

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND
EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Plaintiff,

vs.

JOHN T. PLACE, *et al.*,

Defendants.

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KATE BARKMAN, Clerk
By _____ Dep. Clerk

Civil No. 2:16-cv-04291-MMB

FINAL JUDGMENT AS TO DEFENDANTS JOHN KIRK AND PAUL KIRK

The Securities and Exchange Commission having filed a Complaint and Defendants John Kirk and Paul Kirk (collectively, “Defendants”) having entered general appearances, consented to the Court’s jurisdiction over themselves 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 and except as otherwise provided herein in paragraph V), waived findings of fact and conclusions of law, and waived any right to appeal from this Final Judgment; and

The Court having previously issued an Order dated February 14, 2019, granting partial summary judgment in favor of the Commission and against Defendants with respect to the Commission’s claims under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”) Section 10(b) [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder[17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5], Section 20(a) [15 U.S.C. § 78t(a)], and Section 20(e) [15 U.S.C. § 78t(e)]:

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

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 Final 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 FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendants are permanently restrained and enjoined from violating, directly or indirectly, Section 15(c)(1) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78o(c)(1)] by using the mails or any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce to effect any transaction in, or to induce or attempt to induce the purchase or sale of, any security by means of a manipulative, deceptive, or other fraudulent device or contrivance.

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 Final 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 John Kirk is liable for disgorgement of \$379,795.45, representing profits gained as a result of the conduct alleged in the Complaint, together with prejudgment interest thereon in the amount of \$99,974.45, and a civil penalty in the amount of \$379,795.45 pursuant to Section 21(d)(3) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(3)]. John Kirk shall satisfy this obligation by paying \$859,565.35 to the Securities and Exchange Commission within 14 days after entry of this Final Judgment.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Paul Kirk is liable for disgorgement of \$90,939.10, representing profits gained as a result of the conduct alleged in the Complaint, together with prejudgment interest thereon in the amount of \$23,938.12, and a civil penalty in the amount of \$90,939.10 pursuant to Section 21(d)(3) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(3)]. Paul Kirk shall satisfy this obligation by paying \$205,816.32 to the Securities and Exchange Commission within 14 days after entry of this Final Judgment.

Defendants may transmit payment electronically to the Commission, which will provide detailed ACH transfer/Fedwire instructions upon request. Payment may also be made directly from a bank account via Pay.gov through the SEC website at <http://www.sec.gov/about/offices/ofm.htm>. Defendants may also pay by certified check, bank cashier's check, or United States postal money order payable to the Securities and Exchange

Commission, which shall be delivered or mailed to

Enterprise Services Center
Accounts Receivable Branch
6500 South MacArthur Boulevard
Oklahoma City, OK 73169

and shall be accompanied by a letter identifying the case title, civil action number, and name of this Court; John Kirk or Paul Kirk as a defendant in this action; and specifying that payment is made pursuant to this Final Judgment.

Defendants shall simultaneously transmit photocopies of evidence of payment and case identifying information to the Commission's counsel in this action. By making this payment, Defendants relinquish all legal and equitable right, title, and interest in such funds and no part of the funds shall be returned to them.

The Commission may enforce the Court's judgment for disgorgement or prejudgment interest by moving for civil contempt (and/or through other collection procedures authorized by law) at any time after 14 days following entry of this Final Judgment. Defendants shall pay postjudgment interest on any delinquent amounts pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1961.

Amounts collected shall be applied first to disgorgement, then prejudgment interest, then civil penalty, until the disgorgement, prejudgment interest, and civil penalty amounts in this Final Judgment are fully satisfied; only then shall any amount be applied to postjudgment interest.

The Commission shall hold the funds (collectively, the "Fund") and may propose a plan to distribute the Fund subject to the Court's approval. The Court shall retain jurisdiction over the administration of any distribution of the Fund. If the Commission staff determines that the Fund will not be distributed, the Commission shall send the funds paid pursuant to this Final Judgment to the United States Treasury.

Regardless of whether any such 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, neither Defendant shall, after offset or reduction of any award of compensatory damages in any Related Investor Action based on his payment of disgorgement in this action, argue that he is entitled to, nor shall he further benefit by, offset or reduction of such compensatory damages award by the amount of any part of his payment of a civil penalty in this action ("Penalty Offset"). If the court in any Related Investor Action grants such a Penalty Offset, the Defendants to whom it is granted shall, within 30 days after entry of a final order granting the Penalty Offset, 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 either Defendant by or on behalf of one or more investors based on substantially the same facts as alleged in the Complaint in this action.

IV.

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 John Kirk and by Paul Kirk, and further, any debt for disgorgement, prejudgment interest, civil penalty or other amounts due by John Kirk or Paul Kirk 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

that 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).

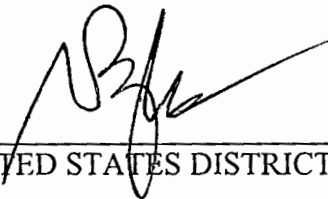
V.

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.

VI.

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.

Dated: July 22, 2019



UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE