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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Before the SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

File No. 3-17907
In the Matter of
ANTHONY C. ZUFELT,
Respondent.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING

DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT'S MOTION FOR ENTRY OF DEFAULT, SUMMARY DISPOSITION AND IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS AGAINST RESPONDENT ANTHONY C. ZUFELT

The Division of Enforcement ("Division") hereby moves, pursuant to the Order Following Prehearing Conference (AP Rulings Release No. 4785, dated May 3, 2017), the Notice to the Parties and Order Ratifying Prior Actions (AP Rulings Release No. 5255, dated December 4, 2017), and Rules 155(a), 220(f), and 221(f) of the Commission's Rules of Practice, for entry of default against Respondent Anthony C. Zufelt ("Zufelt"), summary disposition determining this proceeding against him pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act"), and imposition of sanctions barring him from: (i) association with any broker or dealer; and (ii) participating in any offering of a penny stock.

¹ 17 C.F.R. §§ 201.551(a), 201.220(f), and 201.221(f).

I. <u>Background</u>

A. Allegations in the OIP.

On April 7, 2017, the Order Instituting Proceedings ("OIP") in this matter was issued pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Exchange Act. Securities Exchange Act Release No. 80402. As alleged in the OIP, on October 7, 2016, in a civil action captioned Securities and Exchange Commission v. Anthony C. Zufelt, et al., Case No. 2:10-cv-00574, in the United States District Court for the District of Utah (the "Civil Action"), a final judgment was entered permanently enjoining Zufelt from future violations of Section 15(a) of the Exchange Act and Sections 5(a) and 5(c) of the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act"). OIP ¶ II.2. The OIP further alleges that, beginning in approximately June 2005, Respondent acted as an unregistered broker or dealer in violation of Section 15(a) of the Exchange Act. OIP ¶ II.1. The OIP also summarizes the allegations forming the basis of the Civil Action. OIP ¶ II.3.

B. The Underlying Civil Action.

1. Allegations in the Civil Complaint.

On June 23, 2010, the Commission filed the Civil Action against Zufelt, his companies, other defendants, and certain relief defendants. *See, generally,* Ex. A, Compl.² The Complaint in the Civil Action described in detail the manner in which Zufelt and others solicited potential investors for two fraudulent Ponzi schemes through an array of corporate defendants he owned and controlled. As alleged in the Civil Action and held by the District Court, between June 2005 and September 2007, Zufelt acted as an unregistered broker or dealer when he solicited potential investors for two fraudulent Ponzi schemes through an array of corporate defendants he owned and

² In support of this Motion, the Division submits as exhibits the following filings from the Civil Action: the Commission's Complaint in the Civil Action (Ex. A); the district court's Order Granting Partial Summary Judgment (Ex. B); and the Final Judgment that includes the District Court's permanent injunction (Ex. C). Pursuant to Commission Rule of Practice 323, 17 C.F.R. § 201.323, the ALJ may take judicial notice of these filings.

controlled, including Zufelt, Inc. and Silver Leaf Investments, Inc. See id. ¶¶ 1-3, 10; see also Ex.

B. As a result of Respondent Zufelt's conduct, Zufelt Inc. and Silver Leaf sold securities as unregistered brokers or dealers, soliciting at least 35 individuals to provide more than \$3.6 million in exchange for unregistered promissory note securities. See Compl. ¶ 3.

2. The District Court's Permanent Injunction.

As alleged in the OIP, the United States District Court for the District of Utah granted partial summary judgment against Zufelt on January 4, 2016. See Ex. B. In doing so, the court found that Zufelt acted as an unregistered broker-dealer in violation of Section 15(a) of the Exchange Act, and sold unregistered securities in violation of Sections 5(a) and 5(c) of the Securities Act. Id. On October 7, 2016, as a result of these violations, and in addition to ordering other relief, the district court entered Final Judgment against Zufelt and permanently enjoined him from future violations of Section 15(a) of the Exchange Act and Sections 5(a) and 5(c) of the Securities Act, and from acting as an unregistered broker or dealer or associated person of a broker-dealer. See Ex. C. In the Final Judgment, the District Court held Zufelt jointly and severally liable for disgorgement of \$2,425,682, plus prejudgment interest thereon of \$971,472, and imposed a third-tier civil penalty of \$520,000. Id. at 6-7. To date, Zufelt has paid nothing toward this judgment.

C. Respondent Zufelt is in Default in this Proceeding.

Respondent Zufelt has not responded to the OIP in this proceeding, and he is therefore in default. The OIP was published by the Commission's Office of the Secretary on April 7, 2017, and the Secretary's Office served Zufelt by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested. At a prehearing conference held on May 2, 2017, this Court determined that service on Zufelt was effective on April 8, 2017, and advised Zufelt that he had until May 22, 2017 to file an answer to the OIP or risk being found in default. *See* May 3, 2017 Order Following Prehearing Conference

("May 3 Order"). Zufelt never filed an answer to the OIP with the Secretary's Office and never sent an answer to the ALJ.

On May 22, 2017, Zufelt sent an email to Division counsel attaching a PDF document with the file name "sec response." See Ex. D. Division counsel promptly acknowledged receipt of Zufelt's email and its attachment, but advised Zufelt that "[t]o ensure that there is no misunderstanding, sending this to [Division counsel] does not constitute the filing of an answer to the SEC's Order Instituting Proceeding pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Judge Grimes' order. If you do not make a filing before the close of business today that complies with the Rules and Judge Grimes' order, the Division will ask Judge Grimes to hold you in default and impose the appropriate bars." Ex. E. The chain of emails with Mr. Zufelt contained in Exhibit E also demonstrates that, following the May 2 prehearing conference, Division counsel sent Zufelt another PDF copy of the OIP and advised that the ALJ had given him "until May 22 to both file a copy with the Secretary's Office and email a copy to [Division counsel] and also to Judge Grimes (you need to include the following case number: 3-17907 ZUFELT)." Id. Despite this clear warning, Zufelt never filed his "sec response" (or any other answer to the OIP) with the Secretary or the Court.

On December 6, 2017, shortly after the stay was lifted in this matter, the Division submitted a letter to the Court, copying Zufelt, asking that Zufelt be found in default and the allegations from the Commission's OIP be deemed true. See Ex. F.

II. Argument

Based on the foregoing course of events, it is clear that Respondent Zufelt never filed an answer to the OIP and is therefore in default. See 17 C.F.R. §§ 201.155(a), 201.220(f), 201.221(f). As a result of his default, the Division's allegations in the OIP should be deemed to be true. See 17 C.F.R. § 201.155(a); see also 17 C.F.R. § 201.220(c) (stating that failure to deny allegations in an OIP constitutes an admission of the same). As explained in more detail below, Exchange Act

Section 15(b)(6) authorizes the Commission to impose a censure, suspension, or permanent broker-dealer bar and a penny stock bar against a Respondent if: (1) at the time of the alleged misconduct, he was associated with a broker or dealer, seeking to become associated with a broker or dealer or acting as a broker or dealer; (2) he has been enjoined from any action, conduct, or practice specified in Exchange Act Section 15(b)(4)(C); and (3) the sanction is in the public interest. 15 U.S.C. §780(b)(6)(A)(iii); In the Matter of Alicia Bryan, Initial Decision of Default, A.P. File No. 3-15937, Initial Decision Release No. 697) (Oct. 22, 2014) (Elliot, ALJ). Each of the requirements of Section 15(b)(6) is established by the uncontroverted allegations in the OIP, uncontroverted evidence in the Civil Action, findings by the District Court in the Civil Action and the injunctive relief granted by the District Court. Therefore, as explained in more detail below, Respondent Zufelt should be permanently barred from: (i) association with any broker or dealer; and (ii) participating in any offering of a penny stock.

A. Zufelt is in Default in These Proceedings.

The May 3 Order memorialized that the Court advised Respondent Zufelt during the prehearing conference that he might be found in default for failing to file an answer to the Commission's OIP in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice. Despite the clear import of the Order, Zufelt did not file an answer to the OIP with the Secretary's Office by the May 22, 2017 deadline. Instead, Zufelt sent an e-mail to Division counsel on May 22, 2017 attaching a PDF document with the file name "sec response." As outlined above, Division counsel promptly acknowledged receipt of Zufelt's e-mail and its attachment, but advised that the Division would move for default if Zufelt failed to follow the ALJ's instructions and the Commission's Rules of Practice. Nonetheless, Zufelt failed to file an answer to the OIP with the Secretary's office. Accordingly, Zufelt is in default pursuant to Commission Rule of Practice 155(a)(2), and the allegations in the OIP should be deemed true in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice. See 17 C.F.R. §§ 201.155(a), 201.220(f), 201.221(f), and 201.310; see also In the Matter

of Black Diamond Asset Management LLC & Robert Wilson, Admin. Proc. 3-18099, Order Finding Respondents in Default at 1 n.1 (Sept. 28, 2017) (Grimes, ALJ) (finding that respondent's e-mail of response to Division counsel did not constitute proper filing of response to an OIP).

On May 23, 2017, the parties received by e-mail the ALJ's order staying all proceedings in this matter pursuant to the Commission's May 22, 2017 Order staying Administrative Proceedings that may be appealable to the Tenth Circuit. On December 6, 2017, shortly after the stay was lifted, the Division submitted a letter to the Court, and copying Zufelt, asking that Zufelt be found in default and the allegations from the Commission's OIP be deemed true. Zufelt did not respond to the Division's December 6 Letter, further evidencing his default in these proceedings.

B. Zufelt Should Be Permanently Barred From Acting As Or Associating With A Broker-Dealer and Participating In Penny Stock Offerings.

The Utah District Court granted partial summary judgment against Respondent Zufelt, finding, *inter alia*, that he had acted as an unregistered broker-dealer in violation of Section 15(a) of the Exchange Act. *See* Ex. B. Zufelt has never disputed this issue in the Civil Action. While Zufelt was not associated with a registered broker or dealer during the time of his misconduct, the relief available under Exchange Act Section 15(b) may be applied against persons acting as broker or dealer or associated with an unregistered broker or dealer. *See In the Matter of Alicia Bryan*, Initial Decision of Default, A.P. File No. 3-15937, Initial Decision Release No. 697 (Oct. 22, 2014) (Elliot, ALJ); *Vladislav Steven Zubkis*, Exchange Act Release No. 52876, 2005 SEC LEXIS 3125, at *20 (Dec. 2, 2005) (noting that Exchange Act Section 15(b) applies to persons acting as a broker or dealer). Because the injunction issued by the District Court in the Final Judgment is precisely within the scope of conduct described in Exchange Act Section 15(b)(4)(C) that merits sanctions under Section 15(b)(6), Zufelt should be barred from association with any broker or dealer, and from participating in any offering of a penny stock (including acting as a promoter, finder, consultant, agent or other person who engages in activities with a broker, dealer

or issuer for purposes of the issuance or trading in any penny stock, or inducing or attempting to induce the purchase or sale of any penny stock). See 15 U.S.C. § 780(b)(4)(C); 15 U.S.C. § 780(b)(6).³

Respondent Zufelt's "sec response," even if properly filed, would do nothing to change this analysis. In his "sec response," Zufelt concedes that "the securities sold between 2005 and 2007 were not properly registered and mistakes were made." Ex. D (Zufelt "sec response"). Zufelt does not dispute the fact that he violated Section 15(a)(1) of the Exchange Act by acting as an unregistered broker-dealer in connection with the offer and sale of these securities. See, generally, Ex. D. Nor does Zufelt dispute the fact that the District Court found that he illegally sold unregistered securities and acted as an unregistered broker-dealer, and enjoined him from future violations of the relevant securities law provisions and from participating directly or indirectly in the issuance, offer, or sale of securities. Id.; see also Ex. B (Order); Ex. C (Final Judgment).

The Division is prepared to provide further argument on the factors set forth in *Steadman* v. *SEC*, 603 F.2d 1126 (5th Cir. 1979), should the Court deem it necessary despite Zufelt's default and failure to participate in these proceedings.

³ The Division is not seeking to bar Respondent Zufelt from associating with investment advisers, municipal securities dealers, or transfer agents because his conduct occurred before the passage of the Dodd-Frank Act. *See Bartko v. Sec. & Exch. Comm'n*, 845 F.3d 1217, 1226 (D.C. Cir. 2017).

III. Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, the Division respectfully for entry of default against Respondent Zufelt, summary disposition determining this proceeding against him pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Exchange Act, and imposition of sanctions barring him from: (i) association with any broker or dealer; and (ii) participating in any offering of a penny stock.

Respectfully submitted,

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Exhibit A: Commission's Complaint in the Civil Action

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF UTAH, CENTRAL DIVISION

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, :

Plaintiff,

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ANTHONY C. ZUFELT, JOSEPH A. NELSON, DAVID M. DECKER, JR., CACHE D. DECKER, ZUFELT BUSINESS SERVICES, INC. (d/b/a ZUFELT, INC.), SILVER LEAF INVESTMENTS, INC., JCN, INC., JCN CAPITAL, LLC, and JCN INTERNATIONAL, LLC,

Defendants,

and

JENNIFER M. ZUFELT, SHAE L. MORGAN, GARTH W. JARMAN, JR., ERIC R. NELSON, and KEVIN J. WILCOX,

Relief Defendants.

Case: 2:10cv00574

Assigned To: Benson, Dee Assign. Date: 6/23/2010

Description: SEC v. Zufelt et al.

COMPLAINT

The Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") alleges as follows:

I. SUMMARY

- Defendants Anthony C. Zufelt ("Zufelt") and Joseph A. Nelson ("Nelson"). First, between June 2005 and June 2006, at least 36 persons¹ invested at least \$2,922,000 in so-called "Income Stream Accounts" offered by Zufelt, Inc. ("ZI").² Second, between July and December 2006, at least 11 persons invested at least \$770,000 in promissory notes offered by Silver Leaf Investments, Inc. ("SLI"). Zufelt owns and controls ZI and SLI. Zufelt, Nelson and Defendants David M. Decker, Jr. ("David Decker") and Cache D. Decker ("Cache Decker") (collectively, the "Deckers") lured persons to invest in ZI and SLI by claiming that: (1) ZI and SLI would pay investment returns of up to 220%; (2) Zufelt owned a profitable merchant services business (i.e., a business that processes credit card transactions); (3) investments would be repaid from and secured by the primary asset of that business (known as a "merchant portfolio"); (4) the invested funds would be used to develop Zufeltès merchant services business; and (5) ZI was registered with the Commission.
- 2.e These claims were materially false or misleading. Zufelt did not own a profitablee merchant services business, did not own or control a merchant portfolio, and had virtually no means to repay investors. Nor did Zufelt devote the invested funds to developing a merchant services business. Instead, Zufelt used the money primarily to make monthly payments to investors, pay his own personal expenses, pay compensation and bonuses to Nelson and the

Each married couple who invested together is counted as a single investor in this Complaint.

Zufelt, Inc. is the d.b.a. name for Zufelt Business Services, Inc. Zufelt Business Services, Inc. is referred to throughout this Complaint as "Zufelt, Inc." or "ZI."

Deckers, and fund other businesses unrelated to the merchant services industry. Zufelt also gave: (1) at least \$66,000 to his former wife, Relief Defendant Jennifer M. Zufelt; (2) at least \$50,000e to his current girlfriend, Relief Defendant Shae L. Morgan; and (3) at least \$61,000 to his brother-in-law, Relief Defendant Garth W. Jarman, Jr. Further, no transactions in securities offered or sold by or for ZI or SLI have been registered with the Commission, or are eligible for an exemption from registration.

- 3.e Of the at least \$3.7 million invested in ZI and SLI, Zufelt repaid approximately \$le million to investors in the form of purported "income stream" and principal payments, thereby creating the illusion of legitimate investment returns.
- 4.e Nelson conducted the third Ponzi scheme, and it is still ongoing. From at leaste June 2005, Nelson solicited at least \$12 million dollars from more than 100 persons to invest in promissory notes offered by JCN, Inc. ("JCN"), JCN Capital, LLC, ("JCN Capital") and JCN International, LLC ("JCN International") (collectively, the "Nelson Companies"), all of which Nelson owns and controls. Certain other persons invested with Nelson personally. Nelson has told his investors many of whom are fellow members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints ("LDS") that Nelson has identified and targeted through church connections and during church functions that he is engaged in the business of purchasing merchant portfolios, holding them for a certain period of time, and then selling them for a profit to financial institutions, such as banks. Nelson claims that his business earns money from so-called "residual income" generated by the merchant portfolios while they are in his possession, as well as from profits generated when the portfolios are sold. Nelson accordingly promises his investors that he can offer them extraordinary rates of return up to 200% in a very short amount of time.

- 5.e All of these claims are materially false or misleading. Nelson has never bought ore sold a merchant portfolio. Instead, Nelson uses invested funds to make monthly payments to investors, pay his personal expenses, and pay his employees and associates. Nelson has also given: (1) at least \$200,000 to his brother, Relief Defendant Eric R. Nelson; and at least \$46,000 to another family member, Relief Defendant Kevin J. Wilcox ("Wilcox").
- 6.e At various points, Nelson has been aided in his fraudulent solicitations by certaine promoters. These promoters, acting at Nelson's direction, have brought investors to Nelson, solicited investors on their own as representatives of Nelson's companies, and engaged in tactics to delay investors from demanding the return of their money.
- 7.e Of the at least \$12 million invested in JCN, JCN Capital and JCN International, e Nelson has repaid approximately \$6 million to investors to date in the form of purported payments of residual income, interest and principal, thereby creating the illusion of legitimate investment returns. Further, no transactions in securities offered or sold by or for the Nelson Companies have been registered with the Commission, or are eligible for an exemption from registration.
- 8.e By committing the acts described in this Complaint, Zufelt, Nelson and thee Deckers each committed fraud by knowingly or recklessly making materially false or misleading statements or omissions about the companies for which they were soliciting investments, the promised returns on invested funds, the source of repayment of invested funds, the security of the investments, and the intended use of the invested funds. ZI and SLI committed fraud through the acts of Zufelt, Nelson and the Deckers, and the Nelson Companies committed fraud through the acts of Nelson. Each Defendant directly or indirectly engaged in and, unless restrained and enjoined by the Court, will continue to engage in, transactions, acts, practices and courses of

business that violate Section 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act") [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)], Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") [150 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5] thereunder. Zufelt and Nelson aided and abetted violations by ZI and SLI of Exchange Act Section 10(b) and Rule 10b-5. Nelson aided and abetted violations by the Nelson Companies of the same provisions. The Deckers aided and abetted violations by Zufelt, Nelson, ZI and SLI of the same provisions.

