

BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION

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7	IN THE MATTER OF:	DOCKET NO. S-20665A-09-0154	
8	SPORTS DIMENSIONS, INC., a North Carolina corporation,		
9	and	DECISION NO. 71772	
10	MARC HUBBARD and JANE DOE HUBBARD		
11	husband and wife,		
12	RESPONDENTS.	OPINION AND ORDER	
13	DATE OF PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE:	May 14, 2009	
14	DATE OF HEARING:	August 27, 2009	
15	PLACE OF HEARING:	Phoenix, Arizona	
16	ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:	Marc E. Stern	
17	APPEARANCES:	Ms. Wendy Coy, Senior Counsel, on behalf of the Securities Division of the Arizona	
18	,	Corporation Commission.	
19	BY THE COMMISSION:		
20	On March 7, 2009, the Securities Division ("Division") of the Arizona Corporation		
21	Commission ("Commission") filed a Temporary Order to Cease and Desist ("T.O.") and Notice of		
22	Opportunity for Hearing ("Notice") against Sports Dimensions, Inc. ("SDI") and Marc Hubbard and		
23	Jane Doe Hubbard, husband and wife (collectively "Respondents"), in which the Division alleged		
24	multiple violations of the Arizona Securities Act ("Act") in connection with the offer and sale o		
25	securities in the form of notes. Jane Doe Hubbard ("Respondent Spouse") was joined in this action		
26	pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-2031(C) solely for purposes of affirming the liability of the marita		
27	community.		

The Respondents were duly served with a copy of the T.O. and Notice.

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On April 24, 2009, an Answer was filed by the Respondent, Marc Hubbard, and while he did not specifically request a hearing, his filing of an Answer was treated as satisfying the requirements of A.R.S. § 44-1942 and A.C.C. R14-4-307 for the purpose of requesting a hearing.

On April 30, 2009, by Procedural Order, a pre-hearing conference was scheduled on May 14, 2009.

On May 14, 2009, at the pre-hearing conference, the Division appeared with counsel and Mr. Hubbard failed to appear. The Division indicated that it was attempting to reach a settlement with the Respondent, but in the interim requested that a hearing be scheduled.

On May 15, 2009, by Procedural Order, a hearing was scheduled for June 18, 2009.

On June 17, 2009, the Division and Respondents, Mr. Hubbard and SDI, filed a Joint Motion to Continue the proceeding as they were continuing to negotiate a settlement. The parties further requested that the proceeding be rescheduled after August 13, 2009, to allow time for the approval of a Consent Order. By Procedural Order, the hearing was continued from June 18, 2009, to August 27, 2009.

On August 27, 2009, a public hearing was commenced before a duly authorized Administrative Law Judge of the Commission at its offices in Phoenix, Arizona. The Division was present with counsel. Respondents failed to appear. Following the presentation of evidence, the matter was taken under advisement pending submission of a Recommended Opinion and Order to the Commission.

On October 7, 2009, the Division filed a post-hearing memorandum.

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Having considered the entire record herein and being fully advised in the premises, the Commission finds, concludes, and orders that:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. SDI was, at all relevant times herein, a North Carolina corporation that was incorporated in January 2002 and had its principal office in South Carolina. (Ex. S-2 and S-9)
 - 2. Respondent Marc Hubbard is an individual who, at all relevant times herein, resided

outside of the state of Arizona and was the president and CEO of SDI. (Tr. at p. 13) (Ex. S-2, S-6 and S-9)

