just do it for the record, though I emphasize that the First Circuit is very strict, you've got to make your objection in a way that I understand it. But also, I mean, try again to persuade me. And I will say to the jury I may have left something out, I may have misstated something. And that's true, I may. So correct me.

When we're done with that there will be a recess. 1 2 Then there will be final arguments. I follow the Massachusetts procedure. The defense will argue first, the 3 SEC having the burden of proof will argue last. There will 4 5 be no rebuttal. Half an hour a side. You might tell me that morning who's going to argue because I like to call you 6 7 by name. Then as soon as you're done arguing, I have about 8 five minutes of, from my point of view, boilerplate, 9 completely neutral, about how they deliberate together, they 10 don't pass their notes around, how they, again, how they ask 11 questions, how we're going to get them lunch, and then at the end, trying to call them to their duty, about how 13 important it is that the verdict be fair and impartial.

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I will not invite you to the side bar. If you think that there's anything in that last charge that is objectionable, please stand and ask to come to the side bar.

One consequence of my charging first, and you people are so good, I don't think there will be this problem, but it's my charge, and if any of you put a spin on it, I'm not waiting for an objection on the other side, I will correct it. But that's all. It happens rarely.

Now, we'll start with the SEC. That's how it's going to go. Any other specific comments before we recess?

MS. BERNSTEIN: Just I think the one concern again about this affirmative disclosure, say in the context. I

think it's broader than -- because that's the normal 1 2 disclosure requirement, that you either have to make a 3 material misrepresentation or an omission in the, you know, 4 or a material omission in the context that you should have. 5 In other words, you say something that's technically true 6 but it's misleading and that's why you should speak further, 7 in the context of an investment adviser for both the 8 purposes of the Investment Adviser Act and for the Exchange 9 Act, it doesn't matter about context. He's supposed to 10 disclose from an affirmative -- he's supposed to disclose 11 the material fact because you have an affirmative duty, 12 according to United States v. Chiarella you have to 13 disclose. You can't just, you can't just stay silent. 14 THE COURT: I will read Chiarella. 15 Anything else, Mr. Zabin? 16 MR. ZABIN: I do. 17 MS. BERNSTEIN: Oh, one, actually I'm reminded, I 18 apologize, one other thing. 19 THE COURT: That's all right. 20 MS. BERNSTEIN: The law says absolutely, your 21 Honor, they do not go to damages, they don't have to prove 22 damages, but the losses go to scienter. 23 THE COURT: You may argue that. 24 MS. BERNSTEIN: Okav. 25 THE COURT: I'm not going to prevent you from

arguing that.

MS. BERNSTEIN: Okay.

3 THE COURT: But I'm not going to say anything about it.

MS. BERNSTEIN: That's fine, as long as I'm free to say that in the closing.

THE COURT: You are free to say it.

Mr. Zabin?

MR. ZABIN: The comment about what you propose to charge about the fiduciary duty. A fiduciary -- every breach, as I think it's pretty clear, every breach of fiduciary, of a fiduciary duty is not necessarily a violation of either the Securities Exchange Act or the Investment Advisers Act. And somehow I think the jury should be charged that there's got to be evidence of the standard of --

THE COURT: The standard, the standard is what I take from the law itself and the case law. And I will use those words. Those are the standards. But how -- and this, this is the relationship of the T.J. Hooper, which I will not explain to them, but this is how it fits in here. I know it's a negligence case. I do strongly feel that how the legal framework, more generally legal framework is applied to the specific facts that they believe in this case is for them. That's, that's it.

MR. ZABIN: Well, if you --

THE COURT: We're going to ask them that.

MR. ZABIN: If you would look, if you would look at the case we cited on page 14 of our brief, a 2012 case, S&A Farms out of the Eighth Circuit. That case I think correctly states what the law is, the plaintiff has to show what the standard of care for an adviser is.

Now, in this case, what do we have? We have the SEC, the regulatory agency saying no duty --

THE COURT: No, no.

MR. ZABIN: -- to disclose.

THE COURT: No, no. That, that isn't what they say. That emphatically is not what they say, and if you argue that, I will correct you. They, they start out rule making and they decide not to implement such a rule.

MR. ZABIN: Right.

THE COURT: In my view that's the same thing as expressing no opinion on the matter. They have general authority under the Investment Advisers Act and the Securities Exchange Act. And they have engaged in rule making under the Securities Exchange Act 10b-5. And that rule making has engendered a whole lot of cases that, some of which I am going to read again and some for the first time. But I will have read what I think is germane. And I'll explain that to the jury. I'm not going there.

1 MR. ZABIN: Okay.

THE COURT: And if it's error an appellate court will straighten me out.

MR. ZABIN: All right. Accepting, even on your formulation, the SEC has said it does not require by rule disclosure.

THE COURT: No, it hasn't. It just hasn't -- it has not said that.

MR. ZABIN: But it has because it faced the problem, it said we're not going to do it.

THE COURT: Yes.

MR. ZABIN: Okay.

THE COURT: That's the same thing as expressing no opinion. There are myriad circumstances.

MR. ZABIN: Well.

this is a fascinating issue conceptually. It's an issue that goes to the heart of what we consider law. There are general statutes. The problem with enacting statutes is that by definition they are at one and the same time both over inclusive, they catch people that congress never really thought they would catch by their plain language, and various people who congress wanted to catch they don't catch. So, we try to fill in those blanks first by regulation. Regulations are more nuanced but they have the

same problem. They're both at one and the same time over inclusive and under inclusive.

