

## BEFORE THE BOARD OF DISCIPLINARY APPEALS APPOINTED BY THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

IN THE MATTER OF
ROGER LEE SHOSS
STATE BAR CARD NO. 18304000

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CAUSE NO. 5501

#### PETITION FOR COMPULSORY DISCIPLINE

#### TO THE BOARD OF DISCIPLINARY APPEALS:

Petitioner, the Commission for Lawyer Discipline (hereinafter called "Petitioner"), brings this action against Respondent, Roger Lee Shoss, (hereinafter called "Respondent"), showing as follows:

- 1. This action is commenced by Petitioner pursuant to Part VIII of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. Petitioner is also providing Respondent a copy of this Board's procedures for handling a compulsory discipline matter by attaching a copy of such procedures to this petition.
- 2. Respondent, Roger Lee Shoss, may be served with a true and correct copy of this Petition for Compulsory Discipline, its attachments, as well as a notice of hearing, at Roger Lee Shoss, #99006-179, Fort Worth, FCI, 3150 Horton Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76119.
- 3. On or about July 13, 2011, Respondent was charged by Indictment (Exhibit 1) with Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371 in Case No. 8:11-cr-366-T-30TBM, styled *United States of America v. Roger Lee Shoss, Nicolette Loisel*, in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, Tampa Division.
- 4. On or about August 9, 2012, a Judgment in a Criminal Case (Exhibit 2) was entered in Case No. 8:11-cr-366-T-30TBM, styled *United States of America v. Roger Lee Shoss*, in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, Tampa Division, wherein Respondent

was found guilty of Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud and was committed to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a total term of eighteen (18) months. Respondent was ordered upon release from imprisonment to be on supervised release for three (3) years, with the special condition of participating in the Home Detention program for three (3) years, and ordered to pay an assessment of \$100.00. Attached hereto and made a part hereof for all intents and purposes as if the same were copied verbatim herein, are true and correct copies of the following documents in the Shoss criminal case: Indictment (Exhibit 1) and Judgment in a Criminal Case (Exhibit 2). Petitioner expects to introduce certified copies of Exhibits 1 and 2 at the time of hearing of this cause.

- 5. Respondent, Roger Lee Shoss, whose bar card number is 18304000, is the same person as the Roger Lee Shoss who is the subject of the Indictment and Judgment described above, true and correct copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibits 1 and 2.
- 6. Attached hereto as Exhibit 3 and made a part hereof for all intents and purposes as if the same were copied verbatim herein is a true and correct copy of an affidavit of Judith Gres DeBerry, Attorney of Record for Petitioner herein, attesting to the fact that Respondent is the same person as the person who is the subject of the Indictment and Judgment entered in the Shoss criminal case. Petitioner expects to introduce the original of said affidavit at the time of hearing of this cause.
- 7. The offense for which Respondent was convicted is an intentional crime as defined by Rule 1.06(T), Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. It is as well a serious crime as defined by Rule 1.06(Z), Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure.
- 8. Having been found guilty and having been convicted of an intentional crime and such conviction currently being appealed, Respondent should be suspended as an attorney licensed to practice law in Texas during the appeal of his conviction. Further, upon a showing by Petitioner that

the conviction has become final after determination of the appeal, Respondent should be disbarred as provided by Rule 8.05, Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure.

#### PRAYER

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Petitioner prays that Respondent be given notice of these proceedings as provided by law and, upon hearing of this matter, that the Board enter its order suspending Respondent during the appeal of his conviction, and for such other and further relief to which Petitioner may be entitled to receive including costs of court and attorney's fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a trial on the merits of the Petition for Compulsory Discipline heretofore sent to be filed with the Board of Disciplinary Appeals on this day, will be held in the courtroom of the Supreme Court of Texas, Tom C. Clark Building, 14th and Colorado Streets, Austin, Texas, at 9:00 a.m. on the 1st day of February 2013.

Audith Gres DeBerry

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# SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS BOARD OF DISCIPLINARY APPEALS INTERNAL PROCEDURAL RULES

#### **SECTION 1: GENERAL PROVISIONS**

#### Rule 1.01 Definitions

- (a) "BODA" is the Board of Disciplinary Appeals.
- (b) "Chair" is the member elected by BODA to serve as chairperson.
- (c) "Classification" is the determination pursuant to TEXAS RULES OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE ("TRDP") 2.10 by the Chief Disciplinary Counsel ("CDC") whether a grievance constitutes a "complaint" or an "inquiry."
- (d) "Clerk" is the executive director or other person appointed by BODA to assume all duties normally performed by the clerk of a court.
  - (e) "Executive Director" is the executive director of BODA.
  - (f) "Panel" is any three-member grouping of BODA.
  - (g) "Party" is a complainant, respondent, or the CDC.

#### Rule 1.02 General Powers

Pursuant to TRDP 7.08J, BODA shall have and exercise all the powers of either a trial court or appellate court, as the case may be, in hearing and determining disciplinary proceedings; except that BODA judgments and orders shall be enforced in accordance with TRDP 15.03.

#### Rule 1.03 Additional Rules in Disciplinary Matters

Except as varied by these rules and to the extent applicable, the TEXAS RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE ("TRCP"), TEXAS RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE ("TRAP"), and TEXAS RULES OF EVIDENCE ("TRE") apply to all disciplinary matters before BODA, except appeals from classification decisions, which are governed by Section 3 of these Internal Rules.

#### Rule 1.04 Appointment of Panels

(a) BODA may consider any matter or motion through appointment of a panel, except as specified in subpart (b) of this Rule. The chair may delegate appointment of panels for any BODA action to the executive director. Decisions shall be by a majority vote of the panel; however, any panel member may refer a matter for consideration by BODA sitting *en banc*. Nothing

contained in these rules shall be construed to give a party the right to be heard by BODA sitting en banc.

(b) Any disciplinary matter naming a BODA member as respondent shall be considered by BODA sitting *en banc*.

#### Rule 1.05 Record Retention

Records of appeals from classification decisions shall be retained by the BODA clerk for a period of at least three (3) years from the date of disposition. Records of other disciplinary matters shall be retained for a period of at least five (5) years from the date of final judgment, or for at least one (1) year after the date a suspension or disbarment ends, whichever is later.

#### Rule 1.06 Trial Briefs

In any disciplinary proceeding before BODA, all trial briefs and memoranda must be filed with the clerk no later than ten (10) days before the hearing, except upon leave of BODA.

#### Rule 1.07 Service

In any disciplinary proceeding before BODA initiated by service of a petition upon the respondent, service shall be by personal service, certified mail with return receipt requested and delivery restricted to respondent as addressee only, or in any other manner permitted by applicable rule(s) and authorized by BODA that is reasonably calculated under all the circumstances to apprise the respondent of the proceeding and to give him or her reasonable time to appear and answer. The CDC may serve a petition by certified mail itself without the appointment of a private process server. To establish service by certified or registered mail, the return receipt must contain the respondent's signature.

#### Rule 1.08 Publication

The office of the CDC shall publish these rules as part of the TDRPC and TRDP and notify each respondent in a compulsory discipline, reciprocal discipline, revocation of probation, or disability matter filed with BODA where these rules are available.

#### Rule 1.09 Photocopying Costs

The clerk of BODA may charge to the requestor a reasonable amount for the reproduction of non-confidential documents filed with BODA. BODA may set a fee for the reproduction of documents. The fee shall include compensation for staff and recovery of actual production costs.

#### Rule 1.10 Abstracts

BODA may, in its sole discretion, periodically prepare abstracts of inquiries, grievances, or disciplinary proceedings for publication pursuant to Texas Gov't Code § 81.072(b)(3) and Part VI of the TRDP.

#### Rule 1.11 Hearing Setting and Notice

- (a) **Original Petitions**. For any compulsory case, reciprocal case, revocation of probation, or other matter initiated by the CDC filing a petition with BODA, the CDC may contact the BODA clerk for the next regular available hearing date before filing the original petition. The CDC may then include in the petition a hearing notice specifying the date, time, and place of the hearing. The hearing date must be at least thirty (30) days from the date that the petition is served on the respondent, except in the case of a petition to revoke probation.
- (b) Filing without notice. The CDC may file any matter with BODA without first obtaining a hearing date so long as it thereafter serves notice on the respondent of the date, time, and place of the hearing in accordance with TRCP 21a (or other applicable TRCP) at least thirty (30) days before the hearing date, except in the case of a petition to revoke probation.
- (c) **Expedited settings.** If a party desires a hearing on a matter on a date other than the next regular available BODA hearing date, the party may request an expedited setting in a written motion setting out the reasons for the request. The expedited hearing setting must be at least thirty (30) days from the date of service of the petition, motion or other pleading, except in the case of a petition to revoke probation. BODA may grant or deny a request for an expedited hearing date in its sole discretion.
- (d) Setting notices. BODA shall notify the parties by first class mail of any hearing date, other than a hearing set on the next regularly available hearing date as noticed in an original petition or motion.
- (e) Announcement docket. Attorneys and parties appearing before BODA shall check in with the BODA clerk in the courtroom immediately prior to the time docket call is scheduled to begin. The chair will call an announcement docket immediately following the call to order of BODA hearings. Attorneys for each party with a matter on the docket shall appear at that time to give their announcement of readiness, a time estimate for the hearing, and any preliminary motions or matters. The chair will set and announce the order of cases to be heard following the docket announcements.

