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6 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
7 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

9 SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
10 COMMISSION,

10 Plaintiff,

11 v.

12 MATTHEW WADE BEASLEY; BEASLEY
13 LAW GROUP PC; JEFFREY J. JUDD;
14 CHRISTOPHER R. HUMPHRIES; J&J
15 CONSULTING SERVICES, INC., an Alaska
16 Corporation; J&J CONSULTING
SERVICES, INC., a Nevada Corporation; J
AND J PURCHASING LLC; SHANE M.
JAGER; JASON M. JONGEWARD; DENNY
SEYBERT; and ROLAND TANNER;

17 Defendants,

18 THE JUDD IRREVOCABLE TRUST; PAJ
19 CONSULTING INC; BJ HOLDINGS LLC;
20 STIRLING CONSULTING, L.L.C.; CJ
21 INVESTMENTS, LLC; JL2
22 INVESTMENTS, LLC; ROCKING HORSE
PROPERTIES, LLC; TRIPLE THREAT
BASKETBALL, LLC; ACAC LLC;
ANTHONY MICHAEL ALBERTO, JR.; and
MONTY CREW LLC;

23 Relief Defendants.

Case No.:

COMPLAINT

1 Plaintiff, Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”), alleges as follows:

2 **SUMMARY**

3 1. This case concerns a long-running fraudulent offering of securities perpetrated by
4 Defendants Matthew Wade Beasley, Esq., his law firm Beasley Law Group PC (“Beasley Law
5 Group”), Jeffrey Judd, Christopher Humphries, and three entities that Judd controlled: J&J
6 Consulting Services, Inc. (a Nevada corporation), J&J Consulting Services, Inc. (an Alaska
7 corporation), and J and J Purchasing LLC (unless otherwise noted, collectively, the “J&J
8 Entities”), a scheme for which Judd, Humphries, and Defendants Shane M. Jager, Jason M.
9 Jongeward, Denny Seybert, Roland Tanner, and others acted as promoters.

10 2. The scheme worked as follows: from at least 2017 and continuing through March
11 2022, the J&J Entities offered investments in purported settlement contracts with tort plaintiffs
12 called “purchase agreements.” These investments in the so-called “purchase agreements”
13 constituted securities under federal law. Judd, Humphries, and others told investors:

- 14 a. that they could purchase interests in insurance tort settlements, and that the
15 invested money was used to make advance payments to tort plaintiffs who had
16 reached settlements with insurance companies for tort claims and who were
17 willing to pay a premium to receive a portion of their settlement in advance
18 rather than wait for payment from the insurance companies;
- 19 b. that investors would receive returns on their investments of at least 12.5%
20 every 90 days, for an annualized return of 50%, sometimes more, and that the
21 investment had almost zero risk; and
- 22 c. that Beasley and Beasley Law Group managed relationships with numerous
23 personal injury attorneys around the country to maintain a supply of purchase
24 agreements to the J&J Entities and their investors.

25 3. From at least 2017 to March 2022, over 600 investors invested in the scheme, and
26 it appears that at least \$449 million in investor funds flowed into the scheme through Beasley
27 Law Group’s attorney trust (“IOLTA”) account at Wells Fargo, N.A. The amount that investors

1 may have been paid in Ponzi payments is as yet unknown. During that time, Beasley and Judd
2 acted as business partners in the J&J Entities and Beasley purported to act as an attorney for the
3 J&J Entities.

4 4. In fact, the purchase agreements were fictitious, a fact which Beasley, Judd, and
5 Humphries knew or were reckless in not knowing. Beasley, Beasley Law Group PC, Judd, and
6 the J&J Entities did not use investor money to purchase interests in personal injury settlements,
7 as Judd, Humphries, Jager, Jongeward, Seybert, and Tanner represented to actual and
8 prospective investors.

9 5. Beasley, Judd, and others used a portion of investors' money to make periodic
10 payments of fictitious "returns" on the purchase agreements to investors in a Ponzi-like fashion,
11 but used the bulk of investor money to fund lavish lifestyles, including purchasing luxury homes
12 and properties, a private jet, ATVs, boats, and numerous luxury cars for themselves and their
13 relatives. Each of Judd, Humphries, Jager, Jongeward, Seybert, and Tanner recruited dozens, if
14 not hundreds, of investors into the scheme and received transaction-based compensation for
15 bringing in additional investors and more money from existing investors, even though none of
16 them was a registered broker or dealer, nor associated with a broker or dealer, registered with the
17 Commission.

18 6. On March 3, 2022, agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI")
19 executed search warrants at the homes of Judd, Humphries, and Beasley. When agents arrived at
20 Beasley's home, Beasley brandished a pistol and the agents shot him twice. Beasley then locked
21 himself inside his home for nearly four hours. During that standoff, Beasley repeatedly confessed
22 to an FBI negotiator that the J&J Entities' investment scheme was actually a Ponzi scheme that
23 started in 2016 or 2017.

