

**STATE OF ILLINOIS  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
SECURITIES DEPARTMENT**

**IN THE MATTER OF: THE MADDOX GROUP >  
GREGORY D. MADDOX**

**) FILE NO. 0900267  
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**TEMPORARY ORDER OF PROHIBITION**

**TO THE RESPONDENT:**

**THE MADDOX GROUP  
Attn: Gregory D. Maddox  
1415 Sherman Avenue #404  
Evanston, Illinois 60201**

**Gregory D. Maddox  
1415 Sherman Avenue #404  
Evanston, Illinois 60201**

On information and belief, I, Jesse White, Secretary of State for the State of Illinois, through my designated representative, who has been fully advised in the premises by the staff of the Securities Department, Office of the Secretary of State, herein finds: Unregistered Investment Adviser/Dealer activities and False and Misleading Advertisement on Website.

- 1 The Respondent, The Maddox Group ("Maddox Group") is an entity which maintains a web site that states the firm is located Evanston, Illinois. The website gives 1601 Sherman Avenue, Suite 300, Evanston, Illinois 60201 as the firm's address.
- 2 Gregory D. Maddox ("Respondent Maddox" or collectively with Respondent Maddox Group, "Respondents") is President of Respondent Maddox Group at all relevant times herein. His last known address is 1415 Sherman Avenue #404, Evanston, Illinois 60201.
- 3 According to its website, Respondent Maddox Group (1) is a strategic financial services firm which provides financial planning reviewing "investment goals" of its clients; (2) helps plan out and implement unique and comprehensive financial plans to achieve financial goals of clients; and (3) lists Rational Capital Management LLC as a registered investment advisor.

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4. Rational Capital Management LLC is not a registered investment advisor.
5. The services as provided to the general public in paragraph three (3) above, constitute the activities of an Investment Adviser as defined in Section 2.11 of the Act.
6. The Department has searched its Records and the Department has found no record of Registration for Respondent as an investment adviser in the State of Illinois, in accordance with the registration requirements of the Act.
7. The Respondent Maddox Group failed to file with the Secretary of State applications for registration as required by the Act:
  - a. failed to file an application for registration as an Investment Adviser pursuant to Section 8.D, or to notice file pursuant to Section 8.C(5) of the Act.
8. Section 12.A of the Act provides that it shall be a violation for any person to offer or sell any security except in accordance with the provisions of the Act.
9. Section 12.D of the Act provides, inter alia, that it shall be a violation for any person to fail to file with the Secretary of State any application, report or document required to be filed under the provisions of the Act or any rule or regulation made by the Secretary of State pursuant to the Act.
10. In failing to file applications to register as a dealer, and as an investment adviser pursuant to Section 8 of the Act, Respondent Maddox Group violated Sections 12.A and 12.D of the Act.
11. Respondent Maddox Group's website contains false and misleading advertising.
  - a. Respondent states the firm has an office in Chicago and is a strategic financial services firm which provides financial planning reviewing "investment goals" of its clients; helps plan out and implement unique and comprehensive financial plans to achieve financial goals of clients; and lists Rational Capital Management LLC as a registered investment advisor.
  - b. Respondent omitted to state that the firm was not registered as an investment adviser in the State of Illinois as they are required to be, to engage in the activities in 11.a above.
12. Section 12.F of the Act provides that it shall be a violation of the provisions of this Act for any person to engage in any transaction, practice or course of business

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in connection with the sale or purchase of securities which works or tends to work a fraud or deceit upon the purchaser or seller thereof.

13. Section 12.G of the Act provides that it shall be a violation of the provisions of this Act for any person to provides, obtain money or property through the sale of securities by means of any untrue statement of a 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.
14. Section 12.I of the Act provides that it shall be a violation of the provisions of this Act for any person to employ any device, scheme or artifice to defraud in connection with the sale or purchase of any security, directly or indirectly.
15. By virtue of the foregoing paragraph 9, Respondent Maddox Group v iolated Sections 12 F, G, and I of the Act.
16. Section 12.J of the act provides that when acting as an investment adviser, by any means or instrumentality, directly or indirectly:
  - (1) To employ any device, scheme or artifice to defraud any client or prospective client;
  - (2) To engage in any transaction, practice, or course of business which operates as a fraud or deceit upon any client or prospective client; or
  - (3) To engage in any act, practice, or course of business which if fraudulent, deceptive or manipulative. The Secretary of State shall for the purposes of this paragraph (3), by rules and regulations, define and prescribe means reasonably designed to prevent such acts, practices, and courses of business as are fraudulent, deceptive, or manipulative.
17. By virtue of the foregoing paragraph 3, Respondent Maddox Group v iolated 12.J(1), (2), and (3) of the Act.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT: Pursuant to the authority granted by Section 11.F of the Act, the Respondents **The Maddox Group** and **Gregory D. Maddox** are **PROHIBITED** from offering or selling securities or providing investment advisory services in or from this State until the further Order of the Secretary of State.

NOTICE is hereby given that Respondents may request a hearing on this matter by transmitting such request in writing to Tanya Solov, Director, Illinois Securities Department, 69 West Washington Street, Suite 1220, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Such request must be made within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of entry of the Temporary Order of Prohibition. Upon receipt of a request for hearing, a hearing will be scheduled as soon as reasonable practicable. A

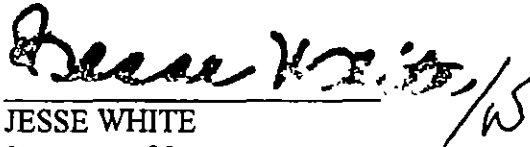
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request for hearing will not stop the effectiveness of this Temporary Order and will extend the effectiveness of this Temporary Order for sixty days from the date the hearing request is received by the Department.

FAILURE BY ANY RESPONDENT TO REQUEST A HEARING WITHIN THIRTY (30) CALENDAR DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF THIS TEMPORARY ORDER OF PROHIBITION SHALL CONSTITUTE AN ADMISSION OF ANY FACTS ALLEGED HEREIN AND SHALL CONSTITUTE SUFFICIENT BASIS TO MAKE THIS TEMPORARY ORDER OF PROHIBITION FINAL.

Dated this 3rd day of April 2013.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jesse White", is written over a horizontal line. To the right of the signature, there is a handwritten mark that looks like "WS" or "1/5".

JESSE WHITE  
Secretary of State  
State of Illinois

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