

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
BUREAU OF SECURITIES
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NEWARK, NEW JERSEY 07101
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IN THE MATTER OF: :
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 Anthony Louis Cortellessa :
 CRD #54624 :
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 Respondent. :
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SUMMARY BAR ORDER

To: Mr. Anthony Louis Cortellessa P #613677
Central Reception Administration Facility
P.O. Box 7460
Trenton, New Jersey 08628

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Chief of the New Jersey Bureau of Securities (“Bureau”) by the Uniform Securities Laws, as amended, L. 1997, c. 276, N.J.S.A. 49:3-47 et seq. (“Law”), more specifically, N.J.S.A. 49:3-56(k); and after careful review and due consideration of the Bureau’s records and certain documents provided to the Bureau, including:

- i) Accusation-State of New Jersey v. Anthony L. Cortellessa, Accusation Number 08-05-00580-A.
- ii) Waiver of Indictment –State of New Jersey v. Anthony L. Cortellessa, Accusation Number 08-05-00580-A, Approved and Accepted by Honorable Salem V. Ahto, P.J.S.C. on May 23, 2008;
- iii) Consent Order/Judgment – State of New Jersey v. Anthony L. Cortellessa, Accusation Number 08-05-00580-A, Approved and Accepted by Honorable Salem V. Ahto, P.J.S.C. May 23, 2008;

- iv) Judgment of Conviction – Accusation Number 08-05-00580-S, entered July 17, 2008; State of New Jersey v. Anthony L. Cortellessa, New Jersey Superior Court Law Division – Criminal Morris County;

the Bureau Chief makes the following findings of fact:

1. Anthony Cortellessa has been employed as an agent of four different broker-dealers since 1969.
2. From August 24, 1983 to September 29, 2005, Anthony Cortellessa was a registered with the Bureau as an agent of Cadaret, Grant & Co., Inc. (CRD#10641).
3. Central Registration Depository (CRD) records document that Anthony L. Cortellessa was discharged from Cadaret, Grant & Co., Inc. on September 29, 2005 for borrowing money from a customer against firm policy.
4. On May 23, 2008 Cortellessa agreed to a Waiver of Indictment for Accusation Number 08-05-00580-A. Cortellessa was charged in Count One of second degree Securities Fraud in violation of N.J.S.A. 49:3-42(b) and 49:3-70(d)(2).
5. The Accusation alleged, among other things, that Cortellessa, as a licensed insurance agent, registered representative and financial advisor knowingly made untrue statements of material fact or omitted to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statement made, in the light of the circumstances in which they were made, not misleading.
6. The Accusation alleged that Cortellessa mislead investors to believe they were investing funds into guaranteed fixed income/rate securities, tax exempt fixed income/rate bonds

and interest bearing commercial paper, when the securities, bonds and commercial paper did not exist. The Accusation alleged that Cortellessa deposited the funds into a bank account he controlled or converted the funds to cash.

7. On May 23, 2008 Cortellessa entered a Consent Order/Judgment wherein Judgment was entered against Cortellessa in the amount of \$627,350. This amount represents money Cortellessa owes to his victims. The Judgment was agreed to be non-dischargeable in any bankruptcy proceeding.

8. On July 11, 2008, Judge Salem Vincent Ahto, P. J.S.C. sentenced Cortellessa to, among other things, three (3) years in prison and ordered the surrender of all licenses relating to securities and insurance and is forever barred from seeking the same. Additionally, he was sentenced to pay restitution in the amount of \$627,350 payable as set forth in the Consent Order/Judgment.

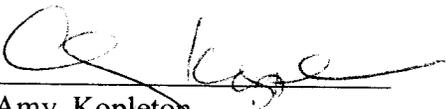
9. The fact that Cortellessa was convicted of crimes involving fraudulent practices pertaining to state securities fraud laws is grounds pursuant to N.J.S.A. 49:3-56(k) to summarily bar Cortellessa from being a partner, officer or director of an issuer, broker-dealer or investment adviser, or from occupying a similar status or performing a similar function or from directly or indirectly controlling or being controlled by an issuer, broker-dealer or investment adviser, or from acting as a broker-dealer, agent or investment adviser in New Jersey.

For the reasons stated above, it is on this 27 DAY of January 2009, ORDERED that Anthony L. Cortellessa be, and hereby is, summarily barred, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 49:3-56(k), from being a partner, officer or director of an issuer, broker-dealer or investment adviser, or from occupying a similar status or performing a similar function or from directly or indirectly

controlling or being controlled by an issuer, broker-dealer or investment adviser, or from acting as a broker-dealer, agent or investment adviser in New Jersey.

It is further ordered that exemptions to certain securities transactions provided by N.J.S.A. 49:3-50(b) and that the exemptions from registration as an investment adviser provided by N.J.S.A. 49:3-56(g) are hereby denied.

A copy of this Order shall be promptly served upon Anthony L. Cortellessa.

By: 
Amy Kopleton
Acting Chief, Bureau of Securities

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO HEARING

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 49:3-56(k), any person barred by this subsection shall be entitled to request a hearing by the same procedures as set forth in subsection (c) of N.J.S.A. 49:3-50.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 49:3-50(c)(1), upon service of the order issued by the Bureau Chief, the respondent shall have up to 15 days to respond to the Bureau in the form of a written answer and written request for a hearing. The Bureau Chief shall, within five days of receiving the answer and a request for a hearing, either transmit the matter to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing or schedule a hearing at the Bureau. Orders issued pursuant to subsection (c) shall be subject to an application to vacate upon 10 days' notice, and a preliminary hearing on the order shall be held in any event within 20 days after it is requested; and the filing of a motion to vacate the order shall toll the time for filing an answer and written request for a hearing.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 49:3-50(c)(2) if a respondent fails to respond by either filing a written answer and written request for a hearing with the bureau or moving to vacate an order within the 15 day prescribed period, the respondent shall be deemed to have waived the opportunity to be heard. The Order will remain in effect until modified or vacated upon notice to all interested parties by the Bureau Chief.

NOTICE OF OTHER ENFORCEMENT REMEDIES

You are advised that the Uniform Securities Law (1997), N.J.S.A. 49:3-47 et seq., provides several enforcement remedies which are available to be exercised by the Bureau Chief, either alone or in combination. These remedies include, in addition to this action, the right to seek and obtain injunctive and ancillary relief in a civil enforcement action, N.J.S.A. 49:3-69.

You are further advised that the entry of this Order does not preclude the Bureau Chief from seeking and obtaining other enforcement remedies against you in connection with the claims made against you in this action.