- 9.0 Each Defendant also violated and, unless restrained and enjoined by the Court, o will continue to violate Securities Act Sections 5(a) and 5(c) [15 U.S.C. §§ 77e(a) and 77e(c)] by offering to sell, selling, and delivering after sales to the public, and offering to sell through the use or medium of a prospectus, securities as to which no registration statement was or is in effect or on file with the Commission, and for which no exemption was or is available.
- 10. Zufelt, Nelson and the Deckers each also violated and, unless restrained ando enjoined by the Court, will continue to violate Exchange Act Section 15(a) [15 U.S.C. § 78o(a)] by acting as an unregistered broker or dealer of securities. The Deckers also aided and abetted violations by Zufelt of Exchange Act Section 15(a).
- 11.0 The Commission therefore seeks a judgment: (i) permanently enjoining eacho Defendant from engaging in violations of Securities Act Sections 5(a), 5(c) and 17(a), Exchange Act Section 10(b) and Rule 10b-5; (ii) permanently enjoining Zufelt, Nelson and the Deckers from aiding and abetting violations of Exchange Act Section 10(b) and Rule 10b-5; (iii) permanently enjoining Nelson, Zufelt and the Deckers from engaging in violations of Exchange Act Section 15(a); (iv) permanently enjoining the Deckers from aiding and abetting violations of Exchange Act Section 15(a); (v) requiring each Defendant to pay a civil monetary penalty pursuant to Securities Act Section 20(d) [15 U.S.C. § 77t(d)] and Exchange Act Section 21(d)(3)

[15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(3)]; (vi) requiring each Defendant to make an accounting; (vii) requiring Zufelt, Nelson and the Deckers to disgorge all ill-gotten gains, along with prejudgment interest; (viii) barring Zufelt, Nelson and the Deckers from acting as an officer or director of a publice company pursuant to Securities Act Section 20(e) [15 U.S.C. § 77t(e)] and Exchange Act Section 21(d)(2) [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(2)]; and (ix) requiring each Relief Defendant to disgorge all investor funds received from the Defendants.

II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 12.d The Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to Securities Act Sectiond 20(b) and 22(a) [15 U.S.C. §§ 77t(b) and 77v(a)] and Exchange Act Sections 21(d), 21(e) and 27 [15 U.S.C. §§ 78u(d), 78u(e) and 78aa]. The Defendants made use of the means or instruments of interstate commerce, of the mails, or of the facilities of a national securities exchange in connection with the acts, transactions, practices and courses of business alleged in this Complaint.
- 13.d Venue lies in the District of Utah pursuant to Securities Act Section 22(a) andd Exchange Act Section 27 because certain of the acts, practices and courses of business constituting the violations of law alleged in this Complaint occurred within this district. Specifically, (i) the Defendants defrauded investors in this district, (ii) many of the defrauded investors reside in this district, (iii) Defendants ZI, SLI, JCN, JCN Capital and JCN International were located and operated in this district, (iv) Defendants Zufelt and David Decker currently reside in this district, and (v) all of the Relief Defendants, except Wilcox, currently reside in this district.

III. PARTIES

A. Plaintiff

14. Plaintiff is the Securities and Exchange Commission.o

B. Defendants

- 15. Anthony C. Zufelt, age 30, is a resident of Roosevelt, Utah. Zufelt owns and controls ZI and SLI, and he is the Chief Executive Officer of ZI and the President, Secretary, Treasurer and Director of SLI.
- 16. Joseph A. Nelson, age 33, is a resident of El Dorado Hills, California. Nelsono owns and controls JCN, JCN Capital and JCN International, and he is the President and Chief Executive Officer of JCN, Founder of JCN Capital, and President of JCN International. Nelson also held the title of President of ZI approximately from June 2005 through June 2006.
- 17.0 David M. Decker, Jr., age 36 and a resident of Provo, Utah, served as ZI's Viceo President of Sales approximately from June 2005 through June 2006, and was named in the SLI Private Placement Memorandum as SLI's Vice President of Development.
- 18.0 Cache D. Decker, age 32 and a resident of Leesburg, Virginia, held the titles of o Vice President of Investor Relations and Director of East Coast Development of ZI approximately from June 2005 through June 2006.
- 19.0 **Zufelt Business Services, Inc.** is a corporation organized under the laws of Utah.o During its operation, the company was headquartered in Syracuse, Utah, and operated under the business name "Zufelt, Inc."
- 20.0 Silver Leaf Investments, Inc. is a corporation organized under the laws of o Nevada. Although nominally located in Henderson, Nevada, the company was located in Syracuse, Utah during its operation.

- 21.0 **JCN, Inc.** is a corporation organized under the laws of Utah, and was located ino Clearfield, Utah during its operation.
- 22.0 **JCN Capital, LLC** is a domestic limited liability company organized under theo laws of Utah, and was located in Clearfield, Utah during its operation.
- 23.0 JCN International, LLC is a domestic limited liability company organized undero the laws of Utah, and was located in Clearfield, Utah during its operation.

C. Relief Defendants

- 24.0 Jennifer M. Zufelt, age unknown, is a resident of Roosevelt, Utah, and is Zufelt'so former wife.
- 25.0 Shae L. Morgan, age unknown, is a resident of Roosevelt, Utah, and is Zufelt'so current girlfriend.
- 26.0 Garth W. Jarman, Jr., age 35, is a resident of Randlett, Utah, and is Zufelt'so brother-in-law.
- 27.0 Eric R. Nelson, age unknown, is a resident of Provo, Utah, and is Nelson'so brother.
- 28.0 Kevin J. Wilcox, age unknown, is a resident of Vacaville, California, and iso believed to be a relative of Nelson by marriage.

IV.oFACTSo

A. Zufelt, Nelson and the Deckers Sold Credit Card Transaction Processing Services.

29.0 When merchants accept credit card payments from customers, those payments areo usually processed for a small fee by intermediate companies generally known as "processors."

Processors also provide merchants with other services, such as fraud detection and charge dispute resolution. This line of business is referred to as the "merchant services" industry.

- 30.d Processors often sell their services through independent sales agents. Ind

 December 2002, Zufelt formed International Commerce Exchange, LLC ("ICE"), which

 operated as an independent sales agent. Zufelt employed Nelson and the Deckers as salesmen.
- 31.d ICE approached retail businesses to offer them lower rates on the fees they paid tod process credit card payments. When ICE enrolled a merchant as a customer, ICE would partner with a processor which would split the fees it earned from the merchant's transactions.
- 32.d A "merchant portfolio" is a book of business consisting of a large number of d contracts between a group of merchants and a particular sales agent or processor. The portfolio, being a distinct group of revenue-generating contracts, is a quantifiable asset. As a result, merchant portfolios are priced, purchased and sold among companies participating in the merchant services industry. Although they never did so, Zufelt and Nelson told investors that they had purchased and sold multiple merchant portfolios for a profit.
- 33.d While Zufelt and Nelson did not buy or sell merchant portfolios, they did build ad portfolio under ICE. By 2005, ICE managed a portfolio of thousands of merchants. It also employed a significant number of sales and technical personnel.
- 34.d In May 2005, Zufelt partnered with a large processor named iPayment, Inc.d Together, they formed iPayment ICE of Utah, LLC ("iPayment ICE"). Zufelt sold all of ICE's assets constituting the entirety of the business to iPayment ICE in return for a 49 percent interest in iPayment ICE. iPayment ICE in turn assumed certain of ICE's debts and gave Zufelt enough money to repay 14 persons he and Nelson had solicited to invest in ICE. iPayment ICE also assumed the day-to-day costs of ICE's business, including paying overhead costs and the salaries of ICE's employees. Zufelt continued to run the business.

B.o The First Scheme: Zufelt, Nelson and the Deckerso Fraudulently Sold Investments in Zufelt, Inc.o

- 35. Immediately after selling ICE's assets, Zufelt began to raise money by offeringo purchase agreements for so-called "income stream accounts" in Zufelt, Inc. ("ZI"). Under the terms of the ZI purchase agreements, an investor would purchase an "income stream," which purportedly entitled the investors to a portion of the income generated by ZI's merchant portfolio. From June 2005 through June 2006, Zufelt, Nelson and the Deckers raised at least \$2,922,000 from at least 36 persons. Zufelt, Nelson and the Deckers solicited investments broadly, from family members to former business colleagues and friends to remote acquaintances. Zufelt also solicited most of his own employees. Zufelt and Nelson developed written solicitation materials and two websites (zufeltinc.com and purchasedincome.com), and Zufelt, Nelson and the Deckers distributed the written materials to prospective investors and directed them to the websites.
- 36.0 Zufelt, Nelson and the Deckers lured prospective investors with extremely higho rates of return. Most ZI investors were promised total investment returns of up to 220%, consisting of (1) the return of the principal amount invested, (2) monthly payments for up to three and a half years made at an annual rate of 28.8% of the principal, and (3) a premium payment of 20% of the principal when ZI repurchased the income stream. Certain other investors, particularly those approached by Nelson, were simply told that they would double or triple their money.
- 37.0 Because most of the ZI investors were persons of ordinary meansoZufelt, Nelsono and the Deckers encouraged investors to borrow against their homes to invest. Many did so.
- 38.0 While soliciting investments in ZI, Zufelt, Nelson and the Deckers knowinglyo and/or recklessly made several materially false or misleading statements or omissions, including

(1) that ZI was a profitable business, (2) that the investments would be repaid with revenuee earned from a merchant portfolio owned and controlled by Zufelt, (3) that the merchant portfolio would serve as security for the investments, (4) that the invested funds would be used to develop Zufelt's merchant services business, and (5) that ZI was registered with the Commission.

