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4. That one or more Illinois residents responded to one or more of those ads stating a refundable advertised price of a \$14,900.00 start-up cost, and purchased the business opportunity (the "Program").
5. The "Program" constituted an agreement between Respondent and the Purchaser whereby Respondent would provide certain services to the Purchaser, including training, and one on one field support to walk the Purchaser through his cases for the first year in setting up their business as "Certified Funding Consultants." Purchaser would then find and analyze cases of attorneys and plaintiffs in need of venture funding for settlement advances, expert witness fees, receivables financing, and appellate or commercial litigation financing ("Clients"), which Clients, if approved by Respondent, would utilize Respondent's capital, on which Purchaser would receive a 50% split of fees on any recovery.
6. That Section 5-5.10(a)(2) of Business Opportunity Sales Law of 1995, [815 ILCS 602 et seq.] (the "Act") provides, inter alia, that a business opportunity is a contract or agreement, between a seller and purchaser, express or implied, orally or in writing, wherein it is agreed that the seller or a person recommended by the seller shall provide to the purchaser any product, equipment, supplies or services enabling the purchaser to start a business when the purchaser is required to make a payment to the seller or a person recommended by the seller of more than \$500 and the seller represents directly or indirectly, orally or in writing, that the seller or a person recommended by the seller will provide or assist the purchaser in finding outlets or accounts for the purchaser's products or services.
7. That Respondent Program, described in paragraph five (5), constitutes a business opportunity as that term is defined in Section 5-5.10 of the Act.
8. That the activities described in paragraph three (3) constitute an "offer" and the activities described in paragraph four (4) constitute a "sale" as those terms are defined under Section 5-5.20 and 5-5.40 of the Act.
9. That Section 5-25 of the Act provides, inter alia, that it is unlawful for any person to offer or sell any business opportunity in this State unless the business opportunity is registered under the Act or is exempt under Section 5-10 of the Act.
10. That at all relevant times, Respondent, their officers and directors, agents, employees, affiliates, successors and assigns, failed to register the business opportunity described in paragraph five (5) as required pursuant to Section 5-25 of the Act.
11. That, by virtue of the foregoing, Respondent violated Section 5-25 of the Act.

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WHEREAS, by means of the Stipulation, Respondent has acknowledged that the following Conclusion of Law, without admitting or denying the averments, shall be adopted as the Secretary of State's Conclusion of Law:

That by virtue of the foregoing, Respondent has violated Sections 12.A and 12.D of the Act.

WHEREAS, by means of the Stipulation, Respondent has acknowledged and agreed that it shall be PROHIBITED from offering and selling any securities in the State of Illinois, except in compliance with the Law.

WHEREAS, by means of the Stipulation, the Respondent agreed that within thirty (30) business days after the entry of this Stipulation, shall pay to the Secretary of State a certified or cashier's check in the amount of Two Thousand dollars (\$2000.00). Said amount shall be made payable to the Secretary of State, Securities Audit and Enforcement Fund and shall constitute reimbursement to the Secretary of State of certain costs incurred in the administration of the Act in this matter.

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State, by and through his designated representative, has determined that the formal hearing scheduled in this matter should be dismissed without further proceeding.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

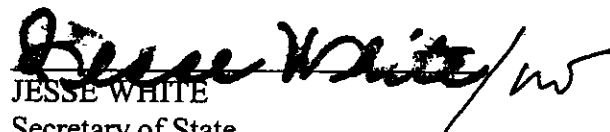
1. The foregoing allegations and Conclusion of Law, which by means of the Stipulation the Respondent has acknowledged shall be adopted as the Secretary of State's Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law, shall be and hereby adopted as the Secretary of State's Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law.
2. Respondent shall be and are PROHIBITED from offering or selling any Business Opportunities in or from the State of Illinois, EXCEPT in compliance with the Act.
3. The Respondent, that within thirty (30) business days after the entry of this Stipulation, shall pay to the Secretary of State a certified or cashier's check in the amount of Two Thousand dollars (\$2000.00). Said amount shall be made payable to the Secretary of State, Securities Audit and Enforcement Fund and shall constitute reimbursement to the Secretary of State of certain costs incurred in the administration of the Act in this matter;
4. The Department shall retain jurisdiction over this proceeding for the sole purpose of enforcing the terms and provisions of the Stipulation reference herein.

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5. The formal hearing scheduled in this matter shall be hereby is dismissed without further proceedings.

ENTERED: This 27th day of August, 2003.


JESSE WHITE
Secretary of State
State of Illinois

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 [815 ILCS 5} (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 3 felony pursuant to 815 ILCS 5/14.