

# BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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In the matter of

JOLLEEN K. HANSEN and NATHAN E. HANSEN, wife and husband;

THOMAS S. BLACKWELL (CRD # 4370822) and KIMBERLY BLACKWELL, husband and wife;

DELUXE DESIGNS INTERNATIONAL, LLC, an Arizona limited liability company;

DELUXE LIVE PRODUCTIONS, an Arizona general partnership;

Respondents.

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DECISION NO.

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ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST, FOR RESTITUTION, AND FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES

On July 31, 2009, the Securities Division ("Division") of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") filed a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing Regarding Proposed Order to Cease and Desist, for Restitution, for Administrative Penalties, and for Other Affirmative Action ("Notice") against JOLLEEN K. HANSEN; NATHAN E. HANSEN; THOMAS S. BLACKWELL; KIMBERLY BLACKWELL; DELUXE DESIGNS INTERNATIONAL, LLC; and, DELUXE LIVE PRODUCTIONS.

On August 5, 2009, the Division personally served the Notice upon JOLLEEN K. HANSEN; NATHAN E. HANSEN; DELUXE DESIGNS INTERNATIONAL, LLC; and, DELUXE LIVE PRODUCTIONS. On August 7, 2009, the Division served the Notice upon THOMAS S. BLACKWELL and KIMBERLY BLACKWELL by delivering a copy to their

attorney Kevin Jensen. None of the respondents has filed a request for hearing or an answer to the Notice as required by law.

I.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. JOLLEEN K. HANSEN ("HANSEN") is an individual who, at all relevant times, resided in Maricopa County, Arizona. HANSEN is a member of DELUXE DESIGNS INTERNATIONAL, LLC and a partner of DELUXE LIVE PRODUCTIONS.
- 2. THOMAS S. BLACKWELL ("BLACKWELL") is an individual who, at all relevant times, resided in Maricopa County, Arizona. BLACKWELL is a partner of DELUXE LIVE PRODUCTIONS.
- 3. DELUXE DESIGNS INTERNATIONAL, LLC is an Arizona limited liability company.
- 4. DELUXE LIVE PRODUCTIONS is an Arizona general partnership and division of DELUXE DESIGNS INTERNATIONAL, LLC.
- 5. DELUXE DESIGNS INTERNATIONAL, LLC and DELUXE LIVE PRODUCTIONS shall be referred to collectively as "DELUXE."
- 6. HANSEN, BLACKWELL, and DELUXE may be referred to collectively as "Respondents."
- 7. NATHAN E. HANSEN was, at all relevant times, the spouse of HANSEN and KIMBERLY BLACKWELL was, at all relevant times, the spouse of BLACKWELL. NATHAN E. HANSEN and KIMBERLY BLACKWELL may be referred to collectively as "Respondent Spouses." Respondent Spouses are joined in this action under A.R.S. § 44-2031(C) solely for purposes of determining the liability of the respective marital communities.
- 8. At all relevant times, HANSEN and BLACKWELL acted for their own benefit and for the benefit or in furtherance of their and their respective Respondent Spouses' marital communities.

- 9. At all relevant times, Respondents were not registered as securities dealers or salesmen.
- 10. From on or about February 2008 to July 2008 in Maricopa County, Arizona, Respondents offered and sold to 20 investors \$2,760,000 of investment contracts issued by DELUXE with the title "Joint Venture Agreement."
- 11. At all relevant times, the investment contracts referred to above were not registered pursuant to Articles 6 or 7 of the Securities Act.
- 12. Respondents represented to the investors that DELUXE provides funding for the production and promotion of concerts nationwide for such stars as Keith Urban, Carrie Underwood, the Foo Fighters, 50 Cent, Radiohead, and the Dave Matthews Band.
- 13. With each investor, DELUXE entered into a Joint Venture Agreement that identifies a concert for which DELUXE was to provide the funding; states the total amount of money required to produce the concert ("Event Cost"); and, specifies the amount of money invested by the investor.
- 14. Respondents represented to the investors that the investors' money would be pooled together in "a common fund" and sent by DELUXE to the concert production companies Phoenician Entertainment, CAA, and BYB Entertainment (collectively, "the Producers").
- 15. Respondents represented to the investors that enough money would be raised from concert ticket sales to repay the investors' principal and generate a return between 25 and 30 percent. Respondents represented to the investors that the investors would receive their principal and return 30 days after a concert date.
- Respondents represented to the investors that Respondents and the investors would share in the profit from the ticket sales after the investors' principal investments had been repaid. The Joint Venture Agreements state that, "The cash receipts from the [concert] remaining after payment of the [Event Cost]...shall be referred to as the "Net Profits Receipts" and...shall be divided into thirds and distributed: 1/3 according to the percentage of the amount of the initial cash contributed by each [investor] for the [concert], 1/3 to NATO Enterprises, and 1/3 to [DELUXE]." NATO Enterprises is

