

### BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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) DWARD JOSEPH BARSANO (a.k.a. "ED) DECISION NO.

EDWARD JOSEPH BARSANO (a.k.a. "ED) BARSANO") and JEANNE BARSANO, ) husband and wife,

**COMMISSIONERS** 

GARY PIERCE, Chairman

BOB STÚMP SANDRA D. KENNEDY

> PAUL NEWMAN BRENDA BURNS

ROBERT COLEMAN STEPHENS (a.k.a. "BOB STEPHENS") and JANE DOE STEPHENS, husband and wife,

COOLTRADE, INC., an Arizona corporation,

Respondents.

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ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST AND ORDER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES AND CONSENT TO SAME BY RESPONDENTS:

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EDWARD JOSEPH BARSANO (a.k.a. "ED BARSANO"), and

COOLTRADE, INC.

-AND-

ORDER TO DISMISS RESPONDENT JEANNE BARSANO

Respondents EDWARD JOSEPH BARSANO (a.k.a. "ED BARSANO") ("BARSANO") and COOLTRADE, INC. ("COOLTRADE") ("Respondent(s)"), and Respondent JEANNE BARSANO ("Spouse") elect to permanently waive any right to a hearing and appeal under Articles 11 and 12 of the Securities Act of Arizona, A.R.S. § 44-1801 et seq. ("Securities Act") with respect to this Order To Cease And Desist And Order For Administrative Penalties ("Order"). Respondents and Spouse admit the jurisdiction of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission"); Respondents neither admit nor deny the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained in this Order; and Respondents and Spouse consent to the entry of this Order by the Commission.

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I.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. At all relevant times, BARSANO has been an Arizona resident. At all relevant times, BARSANO offered and sold stock issued by COOLTRADE within and from Arizona as its president and chief executive officer. BARSANO has not been registered by the Commission as a securities salesman or dealer.
- 2. BARSANO incorporated COOLTRADE as an Arizona corporation on April 1, 2004. At all relevant times, COOLTRADE maintained its principal place of business in Scottsdale, Arizona, and it issued and sold COOLTRADE stock within and from Arizona. COOLTRADE has not been registered by the Commission as a securities dealer.
- 3. Spouse was at all relevant times married to BARSANO. Spouse was joined in this action solely for the purpose of determining the liability of the BARSANO marital community.

### A. The Software

- 4. At all relevant times, BARSANO and COOLTRADE have been engaged in the business of designing and selling a "CoolTrade<sup>TM</sup> Automated Trading Software" program that subscribers can use to buy, sell and trade securities listed, for example, on national exchanges (the "Software").
- 5. According to BARSANO, the Software permits users to develop, select and implement personalized trading strategies including, for instance, the selection of stocks for analysis and the application of personalized trading rules and parameters from a pre-determined set of trading strategies available via the "robotic" stock trading Software.
- 6. At all relevant times, BARSANO charged subscribers a flat monthly fee to use the Software.
- 7. At all relevant times, BARSANO also provided subscribers with free Software training.

- 8. In or around December 2010, Respondent ROBERT COLEMAN STEPHENS (a.k.a. "BOB STEPHENS", d.b.a. "THE PROJECT" and "THE PROJECT GROUP") ("Stephens") convinced BARSANO that they could both raise capital for their respective business endeavors by charging Software subscribers a fee to attend Software training classes taught by BARSANO.
- 9. Stephens and BARSANO agreed to equally split the Software training class revenues, "50/50."
- 10. BARSANO intended to use his share of the Software training class revenues to further market the Software.

#### B. The Potential Investor

- 11. On January 25, 2011, an Arizona resident and potential investor (the "PI") who had heard about the existence of Software training classes sent an email to COOLTRADE (the "First Email").
- 12. The subject of the PI's First Email was "Investment" and simply stated that, "I have a \$100K that I'm looking to invest. Please let me know if there is an opportunity available."
- 13. Prior to the First Email, the PI had never met BARSANO or spoken to any COOLTRADE employees. At this time, the PI was unaware of the nature of the terms and conditions of any investments being issued, offered and/or sold by COOLTRADE and BARSANO.
- 14. On January 25, 2011, BARSANO sent a response to the PI via email in his capacity as COOLTRADE's "CEO" that stated, "CoolTrade does have a small number of investors and I can only assume that you have spoken with one of them. Please send me your telephone number and we can discuss." The PI had not spoken to any of BARSANO or COOLTRADE's investors.
- 15. On January 25, 2011, the PI sent an email to BARSANO that provided BARSANO with the PI's telephone number. BARSANO called the PI soon thereafter on January 25, 2011.
- 16. During the phone call, the PI stated that he and his associates were interested in purchasing any available investments from COOLTRADE and BARSANO. In response, BARSANO described Respondents' Software business, and informed the PI that Respondents had

investment opportunities available. BARSANO concluded the phone call after BARSANO and the PI agreed to meet in person on January 28, 2011, at COOLTRADE's Scottsdale, Arizona, office address (the "Meeting").

- 17. On January 26, 2011, BARSANO sent the PI an email that confirmed the Meeting place and time.
  - 18. BARSANO also sent the PI an email on January 27, 2011, that stated:

I have attached an executive summary that details our upcoming projects and marketing.

I am actually raising \$3MM for the marketing. That will come from investors and the funds raised for [i.e., from] the training seminars...

19. Attached to BARSANO's January 27, 2011 email to the PI was an eight page, multi-colored document titled "EXECUTIVE SUMMARY" that summarizes BARSANO and COOLTRADE's past and current COOLTRADE stock offering (the "Executive Summary") (emphasis in original). BARSANO's January 27, 2011 email and the attached Executive Summary do not include any restrictions regarding the PI's possible dissemination of the Executive Summary to third-parties.

#### C. COOLTRADE Stock

- 20. The Executive Summary includes a section titled "Capital Requirements" that states that BARSANO and COOLTRADE have already "COMPLETED" their "Phase I (Buildout)" offering consisting of the sale of approximately 1,000,000 shares of COOLTRADE stock (the "COOLTRADE Stock") to "accredited investors" at a price of "\$1.00 per share" for a total "Phase I" COOLTRADE Stock offering of \$1,000,000. (emphasis in original)
- 21. The "Capital Requirements" section of the Executive Summary next states that COOLTRADE and BARSANO were engaged in a new "Phase II" COOLTRADE Stock offering for the purpose of raising capital for the "Marketing and Expansion" of the Software customer base, including the production of "television commercials, seminar presentations in major cities, and visibility on top financial internet sites." (emphasis in original)

22. The Executive Summary further included additional "Capital Requirements" and "INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY" sections stating that the new "Phase II" or "second round of financing" would involve Respondents' offer and sale of an additional 3,000,000 shares of COOLTRADE "Common Stock" at a price of \$1.00 per share, for a total "Phase II" COOLTRADE Stock offering of \$3,000,000. (emphasis in original)

#### D. The Meeting and Second Potential Investor

- 23. The PI was unable to attend the scheduled Meeting with BARSANO at COOLTRADE's office in Scottsdale, Arizona. Thus, the PI asked his associate to attend the Meeting on his behalf. The PI's associate is an Arizona resident (the "Second PI").
- 24. Prior to the Meeting, the Second PI had reviewed the emails exchanged between the PI and BARSANO set forth above including, without limitation, the COOLTRADE Stock Executive Summary. Prior to the Meeting, the Second PI had never: (a) met BARSANO; or (b) spoken to BARSANO, for instance, via the telephone.
- 25. The Second PI met with BARSANO on January 28, 2011, at COOLTRADE's office in Scottsdale, Arizona, for approximately one and a half hours.
- 26. During the Meeting, BARSANO asked the Second PI how the Second PI had heard about BARSANO. The Second PI informed BARSANO that his "buddy" had informed the Second PI about COOLTRADE.
- 27. During the Meeting, BARSANO described the benefits of the Software and his plan for growing the Software business. During the Meeting, BARSANO offered to sell the Second PI COOLTRADE Stock. BARSANO did not ask the Second PI during the Meeting whether the Second PI was a sophisticated and/or an accredited investor. BARSANO did ask the Second PI what the Second PI did for a living, and the Second PI informed BARSANO that the Second PI worked out of his home.

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## The COOLTRADE Stock Investment Kit

- During the Meeting, BARSANO gave the Second PI a ten-page "INVESTMENT 28. KIT" regarding COOLTRADE "Restricted Common Stock" consisting of: (a) a "SHARE PURCHASE CHECKLIST"; (b) a "SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT"; (c) an "ACCREDITED INVESTOR QUESTIONAIRE - NOTICE TO INVESTORS" wherein investors can indicate whether they believe they are, or are not accredited; and (d) a "COMMON STOCK" purchase acknowledgement form (the "Acknowledgement Form") (emphasis in originals).
- 29. The "SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT": (a) states that a minimum COOLTRADE Stock investment is \$25,000, or "25,000 Shares X \$1.00 Per Share = \$25,000"; (b) includes a space where an investor can indicate how many shares of COOLTRADE stock the investor was purchasing; and (c) directs the investor to make the Investment check payable to COOLTRADE.
- 30. The Acknowledgement Form requires an investor to acknowledge and agree that: (a) the COOLTRADE Stock offering had not been reviewed or approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission or any state agency; (b) that the COOLTRADE Stock cannot be resold, and that there is no market for the COOLTRADE Stock; (c) that the investments involve "Risk" such that Investment investors could lose their entire Investments; and (d) that the investors are accredited as defined by "17 CFR Sec. 230:501."

#### F. The Sun City COOLTRADE Stock Investment Seminars

- In or about 2006, BARSANO presented seminars to an investment club based in 31. Sun City West, Arizona (the "Sun City Seminar(s)"). Prior to the Sun City Seminars, many of the Sun City Seminar attendees had no knowledge of either BARSANO or COOLTRADE, or their Software or business. Likewise, BARSANO did not have a pre-existing relationship with the majority of the Sun City Seminar attendees prior to the Sun City Seminars.
- During the seminars, BARSANO discussed the COOLTRADE Software and 32. provided members of the Sun City investment club with trial copies of the Software for free.

33. During and/or shortly after the conclusion of the Sun City Seminars, BARSANO offered to sell COOLTRADE Stock to attendees. During the Sun City Seminars, BARSANO also represented to attendees that BARSANO had already sold COOLTRADE Stock to other investors. At least three persons purchased COOLTRADE Stock as a result of the Sun City Seminars.

#### II.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Article XV of the Arizona Constitution and the Securities Act.
- 2. BARSANO and COOLTRADE 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).
- 3. BARSANO and COOLTRADE violated A.R.S. § 44-1841 by offering or selling securities that were neither registered nor exempt from registration.
- 4. BARSANO and COOLTRADE violated A.R.S. § 44-1842 by offering or selling securities while neither registered as dealers or salesmen nor exempt from registration.
- 5. BARSANO and COOLTRADE's conduct is grounds for a cease and desist order pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-2032.
- 6. BARSANO and COOLTRADE's conduct is grounds for administrative penalties under A.R.S. § 44-2036.

#### III.

#### **ORDER**

THEREFORE, on the basis of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, BARSANO, COOLTRADE and Spouse's consent to the entry of this Order, attached and incorporated by reference, 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 BARSANO and COOLTRADE, and 1 2 any of BARSANO and COOLTRADE's agents, employees, successors and assigns, permanently 3 cease and desist from violating the Securities Act. 4 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that BARSANO and COOLTRADE comply with the attached 5 Consent to Entry of Order. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-2036, that BARSANO and 6 7 COOLTRADE jointly and severally shall pay an administrative penalty in the amount of \$25,000. 8 Payment is due in full on the date of this Order. Payment shall be made to the "State of Arizona." 9 Any amount outstanding shall accrue interest from the date judgment is entered at the rate of 10 10 percent per annum. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that upon entry of this Order, Spouse Jeanne Barsano shall 11 be dismissed from this proceeding, with all parties to be responsible for their own attorneys' fees 12 13 and costs. 14 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that if BARSANO or COOLTRADE fail to comply with this 15 order, the Commission may bring further legal proceedings against that Respondent, including 16 application to the superior court for an order of contempt. /// 17 /// 18 /// 19 /// 20 /// 21 22 /// 7// 23 24 /// 25 /// 26 ///

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#### **CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER**

- 1. Respondent EDWARD JOSEPH BARSANO (a.k.a. "ED BARSANO") ("BARSANO") and COOLTRADE, INC. ("COOLTRADE") (sometimes "Respondent(s)"), and BARSANO's spouse Jeanne Barsano ("Spouse") admit the jurisdiction of the Commission over the subject matter of this proceeding. Respondents and Spouse acknowledge that Respondents and Spouse have been fully advised of Respondents and Spouse's right to a hearing to present evidence and call witnesses, and Respondents and Spouse knowingly and voluntarily waive any and all rights to a hearing before the Commission and all other rights otherwise available under Article 11 of the Securities Act and Title 14 of the Arizona Administrative Code. Respondents and Spouse acknowledge that this Order To Cease And Desist And Order For Administrative Penalties ("Order") constitutes a valid final order of the Commission.
- 2. Respondents and Spouse knowingly and voluntarily waive any right under Article 12 of the Securities Act to judicial review by any court by way of suit, appeal, or extraordinary relief resulting from the entry of this Order.
- 3. Respondents and Spouse acknowledge and agree that this Order is entered into freely and voluntarily and that no promise was made or coercion used to induce such entry.
- 4. Respondents and Spouse have been represented by attorneys in this matter, Respondents and Spouse have reviewed this order with their attorneys, Robert J. Itri, Esq. and Barry Mitchell, Esq. of the firm Gallagher & Kennedy, P.A., and understand all terms it contains. Respondents and Spouse acknowledge that their attorneys have apprised them of their rights regarding any conflicts of interest arising from dual representation. Respondents and Spouse acknowledge that they have each given their informed consent to such representation.
- 5. Respondents neither admit nor deny the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained in this Order. Respondents agree that Respondents shall not contest the validity of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained in this Order in any present or future proceeding in which the Commission or any other state agency is a party concerning the denial or

issuance of any license or registration required by the state to engage in the practice of any business or profession.

- 6. By consenting to the entry of this Order, Respondents agree not to take any action or to make, or permit to be made, any public statement denying, directly or indirectly, any Finding of Fact or Conclusion of Law in this Order or creating the impression that this Order is without factual basis. Respondents will undertake steps necessary to assure that all of Respondents' agents and employees understand and comply with this agreement.
- 7. While this Order settles this administrative matter between Respondents and the Commission, Respondents understand that this Order does not preclude the Commission from instituting other administrative or civil proceedings based on violations that are not addressed by this Order.
- 8. Respondents understand that this Order does not preclude the Commission from referring this matter to any governmental agency for administrative, civil, or criminal proceedings that may be related to the matters addressed by this Order.
- 9. Respondents understand that this Order does not preclude any other agency or officer of the state of Arizona or its subdivisions from instituting administrative, civil, or criminal proceedings that may be related to matters addressed by this Order.
- 10. Respondents agree that Respondents will continue to cooperate with the Securities Division including, but not limited to, providing complete and accurate testimony at any hearing in this matter and cooperating with the state of Arizona in any related investigation or any other matters arising from the activities described in this Order.
- 11. Respondents and Spouse consent to the entry of this Order and agree to be fully bound by its terms and conditions.
- 12. Respondents acknowledge and understand that if Respondents fail to comply with the provisions of the order and this consent, the Commission may bring further legal proceedings against Respondent, including application to the superior court for an order of contempt.

