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14	SECURITIES & EXCHANGE COMMISSION					
15	v.	Case No. 2:22-cv-0612-JCM-EJY				
16	MATTHEW WADE BEASLEY; BEASLEY LAW GROUP PC; JEFFREY J. JUDD; CHRISTOPHER R.					
17	HUMPHRIES; J&J CONSULTING SERVICES, INC.,	DEFENDANT RICHARD R.				
18	an Alaska Corporation; J&J CONSULTING SERVICES, INC., a Nevada Corporation; J AND J PURCHASING	MADSEN'S ANSWER TO AMENDED COMPLAINT				
19	LLC; SHANE M. JÄGER; JASON M. JONGEWARD; DENNY SEYBERT; ROLAND TANNER; LARRY					
20	JEFFERY; JASON A. JENNE; SETH JOHNSON; CHRISTOPHER M. MADSEN; RICHARD R.					
21	MADSEN; MARK A. MURPHY; CAMERON ROHNER; AND WARREN ROSEGREEN;					
22	Defendants,					
23	THE JUDD IRREVOCABLE TRUST; PAJ CONSULTING INC; BJ HOLDINGS LLC; STIRLING					
24	CONSULTING, L.L.C.; CJ INVESTMENTS, LLC; JL2 INVESTMENTS, LLC; ROCKING HORSE					
25	PROPERTIES, LLC; TRIPLE THREAT					
26	BASKETBALL, LLC; ACAC LLC; ANTHONY MICHAEL ALBERTO, JR.; and MONTY CREW LLC;					
27	Relief Defendants					
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Defendant, Richard R. Madsen, by and through his counsel of record, answers the Amended Complaint (Dkt. 118), as follows:

SUMMARY

1. This case concerns a long-running fraudulent offering of securities perpetrated by Defendants Matthew Wade Beasley, Esq., his law firm Beasley Law Group PC ("Beasley Law Group"), Jeffrey Judd, Christopher Humphries, and three entities that Judd controlled: J&J Consulting Services, Inc. (a Nevada corporation), J&J Consulting Services, Inc. (an Alaska corporation), and J and J Purchasing LLC (unless otherwise noted, collectively, the "J&J Entities"), a scheme for which Judd, Humphries, and Defendants Shane M. Jager, Jason M. Jongeward, Denny Seybert, Roland Tanner, Larry Jeffery, Jason A. Jenne, Seth Johnson, Christopher M. Madsen, Mark A. Murphy, Cameron Rohner, Warren Rosegreen, and others acted as promoters.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen denies acting as a promoter and lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the remaining allegations in this paragraph and thus denies those allegations.

- 2. The scheme worked as follows: from at least 2017 and continuing through March 2022, the J&J Entities offered investments in purported settlement contracts with tort plaintiffs called "purchase agreements." These investments in the so-called "purchase agreements" constituted securities under federal law. Judd, Humphries, and others told investors:
- a. that they could purchase interests in insurance tort settlements, and that the invested money was used to make advance payments to tort plaintiffs who had reached settlements with insurance companies for tort claims and who were willing to pay a premium to receive a portion of their settlement in advance rather than wait for payment from the insurance companies;

b. that investors would receive returns on their investments of at least 12.5% every 90 days, for an annualized return of 50%, sometimes more, and that the investment had almost zero risk; and

c. that Beasley and Beasley Law Group managed relationships with numerous personal injury attorneys around the country to maintain a supply of purchase agreements to the J&J Entities and their investors.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen denies that the "so-called 'purchase agreements'" constituted securities under federal law, denies the conduct alleged with respect to him, and lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the remaining allegations and thus denies those remaining allegations.

3. From at least 2017 to March 2022, over 600 investors invested in the scheme, and it appears that at least \$449 million in investor funds flowed into the scheme through Beasley Law Group's attorney trust ("IOLTA") account at Wells Fargo, N.A. The amount that investors may have been paid in Ponzi payments is as yet unknown. During that time, Beasley and Judd acted as business partners in the J&J Entities and Beasley purported to act as an attorney for the J&J Entities.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

4. In fact, the purchase agreements were fictitious, a fact which Beasley, Judd, and Humphries knew or were reckless in not knowing. Beasley, Beasley Law Group PC, Judd, and the J&J Entities did not use investor money to purchase interests in personal injury settlements, as Judd, Humphries, Jager, Jongeward, Seybert, Tanner, Jeffery, Jenne, Johnson, C. Madsen, R. Madsen, Murphy, Rohner, Rosegreen, and others represented to actual and prospective investors.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen admits he represented the purchase agreements as interests in personal injury settlements, but lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the remaining allegations and thus denies those allegations.

5. Beasley, Judd, and others used a portion of investors' money to make periodic payments of fictitious "returns" on the purchase agreements to investors in a Ponzi-like fashion, but used the bulk of investor money to fund lavish lifestyles, including purchasing luxury homes and properties, a private jet, ATVs, boats, and numerous luxury cars for themselves and their relatives. Each of Judd, Humphries, Jager, Jongeward, Seybert, Tanner, Jeffery, Jenne, Johnson, C. Madsen, R. Madsen, Murphy, Rohner, and Rosegreen recruited dozens, if not hundreds, of investors into the scheme and received transaction-based compensation for bringing in additional investors and more money from existing investors, even though none of them was a registered broker or dealer, nor associated with a broker or dealer, registered with the Commission.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen admits that he transferred money as returns to investors and received transaction-based compensation for such investors, and that he was not a registered broker or dealer, nor associated with a broker or dealer, registered with the Commission, but denies that the returns were "fictitious," and that he was under any obligation to be a registered broker or dealer, or associated with a broker or dealer, registered with the Commission. As to the remaining allegations in this paragraph, Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegations and thus denies those allegations.

6. On March 3, 2022, agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") executed search warrants at the homes of Judd, Humphries, and Beasley. When agents arrived at Beasley's home, Beasley brandished a pistol and the agents shot him twice. Beasley then locked himself inside his home for nearly four hours. During that standoff, Beasley repeatedly confessed to an

FBI negotiator that the J&J Entities' investment scheme was actually a Ponzi scheme that started in 2016 or 2017.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

7. The Commission brings this action to halt Defendants' violations of the federal securities laws, prevent further harm to investors, and to seek disgorgement and civil penalties stemming from Defendants' wrongdoing, among other remedies.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation as to Commission's intent in bringing this action, and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph. Richard R. Madsen incorporates by reference the Affirmative Defenses alleged below as a response to this allegation.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

8. The Commission brings this action pursuant to Sections 20(b) and 20(d) of the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act") [15 U.S.C. § 77t(b) and (g)] and Sections 21(d) and (e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d) and (e)] to enjoin such acts, practices, and courses of business, and to obtain disgorgement, prejudgment interest, civil money penalties, and such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and appropriate.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen admits that Amended Complaint purports to be be based on the cited statutes, but denies the remaining allegations contained in the paragraph.

9. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to Section 22 of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77v] and Section 27 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78aa].

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen denies te allegations in this paragraph.

10. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to Section 27 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78aa] because Defendants and Relief Defendants are found, inhabit, and/or transacted business in the District of Nevada and because one or more acts or transactions constituting the violations alleged herein occurred in the District of Nevada.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen admits that he transacted business in the District of Nevada, but denies engaging in any acts or transactions constituting violations in the District of Nevada. As to the remaining allegations in the paragraph, Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegations and thus denies those allegations.

