# STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SECURITIES DIVISION

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SUMMARY ORDER TO SUSPEND INVESTMENT ADVISER AND INVESTMENT ADVISER REPRESENTATIVE REGISTRATIONS AND STATEMENT OF CHARGES AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REVOKE REGISTRATIONS, TO IMPOSE FINES, AND TO CHARGE COSTS

Order No.: S-12-0958-13-TO02

SUMMARY ORDER TO SUSPEND INVESTMENT ADVISER AND INVESTMENT ADVISER REPRESENTATIVE REGISTRATIONS AND STATEMENT OF CHARGES AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REVOKE REGISTRATIONS, TO IMPOSE FINES, AND TO CHARGE COSTS

Respondents.

IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING

Whether there has been a violation of the

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO:

Securities Act of Washington by:

JFB Capital LLC;

Jason F. Bond

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JFB Capital, LLC Jason F. Bond

## STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Please take notice that the Securities Administrator of the state of Washington has reason to believe that Respondents, JFB Capital, LLC ("JFB Capital") and Jason F. Bond ("Jason Bond"), as the person who controls JFB Capital, have violated the Securities Act of Washington and rules and orders under that act. The Securities Administrator finds that these violations justify the entry of an order under RCW 21.20.110 to suspend or revoke JFB Capital's investment adviser and Jason Bond's investment adviser representative registrations, to charge costs, and to impose a fine. Additionally, the Securities Administrator finds that the continuing operation of JFB Capital as an investment adviser by its principal, Jason Bond, would be hazardous to the public interest and that it is necessary for the protection of the investing public that a Summary Order to suspend JFB Capital's investment adviser and Jason Bond's investment adviser representative registrations be entered immediately.

The Securities Administrator finds as follows:

#### TENTATIVE FINDINGS OF FACT

## Respondents

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- 1. JFB Capital, LLC ("JFB Capital") is a Washington State Limited Liability Company formed on September 9, 2008. Its principal office and place of business is located at 6670 East Green Lake Way North, Seattle, Washington 98103.
- 2. JFB Capital is registered as an investment adviser with the Securities Division pursuant to RCW 21.20.040 under Washington File Number 30002934. JFB Capital's Investment Adviser Registration Depository ("IARD") number is 148468. JFB Capital's investment adviser registration was originally approved in Washington State on November 14, 2008. Its registration was suspended on May 4, 2012 by Summary Order S-12-0958-12-TO01. That suspension was lifted on July 16, 2012 by Consent Order S-12-0958-12-CO01.
- 3. As reported in its Form ADV, the Uniform Application for Investment Adviser Registration, JFB Capital has discretionary authority over client funds. Its March 29, 2012 amendment to Form ADV stated that JFB Capital managed thirty-four accounts on a discretionary basis with total assets under management of \$375,000.
- 4. As an investment adviser with discretionary authority over client funds or securities, but without custody of client funds or securities, JFB Capital is required under WAC 460-24A-170 to maintain a minimum net worth of \$10,000.
- 5. Jason F. Bond is the sole managing member and Registered Agent of JFB Capital. Mr. Bond is the only registered investment adviser representative of JFB Capital. His Central Registration Depository number is 5500808. Jason Bond is JFB Capital's only Direct Owner/Executive Officer reported on IARD.

### Nature of the Conduct

# Background

6. On May 1, 2012, the Securities Division of the Washington State Department of Financial Institutions ("Securities Division"), issued Summary Order S-12-0958-12-TO01 suspending JFB Capital's investment adviser registration and Jason Bond's investment adviser representative registration for failing to maintain JFB Capital's minimum financial requirement and failing to timely inform the Securities Division of its inability to maintain its minimum financial requirement.

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7. On July 16, 2012, the Securities Division entered into Consent Order S-12-0958-12-CO01 ("Consent Order") in settlement of Summary Order S-12-0958-12-TO01with JFB Capital and Jason Bond after Jason Bond submitted evidence that JFB Capital was meeting its minimum financial requirement.

8. In the Consent Order, the Securities Division lifted the suspensions of JFB Capital's investment adviser registration and Jason Bond's investment adviser representative registration after the Respondents affirmed their understanding of their minimum financial requirement and the requirement to timely report any inability to meet this requirement. As a part of the Consent Order, the Respondents were required to submit for a period of two years to the Securities Division monthly balance sheets of JFB Capital prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") and the bank statements, brokerage statements, and all other supporting documents for each monthly balance sheet.

9. In July of 2012, Jason Bond provided the Securities Division with a written statement that JFB Capital did not have any liabilities and its sole asset was a TD Ameritrade ("TDA") brokerage account. He further stated that he would notify the Securities Division as a part of his monthly reporting if JFB Capital incurred any liabilities. With these assurances the Securities Division agreed to accept the monthly TDA Brokerage Statements as the documents required by the Consent Order.