the company of Miko Wady ("WADY"), the individual who introduced DELUXE to a "broker" who allegedly had relationships with the Producers.

- 17. Other than paying DELUXE, the investors had no duties to perform or responsibilities to fulfill in order to receive their promised profit. DELUXE had all of the "powers and duties" enumerated in the Joint Venture Agreements and the investors had none. Respondents represented to the investors that Respondents, not the investors, would manage the relationship with the broker and Producers, send the investors' money to the Producers, receive from the Producers the money raised from ticket sales, repay the investors' principal, and account for/divide/pay out the profit based on "audit sheets" that purport to show the number of tickets sold and amount of money raised from a concert.
- 18. Respondents had no relationship, contractual or otherwise, with the Producers. DELUXE and HANSEN dealt solely with the broker who HANSEN has spoken to but Respondents have never met. The broker gave Respondents information to make wire transfers to the Producers but nothing that the Respondents had in writing from the broker requires the Producers to send to Respondents the money raised from ticket sales within 30 days after a concert date.
- 19. DELUXE caused all of the investors' money to be sent to the Producers, including CAA and on one occasion via WADY'S company NATO Enterprises. HANSEN believed CAA to be Creative Artists Agency, the international talent agency with offices in Los Angeles, New York, Nashville, Beijing, and London. The holders of/signers on the Phoenix-based CAA bank account into which nearly all of the investors' money was deposited are the sister and father-in-law of WADY.
- 20. All of the concert dates (from February to July 2008) came to pass and, although Respondents received audit sheets from the broker, Respondents received no money from the Producers other than a \$20,000 wire transfer from CAA to DELUXE on March 11, 2008 ("the Wire Transfer"). In fact, Respondents do not know if the Producers even produced any of the concerts.
- 21. Even though the early concert dates came and went without Respondents receiving money from the Producers, Respondents continued offering and selling the investment contracts and

1	did not investigate the Producers, including the identity of CAA. As the recipient of the statements
2	of the DELUXE bank account, HANSEN received information about the Wire Transfer revealing
3	that the address of CAA is a condominium in Phoenix, Arizona and, as such, that CAA is most
4	likely not Creative Artists Agency. However, even though HANSEN had this information in her
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22. Respondents have provided the investors with only \$28,229 of their principal investment and none of the promised profit.

II.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Article XV of the Arizona Constitution and the Securities Act.
- 2. Neither Respondents nor Respondent Spouses requested a hearing pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-1972 and A.A.C. R14-4-307.
- Neither Respondents nor Respondent Spouses filed an answer pursuant to A.A.C.
   R14-4-307.
- 4. Respondents offered or sold securities within or from Arizona, within the meaning of A.R.S. §§ 44-1801(15), 44-1801(21), and 44-1801(26).
- 5. Respondents violated A.R.S. § 44-1841 by offering or selling securities that were neither registered nor exempt from registration.
- 6. Respondents violated A.R.S. § 44-1842 by offering or selling securities while neither registered as dealers or salesmen nor exempt from registration.
- 7. Respondents violated A.R.S. § 44-1991 by (a) employing a device, scheme, or artifice to defraud; (b) making untrue statements of material facts or omitting to state material facts necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; and, (c) engaging in transactions, practices, or courses of business that

operate or would operate as a fraud or deceit. Respondents' conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- a) failing to disclose to the investors that Respondents had no relationship, contractual or otherwise, with the Producers and that Respondents would be dealing only with a broker who they have never met;
- b) misrepresenting that the investors would receive their principal repayment and profit 30 days after a concert date;
- c) failing to disclose to the investors that Respondents would have no personal knowledge whether the Producers in fact produced a concert and that, as a result, Respondents would be unable to verify, among other things, the information contained in the audit sheets received from the broker; and,
- d) failing to disclose to the investors that Respondents would continue offering and selling the investment contracts and not investigate the Producers, including the identity of CAA, even if concert dates came and went without Respondents receiving money from the Producers.
- 8. HANSEN directly or indirectly controlled DELUXE DESIGNS INTERNATIONAL, LLC as its member and HANSEN directly or indirectly controlled DELUXE LIVE PRODUCTIONS as its partner. Therefore, HANSEN is jointly and severally liable under A.R.S. § 44-1999 to the same extent as DELUXE for its violations of A.R.S. § 44-1991.
- 9. BLACKWELL directly or indirectly controlled DELUXE LIVE PRODUCTIONS as its partner. Therefore, BLACKWELL is jointly and severally liable under A.R.S. § 44-1999 to the same extent as DELUXE LIVE PRODUCTIONS for its violations of A.R.S. § 44-1991.
- 10. Respondents' conduct is grounds for a cease and desist order pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-2032.
- 11. Respondents' conduct is grounds for an order of restitution pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-2032.

12. Respondents' conduct is grounds for administrative penalties under A.R.S. § 44-2036.

13. HANSEN and BLACKWELL acted for the benefit of their respective marital communities and, pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 25-214 and 25-215, this Order of restitution and administrative penalties is a debt of the communities.

#### III.

#### ORDER

THEREFORE, on the basis of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Commission finds that the following relief is appropriate, in the public interest, and necessary for the protection of investors:

IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-2032, that Respondents, and any of Respondents' agents, employees, successors and assigns, permanently cease and desist from violating the Securities Act.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-2032, that Respondents, individually, and the marital communities of HANSEN, BLACKWELL, and Respondent Spouses, jointly and severally, shall pay restitution to the Commission in the amount of \$3,150,744. Payment shall be made in full on the date of this Order. Any amount outstanding shall accrue interest at the rate of 10 percent per annum from the date of this Order until paid in full. Payment shall be made to the "State of Arizona" to be placed in an interest-bearing account controlled by the Commission.

The Commission shall disburse the funds on a pro-rata basis to investors shown on the records of the Commission. Any restitution funds that the Commission cannot disburse because an investor refuses to accept such payment, or any restitution funds that cannot be disbursed to an investor because the investor is deceased and the Commission cannot reasonably identify and locate the deceased investor's spouse or natural children surviving at the time of the distribution, shall be disbursed on a pro-rata basis to the remaining investors shown on the records of the

Commission. Any funds that the Commission determines it is unable to or cannot feasibly disburse shall be transferred to the general fund of the state of Arizona.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-2036, that Respondents, individually, and the marital communities of HANSEN, BLACKWELL, and Respondent Spouses, jointly and severally shall pay an administrative penalty in the amount of \$75,000. Payment shall be made to the "State of Arizona." Any amount outstanding shall accrue interest at the rate of 10 percent per annum from the date of this Order until paid in full. The payment obligations for these administrative penalties shall be subordinate to any restitution obligations ordered herein and shall become immediately due and payable only after restitution payments have been paid in full or upon default by Respondents or Respondent Spouses with respect to the restitution obligations of Respondents and Respondent Spouses.

For purposes of this Order, a bankruptcy filing by any of the Respondents or Respondent Spouses shall be an act of default. If any Respondent or Respondent Spouse does not comply with this Order, any outstanding balance may be deemed in default and shall be immediately due and payable.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, if any Respondent or Respondent Spouse fails to 1 comply with this order, the Commission may bring further legal proceedings against that 2 Respondent or Respondent Spouse, including application to the superior court for an order of 3 4 contempt. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall become effective immediately. 5 BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION 6 7 8 OMMISSIONER 9 10 11 COMMISSIONER COMMISSIONER 12 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, ERNEST G. JOHNSON, 13 Executive Director of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have hereunto set my hand and caused the 14 official seal of the Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix, this 2154 day of 15 COC to Ben, 2009. 16 17 18 ERNEST G. JOHNSON **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** 19 20 DISSENT 21 22 23 DISSENT 24 This document is available in alternative formats by contacting Shaylin A. Bernal, ADA 25 Coordinator, voice phone number 602-542-3931, e-mail sabernal@azcc.gov.

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