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12 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

13 *In re J&J Investment Litigation*

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Hon. Gloria M. Navarro

**CONSOLIDATED CLASS ACTION
COMPLAINT**

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

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1 Plaintiffs Barrett Henzel, Allan L Carso, Gary W. Lundin, Joshua Luekenga, Craig Rodney
2 Michaelis, Bryce Kelly, Clint McDaniel, and Dan McDaniel, on behalf of themselves and all others
3 similarly situated, allege the following against Defendant Wells Fargo, N.A., a national banking
4 association formed in Delaware.

5 **INTRODUCTION**

6 1. Beginning in 2017 and continuing through March 2022, Las Vegas solo practitioner Matthew
7 Beasley and Jeffrey Judd (whose background was in real estate and pharmaceutical sales), ran a
8 massive Ponzi scheme centered in Las Vegas, Nevada. They sold investors on the opportunity to fund
9 advances to plaintiffs awaiting payment on personal injury settlements. Investors were promised
10 attractive rates of return, with little to no risk, and were told their investments would be deposited into a
11 Wells Fargo attorney trust account for added security.

12 2. The scheme went unimpeded for over five years. Then, in early 2022, law enforcement received
13 a tip and contacted Judd and Beasley. When the FBI arrived at Beasley’s residence, Beasley brandished
14 a firearm, threatened to commit suicide, and was subdued only after a multi-hour standoff involving a
15 hostage negotiator. When Beasley was finally apprehended, he confessed that all of the personal-injury
16 settlement investments had been nothing more than a Ponzi scheme. He told law enforcement that he
17 was able to pull it off because he was a lawyer, and that the full nature of the scheme would be clear as
18 soon as they reviewed his attorney trust account bank records.

19 3. As those bank records confirm, Beasley and Judd could not have carried out the scheme without
20 Wells Fargo’s assistance. Wells Fargo tracked the account activity and saw that Beasley was misusing
21 the attorney trust account to operate an investment enterprise. Wells Fargo nevertheless accepted
22 hundreds of millions of dollars into the account, and then executed transactions through which the
23 funds were dissipated and commingled—in the form of cash withdrawals, transfers to vaguely
24 denominated shell companies, and round trip “lulling payments” to investors, under the guise of returns
25 on investment. Rather than terminate the account in response to these misuses, Wells Fargo carried out
26 Beasley’s instructions, accepting investor funds and then executing transfers to place the funds out of
27 investors’ reach, all while lending the J&J enterprise the credibility of a major banking institution.

28 4. The account that Beasley used to perpetrate the scheme was not a simple business checking

1 account, but a specialized account known as a law firm “interest on lawyers’ trust account” (or
2 “IOLTA”). Wells Fargo is familiar with the proper use of such accounts, as it offers IOLTAs in all fifty
3 states and has agreed to follow IOLTA-specific procedures in Nevada. As Wells Fargo knows, IOLTAs
4 typically hold multiple clients’ funds, which requires a clear audit trail with notations on checks and
5 transfers to match each transaction to a corresponding client. Deposits and incoming transfers into
6 IOLTAs are frequently made out to both law firm and client as co-payees. And outgoing transfers are
7 typically to a client, a lienholder, or the attorney’s operating account (but only to the extent the attorney
8 has already earned the fee). As Wells Fargo saw, however, Beasley’s IOLTA activity never reflected
9 these practices. The account activity did not contain notations matching transactions to clients. Deposits
10 were made to Beasley only. And Wells Fargo consistently processed outgoing transactions that bore no
11 resemblance to a small firm’s practice, including hundreds of thousands of dollars to pay off car loans
12 and millions more to pay title companies for real estate. The bank also allowed Beasley to withdraw
13 over a million dollars in cash, even though cash withdrawals are perhaps the most widely recognized
14 indication that an attorney is misusing client funds.

15 5. Wells Fargo saw many other signs of misuse. When Beasley opened the IOLTA, he told Wells
16 Fargo that he was a solo practitioner generating \$350,000 in annual sales. Yet Wells Fargo provided
17 uninterrupted services as nearly \$500 million flowed through the IOLTA during the five-plus years that
18 followed—orders of magnitude more than Beasley had told the bank to expect.

19 6. Wells Fargo also observed that Beasley’s usage of the IOLTA did not match his stated
20 occupation—a federally recognized indicator of potential illegal activity. At the time of his IOLTA
21 application, Beasley marketed his firm as a personal injury and family law practice. But the deposits
22 never resembled litigation settlement proceeds. Incoming payments were not from law firms or
23 insurance companies. Funds transfers came from entities with “Investment” or “Financial” in their title,
24 and the transfer-notations often noted that the money was being sent for investment purposes.

25 7. Even beyond that, the pattern of activity within the Beasley IOLTA tracked well-known
26 indicators of money laundering and fraud. For example, federal regulators tell banks to look for “large,
27 round dollar” transactions. Nearly all of the deposits into Beasley’s IOLTA were in large, round
28 number form—usually in multiples of \$50,000, \$80,000, or \$100,000. And almost immediately after

1 those deposits entered the IOLTA, similar large, round-number transfers sent the funds out of the
2 account, mostly to entities controlled by Judd or Beasley (the entities bore names like “J&J Consulting”
3 and “J&J Enterprises”).

4 8. Yet another red flag for fraudulent banking exists when account activity does not match the
5 business’s location or reach. Beasley had told Wells Fargo his firm had a “local” practice, and he was
6 the business’s sole signatory. Yet Wells Fargo allowed deposits into the IOLTA in at least 43 different
7 Wells Fargo branches across the country, including in Washington, Utah, and Indiana. In addition,
8 Wells Fargo processed incoming wire transfers from investors in Australia, Taiwan, and Singapore.

9 9. All of this suspicious activity did not go unnoticed by Wells Fargo. Wells Fargo uses
10 sophisticated electronic monitoring systems, and has dedicated personnel, all working to identify the
11 very types of suspicious patterns exhibited within the Beasley IOLTA. Plaintiffs’ pre-filing
12 investigation confirmed that Wells Fargo employees working in at least one Nevada branch noticed
13 suspicious transactions and flagged concerns about what they were seeing in the IOLTA. Yet in each
14 instance that a Wells Fargo employee raised a concern about Beasley’s IOLTA, Wells Fargo responded
15 the same way. It told its employees to continue providing Beasley with the requested services.

16 10. With Wells Fargo actively facilitating his transactions despite signs of impropriety, Beasley was
17 able to take in and then divert hundreds of millions of dollars of investors’ money using the IOLTA.
18 Despite taking note of the suspicious behavior, Wells Fargo never terminated its relationship with
19 Beasley, and never took steps to stop the fraudulent scheme and breaches of fiduciary duty. Instead, the
20 bank continued to serve Beasley and execute the transfers of investor funds held in trust, which led to
21 catastrophic losses for the investors.

22 11. Plaintiffs, like many other victims, lost hundreds of thousands of dollars in this scheme,
23 resulting in significant financial hardship for them and their families. They bring suit against Wells
24 Fargo on behalf of themselves and all other similarly situated. They seek to hold Wells Fargo
25 accountable for its essential contributions to the scheme and seek to fully recover their losses.

26 **PARTIES**

27 **I. Plaintiffs**

28 12. Plaintiff Barrett Henzel is a citizen and resident of Las Vegas, Nevada.

1 13. Plaintiff Allan L. Carso is a citizen and resident of Las Vegas, Nevada.

2 14. Plaintiff Gary W. Lundin is a citizen and resident of Payson, Utah.

3 15. Plaintiff Joshua Luekenga is a citizen and resident of Bountiful, Utah.

4 16. Plaintiff Bryce Kelly is a citizen and resident of West Richland, Washington.

5 17. Plaintiff Craig Rodney Michaelis is a citizen and resident of Spokane, Washington.

6 18. Plaintiffs Clint McDaniel and Dan McDaniel are citizens and residents of Corona, California.

7 **II. Defendant**

8 19. Defendant Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. is a national banking association formed in Delaware, with
9 its principal place of business in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

10 **RELEVANT NON-PARTIES**

11 20. Jeffrey Judd is a citizen and resident of Nevada.

12 21. J&J Consulting Services, Inc., is a Nevada corporation with its principal place of business in
13 Nevada and is owned by Judd.

14 22. J&J Consulting Services, Inc., is an Alaska corporation with its principal place of business in
15 Nevada and is owned by Judd.

16 23. J&J Purchasing, LLC, is a Florida limited liability company with its principal place of business
17 in Nevada and is owned by Judd. (The above three “J&J” companies are referred to collectively as the
18 “J&J Entities.”)

19 24. Matthew Beasley is a citizen and resident of Nevada.

20 25. Beasley Law Group PC is a Nevada professional corporation, owned by Beasley, with its
21 principal place of business in Nevada.

22 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

23 26. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005
24 (codified at 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2)). At least one member of the proposed class is a citizen of a
25 different state from Defendant, there are more than one hundred members of the proposed class, and the
26 aggregate amount in controversy exceeds five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00), exclusive of interest and
27 costs.

28 27. This Court has specific personal jurisdiction over Defendant because Plaintiffs’ claims arise out

1 of and relate to Defendant's unlawful conduct in Nevada.

2 28. Venue is proper in this District under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) because Defendant's unlawful course
3 of conduct occurred in large part in this District.

4 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

5 **I. The Beasley and Judd Ponzi scheme**

6 29. In March 2017, Beasley and Judd, with several promoters working at their direction, began
7 offering would-be investors the opportunity to buy "lawsuit settlement contracts."

8 30. Investors were told that the opportunity arose when a personal injury litigant reached a
9 settlement with an insurance company and needed their money immediately, before the settlement
10 payment was due. The injured party (through their attorney) would purportedly sell their interest in the
11 settlement proceeds to one of the J&J Entities. The J&J Entity would then purportedly advance the
12 funds, which the injured party would repay 90 days later, plus interest and fees. In actuality, the J&J
13 Entities were not procuring interests in lawsuit settlements. Instead, they presented investors with made
14 up documentation and claimed to be contracting with personal injury attorneys who had no connection
15 to the scheme. (The overall scheme is at times referred to as the "J&J enterprise.")

16 31. From 2017 to 2022, the scheme continued, operated through the J&J Entities and Beasley Law
17 Group PC, largely through the use of promoters. The scheme was marketed primarily in Nevada, Utah,
18 California, and Washington. Promoters frequently approached potential investors with whom they
19 shared some common interest, often at their gym or place of worship.

20 32. The lawsuit settlement contracts were typically priced at \$80,000 or \$100,000, although
21 investors sometimes purchased half of the contract (\$40,000 or \$50,000, respectively) or even smaller
22 portions. Investors were promised high rates of return: for instance, 12.5% after 90 days, which
23 translated to 50% annually, along with additional payments if the returns were delayed. Investors'
24 funds were usually automatically re-allocated to another purported settlement interest once the initial
25 investment had matured.

26 33. Investors were told that lawsuit settlement contracts were scarce and therefore rare and
27 attractive investment opportunities. The promoters conveyed that the venture had made as many as
28 20,000 such purchases and had never had one go bad. ECF No. 22-2, Ex. C ("Judd Transcript") at p.

1 40; ECF No. 22-2, Ex. D (“Jongeward Transcripts”) at pp. 52, 76. They described the investments as
 2 “risk-free, “ironclad,” and “immaculate.” Jongeward Transcripts at pp. 59, 77.

3 34. Investors were instructed to wire or deposit their investment capital into an IOLTA at Wells
 4 Fargo that belonged to Beasley’s law firm, Beasley Law Group PC, acting as trustee of the funds. This
 5 was used as a selling point to boost the scheme and assure investors that the operation was above board.
 6 Promoters emphasized that investor funds would be deposited and held in a regulated attorney trust
 7 account. A representative excerpt from a transcript of one such pitch to an investor appears below.

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1 MIKE: So -- okay. So they've already gone
 2 through a process with, like, an insurance company.
 3 They have some representing them.
 4 MR. JONGEWARD: Yeah.
 5 MIKE: Is it a law firm, like --
 6 MR. JONGEWARD: Yeah, so we have an attorney
 7 that represents us --
 8 MIKE: Okay.
 9 MR. JONGEWARD: -- and so we use his IOLTA
 10 account, his lawyer's trust account, and that lawyer's
 11 trust account is a state bar regulated account. If
 12 you're not familiar with those it's --
 13 MIKE: Yeah.
 14 MR. JONGEWARD: Yeah. It's very similar to
 15 an escrow account for real estate.
 16 MIKE: And what's the attorney's name?
 17 MR. JONGEWARD: His name is Matt Beasley,
 18 B-e-a-s-l-e-y, Beasley Law Group.
 19 MIKE: Okay.

20
 21 Jongeward Transcripts at p. 57.

22 35. The Ponzi scheme continued into March 2022, when it finally collapsed. That month, FBI
 23 agents began trying to contact Judd and Beasley. When they arrived at Beasley’s home, Beasley opened
 24 the door holding a gun against his head. He then aimed the gun at the agents, who shot him twice.
 25 Beasley ran inside, which led to a stand-off that required the intervention of a hostage negotiator.
 26 Eventually, a SWAT team raided the home and took Beasley into custody.

27 36. The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission has since filed a complaint against Beasley and
 28 Judd in federal court, alleging securities fraud and other violations. According to transcripts filed by the

1 SEC, Beasley confessed to the Ponzi scheme during his standoff with the FBI. In the transcript, he
2 states that he “got names of attorneys” but “never actually talked to them,” ECF No. 22-2, Ex. E
3 (“Transcript of FBI Standoff”) at p. 107, and that he continued to invent fictitious attorney deals to
4 satisfy the quickly growing investor demand. *Id.* at 150. Beasley told agents that the Ponzi scheme
5 would be “clear as soon as they go through my bank records.” *Id.* at 151.

6 **II. Plaintiffs invested in the fraudulent scheme.**

7 **A. Plaintiff Barrett Henzel**

8 37. Between December 2019 and March 2022, when the Ponzi scheme was exposed, Plaintiff
9 Barrett Henzel invested \$400,000 into the venture through Henzelhaus, LLC, a Nevada limited liability
10 company that Henzel owns jointly with his wife.

11 38. Henzel learned of the opportunity to invest in the venture from Warren Rosegreen, one of the
12 scheme’s promoters who had known Judd since college.

13 39. Rosegreen told Henzel that his money would be used to purchase an interest in a lawsuit
14 settlement contract. Rosegreen presented the safeguards inherent in using an IOLTA as a selling point
15 to boost the scheme.

16 40. On or about December 9, 2019, per Rosegreen’s instructions, Henzel wired \$70,000 to
17 Beasley’s IOLTA to fund his initial investment. Rosegreen told Henzel that his money would purchase
18 70% of a \$100,000 lawsuit settlement contract, and that he would receive a 12.5% return on his
19 investment in 90 days.

20 41. Subsequently, Henzel funded additional investments on or about March 9, 2020, May 12, 2020,
21 May 19, 2020, and November 22, 2021, totaling \$330,000.

22 42. Throughout his dealings with the venture, Henzel was typically instructed to wire investment
23 funds directly to Beasley’s IOLTA. Henzel felt more secure sending his funds to an attorney trust
24 account.

25 43. During the period he was making the investments, Henzel was never informed of the true nature
26 of the J&J enterprise or how his funds were actually being misused. Had he known the truth, Henzel
27 never would have invested in the J&J enterprise.

28 44. To date, Henzel has received payments of approximately \$296,250 as purported returns on his

1 investments. The losses Henzel has incurred have caused hardship to Henzel and his family.

2 **B. Plaintiff Allan Carso**

3 45. Between February 2020 and March 2022, when the Ponzi scheme was exposed, Plaintiff Allan
4 Carso invested \$280,000 in the venture through the Carso Family Revocable Trust, a California trust, of
5 which Carso is the trustee.

6 46. Plaintiff Carso learned of the opportunity to invest in the venture from his daughter who knew
7 Judd and Shane Jager, a promoter of the scheme, from her church.

8 47. Jager told Carso that his money would be used to purchase an interest in a lawsuit settlement
9 contract. Jager presented the safeguards inherent in using an IOLTA as a selling point to boost the
10 scheme.

11 48. On or about February 11, 2020, per Jager's instructions, Carso wired \$80,000 to Beasley's
12 IOLTA to fund his initial investment. Jager told Carso that his money would purchase an \$80,000
13 purchase contract, and that he would receive a 12.5% return on his investment in 90 days.

14 49. Subsequently, Carso funded additional investments on or about March 11, 2020, April 7, 2020,
15 June 21, 2021, and January 18, 2022, totaling \$200,000.

16 50. Throughout his dealings with the venture, Carso was typically instructed to wire investment
17 funds directly to Beasley's IOLTA. Carso felt more secure sending his funds to an attorney trust
18 account.

19 51. During the period he was making the investments, Carso was never informed of the true nature
20 of the J&J enterprise or how his funds were actually being misused. Had he known the truth, Carso
21 never would have invested in the J&J enterprise.

22 52. To date, Carso has received payments of approximately \$174,000 as purported returns on his
23 investments. The losses Carso has incurred have caused hardship to Carso and his family.

24 **C. Plaintiff Rodney Michaelis**

25 53. Between December 2021 and March 2022, when the Ponzi scheme was exposed, Plaintiff
26 Rodney Craig Michaelis invested \$80,000 into the venture through Vista Land Solutions LLC, a
27 Washington limited liability company of which he is the sole member.

28 54. Michaelis learned of the opportunity to invest in the venture from a colleague who had also

1 invested into the scheme. The colleague introduced Michaelis to Jason Jongeward, one of the scheme's
2 promoters.

3 55. Jongeward told Michaelis that his money would be used to purchase an interest in a lawsuit
4 settlement contract. Jongeward presented the safeguards inherent in using an IOLTA as a selling point
5 to boost the scheme.

6 56. On or about December 8, 2021, per Jongeward's instructions, Michaelis wired \$80,000 to
7 Beasley's IOLTA to fund his initial investment. Jongeward told Michaelis that his money would
8 purchase a \$80,000 lawsuit settlement contract, and that he would receive a 12.5% return on his
9 investment in 90 days.

10 57. Michaelis was instructed to wire investment funds directly to Beasley's IOLTA. Michaelis felt
11 more secure sending his funds to an attorney trust account. Michaelis knew of the concept of trust
12 accounts and believed that misuse of a lawyer trust account could lead to disbarment.

13 58. During the period he was making the investments, Michaelis was never informed of the true
14 nature of the J&J enterprise or how his funds were actually being misused. Had he known the truth,
15 Michaelis never would have invested in the J&J enterprise.

16 59. To date, Michaelis has received no payments as purported returns on his investment. The losses
17 Michaelis has incurred have caused hardship to Michaelis and his family.

18 **D. Plaintiff Joshua Luekenga**

19 60. Between March 2021 and March 2022, when the Ponzi scheme was exposed, Plaintiff Joshua
20 Collyer Luekenga invested \$160,000 into the venture through JC Luekenga, LLC, a Utah limited
21 liability company that Luekenga opened in order to invest into the scheme.

22 61. Luekenga learned of the opportunity to invest in the venture from a relative who had also
23 invested. Luekenga's relative put him in touch with Judd.

24 62. Judd told Luekenga that his money would be used to purchase an interest in a lawsuit settlement
25 contract. Judd presented the safeguards inherent in using an IOLTA as a selling point to boost the
26 scheme.

27 63. On or about March 15, 2021, per Judd's instructions, Luekenga wired \$80,000 to Beasley's
28 IOLTA to fund his initial investment. Judd told Luekenga that his money would purchase an \$80,000

1 lawsuit settlement contract, and that he would receive a 15% return on his investment in 90 days.

2 64. Subsequently, on or about August 3, 2021, Luekenga again wired \$80,000 to Beasley's IOLTA
3 to purchase a \$80,000 purported lawsuit settlement contract.

4 65. Throughout his dealings with the venture, Luekenga was typically instructed to wire investment
5 funds directly to Beasley's IOLTA. Luekenga had heard of IOLTAs, saw the use of an IOLTA as an
6 added safeguard, and thus felt more secure sending his funds to an attorney trust account.

7 66. During the period he was making the investments, Luekenga was never informed of the true
8 nature of the J&J enterprise or how his funds were actually being misused. Had he known the truth,
9 Luekenga never would have invested in the J&J enterprise.

10 67. To date, Luekenga has received \$48,000 in payments as purported returns on his investments.
11 The losses Luekenga has incurred have caused hardship to Luekenga and his family.

12 **E. Plaintiff Gary Lundin**

13 68. Between December 2020 and March 2022, when the Ponzi scheme was exposed, Plaintiff Gary
14 W. Lundin invested \$200,000 into the venture from his personal bank account and 401K savings
15 account.

16 69. Lundin learned of the opportunity to invest in the venture from a friend who had also invested
17 into the scheme. Lundin's friend put him in touch with Jager, one of the scheme's promoters.

18 70. Jager told Lundin that his money would be used to purchase an interest in a lawsuit settlement
19 contract. Jager presented the safeguards inherent in using an IOLTA as a selling point to boost the
20 scheme.

21 71. On or about December 9, 2020, per Jager's instructions, Lundin wired \$50,000 to Beasley's
22 IOLTA to fund his initial investment. Jager told Lundin that his money would purchase 62.5% of a
23 \$80,000 purported lawsuit settlement contract, and that he would receive a 10% return on his
24 investment in 90 days.

25 72. Subsequently, Lundin funded additional investments on March 16, 2021, and December 21,
26 2021, totaling \$150,000.

27 73. Throughout his dealings with the venture, Lundin was typically instructed to wire investment
28 funds directly to Beasley's IOLTA. Lundin understood that an IOLTA was an attorney trust account

1 and thus felt safe sending his funds to the IOLTA.

2 74. During the period he was making the investments, Lundin was never informed of the true nature
3 of the J&J enterprise or how his funds were actually being misused. Had he known the truth, Lundin
4 never would have invested in the J&J enterprise.

5 75. To date, Lundin has received \$40,000 in payments as purported returns on his investments. The
6 losses Lundin has incurred have caused hardship to Lundin and his family.

7 **F. Plaintiff Bryce Kelly**

8 76. Between October 2021 and March 2022, when the Ponzi scheme was exposed, Kelly invested
9 \$500,000 into the venture through K2K Investments, LLC, a Washington limited liability company of
10 which Kelly is the manager.

11 77. Kelly learned of the opportunity to invest in the venture after being introduced to Jason
12 Jongeward, one of the scheme's promoters.

13 78. Jongeward told Kelly that his money would be used to purchase an interest in a lawsuit
14 settlement contract. Jongeward presented the safeguards inherent in using an IOLTA as a selling point
15 to boost the scheme.

16 79. On or about October 27, 2021, per Jongeward's instructions, Kelly wired \$300,000 to Beasley's
17 IOLTA to fund his initial investment. Jongeward told Kelly that his money would purchase three
18 \$100,000 lawsuit settlement contracts, and that he would receive a 12% return on his investment in 90
19 days.

20 80. Subsequently, Kelly funded additional investments on November 15, 2021, November 16, 2021,
21 and November 17, 2021, totaling \$200,000.

22 81. Throughout his dealings with the venture, Kelly was typically instructed by Jongeward to wire
23 investment funds directly to Beasley's IOLTA. Kelly felt more secure sending his funds to an attorney
24 trust account.

25 82. During the period he was making the investments, Kelly was never informed of the true nature
26 of the J&J enterprise, or how his funds were actually being misused. Had he known the truth, Kelly
27 never would have invested in the J&J enterprise.

28 83. To date, Kelly has received \$62,500 as purported returns on his investments. The losses Kelly

1 has incurred have caused hardship to Kelly and his family.

2 **G. Plaintiffs Clint and Dan McDaniel**

3 84. Between May 2021 and March 2022, when the Ponzi scheme was exposed, Plaintiffs Clint and
4 Dan McDaniel invested a total of \$1,185,000 into the venture through Waymaker McD, LLC, a
5 California limited liability company, of which they are both majority interest holders.

6 85. Clint and Dan learned of the opportunity to invest in the scheme through Judd whom they met
7 because Clint's son played soccer with Judd's son.

8 86. Judd told Clint and Dan that their money would be used to purchase an interest in a lawsuit
9 settlement contract. Judd presented the safeguards inherent in using an IOLTA as a selling point to
10 boost the scheme, and assured Clint and Dan that "a lawyer ran things."

11 87. On or about May 28, 2021, per Judd's instructions and after Judd's representations on the
12 investment, Clint and Dan wired \$100,000.00 to fund an initial investment. Judd told Clint and Dan
13 their money would purchase a lawsuit settlement contract, and that they would receive a 15% return on
14 their investment in 90 days.

15 88. Clint and Dan were instructed by Judd to wire investment funds directly to Beasley's IOLTA.
16 Clint and Dan felt more secure sending their funds to an attorney trust account after being told the
17 investments were run by an attorney, which to them meant heightened oversight.

18 89. Subsequently, Clint and Dan funded a total of \$1,085,000 of additional investments, also to
19 purportedly purchase interests in personal-injury settlements on July 16, 2021, August 27, 2021,
20 January 19, 2022, and February 16, 2022.

21 90. During the period Clint and Dan were making the investments, they were never informed of the
22 true nature of the J&J enterprise or how his funds were actually being misused. Had they known the
23 truth, they never would have invested in the J&J enterprise.

24 91. To date, Clint and Dan, through Waymaker McD, LLC have received \$52,500 in purported
25 returns on their investment. The losses Clint and Dan incurred have caused hardship for Clint, Dan and
26 their families.

27 **III. Wells Fargo is required by law to know its customers and their banking behavior.**

28 92. Federal law requires banks to know their customers and understand their customers' banking

1 behavior. *See* 31 C.F.R. §§ 1020.220(a)(1), (2). Thus, Wells Fargo is required to collect information
2 about the holder of each account. When an entity opens an account, Wells Fargo obtains information
3 concerning the individuals who control the account.

4 93. Federal regulations, including 12 C.F.R. § 21.21, require Wells Fargo to develop, administer
5 and maintain a program to ensure compliance with federal Anti-Money-Laundering (AML) laws. The
6 program is approved by the bank’s board of directors and: (1) provides a system of internal controls to
7 ensure compliance at all times, (2) provides for independent testing of the bank’s ongoing compliance,
8 (3) designates an individual to coordinate and monitor compliance, and (4) provides training for
9 appropriate personnel.

10 94. Wells Fargo also maintains a customer due diligence program to assist in predicting the types of
11 transactions, dollar volume, and transaction volume each customer is likely to conduct, thereby
12 providing the bank with a means of identifying unusual or suspicious transactions for each customer.
13 The customer due diligence program allows the bank to maintain awareness of the financial activity of
14 its customers and the ability to predict the type and frequency of transactions in which its customers are
15 likely to engage.

16 95. Wells Fargo designates a senior bank official to be the compliance officer responsible for
17 coordinating and monitoring compliance with federal AML laws. The compliance officer, in turn,
18 designates an individual at each office or branch to monitor the bank’s day-to-day compliance,
19 including the branches Beasley used to operate the IOLTA account.

20 96. The federal government established the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council
21 (“FFIEC”) in 1979. Wells Fargo receives guidance from the FFIEC, which is tasked with ensuring
22 consistency in AML compliance efforts across the banking sector. FFIEC publications describe certain
23 “red flags” that indicate possible money laundering schemes and other misconduct mandating further
24 inquiry. Examples of these suspicious indicia relevant to Beasley’s banking activities at Wells Fargo
25 include:

- 26 a. “Many funds transfers are sent in large, round dollar, hundred dollar, or thousand dollar
27 amounts.”
28 b. “Funds transfer activity is unexplained, repetitive, or shows unusual patterns.”

- 1 c. "Unusual use of trust funds in business transactions or other financial activity."
2 d. "Customer makes high value transactions not commensurate with the customer's known
3 incomes."
4 e. "A large volume of ... funds transfers is deposited into ... an account when the nature of the
5 accountholder's business would not appear to justify such activity."
6 f. "A retail business has dramatically different patterns of currency deposits from similar
7 businesses in the same general location."
8 g. "Goods or services purchased by the business do not match the customer's stated line of
9 business."
10 h. "Goods or services, if identified, do not match profile of company provided by respondent
11 bank or character of the financial activity...."
12 i. "Payments or receipts with no apparent links to legitimate contracts, goods, or services are
13 received."
14 j. "Payments to or from the company have no stated purpose, do not reference goods or
15 services, or identify only a contract or invoice number."
16 k. "Funds transfers contain limited content and lack related party information."
17 l. "Funds transfers are sent or received from the same person to or from different accounts."
18 m. "Unusual transfers of funds occur among related accounts or among accounts that involve
19 the same or related principals."
20 n. "Multiple high-value payments or transfers between shell companies with no apparent
21 legitimate business purpose."
22 o. "Purpose of shell company is unknown or unclear."
23 p. "Customer has established multiple accounts in various corporate or individual names that
24 lack sufficient business purpose for the account complexities or appear to be an effort to
25 hide the beneficial ownership from the bank."
26 q. "A large number of incoming or outgoing funds transfers take place through a business
27 account, and there appears to be no logical business or other economic purpose for the
28 transfers, particularly when this activity involves higher-risk locations."

- 1 r. “Customer repeatedly uses a bank or branch location that is geographically distant from the
2 customer’s home or office without sufficient business purpose.”
- 3 s. “Deposits are structured through multiple branches of the same bank or by groups of people
4 who enter a single branch at the same time.”
- 5 t. “Funds transfer activity occurs to or from a financial institution located in a higher risk
6 jurisdiction distant from the customer’s operations.”
- 7 u. “Funds are sent or received via international transfers from or to higher-risk locations.”

8 Ex. 1 (“FFIEC Red Flags”) at pp. 1-9.

9 97. As detailed below, immediately after Beasley opened the IOLTA, his activities began to reflect
10 many common—and glaring—signs of money laundering and fraud. Yet Wells Fargo chose not to
11 terminate its relationship with Beasley and instead continued providing banking services to Beasley
12 throughout the life of the scheme.

13 **A. Wells Fargo maintains a system of sophisticated internal controls to monitor, detect,
14 and analyze suspicious banking activity.**

15 98. Consistent with FFIEC guidance, Wells Fargo maintains a system of controls sufficient to
16 identify broad patterns of account activity, sometimes spanning several accounts. The substantive
17 nature of the transactions, the relationships between the transacting parties, and the parties’ identities,
18 are all subject to this examination. Wells Fargo contextualizes its scrutiny, analyzing suspicious activity
19 against the backdrop of industry norms and each customer’s background. Wells Fargo is expected to
20 use external sources of information like the internet, commercial database searches, and direct inquiries
21 to ascertain the identity of originators and beneficiaries, and/or the nature of suspicious account
22 transactions. FFIEC Red Flags at p. 6.

23 **1. Wells Fargo monitors its customers’ account activity.**

24 99. Wells Fargo collects and maintains information about its customers and their banking behavior
25 in order to, among other things, detect and prevent money laundering and fraud and to protect itself
26 from third party liability and reputational injury.

27 100. Wells Fargo maintains procedures to know the identity of each customer, 31 C.F.R.
28 §§ 1020.220(a)(1), (2), and to collect information about the holder of each account, 31 C.F.R.

1 § 1020.220(a)(2). When an entity rather than an individual opens an account, the bank obtains
2 information about the individual who will control the account. 31 C.F.R. § 1020.220(a)(2)(ii)(C). The
3 information that Wells Fargo collects about new business account clients includes the purpose and
4 nature of the business, anticipated activity in the account (e.g., volume, value (number and dollar), and
5 type of transaction), where the customer expects to transact business, and the products and services
6 commonly used by the customer.

7 101. Using the information collected, as well as external resources like internet search engines and
8 public and commercial record databases, Wells Fargo creates an initial client profile and assigns a
9 compliance-related risk rating. Neither the profile, nor the risk rating, is final or static. When Wells
10 Fargo becomes aware that customer information has materially changed, its internal controls require
11 updating that information and, where appropriate, reassessing the customer's risk profile or rating. One
12 of the ways in which the bank becomes aware of such changes is when the customer's transactions
13 appear inconsistent with the bank's understanding of the nature and purpose of the account—for
14 instance, when there are significant, unexplained changes in account activity.

15 102. Wells Fargo and other banks also maintain internal controls to ensure ongoing compliance with
16 federal AML law. These include independent testing of the bank's compliance, regular monitoring of
17 compliance, and training of personnel. These controls also include customer due diligence programs to
18 prevent and detect money laundering.

19 103. Through these programs, Wells Fargo obtains information that gives it an understanding of the
20 unique financial activity of its customers. Likewise, Wells Fargo can predict the type and frequency of
21 transactions in which its customers are likely to engage, including the dollar volume and transaction
22 volume typical of each account. This knowledge is used to identify unusual and suspicious transactions.

23 **2. Wells Fargo enhanced its internal control mechanisms before the Ponzi**
24 **scheme began.**

25 104. Between 2011 and 2017, Wells Fargo incurred fines and was subject to other disciplinary
26 measures from federal agencies for its compliance failings, including those due to deficiencies in its
27 AML oversight.

28 105. In 2013, in response to regulatory scrutiny, Wells Fargo reevaluated its systems. Following an

1 audit, the bank adopted a risk-management framework and made other substantive changes, including
2 realigning over 5,000 employees. The bank also devoted substantial resources to developing and
3 implementing surveillance technology, including artificial intelligence software, designed to enhance
4 Wells Fargo's account-transaction monitoring system. By 2016, a Wells Fargo executive testified to
5 Congress that the bank's policies, procedures, and internal controls were effective and compliant with
6 AML laws.

7 106. Thus, by the time Beasley opened his Wells Fargo IOLTA in 2017, the bank's system of
8 internal controls, including its company-wide compliance awareness protocols, risk management
9 framework, and monitoring technology portfolio, provided Wells Fargo with the tools to readily detect
10 Beasley's misuse of the IOLTA.

11 **3. Wells Fargo employees are trained to monitor and understand account**
12 **activity.**

13 107. Wells Fargo also makes employees' compliance with banking regulations, and knowledge of
14 AML guidelines, conditions of their employment, and Wells Fargo incorporates these concepts into job
15 descriptions and performance evaluations.

16 108. The bank gives AML training to all personnel whose duties may require such knowledge,
17 including tellers and wire room personnel, enabling them to detect money laundering and fraud.

18 109. In addition, supervising personnel, specially designated by Wells Fargo's chief compliance
19 officer, oversee the day-to-day implementation of the bank's risk management framework at the
20 individual branches.

21 110. The Wells Fargo Code of Ethics and Business Conduct reinforces the bank's compliance
22 policies, and orders employees to "complete all customer due diligence requirements[,] be alert to—and
23 report—suspicious activity[,]” and sets the policy of “completing all required Compliance training
24 on a timely basis.” Ex. 2 (“WF Code of Ethics”). The document also states that the bank has adopted
25 policies to comply with applicable laws relating to money laundering. *Id.*

26 111. Bankers opening new accounts are trained to ask at least 20 fact-finding questions, including
27 what the account is going to be used for and the client's long-term intentions for the account. New
28 accounts that are less than 60 days old are also subject to greater scrutiny and additional limitations,

1 including mandatory review by additional personnel.

2 112. Along the same lines, a banker processing an outgoing wire transfer is trained to ask the
3 customer questions designed to detect possible money-laundering, including the purpose of the
4 transaction, and the nature of the relationship between the parties. Wires between \$25,000 and
5 \$100,000 automatically prompt personnel to use a checklist to evaluate the transaction. A customer
6 service manager who approves outgoing wires often conducts a secondary review, confirming that the
7 checklist questions were adequately addressed. Wire transactions above \$100,000 require additional
8 approval of a regional Wells Fargo employee, and transactions over \$500,000 also require branch
9 manager authorization.

10 113. Similarly, before the bank credits a large check, multiple bankers review the check image for
11 potential indicators of fraud or other misconduct, including unusual notations and disparities between
12 the location of the payor, the payee (i.e., the customer), and the depositor. When these efforts detect
13 unusual activity, employees examine the account more fully, including by reviewing the account's
14 transaction history and consulting with employees who opened or who have worked on the account.

15 114. Various branch-level personnel also regularly review Balance Fluctuation Reports. These
16 reports highlight substantial balance fluctuations and list the account activity in the accounts covered by
17 the reports.

18 115. Bank personnel are also required to fill out Currency Transaction Reports on any cash
19 transaction exceeding \$10,000. Law firms are ineligible for an exemption from this requirement.

20 **4. Wells Fargo's personnel and systems work together to monitor customer**
21 **and account activity.**

22 116. Complementing these human efforts is Wells Fargo's advanced transaction monitoring software
23 portfolio, which includes Actimize, an artificial intelligence and data analytics software platform.
24 Actimize markets its product as "entity-centric," and capable of revealing hidden connections and
25 relationships between transacting parties across multiple accounts and transactions.

26 117. Actimize automatically reviews transactions against customers' backgrounds and transaction
27 histories, compares account activity against AML and other compliance red flags, and automatically
28 detects and analyzes abnormal or risky behavior. When the software identifies activity warranting

1 further review or escalation, it alerts bank personnel.

2 **B. Wells Fargo is familiar with the unique nature and use of IOLTAs.**

3 118. An IOLTA is a limited-use trust account offered only at qualified financial institutions. Wells
4 Fargo is qualified to maintain IOLTAs in Nevada and has formally acknowledged IOLTA-specific
5 requirements. Wells Fargo has also taken the steps necessary to operate IOLTAs in other states across
6 the country. Wells Fargo must report overdrafts on the accounts to the State Bar of Nevada and
7 IOLTAs must be clearly identified by the bank as “trust” or “escrow” accounts (Wells Fargo designated
8 Beasley’s IOLTA as “BEASLEY LAW GROUP PC NV IOLTA ACCT”). ECF 22-3, Ex. F (“NV Bar
9 Trust Accounting”) at p. 13; *see also* NV SCR 785.

10 119. Nevada Supreme Court Rule 217 defines an IOLTA as a trust account maintained by a Nevada
11 attorney as part of his or her legal representation to hold clients’ funds “nominal in size or . . . to be
12 held for a short period of time.”

13 120. In Nevada, interest earned on IOLTAs is disbursed to the Access to Justice Commission, an
14 organization that helps fund legal aid for the state’s low-income population. Because interest earned on
15 IOLTA funds are donated in this way, Nevada attorneys holding substantial funds for their clients
16 typically hold those funds in accounts that bear interest for the benefit of the client, rather than in an
17 IOLTA. Every month, Wells Fargo disburses IOLTA interest to the Nevada Law Foundation, and
18 produces an IOLTA Remittance Report that includes various account information, including the
19 average account balance for the period of remittance. *See* Ex. 3 (“NV IOLTA Enrollment Form”).

20 121. Consistent with the fact that IOLTAs are trust accounts, the State Bar of Nevada’s Trust
21 Accounting document recognizes that an attorney has a “non-waivable, personal fiduciary
22 responsibility . . . for every penny as long as the funds remain in [his or her] possession.” NV Bar Trust
23 Accounting at p. 12; *see also* NV SCR 78.5.

24 122. The only payments that attorneys may make out of an IOLTA are “payments on behalf of [a]
25 client . . . including paying client costs and expenses (e.g., court filing fees or deposition transcript
26 costs) that the client has prepaid, disbursing settlement proceeds, paying yourself earned and
27 undisputed legal fees, etc.” NV Bar Trust Accounting at p. 35.

28 123. Wells Fargo understands that proper IOLTA activity follows consistent patterns: for example,

1 predictable transfer activity, meticulous separation of client funds, notations to enable clear accounting
2 of which funds belong to which clients, and no personal spending. Commingling funds within an
3 IOLTA is improper. *Id.* at p. 24-25. The State Bar of Nevada requires attorneys to keep meticulous
4 ledgers for each client to ensure easy audits of the account. *Id.* at pp. 27-28.

5 124. Particularly given these accounting imperatives, attorneys should not make checks drawn on
6 IOLTAs out to cash or withdraw cash from IOLTAs. *Id.* Consistent with the State Bar of Nevada
7 guidelines, Wells Fargo does not provide debit cards nor ATM access for IOLTAs. Cash withdrawals
8 are a prominent indicator of an attorney misusing funds in an IOLTA.

9 125. When client funds are deposited into an IOLTA, the attorney's fee has not yet been separated
10 out (or else the money would go directly into the lawyer's operating account). *Id.* at pp. 33-34. So
11 lawyers withdraw payments for fees as they are earned, and precisely in the amount owed (and not
12 rounded up or down). *Id.* Fee payments must be made out directly to the attorney (whether by check or
13 transfer). The attorney may not cover operating, personal, or any other expenses from the IOLTA in
14 lieu of payment for his or her work, even if the amount of fees owed to the attorney is sufficient to
15 cover those expenses. *Id.* at p. 35.

16 126. Wells Fargo maintains a Legal Specialty group that, among other things, "gathers and compiles
17 law firm data" on a quarterly basis, including "billable hours, revenue per attorney, profit, headcount,
18 and trends by region and sector." ECF No. 22-3, Ex. G ("WF Legal Specialty Group Webpage") at p.
19 73. The bank uses its proprietary Comparative Analytical Tool (CAT) to process the data and glean
20 relevant insights on the industry. *Id.* Thus, Wells Fargo also has substantial insight into the typical
21 revenues and incomes associated with different law practices, including a solo Las Vegas family law
22 practitioner like Beasley.

23 **C. Consistent with its regulatory obligations, Wells Fargo formed expectations about**
24 **what to expect as to what future account activity in Beasley's IOLTA would look**
25 **like.**

26 127. On January 26, 2017, Matthew Beasley applied for a Wells Fargo business account for his law
27 firm, Beasley Law Group PC, specifically an Analyzed Business IOLTA. Wells Fargo does not make
28 IOLTA applications available as part of its online offerings. Instead, to apply for an IOLTA, a lawyer

1 must go to a branch and personally process the application with a Wells Fargo banker.

2 128. According to the account-opening record, Beasley submitted the application at the 215 Wells
3 Fargo Branch located at 6585 N. Decatur Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89131, with the help of Virginia
4 Arreola, a Wells Fargo personal banker. ECF No. 22-2, Ex. A (“Salimi Decl.”) at p. 13.

Customer 1 Information			
Customer Name: BEASLEY LAW GROUP PC			
Enterprise Customer Number (ECN): 356876861909115		Street Address: 1872 SHY ALBATROSS AVE	
Account Relationship: Sole Owner		Address Line 2:	
Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN): [REDACTED] 1156	TIN Type: EIN	Address Line 3:	
Business Type: Corporation Type C		City: NORTH LAS VEGAS	State: NV
Business Sub-Type/Tax Classification: Professional Corporation		ZIP/Postal Code: 89084-2069	Country: US
Date Originally Established: 04/18/2011	Current Ownership Since: [REDACTED]	Number of Employees: 1	Fax: 702/483-6800
Annual Gross Sales: \$350,000.00	Year Sales Reported: 01/01/2017	Fiscal Year End:	Cellular Phone: [REDACTED]
Primary Financial Institution: [REDACTED]	Number of Locations: 1	e-Mail Address: matthew@beasleylawgrouplv.com	
Primary State 1: [REDACTED]	Primary State 2: [REDACTED]	Primary State 3: [REDACTED]	Website: [REDACTED]
Primary Country 1: [REDACTED]	Primary Country 2: [REDACTED]	Primary Country 3: [REDACTED]	Sales Market: LOCAL
Industry: Other Services (except Public Administration)			
Description of Business: Law office			

15 129. In his application, Beasley identified himself to Wells Fargo as the sole owner of Beasley Law
16 Group PC, and sole signatory for the IOLTA. He reported annual gross sales for his firm of \$350,000
17 and said the sales market for his business was “local.” The mailing address Beasley provided for the
18 account was the address of his personal residence: 1872 Shy Albatross Avenue in North Las Vegas,
19 Nevada. The “Bank Use Only” portion of the account application stated that the bank conducted a
20 verification of Beasley’s law firm with the Nevada Secretary of State. *Id.* at p. 14.

21 130. Around the time of the IOLTA’s opening, Beasley advertised his firm as a solo “family law and
22 personal injury practice.” The website for Beasley Law Group, PC, had a rudimentary design and
23 limited functionality; in short, it looked like a locally based, solo practice, consistent with Beasley’s
24 estimated gross revenues of \$350,000 per year. *See* ECF No. 22-3, Ex. H (“Beasley Practice Website”)
25 at p. 76.

26 131. The Beasley IOLTA was an “Analyzed IOLTA” at Wells Fargo; as such, and per bank policy, it
27 was linked to another eligible Wells Fargo account. ECF No. 22-3, Ex. I (“Wells Fargo Business
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1 Accounts”) at p. 87. The IOLTA records show that the Beasley law firm maintained at least two
2 business checking accounts for his firm at Wells Fargo: (i) a business checking account ending in 5580,
3 and (ii) a second business checking account ending in 8898. The fact that Beasley asked Wells Fargo to
4 open a second checking account for his firm, with no practical justification for a one-person law firm to
5 need multiple checking accounts at the same bank, implicated at least one FFIEC red flag known to the
6 bank, which arises when a “[c]ustomer ... establishe[s] multiple accounts in various ... names that lack
7 sufficient business purpose for the account complexities.”

8 **D. Beasley’s use of the IOLTA was consistently and patently improper, triggering**
9 **many of the FFIEC’s red flags.**

10 132. When Wells Fargo opened Beasley’s IOLTA, it understood the restrictions and rules governing
11 the accounts and what sort of activity to expect. It forecast that Beasley’s IOLTA would be used in a
12 manner consistent with a solo practitioner’s law firm earning less than half a million dollars a year. And
13 it monitored Beasley’s IOLTA activity with those parameters in mind.

14 133. But from the very start, and throughout the years that followed, Beasley’s use of the IOLTA
15 bore no resemblance to that predicted activity. Instead, the account activity triggered one red flag after
16 another at Wells Fargo, as detailed below.

17 134. As Amir Salimi, a forensic accountant for the SEC, said in a declaration filed with the SEC
18 complaint, based on his review of the IOLTA bank records, a pattern of suspected Ponzi activity was
19 already apparent by January 2017, the month the IOLTA was opened. Salimi Decl. at p. 6.

20 135. Wells Fargo and its employees took note of the suspicious activity. A former Regional Banking
21 District Manager of a Wells Fargo branch in Henderson, Nevada, interviewed in connection with the
22 preparation of this complaint, confirmed that he recalled a number of individuals physically present at a
23 branch in the district he managed, deposit or transfer funds into the Beasley IOLTA. The manager
24 recalled that branch personnel concluded that the transactions were suspicious and had doubts about
25 their propriety. Those personnel, pursuant to Wells Fargo protocols, contacted a corporate group within
26 Wells Fargo to convey their suspicions about the transactions. In each of the multiple instances,
27 however, Wells Fargo responded to the reports by directing the branch employees to execute the
28 suspicious transactions.

1 136. So, even though Beasley's improper use of the account was apparent from the start, Wells Fargo
 2 allowed Beasley to use the account uninterrupted over more than five years, as many millions of dollars
 3 flowed into the bank's coffers. Wells Fargo's assistance was crucial to the scheme's viability. Wells
 4 Fargo not only served as the conduit for the fraud's proceeds, but also lent the scheme the credibility of
 5 an IOLTA, which investors were told provided extra security for their funds.

6 **1. The funds running through the IOLTA far exceeded what should have been**
 7 **reasonably expected from Beasley's law practice.**

8 137. After telling Wells Fargo that his solo-practitioner law firm generated revenues of \$350,000
 9 annually, between 2017 and early 2022, Beasley moved nearly \$500 million through the IOLTA.

10 138. The amount of trust funds flowing through the IOLTA was higher than forecast from the start,
 11 and it grew exponentially with time. The table below, compiled by the SEC's forensic accountant, Mr.
 12 Salimi, shows the dollar amounts flowing through the IOLTA during the relevant time period.

Beasley IOLTA Account		
Wells Fargo - 5598		
Year	Average Monthly Inflows	Average Monthly Outflows
2017	583,907	(546,036)
2018	1,370,127	(1,291,958)
2019	4,147,822	(4,096,741)
2020	9,240,054	(9,045,776)
2021	20,435,193	(20,317,308)
2022	28,399,421	(30,110,959)

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 23 *Id.* at p. 7.

24 139. According to Mr. Salimi's analysis, a total of \$491.5 million was deposited into the IOLTA
 25 between January 2017 and March 2022.

- 26 a. In 2017, within the first year of its existence, more than \$6 million flowed through the
 27 IOLTA.
 28 b. In 2018, the amount deposited more than doubled, with an average of more than \$1 million

1 entering the account every month.

2 c. In 2019, deposits increased again, with an average of more than \$4 million entering the
3 account each month.

4 d. By 2020, monthly deposits were up to \$9 million.

5 e. In 2021, over \$20 million on average entered the IOLTA each month.

6 f. And by 2022, nearly \$30 million on average entered the IOLTA each month.

7 140. The sheer volume of funds passing through the Beasley IOLTA reflected a material disparity
8 between what Beasley had told Wells Fargo about his firm and its revenues, and his actual use of the
9 account.

10 141. Wells Fargo also maintained the Beasley firm's checking accounts and knowingly assisted
11 Beasley in moving substantially more than forecast from the IOLTA to his firm as ostensible firm
12 revenue. Attorney earnings that flow through an IOLTA typically make up only a portion of a
13 practitioner's income. Yet within months of its opening, Wells Fargo already moved to the Beasley
14 firm's operating account funds that were orders of magnitude higher than the annual gross revenues
15 Beasley had reported to the bank.

16 142. By May 2017, less than half a year after Wells Fargo opened the IOLTA, the amount that
17 Beasley transferred from the IOLTA to his firm's Wells Fargo operating account already exceeded
18 \$350,000—the amount Beasley had identified to Wells Fargo as his firm's annual gross sales. Around
19 the same time, Wells Fargo allowed Beasley to make large cash withdrawals; such that by the end of
20 June 2017, he had taken withdrawn over \$355,000 in cash. So, by the six-month mark, Beasley's firm
21 had already doubled its projected yearly gross revenues.

22 143. This practice only accelerated with time. Between January 2017 and March 2022, Beasley
23 transferred a total of over \$17 million from the IOLTA to his firm's operating accounts, including
24 several transfers of hundreds of thousands of dollars. Examples of such transfers appear below.
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06/10	20,000.00	Online Transfer to Beasley Law Group PC Business Checking xxxxxx5580 Ref #1b089Fnpv5 on 06/10/20
06/11	412,777.00	Online Transfer to Beasley Law Group PC Business Checking xxxxxx5580 Ref #1b089Kwb7G on 06/11/20
06/12	50,000.00	Online Transfer to Beasley Law Group PC Business Checking xxxxxx5580 Ref #1b089Sgz6G on 06/12/20

ECF No. 22-4, Ex. K (“IOLTA Bank Records – Pt. 1”) at p. 187 (emphases added) (within three days in June 2020, over \$482,000 was transferred from the IOLTA to the business checking account ending in -5580).

12/31	415,000.00	Online Transfer to Beasley Law Group PC Business Checking xxxxxx5580 Ref #1b09Jrxcd on 12/31/20
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ECF No. 22-5, Ex. L (“IOLTA Bank Records – Pt. 2”) at p. 45 (emphases added) (online transfer from the IOLTA to the same business account for \$415,000 in December 2020).

03/01	100,000.00	Online Transfer to Beasley Law Group PC Business Checking xxxxxx8898 Ref #1b09x3Gpjl on 02/27/21
03/01	300,000.00	Online Transfer to Beasley Law Group PC Business Checking xxxxxx5580 Ref #1b09x3H6V2 on 02/27/21
03/04	400,000.00	Online Transfer to Beasley Law Group PC Business Checking xxxxxx5580 Ref #1b09Y8Q3Vk on 03/04/21

Id. at p. 71 (emphases added) (within three days in March 2021, \$800,000 was transferred from the IOLTA to the two operating accounts).

144. Between 2017 and 2022, per the SEC’s analysis, a total of \$17.1 million in funds held in trust flowed from the IOLTA to the Beasley firm’s operating accounts. These ostensible firm revenues were approximately ten times more than what Beasley told Wells Fargo to expect when he opened the trust account. In addition to being well beyond what Beasley forecast for Wells Fargo, the magnitude of those earnings would have made him an outlier in Nevada among lawyers practicing family and personal-injury law.

145. These disparities implicated various FFIEC red flags, which Wells Fargo was actively monitoring the IOLTA activity to detect, including:

- a. “customer makes high value transactions not commensurate with the customer’s known incomes.”
- b. “[a] large volume of ... funds transfers is deposited into ... an account when the nature of the accountholder’s business would not appear to justify such activity.”
- c. “[a] retail business has dramatically different patterns of currency deposits from similar

businesses in the same general location.”

d. “[t]he stated occupation of the customer is not commensurate with type or level of activity.” and

e. “unusual use of trust funds in business transactions or other financial activity.”

2. The size, shape, and speed of the deposits and withdrawals in the IOLTA triggered red flags.

146. As noted, Wells Fargo actively monitors account activity for transactions reflecting suspicious patterns. This includes repeated large, round-number transfers.

147. Throughout its existence, the account activity within the IOLTA was typified by just that type of account activity. The vast majority of incoming funds came in deposits or transfers of the large, round-number variety—typically in increments of \$40,000, \$50,000, \$80,000, or \$100,000 (and eventually multiples of \$100,000), as reflected by the following IOLTA statement excerpts.

10/11	80,000.00	Deposit Made in A Branch/Store
10/18	100,000.00	WT Fed#01771 National Financial /Org=Mark A Murphy Srf# 0013200291HI Trn#171018029486 Rfb# Swf of 17/10/18
10/18	50,000.00	WT Seq#91016 Triple Threat Basketball /Org= Srf# 0073048290131533 Trn#171018091016 Rfb#
10/18	50,000.00	WT Fed#02400 Bank of America, N /Org=Acac, LLC Srf# 2017101800381142 Trn#171018162736 Rfb# 213909206
10/19	100,000.00	WT Fed#00660 Zb, NA DBA Nevada /Org=Herlean Financial Services LLC Srf# 2017101900002674 Trn#171019067482 Rfb#
10/19	80,000.00	WT Fed#00661 Zb, NA DBA Nevada /Org=Herlean Financial Services LLC Srf# 2017101900002700 Trn#171019067496 Rfb#
10/24	50,000.00	WT Seq124756 Shane M Jager /Org= Srf# 0000733297437583 Trn#171024124756 Rfb#
10/25	100,000.00	WT Fed#02510 National Financial /Org=Mark A Murphy Srf# 5491100298Fm Trn#171025031395 Rfb# Swf of 17/10/25
10/25	80,000.00	Deposit Made in A Branch/Store
10/26	80,000.00	WT Fed#02431 Bank of America, N /Org=Charles J Portz Srf# 2017102500417345 Trn#171026008677 Rfb# Kmapck7Yg

IOLTA Bank Records – Pt. 1 at p. 35 (October 2017).

08/01	80,000.00	WT Fed#04198 Jpmorgan Chase Ban /Org=Rumble Pest Solutions LLC Srf# 5402500213E Trn#180801105544 Rfb# Dcd of 18/08/01
08/01	80,000.00	WT 0001032527648 Charles Schwab & /Org=Tanner Capital Group LLC 2600 P Srf# 0001032527648 Trn#180801150223 Rfb#
08/01	80,000.00	WT 0000342573859 Charles Schwab & /Org=Zzyzx Capital LLC LLC 2600 P V Srf# 0000342573859 Trn#180801151911 Rfb#
08/07	80,000.00	WT Saq139789 Tmg LLC /Org= Srf# 0065784219692150 Trn#180807139789 Rfb#
08/08	80,000.00	WT Fed#02241 Bank of America, N /Org=Derek Ronnebaum LLC Srf# 2018080700401539 Trn#180808013911 Rfb# 56Vhwvaau
08/08	50,000.00	WT Fed#02963 US Bank, NA /Org=Donald B Rowland Srf# 180808027309 Trn#180808131704 Rfb# 180808027309
08/14	40,000.00	WT Fed#06956 Bank of America, N /Org=Brent D Barlow CPA Pllc Srf# 2018081400284930 Trn#180814080243 Rfb# C7Zcvjou6
08/14	40,000.00	WT Fed#00019 State Bank of Sout /Org=William Bryce Huff Srf# 201808140044749 Trn#180814153473 Rfb#
08/15	100,000.00	WT 0000957892155 Charles Schwab & /Org=Tanner Capital Group LLC 2600 P Srf# 0000957892155 Trn#180815139412 Rfb#
08/15	80,000.00	eDeposit IN Branch/Store 08/15/18 01:32:56 PM 1985 E 7000 S Salt Lake City UT 5598
08/21	100,000.00	WT Fed#00936 Bank of The West (/Org=Sz Properties LLC Srf# 2018082100004266 Trn#180821129660 Rfb# WT18082101046569
08/21	50,000.00	WT Fed#01350 Bank of America, N /Org=Portz Holdings LLC Srf# 2018082100370221 Trn#180821157635 Rfb# A39Sgtxsr
08/22	80,000.00	WT Fed#00181 Navy Federal Credi /Org=Jeffrey M Peason Srf# Opf45540341 Trn#180822016863 Rfb# Opf900005179
08/22	50,000.00	WT Fed#02110 Bank of America, N /Org=Carli Marie West Srf# 2018082200018992 Trn#180822015007 Rfb# 4E9Kgmulq
08/22	80,000.00	eDeposit IN Branch/Store 08/22/18 09:46:19 Am 1985 E 7000 S Salt Lake City UT
08/22	80,000.00	WT 0001982975696 Charles Schwab & /Org=Tanner Capital Group LLC 2600 P Srf# 0001982975696 Trn#180822083256 Rfb#
08/30	100,000.00	WT Fed#03952 US Bank, NA /Org=Donald B Rowland Srf# 180830038386 Trn#180830171743 Rfb# 180830038386

Id. at p. 75 (August 2018).

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03/09	4,025.00	WT 0001618014160 Charles Schwab & /Org=John P McDonough III Charles Schwa Srf# 0001618014160 Trn#200309040633 Rfb#
03/09	100,000.00	WT Fed#09272 Jpmorgan Chase Ban /Org=Seth A Johnson OR Tawnie Johnson Srf# 5097500069Es Trn#200309071762 Rfb# Bmg of 20/03/09
03/09	100,000.00	WT Fed#09032 National Financial /Org=Michael W Sansom Ttee Srf# 5777232069Fs Trn#200309163595 Rfb# Swf of 20/03/09
03/09	10,000.00	Online Transfer From J & J Consulting Services, Inc. Business Checking xxxxx0153 Ref #lb07Rxd7M on 03/09/20
03/10	80,000.00	WT Fed#00754 Jpmorgan Chase Ban /Org=Bradley Scott Melis Maryjane Melis Srf# 7049500069Es Trn#200310017221 Rfb# Dcd of 20/03/09
03/10	100,000.00	WT Fed#00025 First United Bank /Org=Ernest Andy Mahard Srf# Trn#200310054757 Rfb#
03/10	50,000.00	WT Fed#00065 First United Bank /Org=Kaitlin Mahard Srf# Trn#200310083480 Rfb#
03/10	180,000.00	WT Fed#01056 Zions Bancorporati /Org=Advanced Energy Technologis LLC Srf# 2020031000003233 Trn#200310088916 Rfb#
03/10	40,000.00	WT Fed#00013 Jpmorgan Chase Ban /Org=Kdsm LLC Srf# 5132600070Es Trn#200310102907 Rfb# Boh of 20/03/10
03/10	40,000.00	WT Fed#00112 America First Fede /Org=Dustan Haycock Srf# 1255313862056839 Trn#200310111116 Rfb#
03/10	100,000.00	WT Fed#02483 US Bank, NA /Org=Mark V Petersen Srf# 200310022716 Trn#200310113032 Rfb# 200310022716
03/10	80,000.00	WT Fed#00214 Boeing Employees C /Org=Alex L. Parrish Srf# 20200700061400 Trn#200310150892 Rfb#
03/11	40,000.00	WT 0000858394707 Charles Schwab & /Org=Tanner Capital Group LLC 2600 P Srf# 0000858394707 Trn#200311003852 Rfb#
03/11	80,000.00	WT Seq#52257 99 Celsius LLC /Org= Srf# 0006874070858225 Trn#200311052257 Rfb#

Id. at p. 167 (March 2020).

07/06	100,000.00	WT Fed#03579 Jpmorgan Chase Ban /Org=Steven E Schneider OR Cristy A Srf# 3623091187Es Trn#210706204433 Rfb# Dcd of 21/07/06
07/06	100,000.00	WT Fed#04659 Bank of America, N /Org=Bm Investments 1 LLC Srf# 2021070600646121 Trn#210706153531 Rfb# 2176D00320G72L45
07/06	100,000.00	WT Seq229833 Samuel Newman /Org= Srf# 0072582187641824 Trn#210706229833 Rfb#
07/06	200,000.00	WT Fed#04653 US Bank, NA /Org=Christopher Ronn Humphries Srf# 210706048044 Trn#210706236412 Rfb# 210706048044
07/06	400,000.00	Deposit Made in A Branch/Store
07/06	80,000.00	WT Seq249084 Dae Kekk, LLC /Org= Srf# 0007175187190134 Trn#210706249084 Rfb#
07/06	200,000.00	Cj Investments L Deposit Dp03928578 Beasley Law Group
07/07	80,000.00	WT Fed#04612 Bank of America, N /Org=Joshua Q Ward Srf# 2021070700271206 Trn#210707037954 Rfb# 346466098
07/07	400,000.00	WT Fed#09914 Bank of America, N /Org=Ruger Investments Rm Inc Srf# 2021070700380708 Trn#210707107320 Rfb# 346504834
07/07	80,000.00	WT Fed#00295 Bank of America, N /Org=Red Hills Investments Inc Srf# 2021070700383942 Trn#210707109509 Rfb# 346506164
07/07	200,000.00	WT Fed#01281 Zions Bancorporati /Org=Wwf Holdings LLC Srf# 2021070700004506 Trn#210707110648 Rfb#
07/07	100,000.00	WT Fed#08282 Jpmorgan Chase Ban /Org=Larry R Newton OR John F Newton Srf# 3320061188Es Trn#210707124248 Rfb# Ppl of 21/07/07
07/07	160,000.00	WT Fed#00148 Columbia State Ban /Org=Peak Investments LLC Srf# 0090 Trn#210707127160 Rfb#
07/07	80,000.00	WT Seq160205 We Capital Investments /Org= Srf# Ow00001479058636 Trn#210707160205 Rfb# Ow00001479058636
07/07	100,000.00	WT Fed#00319 Great Western Bank /Org=Eric Lamont Mack Srf# Trn#210707161810 Rfb#

IOLTA Bank Records – Pt. 2 at p. 105 (July 2021).

01/04	80,000.00	WT Seq#80251 Pilar Do Sul LLC /Org= Srf# Ow00001880274762 Trn#220104080251 Rfb# Ow00001880274762
01/04	100,000.00	WT Fed#00113 America First Fede /Org=Andrew Hansen Srf# 1857611318545536 Trn#220104100295 Rfb#
01/04	800,000.00	WT Seq108859 Pine Valley Investments /Org=Pine Valley Investments Srf# Gw00000047650502 Trn#220104108859 Rfb# 529
01/04	50,000.00	WT Seq116427 Kristy E Herlean /Org= Srf# 0063656004374557 Trn#220104116427 Rfb#
01/04	50,000.00	WT Fed#02919 Bank of America, N /Org=Faith Koa Investments LLC Srf# 2022010400418871 Trn#220104148686 Rfb# Qgyvdpdz
01/04	200,000.00	WT Fed#04128 Bank of America, N /Org=Dale A McIntire Trustee Srf# 2022010400445185 Trn#220104168325 Rfb# 370093914
01/04	80,000.00	WT Fed#07929 Utah Community Cre /Org=Joseph Lovridge Srf# 3243778200062605 Trn#220104184214 Rfb# Joseph Lovridge
01/05	100,000.00	Rpm Investment G Sender 220105 xxxxx0706 00008Beasley Law Grou
01/05	25,000.00	WT Fed#02444 Bank of America, N /Org=Michaelina Zavala Srf# 2022010500104832 Trn#220105014403 Rfb# 370131258
01/05	300,000.00	WT Fed#00483 US Bank, NA /Org=Jrje LLC Srf# 220105005952 Trn#220105041084 Rfb# 220105005952
01/05	80,000.00	WT Fed#01074 Jpmorgan Chase Ban /Org=Prestige Consulting LLC Srf# 3101622006Es Trn#220105015231 Rfb# Boh of 22/01/05
01/05	200,000.00	WT Fed#00173 Ally Bank /Org=Bryce J Barker Srf# 35357536 Trn#220105058672 Rfb# 2556981
01/05	200,000.00	WT Fed#00342 Mountain America F /Org=M2 Holdings Lp Srf# Trn#220105073743 Rfb#
01/06	80,000.00	WT Fed#00395 Morgan Stanley and /Org=M L Kopald M Crow CO-Ttee Margaret Srf# S0620062349401 Trn#220106072775 Rfb#
01/06	200,000.00	WT Fed#07942 Bank of America, N /Org=Acac, LLC Srf# 2022010600288834 Trn#220106075252 Rfb# 370339636
01/06	80,000.00	WT Fed#00389 National Financial /Org=1/Michael William Sansom Ttee Srf# 3506758006Fs Trn#220106095898 Rfb# Swf of 22/01/06
01/07	100,000.00	WT Fed#08248 Bank Forward /Org=Mak Capital Srf# 0913108840010658 Trn#220107177361 Rfb#
01/10	200,000.00	WT Fed#00457 Jpmorgan Chase Ban /Org=Brian S Gabrielson CR Sofia Srf# 3015292006Es Trn#220110012968 Rfb# Dcd of 22/01/08
01/10	50,000.00	WT Seq#30500 Exemption Trust Under T /Org=Srf# Ow00001890101633 Trn#220110030500 Rfb# Ow00001890101633
01/10	50,000.00	WT Fed#09398 Bank of America, N /Org=Darcy K Fitch Srf# 2022011000398859 Trn#220110097957 Rfb# 370765968
01/10	100,000.00	WT Fed#09663 Bank of America, N /Org=Scott R Kanter Srf# 2022011000405144 Trn#220110101803 Rfb# 370768412
01/10	100,000.00	Deposit Made in A Branch/Store
01/10	100,000.00	WT Fed#05069 Jpmorgan Chase Ban /Org=Webster-Webster.CO LLC Srf# 3409432010Es Trn#220110119744 Rfb# Dcd of 22/01/10
01/10	400,000.00	WT Fed#01103 Banccentral Nation /Org=Tj Investment Partnes Inc Srf# 34352 Trn#220110138010 Rfb#
01/10	600,000.00	WT Fed#03002 Bank of America, N /Org=Matthew B Brooks Srf# 2022011000450853 Trn#220110144506 Rfb# 202201101445060007

Id. at p. 172 (January 2022).

148. Likewise, outgoing transfers from the IOLTA were typically in large, round numbers. By April 2020, Beasley had begun regularly making transfers of several million dollars a month to a small, repeating group of entities, nearly all in round-number amounts (identified below). Examples of the practice appear below.

11/23	1,000,000.00	Online Transfer to J & J Consulting Services, Inc. Business Checking xxxxxx0153 Ref #lb0999B3N2 on 11/21/20
11/23	1,000,000.00	Online Transfer to J & J Consulting Services, Inc. Business Checking xxxxxx0153 Ref #lb0999B4Y8 on 11/21/20
11/25	171,000.00	WT 201125-211676 Bank of America, NE /Bnf=American Colocation Services Srf# 0072801330214275 Trn#201125211676 Rfb#
11/25	310,500.00	WT Seq211884 Triple Threat Basketbal /Bnf=Triple Threat Basketball,LLC Srf# 0072801330727275 Trn#201125211884 Rfb#
11/25	50,000.00	Online Transfer to Beasley Law Group PC Business Checking xxxxxx5580 Ref #lb099Xytzz on 11/25/20
11/30	532,375.00	Online Transfer to J & J Consulting Services, Inc. Business Checking xxxxxx0153 Ref #lb09Bfx48C on 11/28/20
11/30	1,000,000.00	Online Transfer to J & J Consulting Services, Inc. Business Checking xxxxxx0153 Ref #lb09Bfx5Wl on 11/28/20
11/30	1,000,000.00	Online Transfer to J & J Consulting Services, Inc. Business Checking

Id. at p. 37 (emphases added) (making two transfers of \$1 million each, and a transfer of nearly \$600,000 on November 9, 2020, then making two transfers of \$1 million each a week later on November 16, 2020).

04/12	1,000,000.00	Online Transfer to J & J Consulting Services, Inc. Business Checking xxxxxx0153 Ref #lb0B85Mmm on 04/10/21
04/12	1,000,000.00	Online Transfer to J & J Consulting Services, Inc. Business Checking xxxxxx0153 Ref #lb0B85MT77 on 04/10/21
04/12	500,000.00	Online Transfer to J & J Consulting Services, Inc. Business Checking xxxxxx0153 Ref #lb0B85Mvsx on 04/10/21
04/12	617,000.00	Online Transfer to J & J Consulting Services, Inc. Business Checking xxxxxx0153 Ref #lb0B85My7F on 04/10/21
04/12	90,000.00	Online Transfer to J & J Consulting Services, Inc. Business Checking xxxxxx0153 Ref #lb0B8Cwpw5 on 04/11/21

Id. at p. 82 (emphases added) (two transfers of \$1 million each, followed by a \$500,000 transfer, a \$617,000 transfer, and a \$90,000 transfer—all on April 12, 2021).

149. By late 2021, Beasley began making individual transfers exceeding \$1 million—at times more than once in a single day. The images below, from the IOLTA's November 2021 – January 2022 statements, show multiple sequential transfers over \$1 million.

11/24	0.70	Simmons Bank Transfer G Scott Dicus G Scott Dicus
11/29	894,500.00	WT Seq204497 J & J Consulting Servic /Bnf=J J Consulting Services, Inc. Srf# 0075679333278494 Trn#211129204497 Rfb#
11/29	1,888,000.00	WT Seq204676 Stirling Consulting L.L /Bnf=Stirling Consulting L.L.C Srf# 0075679333679494 Trn#211129204676 Rfb#

Id. at p. 159 (a single transfer in excess of \$1.88 million in November 2021).

12/15	1,000,000.00	WT Seq213834 Stirling Consulting L.L /Bnf=Stirling Consulting L.L.C. Srf# 0075679349284326 Trn#211215213834 Rfb#
12/20	1,125,500.00	WT Seq222516 J & J Consulting Servic /Bnf=J J Consulting Services, Inc. Srf# 0075679354789956 Trn#211220222516 Rfb#
12/20	1,342,000.00	WT Seq222630 Stirling Consulting L.L /Bnf=Stirling Consulting L.L.C. Srf#

Id. at p. 168 (two transfers in excess of \$1 million on one day in December 2021).

01/19	1,700,000.00	WT Fed#02171 Bank of America, N /Org=Mrv Investments, LLC Srf# 2022011900430081 Trn#220119125173 Rfb# 43Prxve4N
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Id. at p. 175 (a single transfer of \$1.7 million in January 2022).

150. When the funds left the IOLTA, approximately \$411 million out of the \$487 million in total outgoing transfers was sent to entities controlled by five promoters of the scheme as follows:

- a. The J&J Entities received over \$313.7 million. Nearly all transfers were made in round-number transactions, incompatible with legitimate business activity.
- b. Stirling Consulting LLC, an entity associated with a major promoter of the scheme received \$37.2 million. Nearly all transfers were made in round-number transactions, incompatible with legitimate business activity.
- c. CJ Investments LLC, another entity associated with a promoter, received \$31 million. Nearly all transfers were made in round-number transactions, incompatible with legitimate business activity.
- d. Triple Threat Basketball, LLC, another entity associated with a promoter, received \$12.3 million. Nearly all transfers were made in round-number transactions, incompatible with legitimate business activity.
- e. As discussed, a total of \$17.1 million went to the Beasley law firm's operating accounts at Wells Fargo.

1 151. In addition, the individuals associated with the above entities received additional payments to
2 other accounts, including \$1.4 million in payments to The Judd Irrevocable Trust, and over \$130,000 to
3 Jeffrey Judd personal account, and \$140,500 in payments to Shane Jager's personal account.

4 152. Wells Fargo had a view into both the incoming and outgoing transactions. Although at the start
5 of the venture, Judd had used a U.S. Bank account to transact with the IOLTA, he later moved his
6 business to Wells Fargo. Similarly, Stirling Consulting LLC, CJ Investments LLC, and Triple Threat
7 Basketball, LLC, transacted with the IOLTA using their own Wells Fargo business accounts.

8 153. These patterns of account activity were likely caught in various ways by Wells Fargo systems
9 and personnel. For example, under bank policy, Wells Fargo personnel asked questions of the
10 individuals transferring money into and out of the IOLTA about the purpose of the wire, and their
11 relationship with the recipient. (At least one promoter made repeated requests to Wells Fargo to
12 increase his business account's daily transfer limit, likely triggering added scrutiny as to the
13 connections between the regularly transacting parties.) Large wires also required higher levels of
14 approval within Wells Fargo and underwent risk assessment. In addition, the transactions summarized
15 above triggered numerous FFIEC red flags, which Wells Fargo's automated systems detect when
16 reviewing activity. The red flags included:

- 17 a. "[m]any funds transfers are sent in large, round dollar, hundred dollar, or thousand dollar
18 amounts."
19 b. [f]unds transfer activity is unexplained, repetitive, or shows unusual patterns."
20 c. "[a] retail business has dramatically different patterns of currency deposits from similar
21 businesses in the same general location."
22 d. "[c]ustomer makes high value transactions not commensurate with the customer's known
23 incomes."
24 e. "[u]nusual use of trust funds in business transactions or other financial activity."
25 f. [f]unds transfers are sent or received from the same person to or from different accounts."
26 and
27 g. "[u]nusual transfers of funds occur among related accounts or among accounts that involve
28 the same or related principals."

1 **3. The transactions frequently reflected practices that were, on their face,**
2 **impermissible for an IOLTA.**

3 154. Beasley also frequently used the IOLTA in ways directly at odds with proper IOLTA usage.

4 155. For example, Beasley used funds in IOLTA to pay for obviously non-legal expenses.

5 a. Less than two months after opening the account, Beasley made a payment of
6 \$42,008.08 to “Capital One Auto Carpay ... Robert P Villanueva” from the IOLTA,
7 an apparent payment for a car loan. *See* IOLTA Bank Records – Pt. 1 at p. 15.

8 b. In September 2021, Beasley used the IOLTA to pay \$95,486.04 to Cjf Automotive,
9 LLC, an entity associated with a local car dealership. *See* IOLTA Bank Records – Pt.
10 2 at p. 135.

11 c. Beasley also transferred funds to external accounts in his name, including a payment
12 of \$80,000 to his personal account at U.S. Bank in October 2019.

13 d. Other IOLTA payments for personal expenses included over \$4 million paid to title
14 companies, Salimi Decl. at p. 9, and payments of nearly \$7 million to cover gambling
15 debts. ECF No. 22-2, Ex. B ("Ostler Decl.") at p. 20.

16 156. Beasley frequently withdrew cash from the IOLTA. Cash withdrawals from IOLTAs are
17 strongly discouraged. It is for this reason that Wells Fargo does not provide ATM cards to IOLTA
18 holders. The State Bar of Nevada’s guidance on trust accounts advises: “You should always pay out
19 money from your client trust bank account by using: a check; a wire transfer; or another instrument that
20 specifies who is getting the money and who is paying it out. You should never pay out money in cash,
21 or with checks or other instruments made out to cash, because you have no evidence of payment.” NV
22 Bar Trust Accounting, at p. 35.

23 157. Yet Beasley executed cash withdrawals from the IOLTA totaling over \$1.07 million. Examples
24 of large cash withdrawals from the IOLTA appear below.

05/11	20,576.00	Withdrawal Made in A Branch/Store
05/16	15,000.00	Online Transfer to Beasley Law Group PC Business Checking xxxxxx5580 Ref #1b03Fkmcyx on 05/16/17
05/16	50,000.00	WT Fed#02545 Citibank, N.A. /Ftr/Bnf=Warren Rosegreen Srf# 0072801136950700 Trn#170516119909 Rfb#
05/19	650,000.00	WT Seq119117 Global Trust Group, LLC /Bnf=Global Trust Group, LLC Srf# 0072801139360140 Trn#170519119117 Rfb#
05/22	25,000.00	Online Transfer to Beasley Law Group PC Business Checking xxxxxx5580 Ref #1b03Fzw8DD on 05/22/17
05/25	25,000.00	Online Transfer to Beasley Law Group PC Business Checking xxxxxx5580 Ref #1b03G7D4Wq on 05/25/17
05/25	25,000.00	Withdrawal Made in A Branch/Store
05/26	25,000.00	Withdrawal Made in A Branch/Store
05/30	50,000.00	Withdrawal Made in A Branch/Store

IOLTA Bank Records – Pt. 1 at p. 21 (emphases added) (\$120,576 in cash withdrawals in May 2017).

10/11	15,000.00	Withdrawal Made in A Branch/Store
10/11	49,500.00	WT Fed#04771 Bank of America, N /Ftr/Bnf=Jon Kinney Srf# 0072801284869082 Trn#171011136985 Rfb#
10/11	24,500.00	WT Fed#04783 US Bank, NA /Ftr/Bnf=J and J Consulting Services Srf# 0072801284330182 Trn#171011137025 Rfb#
10/13	50,000.00	Online Transfer to Beasley Law Group PC Business Checking xxxxxx5580 Ref #1b03V3W7Cj on 10/13/17
10/17	46,000.00	Withdrawal Made in A Branch/Store
10/19	75,000.00	Online Transfer to Beasley Law Group PC Business Checking xxxxxx5580 Ref #1b03Vnfysg on 10/19/17
10/23	42,500.00	Withdrawal Made in A Branch/Store

Id. at p. 36 (emphases added) (\$103,500 in cash withdrawals in October 2017).

05/17	62,275.10	Withdrawal Made in A Branch/Store
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Id. at p. 117 (emphases added) (\$62,275.10 cash withdrawal on May 17, 2019).

158. Because IOLTAs don't come with debit card or ATM access, each cash withdrawal was processed by Wells Fargo personnel. Those personnel, moreover, would have needed to first file Currency Transaction Reports in order to process the many cash withdrawals exceeding \$10,000. But despite the personal involvement of Wells Fargo employees to facilitate these facially improper cash withdrawals, Wells Fargo continued to process the transactions.

159. Deposits into the IOLTA also contravened permissible IOLTA use. Generally, no funds that belong to an attorney or law firm should be deposited into an IOLTA. The exception is where a lawyer needs to deposit their own funds "for the sole purpose" of paying bank servicing charges—and even then, "only in an amount necessary for that purpose." NV Bar Trust Accounting at p. 34. Yet the

1 Beasley firm’s Wells Fargo operating accounts transferred a total of nearly \$2 million into the IOLTA:
 2 (i) \$150,000 on September 6, 2017, IOLTA Bank Records – Pt. 1 at p. 32, (ii) \$600,000 on March 31,
 3 2021, IOLTA Bank Records – Pt. 2 at p. 71, (iii) \$150,000 on November 8, 2021, *id.* at p. 151, (iv)
 4 \$450,000 on November 17, 2021, *id.* at p. 154, (v) \$20,000 on November 29, 2021, *id.* at 156, (vi)
 5 \$80,000 also on November 29, 2021, *id.*, and (vii) \$400,000 on November 30, 2021. *Id.*

6 160. Large return payments were also processed within the IOLTA. These included a return of
 7 \$150,000 to the Beasley firm’s Wells Fargo operating account, after the same amount was sent to the
 8 IOLTA, and then promptly returned, dubbed an errant transfer (illustrated below).

Credits

Electronic deposits/bank credits

Effective date	Posted date	Amount	Transaction detail
	09/05	130,000.00	WT Fed#01211 Jpmorgan Chase Ban /Org=Add Group Holdings LLC Sr## 3048200248Es Trn#170905016141 Rfb# Boh of 17/09/05
	09/06	150,000.00	Online Transfer From Beasley Law Group PC Ref #1b03Qr4Cnl Business Checking Reversal of Errant Transfer
	09/12	50,000.00	WT Seq#65341 Triple Threat Basketbal /Org= Sr## 0073403254143520 Trn#170912065341 Rfb#

Debits

Electronic debits/bank debits

Effective date	Posted date	Amount	Transaction detail
	09/05	30,000.00	Online Transfer to Beasley Law Group PC Business Checking xxxxxx5580 Ref #1b03QM7Sck on 09/05/17
	09/06	150,000.00	Online Transfer to Beasley Law Group PC Business Checking xxxxxx5580 Ref #1b03Qr486Q on 09/06/17
	09/08	75,000.00	Online Transfer to Beasley Law Group PC Business Checking xxxxxx5580 Ref #1b03Qttqsc on 09/07/17

21 IOLTA Bank Records – Pt. 1. at pp. 32-33 (emphases added).

22 161. Limited access is another well-known feature of IOLTAs. Because the attorney is “individually,
 23 personally responsible for all client funds [he or she] receive[s] or hold[s] in trust, and since this
 24 accountability can’t be delegated to anyone else, allowing other people access to your client trust bank
 25 account is risky” and strongly discouraged. NV Bar Trust Accounting at p. 29. Consistent with that
 26 norm, Beasley’s IOLTA application provided that he would be the sole signatory on the account.
 27 Salimi Decl. at p. 16.

28 162. Nevertheless, Wells Fargo frequently processed deposits into the Beasley IOLTA outside

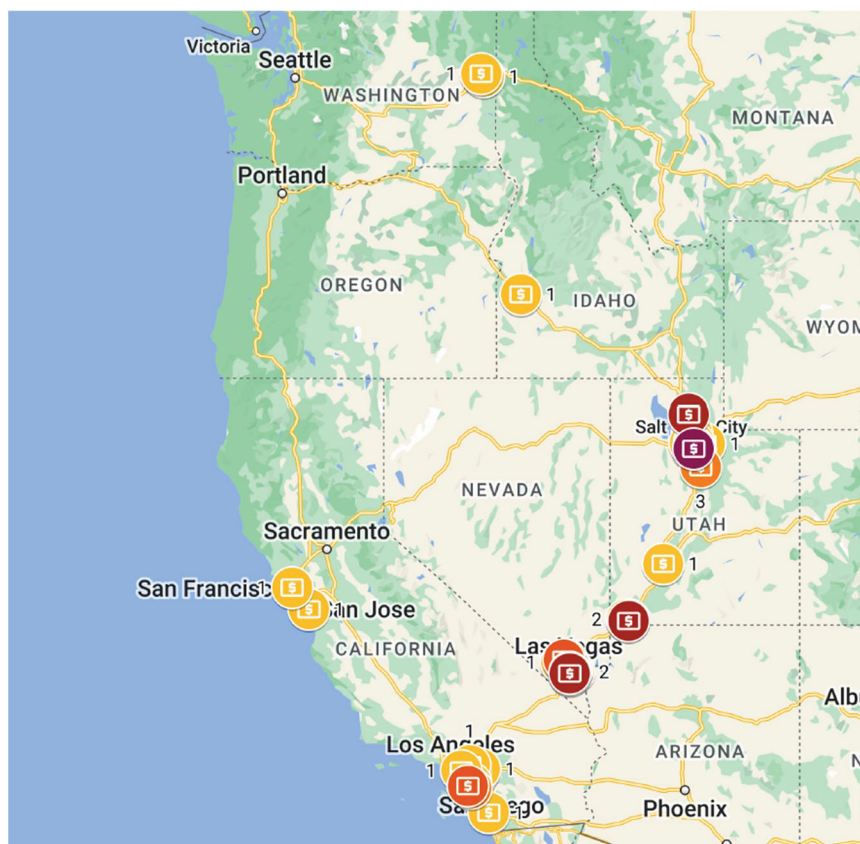
1 Nevada where Beasley and his firm were located. And these out-of-state deposits sometimes occurred
 2 within hours of one another and at different branches in different states. For example, on September 12,
 3 2018, a deposit was made into the IOLTA in San Francisco, California, in the morning, and then
 4 another deposit was made that same afternoon in Provo, Utah. In addition, a “branch/store deposit”
 5 (presumably at a third location) was also made that same day. IOLTA Bank Records – Pt. 1 at p. 80.

6 163. All told, during the account’s history, 154 eDeposits were made into the IOLTA, at 43 different
 7 branch locations, including in:

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| 8 | - Chino Hills, California | - Meridian, Indiana |
| 9 | - Corona, California | - Las Vegas, Nevada |
| 10 | - Fullerton, California | - Henderson, Nevada |
| 11 | - Laguna Beach, California | - Salt Lake City, Utah |
| 12 | - Laguna Niguel, California | - Saint George, Utah |
| 13 | - Lake Forest, California | - Ogden, Utah |
| 14 | - Los Angeles, California | - Centerville, Utah |
| 15 | - San Clement, California | - Beaver, Utah |
| | - San Diego, California | - Park City, Utah |
| | - San Francisco, California | - Provo, Utah |
| | - Santa Clara, California | - Midvale, Utah |
| | - Riverside, California | - Spokane, Washington |

16 164. The most frequently visited location was not in Las Vegas, Nevada, as one would expect of a
 17 local practice, but a Wells Fargo branch in Salt Lake City, Utah, visited at least 24 times to deposit
 18 funds into the IOLTA. The only reasonable inference to draw from the evidence is that Beasley and
 19 Wells Fargo granted third parties’ access to the trust account. A trustee is obligated to possess, protect,
 20 and account for trust assets. Giving third parties access to the account was a breach of fiduciary duty by
 21 Beasley. The image below reflects the broad geographic scope of the eDeposits made into the IOLTA.
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ALL EDEPOSIT LOCATIONS INTO BEASLEY’S IOLTA



● 24 visits
 ● 10-14 visits
 ● 6-8 visits
 ● 3-5 visits
 ● 1-3 visits

165. The deposit patterns into the IOLTA reveal an enterprise of a large scope and impact. In addition to the deposits noted above, the IOLTA also received payments from at least three foreign investors (Australia, Taiwan¹, and Singapore). All these payments were highly unusual for a solo practitioner in Nevada, and inconsistent with Beasley telling Wells Fargo that his practice was “local.”

166. So, in addition to constituting misuses of an IOLTA, the manner in which Beasley used his Wells Fargo IOLTA also triggered several FFIEC red flags that Wells Fargo personnel and automated systems likely detected, including:

- a) “[u]nusual use of trust funds in business transactions or other financial activity.”

¹ Taiwan was deemed a Jurisdiction of Primary Concern by the U.S. Department of State in its 2016 International Narcotics Control Strategy Report, in part due to strategic money laundering risks identified by the agency. Taiwan continues to be a higher risk jurisdiction than the U.S., according to Financial Action Task Force.

- 1 b) “[c]ustomer repeatedly uses a bank or branch location that is geographically distant from the
2 customer’s home or office without sufficient business purpose.”
- 3 c) “[f]unds transfer activity occurs to or from a financial institution located in a higher risk
4 jurisdiction distant from the customer’s operations.” and
- 5 d) “[f]unds are sent or received via international transfers from or to higher-risk locations.”
- 6 e) “[d]eposits are structured through multiple branches of the same bank or by groups of
7 people who enter a single branch at the same time.”

8 **4. None of the IOLTA activity resembled that of a local solo law practice.**

9 167. In addition to the improprieties identified above, the IOLTA activity from 2017 to 2022 also
10 bore no resemblance to how an IOLTA would be used by a solo practitioner practicing in personal
11 injury and family law.

12 168. None of the deposits into the IOLTA, for example, had the attributes of litigation settlement
13 proceeds. IOLTA deposits typically include notations with client names to ease with accounting.
14 Indeed, clients are often named as co-payees on checks deposited or transfers into properly functioning
15 IOLTAs. Yet in the case of Beasley’s IOLTA, the transfers and deposits named Beasley’s law firm as
16 the sole payee and many transactions contained no notations.

17 169. In addition, as Mr. Salimi, the SEC accountant, attested, the IOLTA received no incoming
18 deposits or transfers from law firms, lawyers, insurance companies, or tort claimants. Salimi Decl. at p.
19 6.

20 170. In fact, the identities of the parties transacting with the IOLTA ruled out any possible
21 connection with a law firm conducting the sort of practice that Beasley had reported to Wells Fargo.
22 Time and again, the parties sending and receiving money from the IOLTA were—by name—not
23 plausibly connected to a small family-law or personal-injury practice. Account records showed that
24 most deposits originated from (and many outgoing transfers went to) entities unmistakably related to
25 finance and investment activity. The names associated with the transactions showed the trust account
26 was being used for investment purposes at odds with its designation as an IOLTA. The entities
27 depositing money into the trust account included:

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- 5K Investments
 - Atma Investments LLC
 - Battle Born Funding
 - 3D Capital Group Inc

- 1 ▪ Bam Investments
- 2 ▪ BCB 5 Investments
- 3 ▪ Bellaire Investments LLC
- 4 ▪ Bm Investments 1 LLC
- 5 ▪ CJ Investments LLC
- 6 ▪ Drn Lopez Investments LLC
- 7 ▪ Dudz Investment LLC
- 8 ▪ Eag Investments
- 9 ▪ ECCC Investments
- 10 ▪ Herlean Investments
- 11 ▪ Jal Investments
- 12 ▪ J K Investments
- 13 ▪ Lessismore Investments
- 14 ▪ McMh Investments, LLC
- 15 ▪ Mrrv Investments LLC
- 16 ▪ Red Hill Investments
- 17 ▪ Reign Investments
- 18 ▪ Rpm Investment Group
- 19 ▪ Ruger Investments LLC
- 20 ▪ Ruger Investments Inc
- 21 ▪ Rwl Investments
- 22 ▪ Shonduras Investments LLC
- 23 ▪ SM Financial Investment
- 24 ▪ Smiling Man Investments, LLC
- 25 ▪ Tj Investment Partners LLC
- 26 ▪ We Capital Investments
- 27 ▪ Westshore Investments
- 28 ▪ Capital Core Financial
- Herlean Financial Services
- JFK Financial
- South Wind Financial
- 824 Capital LLC
- Perseverance Capital Management LLC
- Procor Capital Fund I LLC
- Sbz Capital LLC
- Tab Capital LLC
- Tanner Capital Group
- Zzyx Capital LLC
- Elite Entrepreneurs LLC
- McGregor Equity Group
- Bennett Enterprises Capital
- A & A Holdings LLC
- Badgerland Holdings LLC
- Big game Holdings LLC
- Blue Holdings
- Brahman Holdings LLC
- Bsm Holdings LLC
- C & C Holdings LLC
- Erum Holding Limited Partnership
- Jersey Isles Holdings
- LEC Holdings LLC
- Luekenga Nma Holdings
- Montero Holdings
- Portz Holdings LLC
- Shimmer Holdings LLC
- Stagebrush State Holding
- Wos Holdings LLC
- Wwf Holdings LLC

171. To the extent the transacting entities' names left any doubt about ongoing account misuse, any such doubt was put to rest by the notations many investors included when sending money to the IOLTA. None of the transactions in the Beasley IOLTA contained notations pertaining to Beasley's law practice. Instead, the notations on incoming funds frequently stated that the purpose of the deposit was investment.

1 172. For instance, Plaintiff Carso—himself a Wells Fargo customer—asked bank personnel to
 2 include notations indicating “Capital Investment” when initiating his transfers. The images below
 3 depict examples of the wire requests submitted by Plaintiff Carso in February, March, and April 2020,
 4 and January 2022. These requests were processed in person, by Wells Fargo bankers Matt Smith,
 5 Araxie Baghdadian, Daniel Veloso, and Michael Mahavong at the 5223 branch in Las Vegas, and were
 6 further reviewed and approved by other Wells Fargo employees.

Beneficiary/Recipient Information (This is the ultimate recipient of the wire transfer funds)	
Beneficiary/Recipient Name: BEASLEY LAW GROUP PC	Name/Address Line 1: NV IOLTA ACCT
Beneficiary Account Number/IBAN (Foreign)/CLABE (Mexico): 3138065598	Name/Address Line 2: 5475 RUFFIAN RD
Purpose of Funds:	Name/Address Line 3: LAS VEGAS NV 891491269
Additional Instructions: Capital Investment in Purchase Settlement Contracts - Jager	Beneficiary Phone Number:

Beneficiary/Recipient Information (This is the ultimate recipient of the wire transfer funds)
Beneficiary/Recipient Name: BEASLEY LAW GROUP PC
Beneficiary Account Number/IBAN (Foreign)/CLABE (Mexico): 3138065598
Purpose of Funds:
Additional Instructions: Capital Investments in Purchase Settlement Contracts Shane Jager

Beneficiary/Recipient Information (This is the ultimate recipient of the wire transfer funds)
Beneficiary/Recipient Name: BEASLEY LAW GROUP PC
Beneficiary Account Number/IBAN (Foreign)/CLABE (Mexico): 3138065598
Purpose of Funds:
Additional Instructions: Capital Investments in Purchase Settlement Contracts Shane Jager

18 ECF No. 22-2 (“Plaintiff Carso’s Wire Requests”) at pp. 3-7 (emphases in the original).

19 173. In addition to requesting those notations, Carso told various Wells Fargo employees that the
 20 purpose of the transfer was investment; he even discussed the nature of the investment with a Wells
 21 Fargo financial advisor, and shared with him the underlying investment-related documents.

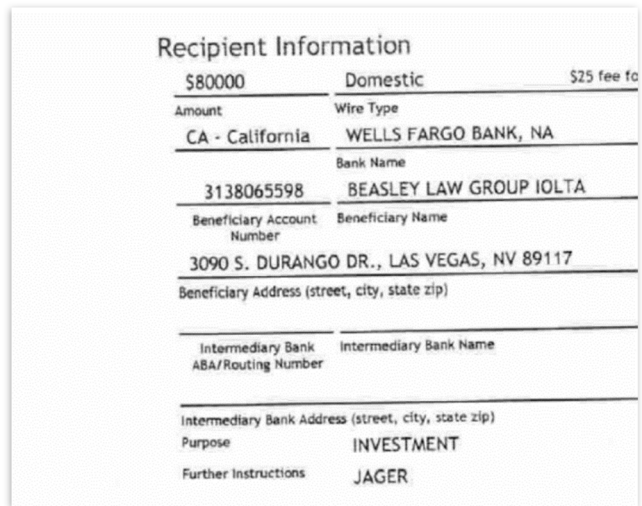
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Beneficiary/Recipient Name: BEASLEY LAW GROUP PC
Beneficiary Account Number/IBAN (Foreign)/CLABE (Mexico): 3138065598
Purpose of Funds:
Additional Instructions: Capital Investment in Purchase Settlement Contracts - Jager

Beneficiary/Recipient Information (This is the ultimate recipient of the wire transfer funds)
Beneficiary/Recipient Name: BEASLEY LAW GROUP PC
Beneficiary Account Number/IBAN (Foreign)/CLABE (Mexico): 3138065598
Purpose of Funds:
Additional Instructions: CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN PURCHASE SETTLEMENT CONTRACTS - JAGER

1 174. Along the same lines, Plaintiff Luekenga wrote memos in connection with his wire transfers
 2 into the IOLTA that stated “Investment-Settlement Lien.” *See, e.g.*, Ex. 4 (“Plaintiffs’ Wire
 3 Requests”) at pp. 2-3.



17 175. Similarly, when Plaintiff Michaelis funded his investment, he too noted that the purpose of
 18 the wire was “INVESTMENT.” *See e.g.*, Plaintiffs’ Wire Requests at p. 1.



1 176. Plaintiff Lundin also designated a wire into the IOLTA as being for an “investment.” See,
 2 e.g., Plaintiffs’ Wire Requests at p. 7.

Street Address: <u>3000 S DELAWARE DR STE 200</u>		City, State & Zip: <u>PHOENIX, AZ 85018</u>	
Beneficiary’s Bank Information			
ABA Name: <u>WELLS FARGO</u>		ABA Number: <u>121000248</u>	
Street Address: <u>737 NORTH MAIN</u>		City, State & Zip: <u>LAS VEGAS, NV 89101</u>	
Originator to Beneficiary Information			
Purpose of Wire: <u>INVESTMENT</u>			
Originator’s Line of Business: <u>PROJECT MANAGER</u>			
Originator’s Relationship to Beneficiary: <u>BUYER</u>			

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10 177. Lundin also funded three of his investments from his Wells Fargo account in December 2020,
 11 March 2021, and December 2021. These requests were processed in person, by Wells Fargo bankers
 12 Jose Casimiro Osorio, Garrett Clements, and Mary-Agnes Falaula, and were further reviewed and
 13 approved by other Wells Fargo employees. When Wells Fargo bank personnel, per the bank’s policy,
 14 questioned Lundin about the wire, he stated that the purpose of the wire was investment.

15 178. Similarly, investments made in the name of Waymaker McD, LLC, Dan and Clint McDaniels’s
 16 entity, were also funded using a Wells Fargo account. In one such instance, a Wells Fargo employee
 17 asked about the purpose of the transfer, and was told that the purpose was investment. The employee
 18 then paused to consult a higher-ranking branch employee regarding the outgoing wire. After about 20
 19 minutes of discussion, the Wells Fargo employee proceeded with the transfer of plaintiffs’ funds into
 20 the Beasley IOLTA.

21 179. Other investors similarly stated in wire memos, and/or to bank employees, that they were wiring
 22 funds for investment purposes. The IOLTA’s bank statements are replete with references to
 23 “dividends,” “reinvestment[s],” “capital investment,” “contract[s],” “loan settlement,” and “credit on
 24 new contract[s].”

07/27	20,000.00	Triple Threat Ba Deposit [REDACTED] 1975 Payment
07/27	112,000.00	Stirling Consult Deposit [REDACTED] 5941 Capital Reinvestments for Dr John and Rex Mitchel
07/28	80,000.00	WT Fed#04343 Jpmorgan Chase Ban /Org=Enduro Development, LLC Srf# 4694720210Es Tm#200728064918 Rfb# Bpl of 20/07/28

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28 IOLTA Bank Records – Pt. 2 at p. 6 (emphases added) (investment notations in July 2020).

02/16 80,000.00 WT Fed#00047 State Bank of Sout /Org=**Loan Settlement Srf#**
P202102160135419 Tm#210216281422 Rfb#

Id. at p. 57 (emphases added) (investment notations in February 2021).

11/25 100,000.00 Stirling Consult Deposit ██████████ 7785 **NEW Capital From Jager for a NEW Contract**
11/25 100,000.00 Stirling Consult Deposit ██████████ 7787 Dr John **Contract Reinvest From Jager**

IOLTA Bank Records – Pt. 1 at p. 145 (emphases added) (investment notations in November 2019).

01/25 100,000.00 WT Fed#01373 Synovus /Org=Nsure Inc Srf# 662238 Tm#220125165029 Rfb# Jr
3rd Contract

IOLTA Bank Records – Pt. 2 at p. 176 (emphases added) (investment notations in January 2022).

180. Although the various information discussed above ruled out the possibility that the various deposits into the IOLTA were litigation proceeds for Beasley’s clients, had that nevertheless been the case, the account activity should have reflected prompt and proportionate disbursements to Beasley’s clients. The statements show no such activity, either. For instance, in March 2017, all of the recorded debit transactions were for cash withdrawals, transfers to the Beasley firm’s operating account, and an apparent payment for Beasley’s personal expenses.

Debits			
Electronic debits/bank debits			
<i>Effective date</i>	<i>Posted date</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Transaction detail</i>
	03/01	10,000.00	Online Transfer to Beasley Law Group PC Business Checking xxxxxx5580 Ref #1b037Gz4KS on 03/01/17
	03/02	15,000.00	Online Transfer to Beasley Law Group PC Business Checking xxxxxx5580 Ref #1b037Kr92Y on 03/02/17
	03/02	15,000.00	Online Transfer to Beasley Law Group PC Business Checking xxxxxx5580 Ref #1b037L57Hg on 03/02/17
	03/02	25,000.00	Withdrawal Made In A Branch/Store
	03/14	42,008.08	Capital One Auto Carpay 006206172890392 Robert P Villanueva
	03/15	30,000.00	Online Transfer to Beasley Law Group PC Business Checking xxxxxx5580 Ref #1b038Lxgsf on 03/15/17
	03/16	25,000.00	Online Transfer to Beasley Law Group PC Business Checking xxxxxx5580 Ref #1b038Pzt2P on 03/16/17
	03/17	5,000.00	Online Transfer to Beasley Law Group PC Business Checking xxxxxx5580 Ref #1b038Sjb6C on 03/17/17
	03/22	8,000.00	Online Transfer to Beasley Law Group PC Business Checking xxxxxx5580 Ref #1b0394Hmbo on 03/22/17
	03/22	25,000.00	Withdrawal Made In A Branch/Store
	03/27	20,000.00	Online Transfer to Beasley Law Group PC Business Checking xxxxxx5580 Ref #1b039Gvd8D on 03/27/17
	03/31	15,000.00	Online Transfer to Beasley Law Group PC Business Checking xxxxxx5580 Ref #1b039SD9Yx on 03/31/17
	03/31	73.45	Int Transferred to NV ██████████ 1002
		\$235,081.53	Total electronic debits/bank debits

IOLTA Bank Records – Pt. 1 at p. 15.

1 181. Nor could the deposits plausibly have been retainer payments for the Beasley firm’s services.
2 Because IOLTA deposits are to be either nominal in amount or short-term in duration, (NV SCR 2017),
3 a large retainer would be permissible only if it could be quickly earned. A personal injury or family law
4 attorney at a one-lawyer firm in North Las Vegas earns only a few hundred dollars per hour. That rate
5 would not justify a single transfer of \$100,000, much less a constant stream of transfers of tens and
6 hundreds of thousands of dollars.

7 182. Similarly, the transfers from the IOLTA to the Beasley firm’s operating accounts, mostly in
8 amounts divisible by \$5,000, did not vary enough to potentially reflect bona fide hourly-basis earnings.
9 Nor did the transfers resemble percentage-based attorney fees; the transfers were too numerous and
10 were not consistent with a percentage-based fee—and typically far exceeded any reasonable percentage
11 fee in comparison to other recent deposits.

12 183. The IOLTA activity recounted in this section likewise triggered FFIEC red flags that Wells
13 Fargo was monitoring for, including:

- 14 a) “[t]he stated occupation of the customer is not commensurate with type or level of activity.”
- 15 b) “[u]nusual use of trust funds in business transactions or other financial activity.”
- 16 c) “[a] large number of incoming or outgoing funds transfers take place through a business
17 account, and there appears to be no logical business or other economic purpose for the
18 transfers,”
- 19 d) “Goods or services, if identified, do not match profile of company provided by respondent
20 bank or character of the financial activity....,” and
- 21 e) “Payments or receipts with no apparent links to legitimate contracts, goods, or services are
22 received.”

23 **5. The account activity was also inconsistent with the operation of a legitimate**
24 **investment fund.**

25 184. Finally, just as the IOLTA activity bore no resemblance to what would be expected in a Nevada
26 solo practitioner’s trust account, neither did the activity resemble the operation of a legitimate
27 investment fund.

28 185. The account activity in Beasley’s IOLTA showed no acquisitions of investment assets. Salimi

1 Decl. at p. 6. No payments were made, for example, to insurance companies, law firms, or third-party
2 plaintiffs—as might be expected if Beasley and Judd were running the sort of investment operation that
3 investors had been led to believe they were.

4 186. Instead, the consistent pattern was investment funds entering the IOLTA, then being promptly
5 funneled out to Beasley- and Judd-controlled accounts, or to a small number of additional accounts
6 maintained by the scheme’s promoters. Many of these outgoing transfers from the IOLTA went into
7 business accounts also maintained at Wells Fargo, including Beasley’s.

8 **TOLLING OR NON-ACCRUAL OF STATUTES OF LIMITATION**

9 187. Plaintiffs and the other class members did not and could not have discovered the facts
10 constituting fraud and unlawful conduct until March 4, 2022, the day after charges against Beasley
11 were filed following the FBI shootout, and the day the FBI victim bulletin was published. Plaintiffs
12 then retained counsel.

13 188. Until then, the Relevant Non-Parties fraudulently concealed the unlawful conduct, misleading
14 investors to believe they were engaging in legitimate investment activity.

15 189. Because Plaintiffs and class members could not have reasonably discovered the facts
16 constituting Defendant’s unlawful conduct until March 4, 2022, their claims accrued on that date and
17 any applicable statutes of limitations were tolled until that date.

18 **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

19 190. Pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiffs bring this action on
20 behalf of themselves and the following class:

21 *All natural and legal persons who invested in a J&J Entity lawsuit settlement contract between*
22 *January 2017 and March 2022.*

23 191. Excluded from the class are Defendant and the Relevant Non-Parties; their parents, affiliates,
24 subsidiaries, legal representatives, predecessors, successors, assigns, and employees; persons who
25 received back more from the J&J enterprise in connection with their investments than they put in; and
26 any judge to whom this case is assigned, his or her spouse, and all persons within the third degree of
27 relationship to either of them, as well as the spouses of such persons.

28 192. Class membership will be determined based on objective criteria including whether someone

1 transmitted money for purchase of a share in a lawsuit settlement contract. Documents identifying the
2 investors in the class are in the possession, custody, and control of the Relevant Non-Parties and
3 Defendant.

4 193. Numerosity. The members of the class are so numerous that joinder of all members is
5 impracticable. The size of the class, which is estimated to consist of hundreds if not thousands of
6 individuals and business entities, can be ascertained only through discovery.

7 194. Typicality. Plaintiffs' claims against Wells Fargo are typical of the claims of the members of the
8 class. Plaintiffs and class members were all victims of the Ponzi scheme, each has claims against Wells
9 Fargo for its role in that scheme, and each claim will depend on common proof that Wells Fargo knew
10 about the Ponzi scheme and acted in furtherance of it.

11 195. Adequacy. Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the members of the class
12 and have retained counsel competent and experienced in class action and financial fraud litigation.

13 196. Commonality and Predominance. Common questions of law and fact exist as to all members of
14 the class and predominate over any questions solely affecting individual members. The questions of
15 law and fact common to the class include:

- 16 a. Whether the Relevant Non-Parties breached fiduciary duties owed to the Plaintiffs and
17 members of the class;
- 18 b. Whether the Relevant Non-Parties engaged in fraud in connection with operating the
19 alleged Ponzi scheme;
- 20 c. Whether Wells Fargo opened and maintained an IOLTA for Beasley's law firm;
- 21 d. Whether Beasley used the Wells Fargo IOLTA to perpetrate the alleged fraud and breach
22 of fiduciary duties at issue;
- 23 e. Whether Wells Fargo knew sufficient facts that it had a duty to investigate the use of the
24 IOLTA;
- 25 f. Whether Wells Fargo acted in bad faith by failing to investigate the use of the IOLTA or
26 otherwise take action to protect investors;
- 27 g. Whether Wells Fargo aided and abetted the fraudulent conduct and/or breach of fiduciary
28 duties at issue;

1 h. Whether Wells Fargo breached a duty of reasonable care owed to Plaintiffs and members
2 of the class; and

3 i. Whether Wells Fargo's actions and inaction were the actual and proximate cause of
4 Plaintiffs' and class members' damages.

5 197. Superiority. A class action is superior to other available means for the fair and efficient
6 adjudication of this dispute. The injury suffered by each class member, while meaningful on an
7 individual basis, is not of such magnitude as to make the prosecution of individual actions
8 economically feasible. Even if class members themselves could afford such individualized litigation,
9 the court system could not. In addition to the burden and expense of managing many actions arising
10 from the same fraudulent scheme, individualized litigation presents a potential for inconsistent or
11 contradictory judgments. Individualized litigation increases the delay and expense to all parties and the
12 court system presented by the legal and factual issues of the case. By contrast, a class action presents
13 far fewer management difficulties and provides the benefits of single adjudication, economy of scale,
14 and comprehensive supervision by a single court.

15 198. In the alternative, the class may be certified because: (a) the prosecution of separate actions by
16 the individual members of the class would create a risk of inconsistent adjudications; (b) the
17 prosecution of individual actions could result in adjudications, which as a practical matter, would be
18 dispositive of the interests of non-party class members or which would impair their ability to protect
19 their interests; and (c) Defendant has acted or refused to act on grounds generally applicable to the
20 class, thereby making appropriate final and injunctive relief with respect to the members of the class as
21 a whole.

22 CAUSES OF ACTION

23 199. Plaintiffs assert the following causes of actions, all of which are personal, direct claims of the
24 investors. Plaintiffs do not assert any claim belonging to the receiver appointed in *SEC v. Matthew*
25 *Wade Beasley, et al.*, No. 2:22-cv-00612 (the "Receiver"). As such, Plaintiffs assert no claim against
26 any of the receivership Defendants or any party subject to the Order Appointing Receiver (*SEC v.*
27 *Matthew Wade Beasley, et al.*, No. 2:22-cv-00612, Dkt. 88), including: Matthew Wade Beasley; Jeffrey
28 J. Judd; Christopher R. Humphries; Shane M. Jager; Jason M. Jongeward; Denny Sybert; Roland

1 Tanner; J&J Consulting Services, Inc., an Alaska corporation; J&J Consulting Services, Inc., a Nevada
2 corporation; J and J Purchasing LLC; The Judd Irrevocable Trust; and BJ Holdings LLC.

3 **Count I**

4 ***Violations of the Uniform Fiduciaries Act, Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 162.010, et seq.***

5 200. Plaintiffs allege this cause of action on behalf of themselves and the class, and, in doing so,
6 incorporate all preceding allegations.

7 201. Wells Fargo is a bank within the meaning of Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 162.020(a).

8 202. Beasley and Judd are fiduciaries within the meaning of Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 162.020(b).

9 203. Plaintiffs and other members of the class are principals within the meaning of Nev. Rev. Stat.
10 Ann. § 162.020(c).

11 204. Wells Fargo acted in violation of Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 162.010, et seq., including by
12 violating Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 162.080 and § 162.100.

13 205. Beasley and Judd (and the entities they controlled) owed fiduciary duties to Plaintiffs and the
14 class. They owed a fiduciary duty in connection with funds in the Beasley law firm's IOLTA, a trust
15 account and over which Beasley and his law firm acted as trustee. They also owed a fiduciary duty in
16 conjunction with accepting funds to be used for investment purposes; they maintained control over
17 those funds upon receiving them and owed duties of loyalty and care to, and to deal honestly and in
18 good faith with, Plaintiffs and the class. This entailed, among other things, the fiduciary duty to use the
19 funds in the manner expected and trusted by the Plaintiffs and class.

20 206. Wells Fargo knew fiduciary duties were owed to all those whose funds were deposited in the
21 IOLTA. Among other things, Wells Fargo is familiar with IOLTAs, knows they are trust accounts, and
22 knows that attorneys owe fiduciary duties to their clients in connection with the funds in the IOLTA.

23 207. Beasley and Judd (and the entities they controlled) breached their fiduciary duty to Plaintiffs
24 and the other members of the class. Among other things, they breached Plaintiffs' and other class
25 members' trust by using their funds for purposes other than those intended. They caused funds to be
26 deposited into, maintained within, and transferred from the IOLTA inconsistent with the norms and
27 rules for such accounts, and they failed to operate the IOLTA in the manner (and with the protections
28 with which) such trust accounts are required to be operated. Rather than spending the funds as intended

1 by Plaintiffs and the class, they diverted and misappropriated funds for their own personal gain.

2 208. Wells Fargo had actual knowledge of these breaches of fiduciary duty. Wells Fargo knowingly
3 allowed the IOLTA to be operated in a manner that bore no reasonable resemblance to how such trust
4 accounts are appropriately used. Wells Fargo knew that the IOLTA had been created for a solo
5 practitioner's law firm that earned \$350,000 annually in gross revenues, yet facilitated the deposit and
6 withdrawal of nearly \$500 million from the account in less than six years' time, including over \$17
7 million that moved directly from the IOLTA into the Wells Fargo operating account maintained by the
8 Beasley firm.

9 209. Additionally and alternatively, Wells Fargo knew such facts that its actions in effecting deposits
10 into and withdrawals out of the Beasley firm's IOLTA qualify as bad faith. The IOLTA transactions at
11 issue in this case were improper on their face. Wells Fargo witnessed such clear and obvious indicia
12 that the IOLTA was being used to breach fiduciary duties, owed to Plaintiffs and other members of the
13 class, that it had a duty to investigate, and Wells Fargo acted in bad faith when it chose not to
14 investigate or otherwise take action to protect Plaintiffs' and class members' funds.

15 210. Wells Fargo substantially benefited from the J&J Ponzi scheme, including due to the substantial
16 additional funds flowing through the bank as a result of the magnitude of the scheme. The scheme
17 caused Wells Fargo to earn income from fees and from investing capital derived from J&J investors.

18 211. The actual and foreseeable result of Wells Fargo's conduct was the loss of funds belonging to
19 Plaintiffs and the members of the class, who have sustained and will continue to sustain damages as a
20 result.

21 Count II

22 *Aiding and Abetting Breach of Fiduciary Duty*

23 212. Plaintiffs allege this cause of action on behalf of themselves and the class, and, in doing so,
24 incorporate all preceding allegations.

25 213. Beasley and Judd (and the entities they controlled) owed fiduciary duties to Plaintiffs and the
26 class. They owed a fiduciary duty in connection with funds in the Beasley law firm's IOLTA, a trust
27 account over which Beasley and his law firm acted as trustee. They also owed a fiduciary duty in
28 conjunction with accepting funds to be used for investment purposes; they maintained control over

1 those funds upon receiving them and owed duties of loyalty and care to, and to deal honestly and in
2 good faith with, Plaintiffs and the class. This entailed, among other things, the fiduciary duty to use the
3 funds in the manner expected and trusted by the Plaintiffs and class.

4 214. As set forth above, Judd and Beasley (and the entities they controlled) breached fiduciary duties
5 to Plaintiffs and the class, including by using Plaintiffs' and class members' funds for purposes other
6 than those intended, depositing those funds into the IOLTA, maintaining the IOLTA in a manner
7 inconsistent with the rules governing attorney trust accounts, and misappropriating the funds for their
8 own personal gain.

9 215. Wells Fargo knowingly and substantially provided material assistance to the breaches of
10 fiduciary duties owed to Plaintiffs and other members of the class. Wells Fargo knowingly allowed the
11 IOLTA to be operated in a manner that bore no reasonable resemblance to how such trust accounts are
12 appropriately used. Wells Fargo knew that the IOLTA had been created for a solo practitioner's law
13 firm that earned \$350,000 annually in gross revenues, yet facilitated the deposit and withdrawal of
14 nearly \$500 million from the account in less than six years' time, including over \$17 million that
15 moved directly from the IOLTA into the Wells Fargo operating account maintained by the Beasley
16 firm. Wells Fargo witnessed systematic, continuous evidence of money laundering and fraudulent
17 activity, yet took no action to stop the misconduct, and instead facilitated the continued operation and
18 use of an attorney trust account at its bank to perpetrate the scheme and continued to execute all
19 requested banking transactions involving the IOLTA.

20 216. Wells Fargo substantially benefited from its participation in the J&J Ponzi scheme. The scheme
21 caused Wells Fargo to earn income from fees and from investing capital derived from J&J investors.

22 217. As a direct and proximate result of Wells Fargo's aiding and abetting of the breaches of
23 fiduciary duty, Plaintiffs and class members have lost a significant portion of the funds they entrusted
24 with the Relevant Non-Parties, have been denied use of their assets since March 2022, and have been
25 damaged thereby in an amount to be determined at trial.

26 **Count III**

27 ***Aiding and Abetting Fraud***

28 218. Plaintiffs allege this cause of action on behalf of themselves and the proposed class, and, in

1 doing so, incorporate all preceding allegations.

2 219. As set forth above, by promoting an investment opportunity to purchase in lawsuit settlement
3 contracts with no intention to deliver the promised investment assets, while instead laundering the
4 investment funds through the IOLTA and ultimately misappropriating those funds for their own
5 personal use, Beasley and Judd (and the entities they controlled) committed fraud.

6 220. Beasley and Judd (and the entities they controlled) intentionally misrepresented and omitted
7 material facts in connection with the sale of purported J&J securities. Plaintiffs reasonably relied to
8 their detriment on such representations and omissions by depositing their money in the IOLTA at Wells
9 Fargo and in purchasing the non-existent securities, and in their absence would not have made these
10 deposits and purchases.

11 221. Wells Fargo knowingly and substantially provided material assistance to the Ponzi scheme.
12 Wells Fargo knowingly allowed the IOLTA to be operated in a manner that bore no reasonable
13 resemblance to how such trust accounts are appropriately used. Wells Fargo knew that the IOLTA had
14 been created for a solo practitioner's law firm that earned \$350,000 annually in gross revenues, yet
15 facilitated the deposit and withdrawal of nearly \$500 million from the account in less than six years'
16 time, including over \$17 million that moved directly from the IOLTA into the Wells Fargo operating
17 account maintained by the Beasley firm. Wells Fargo witnessed systematic, continuous evidence of
18 money laundering and fraudulent activity, yet took no action to stop the misconduct, and instead
19 substantially assisted the continued operation of an attorney trust account to perpetrate the scheme and
20 continued to execute all requested banking transactions involving the IOLTA.

21 222. Wells Fargo benefited from its participation in the J&J Ponzi scheme by earning income from
22 fees, using inflows to boost its deposit average metrics, and from investing capital derived from J&J
23 investors.

24 223. As a direct and proximate consequence of Wells Fargo's conduct as described in this complaint,
25 Plaintiffs and class members have lost a significant portion of the funds they entrusted in the Beasley
26 IOLTA, have been denied the use of those funds since March 2022, and have been damaged in an
27 amount to be determined at trial.

Count IV
Negligence

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3 224. Plaintiffs allege this cause of action on behalf of themselves and the class, and, in doing so,
4 incorporate all preceding allegations.

5 225. Plaintiffs advance this count in the alternative to their other claims.

6 226. At all relevant times, Beasley and Judd (and the entities they controlled) caused funds belonging
7 to Plaintiffs and the other members of the class to be deposited into the IOLTA at Wells Fargo.

8 227. Wells Fargo knew the deposits were to be held in trust, but also knew the funds were being
9 misappropriated for the personal use of Judd and Beasley. Wells Fargo knew that the funds deposited
10 into the IOLTA were not funds being held in a manner consistent with any of the norms and
11 requirements applicable to such accounts.

12 228. Wells Fargo owed a duty to Plaintiffs and other members of the class with respect to the
13 maintenance and use of the Beasley firm's IOLTA and the funds held therein. Wells Fargo's duty exists
14 by operation of law, Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 162.010, et seq., and arises independently from any
15 contract. Wells Fargo acted contrary to the policy of protecting investors from investment fraud.
16 Plaintiffs and the other class members did not enter into relevant contracts with Wells Fargo, cannot
17 recover damages in a contract suit, and, thus, seek recovery in tort.

18 229. Wells Fargo breached its duty to Plaintiffs and other members of the class when, among other
19 things, it allowed the IOLTA to be operated in a manner that bore no reasonable resemblance to how
20 such accounts are appropriately used; allowed orders of magnitude more funds to flow through the
21 account than the bank reasonably anticipated; witnessed systematic, continuous evidence of money
22 laundering and fraudulent activity, yet took no action to stop the misconduct, and instead facilitated the
23 continued operation of an attorney trust account to perpetrate the scheme and continued to execute all
24 requested banking transactions involving the IOLTA; and repeatedly failed to investigate the misuse of
25 the IOLTA despite many indicia of fraud.

26 230. As a direct and proximate cause of Wells Fargo's breaches of duty as described throughout this
27 complaint, Plaintiffs and the members of the class have sustained damages in an amount to be
28 determined at trial.

1 **REQUEST FOR RELIEF**

2 WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated, request that
3 the Court enter a judgment awarding the following relief:

- 4 a. An order certifying the proposed class and appointing the undersigned counsel as class counsel;
5 b. An award of damages and all other available monetary relief, including pre-judgment interest, on
6 each claim in an amount to be established at trial;
7 c. An award of punitive damages in an amount to be established at trial;
8 d. An award of Plaintiffs' reasonable attorneys' fees and litigation costs;
9 e. Such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

10 **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

11 Plaintiffs demand a trial by jury as to all issues so triable.
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EXHIBIT 1
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TRANSACTIONS OF EXEMPT PERSONS

Objective: *Assess the bank's compliance with the BSA regulatory requirements for exemptions from the currency transaction reporting requirements.*

Regulatory Requirements for Transactions of Exempt Persons

This section outlines the regulatory requirements for banks in 31 CFR Chapter X regarding transactions of exempt persons. Specifically, this section covers:

- [31 CFR 1020.315](#)

A bank must electronically file a Currency Transaction Report (CTR) for each transaction in currency (deposit, withdrawal, exchange of currency, or other payment or transfer) of more than \$10,000 by, through, or to the bank.¹ However, banks may exempt certain types of customers from currency transaction reporting.² Pursuant to the Money Laundering Suppression Act of 1994, FinCEN established a process for banks to designate certain customers (referred to as Phase I and Phase II exempt persons) as exempt from the requirement to report currency transactions.

Exempt Persons

Phase I CTR Exemptions³

FinCEN's regulation identifies five categories of Phase I exempt persons:

- (1) A bank, to the extent of its domestic operations.
- (2) A federal, state, or local government agency or department.
- (3) Any entity established under federal, state, or local laws and exercising governmental authority on behalf of the United States or a state or local government.
- (4) The domestic operations of any entity (other than a bank) whose common stock or analogous equity interests are listed on the [New York Stock Exchange](#) or the [NYSE American](#) or have been designated as a NASDAQ National Market Security listed on the [NASDAQ Stock Market](#), with some exceptions ("listed entity").
- (5) The domestic operations of any subsidiary (other than a bank) of any listed entity that is organized under U.S. law and at least 51 percent of whose common stock or analogous equity interest is owned by the listed entity.

¹ [31 CFR 1010.100\(m\)](#) defines currency as coin and paper money of the United States or any other country that is designated as legal tender and that circulates and is customarily used and accepted as a medium of exchange in the country of issuance. Effective July 1, 2012, FinCEN mandated electronic filing of certain BSA reports, including the CTR. [77 Fed. Reg. 12367](#). Forms to be used in making reports of currency transactions may be obtained from BSA E-Filing System ([31 CFR 1010.306\(e\)](#)).

² [31 CFR 1020.315](#). See also FinCEN (June 11, 2012), FIN-2012-G003 "[Guidance on Determining Eligibility for Exemption from Currency Transaction Reporting Requirements](#)."

³ [31 CFR 1020.315\(b\)\(1\)-\(5\)](#).

Phase II CTR Exemptions⁴

Under Phase II exemptions, there are two other categories of customers (certain non-listed businesses and payroll customers) whose currency transactions that meet specific criteria may be exempted from reporting requirements.

(6) To the extent of their domestic operations and only with respect to transactions conducted through their exemptible accounts, any other commercial enterprise (referred to as “non-listed businesses”) that:

- Has maintained a transaction account at the exempting bank for at least two months, or
 - If prior to the passing of two months’ time, the bank conducts and documents a risk-based assessment of the customer and forms a reasonable belief that the customer has a legitimate business purpose for conducting frequent transactions in currency;⁵
- Frequently engages in transactions in currency with the bank in excess of \$10,000;⁶ and
- Is incorporated or organized under the laws of the United States or a state, or is registered as and eligible to do business within the United States or a state.

(7) With respect solely to withdrawals for payroll purposes from existing exemptible accounts, any other person (referred to as a “payroll customer”) that:

- Has maintained a transaction account at the bank for at least two months, or
 - If prior to the passing of two months’ time, the bank conducts and documents a risk-based assessment of the customer and forms a reasonable belief that the customer has a legitimate business purpose for conducting frequent transactions in currency;⁷
- Operates a firm that frequently withdraws more than \$10,000 to pay its United States employees in currency; and
- Is incorporated or organized under the laws of the United States or a state, or is registered as and eligible to do business within the United States or a state.

Designation of Certain Exempt Persons

If a bank chooses to use the exemption process, then it must designate an exempt person by filing a one-time Designation of Exempt Person (DOEP) report. The report must be filed

⁴ [31 CFR 1020.315\(b\)\(6\)-\(7\)](#).

⁵ [31 CFR 1020.315\(c\)\(2\)\(ii\)](#).

⁶ FinCEN has noted that, for purposes of [31 CFR 1020.315\(b\)\(6\)\(ii\)](#): “[Banks] may designate an otherwise eligible customer for Phase II exemption after the customer has within a year conducted five or more reportable cash transactions.” See also FinCEN (December 5, 2008), 73 Fed. Reg. 74010, 74014 “[Final Rule: Exemptions from the Requirement to Report Transactions in Currency](#).”

⁷ [31 CFR 1020.315\(c\)\(2\)\(ii\)](#).

electronically through the [BSA E-Filing System](#) by the close of the 30-calendar-day period beginning after the day of the first reportable transaction in currency with the person that the bank wishes to exempt.⁸

Banks do not need to file a DOEP for any of the 12 Federal Reserve Banks or for any Phase I eligible customer that is a bank to the extent of the bank's domestic operations; a department or agency of the United States, of any state, or of any political subdivision of any state; and any federal, state, or local government entities exercising governmental authority on behalf of the United States or any such state or political subdivision.⁹ Exemption of a Phase I person covers any transaction in currency with the exempted person, not only a transaction in currency conducted through an account.¹⁰

Annual Review

At least once each year, banks must review the eligibility of an exempt person that is a listed public company, a listed public company subsidiary, a non-listed business, or a payroll customer to determine whether such person remains eligible for an exemption.¹¹ Banks do not need to confirm through an annual review the continued exemption eligibility of certain customers. These include banks (to the extent of their domestic operations); a department or agency of the United States, of any state, or of any political subdivision of any state; and any federal, state, or local government entities exercising governmental authority on behalf of the United States or any such state or political subdivision. In determining whether a person remains eligible for an exemption, banks typically document the annual review and may use annual reports, stock quotes from newspapers, or other information, such as electronic media. Moreover, as part of this annual review, the bank must review the application of the suspicious activity monitoring system (required by this regulation)¹² to each existing account of a Phase II exempt person (a non-listed business or a payroll customer).¹³

Operating Rules

Subject to specific rules in the Transactions of Exempt Persons regulation, a bank must take reasonable and prudent steps to assure itself that a person is an exempt person. Banks are required to document the basis for their conclusions and their compliance with the Transactions of Exempt Persons regulation.¹⁴

For aggregated accounts, in determining the qualification of a customer as a non-listed business or a payroll customer, a bank may treat all exemptible accounts of the customer as a single account. If a bank elects to treat all exemptible accounts of a customer as a single account, the

⁸ [31 CFR 1020.315\(c\)\(1\)](#).

⁹ [31 CFR 1020.315\(c\)\(2\)](#).

¹⁰ [31 CFR 1020.315\(b\)\(6\)](#) and [31 CFR 1020.315\(b\)\(7\)](#) specify that exemptions for Phase II customers apply only for transactions through exemptible accounts; no similar statement is found in [31 CFR 1020.315\(b\)\(1-5\)](#), which applies to Phase I customers.

¹¹ [31 CFR 1020.315\(d\)](#).

¹² [31 CFR 1020.315\(h\)\(2\)](#).

¹³ [31 CFR 1020.315\(d\)](#).

¹⁴ [31 CFR 1020.315\(e\)\(1\)](#).

bank must continue to treat such accounts consistently as a single account for purposes of determining the qualification of the customer as a non-listed business or payroll customer.¹⁵

The designation of an exempt person may be made by a parent holding company or one of its bank subsidiaries on behalf of all bank subsidiaries of the holding company, as long as the designation lists each bank subsidiary to which the designation shall apply.¹⁶

A sole proprietorship¹⁷ may be treated as a non-listed business¹⁸ or as a payroll customer¹⁹ if it otherwise meets the requirements outlined previously in the [Phase II CTR Exemptions](#) subsection as applicable.²⁰

Ineligible Businesses

Certain businesses are ineligible for treatment as an exempt non-listed business.²¹ An ineligible business is defined in this regulation as a business engaged primarily in one or more of the following specified activities:

- Serving as financial institutions or agents of financial institutions of any type.
- Purchasing or selling motor vehicles of any kind, vessels, aircraft, farm equipment, or mobile homes.²²
- Practicing law, accounting, or medicine.
- Auctioning of goods.
- Chartering or operation of ships, buses, or aircraft.
- Pawn brokerage.
- Gaming of any kind (other than licensed parimutuel betting at racetracks).
- Investment advisory services or investment banking services.
- Real estate brokerage.
- Title insurance and real estate closings.
- Trade union activities.

¹⁵ [31 CFR 1020.315\(e\)\(5\)](#).

¹⁶ [31 CFR 1020.315\(e\)\(6\)](#).

¹⁷ FinCEN (February 10, 2020), FIN-2020-R001 [“FinCEN CTR \(Form 112\) Reporting of Certain Currency Transactions for Sole Proprietorships and Legal Entities Operating Under a “Doing Business As” \(DBA\) Name.”](#)

¹⁸ [31 CFR 1020.315\(b\)\(6\)](#).

¹⁹ [31 CFR 1020.315\(b\)\(7\)](#).

²⁰ [31 CFR 1020.315\(e\)\(7\)](#).

²¹ [31 CFR 1020.315\(e\)\(8\)](#).

²² FinCEN (September 10, 2012), FIN-2012-G005 [“Definition of Motor Vehicles of Any Kind, Motor Vehicles, Vessels, Aircraft, and Farm Equipment as it Relates to Potential CTR Exemption for a Non-Listed Business.”](#)

- Any other activity that may, from time to time, be specified by FinCEN, such as marijuana-related businesses.²³

A business that engages in multiple business activities may qualify for an exemption as a non-listed business as long as no more than 50 percent of gross revenues are derived from one or more of the ineligible business activities listed in the regulation.²⁴ FinCEN guidance states that the bank must consider and maintain materials and other supporting information that allow the bank to substantiate that the decision to exempt the customer from currency transaction reporting was based upon a reasonable determination that the customer derives no more than 50 percent of annual gross revenues from ineligible business activities.²⁵ This guidance further states that such a reasonable determination should be based on the bank's understanding of the nature of the customer's business, the purpose of the customer's accounts, and the actual or anticipated activity in those accounts.²⁶

Safe Harbor for Failure to File CTRs

A bank is not liable for the failure to file a CTR for a transaction in currency by an exempt person as long as the bank is in compliance with the exemption rules, unless the bank knowingly provides false or incomplete information with respect to the transaction or the customer engaging in the transaction or has reason to believe that the customer does not qualify as an exempt person or that the transaction is not a transaction of the exempt person. In the absence of any specific knowledge of information indicating that a customer no longer meets the requirements of an exempt person, the bank may treat the customer as an exempt person until the date of the customer's next annual review.²⁷

Effect on Other Regulatory Requirements

Nothing in the Transactions of Exempt Persons regulation relieves a bank of the obligation to file SARs or relieves a bank of any reporting or recordkeeping obligation imposed by FinCEN's BSA regulations, other than the CTR filing requirements, as described above.²⁸ For example, the fact that a customer is an exempt person has no effect on the bank's obligation to retain records of funds transfers by that person, or to retain records in connection with the sale of monetary instruments to that person.

²³ FinCEN (February 14, 2014), FIN-2014-G001 "[BSA Expectations Regarding Marijuana-Related Businesses](#)." A business engaged in marijuana-related activity may not be treated as a non-listed business under 31 CFR 1020.315(e)(8), and therefore, is not eligible for consideration for an exemption with respect to a bank's CTR obligations.

²⁴ [31 CFR 1020.315\(e\)\(8\)](#). This is explained in more detail in FinCEN (April 27, 2009), FIN-2009-G001 "[Guidance on Supporting Information Suitable for Determining the Portion of a Business Customer's Annual Gross Revenues that is Derived from Activities Ineligible for Exemption from Currency Transaction Reporting Requirements](#)."

²⁵ [31 CFR 1020.315\(e\)\(1\) and \(e\)\(8\)](#).

²⁶ FinCEN (April 27, 2009), FIN-2009-G001 "[Guidance on Supporting Information Suitable for Determining the Portion of a Business Customer's Annual Gross Revenues that is Derived from Activities Ineligible for Exemption from Currency Transaction Reporting Requirements](#)."

²⁷ [31 CFR 1020.315\(g\)\(2\)](#).

²⁸ [31 CFR 1020.315\(h\)](#).

Revocation of Exemption

If the bank has improperly exempted accounts or ceases to treat a customer as exempt, it must begin filing CTRs on reportable transactions and may revoke the exemption by filing a DOEP report and checking the “Exemption Revoked” box. In the case of improperly exempted accounts, the bank should contact FinCEN’s Resource Center to request a determination on whether to backfile unreported currency transactions.²⁹ Additional information can be found in the [Currency Transaction Reporting](#) section of this Manual and on the [FinCEN website](#).

Examiner Assessment of the CTR Exemption Process

Examiners should assess the adequacy of the bank’s policies, procedures, and processes (internal controls) related to the bank’s process for exempting customers from CTR filing. Specifically, examiners should determine whether these internal controls are designed to mitigate and manage ML/TF and other illicit financial activity risks and comply with exemption requirements. In addition to reviewing correspondence from FinCEN’s BSA E-Filing System regarding DOEP filings, examiners may also review other information, such as recent independent testing or audit reports, to aid in their assessment of the bank’s process for exempting customers from CTR filing.

Examiners should also consider general internal controls concepts, such as dual controls, segregation of duties, and management approval for certain actions, as they relate to the bank’s process for exempting customers from CTR filing. For example, employees who complete DOEPs generally should not also be responsible for the decision to file the reports. Other internal controls may include BSA compliance officer or other senior management approval for staff actions where segregation of duties cannot be achieved.

Examiners should determine whether the bank’s internal controls for exempting customers from CTR filing are designed to assure ongoing compliance with exemption requirements and are commensurate with the bank’s size or complexity and organizational structure. More information can be found in the [Assessing the BSA/AML Compliance Program - BSA/AML Internal Controls](#) section of this Manual.

²⁹ Please direct all inquiries to the FinCEN Resource Center by calling the toll-free number (800) 767-2825 or (703) 905-3591 or by e-mailing FRC@fincen.gov.

TRANSACTIONS OF EXEMPT PERSONS EXAMINATION AND TESTING PROCEDURES

Objective: *Assess the bank's compliance with the BSA regulatory requirements for exemptions from the currency transaction reporting requirements.*

1. Review the bank's policies, procedures, and processes that address exempting customers from CTR filings. Determine whether the policies, procedures and processes provide steps for:
 - Assuring that a person is an exempt person, including completing the required annual reviews of eligibility,
 - Documenting the basis for conclusions regarding eligibility, and
 - Documenting compliance with the regulation.
2. Select a sample of filed Designation of Exempt Person reports to determine whether:
 - The reports are filed in accordance with FinCEN instructions within 30 days of the first reportable transaction that the bank sought to exempt.
 - The customer is eligible for designation as exempt (see categories of [Phase I](#) exempt persons and [Phase II](#) exempt persons).
 - The bank maintains documentation to support that designated non-listed businesses do not receive more than 50 percent of gross revenue from ineligible business activities.
3. Determine that the information supporting the eligibility of each exempt person that is a listed public company, a listed public company subsidiary, a non-listed business, or a payroll customer is reviewed by the bank at least once a year to determine whether the person remains eligible for an exemption. Determine that the bank appropriately documents the annual review and information used to confirm eligibility.
4. Determine whether the bank's internal controls are designed to assure ongoing compliance with CTR exemption requirements and are commensurate with the bank's size or complexity and organizational structure.
5. On the basis of examination and testing procedures completed, form a conclusion about the adequacy of policies, procedures, and processes the bank has developed to meet BSA regulatory requirements associated with exemptions from currency transaction reporting.

EXHIBIT 2
WF Code of Ethics



Our Code of Ethics and Business Conduct

Together we'll go far



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A message from the CEO

Ethics and integrity are as critical as ever to our work to build a better bank for all of our stakeholders.

The Code of Ethics and Business Conduct, together with our Employee Handbook, company policies, and other detailed regional and business work rules, guides us in doing the right things in the right way. Should you find yourself in doubt, it's important for you to ask questions through the resources listed in the Code, and raise concerns using the EthicsLine.

Our customers have high expectations of us, and we have even higher expectations of ourselves. We must demonstrate ethics and integrity in all we do; hold one another accountable to the highest ethical standards; and speak up when we see something that could cause harm to our customers, communities, employees, or our company's reputation.

Thank you for meeting our company expectations and for your commitment to helping us reach our goal of becoming the leader in financial services in customer service and advice; employee engagement; innovation; risk management; corporate citizenship; and shareholder value.

Our Expectations guide our actions

We must never lose sight of putting our customers first. As members of the same team, it doesn't matter what our respective responsibilities are, our levels or titles, what businesses we're part of, or where we live and work.

Our shared expectations unite us.

In order to maintain our reputation as a trusted, ethical company, we must do our part to ensure that our values come alive through our actions. Every day when we come to work, we have the opportunity to bring our expectations to life.

Our culture is continually reinforced by the choices and actions each of us makes every day. This Code of Ethics and Business Conduct ("Code") contains basic principles and additional guidance to help us make the best decisions and to comply with the laws, rules and regulations that govern our business. This Code -- together with our Employee Handbook, company policies, and other detailed regional and business work rules -- are intended to serve as resources when we are faced with ethics or compliance issues or when we have questions about what to do in specific situations.

How to use our Code

No code of conduct can cover every possible situation, which is why we rely on you to use good judgment and to speak up promptly when you have questions or concerns.

In addition to the Code, we also have a number of other resources and corporate and business policies for employees. Throughout the Code, we have listed policies that provide more detail on specific topics. Also included is advice on where to go for additional guidance and support.

Wells Fargo operates globally, and if, at any time, this Code or our policies differ with local laws, rules, and regulations, you should comply with the more restrictive policies, laws, rules, or regulations. Whenever the applicability or interpretation is unclear, employees should contact a manager, Employee Relations (ER) Solutions (for U.S.-based employees), the appropriate Human Resources professional (for non U.S.-based employees), or the Ethics Office. Directors of Wells Fargo & Company should contact the general counsel, corporate secretary or chair of the Governance and Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Wells Fargo & Company.



Customers

Our customers are always our priority. Our customer focus is one of the characteristics that distinguishes us from our competitors. We do what's right for our customers by:

- Helping them make informed financial decisions and being honest and fair in our dealings and communications with them.
- Protecting customer confidential information and data.
- Responding promptly to complaints and treating all customers in a fair, consistent, and responsible manner.

Who needs to follow our Code?

Our Code applies to all employees, including officers, as well as directors of Wells Fargo & Company and its subsidiaries, regardless of location or employee classification.

In addition, we look for third-party service providers that share our commitment to integrity, customer service, ethics, compliance, and behavior that is consistent with our Code. We will take the appropriate actions where we believe they have not met our high standards, their contractual obligations, or have violated any applicable law, rule, or regulation. See the Supplier Code of Conduct for additional guidance.

People

As employees and representatives of Wells Fargo, we always value and support one another. We believe everyone on our team is important and deserves respect.

- We treat one another with fairness and dignity; we do not tolerate discrimination, harassment, or intimidation.
- When working with others, we let them know that they are expected to act in a manner consistent with our sense of fair treatment and equal opportunity.
- We respect, honor, and appreciate one another.

Ethics

We have a responsibility to always act with honesty and integrity. When we do so, we earn the trust of our customers. We have to earn that trust every day by behaving ethically, rewarding open, honest communication, and holding ourselves accountable for the decisions we make and the actions we take.

Making the right choice

If you are faced with an ethical dilemma and you're not sure what to do, ask these important questions.

Is it legal?

Does it comply with our policies?

Is it consistent with our expectations?

Is it consistent with our long-term goals and interests?

Would I be comfortable with my decision if it was made public?

Diversity and inclusion

Collaboration and inclusiveness are central to how we work because the best solutions are often those that draw on our diverse ideas and perspectives. As employees we have a responsibility to:

- Do our part to help Wells Fargo to serve and earn business from a wide variety of communities and stakeholders.
- Integrate diversity into our sourcing processes.
- Help create an environment where all team members can contribute, develop, and fully use their talents.
- Keep an open mind to new ideas, and listen to different points of view.

Leadership

Every employee is expected to be a leader. This means that each of us must take responsibility for maintaining Wells Fargo's reputation and for ensuring that we always act with honesty and integrity. Each of us must:

- Act consistently with our expectations.
- Be familiar and comply with this Code; applicable laws, rules, and regulations; and corporate and business policies. Pay particular attention to the policies that pertain to your job responsibilities.
- Be a role model for ethical leadership, and support your fellow employees when they ask questions and raise ethical concerns.
- Help maintain a culture where everyone feels comfortable speaking up.
- Never pressure an employee or third-party service provider to do something for you that is outside the scope of standard business practice.
- Complete required training in a timely manner.
- Cooperate and be honest and accurate when responding to any formal investigation, regulatory examination, audit or similar type of inquiry.

Accountability

We are all accountable for complying with the Code, as well as all corporate and business policies and applicable laws, rules, and regulations that apply to us. Likewise, we are all accountable for our decisions and actions, especially managing the risks inherent in our roles and appropriately escalating issues and violations of which we become aware. If mistakes are made, we acknowledge them and act to correct them.

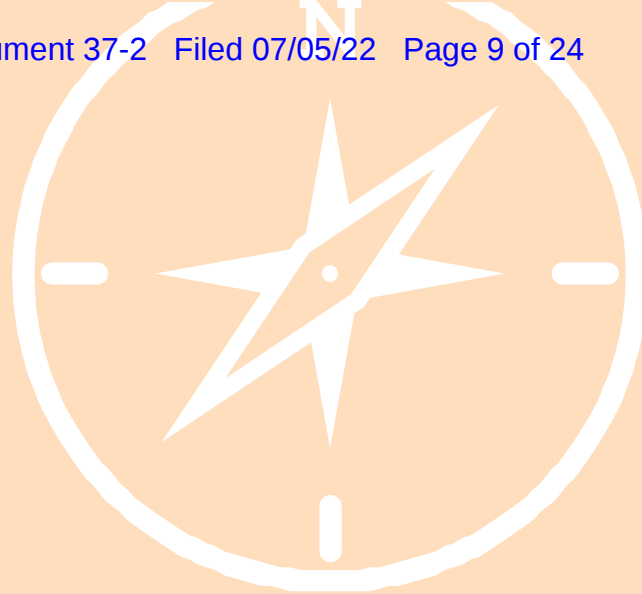
Violation of the provisions of this Code or the referenced policies and guidelines is grounds for corrective action, which may include termination of your employment. Certain actions may also result in legal proceedings, including prosecution for criminal violations.

We do not tolerate retaliation

We do not engage in or tolerate retaliation of any kind against anyone for providing information in good faith (or otherwise in accordance with applicable country-specific laws) about suspected unethical or illegal conduct, including fraud; securities law or regulatory violations; possible violations of any Wells Fargo policies (including this Code); other inappropriate workplace behavior; or concerns regarding accounting, internal accounting controls, or auditing matters. If you think that you or someone you know has been retaliated against, contact any of the resources listed in this Code.

To learn more

- Allegation Management Policy
- Speak up and Nonretaliation Policy



Where to go for help

We have a responsibility to protect the reputation and integrity of Wells Fargo. If you see or suspect illegal or unethical behavior involving Wells Fargo, including possible violations of this Code, or violations of laws, rules or regulations—whether it relates to you, your manager, a co-worker, a customer or a third-party service provider—or if you have a question or need help making an ethics or compliance decision, you have several options. You can contact any of the following at any time:

- Contact the **EthicsLine**, particularly to report concerns regarding possible internal fraud-related unusual activity; violations of the Code or applicable laws, rules, or regulations; or to report concerns relating to accounting, internal accounting controls, or auditing matters. *Note:* **EthicsLine** reports about human resources-related matters are forwarded to Employee Relations for research and follow-up.
- Discuss the matter with any **manager** in your organization's reporting line to whom you feel comfortable talking.
- Contact ER Solutions, (for U.S.-based team members) or the appropriate Human Resources professional (for non U.S.-based employees).
- Contact the Ethics Office.
- You may also report a concern regarding accounting, internal accounting controls, or auditing matters directly to the **Audit Committee** of the Board. Information about communicating with our directors or other committees of the Board and the process for reviewing communications sent to the Board or its members is available on the Leadership and Governance page of wells Fargo.com.

Wells Fargo is committed to investigating potential violations and dealing with each report fairly and reasonably.

Our EthicsLine and how it works

Our **EthicsLine** is a confidential way to report possible violations of the Code or any laws, rules, or regulations. You may contact the **EthicsLine** 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

- **1-800-382-7250** or
- Wells Fargo EthicsLine Web Reporting
- Employees outside of the United States can call using international phone numbers and access codes.

The **EthicsLine** call center is staffed by third-party interview specialists. Translation services are available. Where allowed by local law, you may choose to remain anonymous.

When you contact the **EthicsLine**, the interview specialist will listen, ask clarifying questions if necessary, and then write a summary report of the call. The summary will then be provided to Wells Fargo for assessment and further action. The Audit Committee of the Board oversees the investigation of concerns raised about accounting, internal accounting controls, or auditing matters.

When you contact the **EthicsLine**, it is important to provide as many details as possible, for example, who, what, when, where. Because Wells Fargo may need some additional information, you will be assigned a report number and asked to call back at a later date to answer any follow-up questions.

Any information provided to the **EthicsLine** will be treated as confidential to the extent allowed by applicable law. In some instances, during the course of investigations, information may be shared on a need to know basis. Under some circumstances, Wells Fargo may be required to report certain types of suspicious activity and other activity that may potentially violate criminal laws.

We are trusted

Keep confidential information safe and secure

Our standard

Each of us has access to confidential information about Wells Fargo, our customers, employees, and our third-party service providers. We are responsible for keeping confidential information safe and secure.



Always remember

- Use confidential information only for legitimate Wells Fargo business purposes and not for your personal gain or to compete with Wells Fargo.
- Protect confidential information you acquire through your employment or service with Wells Fargo in accordance with business and Information Security policies and procedures.
- Never discuss confidential information when others might be able to overhear you.
- Customer information requires special care—do not disclose it to anyone outside Wells Fargo except in accordance with applicable privacy policies and customer agreements, as required or permitted by law.
- Keep employees' and customers' personal information safe and secure and only share it with those who have a legitimate Wells Fargo business need to know.
- Report the loss or unauthorized use or disclosure of confidential information to the Security Response Center at 1-877-494-WELLS (1-877-494-9355), option 3; 001-480-437-7599 for international callers who do not have 877 service; or send an email to CompromisedData@wellsfargo.com.

Employee responsibilities

- Do not use proprietary information that you acquired while working at another company, and do not pressure other employees to do so.
- Do not attempt to access confidential information unless you have a legitimate Wells Fargo business reason to do so.
- Be careful when accepting information from third parties. You should know and trust their sources and ensure that Wells Fargo has appropriate rights to use the information.
- Do not use or disclose proprietary information about Wells Fargo or its employees, customers or third-party service providers to anyone except properly designated employees, unless required by law.

In some businesses, there may be additional policies that restrict the flow of confidential information with other businesses, including those that are engaged in investment advisory or securities trading activities.

Nothing in this Code prevents you from either discussing or disclosing the terms and conditions of your employment (including your pay) or from reporting any possible violation of law or regulation to the appropriate authority or investigative agency.

To learn more

- Information Security Policy
- Privacy and Solicitation Policy
- Global Data Protection and Privacy Policy
- Information Risk Management (IRM)
- Telemarketing Laws website on Teamworks

Use our assets wisely

Our standard

We are trusted with and responsible for protecting Wells Fargo's assets and using them appropriately. Wells Fargo assets include physical and intellectual property.

Always remember

- Use Wells Fargo assets only for legitimate Wells Fargo business purposes.
- Protect the assets under your control from theft, waste, misuse, loss, and damage.
- Guard against viruses, malware, and damage to our company systems.

Employee responsibilities

- Limited personal use of company-owned phones, computers, electronics, and company networks is allowed, but use good judgment and always ensure that personal use does not interfere with your work environment or in any way violate our policies or security requirements.
- All intellectual property that is developed while working for Wells Fargo must be disclosed to Wells Fargo and it cannot be used externally or published without written permission.
- Do not sell, lend, or donate our assets without approval.
- Protect your user IDs, passwords, and PINs. Whether in the office or traveling, always keep your company-owned laptop, mobile devices, and digital storage media safe and secure.

To learn more

- A list of references and contact information to support compliance with our Information Security Policy is included in the Employee Handbook and in non-U.S. handbooks and HR guides
- Bring Your Own Device program

We are transparent and candid

Maintain accurate and complete records

Our standard

Each of us has an important role to play in recording financial and non-financial information. We must always be accurate and timely when reporting personnel and business transactions.

We are committed to full, fair, accurate, timely, and understandable disclosure in the public reports and documents that Wells Fargo files with, submits, or provides to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, other regulatory authorities, our shareholders, and the public.

Employee responsibilities

- Follow all applicable accounting standards, legal requirements, and our system of internal controls.
- Properly classify and label information.
- If, in your role for Wells Fargo, you receive a non-routine request for information from a government or regulatory agency, involve the internal compliance resources to review and prepare an appropriate response.
- Never dispose of information that may be related to litigation or a regulatory proceeding unless authorized to do so by the Legal Department or the Information Risk Management (IRM) Program.
- Never alter or change legal documents or agreements without the proper authorization or consent.
- Never sign a blank or incomplete document or agreement, or ask a customer or vendor to do so.
- If you find an error in any of our books or records, including in your pay and benefits statements or time keeping systems, report it to your manager immediately.