11. Defendants were, individually and collectively, involved in the offer and sale of the securities, as that term is defined under Section 2(a)(1) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77b(a)(1)] and Section 3(a)(10) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78c(a)(10)], issued by Defendants J&J Consulting Services, Inc., a Nevada corporation, J&J Consulting Services, Inc., an Alaska corporation, and J and J Purchasing LLC.

ANSWER: Denied.

12. Defendants, directly or indirectly, made use of the mails or the means or instrumentalities of interstate commerce in connection with the conduct alleged in this Complaint.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen admits that he made use of the mails or the means or instrumentalities of interstate commerce, but lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the remaining allegations in the paragraph and thus denies those allegations.

13. **Matthew Wade Beasley** ("Beasley"), age 49, is a resident of Las Vegas, Nevada. Beasley is President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Director of Beasley Law Group PC. Beasley has been licensed to practice law in Nevada since May 2006.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

14. **Jeffrey Jason Judd** ("Judd"), age 50, is a resident of Henderson, Nevada. Judd is director, president, and treasurer of J & J Consulting Services, Inc. (Nevada) and director, president, shareholder, and treasurer of J & J Consulting Services, Inc. (Alaska). Judd is a manager of J & J Purchasing, LLC. Judd personally promoted the "purchase agreement" investment scheme to multiple investors with false and misleading statements and omissions, and he compensated promoters who in turn found additional investors. On information and belief, Judd is a trustee of The Judd Irrevocable Trust.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

15. **Christopher Ronn Humphries** ("Humphries"), age 48, is a resident of Henderson, Nevada. He personally promoted the "purchase agreement" investment scheme to multiple investors. He is a managing member of CJ Investments LLC.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

16. **Beasley Law Group PC** ("Beasley Law Group") is a professional corporation organized in Nevada in 2011 with its principal place of business in Nevada. Beasley controls this entity.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

17. **J&J Consulting Services, Inc.** is a Nevada corporation formed in 2005 with its principal place of business in Nevada ("J&J Nevada"). Judd controls this entity.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

18. **J&J Consulting Services, Inc.** is also the name of an Alaska corporation, incorporated in 2019, with its principal place of business in Nevada ("J&J Alaska"). Judd controls this entity.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

19. **J and J Purchasing LLC** ("J and J Purchasing") is a Florida limited liability company formed in October 2021 with its principal place of business in Nevada. Judd controls this entity.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

20. **Shane Michael Jager** ("Jager"), age 47, is a resident of Henderson, Nevada. He personally promoted the Ponzi scheme to multiple investors and also recruited several additional promoters who worked under his supervision. He received compensation for the investments he procured. Jager is the managing member and owner of Stirling Consulting, L.L.C.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

21. **Jason Myers Jongeward** ("Jongeward"), age 50, is a resident of Washington, Utah. Jongeward promoted the "purchase agreement" investment scheme to multiple investors and received compensation for the investments he procured. Jongeward is the governor of JL2 Investments LLC.

22. **Roland Tanner** ("Tanner"), age 65, is a resident of Henderson, Nevada. He promoted the "purchase agreement" investment scheme to multiple investors and received compensation for the investments he procured.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

23. **Denny Seybert** ("Seybert"), age 44, is a resident of Henderson, Nevada. He promoted the "purchase agreement" investment scheme to multiple investors and received compensation for the investments he procured. He is the manager of Rocking Horse Properties, LLC.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

24. Larry Jeffery, age 49, is a resident of Laguna Beach, California. Jeffery promoted the "purchase agreement" investment scheme to multiple investors and received compensation for the investments he procured. At all relevant times, Jeffery owned and controlled at least two shell companies, FD Consulting Corp. and Capital Core Financial, Inc., which he used to receive investor funds, pay fictitious returns to investors, and receive commissions.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

25. **Jason A. Jenne**, age 52, is a resident of Las Vegas, Nevada. Jenne promoted the "purchase agreement" investment scheme to multiple investors and received compensation for the investments he procured. At all relevant times, Jenne owned and controlled J & D Consulting Firm Inc., a shell company, through which millions of dollars of investor funds flowed.

26. **Seth A. Johnson**, age 35, is a resident of Gilbert, Arizona. Johnson promoted the "purchase agreement" investment scheme to multiple investors and received compensation for the investments he procured. At all relevant times, Johnson owned shell company Prestige Consulting LLC (d/b/a Prestige Legal Funding) with Defendant Cameron Rohner. Johnson and Rohner used Prestige Consulting LLC to receive investor funds, pay fictitious returns to investors, and receive commissions.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

27. **Christopher M. Madsen**, age 46, is a resident of Henderson, Nevada. C. Madsen promoted the "purchase agreement" investment scheme to multiple investors and received compensation for the investments he procured. At all relevant times, C. Madsen owned and controlled Relief Defendant ACAC, LLC, received at least \$6.5 million in proceeds from the investment scheme to which it has no legitimate claim and which Madsen used to receive investor funds, pay fictitious returns to investors, and receive commissions.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen admits that Christopher M. Madsen is 46 years old and a resident of Henderson, Nevada. As to the remaining allegations in the paragraph, Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of those allegations and thus denies those allegations.

28. **Richard R. Madsen**, age 41, is believed to be a resident of Kanab, Utah. R. Madsen promoted the "purchase agreement" investment scheme to multiple investors and received compensation for the investments he procured. At all relevant times, R. Madsen owned and controlled at least four shell companies, including Red Hills Investments, Inc., Battle Born Funding LLC, Ruger Investments Inc, and Ruger Investments RM Inc, through which investment money and fictitious returns flowed. R. Madsen instructed investors to wire money to Ruger

Investments Inc, and used that entity to pay fictitious returns to investors and receive commissions.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen admits that he assisted individuals who approached him about obtaining "purchase agreements," that some individuals who approached him to obtain purchase agreements wired money to, and received returns from, Ruger Investments Inc. Richard R. Madsen denies the remaining allegations in the paragraph. Richard R. Madsen further states that he is 42 years old and has no knowledge as to what Plaintiff "believes" about his residency, but is a resident of Duck Creek, Utah.

