## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,	)
PLAINTIFF,	) )
v.	) Civil Action No. 1:03-CV-1659
PATRICK BALLINGER, et al.	) Chief Judge Larry J. McKinney
DEFENDANTS.	) Magistrate Judge William T.  Lawrence

## FINAL JUDGMENT AS TO DEFENDANT BENNY G. MORRIS

The Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") having filed a Complaint and defendant Benny G. Morris ("Morris" or "Defendant") having entered a general appearance; consented to the Court's jurisdiction over Defendant and the subject matter of this action; consented to entry of this Final Judgment without admitting or denying the allegations of the Complaint (except as to jurisdiction); waived findings of fact and conclusions of law; and waived any right to appeal from this Final Judgment:

I.

# [PERMANENT INJUNCTION PROHIBITING VIOLATIONS OF SECTION 10(b) OF EXCHANGE ACT AND RULE 10b-5 THEREUNDER]

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant and

Defendant's agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment by personal service or otherwise 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.

II.

# [PERMANENT INJUNCTION PROHIBITING VIOLATIONS OF SECTION 17(a) OF SECURITIES ACT]

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant and Defendant's agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment by personal service or otherwise 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

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(c) to engage in any transaction, practice, or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon the purchaser.

### III.

# [PERMANENT INJUNCTION PROHIBITING VIOLATIONS OF SECTION 5 OF SECURITIES ACT]

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant and Defendant's agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment by personal service or otherwise are permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Section 5 of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77e] by, directly or indirectly, in the absence of any applicable exemption:

- (a) Unless a registration statement is in effect as to a security, 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;
- (b) Unless a registration statement is in effect as to a security, 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; or
- (c) Making use of any means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce or of the mails to offer to sell or offer to buy through the use or medium of any prospectus or otherwise any security, unless a registration statement has been filed with the Commission as to such security, or while the registration statement is the subject of a refusal order or stop order or (prior to the

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effective date of the registration statement) any public proceeding of examination under Section 8 of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77h].

IV.

# **PERMANENT INJUNCTION PROHIBITING VIOLATIONS** OF SECTION 15(a) OF EXCHANGE ACT

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant and Defendant's agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and those persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise. and each of them, be and hereby are permanently enjoined from, directly or indirectly, by the use of any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce or of the mails, effecting any transaction in, or inducing or attempting to induce the purchase or sale of any security (other than an exempted security or commercial paper, bankers' acceptances or commercial bills) unless registered with the SEC as a broker or dealer in accordance with Section 15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 [15 U.S.C. §780(b)], in violation of Section 15(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 [15 U.S.C. §780(a)].

V.

# [ORDER REQUIRING PAYMENT OF DISGORGEMENT and PREJUDGMENT INTERESTI

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant is liable, jointly and severally with Defendant Universal Financial Leasing, Inc., for disgorgement in the amount of \$1,578,438.00 together with prejudgment interest thereon in the amount of \$75,054.00, for a total of \$1,653,492.00. The Commission (or the Receiver appointed by the Court in this action) 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 ten days following entry of this Final Judgment. In response to any such civil contempt motion by the Commission or Receiver, Defendant may assert any legally permissible defense. Payments under this paragraph shall be made to the order of "Resort Hotels" et al. Receivership" and delivered to the Receiver, Stephen P. Bedell, Gardner, Carton & Douglas, 191 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 3700 Chicago, Illinois 60606-1698. Each payment shall be accompanied by a cover letter identifying Defendant as a defendant in this action; setting forth the title and civil action number of this action and the name of this Court; and specifying that payment is made pursuant to this Final Judgment. Defendant shall simultaneously transmit photocopies of each such payment and letter to the Commission's counsel of record in this action. Defendant relinquishes all legal and equitable right, title, and interest in such payments, and no part of the funds shall be returned to Defendant. The Receiver shall deposit this payment or payments into an interest-bearing account and shall deduct from the account only such fees and expenses as are authorized by the Court. The Court and the parties contemplate that disgorged funds will be distributed to injured investors.

#### VI.

# [ORDER REQUIRING PAYMENT OF CIVIL PENALTIES]

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED, that civil penalties pursuant to Section 20(d) of the Securities Act and Section 21(d)(3) of the Exchange Act are appropriate against Defendant and that Defendant shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$120,000.00. Defendant shall pay the civil penalty amount within ten (10) business days after entry of this Final Judgment to the "Resort Hotels et al Receivership," by cashier's check, certified check or United States postal money order and delivered to Stephen Bedell, Esq., Gardner, Carton & Douglas, 191 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 3700, Chicago, Illinois 60606-1698.

This payment shall be submitted under a cover letter that identifies the Defendant as a defendant in this matter and the case number of this matter, a copy of which cover letter and money order or check shall be sent to the Commission's counsel in this action. The Receiver shall deposit this payment or payments into a segregated interest-bearing account, pursuant to the Fair Fund provisions of Section 308(a) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, 15 U.S.C. § 7246, which provides that civil penalties may be distributed to injured investors, rather than paid to the U.S. Treasury, in accordance with a Court-approved plan of distribution of investor funds ("Fair Fund distribution"). No portion of this civil penalty amount may be used for any purpose other than for a Fair Fund distribution to injured investors, to the extent that the total amount of disgorgement and interest ultimately paid by all defendants in this action remains insufficient to make whole all investors injured in connection with this lawsuit. To the extent that the disgorgement and interest payments received from Defendant and the other defendants in this action are sufficient to make whole all injured investors without resort to using the entire portion of the civil penalty amount, then the Receiver shall: (1) pay any such remaining civil penalty by certified check, bank cashier's check, or United States postal money order payable to the Securities and Exchange Commission; (2) deliver or mail such payment(s) to the Office of Financial Management, Securities and Exchange Commission, Operations Center, 6432 General Green Way, Mail Stop 0-3, Alexandria, Virginia 22312; and (3) submit such payment(s) under a cover letter setting forth the reason for the payment(s), the title and civil action number of this matter, and the name of this Court. A copy of such cover letter and money order or check shall be sent to the Commission's counsel in this action.

Regardless of whether any Fair Fund distribution is made, amounts ordered to be paid as civil penalties pursuant to this Judgment shall be treated as penalties paid to the government for

all purposes, including all tax purposes. To preserve the deterrent effect of the civil penalty. Defendant shall not, in any Related Investor Action, benefit from any offset or reduction of any investor's claim by the amount of any distribution to such investor in this action that is proportionately attributable to the civil penalty paid by Defendant ("Penalty Offset"). If the court in any Related Investor Action grants such an offset or reduction, Defendant shall, within 30 days after entry of a final order granting the offset or reduction, notify the Commission's counsel in this action and pay the amount of the Penalty Offset to the United States Treasury or to a Fair Fund, as the Commission directs. Such a payment shall not be deemed an additional civil penalty and shall not be deemed to change the amount of the civil penalty imposed in this Judgment. For purposes of this paragraph, a "Related Investor Action" means a private damages action brought against Defendant by or on behalf of one or more investors based on substantially the same facts as alleged in the Complaint in this action.

The Commission (or the Receiver appointed by the Court in this action) may enforce the Court's judgment for civil penalties through all collection procedures authorized by law at any time after ten days following entry of this Final Judgment. In response to any such collection proceeding brought by the Commission or Receiver, Defendant may assert any legally permissible defense.

#### VII.

## [MODIFICATION OF RECEIVER ORDER]

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the order appointing Stephen P. Bedell, Esq. as Receiver over the entity defendants in this action, which was modified by separate order, entitled First Supplemental Receiver Order, shall enable the Receiver to: (a) manage, marshal and liquidate the assets of the Defendant and Defendant's

business entities in order to satisfy this judgment; (b) prepare, recommend and implement a plan of distribution of those assets to injured investors, and (c) distribute those assets to injured investors.

#### VIII.

## [CONTINUATION OF ASSET FREEZE]

against Defendant will remain in effect until the monetary portions of this Final Judgment are satisfied, all assets are liquidated, or for eighteen months following the entry of this Final Judgment, whichever occurs first; except, however, that the asset freeze is hereby modified to provide Defendant with the ability to spend up to \$3,000 per month from any income that he legitimately and lawfully earns during this period. Defendant is required to send a written report to the SEC and the Receiver every two months, from the date of entry of this order until such time as the asset freeze is lifted, setting forth the source of all income received by him during the preceding two month period, briefly describing the basis for the income and providing a contact person who can verify the payment(s) of the income and the reason(s) for which the payment(s) was made. To the extent that Defendant receives more than \$3,000 of income during any month in which the asset freeze is in place, such additional sums shall be paid to the Receiver and applied to Defendant's disgorgement obligations.

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IX.

# [SHARING OF DISGORGEMENT AMONG INVESTORS IN TWO LAWSUITS]

The Court understands that some of the funds invested by investors in an investment program that is the subject of a lawsuit styled as SEC v. First Choice Management Services, Inc., Case No. 3:01CV0446RM, currently pending in the federal district court for the Northern District of Indiana (the "First Choice" lawsuit), were applied to one or more of the investment programs that are the subject of this lawsuit. The Court understands that some of the amounts paid in connection with this lawsuit may be used to pay investors whose claims arise in the First Choice lawsuit. The Court also understands that the Receiver in the First Choice action has filed a claim against Defendant, and that the parties have agreed to separately settle such claim in that lawsuit. The Court does not make any ruling at this time concerning the allocation of assets collected pursuant to this Final Judgment, and understands that the Receivers for the two actions and the SEC are working together to determine the appropriate allocation percentages. In the event that the Receivers and the SEC are unable to agree upon the appropriate allocation of assets collected pursuant to this Final Judgment, any of them may move this Court for appropriate relief.

X.

## [INCORPORATION OF CONSENT OF DEFENDANT MORRIS]

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Consent of Defendant Morris filed in connection with the SEC's motion for entry of this Final Judgment, are incorporated in this Final Judgment 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.

## XI.

## [RETENTION OF JURISDICTION]

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.

## XII.

## [RULE 54(b) CERTIFICATION]

There being 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.

### SO ORDERED:

Dated: September 29th, 2004

United States District Court

Southern District of Indiana