- 1. Zufelt, Nelson and the Deckers Made Materially False and Misleading Statements about ZI's Profitability.
- 39.e Zufelt told certain investors that ZI was profitable, and told others that ZI wase making a great deal of money. Nelson made wild claims in order to mislead investors into believing that ZI was profitable. To one investor, Nelson claimed that ZI was making "crazy money," and the investor could therefore expect to double his money within a year. To another investor, Nelson stated that he was "pulling in so much money that [he] didn't know what to do with it all." Zufelt and Nelson also drafted written materials, which were given to prospective investors and reprinted on zufeltinc.com and purchasedincome.com, in which they claimed that ZI had a "proven capacity ... to develop and maintain return ratios of 28.8% on income stream purchases," and in which they suggested that ZI had "positive cash flow," The Deckers claimed in emails sent to prospective investors that ZI was "already a profiting entity." All of these statements were materially false or misleading. ZI was not profitable. According to an audit report prepared for ZI for the year ended December 31, 2005, the company never generated a profit, and lost \$424,024 from its inception in 2002 through December 31, 2005. Further, from January 1 through June 30, 2006, the auditors also stated that the company lost another \$1,177,957. The audit report noted that ZI was "a development stage enterprise" that had "not yet generated significant revenues from sales of its products and services," and that "[s]ince its inception, [ZI] has devoted substantially all of its efforts to raising capital." Zufelt concealed these facts from investors.

- 40.e While Zufelt, Nelson and the Deckers led investors to believe that ZI was ae profitable merchant services business, the truth was that Zufelt had sold the business in return for a minority interest in iPayment ICE. Zufelt, Nelson and the Deckers concealed this arrangement from investors.
- 41. Zufelt, Nelson and the Deckers also concealed the fact that iPayment ICE wase also not profitable. When Zufelt repaid ICE's investors in May 2005, each investor received a letter which stated that:

During the past two years ICE has worked through the process of developing a business model that has been capable of producing volume sales of merchant credit card accounts to retail establishments and other end users During this development period ICE did not generate a profit has yet to generate a net profit.

iPayment ICE remained unprofitable during the period in which Zufelt, Nelson and the Deckers were raising money for ZI. In fact, iPayment ICE lost money in every month of its existence, from June 2005 through March 2007, when iPayment stopped paying the costs of the business and withdrew from the joint venture.

42.e Zufelt, Nelson and the Deckers knew, or were reckless in not knowing, thate neither ZI nor iPayment ICE were profitable. Zufelt and Nelson knew that ICE was not profitable when Zufelt sold ICE's assets and operations to iPayment ICE in May 2005 because they were partners in the business together before Zufelt sold it. The Deckers knew ICE was not profitable because they received the May 2005 letter described above when their investments in ICE were returned. Zufelt also knew that iPayment ICE was not profitable while he was soliciting investors because he received monthly financial statements from iPayment ICE which showed the company's continuous losses. The Deckers were also given iPayment ICE financial statements showing losses.

- Zufelt, Nelson and the Deckers Made Materially False and Misleading Statements about ZI's Ability to Repay Investors.
- 43.0 Because ZI was "a development stage enterprise" that had "not yet generatedo significant revenues from sales of its products and services," it had almost no means to repay ZI's investors. While Zufelt owned several businesses, virtually the only money that flowed into ZI was investor money. Zufelt knowingly concealed these facts from ZI's investors. Because Nelson and the Deckers knew that the merchant services business existed under iPayment ICE rather than ZI, they likewise knew or were reckless in not knowing that ZI did not have the means to repay investors.
- income generated by Zufelt's merchant portfolio would be used to repay obligations to ZI's investors. The ZI investments were called "income stream accounts," and investors were led to believe that their investments entitled them to a specified portion of the income generated by ZI's merchant portfolio. Furtherothe purchasedincome.com website stated that ZI would be around for a long time "generating revenue to cover everything agreed to." The truth, however, was that ZI received no residual income from the merchant portfolio held by iPayment ICE during the period in which Zufelt, Nelson and the Deckers were soliciting investors for ZI.

 Moreover, under the terms of the agreement between Zufelt and iPayment, Zufelt had no right to receive any such income. Zufelt concealed these facts from ZI's investors. The Deckers likewise knew, or were reckless in not knowing, these facts because they were shown certain iPayment ICE financial statements during the period in which they were soliciting investors for ZI.

- 3. Zufelt, Nelson and the Deckers Made Materially False and Misleading Statements about the Security of the ZI Investments.
- 45.e The ZI purchase agreements state that the investments are "secured by residuale portfolios in the merchant service sector of Zufelt Inc." Zufelt and Nelson drafted these agreements, and they and the Deckers gave them to investors. The websites created by Zufelt and Nelson also stated that ZI held multiple merchant portfolios.
- 46.e Zufelt told prospective investors that their investments would be secured becausee he owned and controlled a large merchant portfolio. Written materials drafted by Zufelt and Nelson, and distributed by Zufelt, Nelson and the Deckers, stated that ZI's portfolio was worth approximately \$7 million. Zufelt also told investors that, if necessary, he could sell the portfolio to repay their investments, and that he would not raise more money than he could repay by selling the portfolio.
- 47.e These statements were materially false or misleading. Zufelt did not own ae merchant portfolio, but rather held a minority interest in iPayment ICE, which owned the portfolio. Zufelt therefore did not control the portfolio, and could not use it to secure the ZI investments or otherwise protect ZI's investors. Zufelt knew these facts, and Nelson and the Deckers either knew or were reckless in not knowing these facts because they were aware that Zufelt had sold all of the assets and operations of ICE for a minority interest in iPayment ICE.
 - 4. Zufelt, Nelson and the Deckers Made Materially False and Misleading Statements about the Intended Uses of the Invested Funds.
- 48.e Zufelt, Nelson and the Deckers uniformly told investors that their money woulde be used to develop Zufelt's merchant services business by hiring sales personnel, opening offices and acquiring merchant portfolios from other businesses.
- 49.e The primary uses of the funds were concealed from the investors. First ande foremost, like all Ponzi schemes, the funds were used to repay the investors. Of the \$2,922,000

raised from investors from June 2005 through June 2006, approximately \$1 million was used to make payments to investors. Second, Zufelt paid at least \$224,018 to Nelson and at least \$166,100 to the Deckers in compensation and bonuses related to their solicitation efforts. Third, Zufelt used investor funds to pay his own personal expenses, including the payment of his home and car loans, the acquisition of real estate, and significant cash draws for himself and his wife. Fourth, Zufelt used investor funds to pursue businesses which had no relationship to the merchant services industry. While the zufeltinc.com and purchasedincome.com websites indicated that invested funds would be used for certain of these businesses – such as Fowl Players (a business that organized hunting trips), Audio Personal Trainer (a business that sold exercise instruction recordings) and Pelican Lake Café – Zufelt, Nelson and the Deckers told investors that their money would be used to develop ZI's merchant service business. Other extraneous businesses – such as Fantasy Fight Club (a website forum for fans of mixed martial arts) – were not revealed to investors.

50.s Zufelt knew of and concealed from ZI's investors all the above uses of thes invested funds. Nelson and the Deckers knew that ZI did not have sufficient income to repay investors, they concealed from investors that Zufelt was paying them significant sums to solicit investors, and they knew, or were reckless in not knowing, that Zufelt was using investor funds for his extraneous businesses. Nelson and the Deckers therefore knew or were reckless in not knowing that the invested funds were primarily used for purposes other than developing a merchant services business.

These businesses included: Audio Personal Trainer, LLC; Fantasy Fight Club; Fowl Players, LLC; Liquidation Station; Mr. Z's Pub & Grub, Inc.; P.O.S. Plus; Pelican Lake Café; Silver Leaf Ranch, LLC; The Zufelt Academy, Inc.; Zufelt and Jarman Enterprises, LLC; Zufelt Charters, Inc.; Zufelt Development, LLC; Zufelt Entertainment, Inc.; Zufelt Media Group, Inc.; Zufelt Oil, Inc.; and Zufelt Ranch and Land Management, LLC.

51.e Zufelt also concealed from investors the fact that iPayment ICE was reimbursinge the costs he incurred in developing and maintaining the iPayment ICE joint venture. In other words, there was no need to seek investor monies for this purpose, and the very premise of the ZI solicitation was false, because iPayment ICE was already paying those costs.

5.e Zufelt Falsely Told an Investor That ZIe Was Registered with the Commission.e

- 52.e In or around April 2006, a prospective investor asked Zufelt if ZI was registerede with the Commission. Zufelt knowingly misrepresented that it was. The Deckers attended the meeting. Zufelt's statement was false; ZI was not registered with the Commission, nor was any offering of its securities.
 - 6.e The First Scheme Ended after David Decker Alertede the Utah Division of Securities to the ZI Solicitation Effort.e
- 53.e In late April 2006, David Decker met with an Examiner for the Utah Division of e Securities (the "Utah Division"). He asked if the Utah Division was aware of ZI, and the related solicitation effort. They were not.
- 54.e David Decker described the solicitation efforts he and Cache Decker weree undertaking along with Zufelt and Nelson, and showed the Examiner the zufeltinc.com and purchasedincome.com websites, which at the time were online and available to the general public. David Decker admitted to the Examiner that he had directed prospective investors to the websites.
- 55.e The Utah Division Examiner informed David Decker that it was a violation of thee law to engage in an unregistered general solicitation of investors over the Internet. David Decker informed Zufelt of his conversation with the Utah Division Examiner. Zufelt shut down the websites, and the Zufelt, Nelson and the Deckers slowed their efforts to solicit persons to invest in ZI. The last investment in ZI was made in June 2006.

C. The Second Scheme: Zufelt, Nelson and the Deckers Fraudulently Sold Investments in Silver Leaf Investments, Inc.

- June 2006, the firm wrote a letter to the Utah Division stating that Zufelt offered and sold unregistered securities in a manner that may have violated state and federal securities laws, and that Zufelt would offer to repay the ZI investors in order to settle the matter. Zufelt, however, had already spent most of the money raised from the ZI investors
- 57.a Because Zufelt needed to continue to raise money, Zufelt and Nelson formed aa second scheme soliciting investors for yet another of Zufelt's companies, Silver Leaf Investments, Inc. ("SLI"). Working with the law firm, Zufelt and Nelson created SLI in June 2006, and drafted a Private Placement Memorandum for SLI, which explained that SLI was a "blank check company" which was "formed to acquire or establish an operating business or several operating businesses in the restaurant industry through purchase or initial development, acquire or participate in residential and commercial real estate development, and pursue other business ventures" The SLI Private Placement Memorandum also advised prospective investors that the securities offered would not be registered because the investment was available only to "accredited investors" within the meaning of Securities Act Regulation D.
- 58.a By July 2006, Zufelt and the Deckers were soliciting investors for SLI. From Julya through December 2006, Zufelt and the Deckers raised at least \$770,000 from at least 11 persons.
- 59.a Zufelt did not comply with the federal securities laws with respect to the SLIa Private Placement Memorandum. He did not register the SLI offering with the Commission. Nor did he structure it to qualify for a registration exemption. In particular, Zufelt and the Deckers knew that almost all of the persons they approached did not qualify as "accredited

investors" because they either knew the investors' financial circumstances or the investors said they did not qualify. Nevertheless, they disregarded these facts and directed prospective investors to fill out subscription agreements which stated that they qualified as accredited investors.

- 60.0 As with the ZI solicitations, Zufelt and the Deckers lured prospective investors byo promising extremely high rates of return. Most SLI investors were promised the same rate of return as the Zb investors; namely, the return of their principal along with monthly payments made at an annual rate of 28.8%, and a premium payment of 20% of the principal amount.
 - 1. Zufelt and the Deckers Falsely Claimed that SLI Was Linked to ZI.
- 61.0 Most SLI investors were ZI investors who were urged to make a secondo investment. Because they were still being paid regularly on their ZI investments, they believed the investments were performing successfully and were thus encouraged to invest again. Other SLI investors were persons who were told by ZI investors, often their own relatives, that they were being paid regularly. Zufelt and the Deckers working from sales materials created by Nelson told the SLI investors that SLI was a more formalized incarnation of ZI, but that the investment was for the same purpose; namely, to develop Zufelt's supposedly profitable merchant services business. These representations were in direct contradiction with the statements contained in the SLI Private Placement Memorandum. In many cases, Zufelt and the Deckers facilitated the misrepresentation by not providing the SLI Private Placement Memorandum until after the investor had made the investment, or in other cases not at all.
 - 2. Zufelt and the Deckers Made Materially False and Misleading Statements about the Intended Use of the Invested Funds.
- 62.0 Zufelt and the Deckers told the SLI investors that their funds would be used too develop Zufelt's merchant services business. In truth, the invested funds were used for purposes

not disclosed to investors. First and foremost, SLI funds were used to make supposed investment return payments to the ZI and SLI investors. Second, Zufelt spent a great deal of money on his other businesses, particularly Fantasy Fight Club, including such expenses as \$10,000 to paint the company's logo on Zufelt's Dodge Viper and tens of thousands of dollars paid to sponsor mixed martial arts fighters. Third, Zufelt used SLI investor funds to pay for personal and luxury expenses, including numerous trips to Las Vegas for himself and a group of friends and employees.

- 63.0 Zufelt knowingly concealed the true uses of the SLI investor funds. Nelson ando the Deckers knew, or were reckless in not knowing, that Zulfelt was using investor funds for undisclosed purposes because they knew Zufelt lacked other means to fund his businesses, as well as his conspicuous personal consumption.
- 64.0 Zufelt and the Deckers were not nearly as successful in raising money for SLI aso they were for ZI. As a result, Zufelt quickly ran out of money. By March 2007, Zufelt was unable to continue making payments to the ZI and SLI investors.

D. The Third Scheme: Nelson Has Sold Fraudulent Investments in His Own Companies.

- 65. Beginning approximately in June 2005, Nelson began soliciting persons to investo in his companies. From at least January 2007 through the present day, Nelson has convinced over 100 persons to invest at least \$12 million in JCN, JCN Capital and JCN International (collectively, the "Nelson Companies"), or to invest money with Nelson personally.
- 66.0 Nelson tells his investors that he is engaged in the business of purchasingo merchant portfolios, holding them for a period ranging from four months to a year, and then selling them for a profit to financial institutions, such as banks. Nelson claims that his business

earns money from the residual income generated by the portfolios while they are in his possession, as well as from profits generated when the portfolios are sold.

- business by showing them certain documents. Among them is a JCN "Executive Summary" which claims, among other things, that JCN and its partners are "at the forefront of the credit card industry," that JCN is "a leading producer and provider of credit card processing and sales throughout the United States," that JCN had "sold one of its processing sectors for over two million dollars in 2005," and that "[w]e continuously buy and sell [merchant] portfolios for great returns to investors." Nelson also showed certain investors a lengthy chart that he explained was a list of merchants that comprised a particular merchant portfolio. Nelson also showed certain investors a purported letter of intent from a third party to purchase a merchant portfolio from JCN. Nelson used this letter to convince certain investors that he had arranged a sale that would lead to the swift and certain return of their investments and promised returns.
- 68.e None of Nelson's representations were or are true. Nelson has never purchased ore sold a merchant portfolio. Nor is JCN a leading company in the merchant services industry. Nor did JCN sell a "processing sector" in 2005.
- 69.e Nelson has lured investors by offering extraordinary rates of return. Nelson hase given most of his investors promissory notes, the majority of which range from 30 days to one year, and have interest rates ranging from 14 to 60%, on an annualized basis. The notes also call for the payment of an additional premium at maturity, the majority of which range from 20 to 60% of the principal amount. In other cases, Nelson did not provide a promissory note, but rather has simply told investors that he would double their money.

- 70.0 Nelson has also used his position of authority in The Church of Jesus Christ of o Latter Day Saints to lull prospective investors. During the period of Nelson's fraud, he has served as a "Mission Leader" for his local Stake, a term which denotes a group of congregations, and as a High Counselor. Nelson actively targets fellow LDS members, reaching out to them through church connections and during church functions, and many if not most of his investors are LDS members.
- 71.0 The money invested with Nelson was not used to purchase merchant portfolios.o Instead, Nelson uses money to repay his investors in increments in a Ponzi-scheme fashion, to pay his promoters and to pay his own lavish personal expenses, as well as those of other family members.
- 72.0 Nelson has been assisted at various points by promoters who, working at Nelson'so direction, have brought prospective investors to Nelson, solicited investors on their own as representatives of Nelson's companies, and engaged in lulling activities, such as offering explanations for missed and delayed payments, in an attempt to delay investor demands for the return of their money.

E. Nelson's Fraudulent Activities Are Ongoing.

73.0 Nelson's fraud is still ongoing. Nelson issued a promissory note to an investor aso recently as December 22, 2009, and has sent payments to investors as recently as February 2010. Moreover, Nelson and his promoters continue to assure investors that delayed payments will soon be made. Nelson entered into a revised repayment agreement with an aggrieved investor on May 7, 2010. Further, Nelson has recently relocated from Layton, Utah to El Dorado Hills, California, has recently rented new office space there, and has informed certain persons that he intends to start a new business there.

G. Allegations Relating to Relief Defendants

- 74.n Zufelt has transferred at least \$66,000 to Relief Defendant Jennifer Zufelt. Thesen transfers consisted of investor funds. Jennifer Zufelt received these funds improperly.
- 75.n Zufelt has transferred at least \$50,000 to Relief Defendant Shae Morgan. Thesen transfers consisted of investor funds. Shae Morgan received these funds improperly.
- 76. Zufelt has transferred at least \$61,000 to Relief Defendant Garth W. Jarman, Jr.

 These transfers consisted of investor funds. Jarman received these funds improperly.
- 77.n Zufelt and Nelson have transferred at least \$200,000 to Relief Defendant Ericn Nelson. These transfers consisted of investor funds. Eric Nelson received these funds improperly.
- 78.n Nelson has transferred at least \$46,000 to Relief Defendant Kevin Wilcox. Thesen transfers consisted of investor funds. Kevin Wilcox received these funds improperly.