29. Mark A. Murphy, age 65, is a resident of Henderson, Nevada. Murphy promoted the "purchase agreement" investment scheme to multiple investors and received compensation for the investments he procured. At all relevant times, Murphy owned and controlled at least two shell companies, American Colocation Services, Inc. and Black Rock Business Services, LLC. Murphy used at least American Colocation Services, Inc. to receive investor funds, pay fictitious returns to investors, and receive commissions.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

30. Cameron Rohner, age 44, is a resident of Gilbert, Arizona. Rohner promoted the "purchase agreement" investment scheme to multiple investors and received compensation for the investments he procured. At all relevant times, Rohner owned and controlled shell company CR6 LLC and co-owned and controlled Prestige Consulting LLC (d/b/a Prestige Legal Funding) with Defendant Johnson. Rohner used CR6 LLC to send investment money to the Beasley IOLTA account and receive fictitious returns, and Rohner and Johnson used Prestige Consulting LLC to receive investor funds, pay fictitious returns to investors, and receive commissions.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

31. Warren Rosegreen, age 44, is a resident of Henderson, Nevada. Rosegreen promoted the "purchase agreement" investment scheme to multiple investors and received compensation for the investments he procured. At all relevant times, owned and controlled Relief Defendant Triple Threat Basketball, LLC, which received over \$9 million in proceeds from the investment scheme to which is has no legitimate claim.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

RELIEF DEFENDANTS

32. **The Judd Irrevocable Trust** is a trust of unknown date and domicile, believed to be under the control of Matthew Beasley, Jeffrey Judd, and/or Jennifer Judd. On information and belief, Matthew Beasley is a trustee. The Judd Irrevocable Trust received at least \$1.4 million in transfers from the Beasley Law Group IOLTA account at Wells Fargo, N.A. ("Beasley Law Group IOLTA"), which were proceeds from the fraud to which it has no legitimate claim.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

33. **PAJ Consulting Inc ("PAJ")** is a Nevada corporation formed in October 2019. Preston Judd, Jeffrey Judd's 22-year-old son, is the president, secretary, and treasurer. PAJ received over \$990,000 from J&J Consulting Services, Inc. between June 2020 and February 2022, which were proceeds of the fraud to which PAJ has no legitimate claim. PAJ also received at least \$824,500 from the Beasley Law Group PC IOLTA, which were proceeds from the fraud to which PAJ has no legitimate claim. PAJ's bank records suggest it has no legitimate business operations. It received large distributions of cash from J&J Consulting Services, Inc. and Beasley

Law Group PC followed by lavish spending on, *e.g.*, travel, gambling, cryptocurrencies, shopping, and restaurants.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

34. **BJ Holdings LLC** is a Nevada limited liability company formed in March 2021. Its managing members are J&J Consulting Services, Inc. and Beasley Law Group, PC. On information and belief, BJ Holdings LLC holds assets that were purchased using investor funds, including a 2008 Hawker Beechcraft 900XP private jet. It received at least \$500,000 in transfers from the Beasley Law Group IOLTA, which are proceeds from the fraud to which it has no legitimate claim.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

35. **Stirling Consulting, L.L.C.** is a Nevada limited liability company formed in April 2018. Its principal place of business is Las Vegas, Nevada. Jager controls this entity. Stirling Consulting, L.L.C. received at least \$30 million from the Beasley Law Group IOLTA account. On information and belief, these were proceeds from the fraud to which it has no legitimate claim.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

36. **CJ Investments LLC** is a Nevada limited liability company formed in November 2019. Its principal place of business is in Henderson, Nevada. Humphries and Jessica Humphries are both managing members of CJ Investments LLC. It received at least \$25 million from the Beasley Law Group IOLTA account. On information and belief, these were proceeds from the fraud to which it has no legitimate claim.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

37. **JL2 Investments, LLC** is a Washington limited liability company formed in November 2019. Its principal place of business was initially Cheney, Washington. Upon information and belief, its principal place of business moved to Washington, Utah in 2021. Jongeward controls this entity. On information and belief, JL2 Investments received proceeds from the fraud to which it has no legitimate claim.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

38. **Rocking Horse Properties LLC** is a Nevada limited liability company formed in January 1997. Its principal place of business is in Nevada. Seybert controls this entity. It received over \$690,000 from the Beasley Law Group IOLTA account. On information and belief, these were proceeds from the fraud to which it has no legitimate claim.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

39. **Triple Threat Basketball, LLC** is a Nevada limited liability company formed in April 2009. Its managers are Warren Rosegreen and Priscilla Rosegreen. It received transfers of over \$9 million from the Beasley Law Group IOLTA account. On information and belief, these were proceeds from the fraud to which Triple Threat Basketball, LLC has no legitimate claim.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

40. **ACAC LLC** is a limited liability company of unknown domicile. A bank account in the name of ACAC LLC received at least \$6.5 million from the Beasley Law Group IOLTA

account. On information and belief, these were proceeds from the fraud to which it has no legitimate claim.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

41. **Anthony Michael Alberto, Jr.** ("Alberto"), age 34, is believed to be a resident of Nevada or Pennsylvania. He received nearly \$4 million in transfers from the Beasley Law Group IOLTA account. Beasley confessed to an FBI negotiator that Alberto was his bookie and he used investor money to pay gambling debts he owed to Alberto. Alberto has received proceeds from the fraud to which he has no legitimate claim.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

42. **Monty Crew LLC** was a Nevada limited liability company formed in January 2019. Its principal place of business was in Nevada. It became inactive in September 2021 and was revoked in February 2022. Its manager was Alberto. It received nearly \$3 million in transfers from the Beasley Law Group IOLTA account. As stated in paragraph 41 above, Beasley confessed that the money paid to Alberto was proceeds from the fraud used to pay gambling debts. Money Crew LLC received investor money to which it has no legitimate claim.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

FACTS

- I. Judd, Humphries, and the J&J Entities Raised Money from Investors with False Representations of an Investment in Personal Injury Settlements.
- 43. Beginning at least as of January 1, 2017 and continuing until March 2022, the J&J Entities, directly and through Judd, Humphries, Jager, Jongeward, Seybert, Tanner, Jeffery, Jenne, Johnson, C. Madsen, R. Madsen, Murphy, Rohner, and Rosegreen offered investments in

purported personal injury settlement contracts. Judd told investors that he had a litigation financing business with his attorney, Matthew Beasley, whereby Judd invested money in contracts with personal injury plaintiffs while Beasley procured those contracts through his contacts with other attorneys around the country. Judd told investors that Beasley and his law firm Beasley Law Group had relationships with personal injury attorneys whose clients had settlements with insurance companies, and who were willing to pay a premium to receive a portion of their settlement in advance rather than wait for payment from the insurance companies. Judd told investors that the J&J Entities entered into "purchase agreements" with the personal injury plaintiffs whereby the J&J Entities advanced to the personal injury plaintiffs a portion of their expected insurance settlement payout, and the plaintiffs repaid the J&J Entities plus interest and fees when their insurance payout arrived.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen admits that he assisted individuals who approached him about obtaining personal injury settlement contracts. Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the remaining allegations in the paragraph and thus denies those allegations.

44. Judd told investors that the purchase agreements came in amounts of \$80,000 or \$100,000, with a term of 90 days, although he also said he allowed investors to split contracts with him or other investors if they wanted to invest less than \$80,000. Judd told different investors that they would receive different returns. Judd told some investors that they would make up to \$22,000 within 90 days on an investment of \$100,000. Judd told other investors they would receive 12.5% on their investments (50% on an annual basis), for a return of \$12,500 within 90 days on an investment of \$100,000 or \$10,000 within 90 days on an investment of \$80,000.

