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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA 9 2094
CHARLESTON DIVISION

LARRY W. PROPES, CLERK CHARLESTON, SC SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, ) ) CIVIL ACTION FILE Plaintiff, ) NO. 2:02-1806-18 ) v. SOUTHERN FINANCIAL GROUP, INC., RICHARD M. WOOTEN, CHARLES DENNIS McKITTRICK and GERALD F. HUNTER, JR., Defendants, and SPRINGDALE INVESTMENTS, INC., and ATLANTIC SECURITIES EXCHANGE, INC., Relief Defendants.

## FINAL JUDGMENT AS TO RICHARD M. WOOTEN

The Securities and Exchange Commission having filed a Complaint and Defendant Richard M. Wooten ("Wooten") 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.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that defendant Wooten, his agents, servants, employees, attorneys, assigns, 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:

- (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,

in connection with the purchase or sale of any security.

II.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant Wooten, his agents, servants, employees, attorneys,

assigns, 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 [15 U.S.C. §77q(a)] in the offer of any security by the use of any means or instruments of transportation or communication 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.

## III.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant Wooten, his agents, servants, employees, attorneys, assigns, 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 directly or indirectly aiding and abetting violations of Section 15(c)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 [15 U.S.C.

780(c)(3)] and Rules 15c3-1 and 15c3-3 [17 C.F.R. 240.15c3-1 and 240.15c3-3], promulgated thereunder by, directly or indirectly, through the use of any means or instrumentalities of interstate commerce, or of the mails, to effect any transaction in, or to induce or to attempt to induce the purchase or sale of any security in contravention of such rules and regulations as the Commission shall prescribe as necessary and appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors to provide safeguards with respect to financial responsibility and related practices of brokers or dealers, including, but not limited to, the maintenance of reserves.

IV.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant Wooten, his agents, servants, employees, attorneys, assigns, 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 directly or indirectly aiding and abetting violations of Section 17(a)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 [15 U.S.C. 78q(a)(1)] and Rules 17a-3, 17a-5 and 17a-11 [17 C.F.R. 240.17a-3, 240.17a-5 and 240.17a-11], promulgated thereunder, by failing to keep current books and records.

V.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that

based on Defendant's sworn representations in his Statement of Financial Condition dated December 23, 2002, and other documents and information submitted to the Commission, the Court is not ordering Defendant to pay a civil penalty and payment of \$499,071 of disgorgement and pre-judgment interest thereon is waived. The determination not to impose a civil penalty and to waive payment of \$499,071 of disgorgement and pre-judgment interest is contingent upon the accuracy and completeness of Defendant's Statement of Financial Condition. If at any time following the entry of this Final Judgment the Commission obtains information indicating that Defendant'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 Defendant, petition the Court for an order requiring Defendant 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 Defendant 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 Defendant 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. Defendant 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, pre-judgment and post-judgment interest or a civil penalty should not be ordered; (4) contest the amount of disgorgement and pre-judgment 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.

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.

VII.

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.

## VIII.

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:

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