#### Rule 1.12 Time to Answer

An answer to any matter pending before BODA may be filed at any time prior to the day of the hearing on the merits except where expressly provided otherwise by these rules or the TRDP, or when an answer date has been set by prior order of BODA. BODA may, but is not required to, consider an answer filed the day of the hearing.

#### Rule 1.13 Facsimile and Electronic Filing

(a) Any document required to be filed with BODA may be filed by facsimile transmission with a copy to the BODA clerk by first class mail. A document filed by facsimile will be considered filed the day it is received before 5:00 p.m. on a regular business day. Any document received by facsimile after 5:00 p.m. or received on a weekend or holiday officially observed by the State of Texas will be considered filed the next regular business day.

- (b) Any document required to be filed with BODA may be filed by emailing a copy of the document file to the email address designated by BODA for that purpose with a copy sent to the BODA clerk by first class mail. A document filed by email will be considered filed the day it is received if received before 5:00 p.m. on a regular business day. Any document received by email after 5:00 p.m. or received on a weekend or holiday officially observed by the State of Texas will be considered filed the next regular business day. The date and time of receipt shall be determined by the date and time shown on the BODA clerk's email.
- (c) It is the responsibility of the party filing a document by facsimile or email to obtain the correct telephone number or email address for BODA and confirm that the document was received by BODA in legible form. Any document which is illegible or which cannot be opened as part of an email attachment by BODA will not be considered received or filed. Parties using facsimile or email filing must still comply with TRCP requirements for signatures.
- (d) Papers will not be deemed filed if sent to any individual BODA member or other office or address.

#### Rule 1.14 Hearing Exhibits

Counsel should provide an original and twelve copies of any document, pleading, exhibit, or other material which the attorney intends to offer or otherwise make available to the BODA members at a hearing and not already filed with BODA prior to the hearing.

#### Rule 1.15 BODA Work Product and Drafts

Without limiting any exceptions or exemptions from disclosure contained in any other rules or statutes, a document or record of any nature, regardless of electronic or physical form, characteristics, or means of transmission, created or produced in connection with or related to BODA's adjudicative decision-making process is not subject to disclosure or discovery. This includes documents prepared by any BODA member, by BODA staff or interns, or any other person acting on behalf of or at the direction of BODA.

#### Rule 1.16 BODA Opinions

- (a) BODA may render judgment with or without written opinion in any disciplinary matter. In accordance with TRDP 6.06, all written opinions of BODA are open to the public and shall be made available to the public reporting services, print or electronic, for publishing. A majority of the members who participate in considering the disciplinary matter must determine if an opinion will be written. The names of the participating members must be noted on all written opinions of BODA.
- (b) Only a member who participated in the decision of a disciplinary matter may file or join in a written opinion concurring in or dissenting from the judgment of BODA. For purposes of this Rule, in hearings in which evidence is taken, no member may participate in the decision unless that member was present at the hearing. In all other proceedings, no member may participate unless that member has reviewed the record. Any member of BODA may file a written opinion in connection with the denial of a hearing or rehearing en banc.

(c) A BODA determination in an appeal from a grievance classification decision under TRDP 2.10 is not a judgment for purposes of this Rule and may be issued without a written opinion.

#### SECTION 2: ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

#### Rule 2.01 Representing or Counseling Parties in Disciplinary Matters And Legal Malpractice Cases

- (a) No current member of BODA shall represent a party with respect to any disciplinary action or proceeding. No current member of BODA shall testify voluntarily or offer to testify voluntarily on behalf of a party in any disciplinary action or proceeding.
- (b) No current BODA member may serve as an expert witness providing opinions regarding the TDRPC.
- (c) A BODA member may represent a party in a legal malpractice case, provided that he or she is later recused in accordance with these rules from any proceeding before BODA arising out of the same facts.

#### Rule 2.02 Confidentiality

- (a) All BODA deliberations are confidential and shall not be disclosed by BODA members or staff. Classification appeals files and disability suspension files are confidential pursuant to the TRDP.
- (b) If subpoenaed or otherwise compelled by law to testify in any proceeding, members of BODA shall not disclose matters discussed in conference concerning any disciplinary case, unless required to do so by a court of competent jurisdiction. If subpoenaed or otherwise compelled to attend any disciplinary proceeding, including depositions, a member of BODA shall promptly notify the chair of BODA and the CDC.

#### Rule 2.03 Disqualification and Recusal of BODA Members

- (a) BODA members are subject to disqualification and recusal respectively as provided in TRCP 18b.
- (b) BODA members may, in addition to recusals pursuant to (a) above, voluntarily recuse themselves from any discussion and voting for any other reason.
- (c) Nothing in these rules shall impute disqualification to lawyers who are members of or associated with BODA members' firms from serving on grievance committees or representing parties in disciplinary or legal malpractice cases; however, BODA members shall recuse themselves from any matter in which any lawyer who is a member of or associated with a BODA member's firm represents a party in any disciplinary proceeding or before BODA.

#### Rule 2.04 Communications with BODA

Correspondence or other communications relative to any matter pending before BODA must be conducted with the clerk and shall not be addressed directly to or conducted with any BODA member.

#### **SECTION 3: CLASSIFICATION APPEALS**

#### Rule 3.01 Notice of Appeal

- (a) If the grievance filed by the complainant is not classified as a complaint, the CDC shall notify the complainant of his or her rights to appeal as set out in TRDP 2.10 or other applicable rule.
- (b) To facilitate the potential filing of an appeal, the CDC shall send the complainant an Appeal Notice form with the classification disposition which shall include, but is not limited to, the docket number of the matter, the time deadline for appealing as set out in TRDP 2.10 or other applicable provision, and information for mailing or faxing the Appeal Notice to BODA.

#### Rule 3.02 Complaint on Appeal

BODA shall review only the original grievance on appeals from classification decisions. The CDC shall forward a copy of the complete grievance to BODA with supporting documentation as originally filed. BODA shall not consider any supplemental information which was not reviewed as part of the original screening and classification decision. Rule 3.03 Notice of Disposition

BODA shall mail complainant, respondent, and the CDC written notice of the decision of the appeal by first class mail to the addresses provided BODA by the CDC in the appeal transmittal.

#### SECTION 4: APPEALS FROM EVIDENTIARY PANEL HEARINGS

#### Rule 4.01 Signing, Filing, and Service

- (a) **Signing.** Each brief, motion or other paper filed shall be signed by at least one attorney for the party or by the party *pro se* and shall give the State Bar of Texas identification number, mailing address, telephone number, email address, and telecopier number, if any, of each attorney whose name is signed thereto, or of the party (if applicable).
- (b) **Number of Copies.** Each party shall file an original and two (2) copies of all briefs and motions with the clerk. Only one copy of the clerk's record and reporter's record shall be filed.
- (c) Service. Copies of all papers other than the record filed by any party shall, at or before the time of filing, be served on all other parties as required and authorized by the TRAP.

#### Rule 4.02 Computation of Time

- (a) **Beginnings of Periods.** The date the chair of the evidentiary panel signs its decision shall constitute the date of notice under TRDP 2.21.
- (b) TRAP Followed. Computation of time for purposes of this section shall follow TRAP 4.1 and 9.2(b).

#### Rule 4.03 Record on Appeal

- (a) Contents. The record on appeal shall consist of a clerk's record and where necessary to the appeal, a reporter's record.
- (b) **Stipulation as to Record.** The parties may designate parts of the clerk's record and reporter's record to be included in the record on appeal by written stipulation filed with the custodian of records of the evidentiary panel.
- (c) Responsibility for Filing Record. The custodian of records of the evidentiary panel is responsible for preparing, certifying, and timely filing the clerk's record if a notice of appeal has been filed. The court reporter is responsible for timely filing the reporter's record if a notice of appeal has been filed, the appellant has requested that the reporter's record be prepared, and the party responsible for initiating the appeal has paid the reporter's fee or has made satisfactory arrangements with the reporter. The party initiating the appeal shall pay the cost of preparing the record.

