STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SECURITIES DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING whether there has been a violation of the Securities Act of Washington by:

Michael Patrick Raineri.

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Respondent.

Order Number: S-23-3545-24-CO01

CONSENT ORDER

INTRODUCTION

On July 1, 2024, 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 Deny Future Registrations, to Impose a Fine, and to Charge Costs, ("Statement of Charges"), Order Number S-23-3545-23-SC01 against Respondent Michael Patrick Raineri. Pursuant to the Securities Act of Washington, RCW 21.20, the Securities Division and Respondent Michael Patrick Raineri do hereby enter into this Consent Order in settlement of the matters set forth in the Statement of Charges and as alleged below. Respondent Michael Patrick Raineri neither admits, nor denies the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as stated below.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Respondent

1. Michael Patrick Raineri (CRD No. 4817558) (d/b/a Raineri Financial) ("Raineri") is a resident of Seattle, Washington. Raineri was first licensed in the securities industry in 2004. Between 2012 and April 2018, Raineri was a representative at Cetera Advisors LLC in Seattle, Washington. Between April 2018 and November 2020, Raineri was a representative at KMS Financial Services, Inc. (KMS), a dually registered broker-dealer and investment adviser in Seattle, Washington. In November

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2020, KMS assigned its investment advisory assets to Securities America Advisors, Inc. and merged its broker-dealer into Securities America, Inc. Between November 2020 and April 2023, Raineri was employed as a securities salesperson at Securities America, Inc. ("SAI") and as an investment adviser representative at Securities American Advisors, Inc. ("SAA"). On April 6, 2023, Raineri was terminated from SAI and SAA. Since his termination, Raineri has not been registered as a securities salesperson or investment adviser representative.

Nature of the Conduct

- 2. In 2013, a senior citizen client of Raineri (Client 1) received an inheritance of more than \$2 million through a revocable trust. Client 1 is approximately 69 years old and resides in Seattle, Washington. Over the next decade, Raineri changed firms, but continued to serve as the financial adviser to Client 1's revocable trust, which held securities and variable annuities through multiple accounts. Over the next few years, Raineri liquidated securities and variable annuities in various accounts and caused the proceeds to be deposited into a bank account at JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. (Chase) that was in the name of Client 1's revocable trust (hereinafter "Client 1's bank account"). A significant portion of these proceeds were subsequently transferred directly or indirectly to bank accounts used by Raineri.
- 3. Raineri caused Client 1 to sign and provide him with blank checks for Client 1's bank account. Between 2016 and 2020, twelve checks totaling \$397,000 were paid out of Client 1's bank account to another client of Raineri (Client 2). Raineri did not disclose these withdrawals to Client 1. The checks from Client 1 were deposited into a bank account in the name of Client 2. Client 2 provided Raineri with a power of attorney for this account, which enabled Raineri to make deposits and withdrawals out of the account. Between 2016 and 2020, more than \$360,000 was transferred from Client 2's account to another bank account used by Raineri. Raineri did not disclose to Client 2 that he was using his bank account for these purposes.

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- 4. In April 2018, Client 1 and Raineri executed a power of attorney for Client 1's bank account at Chase. Raineri did not notify or obtain prior approval from his firm before executing this power of attorney. Between 2018 and 2022, Raineri caused a total of more than \$130,000 to be transferred from Client 1's bank account to a bank account used by Raineri. Raineri did not disclose the vast majority of these transfers to Client 1. In October 2022, Client 1 sent an email to Raineri and revoked the power of attorney. Raineri did not disclose to his firm that Client 1 revoked the power of attorney.
- 5. On April 6, 2023, Raineri was terminated from SAI and SAA. On April 18, 2023, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) entered into a Letter of Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent (AWC) with Raineri. FINRA found that Raineri violated FINRA Rules 2150(a) (Improper Use of Customers' Securities or Funds) and Rule 2010 (Standards of Commercial Honor and Principles of Trade) (FINRA Case No. 2023078057401). In the AWC, Raineri was barred from association with any FINRA member in all capacities.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Under RCW 21.20.110(1)(e)(iii), the Securities Administrator may deny, suspend, revoke, restrict, condition, or limit any application or registration of any broker-dealer, salesperson, investment adviser representative, or investment adviser, upon a finding that the applicant or registrant is the subject of an order, entered after notice and opportunity for hearing, by a self-regulatory organization suspending or expelling the registrant from membership in a self-regulatory organization. FINRA's 2023 AWC constitutes an order expelling Michael Raineri from membership in a self-regulatory organization under RCW 21.20.110(1)(e)(iii) and is grounds for the denial of Michael Raineri's future securities salesperson or investment adviser representative registration applications.

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- 2. Under RCW 21.20.110(1)(g), the Securities Administrator may deny, suspend, revoke, restrict, condition, or limit any application or registration of any broker-dealer, salesperson, investment adviser representative, or investment adviser, upon a finding that the applicant or registrant engaged in dishonest or unethical practices in the securities business. As set forth above in the Findings of Fact, Michael Raineri, in his capacity as a securities salesperson, violated WAC 460-22B-090 by engaging in nondisclosure, incomplete disclosure or misstatement of material facts, or manipulative or deceptive practices. Michael Raineri also violated WAC 460-22B-090(19) by failing to comply with an applicable provision of the Conduct Rules of FINRA, namely FINRA Rules 2010 and 2150. Michael Raineri, in his capacity as an investment adviser representative, violated WAC 460-24A-220(20), by engaging in an act, practice, or course of business which is fraudulent, deceptive, manipulative or unethical. Such conduct is grounds for the denial of Michael Raineri's future securities salesperson or investment adviser representative registration applications under RCW 21.20.110(1)(g).
- 3. Michael Raineri, in his capacity as an securities salesperson, in connection with the offer or sale of securities, violated RCW 21.20.010 because he employed a device, scheme, or artifice to defraud; made an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading; or engaged in an act, practice, or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon another person.
- 4. Michael Raineri, in his capacity as an investment adviser representative, violated RCW 21.20.020(1) by employing a device, scheme or artifice to defraud or engaging in an act, practice, or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon another person.

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

CONSENT ORDER

IT IS AGREED AND ORDERED that Respondent Michael Patrick Raineri, his agents, and employees each shall cease and desist from violating RCW 21.20.010 and RCW 21.20.020.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND ORDERED that Respondent Michael Patrick Raineri shall not make application for, nor be granted a broker-dealer, securities salesperson, investment adviser, and/or investment adviser representative license from the date of entry of this Consent Order by the Securities Administrator.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND ORDERED that Respondent Michael Patrick Raineri shall be liable for and shall pay a fine of \$20,000 on or before the entry of this Consent Order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND ORDERED that Respondent Michael Patrick Raineri shall be liable for and shall pay investigative costs of \$5,000 on or before entry of this Consent Order.

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

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that Respondent Michael Patrick Raineri entered into this Consent Order freely and voluntarily and with a full understanding of its terms and significance.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that in consideration of the foregoing, Respondent Michael Patrick Raineri waives his right to a hearing and to judicial review of this matter pursuant to RCW 21.20.440 and Chapter 34.05 RCW.

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