We then fill in what interstices are left by judicial decision. And we have a whole hierarchy of doing that. The, the decision of a district court is not precedential. The decision of a circuit is precedential within that circuit. And sometimes you can get the attention of the Supreme Court and they bind the Third Branch.

The jury plays a role in that. And it's a vital role. I must accurately describe the legal framework which means I must accurately describe the Investment Advisers Act and the Securities Exchange Act as they apply in this case, and properly characterize Rule 10b-5, and then I'm going to stop. And the jury will decide in the circumstances of this particular case whether there has been a violation or not. Once they've decided that as part of our common law that will be instructive, not just to Mr. Liskov, but one expects to Fidelity. And that's another reason why I'm asking 3b, even though Ms. Bernstein eschews it.

MR. ZABIN: I agree with your Honor that this is a fascinating issue, but I think, most respectfully, I think you're overlooking a very important fact in that rule making decision. If you go back and look at our submission you will see that they actively considered, all right, and they,

and they said they're not going to do it now, they'll take another look at another time. So, for now you cannot look to the SEC regulations as creating a standard by which Mr. Liskov's action or inaction is to be judged.

THE COURT: That's true.

MR. ZABIN: I'm not saying any more than that.

 $\mbox{{\bf THE COURT:}}$ And what, the way you framed it then I'm fine with.

MR. ZABIN: All right.

THE COURT: I'm fine with that.

MR. ZABIN: Another possible source for the standard would be what is generally followed in the profession.

THE COURT: You can argue it.

MR. ZABIN: There's no evidence of that except the testimony from Fidelity that it is disfavored.

THE COURT: You may arque it.

MR. ZABIN: Okay. So, now we look to the general, the general law or principles of what is reasonable, what, you know, what is necessary. And that it seems to me, especially if you're going, if you're looking to a case like T.J. Hooper, that requires either evidence which would be normally done through expert testimony of what the standard of practice is for the ordinary reasonable investment adviser, or it is so clear and so necessary that lay persons

can make that decision. I think we're not --

THE COURT: I follow that, Mr. Zabin, and that's helpful in my consideration of your S&A Farms case. I will look at it. All right.

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{MR}}.$ $\ensuremath{\mathsf{ZABIN}}:$ Thank you very much for putting up with me, your Honor.

THE COURT: Not at all.

MS. BERNSTEIN: There's a couple of things. The S&A Farm case is a Commodities Exchange Act case, it is actually not a securities case.

THE COURT: I said I would look at it.

MS. BERNSTEIN: Okay.

THE COURT: And I will.

MS. BERNSTEIN: And in terms of the negligence, the standard actually is is it a material -- I mean, let's come back to what the standard is for being negligent under the IA Act, is that did you negligently fail to disclose a material fact. So the issue to the jury is to ask themselves whether it was a material fact.

THE COURT: I will give a proper charge.

MS. BERNSTEIN: The other, the other issue is, and I have to bring this up because the Commission authorized it as one of the charges, in our complaint, and which is why we had that witness explain about what paper we got and what paper we didn't get, the reason we had it is because we

actually have a report claim in there, that he failed to comply with the reporting requirements for the Act. And they have not stipulated to that he didn't, we were still arguing about it during the summary judgment.

THE COURT: Let's deal with it this way, though it's a -- Mr. Zabin, this case is interesting enough for a jury. I don't propose to direct that out of the case, but I do propose to deal with that jury waived.

Is your client okay with that?

MR. ZABIN: That's fine.

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MS. BERNSTEIN: I'm fine with that, your Honor.

MR. ZABIN: That's fine.

THE COURT: I'm sure you would be. Okay. And I express no opinion on it. I hadn't even -- so we just -- so no argument about that. We're going to have to deal with that sometime.

Now, that does raise one other thing though. I express no opinion about what's going to happen, indeed I will tell the jury if the answers to all of these are no this case is over, because largely it is, though this report business now I'm going to have to deal with.

I propose, if any of this is yes or even if they're all no and I have to deal with this report business, to hear you jury waived -- and let me consult with the clerk just a minute so we can --

1 (Whereupon the Court and the Clerk conferred.) 2 THE COURT: I propose to do the following. It's 3 unlikely, it would seem to me, but we'll wait and see what -- well, you tell me, Ms. Bernstein. I don't need to 4 5 take any more evidence on this reporting claim, you think it's a matter of record, you just want argument on that. 6 7 MS. BERNSTEIN: Right. 8 THE COURT: All right. The rest of it I do have to 9 make an assumption. If the answers to these questions are 10 no, given the stipulation, that's it, it's only the reporting claim. If you're yes as to anything, I have to 11 12 hold further hearings. 13 But am I correct that you're not going to introduce 14 any other evidence, you're going to argue what you think is 15 the appropriate sanction in view of the yes answers. 16 MS. BERNSTEIN: I think that's right, your Honor. 17 But that is part of the reason we put the losses in because 18 that does go --19 THE COURT: I -- no, no. 20 MS. BERNSTEIN: Yes is the answer. 21 THE COURT: The answer is yes, I have it. 22 MS. BERNSTEIN: The answer -- we put that evidence 23 in so it's already in front of the Court.

I propose then to call you back for such a hearing, not

THE COURT: So I tell you, as I look at my docket,

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1 immediately, in other words, not Tuesday after the Monday because I have jury waived --3 MS. BERNSTEIN: Okay. THE COURT: -- but sometime before December 17th. 5 MS. BERNSTEIN: Okay. 6 THE COURT: People are going to generally be 7 around? While everything's fresh and the --8 MS. BERNSTEIN: I hate to say this, but I have a 9 kid thing on December 6th that I really have to be at. 10 THE COURT: We are going to honor your kid thing. 11 MS. BERNSTEIN: Okay. 12 THE COURT: And thank you very much. 13 We can work it out. But I thought I would put it on -- this is not like a motion session. This is one for 14 15 more extended argument and nuanced determination. So I was 16 going to put it on in the morning. We'll give you as much 17 notice as possible, and I may have some flexibility. But 18 you're protected for the 6th. 19 MR. ZABIN: One other thing. You didn't mention, I 20 don't know if you mentioned it, the duty of care, as I, as I 21 read the Supreme Court cases decided, the duty of care is 22 not a general duty of care, it's a duty to exercise 23 reasonable care to ensure that the clients are not misled. 24 I do not -- I think that --25 THE COURT: Well, a fiduciary has a heightened

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               MR. ZABIN: Well, heightened. But that's what, his
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      heightened duty is to use, use a higher degree of care.
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               THE COURT: I will have what you will think is --
               MR. ZABIN: Yes.
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               THE COURT: -- appropriate language. Thank you.
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      what that looks like.
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               THE COURT:: I, I will take it from an
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      authoritative source. Thank you all very much.
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               MR. ZABIN: Thank you very much, your Honor.
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               THE COURT: We'll recess then, nine o'clock, Monday
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      morning, the 26th of November. Thank you. We'll recess.
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               THE CLERK: All rise.
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Court is now in session, you may be seated.

Now hearing Civil Matter 11-11576, Securities & Exchange Commission v. EagleEye Asset, et al.

MR. ZABIN: Good morning, your Honor. Is it all right if Mr. Liskov sits at counsel table?

THE COURT: It is. In fact, he's welcome there.

Let me sketch what -- he's welcome. Let me sketch what I

think we're doing and before we start have you correct me.

We are now at the remedy phase of this litigation.

No further evidence from our earlier discussions need be proffered, nor do I understand anyone intends to proffer any other evidence. So, the question before the Court is what is the appropriate remedy. This is entirely a civil proceeding but it's somewhat analogous to a sentencing.

Don't draw any conclusions from that. I'm just setting it up procedurally.

So, procedurally, I obviously have read the memoranda about remedy, the positions are significantly different, and I thought what I would do is hear from the SEC, hear from Mr. Liskov's counsel, and again analogous, allow Mr. Liskov to make an unsworn statement if he wanted to. It just strikes me that fairness might be served by affording him that opportunity. But I emphasize he's not required to in any way, and if he chooses not to, I would

never hold that against him. But that's how I propose to 1 2 proceed. 3 Ms. Bernstein, doesn't that make sense? MS. BERNSTEIN: Actually --4 5 MS. SEVILLA: Yes, your Honor. 6 THE COURT: Right. All right. And, Mr. Zabin, doesn't that make sense? 7 MR. ZABIN: That's, that's fine, your Honor. 8 9 THE COURT: Okay. 10 MR. ZABIN: I think the analogy is well taken. THE COURT: Very well. 11 12 So, Ms. Mikels, here's what I need in your argument. Recognizing that I have read these materials, 13 what I would like you to do is go over the elements of 14 remedy for which the SEC contends, support it by whatever 15 16 factual or legal framework is appropriate, and that's what I 17 want. And while you're doing it you can rebut Mr. Liskov's 18 contrary positions. Mr. Zabin, naturally, I will want you 19 to deal with each of those elements and why we ought go the 20 same way -- Ms. Sevilla, forgive me. I called you by the 21 wrong name, and I do apologize. All counsel have done an 22 excellent job in this case and I appreciate it. So you counter it, and then once we've heard all 23 that we'll see if Mr. Liskov wants to say anything. 24 So, Ms. Sevilla, I'll hear you. 25

MS. SEVILLA: Your Honor, there is only one other thing we had talked about dealing with today and that is the Commission's claims under section 204 of the Advisers Act

and Rule 204-2 thereunder as to the books and records.

THE COURT: We, we had. I had omitted that. Go ahead and speak to it.

MS. SEVILLA: Just briefly, your Honor, it is in our brief.

Under those provisions there are certain required books and records for registered investment advisers. I don't think there's any dispute here that EagleEye was a registered investment adviser. As you heard at trial, there was evidence that the Commission examination staff conducted an examination of EagleEye in August of 2010, requested various records, which we've outlined in the brief, and received some records in return that they didn't deem to meet the requirements of the rule as we heard Mr. Latin testify. So, we would ask the Court to find that there is a violation as to EagleEye of section 204 of the Advisers Act and Rule 204 thereunder, and that Mr. Liskov aided and abetted those violations.

THE COURT: And what turns on that?

MS. SEVILLA: We would ask that, in terms of a remedy, we would ask that as part of, we would ask that your Honor enter an injunction against future violations of that

provision as well as the other ones which I'll address in a moment.

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THE COURT: All right, I understand that's your position.

