

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

IN THE MATTER OF: Jonathan S. Nelson and Illinois)
Agricultural and Financial Trading)
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File No. 13-00368

TEMPORARY ORDER OF PROHIBITION

TO RESPONDENT:

Jonathan S. Nelson
616 Elgin Avenue
Forest Park, IL 60130

Illinois Agriculture and Financial Trading
C/o Jonathan S. Nelson
616 Elgin Avenue
Forest Park, IL 60130

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:

1. That Respondent Jonathan (hereinafter "Nelson") is an individual whose last known address is 616 Elgin Avenue, Forest Park, IL 60130.
2. That Respondent Jonathan S. Nelson was last registered with the State of Illinois in April of 2002 as a salesperson. He has never been registered as an Investment Advisor Representative. His CRD# is 2612171.
3. That Respondent Illinois Agriculture and Financial Trading (hereinafter "Illinois Agriculture") has never been registered with the State of Illinois as an investor advisor nor as a brokerage.

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4. That at all relevant times Respondent Nelson held himself out as the managing member of Illinois Agriculture.
5. That Investor A is an Illinois resident.
6. That Nelson on behalf of Illinois Agriculture entered into an agreement (“Agreement”) with Investor A whereby Nelson would trade securities for FBO of Investor A’s IRA account (“Account”).
7. Investor A caused to be transferred approximately \$154,000 in July of 2012 and an additional \$17,000 in August of 2012 to Options Express the clearing house for the subject transactions.
8. That per the Agreement Nelson would receive a fee of 10% of any increase in account value from the previous month.
9. That Respondent’s trading in the Account resulted in substantial losses and by December 31, 2012 the Account had a balance of approximately \$3,900.
10. That Nelson concealed these losses from the Investor A both by providing false and misleading account summaries statements to Investor A as well as not providing statements at all for some months.
11. That Respondent Nelson commingled \$35,000 of Investor A’s funds with those of Illinois Agriculture.
12. That Section 12.C of the Act provides that it shall be a violation of the Act to act as a dealer, salesperson, investment advisor, or an investment advisor representative, unless registered as such, where such registration is required, under the provisions of the Act.
13. That Section 12.F of the Act provides, *inter alia*, that it shall be a violation of the Act for any person to engage in any transaction, practice or course of business in conjunction with the sale or purchase of securities which works or tends to work a fraud or deceit upon the purchaser or seller thereof.
14. That Section 12.J(1) of the Act provides that it shall be a violation of the Act for any person acting as an investment advisor, investment advisor representative, or federal covered investment adviser, by any means or instrumentality, directly or indirectly to employ any device, scheme or artifice to defraud any client or prospective client.

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15. That Section 12.J(2) of the Act provides that it shall be a violation of the Act for any person when acting as an investment adviser, investment adviser representative, or federal covered investment adviser, by any means or instrumentality, directly or indirectly to engage in any transaction, practice, or course of business which operates as a fraud or deceit upon any client or prospective client.
16. That By virtue of the foregoing, Respondent has violated Sections 12.C, 12.F, 12.J(1) and 12.J(2) of the Act.
17. Pursuit to Illinois Secretary of State Order Respondents are permanently Prohibited from selling or offering to sell securities in the state of Illinois.
18. That the aforementioned findings are based upon credible evidence.
19. That Section 11.F (2) of the Act provides, inter alia, that the Secretary of State may temporarily prohibit the offer or sale of securities by any person, without notice and prior hearing, if the Secretary of State shall deem it necessary to prevent an imminent violation of the Act or to prevent losses to investors that will occur as a result of prior violations of the Act.
20. That the entry of this Temporary Order prohibiting Respondents, or its agents, affiliates, successors and employees, from acting as an Investor Advisor or as an Investor Advisor Representative in the State of Illinois is in the public interest and for the protection of the investing public and is consistent with the purposes intended by the provisions of the Act.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT: pursuant to the authority granted by Section 11.F of the Act, Respondent Illinois Agriculture and Financial Trading is PROHIBITED from acting as Investment Advisor and Respondent Jonathan Nelson is PROHIBITED from acting as an Investment Advisor Representative in 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 the 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 reasonably practicable. A 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.

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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 17th day of October 2014.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jesse White" followed by a stylized monogram "JW".

JESSE WHITE
Secretary of State
State of Illinois

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