STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS **SECURITIES DIVISION**

IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING registration under the Securities Act of Washington of:

UCI WEALTH ADVISORS, LLC (CRD 154884) and TRAVIS HIGGINS (CRD 4460566),

Order Number S-16-2049-16-SC01

STATEMENT OF CHARGES AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ENTER AN ORDER TO REVOKE APPLICATIONS, IMPOSE A FINE, AND CHARGE COSTS

Respondents.

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO:

UCI Wealth Advisors, LLC, CRD No. 154884 Travis Higgins, CRD No. 4460566

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Please take notice that the Securities Administrator of the State of Washington has reason to believe that the Respondents, UCI Wealth Advisors, LLC and Travis Higgins, are the subject of an August 9, 2016 Consent Order and Stipulation by the Colorado Securities Administrator revoking the investment adviser registration of respondent UCI Wealth Advisors, LLC and the investment adviser representative registration of respondent Travis Higgins. The Washington Securities Administrator believes that the Consent Order and Stipulation justifies the entry of an order by the Securities Division to revoke Respondents' registrations and such an order is in the public's interest. The Washington Securities Administrator finds as follows:

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TENTATIVE FINDINGS OF FACT

Respondents

- 1. UCI Wealth Advisors, LLC (UCI), is located in Meridian, Idaho and has been registered as an investment adviser with the State of Idaho since September 2010 and with the Washington state Securities Division since January 2012. UCI is also currently registered in Arizona, California, and Utah. The firm Central Registration Depository (CRD) number is 154884.
- 2. Travis Higgins (Higgins) is located in Meridian, Idaho and has been registered as an investment adviser representative of UCI with the State of Idaho since 2010 with the Washington state Securities Division since January 2012. He is also registered in Arizona, California, Idaho, and Utah. He was registered in Washington as a securities salesperson with Northwestern Mutual Investment Services LLC from April 2002 to July 2010. He is the President, Chief Operations Officer, and Chief Compliance Officer of UCI. His individual CRD number is 4460566.

Nature of the Conduct

- On August 9, 2016, the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies, Division of 3. Securities, entered a Consent Order and Stipulation, in case no. XY 20016-16 alleging that UCI and Higgins violated the Colorado Securities Act.
- 4. The Consent Order and Stipulation stated that that UCI and Higgins failed to make mandatory disclosures, including conflicts of interest. Failing to make mandatory disclosures, including conflicts of interest, is a violation of RCW 21.20.020 and WAC 460-24A-220(11).
- 5. The Consent Order and Stipulation further stated that Respondents borrowed funds from clients. Borrowing funds from clients is a violation of RCW 21.20.020 and WAC 460-24A-220(6).

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6. The Consent Order and Stipulation revoked UCI's investment adviser registration and 1 Higgins' investment adviser representative registration in Colorado. 2 Based upon the above Tentative Findings of Fact, the following Conclusions of Law are made: 3 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW 4 1. Because UCI Wealth Advisors, LLC is the subject of an order by the Colorado Securities 5 Administrator revoking its registration as an investment adviser in Colorado, there is a basis under RCW 6 21.20.110(1)(e)(i) to revoke its Washington investment adviser registration. 7 Because Travis Higgins is the subject of an order by the Colorado Securities Administrator 8 9 revoking his registration as an investment adviser representative in Colorado, there is a basis under RCW 21.20.110(1)(e)(i) to revoke his Washington investment adviser representative application. 10 NOTICE OF INTENT TO REVOKE REGISTRATIONS 11 12 Pursuant to RCW 21.20.110(1), and based upon the above Tentative Findings of Fact and Conclusions of law, the Washington Securities Administrator intends to order that the investment adviser 13 14 registration of Respondent UCI Wealth Advisors, LLC be revoked. Pursuant to RCW 21.20.110(1), and based upon the above Tentative Findings of Fact and 15 Conclusions of law, the Washington Securities Administrator intends to order that the investment adviser 16 17 representative registration of Respondent Travis Higgins be revoked. NOTICE OF INTENT TO IMPOSE FINES 18 Pursuant to RCW 21.20.110(1), and based upon the above Tentative Findings of Fact and 19 20 Conclusions of Law, the Securities Administrator intend to order that Respondents each shall be liable for and shall pay a fine of at least \$1,000. 21 22 23 STATEMENT OF CHARGES AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS 3

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO CHARGE COSTS

Pursuant to RCW 21.20.110(7), and based upon the above Tentative Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Securities Administrator intend to order that Respondents shall each be liable for and shall pay costs of \$200.

AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURE

This Statement of Charges is entered pursuant to the provisions of chapter 21.20 RCW and is subject to the provisions of chapter 21.20 RCW and 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 a respondent does not request a hearing, the Securities Administrator intends to adopt the foregoing Tentative Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as final as to that respondent, and enter an order revoking the investment adviser or investment adviser representative registration of that respondent.

DATED and ENTERED this <u>3rd</u> day of October, 2016.

WILLIAM M. BEATTY Securities Administrator

Presented by:

Suzanne Sarason

Approved by:

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Chief of Enforcement

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