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1	13. Respondents understand that default shall render Respondents liable to the
2	Commission for its attorneys' fees and costs incurred in enforcing this Order at the maximum legal
3	rate.
4	14. BARSANO represents that at all relevant times, he has been the president and chief
5	executive officer of COOLTRADE and has been authorized by COOLTRADE to enter into this
6	Order for and on behalf of it.
7	15. BARSANO and Spouse understand that Spouse was joined in this action solely for
8	the purposes of determining the liability of the BARSANO marital community. BARSANO and
9	Spouse further understand and agree that Spouse is being dismissed from this action, with the
10	parties each bearing their own attorneys' fees and costs.
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15	) ss County of Maricopa )
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3	Comission #255023 Expires November 20, 2013  By Edward Joseph Barsano
4	Its president and CEO
5	STATE OF ARIZONA )
6	County of Maricopa ) ss
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1 SERVICE LIST FOR: In re Edward Joseph Barsano, et al., Docket No. S-20785A-11-0062 Robert J. Itri, Esq. Robert Mitchell, Esq. 3 Gallagher & Kennedy, P.A. 2575 East Camelback Road 4 Phoenix, Arizona 85016 Attorneys for Respondents Edward Joseph Barsano, 5 Jeanne Barsano, 6 and Cooltrade, Inc. 7 Dan W. Goldfine, Esq. Cory L. Braddock, Esq. 8 Snell & Wilmer, L.L.P. One Arizona Center 9 400 East Van Buren Street **Suite 1900** 10 Phoenix, AZ 85004-2202 Attorneys for Respondent 11 Robert Coleman Stephens 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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3	<u>COMMISSIONERS</u>
4	GARY PIERCE, Chairman BOB STUMP
5	SANDRA D. KENNEDY PAUL NEWMAN
6	BRENDA BURNS
7	In the matter of:  DOCKET NO. S-20785A-11-0062
8	EDWARD JOSEPH BARSANO (a.k.a. "ED ) BARSANO") and JEANNE BARSANO, husband)  NOTICE OF FILING OF PROPOSED OPEN MEETING AGENDA ITEM
9	and wife,
10	ROBERT COLEMAN STEPHENS (a.k.a. "BOB") STEPHENS") and JANE DOE STEPHENS,
11	husband and wife,
12	COOLTRADE, INC., an Arizona corporation,
13	Respondent.
14	Pursuant to A.A.C. R14-4-303, you are hereby notified that the attached Order to Cease
15	and Desist and Order for Administrative Penalties and Consent to Same by Respondents was filed
16	with the Arizona Corporation Commission's Docket Control.
17	with the Attizona Corporation Commission's Bocket Control.
18	Dated: 1/13/12 By:
19	Mike Dailey Attorney for the Securities Division of the
20	Arizona Corporation Commission
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1	I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document on all parties of record
2	in this proceeding by mailing a copy thereof, properly addressed with first class postage prepaid to
3 4 5 6 7	Robert J. Itri, Esq. Robert Mitchell, Esq. Gallagher & Kennedy, P.A. 2575 East Camelback Road Phoenix, Arizona 85016 Attorneys for Respondents Edward Joseph Barsano, Jeanne Barsano, and Cooltrade, Inc.
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Dated: 1/13/12  By: Qiw S. Clisty Emie R. Bridges, Executive Ass  15	Dated: 1/13/12  By: Qiu S. Qiller  Emie R. Bridges, Executive Assistant
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