FIRST CLAIM

Each Defendant Violated Exchange Act Section 10(b) and Rule 10b-5

- 79.n The Commission realleges paragraphs 1 through 78 above.n
- 80.n Each Defendant, directly and indirectly, with scienter, by use of the means orn instrumentalities of interstate commerce, or of the mails, has employed devices, schemes or artifices to defraud; has made untrue statements of material fact or omitted to state material facts necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; or have engaged in acts, practices or courses of business which have been and are operating as a fraud or deceit upon the purchasers or sellers of securities.
- 81.n By reason of the foregoing, each Defendant has violated and, unless restrainedn and enjoined, will continue to violate Exchange Act Section 10(b) [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5].

SECOND CLAIM

Zufelt, Nelson and the Deckers Aided and Abetted Violations of Exchange Act Section 10(b) and Rule 10b-5

- 82.0 The Commission realleges paragraphs 1 through 81 above.0
- 83.0 Pursuant to Exchange Act Section 20(e) [15 U.S.C. § 78t(e)], Zufelt and Nelsono knowingly provided substantial assistance to the fraudulent conduct of Defendants ZI and SLI, as alleged in Paragraphs 1 through 80 above. Zufelt and Nelson therefore aided and abetted the violations of ZI and SLI and, unless restrained and enjoined, will continue to aid and abet violations of Exchange Act Section 10(b) [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5].
- 84.0 Pursuant to Exchange Act Section 20(e), Nelson knowingly provided substantialo assistance to the fraudulent conduct of Defendants JCN, JCN Capital and JCN International, as alleged in Paragraphs 1 through 81 above. Nelson therefore aided and abetted the violations of JCN, JCN Capital and JCN International and, unless restrained and enjoined, will continue to aid and abet violations of Exchange Act Section 10(b) and Rule 10b-5.
- 85.0 Pursuant to Exchange Act Section 20(e), Cache and David Decker knowinglyo provided substantial assistance to the fraudulent conduct of Defendants Zufelt, Nelson, ZI and SLI, as alleged in Paragraphs 1 through 81 above. Cache and David Decker therefore aided and abetted the violations of Zufelt, Nelson, ZI and SLI and, unless restrained and enjoined, will continue to aid and abet violations of Exchange Act Section 10(b) and Rule 10b-5.

THIRD CLAIM

Each Defendant Violated Securities Act Section 17(a)

- 86.0 The Commission realleges paragraphs 1 through 85 above.o
- 87.0 Each Defendant, directly or indirectly, in the offer or sale of securities, by the use of the means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce or by the use of the mails: (a) has employed, is employing, or is about to employ devices, schemes or artifices to defraud; (b) has obtained, is obtaining or is about to obtain money or property by means of untrue statements of material fact and omissions to state material facts necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; and (c) has engaged, is engaged, or is about to engage in transactions, acts, practices and courses of business that operated or would operate as a fraud upon purchasers of securities.
- 88.0 By reason of the foregoing, each Defendant has violated and, unless restrainedo and enjoined, will continue to violate Securities Act Section 17(a) [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)].

FOURTH CLAIM

Each Defendant Violated Securities Act Sections 5(a) and 5(c)

- 89.0 The Commission realleges paragraphs 1 through 88 above.0
- 90.0 The ZI purchase agreements, the SLI promissory notes and the Nelson Companyo promissory notes are securities.
- 91.0 Each Defendant, directly or indirectly, made use of the means or instruments of o transportation or communication in interstate commerce or of the mails to offer and sell securities in the form of oral agreements, purchase agreements and promissory notes through the use or medium of a prospectus or otherwise, and carried or caused to be carried through the mails, or in interstate commerce, by means or instruments of transportation, such securities for

the purpose of sale or for delivery after sale, when no registration statement had been filed or was in effect as to such securities.

92.e By reason of the foregoing, each Defendant has violated and, unless restrainede and enjoined, will continue to violate Securities Act Sections 5(a) and 5(c) [15 U.S.C. §§ 77e(a) and 77e(c)].

FIFTH CLAIM

Zufelt, Nelson and the Deckers Violated Exchange Act Section 15(a)

- 93.e The Commission realleges paragraphs 1 through 92 above.e
- 94.e Each of Defendants Zufelt, Nelson, David Decker and Cache Decker, while actinge as a broker or dealer, made use of the mails or any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce to effect any transactions in, or to induce or attempt to induce the purchase or sale of, any securities in the form of purchase agreements and promissory notes without being registered with the Commission as a broker or dealer or an associated person of a registered broker-dealer.
- 95. By reason of the foregoing, each of Defendants Zufelt, Nelson, David Decker ande Cache Decker has violated and, unless restrained and enjoined, will continue to violate Exchange Act Section 15(a) [15 U.S.C. § 780(a)].

SIXTH CLAIM

The Deckers Aided and Abetted Violations of Exchange Act Section 15(a)

- 96.e The Commission realleges paragraphs 1 through 95 above.e
- 97.e Pursuant to Exchange Act Section 20(e) [15 U.S.C. § 78t(e)], the Deckerse knowingly provided substantial assistance to Zufelt with respect to his actions as an unregistered broker or dealer of securities. The Deckers therefore aided and abetted the violations of Zufelt and, unless restrained and enjoined, will continue to aid and abet violations of Exchange Act Section 15(a) [15 U.S.C. § 78o(a)].

CLAIM AGAINST RELIEF DEFENDANTS

- 98. The Commission realleges paragraphs 1 through 97 above.
- 99. Relief Defendants Jennifer Zufelt, Shae Morgan, Garth Jarman and Eric Nelson received, directly or indirectly, funds and/or other benefits from Zufelt, which are either the proceeds of, or are traceable to the proceeds of, unlawful activities alleged in this Complaint and to which these Relief Defendants have no legitimate claim.
- 100. Relief Defendants Eric Nelson and Kevin Wilcox received, directly or indirectly, funds and/or other benefits from Nelson, which are either the proceeds of, or are traceable to the proceeds of, unlawful activities alleged in this Complaint and to which these Relief Defendants have no legitimate claim.

V. PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the Commission respectfully requests that the Court:

I.

Enter judgment in favor of the Commission finding that the Defendants violated the federal securities laws and Commission rules as alleged in this Complaint;

II.

Permanently enjoin the Defendants from further violations of the federal securities laws and Commission rules alleged against them in this Complaint;

III.

Order all Defendants and Relief Defendants to disgorge and pay, as the Court may direct, all ill-gotten gains received or benefits in any form derived from the illegal conduct alleged in this Complaint, together with pre-judgment interest thereon;

IV.

Order all Defendants to pay civil monetary penalties pursuant to Securities Act Section 20(d) and Exchange Act Section 21(d)(3);

v.

Bar each of Zufelt, Nelson and the Deckers from serving as an officer or director of a public company pursuant to Securities Act Section 20 (e) and Exchange Act Section 21(d)(2); and

VI.

Order each Defendant to make an accounting.

VII.

Grant such equitable relief as may be appropriate or necessary for the benefit of investors pursuant to Exchange Act Section 21(d)(5) [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(5)].

Respectfully submitted this 23rd day of June 2010.

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Exhibit B: Order Granting Partial Summary Judgment

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF UTAH

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

ANTHONY C. ZUFELT, JOSEPH A
NELSON, DAVID M. DECKER, JR.,
CACHE D. DECKER, ZUFELT BUSINESS
SERVICES, INC. (d/b/a ZUFELT, INC.),
JNC, INC., JCN CAPITAL, LLC, and JCN
INTERNATIONAL, LLC,

Defendants,

and

JENNIFER M. ZUFELT, SHAE L. MORGAN, GARTH W. JARMAN, JR., ERIC R. NELSON, AND KEVIN J WILCOX,

Relief Defendants.

ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT

Case No. 2:10-cv-00574

District Judge Dee Benson

This matter is before the Court on Plaintiff's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment.

(Dkt. No. 199.) Plaintiff filed its Motion for Partial Summary Judgment on November 5, 2015.

On November 6, 2015, Richard Lawrence, counsel for Defendant Anthony Zufelt and the Relief Defendants Shea Morgan and Garth Jarman, filed a Motion to Withdraw as Attorney. (Dkt. No. 201.) Mr. Lawrence's Motion was referred to Magistrate Judge Pead pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A). (Dkt. No. 151.) Judge Pead temporarily denied Mr. Lawrence's Motion and ordered Mr. Lawrence to remain active in the case until the conclusion of the depositions noticed for November 17, 18, and 19, 2015. (Dkt. No. 206, p. 3.) Further, Judge Pead extended the

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deadline for the Defendants to respond to Plaintiff's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment to

December 13, 2015. (Id. at 3-4.) On November 23, 2015, Judge Pead granted Mr. Lawrence's

Motion to Withdraw as Attorney. (Dkt. No. 209.)

On December 18, 2015, Plaintiffs filed a Notice of Unopposed Motion regarding

Plaintiff's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment. (Dkt. No. 211.) As of the date of this Order,

Defendants have failed to respond or oppose Plaintiff's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment.

Having carefully reviewed the relevant materials, the Court now enters the following Order.

For the reasons stated in Plaintiff's Memorandum in Support of Plaintiff's Motion for

Partial Summary Judgment (Dkt. No. 199), Plaintiff's Motion is GRANTED. Plaintiff has

sufficiently alleged, and Defendants do not dispute, the following:

1. Defendants Antony C. Zufelt, Zufelt Business Services, Inc. d/b/a Zufelt, Inc., and

Silver Leave Investments, Inc. violated Sections 5(a) and 5(c) of the Securities Act of

1933 by selling unregistered securities in Zufelt, Inc. and Silver Leaf Investments,

Inc.