#### (d) Clerk's Record.

- (1) Unless otherwise stipulated by the parties, the clerk's record on appeal shall include all papers on file with the evidentiary panel, including, but not limited to, the election letter, all pleadings upon which the hearing was held, the docket sheet, the evidentiary panel's charge, the final hearing order with attachments or exhibits, any findings of fact and conclusions of law, all other pleadings, the judgment or other order(s) appealed from, the notice of decision sent each party, any post-submission pleadings and briefs, and any notice of appeal.
- (2) Upon receipt of a copy of the notice of appeal, the custodian of records in the individual CDC office which conducted the evidentiary hearing shall prepare and transmit the clerk's record to BODA. If the CDC is unable for any reason to prepare and transmit the clerk's record by the due date, it shall promptly notify BODA and the parties, explain the reason(s) why it cannot be timely filed, and give the date by which it expects the clerk's record can be filed.
- (3) The clerk's record should be in the following form:
  - (i) contain a detailed index identifying each document included in the record, the date of filing, and the page where it first appears;

- (ii) arranged in ascending chronological order by document by date of filing or occurrence;
- (iii) tabbed with heavy index tabs to show the beginning of each document;
- (iv) consecutively numbered in the bottom right-hand corner of the pages;
- (v) bound together so that the record will lie flat when opened; and
- (vi) contain the custodian's certification that the documents contained in the clerk's record are true and correct copies and are all the documents required to be filed.
- (e) Reporter's Record. The appellant, at or before the time prescribed for perfecting the appeal, shall make a written request to the official reporter for the reporter's record, designating the portion of the evidence and other proceedings to be included. A copy of such request shall be filed with the evidentiary panel and BODA and be served on the appellee. The reporter's record shall be certified by the official court reporter.
- (f) Non-Stenographic Recordings. All testimony and evidence may be recorded at the evidentiary hearing by means other than stenographic recording, including videotape recordings; however, the non-stenographic recording shall not dispense with the requirement of a stenographic transcription of the hearing. In appeals to BODA, the non-stenographic recording must be transcribed and the transcription filed as the reporter's record.
- (g) Other Requests. At any time before the clerk's record is prepared or within ten (10) days after service of a copy of appellant's request for the reporter's record, any party may request additional portions of the evidence and other proceedings to be included therein.
- (h) **Inaccuracies or Defects.** Any inaccuracies in the record may be corrected by an agreement of the parties. Any dispute regarding the reporter's record shall be submitted by BODA to the evidentiary panel for resolution and to conform the reporter's record.

#### Rule 4.04 Time to File Record

(a) **Timetable**. The clerk's record and reporter's record (including a non-stenographic recording which has been transcribed) shall be filed with the BODA clerk within thirty (30) days after the date the notice of appeal is received by BODA. Failure to file either the clerk's record or the reporter's record within such time shall not affect BODA's jurisdiction, but shall be grounds for BODA exercising its discretion to dismiss the appeal, affirm the judgment appealed from, disregard materials filed late, or to apply presumptions against the appellant.

#### (b) If No Record Filed.

- (1) If the clerk's record or reporter's record has not been timely filed, the BODA clerk must send notice to the party responsible for filing it, stating that the record is late and requesting that the record be filed within thirty (30) days. The BODA clerk must send a copy of this notice to all the parties and the evidentiary panel.
- (2) If no reporter's record is filed due to appellant's fault, and if the clerk's record has been filed, BODA may, after first giving the appellant notice and reasonable opportunity to cure, consider and decide those issues or points that do not require a reporter's record for a decision. BODA may do this if no reporter's record has been filed because:
  - (i) the appellant failed to request a reporter's record; or
  - (ii)(a) appellant failed to pay or make arrangements to pay the reporter's fee to prepare the reporter's record; and
    - (b) the appellant is not entitled to proceed without payment of costs.
- (c) Supplemental Record. If anything material to either party is omitted from the clerk's record or reporter's record BODA may, upon written motion of a party or upon its own motion, direct a supplemental record to be certified and transmitted by the CDC or the official court reporter.

#### Rule 4.05 Copies of the Record

The record shall not be withdrawn from the custody of the BODA clerk. Any party may obtain a copy of the record or any designated part thereof by making written request to the clerk and paying copying charges.

#### Rule 4.06 Requisites of Briefs

- (a) Appellant's Filing Date. Appellant's brief must be filed within thirty (30) days after the later of the date on which the clerk's record or the reporter's record was timely filed.
- (b) **Appellee's Filing Date**. Appellee's brief must be filed within thirty (30) days after the filing of appellant's brief.
  - (c) Contents. Briefs shall contain:
    - a complete list of the names and addresses of all parties to the final decision and their counsel;
    - (2) a table of contents with page references where the discussion of each point relied upon may be found and also an index of authorities alphabetically arranged, together with reference to the pages of the brief where the same are

- cited. The subject matter of each point or group of points shall be indicated in the table of contents;
- (3) a brief general statement of the nature of the cause or offense and the result;
- (4) a statement of the points upon which an appeal is predicated or the issues presented for review;
- (5) a brief of the argument;
- (6) prayer for relief; and,
- (7) an appendix consisting of copies of pertinent parts of the record upon which the party relies.
- (d) Length of Briefs. Briefs shall be typewritten or otherwise legibly printed on letter-size (8½" x 11") paper and shall not exceed fifty (50) pages in length, exclusive of pages containing names and addresses of parties, table of contents, index of authorities, points of error, and any addenda or appendix containing statutes, rules, regulations, etc., except upon leave of BODA.
- (e) Amendment or Supplementation. Briefs may be amended or supplemented upon leave of BODA.
  - (f) Failure to File a Brief. If the appellant fails to timely file a brief, BODA may:
    - (1) dismiss the appeal for want of prosecution, unless the appellant reasonably explains the failure and the appellee is not significantly injured by the appellant's failure to timely file a brief; or
    - (2) decline to dismiss the appeal and give further direction to the case as it considers proper.

#### Rule 4.07 Oral Argument

- (a) Request. A party desiring oral argument before BODA shall request same in writing and include the request in the notice of appeal or on the front cover of that party's first brief. BODA may grant or deny the request in its sole discretion. If oral argument is granted, the clerk shall notify the parties of the time and place for submission. BODA may also advance cases without oral argument or direct parties on its own initiative to appear and submit oral argument on a case. The parties may agree to submit the case without argument after requesting same.
- (b) **Time Allowed.** Each party shall have twenty (20) minutes in which to argue. BODA may, upon request of a party or in its discretion, extend or shorten the time allowed for oral argument.

#### Rule 4.08 Motions Generally

An application for an order or other relief shall be made by filing a motion with the BODA clerk for same supported by sufficient cause with proof of service on all other parties. The motion shall state with particularity the grounds on which it is based and set forth the relief sought. All supporting briefs, affidavits, or other papers shall be served and filed with the motion. A party may file a response to a motion at any time before BODA rules on the motion or by any deadline set by BODA. BODA may determine a motion before a response is filed.

#### Rule 4.09 Motions for Extension of Time

- (a) When due. Any request for extension of time other than to file a brief must be filed with the BODA clerk no later than fifteen (15) days after the last day allowed for filing the item in question.
- (b) **Contents.** All motions for extension of time shall be in writing, comply with BODA Internal Procedural Rule 4.08, and specify the following:
  - (1) the date of notice of decision of the evidentiary panel, together with the number and style of the case;
  - (2) if the appeal has been perfected, the date when the appeal was perfected;
  - (3) the original deadline for filing the item in question;
  - (4) the length of time requested for the extension;
  - (5) the number of extensions of time which have been granted previously regarding the item in question; and,
  - (6) the facts relied upon to reasonably explain the need for an extension.
- (c) For Filing Reporter's Record. When an extension of time is requested for filing the reporter's record, the facts relied upon to reasonably explain the need for an extension must be supported by an affidavit of the court reporter, which shall include the court reporter's estimate of the earliest date when the reporter's record will be available for filing.

#### Rule 4.10 Decision and Judgment

- (a) **Decision.** BODA may affirm in whole or in part the decision of the evidentiary panel, modify the panel's finding(s) and affirm the finding(s) as modified, reverse in whole or in part the panel's finding(s) and render such decision as the panel should have rendered, or reverse the panel's finding(s) and remand the cause for further proceedings to be conducted by:
  - (1) the panel that entered the finding(s); or,

- (2) a statewide grievance committee panel appointed by BODA and composed of members selected from the state bar districts other than the district from which the appeal was taken.
- (b) Notice of Orders and Judgment. When BODA renders judgment or grants or overrules a motion, the clerk shall give notice to the parties or their attorneys of record of the disposition made of the cause or of the motion, as the case may be. The notice shall be given by first-class mail and be marked so as to be returnable to the clerk in case of nondelivery.
- (c) Mandate. In every case where BODA reverses or otherwise modifies the judgment appealed from, BODA shall issue a mandate in accordance with its judgment and deliver it to the evidentiary panel.

#### Rule 4.11 Involuntary Dismissal

Under the following circumstances and on any party's motion or on its own initiative after giving at least ten days' notice to all parties, BODA may dismiss the appeal or affirm the appealed judgment or order. Dismissal or affirmance may occur if the appeal is subject to dismissal

- (a) for want of jurisdiction;
- (b) for want of prosecution; or
- (c) because the appellant has failed to comply with a requirement of these rules, a court order, or a notice from the clerk requiring a response or other action within a specified time.

#### SECTION 5: PETITIONS TO REVOKE PROBATION

#### Rule 5.01 Initiation and Service

- (a) Before filing a motion with BODA seeking to revoke the probation of an attorney who has been sanctioned, the CDC shall contact the BODA clerk to confirm whether the next regular available hearing date will comply with the thirty-day requirement of TRDP. The chair may designate a three-member panel to hear the motion, if necessary, to meet the thirty-day requirement of TRDP 2.23.
- (b) Upon filing of the motion, the CDC shall serve the respondent in accordance with TRDP 2.23 with the motion and supporting documents, if any, in accordance with the TRCP and these rules. The CDC shall notify BODA of the date service is obtained on the respondent.

#### Rule 5.02 Hearing

Within thirty (30) days of service of the motion on the respondent, BODA shall docket and set the matter for a hearing and notify the parties of the time and place for the hearing; however, upon a showing of good cause by a party or upon its own motion, BODA may continue the case to a future hearing date as circumstances require.

#### SECTION 6: COMPULSORY DISCIPLINE MATTERS

#### Rule 6.01 Initiation of Proceeding

Pursuant to TRDP 8.03, the CDC shall file a petition for compulsory discipline with BODA and serve the respondent in accordance with the TRDP and Rule 1.07 above.

#### Rule 6.02 Notice of Decision

The BODA clerk shall mail a copy of the judgment to the parties within ten (10) days from the date the decision is signed by the chair. Transmittal of the judgment shall include all information required by the TRDP and the Supreme Court.

#### SECTION 7: RECIPROCAL DISCIPLINE MATTERS

#### Rule 7.01 Initiation of Proceeding

- (a) Pursuant to TRDP 9.01 and 9.02, the CDC shall file a petition for reciprocal discipline with BODA when information is received indicating that an attorney licensed to practice law in Texas has been disciplined in another jurisdiction.
- (b) The petition shall request that the respondent be disciplined in Texas and have attached to it any information concerning the disciplinary matter from the other jurisdiction including a copy of the order or judgment, if any, rendered against the respondent. The CDC shall serve the respondent in accordance with Rule 1.07 above.

#### Rule 7.02 Order to Show Cause

Upon the filing of the petition with BODA, the chair shall immediately issue a show cause order including a hearing setting notice and forward it to the CDC, who shall serve the order on the respondent. The CDC shall notify BODA of the date service is obtained.

#### Rule 7.03 Attorney's Response

If, on or before the thirtieth day after service of the show cause order and hearing notice by the CDC, the respondent does not file an answer but thereafter appears at the hearing, BODA may, at the discretion of the chair, receive testimony from the respondent relating to the merits of the petition for reciprocal discipline.

#### SECTION 8: DISTRICT DISABILITY COMMITTEE HEARINGS

#### Rule 8.01 Appointment of District Disability Committee

(a) If the evidentiary panel of the grievance committee finds pursuant to TRDP 2.17P(2) or the CDC believes pursuant to TRDP 2.14C that a respondent is suffering from a disability, the rules in this section shall apply to the District Disability Committee *de novo* proceeding held pursuant to TRDP Part XII.

- (b) Upon receiving an evidentiary panel's finding or the CDC's report that an attorney is believed to be suffering from a disability, the BODA chair shall appoint a District Disability Committee in compliance with TRDP 12.02 and designate a chair. The BODA clerk shall notify the CDC and respondent that a committee has been appointed and notify the respondent where the procedural rules governing disability proceedings are available.
- (c) A respondent notified to appear at a District Disability Committee hearing may, at any time, waive that hearing in writing and enter into an agreed judgment of indefinite disability suspension or probated suspension, provided that the respondent is competent to so waive the hearing. If the respondent is not represented, the waiver shall include a statement by the respondent that he has been advised of his right to have counsel appointed for him and that he waives that right.
- (d) All pleadings, motions, briefs, or other matters to be filed with the District Disability Committee shall be filed with the BODA clerk.
- (e) Should any member of the District Disability Committee become unable to serve, the BODA chair may appoint a substitute member.

#### Rule 8.02 Hearing Order

- (a) Upon being notified that the District Disability Committee has been appointed by BODA, the CDC shall, within twenty (20) days, file with the BODA clerk and then serve upon the respondent either in person or by certified mail, return receipt requested with delivery restricted to the respondent as addressee with a copy by first class mail, a proposed hearing order containing a list of names and addresses of all witnesses expected to be called to testify before the District Disability Committee and all exhibits expected to be offered. If service is by certified mail, the return receipt with the respondent's signature must be filed with the BODA clerk.
- (b) The respondent shall, within twenty (20) days after receiving the CDC's proposed hearing order, file with the BODA clerk and serve the CDC by certified mail a proposed hearing order including a list of names and addresses of all witnesses expected to be called to testify before the District Disability Committee and all exhibits expected to be offered. Respondent's failure to timely file the proposed hearing order will not affect the responsibility of the District Disability Committee to issue a final hearing order.
- (c) The District Disability Committee chair may adopt either the CDC's proposed hearing order, the respondent's proposed hearing order, or an order of his or her own. The BODA clerk shall prepare the final hearing order at the instruction of the District Disability Committee chair and send to the parties by first class mail. The BODA clerk shall set the final hearing date at the instruction of the chair. The adopted order shall be the final hearing order and shall contain a date, time, and place for the hearing. That order may contain provisions requiring a physical or mental examination of the respondent.
- (d) Requests for an extension of time to file the proposed hearing order by either party must be by written motion filed with the BODA clerk.

#### Rule 8.03 Provisions for Physical or Mental Examinations

- (a) Upon motion by the CDC or upon its own motion, the District Disability Committee may order the respondent to submit to a physical and/or mental examination by a qualified health care or mental health care professional. The respondent shall be given reasonable notice of the examination by written order specifying the name, address, and telephone number of the person conducting the examination. Any objections(s) to the motion for an exam and request for a hearing shall be filed with the BODA clerk within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the motion.
- (b) The examining professional shall file with the BODA clerk his detailed written report setting out findings, including results of all tests made, diagnoses and conclusions, and deliver a copy to the CDC and to the respondent.
- (c) Nothing contained herein shall be construed to limit the respondent's right to an examination by a professional of his choice in addition to any exam ordered by BODA.

#### Rule 8.04 Ability to Compel Attendance

The respondent and the CDC may, if they so choose, confront and cross-examine witnesses at the hearing. Compulsory process to compel the attendance of witnesses, enforceable by an order of a district court of proper jurisdiction, is available to the respondent and the CDC, by requesting a subpoena be issued as provided in TRCP 176.

#### Rule 8.05 Respondent's Right to Counsel

- (a) The notice to the respondent that a District Disability Committee has been appointed and the notice transmitting the CDC's proposed hearing order shall state that the respondent may request appointment of counsel by BODA to represent him or her at the disability hearing.
- (b) If the respondent wishes to have counsel appointed pursuant to TRDP Rule 12.02, a written request must be filed with the BODA clerk within sixty (60) days of the date respondent receives the CDC's proposed hearing order. Any request for appointment of counsel after sixty (60) days from the date of receipt of the proposed hearing order must show good cause for the failure to do so timely and that the request is not sought for delay only.

#### Rule 8.06 Limited Discovery

- (a) In the sole discretion of the District Disability Committee, limited discovery is permissible upon a clear showing of good cause and substantial need. The parties seeking discovery must file with the BODA clerk a verified written request for discovery showing good cause and substantial need with the proposed hearing order.
- (b) If good cause and substantial need are demonstrated, the District Disability Committee shall by written order permit the discovery, including in the final hearing order limitations or deadlines on the discovery. Such discovery, if any, as may be permitted, must be conducted by methods provided in the TRCP in effect at the time and may upon motion be enforced by a district court of proper jurisdiction.

(c) A decision of a District Disability Committee on a discovery matter may be reviewed only on appeal of the entire case. A reversal of the case may not be based upon the granting or denial of a discovery request without a showing of material unfairness or substantial harm.

#### Rule 8.07 Hearing

- (a) The party seeking to establish the disability must prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the respondent is suffering from a disability as defined in the TRDP. The chair of the District Disability Committee shall admit all such probative and relevant evidence as he or she deems necessary for a fair and complete hearing, generally in accord with the TRE; provided, however, that the admission or exclusion of evidence shall be in the sole discretion of the chair. No ruling on evidence shall be a basis for reversal solely because it fails to strictly comply with the TRE.
- (b) Such proceedings shall begin and conclude no earlier than thirty (30) days from the date the respondent receives the CDC's proposed hearing order nor later than ninety (90) days from that date; however, failure to do so does not affect the jurisdiction of the District Disability Committee to act. Nothing herein shall be construed to limit the parties' right to request a continuance of the hearing for good cause.
- (c) If the Committee is unable for any reason to hold a hearing within ninety (90) days of the date the respondent receives the proposed hearing order, BODA may appoint a new committee to handle the case.

#### Rule 8.08 Notice of Decision

The District Disability Committee shall certify its finding and any recommendations to BODA which shall issue the final judgment in the matter.

#### Rule 8.09 Confidentiality

All proceedings before the District Disability Committee are closed to the public. All matters before the District Disability Committee are confidential and are not subject to disclosure, except as allowed by the TRDP or as may be required in the event of an appeal to the Supreme Court.

#### **SECTION 9: DISABILITY REINSTATEMENTS**

#### Rule 9.01 Petition for Reinstatement

(a) An attorney under an indefinite disability suspension may, at any time after he or she has been suspended, file a verified petition with BODA to have the suspension terminated and to be reinstated to the practice of law. All such petitions shall be filed with the BODA clerk. The petitioner shall also serve a copy of the petition on the CDC as set forth in TRDP 12.06. After the petition is filed, the TRCP shall apply except when in conflict with these rules. Service shall be in accordance with the TRDP and these rules.

- (b) The petition shall set forth the information required by TRDP 12.06. If the judgment of disability suspension contained terms or conditions relating to misconduct by the petitioner prior to the suspension, the petition shall affirmatively demonstrate that those terms have been complied with or explain why they have not been satisfied. The petitioner has a duty to amend and keep current all information in the petition until the final hearing on the merits. Failure to do so may result in dismissal without notice.
- (c) Disability reinstatement proceedings before BODA are not confidential; however, BODA may seal all or any part of the record of the proceeding.

#### Rule 9.02 Discovery

The parties shall have sixty (60) days from the date of the filing of the petition for reinstatement in which to conduct discovery. The matter shall be set for a hearing by the BODA clerk on the next available hearing date after the expiration of the sixty (60) days, and the clerk shall so notify the parties of the time and place of the hearing. Nothing contained herein shall preclude either party from requesting a continuance for good cause.

#### Rule 9.03 Physical or Mental Examinations

- (a) BODA may order the petitioner seeking reinstatement to submit to a physical and/or mental examination by a qualified health care or mental health care professional upon written motion of the CDC or its own motion. The petitioner shall be served with a copy of the motion and given at least seven (7) days to respond. BODA may grant or deny the motion with or without a hearing.
- (b) The petitioner shall be given reasonable notice of the examination by written order specifying the name, address and telephone number of the person conducting the examination.
- (c) The examining professional shall deliver to BODA and the parties a copy of a detailed written report setting out findings, including results of all tests made, diagnoses and conclusions.
- (d) If the petitioner fails to submit to an examination as ordered, BODA may dismiss the petition without notice.
- (e) Nothing contained herein shall be construed to limit the petitioner's right to an examination by a professional of his choice in addition to any exam ordered by BODA.

#### Rule 9.04 Judgment

If, after hearing all the evidence, BODA determines that the petitioner is not eligible for reinstatement, BODA may, in its discretion, either enter an order denying the petition or direct that the petition be held in abeyance for a reasonable period of time until the petitioner provides additional proof as directed by BODA. The judgment may include such other orders as protecting the public and the petitioner's potential clients may require.

#### SECTION 10: APPEALS FROM BODA TO THE SUPREME COURT

#### Rule 10.01 Docketing by the Clerk

- (a) All appeals to the Supreme Court from determinations by BODA on a decision of a District Grievance Committee's evidentiary panel concerning the imposition or failure to impose sanctions, appeals from determinations on compulsory discipline, reciprocal discipline, revocations of probation, and disability suspensions will be docketed by the clerk of the Supreme Court in the same manner as petitions for review.
  - (b) No fee shall be charged by the clerk for filing any appeal from BODA decisions.
- (c) The notice of appeal must be filed directly with the clerk of the Supreme Court within fourteen (14) days after receipt of notice of a final determination by BODA. The record must be filed within sixty (60) days after BODA's determination. The appealing party's brief is due thirty (30) days after the record, and the responding party's brief must be filed within thirty (30) days thereafter.
- (d) The BODA clerk shall include the information contained in subpart (c) above with transmittal of each final determination to the parties.

#### Rule 10.02 Appellate Rules to Apply

- (a) The TRAP will apply to these appeals to the extent they are relevant. Oral argument may be granted on motion. The case shall be reviewed under the substantial evidence rule. The Court's decisions on sanctions, compulsory discipline, reciprocal discipline, revocations of probation, and disability suspension cases will be announced on the Court's orders. Following review by the Court, these appeals will be available for public inspection in the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court, unless the file or some portion thereof is confidential under the TRDP.
  - (b) The Court may affirm a decision of BODA by order without written opinion.

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA TAMPA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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CASE NO.

8:11-cr- 366-T-30TBM

18 U.S.C. § 371

18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C) (Forfeiture)

ROGER LEE SHOSS NICOLETTE LOISEL

28 U.S.C. § 2461(c) (Forfeiture)

#### INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges:

COUNT ONE
(Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud)

#### Introduction

At times material to this Indictment:

#### A. <u>Definitions</u>

- 1. The Committee on Uniform Securities Identification Procedures ("CUSIP") administered a system that uniformly and uniquely identifies most securities, specifically U.S. and Canadian registered stocks and U.S. government and municipal bonds, through the use of what are known as CUSIP numbers. CUSIP numbers, which appear on the face of securities, were issued by the CUSIP Bureau, which was operated by Standard and Poor's on behalf of the American Bankers Association in New York, New York.
- The National Association of Securities Dealers ("NASD") was a selfregulatory organization of the securities industry responsible for the operation and regulation of the NASDAQ Stock Market and the Over-The-Counter markets. It also



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administered exams for investments professionals, such as the Series 7 exam. The United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") had oversight of the NASD. In 2007, the NASD merged with the New York Stock Exchange's Regulation Committee to form the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA").

- 3. The National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotation System ("NASDAQ") was an electronic stock market that used a computerized system to provide brokers and dealers with price quotes. The NASDAQ was comprised of two separate markets: (1) the NASDAQ National Market, which traded the largest and most active securities, and (2) the NASDAQ Smallcap Market, which listed a smaller number of emerging growth companies. For a company to trade on the NASDAQ, it had to meet a number of listing requirements, such as having a minimum market capitalization and number of publicly-held shares. NASDAQ had a department called Corporate Data Operations, which handled the assignment and re-assignment of trading symbols for securities.
- 4. The Over-The-Counter Bulletin Board ("OTC Bulletin Board") was a quotation medium for market makers, that is, market participants who quote securities, provided by the NASD. The issuers who were quoted on the OTC Bulletin Board were required to report to the SEC or another regulatory authority. Typically, OTC Bulletin Board issuers were smaller issuers.
- 5. The Pink Sheets was a privately-owned, electronic quotation medium for market makers. If a market maker wanted to quote a security on the Pink Sheets, that market maker was first required to file a form, known as a 15c2-11 Form, with the NASD, later known as FINRA, in accordance with Rule 15c2-11, promulgated pursuant

to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. This was a one-time filing requirement. Once the form was filed and a company became Pink-Sheets eligible, the market maker could quote that security on the Pink Sheets. Thirty (30) days later, any market maker could quote that security. Generally, once a company became Pink-Sheets eligible, it remained Pink-Sheets eligible. There was no requirement of any further or ongoing due diligence or filings.

- 6. A Transfer Agent was a trust company, bank, or similar financial institution assigned by an issuer of securities to maintain records of investors and account balances and transactions, to cancel and issue certificates, to process investor mailings, and to deal with any associated problems, such as lost or stolen certificates. Companies that had publicly-traded securities typically used transfer agents to keep track of individuals and entities that owned their stocks and bonds. Although most transfer agents were banks or trust companies, sometimes a company acted as its own transfer agent.
- 7. A Publicly-Traded Shell Company existed in name only and/or was not operated for itself; it had no independent assets or operations, but was used by its owners to conduct specific business or maintain control of other companies or assets.

  A publicly-traded shell company was valuable when it was listed on a stock exchange because it provided a cheap way for another company to acquire a listing by "reversing" into the shell company.