MS. SEVILLA: Your Honor, with respect to the Commission's fraud claims under section 10(b) of the Exchange Act, Rule 10b-5 thereunder, and section 206(1) of the Advisers Act, based on the jury's finding of liability on the defendant's part on those claims, the Commission is asking for various remedies. As we set forth in our brief, we're asking for an injunction against future violations of those provisions of the securities laws, we're asking for disgorgement of ill-gotten gains, plus prejudgment interest calculated thereon, and we're asking for a civil penalty.

As to the injunction, the standard is for the Court, the standard is for the Court to make a determination that there's a reasonable likelihood of future violations, and the factors that a Court may consider in making that determination include the egregiousness of the conduct, the level of scienter, and whether the conduct was of a repeated or isolated nature. Those are three sort of related ones. And as to those that, as we laid out in our brief, based on the jury's verdict there was a finding by the jury of liability under the two provisions that I mentioned under both the Exchange Act and the Advisers Act, a finding of the

highest level of scienter, a finding of a scheme under section 10(b) with an intentional level of scienter, and a finding of fraud under those provisions as to not only one client but four clients, excuse me, your Honor, five clients under the Advisers Act, four clients under the Exchange Act.

So, our position is that it's not isolated conduct, it's conduct of a repeated nature, it's the highest level of scienter, and it's egregious conduct based on the jury's finding. And I don't think as to those factors actually defendants make any arguments otherwise. So, our position is that an analysis of those factors does support the entry of an injunction.

Also, your Honor, as we mentioned in our brief, the entry of an injunction does trigger a Commission administrative proceeding to seek other remedies against Mr. Liskov and EagleEye, and those could include an order prohibiting Mr. Liskov from associating with an investment adviser, broker/dealer, other categories of securities and industry professionals.

THE COURT: But that's not for me.

MS. SEVILLA: I mention it only --

THE COURT: I'm just trying --

MS. SEVILLA: Right.

THE COURT: -- to understand the statutory scheme.

What you contend is I ought now permanently enjoin

EagleEye and Mr. Liskov from further reporting violations.

MS. SEVILLA: And to --

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THE COURT: Permanently enjoin him from further violations of the Securities Exchange Act and the Investment Advisers Act. But those injunctions, which doesn't mean I wouldn't do it, they, they have the societal benefit that if he were to violate he would both be in contempt of a court order in addition to further violating the law. But really it makes no difference. We expect everyone to obey the law. It's just a further sanction. And you are pointing out that were I to enjoin him from further violation of the Securities Exchange Act, then the SEC, but not this Court, could start administrative proceedings in essence to revoke any licenses or ability to trade in these markets that he might have.

MS. SEVILLA: That's all correct, your Honor. And the reason I raised it is, it's our, it's the Commission's position that based on the specificity of the jury's findings that really both of those things are warranted relief here. An injunction entered by your Honor that, you know, to the extent there may be future violations of the law, there would be harsher consequences, we believe because of the specific findings of the jury that that is warranted in itself. And also, we would like to bring the additional proceeding and that is triggered by the injunction. We

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THE COURT: And you -- right. You can't do that unless I enjoin.

MS. SEVILLA: That's right. And we believe it's justified to do that again based on the specificity of the jury's finding.

THE COURT: You're sort of suggesting that if I enjoin you've got it in your mind you're going to do that.

MS. SEVILLA: Yes, we will, your Honor.

THE COURT: Go ahead.

MS. SEVILLA: Moving on to disgorgement and prejudgment interest. Again, your Honor, based on the jury's verdict which your Honor is aware of and I've outlined, there does need to be a causal connection between any ill-gotten gains from the conduct that the jury found liability on. And what we're asking to be disgorged here, we're asking for the performance fees that Mr. Liskov earned on the forex trading to be disgorged. As I pointed out earlier, your Honor, the jury found a scheme here. The scheme was to lull people to invest in forex so that Mr. Liskov could earn a performance fee.

THE COURT: I haven't forgotten the trial. And they amount to what?

MS. SEVILLA: To -- it's the three hundred and one thousand -- excuse me, your Honor, I'll get you the exact

number. Three hundred and -- the disgorgement we're seeking is \$301,000 -- \$301,502.26, and then prejudgment interest on that amount of \$29,603.59, for a total of \$331,105.85.

THE COURT: And these --

MS. SEVILLA: Jointly and severally as to EagleEye.

THE COURT: -- these performance fees do not

involve Bodi.

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MS. SEVILLA: Correct. We subtracted Bodi out.

THE COURT: Thank you. All right. And what's the authority for prejudgment interest? Because this is a statutory tort and it dates from the commission of the tort? How did you figure that?

MS. SEVILLA: We, we calculated it based, for each fee that was taken out of the client's account and put in EagleEye's account on a certain date. So for each fee, that date to the present, December 1st, 2012 is the ending date we used for the calculation. It's a quarterly interest rate statutorily set. Ms. Bernstein's declaration that we attached to our papers outlines that. We did inadvertently forget to attach the exhibit which we do have today for your Honor which I can hand up and also the file as well. And that shows the detailed calculation as to each client's fee.

THE COURT: I would like that. And Mr. Zabin has a copy of that? Or you're going to give him one?

MS. SEVILLA: I'm going to give it to him.

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               THE COURT: All right. Now, what about a civil
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               MS. SEVILLA: A civil penalty, your Honor, in terms
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               MS. SEVILLA: Yes.
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offender to pay because fines that really cannot be collected impose administrative costs and glibly -- judges sometimes impose a fine to send a message, and again glibly, but you get the idea, say, well, if he wins the lottery he's going to have to pay this given the egregiousness of the conduct.

