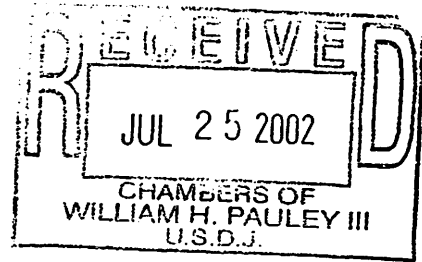


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK



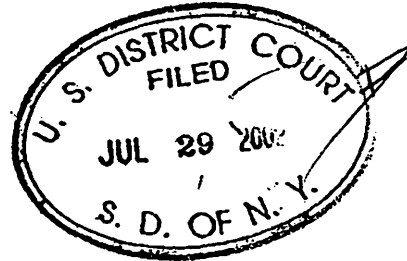
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,
v.

MAX C. TANNER, DENNIS EVANS, MARK A.
TAYLOR, SR., KEVIN KIRKPATRICK, KENNETH
KURTZ, KEVIN J. RUGGIERO, MICHAEL
BOSTON, ALEX SHEYFER, and ALEXANDER
ZALMENENKO,

Defendants.

02 Civ. 0306 (WHP) # 46



**FINAL CONSENT JUDGMENT OF PERMANENT INJUNCTION
AND OTHER RELIEF AS TO KEVIN J. RUGGIERO**

Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") having commenced this action by filing a Complaint charging defendant Kevin J. Ruggiero ("Ruggiero") with violations of Sections 5(a), 5(c), and 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act"), 15 U.S.C. §§ 77e(a), 77e(c), and 77q(a), Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act"), 15 U.S.C. §§ 78j(b), and Rule 10b-5 thereunder, 17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5; and Ruggiero, having entered a general appearance; having consented to the Court's jurisdiction over Ruggiero and the subject matter of this action; having consented to entry of this Final Judgment without further notice without admitting or denying the allegations of the Complaint; having waived findings of fact and conclusions of law; and having waived any right to appeal from this Judgment, it is now

I.

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Ruggiero be and hereby is permanently enjoined and restrained, directly or indirectly, singly or in concert, from offering for sale any security for which a registration statement is not in effect by

1. making use of any means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce or of the mails to sell such security through the use or medium of any prospectus or otherwise; or
2. carrying or causing to be carried through the mails or in interstate commerce, by any means or instruments of transportation, any such security for the purpose of sale or for delivery after sale

in violation of Sections 5(a) and 5(c) of the Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. 77e(a) and 77e(c).

II.

FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Ruggiero be and hereby is permanently enjoined and restrained, directly or indirectly, singly or in concert, in the offer or sale of any securities by the use of any means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce or by the use of the mails, from:

1. employing any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud;
 2. obtaining money or property by means of any untrue statement of material fact or any omission to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;
- or

3. engaging in any transaction, practice, or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon the purchaser, in violation of Section 17(a) of the Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. § 77q(a).

III.

FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Ruggiero be and hereby is permanently enjoined and restrained, directly or indirectly, singly or in concert, in connection with the purchase or sale of any security, by the use of any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce, or of the mails, or of any facility of any national securities exchange, from:

1. employing any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud;
2. making any untrue statement of a material fact or omitting 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
3. engaging in any act, practice or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon any person,

in violation of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78j(b), and Rule 10b-5 thereunder, 17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5.

IV.

FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Ruggiero pay disgorgement in the amount of \$821,001.75 as a result of the conduct alleged in the Complaint, together with pre-judgment interest in the amount of \$203,249.38, for a total amount of \$1,024,251. Based upon Ruggiero's sworn representations in his Statement of Financial Condition dated June 6, 2002, and other documents submitted to the Commission, payment of

disgorgement and pre-judgment interest thereon is waived, contingent upon the accuracy and completeness of his Statement of Financial Condition.

V.

FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that based on Ruggiero's sworn representations in his Statement of Financial Condition dated June 6, 2002, and other documents submitted to the Commission, the Court is not ordering Ruggiero to pay a civil penalty. The determination not to impose a civil penalty and to waive payment of disgorgement and pre-judgment interest thereon is contingent upon the accuracy and completeness of Ruggiero's Statement of Financial Condition. If at any time following the entry of this Final Judgment the Commission obtains information indicating that Ruggiero's representations to the Commission concerning his assets, income, liabilities, or net worth were fraudulent, misleading, inaccurate, or incomplete in any material respect as of the time such representations were made, the Commission may, at its sole discretion and without prior notice to Ruggiero, petition the Court for an order requiring Ruggiero to pay the unpaid portion of the disgorgement, prejudgment and post judgment interest thereon, and the maximum civil penalty allowable under the law. In connection with any such petition, the only issue shall be whether the financial information provided by Ruggiero was fraudulent, misleading, inaccurate, or incomplete in any material respect as of the time such representations were made. In its petition, the Commission may move this Court to consider all available remedies, including, but not limited to, ordering Ruggiero to pay funds or assets, directing the forfeiture of any assets, or sanctions for contempt of this Final Judgment. The Commission may also request additional discovery. Ruggiero may not, by way of defense to such petition: (1) challenge the validity of the Consent or the Final

Judgment; (2) contest the allegations in the Complaint filed by the Commission; (3) assert that payment of disgorgement, prejudgment and post judgment interest or a civil penalty should not be ordered; (4) contest the amount of disgorgement and prejudgment and post judgment interest; (5) contest the imposition of the maximum civil penalty allowable under the law; or (6) assert any defense to liability or remedy, including, but not limited to, any statute of limitations defense.

VI.

FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that, pursuant to Rule 65(d) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, this Final Judgment is binding upon Ruggiero, his agents, servants, employees, and attorneys, and those persons in active concert or participation with him or them who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment by personal service or otherwise.

VII.

FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the provisions of the annexed Consent be, and hereby are, incorporated herein with the same force as if fully set forth herein.

VIII.

FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that this Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter for all purposes, including the implementation and enforcement of this Final Judgment.

IX.

FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that, there being no just reason for delay, the Clerk of this Court is hereby directed pursuant to Rule 54(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to enter this Final Judgment forthwith.

CONSENT OF KEVIN J. RUGGIERO

1. Defendant Kevin J. Ruggiero ("Ruggiero"), having read and understood the terms of the Final Consent Judgment Of Permanent Injunction And Other Relief As To Kevin J. Ruggiero ("Final Judgment"), enters a general appearance, consents to the jurisdiction of this Court over Ruggiero and over the subject matter of this action, waives the entry of findings of fact and conclusions of law pursuant to Rule 52 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and, without admitting or denying the allegations contained in the Complaint, except as to jurisdiction, which is admitted, hereby consents to the entry, without further notice, of the Final Judgment.

2. Ruggiero agrees that this Consent shall be incorporated by reference in and made part of the Final Judgment to be presented to the Court for signature, filing and entry contemporaneously herewith.

3. Ruggiero waives any right he may have to appeal from the Final Judgment.

4. Ruggiero acknowledges that any willful violation of any of the terms of the Final Judgment may place him in contempt of this Court and subject him to civil or criminal sanctions.

5. Ruggiero acknowledges that the Final Judgment, including this Consent, embodies the entire understanding of the parties regarding this proceeding.

6. Ruggiero acknowledges that he enters into this Consent voluntarily, and that no tender, offer, promise, threat or representation of any kind has been made by plaintiff Commission or any member, officer, attorney, agent, or representative thereof, to induce him to enter into this Consent.

7. Ruggiero also acknowledges that no promise or representation has been made by plaintiff Commission or its staff with regard to: (1) any criminal liability that may have arisen or may arise from the facts underlying this action; or (2) immunity from any such criminal liability.

8. Ruggiero acknowledges that he has been informed and understands that Plaintiff Commission, at its sole and exclusive discretion, may refer or grant access to this matter, or any information or evidence gathered in connection therewith or derived therefrom, to any person or entity having appropriate administrative, civil, or criminal jurisdiction.

9. Ruggiero acknowledges and agrees that this proceeding and his Consent are for the purposes of resolving this proceeding only, in conformity with the provisions of 17 C.F.R. 202.5(f), and do not resolve, affect, or preclude any other proceeding which may be brought against him. Consistent with the provisions of 17 C.F.R. 202.5(f), Ruggiero waives any claim of Double Jeopardy based upon the settlement of this proceeding, including the imposition of any remedy or civil penalty herein. Ruggiero acknowledges that the Court's entry of a permanent injunction may have collateral consequences under federal or state law and the rules and regulations of self-regulatory organizations, licensing boards, and other regulatory organizations. Such collateral consequences include, but are not limited to, a statutory disqualification with respect to membership or participation in, or association with a member of, a self-regulatory organization. This statutory disqualification has consequences that are separate from any sanction imposed in an administrative proceeding.

