

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
SECURITIES DEPARTMENT

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IN THE MATTER OF: Tracy Monti  
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FILE NO. 1400235

ORDER OF PROHIBITION

TO RESPONDENT: Tracy Monti  
311 N Parkside Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60644

WHEREAS, the above-captioned matter came on to be heard on May 2, 2017 pursuant to the Notice of Hearing dated June 7, 2016 filed by Petitioner Illinois Secretary of State, and the record of the matter under the Illinois Securities Law of 1953 [815 ILCS 5] (the "Act") has been reviewed by the Secretary of State or his duly authorized representative.

WHEREAS, the rulings of the Hearing Officer on the admission of evidence and all motions are deemed to be proper and are hereby concurred with by the Secretary of State.

WHEREAS, the proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendations of the Hearing Officer, James L. Kopecky, Esq., in the above-captioned matter have been read and examined.

WHEREAS, the proposed Findings of Fact of the Hearing Officer are correct and are hereby adopted as the Findings of Fact of the Secretary of State:

1. That the Department properly served the Respondent with the Notice of Hearing.
2. That the Respondent did not appear and did not file an answer or other responsive pleading.
3. That Respondent Tracy Monti (herein after "Monti") is an individual whose last known address is 1916 N Keystone Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60639.

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4. That Monti was in the business of reselling tickets to events including concerts and sporting events.
5. That Monti was not licensed as a ticket broker in Illinois although she was required to be so.
6. That Investor A is an Illinois resident and was so during all relevant times.
7. That in August 2010 Investor A entered into an agreement with Monti in which he invested \$15,000. The agreement called for Monti to purchase concert tickets and resell them at a substantial profit and return to Investor A \$40,000 by January 20, 2011. Monti did not return the money.
8. That in September 2010 Investor A entered into an agreement with Monti in which he invested \$18,750. The agreement called for Monti to purchase concert tickets and resell them at a substantial profit and return to Investor A a total of \$53,000 by January 20, 2011. Monti did not return the money.
9. That in October 2010 Investor A entered into an agreement with Monti in which he invested \$28,750. The agreement called for Monti to purchase concert tickets and resell them at a substantial profit and return to Investor A \$63,000 by January 20, 2011. Monti did not return the money.
10. That in October 2010 Investor A entered into an agreement with Monti in which he invested \$28,750. The agreement called for Monti to purchase concert tickets and resell them at a substantial profit and return to Investor A \$40,000 by January 20, 2011. Monti did not return the money.
11. That Investor B is an Illinois resident and was so during all relevant times.
12. That between December of 2011 and March 2012 Investor B entered into approximately 11 verbal agreements with Monti in which he invested over \$300,000. The agreements called for Monti to purchase event tickets, resell them and split the profit with Investor B. Monti and Investor B entered into a repayment agreement in June of 2012. At the time of the agreement \$125,000 was still owed.
13. That Monti failed to disclose to both Investor A and Investor B that she was unable to purchase and resell the tickets as anticipated but continued to accept additional investments.
14. That Monti failed to disclose the substantial risk of the investment and the fact that she was not a licensed ticket broker. Monti did not provide a prospectus.

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15. Monti failed to file with the Secretary of State and application for registration of the securities and Monti did not register with the Secretary of State to offer and sell securities.

WHEREAS, the proposed Conclusions of Law made by the Hearing Officer are correct and are hereby adopted as the Conclusions of Law of the Secretary of State:

1. The Department properly served the Notice of Hearing on Respondent Monti.
2. The Notice of Hearing included the information required under Section 1102 of the Code.
3. The Secretary of State has jurisdiction over the subject matter pursuant to the Act.
4. Because of Respondent's failure to file a timely answer, make a special appearance or other responsive pleading in accordance with Section 1104:
  - (a) the allegations contained in the Notice of Hearing are deemed admitted;
  - (b) Respondent waived her right to a hearing;
  - (c) Respondent is subject to an Order of Default.
5. Because Respondent failed to appear at the time and place set for hearing, in accordance with Section 1109, she:
  - (a) waived her right to present evidence, argue, object or cross examine witnesses; or
  - (b) otherwise participate at the hearing.
6. That the activities described in the Findings of Fact above constitutes the offer and/or sale of a securities and as those terms are defined in Sections 2.1, 2.5, and 2.5a of the Illinois Securities Law of 1953 [815 HLCS 5] (the "Act").
7. That Section 5 of the Act provides, inter alia, that all securities except those exempt under Section 3 or those offered or sold in transactions exempt under Section 4 shall be registered either by coordination or by qualification prior to their offer or sale in the State of Illinois.

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8. That Respondent failed to file with the Secretary of State an application for registration of the securities described above as required by the Act and that as a result the securities were not registered pursuant to Section 5 of the Act prior to its offer in the State of Illinois.
9. That Section 12.A of the Act provides, inter alia, that it shall be a violation for any person to offer or sell any security except in accordance with the provisions of the Act.
10. That 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.
11. That Section 12.F of the Act provides that it shall be a violation of the Act to engage in any transaction, practice or course of business in connection with the sale or purchase of securities which work or tends to work a fraud or deceit upon the purchaser.
12. That Pursuant to Section 12.G of the Act, it is a violation of the Act to 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 the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.
13. That by virtue of the foregoing, the Respondent has violated Sections 12.A, 12.D, 12.F and 12.G of the Act.

WHEREAS, the Hearing Officer recommended that:

1. An Order of Default be entered against Respondent Monti and that the facts alleged in the Notice of Hearing be deemed admitted.
2. An Order be entered against Respondent Monti in the form of a permanent order of prohibition against Monti from offering or selling securities in or from the State of Illinois.

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State adopts in its entirety the Recommendations made by the Hearing Officer.

NOW THEREFORE, IT SHALL BE AND IS HEREBY ORDERED:

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1. That an Order of Default is hereby entered against Respondent Monti and that the facts alleged in the Notice of Hearing are deemed admitted.
2. That Respondent Monti is **PROHIBITED** from offering or selling securities in or from the State of Illinois.

ENTERED This 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 2017



JESSE WHITE  
Secretary of State  
State of Illinois

Date of Mailing: 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 2017

**NOTICE:** Failure to comply with the terms of this Order shall be a violation of Section 12.D of the Illinois Securities Law of 1953, as amended, 815 ILCS 5/1 et seq. (the "Act"). Any person or entity who fails to comply with the terms of this Order of the Secretary of State, having knowledge of the existence of this Order, shall be guilty of a Class 4 felony.

This is a Final Order subject to judicial review pursuant to the Administrative Review Law, 735 ILCS 5/3-101 et seq. and the Rules and Regulations of the Act (14 Ill. Admin. Code, Ch. I, Sec. 130.1123. Any action for judicial review must be commenced within thirty-five (35) days from the date a copy of this Order is served upon the party seeking review. Mailing of this Order to the Respondent or representative of record constitutes service of the Order.

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