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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

No. 19-6797
(4:12-cr-00101-AWA-RJK-1; 4:18-cv-00028-AWA)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

JEFFREY A. MARTINOVICH,

Defendant - Appellant.

O R D E R

Jeffrey A. Martinovich seeks to appeal the district court's order denying relief on his 28 U.S.C. § 2255 (2012) motion. We grant Martinovich's motion for a certificate of appealability on the following issues: whether Martinovich received ineffective assistance of counsel when his attorney failed to object to (1) judicial interference at trial and (2) testimony regarding the Financial Industry Regulation Authority's investigation into and settlement with Martinovich. A certificate of appealability is denied as to all other claims in Martinovich's § 2255 motion. The Clerk will issue a separate order setting the final informal briefing schedule.

For the Court

/s/ Patricia S. Connor, Clerk