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AZ CORP COMMISSION
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IN THE MATTER OF:

MICHAEL T. BELL, a single man
 SHAWN R. SALAZAR, a married man
 ADAMAS INVESMENTS, LLC, a Nevada
 limited liability company.

RESPONDENTS.

SIXTH
PROCEDURAL ORDER
(Continues a Hearing)

BY THE COMMISSION:

On October 20, 2009, the Securities Division ("Division") of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") filed a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing ("Notice") against Michael T. Bell, Shawn R. Salazar and Adamas Investments, LLC ("AIC") (collectively "Respondents") in which the Division alleged multiple violations of the Arizona Securities Act ("Act") in connection with the offer and sale of securities in the form of notes.

The Respondents were duly served with copies of the Notice.

On November 18, 2009, a request for hearing was filed by Respondents which included a request for an additional two weeks to file their Answer.

On December 1, 2009, by Procedural Order, a pre-hearing conference was scheduled on December 17, 2009, and leave granted to Respondents to file their Answer

On December 17, 2009, the Division and Respondents appeared through counsel. The parties are discussing a resolution of the issues raised by the Notice and agreed to a status conference being scheduled in approximately 45 days.

On December 17, 2009, by Procedural Order, a status conference was scheduled on February 4, 2010.

On February 4, 2010, the Division and Respondents appeared through counsel. The attorney

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1 for Respondents indicated that he would be filing a Motion to Withdraw as their counsel. The
2 attorney for the Division did not object and requested that a status conference be scheduled in
3 approximately 30 days.

4 On February 10, 2010, counsel for the Respondents filed a Motion to Withdraw in compliance
5 with Rule 1.16 of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

6 On February 12, 2010, the Motion to Withdraw was granted and a status conference was
7 scheduled on March 31, 2010. However, the date for the status conference conflicts with a
8 previously scheduled Open Meeting of the Commission and the status conference must be continued.

9 On March 18, 2010, by Procedural Order, the status conference scheduled on March 31, 2010,
10 was continued to April 15, 2010.

11 On April 15, 2010, the status conference which was held as scheduled. The Division
12 appeared with counsel. Respondents appeared on their own behalf. The Division's counsel indicated
13 that the Division was attempting to resolve the proceeding, but requested that a hearing be scheduled
14 in the interim if a settlement was not reached with the parties and approved by the Commission.

15 On April 16, 2010, by Procedural Order, a hearing was scheduled to commence on July 6,
16 2010, and a dates established for the exchange of Witness Lists and copies of Exhibits.

17 On July 6, 2010, a public hearing was commenced before a duly authorized Administrative
18 Law Judge at the Commission's offices in Phoenix, Arizona. The Division appeared with counsel
19 and Respondents appeared with newly retained counsel. Although there have been recent attempts to
20 reach an agreement, a settlement has not yet been concluded. Additionally, counsel for the
21 Respondents indicated that while a settlement is possible he needs further time to review the status of
22 the proceeding. Therefore, counsel for the Respondents requested a continuance to both explore the
23 possible resolution of the proceeding by a settlement and to prepare for a hearing if a Consent Order
24 is not approved by the Commission.

25 Under the circumstances, the hearing should be continued.

26 **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the **hearing** shall be continued from July 6, 2010, to
27 **September 20, 2010, at 10:00 a.m.**, at the Commission's offices, 1200 West Washington Street,
28 Hearing Room 1, Phoenix, Arizona.

1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall also set aside **September 21, 22, 24, 27**
2 **and 30, 2010, for additional days of hearing, if necessary.**

3 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the **Division and Respondents shall exchange any**
4 **further copies of any additions to their Witness Lists and copies of their Exhibits by August 20,**
5 **2010, with courtesy copies provided to the presiding Administrative Law Judge.**

6 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **if the case is resolved by proposed Consent Order prior**
7 **to the hearing, the Division shall file a Motion to Vacate the proceeding.**

8 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Ex Parte Rule (A.A.C. R14-3-113-Unauthorized
9 Communications) applies to this proceeding as the matter is now set for public hearing.

10 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that withdrawal or representation must be made in compliance
11 with A.A.C. R14-3-104(E) and Rule 1.16 of the Rules of Professional Conduct (under Rule 42 of the
12 Rules of the Arizona Supreme Court). Representation before the Commission includes appearances
13 at all hearings and procedural conferences, as well as all Open Meetings for which the matter is
14 scheduled for discussion, unless counsel has previously been granted permission to withdraw by the
15 Administrative Law Judge or the Commission.

16 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all parties must comply with Rules 31 and 38 of the Rules
17 of the Arizona Supreme Court and A.R.S. § 40-243 with respect to practice of law and admission
18 *pro hac vice*.

19 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Presiding Officer may rescind, alter, amend, or waive
20 any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by ruling at hearing.

21 DATED this 7th day of July, 2010.

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25 MARC E. STERN
26 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
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