11. Ruggiero acknowledges that neither this Consent nor the Final Judgment precludes plaintiff Commission from instituting administrative proceedings against Ruggiero

based upon or relating to any of the matters alleged in the Complaint herein or upon the entry of the Final Judgment.

12. Ruggiero agrees and undertakes to disgorge \$821,001.75, representing gains from the conduct alleged in the Complaint, and prejudgment interest thereon in the amount of \$203,249.38; provided, however, that payment of such disgorgement and prejudgment interest thereon is waived, based upon Ruggiero's sworn representations in his Statement of Financial Condition dated June 6, 2002, and other documents submitted to the Commission.

13. Ruggiero acknowledges that the Court is not imposing a civil penalty or requiring payment of disgorgement and prejudgment interest thereon based upon the accuracy and completeness of his Statement of Financial Condition. If at any time following the entry of this Final Judgment the Commission obtains information indicating that Ruggiero's representations to the Commission concerning his assets, income, liabilities, or net worth were fraudulent, misleading, inaccurate, or incomplete in any material respect as of the time such representations were made, Ruggiero understands and agrees that the Commission may, at its sole discretion and without prior notice to Ruggiero, petition the Court for an order requiring Ruggiero to pay the unpaid portion of the disgorgement, pre-judgment and post-judgment interest thereon, and the maximum civil penalty allowable under the law. In connection with any such petition, the only issue shall be whether the financial information provided by Ruggiero was fraudulent, misleading, inaccurate, or incomplete in any material respect as of the time such representations were made. In its petition, the Commission may move this Court to consider all available remedies, including, but not limited to, ordering Ruggiero to pay funds or assets, directing the forfeiture of any assets, or sanctions for contempt of this Final Judgment. The Commission may

also request additional discovery. Ruggiero may not, by way of defense to such petition: (1) challenge the validity of this Consent or the Final Judgment; (2) contest the allegations in the Complaint filed by the Commission; (3) assert that payment of disgorgement, prejudgment and post judgment interest or a civil penalty should not be ordered; (4) contest the amount of disgorgement and prejudgment and post judgment interest; (5) contest the imposition of the maximum civil penalty allowable under the law; or (6) assert any defense to liability or remedy, including, but not limited to, any statute of limitations defense.

14. Ruggiero understands and agrees to comply with the Commission's policy "not to permit a defendant or respondent to consent to a judgment or order that imposes a sanction while denying the allegations in the complaint or order for proceedings," 17 C.F.R. §202.5). In compliance with this policy, Ruggiero agrees not to take any action or to make or permit to be made any public statement denying, directly or indirectly, any allegation in the Complaint or creating the impression that the Complaint is without factual basis. If Ruggiero breaches this agreement, the Commission may petition the Court to vacate the Final Judgment and restore this action to its active docket. Nothing in this provision affects Ruggiero's right to take legal positions in litigation in which the Commission is not a party, or Ruggiero's testimonial obligations in any matter.

15. Ruggiero hereby waives any rights under the Equal Access to Justice Act, the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 or any other provision of law to pursue reimbursement of attorney's fees or other fees, expenses or costs expended by Ruggiero

to defend against this action. For these purposes, Ruggiero agrees that Ruggiero is not the prevailing party in this action since the parties have reached a good faith settlement.

16. Ruggiero hereby consents and agrees that the Final Judgment may be presented by the Commission to the Court for signature and entry without further notice and delay.

Dated: *June 26*, 2002

By: *Kevin J. Ruggiero*
KEVIN J. RUGGIERO

STATE OF)
) ss.:
COUNTY OF)

On this *26* day of *June*, 2002, before me personally appeared Kevin J. Ruggiero, to me known to be the person who executed the foregoing Consent.

Leana Marie Pangandian
NOTARY PUBLIC

LEANA MARIE PANGANDIAN
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
Commission Expires 5/26/2004



SO ORDERED:

Dated: *July 26*, 2002
New York, NY

William H. Pauley III
Honorable William H. Pauley III
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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THIS DOCUMENT WAS EXTENDED
ON THE COURT ON *7/31/02*

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