45. Judd told investors that at the end of the 90-day period, the J&J Entities would reinvest the principal in a new purchase agreement with a new tort plaintiff, and the investor could continue to receive his or her promised returns every 90 days. Judd told investors that they could get their principal back rather than reinvesting it at the end of the contract term if they chose.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

46. Judd told investors that the tort plaintiffs who entered the purchase agreements paid an administrative fee of \$5,000, half of which went to Beasley and Beasley Law Group, and the other half of which went to the tort plaintiff's attorney. Judd also told investors that Beasley and Beasley Law Group managed the relationships with the various personal injury attorneys and wrote the agreements with the personal injury plaintiffs, while Judd managed the investment side of the business with assistance from his son Parker Judd. On information and belief, Judd highlighted the fact that attorney Beasley was involved and that investor funds flowed through Beasley Law Group's IOLTA account.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

47. Judd told investors that the risk from investing in the purchase agreements was almost zero. Judd also told some investors that he would make good any investor loss, saying that he and Beasley had a separate fund to make investors whole if a personal injury plaintiff failed to pay on a contract. He claimed he had "never had to use" this fund, because "we've never had one go bad."

48. Humphries, like Judd, promoted the J&J Entities investment scheme to numerous investors. Starting no later than August 2019, Humphries promoted the investment to people at his gym and his church, as well as through friends and family. Like Judd, Humphries told investors that the investment involved funding purchase agreements with personal injury plaintiffs who had settlements with insurance companies but wanted to obtain a portion of their money in advance. Humphries told investors that Matthew Beasley and his law firm Beasley Law Group managed the relationships with various attorneys to supply the purchase agreements to Judd and the J&J Entities. Humphries told investors that the purchase agreements were in amounts of \$80,000 or \$100,000 and paid returns of 13% every 90 days. Sometimes Humphries gave different returns to different investors, sometimes giving as much as 15% every 90 days, and sometimes times giving as low as 10% every 90 days. Humphries told investors that there was little to no risk on the investment. For example, Humphries told one investor in April 2021 that J&J had never had a deal fall through.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

49. Humphries provided contracts to his investors titled "Investor Agreement" that stated in part: "Jeffrey Judd dba J&J Consulting Services Inc. conducts a business where he enters into Purchase Agreements with attorney's clients once a settlement has been reached and an award has been granted. Jeffrey Judd uses his own money and facilitates . . . other acquaintances to purchase these contracts; that act as a lien on the client's settlement." The Investor Agreements included the investor's name, the name of the purported tort plaintiff in whose settlement the investor was investing, and the amount of the investment. The Investor Agreements prohibited the investor "from contacting any parties related to the injury settlement or Purchase Agreement without the prior written consent of Jeffrey Judd." The Investor Agreements identified Humphries as the

"representative" of J&J and said that Humphries was J&J Consulting Services' "Authorized Agent". Humphries signed dozens, if not hundreds, of these Investor Agreements with investors dating from at least as early as March 2020 through December 2021, when Judd instituted new paperwork as discussed in ¶ 59 below.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

50. Humphries told investors that their capital would be reinvested in a new purchase agreement at the expiration of each prior purchase agreement. Humphries would repeatedly represent that his investors' principal had purportedly been reinvested in a new Purchase Agreement by sendingemails giving the name of the new supposed tort plaintiffs and instructing investors how much return they should expect. One such email that Humphries sent to an investor, dated November 23, 2020, stated: "Attached is the Gile deal. This replaces the Gunnaredeal. You make \$2,600 in 90 days." Humphries sent dozens, if not hundreds, of these emails to investors from at least as early as March 2020 through March 2, 2022.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

51. Humphries reacted angrily and dismissively when investors asked questions about the specifics of the purported investments. For example, in February 2022, one investor asked Humphries why J&J needed outside investors when the purported returnswere so high that J&Jcould just fund the contracts through a bank loan and still make a profit. Humphries responded that this question was "loaded" and that the answer would be "loaded" and thus, "I can't possibly answer that." This caused the investor to stop asking questions.

52. Humphries received compensation for bringing new investors into the scheme and for raising additional moneyfrom existing investors. He told one investor that he received 5% of the investor funds he raised and that he made around \$250,000 every three months.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

53. Judd and Humphries typically instructed investors to wire their investment money to BeasleyLaw Group's IOLTA account at Wells Fargo Bank N.A., but sometimes instructed investors to wire their investment money to otheraccounts as well, including an account in thename of J&J Consulting Services, Inc. at U.S. Bank, and an account in the name of Humphries'entity CJ Investments LLC.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

54. Humphries also touted to investors the fact that his wife Jessica Humphries was an attorney. In November 2021, he instructed his investors to complete W-9 tax forms for their investment and send them to Jessica. Jessica provided Forms 1099 to investors.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

II. Defendants' Representations Were Materially False and Misleading

55. The foregoing representations made to investors by Judd, the J&J Entities, and Humphries were materially false and misleading. Judd and the J&J Entities did not invest the investors' funds in contracts with personal injury plaintiffs. Beasley and Beasley Law Group did not actually procure contracts with personal injury plaintiffs and their attorneys.

56. Beasley confessed on March 3, 2022 to an FBI negotiator that the business was a Ponzi scheme. Beasley and Judd returned a small portion of the invested money to investors in Ponzi-type payments to meet investors' expectations of the promised percentages of returns every 90 days. These payments promoted investor confidence in the scheme, encouraged current investors to invest more money, and allowed Beasley, Judd, and Humphries to continue to find new victims. In reality, Beasley, Judd, and Humphries used the majority of investor money for lavish personal expenses and to pay others to promote the scheme.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

57. To lend credibility to the scheme, Beasley created fake "purchase agreements" between J&J Consulting or J and J Purchasing and various purported injured tort plaintiffs and their attorneys, which were then shared with investors by Judd, Humphries and other promoters. Beasley often used the names of real attorneys from around the country (and sometimes even used the names of real personal injury tort plaintiffs) on the fake purchase agreements, but there were no actual underlying tort settlements and the attorneys whose names appeared on the fake purchase agreements had no actual connection to Beasley. An example of one of these "purchase agreements" is attached as **Exhibit A**.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph, except Richard R. Madsen admits that a document titled "Exhibit A: Example of Fake Purchase Agreement" was attached to the Amended Complaint.

58. Until approximately December 2021, Judd provided investors "Investment Agreements" or "Buyer Agreements" purporting to memorialize the investor's investment in a

tort plaintiff's purchase agreement. The agreements were between the investor, and Judd and J&J Consulting Services, Inc. An example of one of the "Investment Agreements" is attached as **Exhibit B**. An example of one titled a "Buyer Agreement" is attached as **Exhibit C**. These agreements were signed by Judd.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph, except Richard R. Madsen admits that a document titled "Exhibit B: Example of Investor Agreement" and a document titled "Exhibit C: Example of Buyer Agreement" were attached to the Amended Complaint..

59. In approximately October 2021, Judd began telling investors that he was making modifications to the business at the suggestion an attorney who conducted a review of the business. As part of these purported business modifications, Judd formed J and J Purchasing LLC in October 2021 and started operating the investment business through J and J Purchasing. In approximately December 2021, as part of the business modifications, Judd started requiring investors to sign new documentation with J and J Purchasing: a Confidential Private Placement Memorandum ("PPM"); a Non-Compete, Non-Disclosure and Non-Solicitation Agreement; a Mutual Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Agreement, and a Confidential Subscription Agreement. Judd personally distributed these documents to some investors, and the Promoter Defendants and other promoters distributed copies to their investors. A copy of the PPM is attached as Exhibit D.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph, except Richard R. Madsen admits that a document titled "Exhibit D: Confidential Private Placement Memorandum ('PPM')" was attached to the Amended Complaint..

