

NOTE: CHANGES MADE BY COURT

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

vs.

KEVIN N. RICHARDS,

Defendant.

Case No. 8:25-cv-02057-FWS-KES

**JUDGMENT AS TO DEFENDANT
KEVIN N. RICHARDS**

1 The Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission having filed a
2 Complaint, (Dkt. 1 (“Complaint”)), and Defendant Kevin N. Richards having
3 entered a general appearance; consented to the court’s jurisdiction over Defendant
4 and the subject matter of this action; consented to entry of this Judgment without
5 admitting or denying the allegations of the Complaint (except as to jurisdiction and
6 except as otherwise provided herein in paragraph VII); waived findings of fact and
7 conclusions of law; and waived any right to appeal from this Judgment:

8 I.

9 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant
10 is permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Section 5 of the Securities
11 Act of 1933 (the “Securities Act”) [15 U.S.C. § 77e] by, directly or indirectly, in
12 the absence of any applicable exemption:

- 13 (a) Unless a registration statement is in effect as to a security, making use
14 of any means or instruments of transportation or communication in
15 interstate commerce or of the mails to sell such security through the
16 use or medium of any prospectus or otherwise;
- 17 (b) Unless a registration statement is in effect as to a security, carrying or
18 causing to be carried through the mails or in interstate commerce, by
19 any means or instruments of transportation, any such security for the
20 purpose of sale or for delivery after sale; or
- 21 (c) Making use of any means or instruments of transportation or
22 communication in interstate commerce or of the mails to offer to sell
23 or offer to buy through the use or medium of any prospectus or
24 otherwise any security, unless a registration statement has been filed
25 with the Commission as to such security, or while the registration
26 statement is the subject of a refusal order or stop order or (prior to the
27 effective date of the registration statement) any public proceeding or
28 examination under Section 8 of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77h].

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

7 II.

8 IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED
9 that Defendant is permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Section 15(a)
10 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") [15 U.S.C. § 78o(a)]
11 by, while acting as a broker or dealer, making use of the mails or any means or
12 instrumentality of interstate commerce to effect any transactions in, or to induce or
13 attempt to induce the purchase or sale of, any security (other than an exempted
14 security or commercial paper, bankers' acceptances, or commercial bills) unless
15 registered as a broker dealer in accordance with Section 15(b) of the Exchange Act
16 [15 U.S.C. § 78o(b)] or associated with a broker or dealer that is registered with
17 the Commission in accordance with Section 15(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C.
18 § 78o(b)].

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

25 III.

26 IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED
27 that Defendant is permanently restrained and enjoined from violating, while acting
28 as an investment adviser, Section 206(2) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940

1 (the “Advisers Act”) [15 U.S.C. § 80b-6(2)] by using the mails or any means or
2 instrumentality of interstate commerce, directly or indirectly, to engage in any
3 transaction, practice, or course of business which operates as a fraud or deceit upon
4 any client or prospective client by, directly or indirectly, (i) creating a false
5 appearance or otherwise deceiving any client or prospective client, or (ii)
6 disseminating false or misleading documents, materials, or information or making,
7 either orally or in writing, any false or misleading statement in any communication
8 with any client or prospective client, about the use of client funds or compensation
9 to any person, including any associated conflicts of interest.

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

16 IV.

17 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that pursuant
18 to Sections 21(d)(1) and (5) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(1) and (5)],
19 Section 20(b) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77t(b)], and Section 209(d) of the
20 Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. § 80b-9(d)], Defendant is permanently restrained and
21 enjoined from, directly or indirectly, including but not limited to through any entity
22 he owns or controls, participating in the issuance, purchase, offer, or sale of any
23 security; provided, however, that such injunction shall not prevent Defendant from
24 purchasing or selling securities for his own personal account.

25 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that, as
26 provided in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(d)(2), the foregoing paragraph also
27 binds the following who receive actual notice of this Judgment by personal service
28 or otherwise: (a) Defendant’s officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys;

1 and (b) other persons in active concert or participation with Defendant or with
2 anyone described in (a).

3 V.

4 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that pursuant
5 to Sections 21(d)(1) and 21(d)(5) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(5)],
6 Section 20(b) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77t(b)], and Section 209(d) of the
7 Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. § 80b-9(d)], Defendant is restrained and enjoined for five
8 years following the date of entry of this Judgment, from, directly or indirectly,
9 acting as or being associated with any broker, dealer, or investment adviser. For
10 purposes of this paragraph:

- 11 (a) a person is associated with a broker or dealer if such person is a
12 partner, officer, director, or branch manager of such broker or dealer
13 (or occupies a similar status or performs similar functions), directly or
14 indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with
15 such broker or dealer, or is an employee of such broker or dealer;
16 (b) a person is associated with an investment adviser if such person is a
17 partner, officer, or director of such investment adviser (or performs
18 similar functions), or directly or indirectly controls or is controlled by
19 such investment adviser, including any employee of such investment
20 adviser.

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

VI.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant shall pay disgorgement of ill-gotten gains, prejudgment interest thereon, and a civil penalty pursuant to Section 20(d) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77t(d)], Section 21(d)(3) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(3)], and Section 209(e) of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. § 80b-9(e)]. The court shall determine the amounts of the disgorgement and civil penalty upon motion of the Commission. Prejudgment interest shall be calculated from December 31, 2021, based on the rate of interest used by the Internal Revenue Service for the underpayment of federal income tax as set forth in 26 U.S.C. § 6621(a)(2). In connection with the Commission's motion for disgorgement and/or civil penalties, and at any hearing held on such a motion: (a) Defendant will be precluded from arguing that he did not violate the federal securities laws as alleged in the Complaint; (b) Defendant may not challenge the validity of the Consent or this Judgment; (c) solely for the purposes of such motion, the allegations of the Complaint shall be accepted as and deemed true by the court; and (d) the court may determine the issues raised in the motion on the basis of affidavits, declarations, excerpts of sworn deposition or investigative testimony, and documentary evidence, without regard to the standards for summary judgment contained in Rule 56(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. In connection with the Commission's motion for disgorgement and/or civil penalties, the parties may take discovery, including discovery from appropriate non-parties.

VII.

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

VIII.

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 Defendant, and further, any debt for disgorgement, prejudgment interest, civil penalty or other amounts due by Defendant under the 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 Defendant 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).

IX.

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.

X.

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

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: December 16, 2025



Hon. Fred W. Slaughter
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE