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ARKANSAS SECURITIES COMMISSIONER APPROVES A CONSENT ORDER BARRING EL DORADO RESIDENT'S REGISTRATION FOR 18 MONTHS

On July 23, 2015, Arkansas Securities Commissioner B. Edmond Waters approved a Consent Order between the Staff of the Arkansas Securities Department ("Staff") and John Lathern Hill ("Hill"), an El Dorado resident. Under the terms of the Consent Order, Hill agreed to not apply for registration with the Arkansas Securities Department ("Department") in any capacity for a period of eighteen months from the entry date of the Order.

Hill is a former registered broker-dealer agent and investment adviser representative, who was last registered with the Department from November 11, 2010 to November 12, 2013. Hill's registrations lapsed when his employment was terminated by his former employer, LPL Financial LLC. The Consent Order found that Hill performed investment advisory services in Arkansas after his termination from LPL Financial and during a time when he was not registered with the Department to do so. Specifically, the Order found that Hill performed unregistered services on behalf of three former advisory clients who had subsequently moved their holdings to online broker, TD Ameritrade, Inc. In the course of performing these unregistered services, Hill obtained the log-in information from the former clients; undertook the measures to enable their accounts to trade on margin; and performed numerous, sophisticated options trades in the accounts over a prolonged time period.

In addition to the violations for unregistered investment advisor activity, the Consent Order found that Hill provided intentionally misleading answers to certain questions posed to him during a sworn interview conducted by the Staff. The Staff's investigation later proved several of Hill's responses to be untrue.

Investors with questions about whether or not a financial professional is properly registered should contact the Department at 1-800-981-4429 before investing. A copy of the Order is available on the Arkansas Securities Department's website at www.securities.arkansas.gov, Order No. S-15-0006-15-OR02.