### Current Conduct

10. On August 30, 2012 Jason Bond submitted an account snapshot of his TDA brokerage account for his August 2012 Consent Order reporting requirement. This one-page document was not the TDA Brokerage Statement and did not provide daily position data. The account snapshot showed an account balance on August 30, 2012 of \$10,230.97. After reviewing the submitted snapshot, the Securities Division requested the full August 2012 TDA Brokerage Statement on August 30, 2012.

11. On September 24, 2012, after receiving multiple voicemails from the Securities Division requesting the full TDA Brokerage Statement, Jason Bond emailed the Securities Division admitting that JFB Capital fell below its minimum financial requirement multiple times in July and August of 2012.

- 12. On September 25, 2012, Jason Bond submitted the TDA Brokerage Statements for July and August of 2012. Those statements showed that JFB Capital fell below \$10,000 in July and August of 2012. On July 31, 2012 the TDA Brokerage Statement showed a balance of \$7,975.79. On August 31, 2012 the TDA Brokerage Statement showed a balance of \$9,718.23. Jason Bond did not report JFB Capital's inability to meet its minimum financial condition until September 24, 2012.
- 13. In September of 2012, Jason Bond informed the Securities Division that he was confused by the requirements. He claimed that he thought he was only required to show that JFB Capital was able to meet its minimum financial requirement on one day of the month and that he was unaware of the requirement to timely inform the Securities Division if JFB Capital was unable to meet its minimum financial requirement. However, the July 2012 Consent Order details both of these requirements.
- 14. In September and October of 2012, Jason Bond again acknowledged his understanding of both requirements: (1) that JFB Capital had to meet its minimum financial requirement at all times and (2) that he was required to notify the Securities Division by the close of business on the next business day if JFB Capital was unable to meet its minimum financial requirement. Mr. Bond further informed the Securities Division that he intended to get a certificate of deposit with enough capital to cover JFB Capital's minimum financial requirement.
- 15. Jason Bond submitted TDA Brokerage Statements showing end of the month account balances of over \$10,000 in September and October of 2012. The TDA Brokerage Statements do not include a monthly minimum account balance or daily account balances.
- 16. On December 10, 2012, the Securities Division had not received JFB Capital's November 2012 TDA Brokerage Statement and emailed Jason Bond requesting the statement as soon as it was available. After receiving no response to this request, the Securities Division sent him follow-up emails and left multiple voicemails for him to send the required documents as soon as possible.
- 17. In January of 2013, after no contact from Mr. Bond since receiving the October 2012 statements in early November 2012, the Securities Division sent Mr. Bond an email and a certified letter requesting the required

documents with the November and December 2012 information. Those communications gave a February 1, 2013 deadline to receive the documents before the Securities Division would initiate an administrative action against JFB Capital and Jason Bond.

- 18. On January 31, 2013, Jason Bond emailed the Securities Division the November and December 2012 TDA Brokerage Statements. Those statements showed that JFB Capital's net worth fell below \$10,000 during most of November and December 2012. On November 30, 2012 the TDA Brokerage Statement showed a balance of \$4,999.66. On December 31, 2012 the TDA Brokerage Statement showed a balance of \$7,212.16.
- 19. Jason Bond did not contact the Securities Division to report JFB Capital's inability to meet its minimum financial requirements in the months of November or December 2012.
- 20. Jason Bond submitted TDA Brokerage Statements showing end of the month account balances of over \$10,000 in January and February of 2013. However, those statements reported numerous transfers into the accounts. Because of the prior history, the Securities Division contacted TD Ameritrade, Inc for the minimum daily account balances for the periods of September 1, 2012 October 31, 2012 and January 1, 2013 March 5, 2013. TD Ameritrade, Inc provided the Securities Division with a report containing the account's liquidation value for each business day from the requested period.
- 21. The TD Ameritrade report showed that the account liquidation value went below \$10,000 multiple times in September and October of 2012 and multiple times in January and February 2013. The TDA Brokerage Statements only contain the account balance as of the last day of the month. The only day in January 2013 where the account minimum balance met or was above \$10,000 was the last day of the month, January 31, 2013. Jason Bond submitted the January 2012 TDA Brokerage Statement to the Securities Division on February 4, 2013. On February 5, 2013, the account fell below \$10,000.
- 22. On March 4, 2013, Jason Bond submitted the February 2013 TDA Brokerage Statement. This statement showed an ending balance of \$10,945.46. From the TDA report, it is clear that the account balance was under \$10,000 until February 25, 2013 and it fell below \$10,000 on March 4, 2013.