2. Defendant Anthony C. Zufelt violated Section 15(a)(1) of the Exchange Act of 1934

by acting as an unregistered broker-dealer in connection with the offer and sale of

securities.

SO ORDERED.

Dated this 4th day of January, 2016.

BY THE COURT:

Dee Benson

United States District Judge

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Exhibit C:

Final Judgment & District Court's Permanent Injunction

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Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 2:10-cv-00574

Judge Dee Benson

ANTHONY C. ZUFELT, JOSEPH A. NELSON, DAVID M. DECKER, JR., CACHE D. DECKER, ZUFELT BUSINESS SERVICES, INC. (db/a ZUFELT, INC.), SILVER LEAF INVESTMENTS, INC., JCN, INC., JCN CAPITAL, LLC, and JCN INTERNATIONAL, LLC.

Defendants,

and

JENNIFER M. ZUFELT, SHAE L. MORGAN, GARTH W. JARMAN, JR., ERIC R. NELSON, and KEVIN J. WILCOX,

Relief Defendants.

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FINAL JUDGMENT AS TO DEFENDANTS ANTHONY C. ZUFELT, ZUFELT BUSINESS SERVICES, Inc. (d/b/a ZUFLT INC.) AND SILVER LEAF INVESTMENTS, INC.

THIS CAUSE comes before the Court on consideration of Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission's motion pursuant to Rules 58 and 55(b)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure for entry of final judgment, including permanent injunctive and monetary relief, against Defendants Anthony C. Zufelt ("Zufelt"), Zufelt Business Services, Inc. d/b/a Zufelt, Inc. ("Zufelt, Inc."), and Silver Leaf Investments, Inc. ("Silver Leaf") (collectively, "Defendants").

On June 23, 2010, the Securities and Exchange Commission filed a Complaint against Defendants.

On May 6, 2014, this Court entered a default against Zufelt, Inc. and Silver Leaf on all claims, including securities fraud claims pursuant to Section 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act") [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)], Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Exchange Act Rule 10b-5 [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5]. (Doc. 137.)

On January 4, 2016, this Court granted partial summary judgment against the Defendants, finding that Defendants violated Sections 5(a) and 5(c) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77e(a) and (c)] by selling unregistered securities in Zufelt, Inc. and Silver Leaf; and that Zufelt violated Section 15(a)(1) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 77e(a)(1)] by acting as an unregistered broker-dealer in connection with the offer and sale of securities. (Doc. 214.)

On February 22, 2016, this Court entered a default against Anthony Zufelt on the SEC's remaining claims, including securities fraud and aiding and abetting claims based on his solicitation of investors in Zufelt, Inc. and Silver Leaf, "as a sanction for his repeated refusal to meaningfully participate in litigation." (Doc. 222.)

After a careful review of the record and the Court being otherwise fully advised:

I.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Final Judgment be and the same is hereby ENTERED in favor of Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission and against Defendants Zufelt, Zufelt, Inc., and Silver Leaf.

Π.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendants and Defendants' agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Judgment by personal service or otherwise are permanently restrained and enjoined from violating, directly or indirectly, Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5], by using any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce, or of the mails, or of any facility of any national securities exchange, in connection with the purchase or sale of any security:

- (a)₀ to employ any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud;
- (b) to make any untrue statement of a material fact or to omit to state a material facto necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstanceso under which they were made, not misleading; oro
- (c)o to engage in any act, practice, or course of business which operates or wouldo operate as a fraud or deceit upon any person.o

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IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that

Defendants and Defendants' agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active
concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Judgment by personal service
or otherwise are permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Section 17(a) of the

Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)] in the offer or sale of any security by the use of any means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce or by use of the mails, directly or indirectly:

- (a) to employ any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud;
- (b)₀ to obtain money or property by means of any untrue statement of a material facto or any omission of a material fact necessary in order to make the statementso made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; o oro
- (c)o to engage in any transaction, practice, or course of business which operates oro would operate as a fraud or deceit upon the purchaser.o

IV.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that

Defendants and Defendants' agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active

concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Judgment by personal service

or otherwise are permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Sections 5(a) and 5(c) of the

Securities Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 77e(a) and 77e(c)] by, directly or indirectly, in the absence of any
applicable exemption:

- (a)_O Unless a registration statement is in effect as to a security, making use of anyo means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerceo or of the mails to sell such security through the use or medium of any prospectuso or otherwise;o
- (b)₀ Unless a registration statement is in effect as to a security, carrying or causing too be carried through the mails or in interstate commerce, by any means or o

- instruments of transportation, any such security for the purpose of sale or for delivery after sale; or
- (c)e Making use of any means or instruments of transportation or communication ine interstate commerce or of the mails to offer to sell or offer to buy through the usee or medium of any prospectus or otherwise any security, unless a registratione statement has been filed with the Commission as to such security, or while thee registration statement is the subject of a refusal order or stop order or (prior to thee effective date of the registration statement) any public proceeding or examinatione under Section 8 of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77h].e

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IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that

Defendants and Defendants' agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active
concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Judgment by personal service
or otherwise are permanently restrained and enjoined from participating directly or indirectly in
the issuance, offer, or sale of any securities, including but not limited to securities involving
promissory notes, income streams, and merchant services businesses or portfolios; provided,
however, that such injunction shall not prevent Defendant Zufelt from purchasing or selling
securities listed on a national securities exchange for his own personal account.

VI.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant Zufelt is permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Section 15(a) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78o(a)] by, without being registered with the Commission as a broker or dealer or an associated person of a broker-dealer, acting as a broker or dealer and making use of the mails

or any other means or instrumentality of interstate commerce to effect any transaction in, or to induce or attempt to induce the purchase or sale of, any security.

VII.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that, pursuant to Section 21(d)(2) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(2)] and Section 20(e) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77t(e)], Defendant Zufelt is permanently restrained and enjoined from acting as an officer or director of any issuer that has a class of securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 781] or that is required to file reports pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 780(d)].

VШ.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant Zufelt is jointly and severally liable with Zufelt, Inc. for and shall pay disgorgement of ill-gotten gains of \$1,887,282, plus prejudgment interest thereon of \$720,516, and is jointly and severally liable with Silver Leaf for and shall pay disgorgement of ill-gotten gains of \$538,400, plus prejudgment interest thereon of \$250,956, for a total disgorgement of \$2,425,682 and prejudgment interest thereon of \$971,472; Defendant Zufelt, Inc. is jointly and severally liable with Defendant Zufelt for and shall pay disgorgement of ill-gotten gains of \$1,887,282, plus prejudgment interest thereon of \$720,516; and Defendant Silver Leaf is jointly and severally liable with Defendant Zufelt for and shall pay disgorgement of ill-gotten gains of \$538,400, plus prejudgment interest thereon of \$250,956.

IX.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant Zufelt shall pay a third-tier civil penalty pursuant to Section 20(d) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77t(d)] and Section 21(d)(3) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(3)] in the amount

of \$\frac{520000.00}{\cdot}\$; Defendant Zufelt, Inc. shall pay a third-tier civil penalty pursuant toe

Section 20(d) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77t(d)] and Section 21(d)(3) of the Exchange

Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(3)] in the amount of \$\frac{1}{2}\frac{900}{2}\text{000.00}\$; and Defendant Silver Leafe

shall pay a third-tier civil penalty pursuant to Section 20(d) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. §

77t(d)] and Section 21(d)(3) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(3)]in the amount of

\$\frac{1}{2}\text{900,000.00}\$

X.

Defendants shall satisfy the foregoing disgorgement, prejudgment interest and civil penalty obligations by making payment to the Securities and Exchange Commission within 14 days after entry of this Final Judgment. Defendants may transmit payment electronically to the Commission, which will provide detailed ACH transfer/Fedwire instructions upon request. Payment may also be made directly from a bank account via Pay.gov through the SEC website at http://www.sec.gov/about/offices/ofin.htm. Defendants may also pay by certified check, bank cashier's check, or United States postal money order payable to the Securities and Exchange Commission, which shall be delivered or mailed to

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and shall be accompanied by a letter identifying the case title, civil action number, and name of this Court; identification of the Defendant as a defendant in this action; and specifying that payment is made pursuant to this Final Judgment. Defendants shall simultaneously transmit photocopies of evidence of payment and case identifying information to the Commission's counsel in this action. By making payment, Defendants relinquish all legal and equitable right, title, and interest in such funds and no part of the funds shall be returned to Defendants. The

Commission shall send the funds paid pursuant to this Final Judgment to the United States

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

XI.

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

XII.

There being no just reason for delay, pursuant to Rules 54(b), 55(b)(2), and 58 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Clerk is ordered to enter this Judgment forthwith and without further notice.

Dated: _Oct. 5 . 2011

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Exhibit D:

Respondent Zufelt's "sec response"

Response to SEC request for being permanently barred from certain securities activities.

It is my belief that there is no gain for the general public in any furtherance of SEC actions or restrictions against me.

Although the securities sold between 2005 and 2007 were not properly registered and mistakes were made within those businesses (Zufelt Inc. and Silverleaf Investments), there was never an "intent to defraud or mislead" investors.

Anthony Zufelt never produced elaborate sales material or misleading presentations in regard to these investments. Investors were all friends and contacts of family or employees that had auting knowledge of the fact that we were in the credit card processing industry and were having success.