- 3. There was no evidence submitted with respect to Respondent Jane Doe Hubbard or whether Mr. Hubbard is married.
- 4. Neither SDI nor Mr. Hubbard was registered with the Division as dealers or salesmen, nor has SDI registered any securities for sale in Arizona. (Ex. S-1)
- 5. In support of the allegations raised in the T.O. and Notice with respect to Respondents' alleged violations of the Act, the Division called as its witness, Ms. Peggy Scozzari, a special investigator with the Division.
- 6. According to the Division's investigator, its investigation of the Respondents began after an Arizona resident faxed a letter to the Division which the resident had received from SDI with Mr. Hubbard's name on it as president. (Tr. at p. 41) (Ex. S-6)
- 7. The SDI letter promoted an investment in Series 2009-A Convertible Corporate Notes that were "guaranteed" to yield 30 percent, provided an investor an opportunity to triple their money within 18 months and to make an investment in a "recession-proof industry." (Ex. S-6) The letter also represented that SDI had been in business for "twelve successful years" and the investment was offered in the form of a note yielding 30 percent annually and sold in units of \$10,000. The SDI letter further claimed that the notes would be convertible into company common stock at two dollars per share and that, in 18 months, the Company would go public at six to seven dollars per share. According to SDI's promotional letter, the company was involved in the business of promoting concerts.
- 8. The Division's investigator testified that the Arizona resident who received the SDI letter was not an accredited investor.
- 9. The Division's investigator indicated that the Division had not found any evidence of any Arizona investors in SDI's offering. (Tr. at p. 44)
- 10. The Respondents' letter informed prospective investors of a website operated by the Respondents (<u>www.sdiconcerts.com</u>) which would allow access to SDI offering documents. (Ex. S-6)
 - 11. During the course of the Division's investigation, it was learned that Respondents,

SDI and Mr. Hubbard, had been found in violation of the California Corporations Code and its securities laws in 2006, and the State of Nevada's securities laws in 2009. (Ex. S-4 and S-5)

- 12. Additionally, the Division's investigation revealed that the State of North Carolina also found Respondents SDI and Mr. Hubbard in violation of North Carolina's securities laws in 2007.
- 13. Further, the Division's investigation revealed that SDI and Mr. Hubbard appeared to have filed for an exemption from registration with a Regulation D in July 2002. (Ex. S-3)
- 14. On February 23, 2009, after completing an "Investor Accreditation" form online, a Division investigator received an email from Mr. Hubbard as President/CEO of SDI which provided login information to access a Private Placement Memorandum of SDI. (Tr. at p. 24) (Ex. S-7)
- 15. According to Ms. Scozzari, the form had been completed by an undercover investigator. (Tr. at p. 25)
- 16. On February 25, 2009, Respondent Hubbard sent another email to the Division's undercover investigator and attached a PDF version of SDI's offering materials. (Tr. at p. 25) (Ex. S-8)
- 17. Although the SDI offering materials for what was purportedly a private placement appeared to require a password from an accredited investor, according to Ms. Scozzari, one could access SDI's website without logging in using a password. (Tr. at p. 26)
- 18. Included within this memorandum was a document which made representations of a guaranteed 30 percent annual return on investment, an opportunity to triple your money within 18 months and a representation that the offering was in a "recession-proof industry" similar to the description provided in the letter (Ex. S-6) which had been sent to the Arizona investor earlier in February 2009.
- 19. The SDI offering materials represented that the Company was seeking to raise \$10 million dollars with its offering and also provided a background on SDI, its management and Respondent Hubbard, indicating that he was its president and CEO. The materials further stated that

¹ The purported "Investor Accreditation" form represented and warranted to SDI that an individual who invested with SDI met the requirements of an accredited investor.

the company had posted a profit in each year of its operation since 1986 and claimed to have reached \$15 million in revenues in 2007. (Ex. S-8)

- 20. The Division's investigator testified that when she was logged in to the Respondents' website, she was able to access what was termed a private placement offering for SDI in the amount of \$10 million, for what were called "Convertible Corporate Notes Series 2009-A." (Tr. at p. 28)
- 21. The Division's investigator further testified that the offering specified that a minimum investment of \$10,000 was required from an investor, and it promised a 30 percent rate of return. (Tr. at p. 29)
- 22. Although earlier information within the offering materials indicated that SDI had been operating successfully since 1986, at another point reference is made to an eleven year operating history, which conflicted with the earlier statement. (Tr. at p. 31)
- 23. The Division's investigator further described inconsistency in the offering materials when it was referenced that SDI was formed in 1996. (Tr. at p. 32)
- 24. The Division's investigator also read into the record portions of the offering materials which conflicted with one another. (Tr. at p. 36)
- 25. While Respondents' offering materials at one point guarantee a 30 percent rate of return, the Division's investigator subsequently read into the record a statement as follows: "Neither the company nor its affiliates or professional advisors guarantee or warrant the projected results." (Tr. at p. 36) (Ex. S-8)
- 26. The Division's investigator further testified that the California Cease and Desist Order, which pre-dated the private placement offering by SDI referred to previously, was not disclosed in Respondents' offering materials. (Tr. at p. 40)
- 27. Additionally, the investigator stated that the North Carolina Security Division Cease and Desist Order also pre-dated the issuance of the Respondents' private placement memorandum and it was not disclosed either. (Tr. at p. 46)
- 28. According to the Division's investigator, shortly prior to the hearing, Respondents' website was no longer operating. (Tr. at p. 45)
 - 29. Under the circumstances, based on the record, a preponderance of evidence establishes

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that the Respondents, SDI and Marc Hubbard, committed multiple violations of the Securities Act by offering an investment opportunity in a security in the form of promissory notes in a fraudulent manner. It is to the Division's credit that no investors were injured as a result of the Respondents' actions and as a result, the T.O. should be made permanent since Respondents failed to appear and present any evidence which would rebut that presented by the Division. Therefore, Respondents, SDI and Mr. Hubbard, should be held liable for their offering which violated the Act and they should pay an administrative penalty.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Article XV of the Arizona Constitution and A.R.S. §44-1801, et seq.
- 2. The investment in the form of notes offered by Respondents is a security within the meaning of A.R.S. § 44-1801.
- 3. The security was neither registered nor exempt from registration, in violation of A.R.S. § 44-1841.
- 4. Respondents acted as dealers and/or a salesman within the meaning of A.R.S. § 44-1801(9)(22).
- 5. The actions and conduct of Respondents constitute the offer of securities within the meaning of A.R.S. § 44-1801(15).
- 6. Respondents offered an unregistered security within Arizona in violation of A.R.S. § 44-1841.
- 7. Respondents offered a security within Arizona without being registered as a dealer and/or a salesman in violation of A.R.S. § 44-1842.
- 8. Respondents committed fraud in the offer of an unregistered security, engaging in transactions, practices or a course of business which involved untrue statements and omissions of material facts in violation of A.R.S. § 44-1991.
- 9. Respondents have violated the Act and should cease and desist pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-2032 from any future violations of the A.R.S. §§ 44-1841, 44-1842, and 44-1991 and all other provisions of the Act.

10. The actions and conduct of Respondents constitute multiple violations of the Act and are grounds for an Order assessing administrative penalties pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-2036.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that pursuant to the authority granted to the Commission under A.R.S. § 44-2032, Respondents shall cease and desist from their actions described hereinabove in violation of A.R.S. §§ 44-1841, 44-1842 and 44-1991.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to the authority granted to the Commission under A.R.S. § 44-2036, Respondents, SDI and Marc Hubbard, jointly and severally, shall pay as administrative penalties: for the violation of A.R.S. § 44-1841, the sum of \$1,500; for the violation of A.R.S. § 44-1842, the sum of \$1,500; and for the violation of A.R.S. § 44-1991, the sum of \$2,000, for a total of \$5,000.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to the authority granted to the Commission under A.R.S. § 44-2036, that Respondents, SDI and Marc Hubbard, jointly and severally, shall pay the administrative penalty ordered hereinabove in the amount of \$5,000 payable by either cashier's check or money order, payable to the "State of Arizona" and presented to the Arizona Corporation Commission for deposit in the general fund for the State of Arizona.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if Respondents, SDI and Marc Hubbard, fail to pay the administrative penalty ordered hereinabove, any outstanding balance plus interest at the maximum legal amount may be deemed in default and shall be immediately due and payable, without further notice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if either of the Respondents, SDI or Marc Hubbard, fail to comply with this Order, any outstanding balance shall be in default and shall be immediately due and payable without notice or demand. The acceptance of any partial or late payment by the Commission is not a waiver of default by the Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the default shall render Respondents liable to the Commission for its cost of collection and interest at the maximum legal rate.

DECISION NO. ____71772

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if either of the Respondents, SDI or Marc Hubbard, fail to 1 comply with this Order, the Commission may bring further legal proceedings against the 2 Respondent(s), including application to the Superior Court for an Order of Contempt. 3 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision shall become effective immediately. 4 5 BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION. 6 7 COMMISSIONER 8 **EXCUSED** 9 COMM. KENNEDY COMMISSIONER COMMISSIONER 10 11 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, ERNEST G. JOHNSON, Executive Director of the Arizona Corporation Commission, 12 have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix, 13 this 18th day of June, 2010. 14 15 16 EXECUTIVE DÍRECTOR 17 18 DISSENT 19 20 DISSENT MES:db 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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