60. On or around December 13, 2021, Humphries sent emails to his numerous investors telling them that J & J "conducted a self-imposed business analysis that took the better part of 2021." Humphries told his investors that, going forward, it was a "requirement . . . that everyone had to be at 12.5% return." On or around January 5, 2022, Humphries emailed the PPM and accompanying documents to his investors with instructions to sign and return them.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

61. Judd and Humphries told investors that Beasley managed the relationship with the personal injury attorneys. Humphries repeatedly told investors that they were not allowed to contact the attorneys or plaintiffs whose names appeared on the purchase agreements. As stated above, Humphries included a written prohibition on contacting the attorneys or plaintiffs in the "Investor Agreement" he had his investors sign. On information and belief, Judd also told investors that they were not allowed to contact the attorneys or plaintiffs whose names appeared on the purchase agreements. These instructions kept investors from learning that the attorneys and plaintiffs on the purchase agreements were not actually parties to the purchase agreements, and that the purchase agreements were fake.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

62. Despite this admonition from Judd and Humphries, some investors contacted the attorneys named in the purchase agreements to inquire whether the purchase agreements were real, only to discover that the attorneys had no such personal injury clients and no relationship with Matthew Beasley or Beasley Law Group.

III. Beasley, Beasley Law Group, Judd, the J&J Entities, and Humphries Acted With Scienter

63. Defendants Beasley, Beasley Law Group, Judd, the Judd Entities, and Humphries knowingly or recklessly engaged in the fraudulent scheme detailed in the paragraphs above.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

64. On March 3, 2022, when the FBI attempted to serve a search warrant at his home, Beasley engaged in a standoff for approximately four hours with FBI agents, during which Beasley spoke by telephone with an FBI negotiator. In the recorded calls with the FBI negotiator, Beasley repeatedly confessed that the J&J investment was a Ponzi scheme that he started in 2016 or 2017. He confessed that the purchase agreements were fake and he used the names of attorneys he did not know on the purchase agreements.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

65. Beasley confessed that investors were promised that their investment money would be given to someone who had settled a personal injury case but had not received their settlement money yet. He confessed that he "got names of attorneys" for the scheme but "I never actually talked to them." He confessed that as Jeffrey Judd found more investors, "I made up more attorney's deals and just kept growing it." Beasley confessed that investors "would give their money to me, and I would supposedly send it to a bunch of attorneys" but actually "I kept it and used it to pay, basically pay them back to pay off gambling debts."

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

66. Judd knew or was reckless in not knowing that the purchase agreements were fake and that the investment scheme was a fraud. Judd, as Beasley's business partner in the scheme for

over seven years, either knew that the business was a fraud, or was reckless in not knowing. Judd worked intimately with Beasley throughout the entire scheme. Judd told investors that he and Beasley operated the business together and that Beasley was his attorney. Judd told at least one investor that he saw bank statements and other documentation from Beasley. Had Judd reviewed the bank statements of the Beasley IOLTA account—where, on information and belief, he knew investor funds were aggregated—he would have readily seen that the investment scheme was not a legitimate business and that there were very few, if any, proceeds of personal injury tort settlements pursuant to the purchase agreements flowing into the account.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

67. Further, the J&J Entities, which Judd controlled, were the counterparties on all the purported purchase agreements and Judd supposedly signed them on behalf of his entities. As of February 24, 2022, Judd boasted that he had \$475 million "under management," was doing 450 contracts per week, and had done over 16,000 contracts to date. Judd either knew or was reckless in not knowing that the purported counterparties on those 16,000 contracts did not actually enter the agreements. Judd knew the purchase agreements were never signed by the purported counterparties, or he recklessly disregarded that fact. Had Judd conducted the most basic of due diligence on the fake purchase agreements and the flow of funds to and from Beasley Law Group, it would have revealed the scheme.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

68. Humphries also knew or was reckless in not knowing that the purchase agreement investment scheme was a fraud. Humphries was at least aware of indicia that the tort settlements at issue in the investment were fictitious, but nonetheless acted to hide that fact from investors.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

69. Judd and Humphries acted to hide the fraud from investors by telling them that they were prohibited from contacting the parties to the purchase agreements. Over the years, despite being told not to do so, several investors contacted the attorneys listed on the purchase agreements and the attorneys denied having such clients or entering the purchase agreements. On information and belief, this information made its way back to the promoters, including Humphries, and ultimately to Judd himself.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

70. Various investors pushed their promoters, Judd, and the J&J Entities to answer questions about the inability to verify that the purchase agreements were real, or asked to see documentation such as bank statements showing actual money flows to the purported counterparties on the purchase agreements. When promoters confronted Judd and the J&J Entities about the fact that attorneys on the purchase agreements denied that the purchase agreements were legitimate, Judd hid the fraud by stating to investors that the law firms were probably denying the existence of the contracts simply due to client confidentiality concerns.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

71. At least as early as 2019, Judd started requiring investors to enter non-disclosure agreements as a condition of investing. Judd and his promoters also often required investors to sign a document saying that they were prohibited from contacting any parties related to the personal injury settlement or purchase agreement without the written consent of Jeffrey Judd. Also, the "Investor Agreement" and "Buyer Agreement" documents (Exs. B and C hereto)

expressly prohibited investors from contacting the parties on the purchase agreements without Judd's consent.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

72. Ultimately, on or around January 2022, Judd and certain of his promoters decided to stop sending the fake purchase agreements to investors altogether. Judd gave investors the excuse that his "attorneys" had advised him to stop sending the purchase agreements to them.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

73. On information and belief, Judd required investors to sign the document prohibiting them from contacting the parties related to the personal injury settlement or purchase agreement, and ultimately stopped disseminating the fake purchase agreements, because he was attempting to hide their fictitious nature from investors.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

74. Despite that they knew or were reckless in not knowing that the Purchase Agreements were fake, Humphries and Judd nonetheless continued to solicit new investors and additional investments from existing investors.

- IV. Defendants Judd, Humphries, Jager, Jongeward, Seybert, Tanner, Jeffery, Jenne, Johnson, C. Madsen, R. Madsen, Murphy, Rohner, and Rosegreen Violated the Federal Securities Laws by Acting as Unregistered Brokers.
- 75. In addition to Humphries, Judd had several other promoters working underneath him to locate new investors and funnel investment money into the J&J Entities scheme. Defendants

Jager, Jongeward, Seybert, Tanner, Jeffery, Jenne, Johnson, C. Madsen, R. Madsen, Murphy, Rohner, and Rosegreen were among these promoters.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen admits that he assisted individuals who approached him about obtaining "purchase agreements," and denies the remaining allegations in this paragraph with respect to him. Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the remaining allegations, and thus denies the allegations.