Investors signed simple one page agreements agreeing that they were lending the money to those entities and releasing full rights and control of said monies to Zufelt. In the case of "Silver Leaf Investments" they signed more extensive agreements acknowledging various risk factors, and including the disclosure that the SEC may have problems with the first document used.

To imply that these activities somehow represent that if allowed to participate in actual stock offerings or public funding activity in the future there would be fraud is simply false.

The punishment already dealt Mr. Zufelt as result of this activity has been vast. When anyone "googles" Anthony Zufelt, they see alligations pertaining to a "15 million dollar ponzi scheme".

This press is very misleading in the sense that Mr. Zufelt was not involved in anyway with the subsequent investment activity conducted by defendant Joseph Nelson. This headline has been the prominant search result on Mr. Zufelts name since 2010.

Over the course of the now decade long legal battle with the SEC, Mr. Zufelt has suffered the loss of countless business deals and numerous occasions whereby the SEC's negative press releases and publicity/representation of Mr.Zufelt as a "bad guy" have had extremely adverse effects.

The representation of the investments offering as a "ponzi scheme" in and of itself is an absolute lie. The business did exist, was in fact building portfolios of significant value, and in fact, had it not been for the processors using questionable tactics to cheat Zufelt companies out of the residuals they had built, the enterprise would have continued to be a success and investors wouldn't have incurred losses.

Zufelt companies employed over 200 people (at one point) and had processing clients in the thousands. The top executives of the organization, went on to build a successful processing

company that is conducting business to this day. It is my understanding that the company has even enjoyed a spot in the Inc. 500. The owners of that company, learned thier trade by being a part of a legitimate marketing and sells organization for that industry, NOT from a false company that was merely running a "ponzi scheme".

Mr. Zufelt has never intentially caused ANY person to lose money. The representation that he ran a "ponzi scheme" and ripped off investors is a lie. Taking yet further action a decade later is simply the continuance of that lie.

Thanks for your time

Anthony Zufelt

Exhibit E: Respondent Zufelt's Email

Schultz, Christian

From: Schultz, Christian

Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 3:40 PM

To: 'Anthony Zufelt'

Cc: Bowers, John (BowersJ@sec.gov); England, Timothy

Subject: RE: Order Instituting Proceedings and Schedule (3-17907 ZUFELT)

Attachments: sec response.pdf

Anthony:

I have received the attached document with the file name "sec response." To ensure that there is no misunderstanding, sending this to me does not constitute the filing of an answer to the SEC's Order Instituting Proceeding pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Judge Grimes' order. If you do not make a filing before the close of business today that complies with the Rules and Judge Grimes' order, the Division will ask Judge Grimes to hold you in default and impose the appropriate bars.

Regards,

Christian

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From: Anthony Zufelt @qmail.com

Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 3:19 PM

To: Schultz, Christian

Subject: Re: Order Instituting Proceedings and Schedule (3-17907 ZUFELT)

Christian,

Here is my response. Thanks.

Sincerely, Anthony Zufelt

On Tue, May 2, 2017 at 1:49 PM, Schultz, Christian <SchultzC@sec.gov> wrote:

Anthony:

Attached is the Order Instituting Proceedings (OIP) that I told you I would send. If you intend to respond to it, Judge Grimes gave you until May 22 to <u>both</u> file a copy with the Secretary's Office and email a copy to me and John Bowers and also to Judge Grimes (you need to include the following case number: 3-17907 ZUFELT). After your answer is due,

we will have until June 12 th to file a motion for summary disposition explaining what bars we are seeking and for what period of time, and you will then have until July 5 to respond to that motion.
As we discussed, I have reached out to my colleagues about trying to reach a settlement with you that would impose the bars for a period of time less than permanent, and will get back to you in a separate email with whatever they decide.
Please let me know if you have questions or want to discuss further.
Regards,

CHRISTIAN D. H. SCHULTZ

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Exhibit F: Enforcement Division Letter to Judge Grimes



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December 6, 2017

VIA HAND DELIVERY & EMAIL

The Honorable James E. Grimes Administrative Law Judge Securities and Exchange Commission 100 F Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20549

Re: In the Matter of Anthony C. Zufelt, Admin. Proceeding File No. 3-17907

Dear Judge Grimes:

I write on behalf of the Division of Enforcement to request that you deem Respondent Anthony Zufelt in default pursuant to Commission Rule of Practice 155(a)(2) and your May 3, 2017 Order Following Prehearing Conference ("May 3 Order"), for failing to answer the Commission's Order Instituting Proceedings ("OIP"). The Division further requests a three-week extension of the current January 5, 2018 deadline for the Division to file a Motion for Summary Disposition (or for any other submission that may be necessary pursuant to a finding of default).

As reflected in the OIP, this follow-on administrative proceeding is premised on a Final Judgment issued by Judge Dee Benson of the United States District Court for the District of Utah. OIP at ¶ 2. As the OIP alleged, on January 4, 2016, Judge Benson issued an order (attached as Ex. 1) granting the SEC's unrebutted motion for partial summary judgment and finding that Mr. Zufelt sold unregistered securities in violation of Sections 5(a) and 5(c) of the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act"), and violated Section 15(a)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") by acting as an unregistered broker-dealer in connection with the offer and sale of securities. Id. On February 22, 2016, Judge Benson entered default judgment against Mr. Zufelt on the SEC's remaining claims, including securities fraud and aiding and abetting claims based on his solicitation of investors "as a sanction for his repeated refusal to meaningfully participate in litigation." (See Ex. 2.) As the OIP further alleged, on October 7, 2016, the District Court entered Final Judgment against Mr. Zufelt and enjoined him from future violations of these securities law provisions and from participating directly or indirectly in the issuance, offer, or sale of securities. Id.

Your May 3 Order memorialized that you had advised Mr. Zufelt during the prehearing conference that you might find him in default for failing to file an answer to the Commission's OIP in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice. Despite your instructions, Mr. Zufelt did not file an answer to the OIP with the Secretary's Office by the May 22, 2017 deadline. Instead, Mr. Zufelt sent an e-mail to undersigned Division counsel on May 22, 2017 attaching a PDF document with the file name "sec response," which is attached as Exhibit 3 to

this letter. Undersigned counsel promptly acknowledged receipt of Mr. Zufelt's e-mail and its attachment, but advised, "[t]o ensure that there is no misunderstanding, sending this to me does not constitute the filing of an answer to the SEC's Order Instituting Proceeding pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Judge Grimes' order. If you do not make a filing before the close of business today [May 22] that complies with the Rules and Judge Grimes' order, the Division will ask Judge Grimes to hold you in default and impose the appropriate bars." See May 22, 2017 Schultz Email to Zufelt (Ex. 4). The chain of e-mails with Mr. Zufelt contained in Exhibit 4 reflects that, following our prehearing conference on May 2, undersigned Division Counsel had sent Mr. Zufelt another PDF copy of the OIP and advised that you had given him "until May 22 to both file a copy with the Secretary's Office and email a copy to me and [Enforcement Division co-counsel] John Bowers and also to Judge Grimes (you need to include the following case number: 3-17907 ZUFELT)." Despite your May 2 and May 3 instructions, and my related communications, Mr. Zufelt never filed an answer to the OIP with the Secretary's office and should be held in default as a result.

On May 23, 2017, the parties received by e-mail your order staying all proceedings in this matter pursuant to the Commission's May 22, 2017 Order Staying Administrative Proceedings that may be appealable to the Tenth Circuit. Now that the stay has been lifted, the Division respectfully requests that you deem Mr. Zufelt in default pursuant to Commission Rule of Practice 155(a)(2), and further deem as true the allegations from the Commission's OIP in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice. See 17 C.F.R. §§ 201.155(a), 201.220(f), 201.221(f), and 201.310. It bears noting that even if Mr. Zufelt's "sec response" had been properly filed, Mr. Zufelt does not dispute (nor could he) the basis for the Division's request for permanent broker-dealer and penny stock bars—the Utah District Court's finding that Mr. Zufelt illegally sold unregistered securities and acted as an unregistered broker-dealer, and enjoined him from future violations of the relevant securities law provisions and from participating directly or indirectly in the issuance, offer, or sale of securities.

In light of Mr. Zufelt's default in these proceedings, and the findings made and sanctions imposed by the Utah District Court, the Division espectfully equests, pursuant to Section 15(b)(6) of the Exchange Act, that Mr. Zufelt be permanently barred from (a) associating with any broker or dealer; and (b) participating in any offering of a penny stock, including acting as a promoter, finder, consultant, agent or other person who engages in activities with a broker, dealer or issuer for purposes of the issuance or trading in any penny stock, or inducing or attempting to induce the purchase or sale of any penny stock. The Division is prepared to provide more information in support of its request for the imposition of these permanent bars should you require more elaboration on Mr. Zufelt's conduct.

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¹ The Division is not seeking to collaterally bar Mr. Zufelt from associating with the investment adviser, municipal securities dealer, and transfer agent classes because his conduct occurred before the passage of Dodd-Frank. *Bartko v. Sec. & Exch. Comm'n*, 845 F.3d 1217, 1226 (D.C. Cir. 2017).

Judge Grimes December 6, 2017

We are available to discuss the foregoing at your convenience and look forward to your ruling.

Sincerely,

Christian D. H. Schultz

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Assistant Chief Litigation Counsel

VIA UPS OVERNIGHT DELIVERY & EMAIL

Mr. Anthony C. Zufelt

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