

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

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
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STEVE ARMAND PEDIAN)	No 1600490
(CRD#4504359))	
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TEMPORARY ORDER OF PROHIBITION

TO RESPONDENT:

**STEVE ARMAND PEDIAN
128 Washington
Lake Bluff, Illinois 60044**

And/or

**STEVE ARMAND PEDIAN
203 Autumn Lane
Vernon Hills, IL 60061**

And/or

**STEVE ARMAND PEDIAN
300 Gay Street
Knoxville, TN 37902**

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 Illinois Securities Department ("Department"), Office of the Secretary of State, herein find:

1. Respondent Steve Armand Pedian (at times hereinafter "SAP" or "Respondent") has a last known address of 128 Washington, Lake Bluff, Illinois 60044.
2. In June 2016 the Department opened File #1600490 and under Section 8 of the Illinois Securities Law of 1953 [815 ILCS 5] (the "Act") began to investigate a securities complaint against SAP regarding his alleged fraudulent offering and selling of securities in the State of Illinois.

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3. On or about July 11, 2016 the Department issued a Subpoena, executed by the Secretary of State, directing SAP to deliver specified documents to the Department by July 20, 2016, and to appear for testimony on July 22, 2016.
4. On July 13, 2016 Department investigator Frank Perry personally served Respondent SAP with the Subpoena.
5. SAP failed to deliver the subpoenaed documents as required by the Subpoena; and failed to appear for testimony also as required by the Subpoena.
6. On or about October 24, 2016 the Department issued a Second Subpoena, executed by the Secretary of State, directing SAP to deliver/file certain documents with the Department and to appear for testimony on November 10, 2016.
7. On October 24, 2016 Department investigator Frank Perry personally served Respondent SAP with the Second Subpoena.
8. Respondent SAP failed to file documents with the Department and phoned on the scheduled date of testimony, November 10, 2016, complaining that he had the "flu".
9. Respondent and the Department agreed to continue Respondent's testimony to November 30, 2016.
10. SAP again failed to deliver the subpoenaed documents as required by the Subpoena; and failed to appear for testimony on the agreed continuance date of November 30, 2016.
11. Section 12.D of the Act provides, *inter alia*, that it shall be a violation of the Act 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.
12. By virtue of the foregoing, Respondent violated Section 12.D of the Act by not filing documents and continues to violate the Act by, to this date, not filing said documents with Secretary of State.
13. The Secretary of State's investigation has been impeded by Respondent SAP's refusal to file documents and provide testimony in compliance with the Subpoenas.
14. The aforementioned findings are based upon credible evidence.
15. 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

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imminent violation of the Act or to prevent losses to investors that will occur as a result of prior violations of the Act.

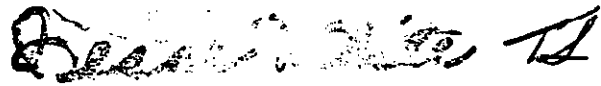
16. The entry of this Temporary Order of Prohibition prohibiting Respondent Steve Armand Pedian from offering or selling securities, or providing investment advice, in the State of Illinois is in the public interest and for the protection of the investing public and is consistent with the purposes intended 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 **Steve Armand Pedian** is **Temporarily Prohibited** from offering or selling securities, or providing investment advice, in or from this State until the further Order of the Secretary of State.

NOTICE is hereby given that Respondent 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 of Prohibition and will extend the effectiveness of this Temporary Order of Prohibition for sixty (60) 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 10th day of October 2017.



JESSE WHITE
Secretary of State
State of Illinois

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