On the other hand is the argument that it's a somewhat meaningless exercise if he can't pay or can't ever pay because we cannot, we don't have debtors' prisons, we cannot enforce money that he doesn't have. And again, the analogy to a sentencing is only rough, but with a sentencing I have a detailed probation report where I have rather detailed data about an offender's financial affairs. And here there are two. By agreement, it's EagleEye, its assets and the like. But I don't know what the balance sheet of EagleEye is and I don't know what his personal balance sheet is.

MS. SEVILLA: Your Honor, it's correct that ability to pay is a factor to be considered. As we've pointed out in our papers, we believe based on the egregiousness of the conduct and the jury's finding that a much larger fine or penalty than we're seeking is justifiable based on the fact that your Honor --

THE COURT: Suppose I --

MS. SEVILLA: So we have taken into account the

ability to pay.

THE COURT: Right. Suppose I agree with that. I mean, I agree, suppose that a fine is warranted because of the conduct. But then we get into the -- why should I impose a fine as a practical matter if you're never going to see the money. If we can come up down to the penny what disgorgement and pretrial interest, that's a fair bit of change. And I don't know his or EagleEye's financial situation. But if I imposed that why should I, other than, other, you see, for general deterrence, to send a message to people who also trade, what's it going to get us?

MS. SEVILLA: I think that is exactly the reason, your Honor. I think that message is important to send based on this jury's findings. To not enter a penalty I think somewhat flies in the face of the jury's very specific findings.

THE COURT: And so what are you seeking?

MS. SEVILLA: I think that is a factor.

Also, your Honor, there is, you know, the defendants raised this in their papers, the issue of whether this case could have settled before we went to trial. And the fact of having to go through trial, it is just the Commission's position that after a trial, after putting the victims through a trial, specifically not just us, but putting the victims through having to testify again, the

defendant can't walk away with a, with a less harsh sanction than he, with no harsher a sanction that he might have gotten short of trial. So, that's part of it, too.

THE COURT: Well, wait a minute.

MS. SEVILLA: And in terms of the factors that your Honor considers --

THE COURT: Wait a minute. Well, that gives me pause because this is the first -- what did you offer to settle the case for?

MS. BERNSTEIN: Your Honor, I'm the person who did the settlement, if you would like me to talk about it. We settled --

THE COURT: Well, if you think it's germane. Apparently you do.

MS. BERNSTEIN: Your Honor, I do. Because I will represent to you that from the day this case was filed, I tried to settle it. And I think even Mr. Zabin will tell you that our settlements offers were reasonable. The reason this case -- my understanding, and we never raised it before this Court before because it was inappropriate, but now, because it goes to acceptance of responsibility and cooperation, which are two of the elements of the penalty, I am rasing it. The reason this case -- because he also mentioned criminal interest, which I also was careful not to do during the trial. We were told that this case could not

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               MS. BERNSTEIN: It is not a surprising position.
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               MS. BERNSTEIN: But obviously I can't tell the U.S.
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               THE COURT: And I fully understand that.
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               MS. BERNSTEIN: But what was also made clear by me
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               THE COURT: But let me interrupt.
               MS. BERNSTEIN: -- a settlement that would not
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               THE COURT: Wait. Let me interrupt. I know I'm
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1 all that great. But now she's raised another factor and you 2 rise to speak to it. And you say -- and now I'll be quiet. 3 Tell me, so you would have settled -- of course he wanted 4 the criminal to go away. You couldn't give him that. He 5 goes to trial. It's a long shot, you know. The only reason 6 you didn't win at summary judgment -- if this had come 7 before me as a case stated the great likelihood is you would have won. Because then I would have drawn reasonable 9 inference from the facts. He stipulated to all the facts. 10 It was just his state of mind that was at issue. So, I deny 11 summary judgment for no better reason, though it's perfectly 12 adequate, than the SEC bears the burden of proof and the jury could, though they did not, disbelieve the evidence 13 14 that was laid out before them. 15 So, it was a difficult case for him to prevail on. 16 He didn't prevail. But we had a trial. We had a jury 17 trial. I've always thought there was some benefits to that. 18 Now, why does that up the civil penalty because he 19 wouldn't settle? 20 MS. BERNSTEIN: Well, in the same reason that when 21 there's not a plea bargain in a criminal, in a criminal 22 trial, because we are analogizing it to sentencing, it tends 23 to up sentencing because --24 THE COURT: Well, you see, there --

MS. BERNSTEIN: Well, because what it does do --

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 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{MS. BERNSTEIN:} & \textbf{Because it does affect the} \\ \textbf{sentencing guidelines.} \end{tabular}$

THE COURT: Hear me. Hear me.

MS. BERNSTEIN: On acceptance of responsibility you
do not get a --

THE COURT: That is a discount.

MS. BERNSTEIN: Right. So that's one of the factors.

THE COURT: And there's a discount -- and the words acceptance of responsibility are sophistry. Everyone knows it. And it demeans the criminal justice system to go around ranting about acceptance of responsibility. It's not that at all. What it is is a discount for sparing the government the burden and expense of a trial. If it were anything else it would be putting a charge, a sanction on the exercise of a constitutional right. So here. And I'm not going to do it. The fact he exercises his constitutional right under the Seventh Amendment to have a jury pronounce the facts doesn't add one dollar. So, I'm not clear how the settlement plays in here.

