STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SECURITIES DIVISION

of Washington by:

Beerbaum & Beerbaum Financial and
Insurance Services Inc. and Gary D. Lee,

IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING

Whether there has been a violation

of the Securities Act of the State

Order Number S-05-220-11-FO01

ENTRY OF FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, FINAL ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST, ORDER REVOKING BROKER-DEALER REGISTRATION AND ORDER DENYING INVESTMENT ADVISER REGISTRATION AS TO BEERBAUM & BEERBAUM FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE SERVICES INC.

Respondents.

INTRODUCTION

On January 23, 2006, the Securities Administrator of the State of Washington issued Summary Order to Cease and Desist and Notice of Intent to Revoke Broker-Dealer Registration, Deny Investment Adviser Registration, Suspend and/or Deny Future Registration, Impose Fines, and Charge Costs S-05-220-05-TO01, hereinafter referred to as "Summary Order," against Respondents Beerbaum & Beerbaum Financial and Insurance Services Inc. and Gary D. Lee.

The Summary Order, together with a Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing, and an Application for Adjudicative Hearing was served on Respondent Beerbaum & Beerbaum Financial and Insurance Services Inc. on or about January 25, 2006. Respondent Beerbaum & Beerbaum Financial and Insurance Services Inc. timely submitted a request for a hearing. On February 4, 2011, Respondent Beerbaum & Beerbaum Financial and Insurance Services Inc. withdrew its request for a hearing.

The Securities Administrator therefore will adopt as final the findings of fact and conclusions of law as set forth in the Summary Order and enter a final order against Respondent Beerbaum & Beerbaum

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Financial and Insurance Services Inc. to cease and desist from violations of the Securities Act, revoke its broker-dealer registration and deny its investment adviser application.

FINDINGS OF FACT

I. RESPONDENTS

- 1. Beerbaum & Beerbaum, Financial and Insurance Services, Inc. ("Beerbaum & Beerbaum") is a broker-dealer with its principal place of business at 5881 Roblar Road, Petaluma, CA 94952.
- 2. Gary D. Lee ("Lee") is a securities salesperson for Beerbaum & Beerbaum. Lee is a resident of Spokane, Washington.

II. NATURE OF THE CONDUCT

- 3. Beerbaum & Beerbaum opened a branch office in Spokane, Washington in June of 1996 and designated Lee as the branch supervisor. The branch office is located at the residence of Lee.
- 4. Lee has been acting as a securities salesperson in the Spokane branch office since 1996 servicing the securities accounts of at least twenty-three Washington households. Lee purchases mutual funds, individual stocks and limited partnerships for clients' accounts. Lee also assists clients with IRAs. Lee receives commissions from the mutual funds he purchases for clients accounts.
- 5. Lee has also provided asset management services to at least two hundred California clients and approximately seven Washington clients since March of 2004 from his Spokane office. Lee's business card, letterhead and QwestDex yellow page advertisement imply or claim that Lee is a registered investment adviser. Lee prepares and sends newsletters to clients, which include performance returns and index comparisons. Lee also developed the "All-Star" portfolio management system, a system used

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS Securities Division PO Box 9033 Olympia, WA 98507-9033 360-902-8760 in advisory clients' portfolios. Under the All-Star system Lee purchases "valuable" stock "cheap" and then sells the stock when the price rises. For Lee's asset management services clients pay an ongoing management fee deducted from the accounts quarterly. According to the fee agreement the fees are paid to Beerbaum & Beerbaum. Lee also charges fees for specific financial advice and planning.

- 6. Lee and Beerbaum & Beerbaum had an oral agreement that if Beerbaum & Beerbaum handled all regulatory requirements Beerbaum & Beerbaum would receive a percentage of commissions and fees from Lee's accounts.
- 7. Lee stated in a newsletter that he let his securities salesperson and investment adviser licenses lapse for "lack of use" but stated that his "practical experience, plus all the continuing education...plus continuous research keeps [him] well qualified."

III. REGISTRATION STATUS

- 8. Beerbaum & Beerbaum did not register as a broker-dealer with the Washington State Securities Division ("the Division") until October of 1997, more than a year after opening the branch office in Spokane, Washington. Beerbaum & Beerbaum was registered with the Division as a broker-dealer from October of 1997 to 1998 and then from October 1999 to August 1, 2006.
- 9. Beerbaum & Beerbaum submitted an investment adviser registration application with the Division in November of 2005 but is not currently registered as an investment adviser in the state of Washington and has not previously been so registered.
- 10. Lee is not currently registered as a securities salesperson in the state of Washington and has not previously been so registered.

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11. Lee is not currently registered as an investment adviser or investment adviser representative in the state of Washington and has not previously been so registered.

Based upon the above Findings of Fact, the following Conclusions of Law are made:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- The actions of Beerbaum & Beerbaum Financial and Insurance Services Inc., as described above, constitute a violation of RCW 21.20.040(2) by employing a salesperson that was not registered in the state of Washington. Such action is grounds for revocation of Beerbaum & Beerbaum Financial and Insurance Services Inc.'s broker-dealer registration.
- 2. The actions of Beerbaum & Beerbaum Financial and Insurance Services Inc., as described above, constitute a violation of RCW 21.20.040 as Beerbaum & Beerbaum Financial and Insurance Services Inc. functioned as an investment adviser while not registered as such in the state of Washington, as defined by RCW 21.20.005(6). Such action is grounds for denial of Beerbaum & Beerbaum Financial and Insurance Services Inc.'s investment adviser registration application.

FINAL ORDER

Based upon the foregoing and finding it in the public interest:

It is hereby ordered that Beerbaum & Beerbaum, Financial and Insurance Services, Inc., its agents, employees, and affiliated entities, each cease and desist from violation of RCW 21.20.040, the section of the Securities Act that requires registration of investment advisers and investment adviser representatives.

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It is hereby ordered that the broker-dealer registration of Respondent Beerbaum & Beerbaum 1 Financial and Insurance Services Inc. is revoked. 2 It is hereby ordered that Respondent Beerbaum & Beerbaum Financial and Insurance Services 3 Inc.'s application for investment adviser registration is denied. 4 **AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURE** 5 This Final Order is entered pursuant to the provisions RCW 21.20.390, and is subject to the б 7 provisions of Chapter 34.05 RCW. Respondent has the right to petition the superior court for judicial 8 review of this agency action under the provisions of Chapter 34.05 RCW. For the requirements for filing a 9 Petition for Judicial Review, see RCW 34.050.510 and sections following. 10 WILLFUL VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE 11 DATED and ENTERED this ____18th_____day of February, 2011. 12 13 14 15 WILLIAM M. BEATTY Securities Administrator 16 Approved By: Presented By: 17 18 Martin Cordell 19 **SUZANNE SARASON** MARTIN CORDELL 20 Chief of Enforcement Financial Legal Examiner 21 22 5 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS 23 **Securities Division** ENTRY OF FINDINGS OF FACT AND PO Box 9033

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