24 7. The Commission brings this action to halt Defendants' violations of the federal
25 securities laws, prevent further harm to investors, and to seek disgorgement and civil penalties
26 stemming from Defendants' wrongdoing, among other remedies.

1 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

2 8. The Commission brings this action pursuant to Sections 20(b) and 20(d) of the
3 Securities Act of 1933 (“Securities Act”) [15 U.S.C. § 77t(b) and (g)] and Sections 21(d) and (e)
4 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”) [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d) and (e)] to enjoin
5 such acts, practices, and courses of business, and to obtain disgorgement, prejudgment interest,
6 civil money penalties, and such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and
7 appropriate.

8 9. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to Section 22 of the
9 Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77v] and Section 27 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78aa].

10 10. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to Section 27 of the Exchange Act [15
11 U.S.C. § 78aa] because Defendants and Relief Defendants are found, inhabit, and/or transacted
12 business in the District of Nevada and because one or more acts or transactions constituting the
13 violations alleged herein occurred in the District of Nevada.

14 11. Defendants were, individually and collectively, involved in the offer and sale of
15 the securities, as that term is defined under Section 2(a)(1) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C.
16 § 77b(a)(1)] and Section 3(a)(10) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78c(a)(10)], issued by
17 Defendants J&J Consulting Services, Inc., a Nevada corporation, J&J Consulting Services, Inc.,
18 an Alaska corporation, and J and J Purchasing LLC.

19 12. Defendants, directly or indirectly, made use of the mails or the means or
20 instrumentalities of interstate commerce in connection with the conduct alleged in this
21 Complaint.

22 **DEFENDANTS**

23 13. **Matthew Wade Beasley** (“Beasley”), age 49, is a resident of Las Vegas, Nevada.
24 Beasley is President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Director of Beasley Law Group PC. Beasley has
25 been licensed to practice law in Nevada since May 2006.

26 14. **Jeffrey Jason Judd** (“Judd”), age 50, is a resident of Henderson, Nevada. Judd is
27 director, president, and treasurer of J & J Consulting Services, Inc. (Nevada) and director,

1 president, shareholder, and treasurer of J & J Consulting Services, Inc. (Alaska). Judd is a
2 manager of J & J Purchasing, LLC. Judd personally promoted the “purchase agreement”
3 investment scheme to multiple investors with false and misleading statements and omissions, and
4 he compensated promoters who in turn found additional investors. On information and belief,
5 Judd is a trustee of The Judd Irrevocable Trust.

6 15. **Christopher Ronn Humphries** (“Humphries”), age 48, is a resident of
7 Henderson, Nevada. He personally promoted the “purchase agreement” investment scheme to
8 multiple investors. He is a managing member of CJ Investments LLC.

9 16. **Beasley Law Group PC** (“Beasley Law Group”) is a professional corporation
10 organized in Nevada in 2011 with its principal place of business in Nevada. Beasley controls this
11 entity.

12 17. **J&J Consulting Services, Inc.** is a Nevada corporation formed in 2005 with its
13 principal place of business in Nevada (“J&J Nevada”). Judd controls this entity.

14 18. **J&J Consulting Services, Inc.** is also the name of an Alaska corporation,
15 incorporated in 2019, with its principal place of business in Nevada (“J&J Alaska”). Judd
16 controls this entity.

17 19. **J and J Purchasing LLC** (“J and J Purchasing”) is a Florida limited liability
18 company formed in October 2021 with its principal place of business in Nevada. Judd controls
19 this entity.

20 20. **Shane Michael Jager** (“Jager”), age 47, is a resident of Henderson, Nevada. He
21 personally promoted the Ponzi scheme to multiple investors and also recruited several additional
22 promoters who worked under his supervision. He received compensation for the investments he
23 procured. Jager is the managing member and owner of Stirling Consulting, L.L.C.

24 21. **Jason Myers Jongeward** (“Jongeward”), age 50, is a resident of Washington,
25 Utah. Jongeward promoted the “purchase agreement” investment scheme to multiple investors
26 and received compensation for the investments he procured. Jongeward is the governor of JL2
27 Investments LLC.

1 from the Beasley Law Group IOLTA, which are proceeds from the fraud to which it has no
2 legitimate claim.

3 27. **Stirling Consulting, L.L.C.** is a Nevada limited liability company formed in
4 April 2018. Its principal place of business is Las Vegas, Nevada. Jager controls this entity.
5 Stirling Consulting, L.L.C. received at least \$30 million from the Beasley Law Group IOLTA
6 account. On information and belief, these were proceeds from the fraud to which it has no
7 legitimate claim.

8 28. **CJ Investments LLC** is a Nevada limited liability company formed in November
9 2019. Its principal place of business is in Henderson, Nevada. Humphries and Jessica Humphries
10 are both managing members of CJ Investments LLC. It received at least \$25 million from the
11 Beasley Law Group IOLTA account. On information and belief, these were proceeds from the
12 fraud to which it has no legitimate claim.

13 29. **JL2 Investments, LLC** is a Washington limited liability company formed in
14 November 2019. Its principal place of business was initially Cheney, Washington. Upon
15 information and belief, its principal place of business moved to Washington, Utah in 2021.
16 Jongeward controls this entity. On information and belief, JL2 Investments received proceeds
17 from the fraud to which it has no legitimate claim.

18 30. **Rocking Horse Properties LLC** is a Nevada limited liability company formed in
19 January 1997. Its principal place of business is in Nevada. Seybert controls this entity. It received
20 over \$690,000 from the Beasley Law Group IOLTA account. On information and belief, these
21 were proceeds from the fraud to which it has no legitimate claim.

22 31. **Triple Threat Basketball, LLC** is a Nevada limited liability company formed in
23 April 2009. Its managers are Warren Rosegreen and Priscilla Rosegreen. It received transfers of
24 over \$9 million from the Beasley Law Group IOLTA account. On information and belief, these
25 were proceeds from the fraud to which Triple Threat Basketball, LLC has no legitimate claim.

26 32. **ACAC LLC** is a limited liability company of unknown domicile. A bank account
27 in the name of ACAC LLC received at least \$6.5 million from the Beasley Law Group IOLTA

1 account. On information and belief, these were proceeds from the fraud to which it has no
2 legitimate claim.

3 33. **Anthony Michael Alberto, Jr.** (“Alberto”), age 34, is believed to be a resident of
4 Nevada or Pennsylvania. He received nearly \$4 million in transfers from the Beasley Law Group
5 IOLTA account. Beasley confessed to an FBI negotiator that Alberto was his bookie and he used
6 investor money to pay gambling debts he owed to Alberto. Alberto has received proceeds from
7 the fraud to which he has no legitimate claim.

8 34. **Monty Crew LLC** was a Nevada limited liability company formed in January
9 2019. Its principal place of business was in Nevada. It became inactive in September 2021 and
10 was revoked in February 2022. Its manager was Alberto. It received nearly \$3 million in
11 transfers from the Beasley Law Group IOLTA account. As stated in paragraph 33 above, Beasley
12 confessed that the money paid to Alberto was proceeds from the fraud used to pay gambling
13 debts. Money Crew LLC received investor money to which it has no legitimate claim.

14 **FACTS**

15 **I. Judd, Humphries, and the J&J Entities Raised Money from Investors with False**
16 **Representations of an Investment in Personal Injury Settlements.**

17 35. Beginning at least as of January 1, 2017 and continuing until March 2022, the J&J
18 Entities, directly and through Judd, Humphries, Jager, Jongeward, Seybert, and Tanner, offered
19 investments in purported personal injury settlement contracts. Judd told investors that he had a
20 litigation financing business with his attorney, Matthew Beasley, whereby Judd invested money
21 in contracts with personal injury plaintiffs while Beasley procured those contracts through his
22 contacts with other attorneys around the country. Judd told investors that Beasley and his law
23 firm Beasley Law Group had relationships with personal injury attorneys whose clients had
24 settlements with insurance companies, and who were willing to pay a premium to receive a
25 portion of their settlement in advance rather than wait for payment from the insurance
26 companies. Judd told investors that the J&J Entities entered into “purchase agreements” with the
27 personal injury plaintiffs whereby the J&J Entities advanced to the personal injury plaintiffs a

1 portion of their expected insurance settlement payout, and the plaintiffs repaid the J&J Entities
2 plus interest and fees when their insurance payout arrived.

3 36. Judd told investors that the purchase agreements came in amounts of \$80,000 or
4 \$100,000, with a term of 90 days, although he also said he allowed investors to split contracts
5 with him or other investors if they wanted to invest less than \$80,000. Judd told different
6 investors that they would receive different returns. Judd told some investors that they would
7 make up to \$22,000 within 90 days on an investment of \$100,000. Judd told other investors they
8 would receive 12.5% on their investments (50% on an annual basis), for a return of \$12,500
9 within 90 days on an investment of \$100,000 or \$10,000 within 90 days on an investment of
10 \$80,000.

11 37. Judd told investors that at the end of the 90-day period, the J&J Entities would
12 reinvest the principal in a new purchase agreement with a new tort plaintiff, and the investor
13 could continue to receive his or her promised returns every 90 days. Judd told investors that they
14 could get their principal back rather than reinvesting it at the end of the contract term if they
15 chose.

16 38. Judd told investors that the tort plaintiffs who entered the purchase agreements
17 paid an administrative fee of \$5,000, half of which went to Beasley and Beasley Law Group, and
18 the other half of which went to the tort plaintiff's attorney. Judd also told investors that Beasley
19 and Beasley Law Group managed the relationships with the various personal injury attorneys and
20 wrote the agreements with the personal injury plaintiffs, while Judd managed the investment side
21 of the business with assistance from his son Parker Judd. On information and belief, Judd
22 highlighted the fact that attorney Beasley was involved and that investor funds flowed through
23 Beasley Law Group's IOLTA account.