#### B. <u>The Individuals</u>

8. ROGER LEE SHOSS, an attorney licensed to practice law in Texas, was residing in Houston, Texas, and affiliated with the law firm of Shoss & Associates

Attorneys & Counselors. ROGER LEE SHOSS participated in the hijacking of the identities, histories, and shareholder bases of dormant, publicly-traded shell companies, including, but not limited to, 3E International Corp., Webgalaxy, Inc., Pacific Chemical, Inc., and Greensmart Corporation.

9. NICOLETTE LOISEL, an attorney licensed to practice law in Texas, was residing in Houston, Texas, and affiliated with the law firm of Shoss & Associates Attorneys & Counselors. NICOLETTE LOISEL participated in the hijacking of the identities, histories, and shareholder bases of dormant, publicly-traded shell companies, including, but not limited to, 3E International Corp., Webgalaxy, Inc., Pacific Chemical, Inc., and Greensmart Corporation.

#### C. The Entities

- 10. 3E INTERNATIONAL, INC. [hereinafter "3E 1998"], which was incorporated in the state of Delaware in 1998, was a publicly-traded company with a CUSIP number and a trading symbol. In 2003, 3E 1998 was voided by the Delaware Division of Corporations for non-payment of taxes.
- 11. 3E INTERNATIONAL, INC. [hereinafter "3E 2005"], which was incorporated in the state of Delaware in 2005, was not a publicly-traded company. 3E 2005 was a sham entity created by conspirators, and renamed MOBILESTREAM, INC., for the purpose of hijacking the CUSIP number and trading symbol of 3E 1998 and, thereby, 3E 1998's identity, history and shareholder base. 3E 2005, renamed MOBILESTREAM, INC., was sold by conspirators to others, whom the conspirators knew intended to sell shares of stock in MOBILESTREAM, INC. overseas.

- 12. PACIFIC CHEMICAL INC. [hereinafter "PACIFIC CHEMICAL 1988"], which was incorporated in the state of Delaware in 1988, was a publicly-traded company with a CUSIP number and a trading symbol. In 1999, PACIFIC CHEMICAL 1988 was voided by the Delaware Division of Corporations for non-payment of taxes.
- 13. PACIFIC CHEMICAL INC. [hereinafter "PACIFIC CHEMICAL 2005"], which was incorporated in the state of Delaware in 2005, was not a publicly-traded company. PACIFIC CHEMICAL 2005 was a sham entity created by conspirators, and renamed REGALTECH, INC., for the purpose of hijacking the CUSIP number and trading symbol of PACIFIC CHEMICAL 1988 and, thereby, PACIFIC CHEMICAL 1988's identity, history and shareholder base. PACIFIC CHEMICAL 2005, renamed REGALTECH, INC., was sold by conspirators to others, whom the conspirators knew intended to sell shares of stock in REGALTECH, INC. overseas.
- 14. WEBGALAXY, INC. [hereinafter "WEBGALAXY"], which was incorporated in the state of Nevada in 1979, was a publicly-traded company with a CUSIP number and a trading symbol. In 2004, WEBGALAXY became dormant for failure to file an annual report with the state of Nevada. In 2005, conspirators fraudulently assumed control of WEBGALAXY, and renamed it NANOFORCE, INC., for the purpose of hijacking the CUSIP number and trading symbol of WEBGALAXY and, thereby, WEBGALAXY's identity, history and shareholder base. WEBGALAXY, renamed NANOFORCE, INC., was sold by conspirators to others, whom the conspirators knew intended to sell shares of stock in NANOFORCE, INC. overseas.
- 15. GREENSMART CORPORATION [hereinafter "GREENSMART 1997"], which was incorporated in the state of Delaware in 1997, was a publicly-traded

company with a CUSIP number and a trading symbol. In 2005, GREENSMART 1997 was voided by the Delaware Division of Corporations for non-payment of taxes.

16. GREENSMART CORPORATION [hereinafter "GREENSMART 2006"], which was incorporated in the state of Delaware in 2006, was not a publicly-traded company. GREENSMART 2006 was a sham entity created by conspirators, and renamed ROCKY MOUNTAIN GOLD MINING, INC., for the purpose of hijacking the CUSIP number and trading symbol of GREENSMART 1997 and, thereby, GREENSMART 1997's identity, history and shareholder base. GREENSMART 2006, renamed ROCKY MOUNTAIN GOLD MINING, INC., was sold by conspirators to others, whom the conspirators knew intended to sell shares of stock in ROCKY MOUNTAIN GOLD MINING, INC. overseas.

#### The Conspiracy

17. Beginning on an unknown date, but at least as early as in or about February 2005, and continuing thereafter, through and including at least July 31, 2006, in the Middle District of Florida and elsewhere,

ROGER LEE SHOSS and NICOLETTE LOISEL.

the defendants herein, knowingly and willfully did combine, conspire, confederate and agree with others, both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to commit certain offenses against the United States, specifically, to devise and intend to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud and for obtaining money and property by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, utilizing transmissions by means of wire and radio communication in interstate and foreign

commerce of any writings, signs, signals, and sounds, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343.

#### Manner and Means of the Conspiracy

- 18. It was a part of the conspiracy that conspirators would and did identify existing, dormant, publicly-traded companies in the United States.
- 19. It was a further part of the conspiracy that conspirators would and did incorporate new companies with the same names as the existing, dormant, publicly-traded companies identified. In other instances, conspirators would and did update the filings and, thereby, reinstate the existing, dormant, publicly-traded companies identified.
- 20. It was a further part of the conspiracy that conspirators would and did prepare board of directors resolutions and/or other documents to change the names of the new companies conspirators had incorporated as well as the names of the companies conspirators had reinstated.
- 21. It was a further part of the conspiracy that conspirators would and did prepare board of directors resolutions and/or other documents purporting to reflect reverse splits of the stocks previously issued by the existing, dormant, publicly-traded companies which conspirators had identified.
- 22. It was a further part of the conspiracy that conspirators would and did send, via facsimile and other means, to state agencies regulating corporate entities operating in their jurisdictions, certificates of amendment of articles of incorporation, board of directors resolutions, and/or other documents reflecting the name changes of the new companies conspirators had incorporated, the name changes of the companies

conspirators had reinstated, and/or the purported reverse splits of the stocks previously issued by the existing, dormant, publicly-traded companies which conspirators had identified.

- 23. It was a further part of the conspiracy that conspirators would and did send, via email, the internet, facsimile and other means, to the CUSIP Bureau, false and fraudulent applications for new CUSIP numbers and related documentation in order to secure new CUSIP numbers for securities to be issued by the new, renamed companies conspirators had incorporated as well as by the renamed companies conspirators had reinstated.
- 24. It was a further part of the conspiracy that conspirators would and did send, via email, facsimile and other means, to NASDAQ Corporate Data Operations, applications for new trading symbols and related documentation in order to secure new trading symbols for the new, renamed companies conspirators had incorporated as well as for the renamed companies conspirators had reinstated.
- 25. It was a further part of the conspiracy that conspirators would and did cause a transfer agent to send, via facsimile and other means, to NASDAQ Corporate Data Operations, false and fraudulent transfer agent verification forms in support of conspirators' applications for new trading symbols.
- 26. It was a further part of the conspiracy that conspirators would and did, through false and fraudulent statements, representations and documents sent to the CUSIP Bureau and NASDAQ Corporate Data Operations, effectively hijack the identities, histories, and shareholder bases of the existing, dormant, publicly-traded companies which conspirators had identified [hereinafter "the hijacked companies"].

- 27. It was a further part of the conspiracy that conspirators would and did sell the companies that emanated from the hijacked companies to others, whom conspirators knew intended to sell shares of stock in the companies they had purchased overseas.
- 28. It was a further part of the conspiracy that conspirators would and did conceal, misrepresent, and hide, and cause to be concealed, misrepresented, and hidden, the purpose of acts performed in furtherance of the conspiracy.

#### **Overt Acts**

29. In furtherance of the conspiracy and to effectuate the objects thereof, the following overt acts, among others, were committed within the Middle District of Florida, and elsewhere:

#### A. MOBILESTREAM

- (1) On or about June 28, 2005, ROGER LEE SHOSS and NICOLETTE LOISEL caused the incorporation of 3E INTERNATIONAL, INC. ("3E 2005") in the state of Delaware.
- (2) On or about July 24 and 25, 2005, NICOLETTE LOISEL prepared and filed with the Delaware Division of Corporations a Certificate of Amendment of Certificate of Incorporation, indicating that 3E 2005's board of directors had approved a change in the name of the company to MOBILESTREAM, INC.
- (3) On or about August 1, 2005, NICOLETTE LOISEL submitted, via the internet, to the CUSIP Bureau, an online application for assignment of a new CUSIP number to MOBILESTREAM.

