

STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
SECURITIES DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING) Order No.: S-14-1603-17-CO13
whether there has been a violation of the)
Securities Act of Washington by:)
Life Partners, Inc.; Life Partners Holdings, Inc.;) CONSENT ORDER
Brian Pardo; R. Scott Peden; David Barr; James) AS TO STEVEN HUGH MINNICH
Billington; Kim Butler; Gary Cassill; Michael)
Chapman; Tomas Delos Santos; Neal Inscoe; John)
Ley; William Meyer; Steven Hugh Minnich; Tim)
Watters; Don Wells; Alliance of Professionals for)
Business, Inc.; NW Retirement Solutions LLC;)
NW Safe Retirement LLC; Partners Portfolio)
Solutions, Inc.; Strategic Insurance Services, LLC)
Respondents.)

INTRODUCTION

On March 7, 2016, the Securities Administrator of the Securities Division of the Department of Financial Institutions ("Securities Division") issued a Statement of Charges and Notice of Intent to Enter Order to Cease and Desist, to Impose Fines, and to Charge Costs ("Statement of Charges") Order Number S-14-1603-16-SC01, against Respondents Life Partners, Inc.; Life Partners Holdings, Inc.; Brian Pardo; R. Scott Peden; David Barr; James Billington; Kim Butler; Gary Cassill; Michael Chapman; Tomas Delos Santos; Neal Inscoe; John Ley; William Meyer; Steven Hugh Minnich; Tim Watters; Don Wells; Alliance of Professionals for Business, Inc.; NW Retirement Solutions LLC; NW Safe Retirement LLC; Partners Portfolio Solutions, Inc.; and Strategic Insurance Services, LLC.

Pursuant to the Securities Act of Washington, RCW 21.20, the Securities Division and Respondent Steven Hugh Minnich do hereby enter into this Consent Order in settlement of the matters set forth in the Statement of Charges. Respondent Steven Hugh Minnich neither admits nor denies the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as set forth in the Statement of Charges, which are hereby incorporated by reference into this Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER

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

IT IS AGREED AND ORDERED that Respondent Steven Hugh Minnich shall cease and desist from violating RCW 21.20.140.

1 IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND ORDERED that Respondent Steven Hugh Minnich shall cease and desist
from violating RCW 21.20.040.

2 IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND ORDERED that Respondent Steven Hugh Minnich shall cease and desist
3 from violating RCW 21.20.010.

4 IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND ORDERED that Respondent Steven Hugh Minnich shall pay a fine of \$1,000
prior to the entry of this Consent Order.

5 IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND ORDERED that Respondent Steven Hugh Minnich shall pay costs of \$250
6 prior to the entry of this Consent Order.

7 IT IS FURTHER AGREED that the Securities Division has jurisdiction to enter this Consent Order.

8 IT IS FURTHER AGREED that Respondent Steven Hugh Minnich enters into this Consent Order freely and
voluntarily and with a full understanding of its terms and significance.

9 IT IS FURTHER AGREED that this Consent Order does not constitute, and is not intended to be used as, an
10 admission of or evidence of any fault, omission or liability of Respondent Steven Hugh Minnich in any civil, criminal,
arbitration, or administrative proceeding.

11 IT IS FURTHER AGREED that this Consent Order alone will not constitute a bar to the approval of an
12 application of Respondent Steven Hugh Minnich for registration as a securities salesperson or investment adviser
representative in the state of Washington.

13 IT IS FURTHER AGREED that in consideration of the foregoing, Respondent Steven Hugh Minnich waives
14 his rights to a hearing and to judicial review of this matter pursuant to RCW 21.20.440 and Chapter 34.05 RCW.

15 WILLFUL VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

1 Signed this 3rd day of January, 2018.

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3 Signed by:

4 /s _____
5 Steven Hugh Minnich

6 SIGNED and ENTERED this 3rd day of January, 2018.



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William M. Beatty
Securities Administrator

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