23. Jason Bond did not contact the Securities Division to report JFB Capital's inability to meet its minimum financial requirements in the months of February or March of 2013.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. As set forth in the Tentative Findings of Fact, JFB Capital, LLC has willfully violated WAC 460-24A-170(1) by failing to maintain at all times a minimum net worth of \$10,000. Such conduct constitutes grounds for an order to suspend or revoke JFB Capital, LLC's investment adviser registration under RCW 21.20.110(1)(b), to impose fines under RCW 21.20.110(4), and to charge costs under RCW 21.20.110(7).
- 2. As set forth in the Tentative Findings of Fact, JFB Capital, LLC has willfully violated WAC 460-24A-170(4) by failing to notify the Securities Division, by close of business on the next day, that JFB Capital, LLC's net worth was below its \$10,000 minimum net worth requirement. Such conduct constitutes grounds for an order to suspend or revoke JFB Capital, LLC's investment adviser registration under RCW 21.20.110(1)(b), to impose fines under RCW 21.20.110(4), and to charge costs under RCW 21.20110(7).
- 3. As set forth in the Tentative Findings of Fact, Jason F. Bond as the sole managing member of JFB Capital, LLC is the person who controls JFB Capital, LLC. Jason F. Bond, as the person who controls JFB Capital, LLC, is liable, under RCW 21.20.110(6), to the same extent as JFB Capital, LLC for JFB Capital, LLC's violations of WAC 460-24A-170(1) and (4). Therefore, pursuant to RCW 21.20.110(6), such conduct constitutes grounds for an order to suspend or revoke Jason F. Bond's investment adviser representative registration under RCW 21.20.110(1)(b), to impose fines under RCW 21.20.110(4), and to charge costs under RCW 21.20110(7).
- 4. As set forth in the Tentative Findings of Fact, Respondents have willfully violated Securities Division Consent Order S-12-0958-12-CO01 by failing to maintain JFB Capital, LLC's minimum financial requirement and failing to provide timely monthly statements and supporting documentation required by that Consent Order. Such conduct constitutes grounds for an order to suspend or revoke JFB Capital, LLC's investment adviser and Jason F. Bond's investment adviser representative registrations under RCW 21.20.110(1)(b), to impose fines under RCW 21.20.110(4), and to charge costs under RCW 21.20110(7).

#### **EMERGENCY**

The Securities Division believes that JFB Capital, LLC has been repeatedly unable to meet its minimum financial requirement and has repeatedly failed to notify the Securities Division of its inability to meet its minimum financial requirement. Additionally, the Securities Division believes that Respondents have repeatedly violated a previous Consent Order involving similar conduct. JFB Capital's repeated violations of WAC 460-24A-170, including its repeated failures to report required information to the Securities Division, and the Respondents' willful violation of Consent Order S-12-0958-12-CO01 constitute threats to the investing public. Therefore, the Securities Administrator finds that an emergency exists and that it is in the public interest and necessary or appropriate for the protection of the investing public to issue a Summary Order, pursuant to RCW 21.20.110(3), to suspend JFB Capital's investment adviser and Jason Bond's investment adviser representative registration.

# SUMMARY ORDER SUSPENDING INVESTMENT ADVISER AND INVESTMENT ADVISER REPRESENTATIVE REGISTRATIONS

Based upon the foregoing:

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NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY SUMMARILY ORDERED, under the authority of RCW 21.20.110(1) and (3) that Respondent, JFB Capital LLC's investment adviser registration is suspended.

IT IS FURTHER SUMMARILY ORDERED, under the authority of RCW 21.20.110(1), (3), and (6) that Respondent, Jason Bond's investment adviser representative registration is suspended.

# NOTICE OF INTENT TO REVOKE INVESTMENT ADVISER AND INVESTMENT ADVISER REPRESENTATIVE REGISTRATIONS

Pursuant to RCW 21.20.110, and based upon the above Tentative Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Securities Administrator intends to revoke JFB Capital, LLC's investment adviser registration and Jason F. Bond's investment adviser representative registration.

#### NOTICE OF INTENT TO IMPOSE A FINE

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Approved by:

Suzanne E. Sarason

Chief of Enforcement

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Pursuant to RCW 21.20.110 and based upon the above Tentative Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Securities Administrator intends to order that Respondents JFB Capital, LLC and Jason F. Bond shall be liable for and shall pay a fine of \$5,000.

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO CHARGE COSTS

Pursuant to RCW 21.20.110, and based upon the Tentative Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Securities Administrator intends to order that Respondents, JFB Capital, LLC and Jason F. Bond shall be jointly and severally liable for and shall pay investigative costs of not less than \$1,000.

## **AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURE**

This Order is entered pursuant to the provisions of RCW 21.20.110 and is subject to the provisions of Chapter 34.05 RCW. The Respondents may make a written request for a hearing as set forth in the NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO DEFEND AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING accompanying this Order. If the Respondents do not request a hearing in the allowed time, the Securities Administrator intends to adopt the above Tentative Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as final, enter a permanent order to revoke that Respondent's investment adviser or investment adviser representative registrations, to impose fines, and to charge costs.

Signed and Entered this 11th day of March, 2013.

William M. Beatty Securities Administrator

Presented by:

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