# STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF BANKING AND SECURITIES

IN THE MATTER OF:	)
LINDA DENNY and JOHN DENNY	ORDER NO. 17-120-S
	TEMPORARY CEASE AND DESIST
Respondents.	ORDER EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY,
	) ASSESSING CIVIL PENALTIES, WITH
	) NOTICE OF HEARING RIGHTS AND
	) NOTICE OF FINAL CEASE AND DESIST
	ORDER
	)

The Director of the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Banking and Securities ("Administrator"), has conducted an investigation into the business activities of Linda Denny, and John Denny (collectively, the "Respondents"), and has determined that Respondents violated certain provisions of the Alaska Securities Act, Alaska Statute ("AS") 45.55 *et seq*.

# I. FINDINGS OF FACT

- Denny Investments, LLC ("Denny Investments") organized as an Alaska limited liability company on November 25, 2015 (entity No. 10033688), and had an address of 5340 E. McDowell Road in Wasilla, Alaska.
- 2. Linda Denny is a resident of Wasilla, Alaska. At the time of Denny Investments' organization, Linda Denny was the registered agent and sole member and owner of Denny Investments LLC. Linda Denny purchased Spurs Bar and Grill on December 23, 2015 and was the sole owner of Spurs Bar and Grill.
- John Denny is a resident of Wasilla, Alaska. John Denny assisted Linda
   Denny in organizing Denny Investments.

- John Denny was the General Manager of Spurs Bar and Grill at the time of Denny Investments' organization.
- 6. In 2015, John Denny offered H.P. an opportunity to invest in Denny Investments. John Denny told H.P. that Linda Denny created Denny Investments in order to purchase, own, and maintain the Property and the Spurs Bar and Grill. John Denny told H.P. that a local company was planning to develop the parcel of land adjacent to the Property, which would cause the price of the Property to rise in the future and that H.P. would receive a profit due to H.P.'s owning membership units in Denny Investments.
- 7. On January 1, 2016, Linda Denny sold 13% of her 100% membership interest in Denny Investments to investor H.P. H.P. paid Linda Denny \$118,000 in exchange for 13 membership units in Denny Investments.
- 8. In April 2017, C.K. spoke with John Denny regarding investing in Spurs Bar and Grill. John Denny offered C.K an opportunity to invest in Denny Investments. John Denny told C.K. that John Denny planned to expand the business of Spurs Bar and Grill. John Denny also told C.K. that a local company was planning to develop the parcel of land adjacent to the Property, which would cause the price of the Property to rise in the future and that C.K. would receive a profit due to C.K.'s owning membership units in Denny Investments.
- 9. On April 13, 2017, based on what John Denny proposed, C.K. signed a document entitled, "Stock Purchase Agreement" for "5 shares of common stock [sic]" in

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Denny Investments, and gave \$46,000 in cash to John Denny and Linda Denny.

10. On or about April 14, 2017, C.K. contacted John Denny and requested for her \$46,000 to be returned. As of the date of this order, C.K. has not received any of C.K.'s money back.

### II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The membership units in Denny Investments that Linda Denny sold to H.P. and C.K. were "securities" as that term is defined in AS 45.55.990(32).
- 2. Respondent Linda Denny was an "issuer" of Denny Investments as that term is defined in 45.55.990(20) at the time of each sale.
- 3. Respondent John Denny acted as a "promoter" as that term is defined in 3

  AAC 08.950(16) on behalf of Linda Denny at the time of sale of membership units in Denny

  Investments to H.P. and C.K.
- 4. Respondents Linda Denny and John Denny violated AS 45.55.070 by offering and selling securities to H.P. and C.K. that were not registered with the Administrator, federally covered in compliance with Alaska law, or exempt from registration.
- 5. Respondents are subject to a civil penalty under AS 45.55.920(b) for violating AS 45.55.070.

#### III.ORDER

Pursuant to AS 45.55.920, and on the basis of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Administrator ORDERS Respondents to:

- 1. CEASE AND DESIST from violating the Alaska Securities Act;
- Comply with all provisions of the Alaska Securities Act and associated regulations; and

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Pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$30,000. This amount is immediately due 3. to the Administrator.

Respondents are jointly and severally liable for complying with the terms of this Order, including payment of the civil penalty.

Pursuant to AS 45.55.920(d), if Respondents desire a hearing, Respondents must file their request for a hearing within 15 days after receipt of this Order. The request for a hearing must be in writing, must be directed to the Administrator, and must state the grounds for the request to set aside or modify the Order. This Order takes effect immediately, remains in effect until 10 days after the hearing is held, and becomes final if a hearing is not requested within 15 days after the receipt of this notice.

This Order is a publicly disclosable document.

# IT IS SO ORDERED.

Julie Anderson, Commissioner Department of Commerce, Community and **Economic Development** 

DATED: July 23, 2020

/s/ Patrice Walsh

BY: Patrice Walsh, Director Division of Banking and Securities

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> \$15,000 per Respondent.