76. Jager, Jongeward, Seybert, Tanner, Jeffery, Jenne, Johnson, C. Madsen, R. Madsen, Murphy, Rohner, and Rosegreen, like Judd and Humphries, each solicited dozens of investors to invest in the purchase agreements and received transaction-based compensation in return. The investors' interests in the purchase agreements issued by the J&J Entities—which Judd, Jager, Jongeward, Seybert, Tanner, Jeffery, Jenne, Johnson, C. Madsen, R. Madsen, Murphy, Rohner, and Rosegreen solicited investors to buy—constituted securities as that term is defined under the federal securities laws.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen admits that he assisted individuals who approached him about obtaining "purchase agreements," and that he received transaction-based compensation in return. Richard R. Madsen denies the remaining allegations in the paragraph. Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

77. Judd, Jager, Jongeward, Seybert, Tanner, Jeffery, Jenne, Johnson, C. Madsen, R. Madsen, Murphy, Rohner, and Rosegreen each used means or instrumentalities of interstate commerce to solicit and sell securities as part of their regular business. Judd, Jager, Jongeward, Seybert, Tanner, Jeffery, Jenne, Johnson, C. Madsen, R. Madsen, Murphy, Rohner, and Rosegreen each used the internet to solicit investors, transferred cash through wire transfers, and used email and telephone to negotiate and effect sales transactions.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen denies the allegations in this paragraph with respect to him, except he admits to transferring cash through wire transfers and using email and telephone to to communicate with individuals who approached him about obtaining "purchase agreements." Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the remaining allegations and thus denies those allegations.

78. Humphries, Jager, Jongeward, Seybert, Tanner, Jeffery, Jenne, Johnson, C. Madsen, R. Madsen, Murphy, Rohner, and Rosegreen handled investor funds. While investor funds typically (but not always) flowed into Beasley Law Group's IOLTA account, the payments of purported "returns" to investors whom Humphries, Jager, Jongeward, Seybert, Jeffery, Jenne, Johnson, C. Madsen, R. Madsen, Murphy, Rohner, and Rosegreen recruited would flow from accounts held by Beasley Law Group or the J&J Entities into bank accounts for entities controlled by Humphries, Jager, Jongeward, Seybert, Tanner, Jeffery, Jenne, Johnson, C. Madsen, R. Madsen, Murphy, Rohner, and Rosegreen. From there, Humphries, Jager, Jongeward, Seybert, Tanner, Jeffery, Jenne, Johnson, C. Madsen, R. Madsen, Murphy, Rohner, and Rosegreen would distribute purported "returns" to investors they had solicited. Sometimes Humphries, Jongeward, Seybert, Jeffery, Jenne, Johnson, R. Madsen, C. Madsen, Murphy, Rohner, and Rosegreen also instructed investors to wire their investment money directly to the accounts in the names of the entities they controlled rather than to Beasley Law Group's account

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen admits that with respect to him, investor funds flowed into Beasley Law Group's IOLTA account, but denies that the funds "typically" flowed into that account. Richard R. Madsen admits that he distributed returns to investors, and that sometimes investors wired their money to accounts he controlled. Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the remaining allegations in this paragraph and thus denies those allegations.

79. Jager used an account in the name of his entity Stirling Consulting, L.L.C., and possibly others, to receive investor funds and also to distribute purported "returns" to investors.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

80. In early 2022, Jager stated to at least one prospective investor that he had been soliciting investors for the J&J Entities investment for five years, had solicited 250 investors, and that he and Jongeward together had raised over \$200 million from investors for the J&J Entities. Jager also stated to at least one prospective investor that Judd had negotiated a rate of payment to Jager and Jongeward on the investments they raised, and that Tanner worked "under Jager" soliciting investments in the purchase agreements.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

81. Humphries used an account in the name of CJ Investments LLC and JCH Consulting, L.L.C., among others, to receive investor funds and also distribute Ponzi payments to his in

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.vestors.

82. Jongeward used an account in the name of his entity JL2 Investments LLC, and possibly others, to receive investor funds and to distribute Ponzi payments to his investors.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

83. Seybert used an account in the name of his entity Rocking Horse Properties, LLC, and possibly others, to receive investor funds and distribute purported returns to his investors.

84. Tanner used an account in the name of Anthem Assets, LLC, and possibly others, to receive investor funds and distribute purported returns to his investors.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

85. Jeffery handled investor funds through accounts in the names of two entities that he controlled, FD Consulting Corp., a California corporation, and Capital Core Financial, Inc., also a California corporation. Jeffery on occasion told investors to send their investment money directly into the account in the name of one or the other of these two entities, and other times Jeffery told investors to send money directly to Beasley Law Group's IOLTA account. Jeffery used accounts in the name of his two entities FD Consulting Corp. and Capital Core Financial, Inc. to distribute purported returns to investors.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

86. Jenne used an account in the name of his entity J & D Consulting Firm, Inc. to receive investor funds and distribute purported returns to his investors. Beasley assisted Jenne to incorporate J & D Consulting Firm, Inc., a Nevada corporation controlled by Jenne. Jenne instructed investors to send their investment money to an account in the name of J & D Consulting Firm, Inc., and Jenne sent checks for investors' fictitious returns from this same account. Jenne required his investors to send him Forms W-4 so that his entity J & D Consulting Firm, Inc. could send Forms 1099 to investors at the end of the year.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

87. Rohner and Johnson formed the entity Prestige Consulting LLC to promote the investment. They had investors enter agreements with Prestige Consulting LLC as the purported

Seller of the interest in the underlying slip and fall settlement agreements, with Prestige

Consulting LLC then separately purchasing the purported settlement contract with one of the J&J

Entities, through Jager. Rohner and Johnson kept for themselves a portion of the purported

returns that the J&J Entities then paid on these purported settlement contracts. Rohner and

Johnson handled investor funds through their entity Prestige Consulting LLC as well as through

Rohner's separate entity CR6 LLC.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

88. C. Madsen used an account in the name of his entity ACAC LLC to receive investor funds and distribute fictitious returns to investors.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

89. R. Madsen handled investor funds through accounts held in the names of two Nevada corporations over which R. Madsen had sole control: Ruger Investments RM, Inc., and Ruger Investments, Inc. R. Madsen told investors to wire their investment money to accounts held in the name of Ruger Investments RM Inc. and/or Ruger Investments Inc. (as opposed to the Beasley Law Group account), and he also paid investors' fictitious returns through these accounts.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen admits that investors wired money to and were paid through these accounts, and that he told investors to those accounts, but denies that the returns were "fictitious." Richard R. Madsen admits he had sole control of Ruger Investments RM, Inc., but denies that he controlled Ruger Investments Inc.

90. Murphy used accounts in the name of his entity American Colocation Services, LLC, and potentially others, to receive investor funds and distribute purported returns to investors.

American Colocation Services, LLC is a Nevada limited liability company whose sold manager is

Murphy. It did business under the fictitious names "MJ Chown Management" and "Black Rock Business Services" and had accounts under these fictitious names through which Murphy received and distributed investor funds.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

91. Rosegreen used an account in the name of his entity Triple Threat Basketball, LLC to receive investor funds and to distribute fictitious returns to investors.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

92. On information and belief, Jager, Humphries, Jongeward, Seybert, Tanner, Jeffery, Jenne, Johnson, C. Madsen, R. Madsen, Murphy, Rohner, and Rosegreen also received commission payments for their investor solicitations in the accounts of those entities that they controlled.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen admits that he received commission payments for the individuals who approached him about obtaining "purchase agreements," but denies soliciting those investments. Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the remaining allegations in this paragraph and thus denies those allegations.