MS. BERNSTEIN: Because we were giving him a discount. We were factor -- we were giving him the benefit of the doubt in every one of the factors. The money was

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               THE COURT: And what was it?
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               MS. BERNSTEIN: -- at one point it was zero. And
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               MS. SEVILLA: Your Honor, $840,000 for EagleEye and
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is a third tier penalty which we think is appropriate because of the level of scienter and the losses and risk of substantial loss to --

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THE COURT: Help me out with how that's calculated.

MS. SEVILLA: The statute provides a maximum third tier penalty of, for most of the relevant time, \$150,000 per violation for individuals and \$725,000 per violation for entities. Per violation can mean a lot of things as we've outlined in our brief. The statutes that have been violated, here our argument is there are two statutes violated, 10(b) and 206(1). As to 206(1) the jury found five victims, 10(b), four victims. That's nine violations right there. There's case law that supports the counting of violations in that manner. We've actually, again taking into account ability to pay and just practical considerations, have reduced the amount to the amounts that I just stated for your Honor. It's sort of a, it's a combination of counting violations and also the statutory maximum was less for a certain period of time and then increased, so it's a combination of that. As to EagleEye it's essentially one third tier penalty. Again, taking into account we weren't trying to be overly duplicative.

THE COURT: Yes. Thank you. All right. I understand.

And you've now answered my question. Anything else

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               MS. SEVILLA: No, your Honor, that's all.
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               THE COURT: Thank you.
               MS. SEVILLA: Thank you.
               THE COURT: Mr. Zabin.
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               MR. ZABIN: Your Honor, first of all, my client
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               MR. ZABIN: Any way you want to do it.
               THE COURT: That's how we'll proceed then.
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somewhat, they were seriously over influenced, despite your Honor's several cautionary instructions, by the amount of the losses. But I can understand that, and at least we're stuck with that. I'm not going to argue that the, at this point that the jury was wrong. We have no quarrel with the fairness of the trial. And I've been around long enough to recognize a prima facie case when I see one. But the weight of what the Commission is seeking will fall on his wife, but most important, on his children. And these are three entirely innocent people who had no idea what he was doing. And, in fact, the day that the SEC came into the audit was a day of shock for them.

THE COURT: I'm sure that's true, but that's so in every sort of civil enforcement proceeding and surely in criminal proceedings.

MR. ZABIN: It is. But because largely the Court has, has discretion both for his penalties and for disgorgement. You're sitting as the chancellor. And as various appeals court have said that, for example, disgorgement is akin to an injunction. The issuing of orders with respect to a civil penalty is also quasi-equitable. One of the most --

THE COURT: I fully recognize I have discretion and, of course, that's why there's the dividing line between the facts as found by the jury and the remedy as discerned

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MR. ZABIN: One of the most fundamental maxims of equity is that the chancellor always should consider the effect of the remedy sought on third persons, especially innocent third persons. And what I'm arguing to the Court is that you should take into consideration, into heavy consideration, most serious consideration, the impact of anything you do, by way of remedy, particularly on the children.

His oldest daughter, the oldest child, Sara, is but two years away from college. This is a family now who was living on the edge. Mr. Liskov, as we've, as we've shown in the, in our memorandum and the attachment, his financial statement, he is actually earning, earning money at a level which would entitle him to Medicaid. He is making less than 133 percent of the poverty level. What he has, what he has, what he has already had fall on him -- and if your Honor were to say he brought it on himself, I wouldn't argue with that. But he already has, this case has been published in a variety of journals, a variety of, most newspapers, most recently in Bloomberg's, in his local paper in Providence. And I understand that the Commission does this not, I hope, out of spite because we didn't settle. And I do want to address that, even though your Honor's indicated that it ought not, the inability to settle this case shouldn't

affect it. But I want you to understand exactly what was involved. But he, he is now disgraced in the eyes of his children. He's disgraced in the eyes of his neighbors. He will never, injunction or no injunction, he will never be able in our lifetime, in his, near future in his lifetime will ever be able to get a job in the financial sector. It will probably be very difficult for him to get a job of any significant responsibility where he could earn money to pay back and still provide for his family and for the children's education. And what I am saying to your Honor sitting there as the chancellor, the conscience of the king, if you will, this is an important factor for your Honor to consider.

But let me explain, if I may, just what was involved in the, in the issues that led to, led to the inability to settle the case.

THE COURT: I will, though I've already said that's not going to be a factor.

But before you move there, I understand your argument, Mr. Zabin. And as one would expect, I mean, you articulate it very well. But this is the argument with which I've become familiar on the criminal side almost every day. The sanction of the law does subject one to opprobrium and that slops over onto people that are completely innocent. In this case -- but the goals of remedial sanctions properly here are -- you say, well, there's no

real specific deterrence because he's out of this business anyway. But an appropriate goal of the remedy phase is general deterrence for those similarly situated to him. And I'll tell you candidly, it's hard for me, even if I were to exercise my discretion in the way that you see, that you say is appropriate, it's hard for me to conceive of an appropriate sanction less than disgorgement of the profits. We can talk about a civil penalty. But disgorgement here—I shouldn't say profits—disgorgement would seem, would seem to be the starting point, would seem to be the starting line. This is money he took from these people by virtue of fraud. His ability to pay is not terribly persuasive in that regard.