24 39. Judd told investors that the risk from investing in the purchase agreements was
25 almost zero. Judd also told some investors that he would make good any investor loss, saying
26 that he and Beasley had a separate fund to make investors whole if a personal injury plaintiff
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1 failed to pay on a contract. He claimed he had “never had to use” this fund, because “we’ve
2 never had one go bad.”

3 40. Humphries, like Judd, promoted the J&J Entities investment scheme to numerous
4 investors. Like Judd, Humphries told investors that the investment involved funding purchase
5 agreements with personal injury plaintiffs who had settlements with insurance companies but
6 wanted to obtain a portion of their money in advance. Humphries told investors that Matthew
7 Beasley and his law firm Beasley Law Group managed the relationships with various attorneys
8 to supply the purchase agreements to Judd and the J&J Entities. Humphries told investors that
9 the purchase agreements were in amounts of \$80,000 or \$100,000 and paid returns of 13% every
10 90 days. Humphries told investors that their capital would be reinvested in a new purchase
11 agreement at the expiration of each prior purchase agreement. Humphries told investors that
12 there was little to no risk on the investment.

13 41. Humphries received compensation for bringing new investors into the scheme and
14 for raising additional money from existing investors. He told one investor that he received 5% of
15 the investor funds he raised and that he made around \$250,000 every three months.

16 42. Judd and Humphries typically instructed investors to wire their investment money
17 to Beasley Law Group’s IOLTA account at Wells Fargo Bank N.A., but sometimes instructed
18 investors to wire their investment money to other accounts as well, including an account in the
19 name of J&J Consulting Services, Inc. at U.S. Bank, and an account in the name of Humphries’
20 entity CJ Investments LLC.

21 **II. Defendants’ Representations Were Materially False and Misleading**

22 43. The foregoing representations made to investors by Judd, the J&J Entities, and
23 Humphries were materially false and misleading. Judd and the J&J Entities did not invest the
24 investors’ funds in contracts with personal injury plaintiffs. Beasley and Beasley Law Group did
25 not actually procure contracts with personal injury plaintiffs and their attorneys.

26 44. Beasley confessed on March 3, 2022 to an FBI negotiator that the business was a
27 Ponzi scheme. Beasley and Judd returned a small portion of the invested money to investors in

1 Ponzi-type payments to meet investors' expectations of the promised percentages of returns
2 every 90 days. These payments promoted investor confidence in the scheme, encouraged current
3 investors to invest more money, and allowed Beasley, Judd, and Humphries to continue to find
4 new victims. In reality, Beasley, Judd, and Humphries used the majority of investor money for
5 lavish personal expenses and to pay others to promote the scheme.

6 45. To lend credibility to the scheme, Beasley created fake "purchase agreements"
7 between J&J Consulting or J and J Purchasing and various purported injured tort plaintiffs and
8 their attorneys, which were then shared with investors by Judd, Humphries and other promoters.
9 Beasley often used the names of real attorneys from around the country (and sometimes even
10 used the names of real personal injury tort plaintiffs) on the fake purchase agreements, but there
11 were no actual underlying tort settlements and the attorneys whose names appeared on the fake
12 purchase agreements had no actual connection to Beasley. An example of one of these "purchase
13 agreements" is attached as **Exhibit A**.

14 46. Until approximately December 2020, Judd provided investors "Investment
15 Agreements" or "Buyer Agreements" purporting to memorialize the investor's investment in a
16 tort plaintiff's purchase agreement. The agreements were between the investor, and Judd and J&J
17 Consulting Services, Inc. An example of one of the "Investment Agreements" is attached as
18 **Exhibit B**. An example of one titled a "Buyer Agreement" is attached as **Exhibit C**. These
19 agreements were signed by Judd.

20 47. In approximately October 2021, Judd began telling investors that he was making
21 modifications to the business at the suggestion an attorney who conducted a review of the
22 business. As part of these purported business modifications, Judd formed J and J Purchasing
23 LLC in October 2021 and started operating the investment business through J and J Purchasing.
24 In approximately December 2021, as part of the business modifications, Judd started requiring
25 investors to sign new documentation with J and J Purchasing: a Confidential Private Placement
26 Memorandum ("PPM"); a Non-Compete, Non-Disclosure and Non-Solicitation Agreement; a
27 Mutual Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Agreement, and a Confidential Subscription

1 Agreement. Judd personally distributed these documents to some investors, and the Promoter
2 Defendants and other promoters distributed copies to their investors. A copy of the PPM is
3 attached as **Exhibit D**.

4 48. Judd and Humphries told investors that Beasley managed the relationship with the
5 personal injury attorneys and, on information and belief, told investors that they were not
6 allowed to contact the attorneys or plaintiffs whose names appeared on the purchase agreements.
7 This kept investors from learning that the attorneys and plaintiffs on the purchase agreements
8 were not actually parties to the purchase agreements, and that the purchase agreements were
9 fake.

