

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
SECURITIES DEPARTMENT

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IN THE MATTER OF: MICHAEL A. STRULSON )  
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FILE NO. 0600112

**CONSENT ORDER OF WITHDRAWAL**

TO THE RESPONDENT: Michael A. Strulson (CRD#: 2677763 )  
34 Linda Lane  
Aston, Pennsylvania 19014

C/o Jake Gertsman, Counsel  
Oppenheimer & Co. Inc.  
125 Broad Street  
New York, New York 10004

WHEREAS, Respondent on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December 2006 executed a certain Stipulation to Enter Consent Order of Withdrawal (the "Stipulation"), which hereby is incorporated by reference herein.

WHEREAS, by means of the Stipulation, Respondent has admitted to the jurisdiction of the Secretary of State and service of the Notice of Hearing of the Secretary of State, Securities Department, dated November 6, 2006 in this proceeding (the "Notice") and Respondent has consented to the entry of this Consent Order of Withdrawal "Consent Order").

WHEREAS, by means of the Stipulation, the Respondent acknowledged, without admitting or denying the truth thereof, that the following allegations contained in the Notice of Hearing shall be adopted as the Secretary of State's Findings of Fact:

1. That at all relevant times, the Respondent was registered with the Secretary of State as a salesperson in the State of Illinois pursuant to Section 8 of the Act.
2. That on February 1, 2006, NASD entered a Letter Of Acceptance, Waiver And Consent (AWC) submitted by the Respondent regarding File No. E9A2004036901 which sanctioned the Respondent as follows:

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- a) suspension from association with any member firm in any capacity for three months; and
  - b) \$5,000 fine.
3. That the AWC found that in or about July 2002, the Respondent signed the names of H.H. and B.H. on account opening agreements without their knowledge or consent. This conduct violated NASD Conduct Rule 2110.
  4. That Section 8.E(1)(j) of the Act provides, inter alia, that the registration of a salesperson may be revoked if the Secretary of State finds that such salesperson has been suspended by any self-regulatory organization registered under the Federal 1934 Act or the Federal 1974 Act arising from any fraudulent or deceptive act or a practice in violation of any rule, regulation or standard duly promulgated by the self-regulatory organization.
  5. That NASD is a self-regulatory organization as specified in Section 8.E(1)(j) of the Act.

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

That by virtue of the foregoing, the Respondent's registration as a salesperson in the State of Illinois is subject to revocation pursuant to Section 8.E(1)(j) of the Act.

WHEREAS, by means of the Stipulation Respondent has acknowledged and agreed that he shall cause to have his registration as a salesperson in the State of Illinois withdrawn within three (3) days from the entry of this Consent Order and will not re-apply for registration for a period of two (2) years from the entry of this Consent Order.

WHEREAS, by means of the Stipulation Respondent has acknowledged and agreed that he shall be levied costs incurred during the investigation of this matter in the amount of One Thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). Said amount is to be paid by certified or cashier's check, made payable to the Office of the Secretary of State, Securities Audit and Enforcement Fund.

WHEREAS, by means of the Stipulation Respondent has acknowledged and agreed that he has submitted with the Stipulation a certified or cashier's check in the amount of One Thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to cover costs incurred during the investigation of this matter. Said check has been made payable to the Office of the Secretary of State, Securities Audit and Enforcement Fund.

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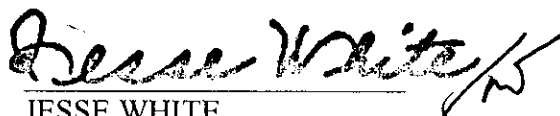
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WHEREAS, the Secretary of State, by and through his duly authorized representative, has determined that the matter related to the aforesaid formal hearing may be dismissed without further proceedings.

NOW THEREFORE IT SHALL BE AND IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Respondent shall cause to have his registration as a salesperson in the State of Illinois withdrawn within three (3) days from the entry of this Consent Order and will not re-apply for registration for a period of two (2) years from the entry of this Consent Order.
2. The Respondent is levied costs of investigation in this matter in the amount of One Thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), payable to the Office of the Secretary of State, Securities Audit and Enforcement Fund, and on 2006 has submitted One Thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) in payment thereof.
3. The formal hearing scheduled on this matter is hereby dismissed without further proceedings.

ENTERED This 16<sup>th</sup> day of January 2007.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jesse White" with a stylized flourish at the end.

JESSE WHITE  
Secretary of State  
State of Illinois