MR. ZABIN: I understand. But courts have, and I'll give you citation, courts have declined to order disgorgement in particular harsher cases. I fully agree with the Court and with the Commission that deterrence is, you know, is a key, is a key value that cannot be ignored at this stage of the litigation. I agree with that. I don't know what benefit, in this case, hitting this man with a burden, which he cannot realistically hope to pay, for decades perhaps, if ever, in view of the fact of everybody who gets any of the financial, any of the financial blogs, who gets Bloomberg, who sees the local papers, I don't see how much more deterrence to the, to the, to people similarly

situated, you know, a fine would do. I really, really don't. But I have -- but I can give you the citations of cases.

THE COURT: No, I don't --

MR. ZABIN: I don't think you need them.

THE COURT: I don't. Because I understand it's --

MR. ZABIN: Right.

THE COURT: -- within my informed discretion.

If you wish to speak to settlement, I'll hear you.

MR. ZABIN: So, the reason I want to just talk a little bit about the settlement, the settlement issues and efforts was because it would lead, I think, to basically a sensible and somewhat creative order.

Mr. Liskov was sued not only by the Commission but by the CFTC and by the state Secretary of State. On top of that, for two years he's been threatened with an indictment, which hasn't come. Two weeks before we started this case or so again we were told that it would come shortly. We were told it would come in November. November has come and gone. But it's out there.

We had offered a plea. The U.S. Attorney's office, and I don't criticize them for it, said it was unacceptable. And basically they wanted, they wanted a penalty. All the lawyers involved of us, and unfortunately, and we have a family of lawyers, including one of whom I'm very proud, far

better than I am, felt that, all felt that given what this case was about it made no sense for him to take the plea based on what, on what the U.S. Attorney's office was taking.

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We did get a tentative settlement together with counsel for the CFTC, which was less than half of what the Commission wanted, but her superiors would not go along with We have a tentative settlement with the Secretary of State. And the terms of that settlement broadly would be that there would be a modest, I mean a really modest payment up front, and it would be essentially an order that he would not ever be an investment adviser or be in a position where he can control other people's or even handle other people's money, and that there would be a clause that if there were substantial improvement, they call it a hit-the-lottery clause, substantial improvement in his financial status that there would be payments on a basis to be arranged. That's the agreement we had in principle. That is what I would hope would be a framework for this Court because that, that meets so many of the interests.

THE COURT: But isn't that what's going to happen anyway? Whatever monetary sanction this Court imposes will not result in anything akin to a debtor's prison, will allow him modestly to provide for his family, and will, as you say, have the ability, should he hit the lottery or an

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      government can garnish does not apply to disgorgement.
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      There's a Fifth Circuit case, and I'll give you the
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      citation. I don't think that's the law in every circuit.
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      don't think it's the law in this circuit.
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               THE COURT: It does not apply to, I heard you say
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      extortion?
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               MR. ZABIN: Disgorgement.
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               THE COURT: Oh, disgorgement.
                           Sorry. I --
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               MR. ZABIN:
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               THE COURT:
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               MR. ZABIN:
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               THE COURT:
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               MR. ZABIN: -- would resonate a problem.
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THE COURT: You ought to rest easy here because it applies in this Court, whatever the Fifth Circuit may say, there's not going to be any especial sanction beyond the amount of the ordered disgorgement and penalty if the Court determines on a penalty. I'm not going to treat this any different than a fine. So, I hear what you say.

All right. Perhaps I ought hear him if he wishes to be heard.

MR. ZABIN: Essentially, your Honor, I understand after one loses a case, one of the things you, one loses besides the judgment is you lose whatever leverage you may have had. As a practical matter, I don't think we ever had leverage that was acceptable to either of the Commissions. It may have been acceptable to the lawyers. I know only that a proposal was tried out on me by counsel for the CFTC. And basically we said it was, it was attractive, see if your folks will approve it. They didn't.

We had told the U.S. Attorney, you know, said that if you can get to an acceptable plea, we'll accept whatever the two Commissions and the state wanted. The attitude was he committed a crime, he brought it on himself, too bad. And that really -- and that was even the tone of it.

So, basically, we have no -- I am not appealing to any leverage that we have. I'm appealing to the conscience of the Court and, you know, whatever, whatever it is, I'm

sure it will be the right thing. One also hopes that it will not be something that is really ruinous to this family.

THE COURT: Thank you.

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Now, Mr. Liskov, there is no provision for your speaking now, but I indicated that I would hear you. You're not under oath and I take that into account. But please understand you're not required to say anything. Your lawyer says you wish to. You're not required to say anything. If you say nothing, I will not hold that against you in any way. But I thought fairness indicated that I ought hear from you directly if you wanted to say something. And under those circumstances, if you do, I will hear you.

MR. LISKOV: Thank you.

 $$\operatorname{MR.}$$ ZABIN: Do you want him here or do you want him --

THE COURT: No, no, it's not sworn. He can be right where he is now at counsel table.

MR. LISKOV: Thank you, your Honor.

This is the first time I've ever spoken in front of a judge like this so please excuse me, I'm obviously nervous.

I have, as Mr. Zabin had said, I have been around lawyers all my life never expecting ever to be in this position surrounded by them. But I have great respect for the Court and all the officers of the Court, including the

SEC and the job that they do.