10 49. Despite this admonition from Judd and Humphries, some investors contacted the
11 attorneys named in the purchase agreements to inquire whether the purchase agreements were
12 real, only to discover that the attorneys had no such personal injury clients and no relationship
13 with Matthew Beasley or Beasley Law Group.

14 **III. Beasley, Beasley Law Group, Judd, the J&J Entities, and Humphries Acted With**
15 **Scienter**

16 50. Defendants Beasley, Beasley Law Group, Judd, the Judd Entities, and Humphries
17 knowingly or recklessly engaged in the fraudulent scheme detailed in the paragraphs above.

18 51. On March 3, 2022, when the FBI attempted to serve a search warrant at his home,
19 Beasley engaged in a standoff for approximately four hours with FBI agents, during which
20 Beasley spoke by telephone with an FBI negotiator. In the recorded calls with the FBI negotiator,
21 Beasley repeatedly confessed that the J&J investment was a Ponzi scheme that he started in 2016
22 or 2017. He confessed that the purchase agreements were fake and he used the names of
23 attorneys he did not know on the purchase agreements.

24 52. Beasley confessed that investors were promised that their investment money
25 would be given to someone who had settled a personal injury case but had not received their
26 settlement money yet. He confessed that he “got names of attorneys” for the scheme but “I never
27 actually talked to them.” He confessed that as Jeffrey Judd found more investors, “I made up

1 more attorney's deals and just kept growing it." Beasley confessed that investors "would give
2 their money to me, and I would supposedly send it to a bunch of attorneys" but actually "I kept it
3 and used it to pay, basically pay them back to pay off gambling debts."

4 53. Judd knew or was reckless in not knowing that the purchase agreements were fake
5 and that the investment scheme was a fraud. Judd, as Beasley's business partner in the scheme
6 for over seven years, either knew that the business was a fraud, or was reckless in not knowing.
7 Judd worked intimately with Beasley throughout the entire scheme. Judd told investors that he
8 and Beasley operated the business together and that Beasley was his attorney. Judd told at least
9 one investor that he saw bank statements and other documentation from Beasley. Had Judd
10 reviewed the bank statements of the Beasley IOLTA account—where, on information and belief,
11 he knew investor funds were aggregated—he would have readily seen that the investment
12 scheme was not a legitimate business and that there were very few, if any, proceeds of personal
13 injury tort settlements pursuant to the purchase agreements flowing into the account.

14 54. Further, the J&J Entities, which Judd controlled, were the counterparties on all the
15 purported purchase agreements and Judd supposedly signed them on behalf of his entities. As of
16 February 24, 2022, Judd boasted that he had \$475 million "under management," was doing 450
17 contracts per week, and had done over 16,000 contracts to date. Judd either knew or was reckless
18 in not knowing that the purported counterparties on those 16,000 contracts did not actually enter
19 the agreements. Judd knew the purchase agreements were never signed by the purported
20 counterparties, or he recklessly disregarded that fact. Had Judd conducted the most basic of due
21 diligence on the fake purchase agreements and the flow of funds to and from Beasley Law
22 Group, it would have revealed the scheme.

23 55. Upon information and belief, Humphries also knew or was reckless in not
24 knowing that the purchase agreement investment scheme was a fraud. Upon information and
25 belief, Humphries was at least aware of indicia that the tort settlements at issue in the investment
26 were fictitious and acted to hide that fact from investors.

1 56. Judd and Humphries acted to hide the fraud from investors by telling them that
2 they were prohibited from contacting the parties to the purchase agreements. Over the years,
3 despite being told not to do so, several investors contacted the attorneys listed on the purchase
4 agreements and the attorneys denied having such clients or entering the purchase agreements. On
5 information and belief, this information made its way back to the promoters, including
6 Humphries, and ultimately to Judd himself. Various investors pushed their promoters, Judd, and
7 the J&J Entities to answer questions about the inability to verify that the purchase agreements
8 were real, or asked to see documentation such as bank statements showing actual money flows to
9 the purported counterparties on the purchase agreements. When promoters confronted Judd and
10 the J&J Entities about the fact that attorneys on the purchase agreements denied that the purchase
11 agreements were legitimate, Judd hid the fraud by stating to investors that the law firms were
12 probably denying the existence of the contracts simply due to client confidentiality concerns.

13 57. At least as early as 2019, Judd started requiring investors to enter non-disclosure
14 agreements as a condition of investing. Judd and his promoters also often required investors to
15 sign a document saying that they were prohibited from contacting any parties related to the
16 personal injury settlement or purchase agreement without the written consent of Jeffrey Judd.
17 Also, the “Investor Agreement” and “Buyer Agreement” documents (Exs. B and C hereto)
18 expressly prohibited investors from contacting the parties on the purchase agreements without
19 Judd’s consent.