93. Jager stated that he had a negotiated commission rate with Judd. In 2020, Humphries stated to at least one investor that he personally made \$250,000 every three months from his investor solicitations and received a 5% commission on investments he solicited.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

94. Jongeward also made a percentage on each investment he obtained on behalf of the J&J Entities. In early 2022, Jongeward stated to at least one prospective investor that he

personally "managed" over 150 investors and about \$52 million in investment funds, that this was his "full-time job," and that he had been doing it for two years.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

95. Seybert told investors that he received commissions of \$1,250 or \$1,500 on each contract that was funded by investors that he brought in. Tanner solicited numerous investors for the J&J Entities scheme over a period of many months or years. In early 2022, Jager represented to prospective investors that Tanner worked under his supervision to solicit additional investors for the J&J Entities investment and that Tanner had raised over \$50 million for the J&J Entities. On information and belief, Tanner and received transaction-based compensation for the investors and investments he solicited.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

96. Jenne told his investors that their returns would be 10% every 90 days, for an annualized return of 40%. Jenne was actually paid higher returns by Judd on the Purchase Agreement contracts purportedly purchased by each of Jenne's investors. Jenne kept for himself the portion that was in excess of 10% every 90 days. Jenne and Judd had multiple text conversations about the fact that Jenne told his investors they only made 10% every 90 days while Judd actually paid much higher returns and Jenne pocketed the difference. Both discussed the fact that the investors were "greedy" and therefore Jenne could not tell his investors how much he really made on their investments.

97. Like Jenne, Johnson and Rohner received higher rates of return directly from Judd for the Purchase Agreements that they purchased using funds from investors they solicited to invest through their entity Prestige Consulting LLC. They paid only a portion of those returns to Prestige Consulting LLC investors, and kept the rest for themselves.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

98. Jeffery told investors that he made commissions on the investments.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

99. R. Madsen also told investors that he received commissions on the investors' investments.

ANSWER: Admitted.

100. At all relevant times while Judd, Jager, Jongeward, Seybert, Tanner, Jeffery, Jenne, Johnson, C. Madsen, R. Madsen, Murphy, Rohner, and Rosegreen engaged in soliciting investors to buy interests in the purchase agreements in exchange for transaction-based compensation, none of them were registered with the Commission as a broker or dealer, nor were they associated with a broker or dealer registered with the Commission.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen admits that he helped individuals who approached him about obtaining purchase agreements to purchase such agreements and that he was not registered as a broker or a dealer, nor associated with a broker or dealer registered with he Commission. Richard R. Madsen denies he was under any obligation to be registered as a broker or a dealer, or associated with a broker or dealer registered with he Commission. Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the remaining allegations in this paragraph and thus denies those allegations.

1 V. The Securities Offered and Sold Were Not Registered 2 101. The securities offered and sold by Judd, Humphries, Jager, Jongeward, Seybert, 3 Tanner, Jeffery, Jenne, Johnson, C. Madsen, R. Madsen, Murphy, Rohner, and Rosegreen were 4 not registered with the Commission. 5 **ANSWER**: Richard R. Madsen denies that he offered or sold securities, but lacks 6 knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the remaining allegations 7 8 in this paragraph and thus denies those allegations. 9 102. J and J Purchasing LLC filed a Form D on December 13, 2021, purporting to give 10 notice of an exempt offering under Rule 506(b), but the J&J Entities' offers and sales of securities 11 were not exempt under Rule 506(b) because, among other things, investors were never provided 12 with the required disclosures of information under Rule 502(b) [17 CFR § 230.502]. In addition, 13 the Form D was itself false and misleading in its description of, *inter alia*, the investment and the 14 use of investor funds. 15 16 ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief 17 about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph. 18 FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF Violations of Section 5(a) and (c) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77e(a) and (c)] 19 (Against All Defendants) 20 103. The Commission re-alleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation 21 in paragraphs 1–102, inclusive, as if they were fully set forth herein. 22 **ANSWER**: Richard R. Madsen re-alleges and incorporates by reference each and every 23 24 Answer to paragraphs 1-102, inclusive, as if they were fully set forth herein. 25 104. Defendants Beasley, Beasley Law Group, Judd, the J&J Entities, Humphries, Jager, 26 Jongeward, Seybert, Tanner, Jeffery, Jenne, Johnson, C. Madsen, R. Madsen, Murphy, Rohner, 27 and Rosegreen by engaging in the conduct described above, directly or indirectly, 28

a. made use of means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce or of the mails to sell securities, as to which no registration statement was in effect, through the use or medium of any prospectus or otherwise;

b. carried or caused to be carried through the mails or in interstate commerce, by any means or instrument of transportation, securities as to which no registration statement was in effect, for the purpose of sale or for delivery after sale; and

c. made use of any means or instruments of transportation or communications in interstate commerce or of the mails to offer to sell or offer to buy through the use or medium of any prospectus or otherwise securities as to which no registration statement had been filed.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen denies the allegations with respect to him, but lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the remaining allegations and thus denies those allegations.

105. In regard to the sale of securities described herein, no exemption validly applied to the registration requirements described above.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen denies that he sold securities, but lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the remaining allegations in this paragraph and thus denies those allegations.

106. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants Beasley, Beasley Law Group, Judd, the J&J Entities, Jager, Jongeward, Humphries, Seybert, Tanner, Jeffery, Jenne, Johnson, C. Madsen, R. Madsen, Murphy, Rohner, and Rosegreen violated, and unless enjoined, will continue to violate, Sections 5(a) and (c) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77 e(a) and (c)].

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen denies the allegations with respect to him, but lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the remaining allegations and thus denies those allegations.

1 SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF 2 Violations of Section 17(a) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)(1)] (Against Beasley, Beasley Law Group, Judd, the J&J Entities, and Humphries) 3 107. The Commission re-alleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation 4 5 in paragraphs 1–102, inclusive, as if they were fully set forth herein. 6 **ANSWER**: Richard R. Madsen re-alleges and incorporates by reference each and every 7 Answer to paragraphs 1-102, inclusive, as if they were fully set forth herein. 8 108. By engaging in the conduct described above, Beasley, Beasley Law Group, Judd, the 9 J&J Entities, and Humphries, and each of them, directly or indirectly, individually or in concert 10 with others, in the offer and sale of securities, by use of the means and instruments of 11 12 transportation and communication in interstate commerce or by use of the mails, 13 a. employed devices, schemes, or artifices to defraud; 14 b. obtained money or property by means of untrue statements of material fact or omissions 15 to state material facts necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the 16 circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; and 17 c. engaged in transactions, practices, or courses of business which operated or would 18 operate as a fraud or deceit. 19 20 **ANSWER**: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief 21 about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph. 22 109. With respect to violations of Section 17(a)(1) of the Securities Act, each of 23 Defendants Beasley, Beasley Law Group, Judd, the J&J Entities, and Humphries engaged in the 24 above-referenced conduct knowingly or with severe recklessness. 25 **ANSWER**: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief 26 about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph. 27 28

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110. With respect to violations of Sections 17(a)(2) and (a)(3) of the Securities Act, each of Defendants Beasley, Beasley Law Group, Judd, the J&J Entities, and Humphries engaged in the above-referenced conduct was at least negligent in its/his conduct and in making the untrue and misleading statements alleged herein.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

111. By reason of the foregoing, Beasley, Beasley Law Group, Judd, the J&J Entities, and Humphries violated and, unless enjoined, will continue to violate Section 17(a) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)].