I would like to mention that I do feel, as I mentioned at trial, that I failed my clients in what they had asked me to do. I failed them from the perspective of the care that I needed to take every day with them in handling their money. There's no question about that. And as I tried to explain to my children, I accept responsibility for everything that has come my way, and everything that has come my family's way, it falls on me. I certainly do not need a newspaper article or a press release to explain that.

However, as I stand here today, I must tell you part of the reason I'm in the financial condition I am is because I invested in the very, quote, unquote, scheme that I thought my clients would do well in. And I still believe that I should have made sure that they were not getting involved as I had got them involved to the extent that I did. There's no question about that.

But I also believe that they were with me. I did not try to mislead them in any way and I did not feel at the time that they were being misled. I felt like they were as hopeful as I was that they would make money with me.

I would just like to mention, as far as my family, they understand and respect also what the Court must do.

And for that I would just like to say thank you for the

time.

THE COURT: This case is going to require a written opinion and findings and rulings, but there is no reason, having been fully tried, having a detailed jury verdict, to stay the order and therefore the Court now imposes the following order.

This order applies to EagleEye Asset Management and Jeffrey A. Liskov jointly and severally.

One: The Court finds that there has been a violation of the appropriate reporting requirements and therefore permanently enjoins EagleEye and Mr. Liskov, their officers, agents, servants, employees and all persons acting in concert with them, from any further violation of the reporting requirements of the relevant acts.

Two: The Court permanently enjoins EagleEye and Jeffrey A. Liskov, their officers, agents, servants, employees and all persons acting in concert with them, from any further violation of the Securities Exchange Act or the Investment, and the Investment Advisers Act.

The Court orders disgorgement from both entities jointly and severally in the amount of \$301,502.26, and prejudgment interest, again jointly and severally, in the amount of \$29,603.59.

The Court imposes a civil penalty on each, EagleEye and Liskov, but this civil penalty is severally in the

amount of \$725,000. That's the order of the Court.

Now, let me explain it, Mr. Liskov. Let me explain it to all parties. Here's what I understand from this case. I fully understand that you invested as well as your clients and you got the clients fraudulently to invest in this extraordinarily risky venture. You -- there's no other way to say it. You were gambling with your own money and you were gambling with their money.

Look over these exhibits. I mean, I don't need to tell you. I have looked over these exhibits. And you're trading at all hours of the night. Your conduct is the same as someone who is out at a casino playing the slots. It is the view of this Court that you got into this, needed funds to further support your speculative ventures, and fraudulently obtained those funds from these various clients.

You are in denial, sir, if you think that they were caught up in this as you were. Yes, they were looking to make a profit. They were looking to make a quick killing. Much greater than the normal market return and certainly greater than any return that someone would get on a secure investment. They were. But you seem to be utterly deaf to your responsibility as a fiduciary. It was your duty to counsel these people, truly to counsel them, about the risks as well as the rewards. It was your duty to explain your

own, your own poor trading record. The jury expressly so found and properly found. Now, I should say, because I said in our discussion with counsel, the disgorgement, the prejudgment interest, the civil penalty, will all be treated consistent with how the courts treat a fine. No more severe than that. That's the order of this Court. As I know your counsel will tell you, but I always say this in a criminal case, you have the right to appeal from any findings or rulings either the Jury or this Court has made against you. That's the order of the Court. I do propose to enter an opinion thereon, but this is the judgment. We'll recess. THE CLERK: All rise. (Whereupon the matter concluded.)

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Plaintiff,

v.

CIVIL ACTION
NO. 11-11576-WGY

EAGLEEYE ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC,) and JEFFREY A. LISKOV

Defendants.

December 12, 2012

FINAL JUDGMENT AS TO BOTH DEFENDANTS

This written Final Judgment memorializes this Court's ruling made orally after a jury trial, a jury verdict, and a judicial hearing on remedies. This Final Judgment applies to both defendants, EagleEye Asset Management, LLC ("EagleEye") and Jeffrey A. Liskov ("Liskov"), jointly and severally, unless stated otherwise.

This Court rules that both EagleEye and Liskov have violated Section 204 of the Advisers Act, 15 U.S.C. § 80b-4, and Rules 204-2(a)(6) and 204-2(a)(8) promulgated thereunder, 17 C.F.R §§ 275.204-2(a)(1)-(6), (8), concerning a registered investment adviser's obligations to keep True, accurate, and current books and records.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that both EagleEye and Liskov, and their agents, servants, employees,

attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment, are permanently restrained and enjoined from violating, directly or indirectly, Section 204 of the Advisers Act and Rules 204-2(a)(6) and 204-2(a)(8) promulgated thereunder.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that EagleEye and Liskov, and their agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment, are permanently restrained and enjoined from violating, directly or indirectly, Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C. § 78j(b), and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder, 17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that EagleEye and Liskov, and their agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment, are permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Sections 206(1) and (2) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, 15 U.S.C. §§ 80b-6(1), (2).

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that EagleEye and Liskov are liable for disgorgement of \$301,502.26, representing profits gained as a result of the conduct alleged in the Complaint, together with prejudgment interest thereon in the amount of \$29,603.59.

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IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the EagleEye and Liskov are <u>severally</u> liable for civil penalties in the amount of \$725,000 <u>each</u> pursuant to Section 21(d)(3) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(3), and Section 209(e) of the Advisers Act, 15 U.S.C. § 77t(d); 15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(3); 15 U.S.C. § 80b-9(e).

SO ORDERED.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG

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