- (4) On or about August 5, 2005, NICOLETTE LOISEL sent, via facsimile, to NASDAQ's Corporate Data Operations, a letter insinuating that 3E 1998 had changed its name to MOBILESTREAM, INC. and that the company had effected a reverse stock split, along with a Certificate of Amendment of Certificate of Incorporation and a Consent of the Board of Directors purporting to substantiate the content of the letter.
- (5) On or about August 8, 2005, ROGER LEE SHOSS and NICOLETTE

  LOISEL caused a transfer agent to send, via facsimile, to NASDAQ Corporate Data

  Operations, a Transfer Agent Verification Form, in support of a request for assignment of a new trading symbol to MOBILESTREAM.
- (6) On or about August 24, 2005, NICOLETTE LOISEL placed an order for 1,000 common stock certificates in the name of MOBILESTREAM, INC. and bearing the CUSIP number fraudulently obtained from the CUSIP Bureau.

#### B. REGALTECH

- (7) On or about February 10, 2005, ROGER LEE SHOSS and NICOLETTE LOISEL caused the incorporation of PACIFIC CHEMICAL INC., ("PACIFIC CHEMICAL 2005") in the state of Delaware.
- (8) On or about March 7, 2005, NICOLETTE LOISEL prepared and filed with the Delaware Division of Corporations a Certificate of Amendment of Certificate of Incorporation, indicating that PACIFIC CHEMICAL 2005's board of directors had approved a change in the name of the company to REGALTECH, INC.
- (9) On or about March 9, 2005, NICOLETTE LOISEL submitted, via the internet, to the CUSIP Bureau, an online application for assignment of a new CUSIP number to REGALTECH.

(10) On or about March 9, 2005, ROGER LEE SHOSS and NICOLETTE

LOISEL caused a transfer agent to send, via facsimile, to NASDAQ Corporate Data

Operations, a Transfer Agent Verification Form, in support of a request for assignment of a new trading symbol to REGALTECH.

#### C. NANOFORCE

- (11) On or about March 18, 2005, ROGER LEE SHOSS and NICOLETTE LOISEL caused to be filed with the Nevada Secretary of State an Annual List of Officers, Directors and Agents for WEBGALAXY, INC.
- (12) On or about March 22, 2005, ROGER LEE SHOSS and NICOLETTE

  LOISEL caused to be filed with the Nevada Secretary of State a Certificate of

  Amendment to Articles of Incorporation, indicating that WEBGALAXY's board of

  directors had approved a change in the name of the company to NANOFORCE, INC.
- (13) On or about March 24, 2005, NICOLETTE LOISEL submitted, via the internet, to the CUSIP Bureau, an online application for assignment of a new CUSIP number to NANOFORCE.
- (14) On or about April 4, 2005, NICOLETTE LOISEL sent, via facsimile, to NASDAQ's Corporate Data Operations, a letter insinuating that WEBGALAXY had changed its name to NANOFORCE, INC. and that the company had effected a reverse stock split, along with a Certificate of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation and a Consent of the Board of Directors purporting to substantiate the content of the letter.
- (15) On or about April 4, 2005, ROGER LEE SHOSS and NICOLETTE

  LOISEL caused a transfer agent to send, via facsimile, to NASDAQ Corporate Data

Operations, a Transfer Agent Verification Form, in support of a request for assignment of a new trading symbol to NANOFORCE.

#### D. ROCKY MOUNTAIN GOLD MINING

- (16) On or about July 17, 2006, ROGER LEE SHOSS caused the incorporation of GREENSMART CORPORATION, INC., ("GREENSMART 2006") in the state of Delaware.
- (17) On or about July 20, 2006, ROGER LEE SHOSS prepared and filed with the Delaware Division of Corporations a Certificate of Amendment of Certificate of Incorporation, indicating that GREENSMART 2006's board of directors had approved a change in the name of the company to ROCKY MOUNTAIN GOLD MINING, INC.
- (18) On or about July 26, 2006, ROGER LEE SHOSS submitted, via the internet and facsimile, to the CUSIP Bureau, an online application for assignment of a new CUSIP number to ROCKY MOUNTAIN.
- (19) On or about July 31, 2006, ROGER LEE SHOSS sent, via facsimile, to NASDAQ's Corporate Data Operations, a letter insinuating that GREENSMART 1997 had changed its name to ROCKY MOUNTAIN GOLD MINING, INC. and that the company had effected a reverse stock split, along with a Certificate of Amendment of Certificate of Incorporation and a Consent of the Board of Directors purporting to substantiate the content of the letter.
- (20) On or about July 31, 2006, ROGER LEE SHOSS caused a transfer agent to send, via facsimile, to NASDAQ Corporate Data Operations, a Transfer Agent

Verification Form, in support of a request for assignment of a new trading symbol to ROCKY MOUNTAIN.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

#### <u>FORFEITURE</u>

- 1. The allegations contained in Count One of this Indictment are hereby realleged and incorporated by reference for the purpose of alleging forfeitures pursuant to the provisions of Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).
- From their engagement in the violations alleged in Count One of this Indictment, involving conspiracy to commit wire fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 371 and 1343, the defendants,

ROGER LEE SHOSS and NICOLETTE LOISEL,

shall forfeit to the United States of America, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), all of their interest in any property, real or personal, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to such violations, including, but not limited to, a sum of money equal to \$800,000, representing the amount of proceeds which the defendants obtained as a result of their participation in the offense described in Count One of the Indictment, for which the defendants are jointly and severally liable.

3. If any of the property described above, as a result of any act or omission of the defendants:

- a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
- c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court;
- d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
- has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without difficulty,

the United States of America shall be entitled to forfeiture of substitute property under the provisions of Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), as incorporated by Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).

A TRUE BILL

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ROBERT E. O'NEILL United States Attorney

By:

RACHELLE DESVAUX BEDKE Assistant United States Attorney

By:

KELLEY C. HOWARD-ALLEN
Assistant United States Attorney

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No. TPA-2010-3-GJ-T-30 AEP

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

# Middle District of Florida Tampa Division

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

VS.

ROGER LEE SHOSS NICOLETTE LOISEL

# INDICTMENT

Violations:

18 U.S.C. § 371 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C) (Forfeiture) 18 U.S.C. § 2461(c) (Forfeiture)

A true bill

Filed in open court this 13th day

of July, 2011.

Bail

Clerk

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#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA TAMPA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	JUDGMENT IN	A CRIMINAL CASE
vs.	CASE NUMBER: 8 USM NUMBER: 9	3:11-cr-366-T-30TBM 9006-179
ROGER LEE SHOSS	Defendant's Attorney:	Matthew P. Farmer, cja.
THE DEFENDANT:		
_ pleaded guilty to count(s) pleaded nolo contendere to count X was found guilty on count(s) (	nt(s) which was accepted by the court. Count One of the Indictment after a plea of not gui	lty.
TITLE & SECTION	NATURE OF OFFENSE OF	FENSE ENDED
18 U.S.C. §371	Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud July	y 31, 2006

The defendant is sentenced as provided in pages 2 through 6 of this judgment. The sentence is imposed pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984.

The defendant has been found not guilty on count(s)

\_ Count(s) (is)(are) dismissed on the motion of the United States.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defendant must notify the United States Attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of name, residence, or mailing address until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments imposed by this judgment are fully paid. If ordered to pay restitution, the defendant must notify the court and United States Attorney of any material change in economic circumstances.

Date of Imposition of Sentence: August 9, 2012

COUNT

One

JAMES S. MOODY, JR. UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGÉ

July 31, 2006

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AO 245B (Rev 06/05) Sheet 2 - Imprisonment (Judgment in a Criminal Case)

Defendant:

ROGER LEE SHOSS

Case No.: 8:11-cr-366-T-30TBM

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#### **IMPRISONMENT**

After considering the advisory sentencing guidelines and all of the factors identified in Title 18 U.S.C. §§ 3553(a)(1)-(7), the court finds that the sentence imposed is sufficient, but not greater than necessary, to comply with the statutory purposes of sentencing.

The defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a total term of EIGHTEEN (18) MONTHS as to Count One of the Indictment.

_ The court makes the following recommendations	to the Pureau of Princes
_ manage the following recommendations	to the Bureau of Prisons:
The defendant is remanded to the custody of the United Sta	atas Marahal
The defendant shall surrender to the United States Marshall	ates Marshall.
_ The determine shall sufferinger to the Officed States Marshall	i for this district.
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as notified by the United States Marshal.	
Y The defendant dell	
X The defendant shall surrender for service of sentence at the s	he institution designated by the Bureau of Prisons.
before 2 p.m. on	
X as notified by the United States Marshal.	
_ as notified by the Probation or Pretrial Services (	Office.
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Defendant delivered on	to.
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	Office States Marshal
	Ву:
	Deputy United States Marshal
	Deputy Officed States Marshal

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AO 245B (Rev. 09/11) Sheet 3 - Supervised Release (Judgment in a Criminal Case)

Defendant: Case No.: ROGER LEE SHOSS

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#### SUPERVISED RELEASE

Upon release from imprisonment, the defendant shall be on supervised release for a term of THREE (3) YEARS as to Count One of the Indictment.