20 58. Ultimately, on or around January 2022, Judd and certain of his promoters decided
21 to stop sending the fake purchase agreements to investors altogether. Judd gave investors the
22 excuse that his “attorneys” had advised him to stop sending the purchase agreements to them.

23 59. On information and belief, Judd required investors to sign the document
24 prohibiting them from contacting the parties related to the personal injury settlement or purchase
25 agreement, and ultimately stopped disseminating the fake purchase agreements, because he was
26 attempting to hide their fictitious nature from investors.

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1 60. Despite that they knew or were reckless in not knowing that the Purchase
2 Agreements were fake, Humphries and Judd nonetheless continued to solicit new investors and
3 additional investments from existing investors.

4 **IV. Defendants Judd, Humphries, Jager, Jongeward, Seybert, and Tanner Violated the**
5 **Federal Securities Laws by Acting as Unregistered Brokers.**

6 61. In addition to Humphries, Judd had several other promoters working underneath
7 him to locate new investors and funnel investment money into the J&J Entities scheme.
8 Defendants Jager, Jongeward, Seybert, and Tanner were among these promoters.

9 62. Jager, Jongeward, Seybert, and Tanner, like Judd and Humphries, each solicited
10 dozens of investors to invest in the purchase agreements and received transaction-based
11 compensation in return. The investors’ interests in the purchase agreements issued by the J&J
12 Entities—which Judd, Jager, Jongeward, Seybert, and Tanner solicited investors to buy—
13 constituted securities as that term is defined under the federal securities laws.

14 63. In 2020, Humphries stated to at least one investor that he personally made
15 \$250,000 every three months from his investor solicitations and received a 5% commission on
16 investments he solicited.

17 64. Jongeward also made a percentage on each investment he obtained on behalf of
18 the J&J Entities. In early 2022, Jongeward stated to at least one prospective investor that he
19 personally “managed” over 150 investors and about \$52 million in investment funds, that this
20 was his “full-time job,” and that he had been doing it for two years.

21 65. In early 2022, Jager stated to at least one prospective investor that he had been
22 soliciting investors for the J&J Entities investment for five years, had solicited 250 investors, and
23 that he and Jongeward together had raised over \$200 million from investors for the J&J Entities.
24 Jager also stated to at least one prospective investor that Judd had negotiated a rate of payment to
25 Jager and Jongeward on the investments they raised, and that Tanner worked “under Jager”
26 soliciting investments in the purchase agreements. Judd, Jager, Jongeward, Seybert, and Tanner
27 each used means or instrumentalities of interstate commerce to solicit and sell securities as part

1 of their regular business. Judd, Jager, Jongeward, Seybert, and Tanner each used the internet to
2 solicit investors, transferred cash through wire transfers, and used email and telephone to
3 negotiate and effect sales transactions.

4 66. Humphries, Jager, Jongeward, and Seybert also handled investor funds. While
5 investor funds typically (but not always) flowed into Beasley Law Group’s IOLTA account, the
6 payments of purported “returns” to investors whom Humphries, Jager, Jongeward, and Seybert
7 recruited would flow from accounts held by Beasley Law Group or the J&J Entities into bank
8 accounts for entities controlled by Humphries, Jager, Jongeward, and Seybert. From there,
9 Humphries, Jager, Jongeward, and Seybert would distribute purported “returns” to investors they
10 had solicited. Sometimes Humphries, Jongeward, and Seybert also instructed investors to wire
11 their investment money directly to the accounts in the names of the entities they controlled rather
12 than to Beasley Law Group’s account.

13 67. Jager used an account in the name of his entity Stirling Consulting, L.L.C., and
14 possibly others, to receive investor funds and also to distribute purported “returns” to investors.
15 Humphries used an account in the name of CJ Investments LLC and JCH Consulting, L.L.C.,
16 among others, to receive investor funds and also distribute Ponzi payments to his investors.
17 Jongeward used an account in the name of his entity JL2 Investments LLC, and possibly others,
18 to receive investor funds and to distribute Ponzi payments to his investors. Seybert used an
19 account in the name of his entity Rocking Horse Properties, LLC, and possibly others, to receive
20 investor funds and distribute purported returns to his investors. Tanner used an account in the
21 name of Anthem Assets, LLC, and possibly others, to receive investor funds and distribute
22 purported returns to his investors. On information and belief, Jager, Humphries, Jongeward,
23 Seybert, and Tanner also received commission payments for their investor solicitations in the
24 accounts of those entities that they controlled.

25 68. Tanner solicited numerous investors for the J&J Entities scheme over a period of
26 many months or years. In early 2022, Jager represented to prospective investors that Tanner
27 worked under his supervision to solicit additional investors for the J&J Entities investment and

1 that Tanner had raised over \$50 million for the J&J Entities. On information and belief, Tanner
2 and received transaction-based compensation for the investors and investments he solicited.

3 69. At all relevant times while Judd, Jager, Jongeward, Seybert, and Tanner engaged
4 in soliciting investors to buy interests in the purchase agreements in exchange for transaction-
5 based compensation, none of them were registered with the Commission as a broker or dealer,
6 nor were they associated with a broker or dealer registered with the Commission.

7 **V. The Securities Offered and Sold Were Not Registered**

8 70. The securities offered and sold by Judd, Humphries, Jager, Jongeward, Seybert,
9 and Tanner were not registered with the Commission.

10 71. J and J Purchasing LLC filed a Form D on December 13, 2021, purporting to give
11 notice of an exempt offering under Rule 506(b), but the J&J Entities' offers and sales of
12 securities were not exempt under Rule 506(b) because, among other things, investors were never
13 provided with the required disclosures of information under Rule 502(b) [17 CFR § 230.502]. In
14 addition, the Form D was itself false and misleading in its description of, *inter alia*, the
15 investment and the use of investor funds.

16 **FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

17 **Violations of Section 5(a) and (c) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77e(a) and (c)]**

18 ***(Against All Defendants)***

19 72. The Commission re-alleges and incorporates by reference each and every
20 allegation in paragraphs 1–71, inclusive, as if they were fully set forth herein.

21 73. Defendants Beasley, Beasley Law Group, Judd, the J&J Entities, Humphries,
22 Jager, Jongeward, Seybert, and Tanner, by engaging in the conduct described above, directly or
23 indirectly,

- 24 a. made use of means or instruments of transportation or communication in
25 interstate commerce or of the mails to sell securities, as to which no
26 registration statement was in effect, through the use or medium of any
27 prospectus or otherwise;

- 1 b. carried or caused to be carried through the mails or in interstate commerce, by
2 any means or instrument of transportation, securities as to which no
3 registration statement was in effect, for the purpose of sale or for delivery
4 after sale; and
- 5 c. made use of any means or instruments of transportation or communications in
6 interstate commerce or of the mails to offer to sell or offer to buy through the
7 use or medium of any prospectus or otherwise securities as to which no
8 registration statement had been filed.

9 74. In regard to the sale of securities described herein, no exemption validly applied
10 to the registration requirements described above.

11 75. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants Beasley, Beasley Law Group, Judd, the
12 J&J Entities, Jager, Jongeward, Humphries, Seybert, and Tanner violated, and unless enjoined,
13 will continue to violate, Sections 5(a) and (c) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77 e(a) and (c)].

14 **SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

15 **Violations of Section 17(a) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)(1)]**

16 ***(Against Beasley, Beasley Law Group, Judd, the J&J Entities, and Humphries)***

17 76. The Commission re-alleges and incorporates by reference each and every
18 allegation in paragraphs 1–75, inclusive, as if they were fully set forth herein.

19 77. By engaging in the conduct described above, Beasley, Beasley Law Group, Judd,
20 the J&J Entities, and Humphries, and each of them, directly or indirectly, individually or in
21 concert with others, in the offer and sale of securities, by use of the means and instruments of
22 transportation and communication in interstate commerce or by use of the mails,

- 23 a. employed devices, schemes, or artifices to defraud;
- 24 b. obtained money or property by means of untrue statements of material fact or
25 omissions to state material facts necessary in order to make the statements
26 made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not
27 misleading; and

1 c. engaged in transactions, practices, or courses of business which operated or
2 would operate as a fraud or deceit.

3 78. With respect to violations of Section 17(a)(1) of the Securities Act, each of
4 Defendants Beasley, Beasley Law Group, Judd, the J&J Entities, and Humphries engaged in the
5 above-referenced conduct knowingly or with severe recklessness.

6 79. With respect to violations of Sections 17(a)(2) and (a)(3) of the Securities Act,
7 each of Defendants Beasley, Beasley Law Group, Judd, the J&J Entities, and Humphries
8 engaged in the above-referenced conduct was at least negligent in its/his conduct and in making
9 the untrue and misleading statements alleged herein.

10 80. By reason of the foregoing, Beasley, Beasley Law Group, Judd, the J&J Entities,
11 and Humphries violated and, unless enjoined, will continue to violate Section 17(a) of the
12 Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)].

13 **THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

14 **Violations of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Exchange Act Rule**
15 **10b-5 [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5]**

16 *(Against Beasley, Beasley Law Group, Judd, the J&J Entities, and Humphries)*

17 81. The Commission re-alleges and incorporates by reference each and every
18 allegation in paragraphs 1–80, inclusive, as if they were fully set forth herein.

19 82. By engaging in the conduct described above, Beasley, Beasley Law Group, Judd,
20 the J&J Entities, and Humphries, directly or indirectly, individually or in concert with others, in
21 connection with the purchase or sale of securities, by use of the means and instrumentalities of
22 interstate commerce or by use of the mails,

23 a. employed devices, schemes, and artifices to defraud;

24 b. made untrue statements of material facts and/or omitted to state material facts
25 necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances
26 under which they were made, not misleading; and
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1 c. engaged in acts, practices, and course of business which operated as a fraud
2 and deceit upon purchasers, prospective purchasers, and other persons.

