

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JAMES R. COLLINS AND
ROBERT F. DIMEO,

Defendants.

Case No. 21 C 5040

Hon. LaShonda A. Hunt

FINAL JUDGMENT ORDER

The Securities and Exchange Commission having filed a Complaint and Defendants, James R. Collins (“Collins”) and Robert F. DiMeo (“DiMeo”) (collectively “Defendants”) having entered general appearances; consented to the Court’s jurisdiction over them and the subject matter of this action; consented to entry of this Final Judgment; waived findings of fact and conclusions of law; and waived any right to appeal from this Final Judgment:

I.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendants are permanently restrained and enjoined from violating, directly or indirectly, Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (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) 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 fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances

under which they were made, not misleading; or

- (c) to engage in any act, practice, or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon any person.

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

II.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendants are permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Section 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 (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) to obtain money or property by means of any untrue statement of a material fact or any omission of a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; or
- (c) to engage in any transaction, practice, or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon the purchaser.

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

receive actual notice of this Judgment by personal service or otherwise: (a) Defendants' officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys; and (b) other persons in active concert or participation with Defendants or with anyone described in (a).

III.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that, pursuant to Section 21(d)(2) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(2)] [and/or Section 20(e) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77t(e)]], Defendants are permanently prohibited 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. § 78l] or that is required to file reports pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78o(d)].

IV.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Collins is liable for disgorgement of \$450,000, plus interest thereon of \$100,332.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Collins' obligation to make payment of this disgorgement and interest amount shall be deemed satisfied by the entry of the Restitution Order in the related criminal case, *United States v. Collins et al.* 20-cr-232, Dkt. 231 (N.D. Ill), requiring him to pay \$67,243,790.94.

V.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that DiMeo is liable for disgorgement of \$162,500, plus interest thereon of \$36,231.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that DiMeo's obligation to make payment of this disgorgement and interest amount shall be deemed satisfied

by the entry of the Restitution Order in the related criminal case, *United States v. Collins et al.* 20-cr-232, Dkt. 250 (N.D. Ill), requiring him to pay \$67,243,790.94.

VI.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Consents of the Defendants are incorporated herein with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein, and that Defendants shall comply with all of the undertakings and agreements set forth therein.

VII.

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

VIII.

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

IX.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that there is no just reason for delay, pursuant to Rule 54(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Clerk is ordered to enter this Final Judgment forthwith and without further notice.

DATED: December 3, 2025

ENTERED:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lashonda A. Hunt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Lashonda" is written in a larger, more prominent script, followed by "A." and "Hunt". The signature is positioned above a horizontal line.

LASHONDA A. HUNT
United States District Judge