The defendant must report to the probation office in the district to which the defendant is released within 72 hours of release from the custody of the Bureau of Prisons.

The defendant shall not commit another federal, state, or local crime. The defendant shall not unlawfully possess a controlled substance. The defendant shall refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance. The defendant shall submit to one drug test within 15 days of release from imprisonment and at least two periodic drug tests thereafter, as determined by the court.

- X The above drug testing condition is suspended, based on the court's determination that the defendant poses a low risk of future substance abuse.
- \_X The defendant shall cooperate in the collection of DNA as directed by the probation officer.

If this judgment imposes a fine or restitution it is a condition of supervised release that the defendant pay in accordance with the Schedule of Payments sheet of this judgment.

The defendant must comply with the standard conditions that have been adopted by this court as well as with any additional conditions on the attached page.

#### STANDARD CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

- the defendant shall not leave the judicial district without the permission of the court or probation officer;
- the defendant shall report to the probation officer in a manner and frequency directed by the court or probation officer;
- the defendant shall answer truthfully all inquiries by the probation officer and follow the instructions of the probation officer;
- the defendant shall support his or her dependents and meet other family responsibilities;
- the defendant shall work regularly at a lawful occupation, unless excused by the probation officer for schooling, training, or other acceptable reasons;
- the defendant shall notify the probation officer at least ten days prior to any change in residence or employment;
- 7) the defendant shall refrain from excessive use of alcohol and shall not purchase, possess, use, distribute, or administer any controlled substance or any paraphernalia related to any controlled substances, except as prescribed by a physician;
- the defendant shall not frequent places where controlled substances are illegally sold, used, distributed, or administered;
- 9) the defendant shall not associate with any persons engaged in criminal activity and shall not associate with any person convicted of a felony, unless granted permission to do so by the probation officer;
- 10) the defendant shall permit a probation officer to visit him or her at any time at home or elsewhere and shall permit confiscation of any contraband observed in plain view of the probation officer;
- 11) the defendant shall notify the probation officer within seventy-two hours of being arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer;
- 12) the defendant shall not enter into any agreement to act as an informer or a special agent of a law enforcement agency without the permission of the court; and
- 13) as directed by the probation officer, the defendant shall notify third parties of risks that may be occasioned by the defendant's criminal record or personal history or characteristics and shall permit the probation officer to make such notifications and to confirm the defendant's compliance with such notification requirement.

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AO 245B (Rev. 06/05) Sheet 3C - Supervised Release (Judgment in a Criminal Case)

Defendant: Case No.: ROGER LEE SHOSS

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#### SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

The defendant shall also comply with the following additional conditions of supervised release:

- The defendant shall participate in the Home Detention program for a period of <u>THREE (3) YEARS</u>. During this time, defendant will remain at defendant's place of residence except for employment and other activities approved in advance by the defendant's Probation Officer. Defendant will be subject to the standard conditions of Home Detention adopted for use in the Middle District of Florida, which may include the requirement to wear an electronic monitoring device and to follow electronic monitoring procedures specified by the Probation Officer. Further, the defendant shall be required to contribute to the costs of services for such monitoring not to exceed an amount determined reasonable by the Probation Officer based on ability to pay (or availability of third party payment) and in conformance with the Probation Office's Sliding Scale for Electronic Monitoring Services.
- X The defendant shall cooperate in the collection of DNA as directed by the probation officer.
- X The mandatory drug testing provisions pursuant to the Violent Crime Control Act are waived.

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AO 245B (Rev 06/05) Sheet 5 - Criminal Monetary Penalties (Judgment in a Criminal Case)

Defendant: Case No .:

ROGER LEE SHOSS

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#### CRIMINAL MONETARY PENALTIES

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	The defendant m	oust pay the total of	criminal monetar	y penalt	ies under the sche	dule of payment	s on Sheet 6.
		Assessment		<u>Fine</u>		Total Restituti	on
	Totals:	\$100.00		Waive	ì	N/A	
_	The determination be entered after s	on of restitution is such determination	deferred until		An Amended Ju	dgment in a Crin	ninal Case (AO 245C) will
	The defendant m below.	ust make restituti	on (including co	mmunity	restitution) to the	e following paye	es in the amount listed
	SUCCINCU UNICIW	makes a partial pa ise in the priority federal victims mu	order or hercent	ioe navn	appit callimn halas	imately proporti w. However, pur	oned payment, unless rsuant to 18 U.S.C. §
Name o	f Payee	:	Total Loss*		Restitution Orde	ered	Priority or Percentage
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_	The court determine	ned that the defend	ant does not have	the abili	ty to pay interest a	and it is ordered th	nat:
<u>-</u>		t requirement is wa					
-	the interes	t requirement for th	ne fine	_ restitu	tion is modified as	follows:	
Findings	s for the total amou	nt of losses are req	uired under Chap	ters 109/	A, 110, 110A, and	113A of Title 18 f	for the offenses committed

on or after September 13, 1994, but before April 23, 1996.

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AO 245B (Rev 06/05) Sheet 6 - Schedule of Payments (Judgment in a Criminal Case)

Defendant: Case No.: ROGER LEE SHOSS

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#### SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Having	g assesse	ed the defendant's ability to pay, payment of the total criminal monetary penalties are due as follows:	
A.	<u>X</u>	Lump sum payment of \$ 100.00 due immediately, balance due	
		not later than, or	
		in accordance C, D, E or F below; or	
B.		Payment to begin immediately (may be combined with C, D, or F below); or	
C.	_	Payment in equal (e.g., weekly, monthly, quarterly) installments of \$ over a period of (e.g., months or years), to commence days (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after the date of this judgment; or	
D.		Payment in equal(e.g., weekly, monthly, quarterly) installments of \$ over a period of imprisonment to a term of supervision; or (e.g. 30 or 60 days) after release from	
E.	-	Payment during the term of supervised release will commence within	
F.	_	Special instructions regarding the payment of criminal monetary penalties:	
Denam	es is due	rt has expressly ordered otherwise, if this judgment imposes imprisonment, payment of criminal monetary during imprisonment. All criminal monetary penalties, except those payments made through the Federal ons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program, are made to the clerk of the court.	
The de	fendant	shall receive credit for all payments previously made toward any criminal monetary penalties imposed.	
_	Joint an	nd Several	
	Defend Several	ant and Co-Defendant Names and Case Numbers (including defendant number), Total Amount, Joint and Amount, and corresponding payee, if appropriate:	
_	The de	fendant shall pay the cost of prosecution.	
_	The defendant shall pay the following court cost(s):		
<u>X</u>	The de	fendant shall forfeit the defendant's interest in the following property to the United States:	
previou	The Consly iden	ourt orders that the defendant forfeit to the United States immediately and voluntarily any and all assets tified in the Indictment and Special Forfeiture Verdict, that are subject to forfeiture.	
Paymen	ts shall be	e applied in the following order: (1) assessment, (2) restitution principal, (3) restitution interest, (4) fine principal, (5)	

fine interest, (6) community restitution, (7) penalties, and (8) costs, including cost of prosecution and court costs.

#### **AFFIDAVIT**

THE STATE OF TEXAS **COUNTY OF TRAVIS** 

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Judith Gres DeBerry, Petitioner's attorney of record, who, being by me duly sworn, deposed as follows:

"My name is Judith Gres DeBerry. I am over the age of 18 years, of sound mind, capable of making this affidavit, and state the following:

Based upon information and belief, Roger Lee Shoss, whose Texas Bar Card Number is 18304000, is licensed as an attorney and counselor at law in the State of Texas. Based upon information and belief, Roger Lee Shoss, named as Respondent in the Petition for Compulsory Discipline filed with the Board of Disciplinary Appeals is one and the same person as the Roger Lee Shoss, who is the subject of the Judgment in a Criminal Case entered in Case No. 8:11-cr-366-T-30TBM, styled United States of America v. Roger Lee Shoss, in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, Tampa Division, wherein Respondent was found guilty of Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud and was committed to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a total term of eighteen (18) months, ordered upon release from imprisonment to be on supervised release for three (3) years, with the special condition of participating in the Home Detention program for three (3) years, and ordered to pay an assessment of \$100.00."

FURTHER Affiant saith not.

Judith Gres DeBerry

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED before me on the

SHELLY M HOGUE Notary Public, State of Texas My Commission Expires October 05, 2014

NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR

THE STATE OF TEXAS