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violations of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Exchange Act Rule 10b-5 [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5]

(Against Beasley, Beasley Law Group, Judd, the J&J Entities, and Humphries)

112. The Commission re-alleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation in paragraphs 1–102, inclusive, as if they were fully set forth herein.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen re-alleges and incorporates by reference each and every Answer to paragraphs 1–102, inclusive, as if they were fully set forth herein.

- 113. By engaging in the conduct described above, Beasley, Beasley Law Group, Judd, the J&J Entities, and Humphries, directly or indirectly, individually or in concert with others, in connection with the purchase or sale of securities, by use of the means and instrumentalities of interstate commerce or by use of the mails,
 - a. employed devices, schemes, and artifices to defraud;

1	b. made untrue statements of material facts and/or omitted to state material facts necessary				
2	in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made,				
3	not misleading; and				
4	c. engaged in acts, practices, and course of business which operated as a fraud and deceit				
5	upon purchasers, prospective purchasers, and other persons.				
6 7	ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief				
8	about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.				
9	114. Each of Beasley, Beasley Law Group, Judd, the J&J Entities, and Humphries				
10	engaged in the above-referenced conduct and made the above-referenced untrue and misleading				
11	statements knowingly or with severe recklessness.				
12	ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief				
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14	about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.				
15	115. By reason of the foregoing, each of Beasley, Beasley Law Group, Judd, the J&J				
16	Entities, and Humphries have violated and, unless enjoined will continue to violate, Section 10(b)				
17	of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Exchange Act Rule 10b-5 [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5].				
18	ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief				
19 20	about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.				
21	FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF				
22	Violations of Section 15(a)(1) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78o(a)(1)] (Against Judd, Humphries, Jager, Jongeward, Seybert, Tanner, Jeffery, Jenne, Johnson, C.				
23	Madsen, R. Madsen, Murphy, Rohner, and Rosegreen)				
24	116. The Commission re-alleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation				
25	in paragraphs 1-102, inclusive, as if they were fully set forth herein.				
26	ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen re-alleges and incorporates by reference each and every				
27	Answer to paragraphs 1–102, inclusive, as if they were fully set forth herein.				
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1	117. By engaging in the conduct described above, Judd, Humphries, Jager, Jongeward,			
2	Seybert, Tanner, Jeffery, Jenne, Johnson, C. Madsen, R. Madsen, Murphy, Rohner, and			
3	Rosegreen and each of them:			
4	a. engaged in the business of effecting transactions in securities for the account of others;			
5	and			
7	b. directly or indirectly, made use of the mails or the means or instrumentalities of			
8	interstate commerce to effect transactions in, or to induce or attempt to induce the purchase or			
9	sale of, securities without being registered as a broker or dealer with the Commission or			
10	associated with a broker or dealer registered with the Commission.			
11	ANSWER : Richard R. Madsen denies the allegations with respect to him, but lacks			
12	knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the remaining allegations			
13	and thus denies those allegations.			
14 15	118. By reason of the foregoing, Judd, Humphries, Jager, Jongeward, Seybert, Tanner,			
16	Jeffery, Jenne, Johnson, C. Madsen, R. Madsen, Murphy, Rohner, and Rosegreen each violated,			
17	and unless enjoined will continue to violate, Section 15(a)(1) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C.			
18	§78o(a)(1)].			
19	ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen denies the allegations with respect to him, but lacks			
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21	knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the remaining allegations			
22	and thus denies those allegations.			
23	FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF Equitable Disgorgement			
24 25	(Against All Relief Defendants)			
26	119. The Commission re-alleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation			
27	in paragraphs 1–118, inclusive, as if they were fully set forth herein.			
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ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen re-alleges and incorporates by reference each and every Answer to paragraphs 1–118, inclusive, as if they were fully set forth herein.

120. Each of the Relief Defendants named in paragraphs 32-42 above obtained money, property, and assets as a result of the violations of the securities laws by Beasley, Beasley Law Group, Judd, the J&J Entities, and Humphries, to which they have no legitimate claim.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

121. Each of the Relief Defendants should be required to disgorge all ill-gotten gains which inured to their benefit under the equitable doctrines of disgorgement, unjust enrichment and constructive trust.

ANSWER: Richard R. Madsen lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation and thus denies the allegations contained in the paragraph.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

FIRST DEFENSE: RICHARD R. MADSEN ACTED IN GOOD FAITH

At all times the Richard R. Madsen had no knowledge of any wrongdoing and acted in the good faith belief that the returns from the purchase agreements he purchased and assisted individuals who approached him about obtaining, were legitimate. Moreover, those individuals were paid the promised returns and every request for a refund was promptly paid.

SECOND DEFENSE: NO LIKELIHOOD OF FUTURE VIOLATIONS

The relief requested in the Amended Complaint is inappropriate, in whole or in part, because the Amended Complaint fails to allege a reasonable likelihood of future violations by Richard R. Madsen.

THIRD DEFENSE: STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

Plaintiff's claim and Plaintiff's request for civil monetary penalties are barred, in whole or

1 in part, by an applicable statute of limitations. 2 FOURTH DEFENSE: WAIVER / ESTOPPEL 3 Plaintiff's claims are barred by waiver or estoppel or both. Plaintiff delayed the filing of 4 this action and the naming of additional defendants in its Amended Complaint, in whole or in 5 part, to justify seeking relief for which it would not otherwise be entitled to seek. 6 FIFTH DEFENSE: UNCLEAN HANDS/BAD FAITH 7 Plaintiff's claims are barred by the doctrines of unclean hands or bad faith or both. 8 9 Plaintiff delayed the filing of this action and the naming of additional defendants in its Amended 10 Complaint, in whole or in part, to justify seeking relief for which it would not otherwise be 11 entitled to seek. 12 SIXTH DEFENSE: FAILURE TO STATE A CLAIM 13 The Amended Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted. 14 15 16 WHEREFORE, Richard R. Madsen prays for judgment in his favor and against Plaintiff 17 and for such other and further relief as this Court deems fair and just. 18 Date: July 23, 2022 19 /s/David A. O'Toole 20 Celiza P. Bragança (IL Bar No. 6226636) David A. O'Toole (IL Bar No. 6227010) 21 Bragança Law LLC 5250 Old Orchard Rd., Suite 300 22 Skokie, IL 60077 Tel: (847) 906-3460 23 Email: lisa@secdefenseattorney.com 24 david@secdefenseattorney.com 25 Cami M. Perkins (NBN 9149) John J. Savage (NBN 11455) 26 Howard & Howard Wells Fargo Tower 27 3800 Howard Hughes Parkway, Suite 1000 28 Las Vegas, NV 89169-5980

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE I, David A. O'Toole, hereby certify that on July 23, 2022, I electronically filed **DEFENDANT RICHARD R. MADSEN'S ANSWER TO AMENDED COMPLAINT**, with the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will automatically send copies to any attorney of record in the case. Respectfully Submitted, /s/ David A. O'Toole DAVID A. O'TOOLE