3 83. Each of Beasley, Beasley Law Group, Judd, the J&J Entities, and Humphries
4 engaged in the above-referenced conduct and made the above-referenced untrue and misleading
5 statements knowingly or with severe recklessness.

6 84. By reason of the foregoing, each of Beasley, Beasley Law Group, Judd, the J&J
7 Entities, and Humphries have violated and, unless enjoined will continue to violate, Section
8 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Exchange Act Rule 10b-5 [17 C.F.R.
9 § 240.10b-5].

10 **FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

11 **Violations of Section 15(a)(1) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78o(a)(1)]**

12 ***(Against Judd, Humphries, Jager, Jongeward, Seybert, and Tanner)***

13 85. The Commission re-alleges and incorporates by reference each and every
14 allegation in paragraphs 1–84, inclusive, as if they were fully set forth herein.

15 86. By engaging in the conduct described above, Judd, Humphries, Jager, Jongeward,
16 Seybert, and Tanner, and each of them:

- 17 a. engaged in the business of effecting transactions in securities for the account
18 of others; and
19 b. directly or indirectly, made use of the mails or the means or instrumentalities
20 of interstate commerce to effect transactions in, or to induce or attempt to
21 induce the purchase or sale of, securities without being registered as a broker
22 or dealer with the Commission or associated with a broker or dealer registered
23 with the Commission.

24 87. By reason of the foregoing, Judd, Humphries, Jager, Jongeward, Seybert, and
25 Tanner each violated, and unless enjoined will continue to violate, Section 15(a)(1) of the
26 Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §78o(a)(1)].
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1 **FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

2 **Equitable Disgorgement**

3 ***(Against All Relief Defendants)***

4 88. The Commission re-alleges and incorporates by reference each and every
5 allegation in paragraphs 1–87, inclusive, as if they were fully set forth herein.

6 89. Each of the Relief Defendants named in paragraphs 24-34 above obtained money,
7 property, and assets as a result of the violations of the securities laws by Beasley, Beasley Law
8 Group, Judd, the J&J Entities, and Humphries, to which they have no legitimate claim.

9 90. Each of the Relief Defendants should be required to disgorge all ill-gotten gains
10 which inured to their benefit under the equitable doctrines of disgorgement, unjust enrichment
11 and constructive trust.

12 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

13 WHEREFORE, the Commission respectfully requests that this Court enter a final
14 judgment:

15 **I.**

16 Permanently restraining and enjoining all Defendants from, directly or indirectly,
17 engaging in conduct in violation of Section 5 of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77e(a)(1)];

18 **II.**

19 Permanently restraining and enjoining Defendants Beasley, the Beasley Law Group,
20 Judd, the J&J Entities, and Humphries from, directly or indirectly, engaging in conduct in
21 violation of Section 17(a) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)], Section 10(b) of the
22 Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)], and Exchange Act Rule 10b–5 thereunder [17 C.F.R. §
23 240.10b–5];

24 **III.**

25 Permanently restraining and enjoining Defendants Judd, Humphries, Jager, Jongeward,
26 Seybert, and Tanner from, directly or indirectly, engaging in conduct in violation of Section
27 15(a)(1) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78o(a)(1)];

1 **IV.**

2 Permanently restraining and enjoining each of Defendants Beasley, Beasley Law Group,
3 Judd, and the J&J Entities from, directly or indirectly, including, but not limited to, through any
4 entity owned or controlled by each, the issuance, purchase, or sale of any security related to
5 settled litigation claims, except for the purchase or sale of securities listed on a national securities
6 exchange by these Defendants for their own personal accounts;

7 **V.**

8 Permanently restraining and enjoining each of Defendants Judd, Humphries, Jager,
9 Jongeward, Seybert, and Tanner from, directly or indirectly, including, but not limited to,
10 through any entity owned or controlled by each, soliciting any person or entity to purchase or sell
11 any security;

12 **VI.**

13 Ordering Defendants and Relief Defendants to disgorge all ill-gotten gains or unjust
14 enrichment derived from the activities set forth in this Complaint, together with prejudgment
15 interest thereon;

16 **VII.**

17 Ordering all Defendants to pay a civil penalty pursuant to Section 20(d) of the Securities
18 Act [15 U.S.C. § 77t(d)] and Section 21(d)(3) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(3)];

19 **VIII.**

20 Retaining jurisdiction of this action in accordance with the principles of equity and the
21 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure in order to implement and carry out the terms of all orders and
22 decrees that may be entered, or to entertain any suitable application or motion for additional
23 relief within the jurisdiction of this Court; and,

24 **IV.**

25 Granting such other and further relief as this Court may deem just, equitable, or necessary
26 in connection with the enforcement of the federal securities laws and for the protection of
27 investors.

1 Dated: April 12, 2022.

2 Respectfully submitted,

3 **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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