To learn more

- Information Risk Management (IRM)
- Information Security Policy
- Records Management Policy

Be clear and candid in our public communications

Our standard

When we share information with the public, we must do so carefully and consistently. In all of our communications we should be as candid and transparent as possible while keeping in mind our responsibilities to protect confidentiality and privacy. This includes the use of social media as well as more traditional forms of oral and written communication. Only approved Wells Fargo spokespeople may speak on the company's behalf.

Employee responsibilities

- Be alert to situations where others might think you are speaking on behalf of Wells Fargo.
- Direct external inquires to the appropriate Communications resource.
- Forward malicious, threatening, libelous, detrimental, or defamatory posts involving Wells Fargo, to socialmedia@wellsfargo.com.

Some businesses may have additional restrictions on electronic communications including prohibitions and preapproval requirements.

To learn more

- Digital Communications & Social Media guidelines and Media Contact in the Employee Handbook and in non-U.S. handbooks and HR guides
- Disclosure guidelines in our Regulation FD Policy

We act with honesty and integrity

Avoid conflicts of interest

Our standard

We must work to avoid conflicts of interest in our personal and business activities, in any number of circumstances, including through outside employment or business activities and personal transactions, finances or relationships. Remember that the appearance of a conflict of interest may be just as damaging to Wells Fargo's reputation as an actual conflict of interest. The following are examples of actual or potential conflicts of interest:

- A situation that interferes with your duties or responsibilities to Wells Fargo, or that affects your ability to act in the best interests of Wells Fargo
- A situation when you receive an improper benefit as a result of your position with Wells Fargo
- An instance where you learn about a business opportunity through the use of company property, information, or position and use it for personal benefit or to otherwise compete with or divert business from Wells Fargo
- Wells Fargo's or an employee's interests conflict with a customer's interest
- The interests of one customer conflict with those of another customer

Where conflicts cannot be avoided, we should be transparent about their existence and take proactive steps to manage them.

Always remember

If you are presented with a situation that might involve a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest, ask these questions:

- Would public disclosure of the matter embarrass Wells Fargo?
- To an impartial observer, would it look like a conflict?
- Does this action conflict with the best interest of the customer?
- Is there a specific policy or procedure that covers this type of situation?
- Do I need to get preclearance or disclose the situation in writing?

When in doubt, discuss the matter with your manager or the Ethics Office. Additional rules and procedures are applicable to our directors and executive officers.

Employee responsibilities

- Identify actual, potential, and perceived conflicts of interest and be familiar with situations that require preclearance through the Global Pre-Clearance System.
- Some employees are subject to additional requirements and restrictions, including pre-clearance, under their business policies and procedures relating to outside activities and personal investments. This may include employees employed in the brokerage, investment banking, investment research, advisory, trust, and investment management units, as well as senior officers who make or supervise fiduciary investment decisions, as applicable.

To learn more

- About Preclearance
- Conflicts of Interest and Outside Activities Policy
- Business and Personal Activities with Public Officials and Government Entities Policy
- Personal and Family Relationships at Work Policy

Additional rules apply to executive officers and directors:

- Selected Regulatory Requirements Policy
- Related Person Transaction Policy and Procedures
- Corporate Governance Guidelines

Exchange only appropriate gifts and entertainment

Our standard

We generally permit the giving and receiving of business gifts and entertainment that are reasonable; are neither lavish nor excessive in frequency; are consistent with accepted, lawful business practices; and where no inference can be drawn that the gift or entertainment could influence you in the performance of your duties for Wells Fargo. But if not handled carefully, the giving or receiving of gifts or entertainment can be illegal or may damage Wells Fargo's reputation, especially if it appears to influence a business decision.

Always remember

- Giving and receiving gifts and entertainment with external parties is always unacceptable if it is:
- Illegal, including when it attempts or intends to influence or reward in connection with Wells Fargo business
- Offered in exchange for a business referral, to improperly influence, or to gain another form of business advantage
- In the form of cash or cash equivalents,
- Indecent or otherwise does not comport with our values
- In excess of the gift limitations in the Gifts and Entertainment Policy and /or other applicable policies based on your position
- Intended to circumvent our Gifts and Entertainment Policy and other applicable policies
- Before providing gifts or entertainment to individuals or entities involved in contract negotiations or competitive bidding with Wells Fargo, employees should discuss with their manager, and directors should discuss with the general counsel, with sensitivity to the potential for the appearance of improper influence.



Employee responsibilities

- When giving a gift or providing entertainment, keep in mind that your actions should never violate applicable laws, and they should be consistent with the customs and policies of Wells Fargo and the recipient.
- Be aware that providing gifts or entertainment to public officials and government entities is controlled by very strict laws and regulations, violations of which can have severe consequences for you and for the company. Pre-clear proposed gifts and entertainment provided to public officials or government entities in accordance with corporate policies through the Global Pre-Clearance System.
- Some employees are subject to additional requirements and restrictions, including pre-clearance under their business policies and procedures.

To learn more

- Gifts and Entertainment Policy
- About Pre-clearance
- Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy



Deal fairly with our customers and others

Our standard

We must be honest and fair in our dealings and communications with our customers, as well as with third-party service providers, competitors and each other. We provide our customers and prospective customers with advice, service, and many products, and we are committed to making financial products and services available to them on a fair, transparent, and consistent basis, and to conducting business in a responsible manner.

Exercise sound judgment in incurring business expenses

Our standard

At every level, all of us are responsible for expense management.

Employee responsibilities

- Review expenses to ensure that they adhere to our policies and accurately reflect the expense incurred.
- Be sure that expenses make appropriate business sense.
- Enter and process all expenses accurately, through required channels and ensure that someone with the proper authority approves them, if required.

To learn more

- About Employee Reimbursement
- Domestic Travel Policy
- International Travel Policy

Always remember

- Products provided to our customers should be in the customer’s best interest, must be explained in a way that the customer can understand, and the terms and conditions must be thoroughly and accurately disclosed.
- Steering a customer to an inappropriate or unnecessary product to receive sales credit may harm the customer and is a violation of the Code.
- Manipulating or misrepresenting sales, reporting, or customer information is a violation of the Code.
- Know the sales referral and compensation guidelines that are applicable to your role.
- Never engage in unfair, deceptive, or abusive acts or practices.

Employee responsibilities

- Offer customers enough information to allow them to consent to a product from an informed position.
- Record sales results accurately and completely.
- Compete fairly in the marketplace.
- Report sales activities that may not be in accordance with company policies.

Managers should identify and timely address sales practices that are inconsistent with our expectations and this Code.

To learn more

- Fair Lending Policy
- Unfair, Deceptive, or Abusive Acts or Practices Policy

We honor our legal obligations

We are committed to following all applicable laws, rules and regulations that apply to our businesses. More information about our responsibilities under certain laws, rules and regulations applicable to our industry is outlined below.

Anti-bribery and anti-corruption

Our standard

We do not tolerate bribery and corruption, which, in all forms, go against our expectations and our company policies, and violate the law. We do not offer or accept bribes or any other kind of improper payment, including facilitation payments or anything of value, and we do not do anything through a third party that we are not allowed to do ourselves.

Employee responsibilities

- Keep accurate records so that all payments and business transactions are accurately and completely described.
- Comply with our Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy when selecting third-party service providers. Be vigilant and monitor their behavior. Never “look the other way.”

To learn more

- Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy
- Gifts and Entertainment Policy

Competition and antitrust laws

Our standard

We believe in free and open competition. We gain our competitive advantage through superior performance rather than through unethical or illegal business practices.

Competition laws are complex, and compliance requirements can vary based on the jurisdiction and circumstance. If you have any questions, seek appropriate guidance from your business compliance team or the Legal Department before taking action.

Always remember

All jurisdictions in which we operate have laws against practices that interfere with competition. The following activities should always be avoided but, if they occur, must be escalated to business risk leaders:

- Entering into anti-competitive agreements with competitors, including price fixing, bid rigging, market allocation, and agreements to restrict supply or fix resale prices.
- Exchanging competitively sensitive information with competitors.
- Boycotting certain customers or third-party service providers.
- Abusing a position of market dominance.

To learn more

- Anti-Competitive Behavior guidelines
- Anti-Tying guidelines
- Operational Risk & Compliance Escalation Policy

Insider trading and other trading restrictions

Our standard

You must never buy or sell securities when you have material, nonpublic information, nor should you ever “tip” others by providing them with material, nonpublic information. Insider trading restrictions cover Wells Fargo securities and the securities of other companies, including customers and third-party service providers, and apply to you and your immediate family. These restrictions also apply to transactions or trades conducted in your personal accounts or any other account over which you have direct or indirect control.

If you commit an insider trading violation, the consequences can be severe, including immediate termination of your employment; civil and criminal penalties for you, anyone you tip, and Wells Fargo as a company; and damage to Wells Fargo’s reputation.

Always remember

- Derivative and hedging transactions involving Wells Fargo securities are not permitted.
- Insider trading laws prohibit you from trading on material, nonpublic information even after you are no longer employed by or providing services to Wells Fargo.
- If you inadvertently disclose material, nonpublic information to a person inside or outside Wells Fargo who is not obligated to keep the information confidential, you must immediately report it to the Legal Department.
- Certain transactions that comply with applicable securities laws may be subject to specific exceptions from these requirements, including transactions under a trading plan that complies with U.S. securities law requirements. In addition to complying with U.S. securities laws, a trading plan must be preapproved by Wells Fargo’s general counsel or corporate secretary before it is used.

Employee responsibilities

- Understand and follow any additional trading policies, firewall and other restrictions that apply to you and your business.

Wells Fargo directors, executive officers, and certain other employees expressly identified and notified by our general counsel or corporate secretary may be subject to quarterly blackout trading restrictions and pre-clearance requirements under the Wells Fargo Personal Trading Policy.

To learn more

- Conflicts of Interest and Outside Activities Policy
- Corporate Governance Guidelines
- Wells Fargo Personal Trading Policy

Global trade, sanctions, embargoes, and anti-boycott laws

Our standard

We are committed to following applicable trade laws, regulations, and sanctions.

Always remember

- United States law and our policies prohibit employees from cooperating with unsanctioned boycotts of countries that are friendly to the U.S.
- We also have policies, procedures, and controls to comply with U.S., European Union, U.K., and United Nations rules pertaining to transactions and investments that involve certain countries, groups, or individuals, including those associated with terrorism, narcotics trafficking, or nuclear weapons proliferation.

Employee responsibilities

- Seek guidance from the Legal Department to ensure that transfers of information, technology, products, or software across international borders comply with laws governing imports and exports.
- Trade restrictions and sanctions often change. If you are involved in cross-border transactions, make sure you are up-to-date on the relevant rules.

To learn more

- Global Sanctions Policy



Anti-money laundering

Our standard

As a global financial institution, we have special responsibilities to help combat money laundering. Our Global AML Governance Policy and related procedures are designed to comply with all applicable laws and regulations related to money laundering and terrorist financing. employees are required to comply with these policies, procedures and controls.

Employee responsibilities

- Complete all customer due diligence requirements.
- Be alert to—and report—any unusual or suspicious activity to your manager and internal groups responsible for anti-money laundering compliance.
- Complete all required anti-money laundering and related compliance training on a timely basis.

To learn more

- Customer Due Diligence Policy
- Global Financial Crimes Program Policy
- Suspicious Activity Report Policy

Political activities

Our standard

You have the right to voluntarily participate in the political process; however, you need to always be sure your personal political opinions and activities are not viewed as those of Wells Fargo.

Always remember

- Wells Fargo does not use company funds for any candidate campaign contributions, including those made to candidate campaign committees, political parties, caucuses, or independent expenditure committees.
- Before you become, agree to become, or announce intention to become a candidate or appointee to a public office, you must submit a request for pre-clearance through the Global Pre-Clearance System for your service.
- Wells Fargo works to comply with U.S. procurement lobbying and pay to play laws.

Employee responsibilities

- Do not commit any Wells Fargo corporate resources for political purposes; consult with Government Relations and Public Policy if you have questions.
- Do not solicit contributions or distribute political literature during work hours or from work premises, or use corporate resources (including your Wells Fargo email address) for such purposes.
- Pre-clear before communicating with U.S. government officials or entities for the purpose of soliciting new government business.



Some employees are subject to additional requirements and restrictions, including pre-clearance of outside political activities and contributions, under applicable laws and corporate and business policies and procedures. This may include employees employed in the brokerage, investment banking, investment research, advisory, trust, and investment management units, as well as senior officers who make or supervise fiduciary investment decisions.

To learn more

- About Preclearance
- Business and Personal Activities with Public Officials and Government Entities Policy
- Conflicts of Interest and Outside Activities Policy
- Government Relations and Public Policy Risk Management Policy
- Solicitation and Distribution Policy

We serve the greater good

Support our communities

Our standard

We want to be known as a trusted neighbor in the communities where we live and operate.

Employee responsibilities

- If you volunteer to help local civic organizations, be sure that your participation does not interfere with your work or create an actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest.
- Soliciting or pressuring customers, third-party service providers, or other employees to support your favorite charities or causes is not allowed.
- Understand when your involvement with a nonprofit organization or political contribution may require pre-clearance through the Global Pre-Clearance System.

To learn more

- Guidelines for corporate contributions to civic and charitable organizations are set locally and are coordinated by the community affairs managers for each market or region.
- About Preclearance
- Business and Personal Activities with Public Officials and Government Entities Policy
- Conflicts of Interest and Outside Activities Policy
- Employee Service and Giving website
- Solicitation and Distribution Policy

Respect human rights

Our standard

Consistent with our expectations. Wells Fargo recognizes that governments have the duty to protect human rights, and our company has a responsibility to respect human rights. To that end, we strive to respect human rights throughout our operations and our products and services, including consistent treatment among people, employee well-being and security, economic and social freedom, and environmental stewardship.

We seek tangible ways to apply these principles through our actions and relationships with our employees, customers, suppliers and communities in which we do business.

Employee responsibilities

Each of us can help support efforts to prevent human rights abuses including modern slavery and human trafficking.

- Remember that respect for human dignity begins with our daily interactions with one another and with our customers and includes promoting diversity, accommodating disabilities, and doing our part to protect the rights and dignity of everyone with whom we do business.
- Report any suspicion or evidence of human rights abuses in our operations or related to any specific customer or investment activity as well as the operations of our suppliers.

To learn more

- Human Rights Statement
- Indigenous Peoples Statement
- Supplier Code of Conduct

Protect the environment

Our standard

We are committed to integrating environmental mindfulness into all we do and accelerating environmental sustainability.

We recognize that our environmental impact goes beyond how we operate. We see the business value of taking a leadership position in addressing our own environmental footprint and in finding innovative solutions to help our communities and customers become more resilient. We also know that our impacts extend beyond the walls of our operations to include our supply chain and customers. We focus on managing environmental risks in our approach to lending and making investments, and across our supply chain. We all do better when we make decisions that care for and improve the environment.

Employee responsibilities

Each of us can help support efforts to advance environmental sustainability in our operations and our communities.

- Be proactive about minimizing resource use in your workplace.
- Consider joining a Green Team to get more actively involved in supporting sustainability efforts.
- Speak up if you have suggestions about ways to improve our sustainability initiatives.



To learn more

- Environmental Sustainability section of [wellsfargo.com](https://www.wellsfargo.com) or the internal Environmental Sustainability site
- Environmental and Social Risk Management Policy
- Climate Change Statement
- Learn how to join a Green Team
- Greener Every Day

A final thought

Our Code covers many of the ethics and business conduct topics that we are likely to face in our work, but no code can cover every possible situation. That is why it is important to remember that you have other resources in addition to our Code that you can use to help you make good decisions:

- The most important resource is you. Rely on your experience and good judgment. But remember, in order to make informed decisions you must know and understand the policies, laws and regulations — especially those that apply to your job.
- Always keep our expectations in mind. It can help you stay on track, make the right decisions, and be clear about our priorities.
- In any situation if you're not sure what to do, don't be afraid to ask questions and get help.
- Report concerns regarding possible violations of the Code, laws, rules, regulations, or corporate and business policies and practices to the EthicsLine.

Additional Resources

- Allegation Management Policy
- Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy
- Bring Your Own Device program
- Business and Personal Activities with Public Officials and Government Entities Policy
- Conflicts of Interest and Outside Activities Policy
- Corporate Governance Guidelines
- Customer Due Diligence Policy
- Domestic Travel Policy
- Electronic Communications & Social Media Guidelines
- Employee Service and Giving website
- Environmental and Social Risk Management (ESRM) Policy
- Ethics Portal
- Fair Lending Policy
- Selected Regulatory Requirements Policy
- Gifts and Entertainment Policy
- Global Financial Crimes Program Policy
- Global Data Protection and Privacy Policy
- Global Sanctions Policy
- Government Relations and Public Policy Risk Management Policy
- HR guides and handbooks (non-U.S.)
- Human Rights Statement
- Indigenous Peoples Statement
- Information Risk Management (IRM)
- Information Security Policy
- International Travel Policy
- Privacy and Solicitation Policy
- Personal and Family Relationships Policy
- Records Management Policy
- Regulation FD Policy
- Related Person Transaction Policy and Procedures
- Solicitation and Distribution Policy
- Speak up and Nonretaliation Policy
- Supplier Code of Conduct
- Employee Handbook (U.S.)
- Telemarketing Laws website on Teamworks
- Unfair, Deceptive, or Abusive Acts or Practices Policy
- Suspicious Activity Report Policy
- Who We Are
- Wells Fargo Personal Trading Policy

Waivers and exceptions

In limited circumstances, waivers or exceptions to the Code may be appropriate. For further information regarding waivers or exceptions to the Code for employees, refer to the Policy Management Policy.

Any waivers or exceptions to this Code for executive officers or directors of Wells Fargo & Company may only be made by the Board or the appropriate Board committee, and will be promptly disclosed to our shareholders in accordance with legal and regulatory requirements.

Glossary

Anything of Value

Any benefit or financial or other advantage, including money, per diems, property, gifts, meals, entertainment, lodging, travel, contributions, donations, offers of employment, below-market discounts, loans, forgiveness of loans, refunds, rebates, benefit-in-kind (as defined by the Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy/Gifts and Entertainment Policy), educational or research grants or subsidies, or preferential treatment or access.

Bribe or Bribery

The intentional offer, promise, or giving of anything of value, directly or indirectly, to or from any person to improperly influence that person, as an inducement for that person to act improperly or refrain from acting properly, including in accordance with official or fiduciary duties or contractual or other obligations, or to gain any other improper advantage.

Corruption

Dishonest or fraudulent conduct by those in power, typically involving bribery.

Derivative Transaction

A derivative is a security with a price that is dependent upon or derived from one or more underlying assets. Its value is determined by fluctuations in the underlying asset. For purposes of this Code, a derivative transaction would not include the acquisition or exercise of an employee stock option or other stock right granted as part of a Wells Fargo compensation and benefits program or an investment in or the conversion of Wells Fargo convertible preferred stock.

Facilitation Payments

Payments, typically small in amount, to individuals to secure or expedite the performance of a routine action that the individual has a duty to perform (also known as “grease payments”).

Firewall

Information-sharing restrictions, commonly known as firewalls, help protect against the flow of nonpublic information.

Hedging Transaction

A type of transaction in securities that limits investment risk with the use of derivatives, such as options and futures contracts. Hedging transactions purchase opposite positions in the market in order to ensure a certain amount of gain or loss on a trade.

Material Information

Information is “material” if it could reasonably be expected to affect the market price of a company’s securities, or if it likely would be considered important by an investor when deciding to buy or sell a company’s securities. Both positive and negative information may be material. Some types of information are usually considered to be material and include but are not limited to the following:

- Earnings or financial results
- Dividend increases or decreases
- Changes in previously released earnings estimates
- Significant gains or losses
- Significant expansion or curtailment of operations, merger, acquisition or divestiture proposals or agreements
- Significant purchases or sales of assets
- Major litigation
- New debt or equity offerings

Nonpublic Information

Information about a business organization that is not generally available to or known by the public (also called “inside information”).

Proprietary Information

Information that is unique to Wells Fargo and is shared only based on distinct business need to know. Compromise of proprietary information would impact Wells Fargo’s ability to compete. Examples of proprietary information include customer lists, technical data, product costs, and trade secrets.

Securities

Securities include but are not limited to stocks, bonds, notes, debentures, limited partnership units, other equity or debt securities, and derivative instruments (e.g., options, warrants, puts, calls, futures contracts, or other similar instruments).

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EXHIBIT 3
NV IOLTA
Enrollment Form

NEVADA IOLTA ENROLLMENT FORM FOR ATTORNEYS*

Notice to Nevada Financial Institutions:

The undersigned must participate in the Nevada Interest on Lawyers Trust Account Program (IOLTA) as authorized by the Supreme Court of Nevada. Under this program, interest on the trust account described below will be paid directly to the Nevada Law Foundation, the third party beneficiary of the trust account. **In compliance with the Supreme Court of Nevada rule governing IOLTA, the undersigned authorizes this Financial Institution to release information regarding this IOLTA to the Nevada Law Foundation.** That information includes: name of the account, account number, amount of interest earned, interest rate, fees or charges assessed against the remittance, and the average account balance for the period of the remittance.

The following general trust/escrow account is to be established as an IOLTA:

Account name: _____

Account number: _____

The funds in this account should be placed in an interest-bearing NOW account. **Interest on the average monthly balance in the account, or as otherwise computed in accordance with your standard accounting practice, should be remitted to the Nevada Law Foundation** (P.O. Box 1048, Las Vegas, NV 89125). The Nevada Law Foundation's TIN is 88-0191854. You are not required to report the interest income to the IRS.

Each remittance must be paid monthly and accompanied by an electronic IOLTA Remittance Report (attached) to admin@nevadalawfoundation.org. The electronic IOLTA Remittance Report shows the following: the name of the account, account number, amount of interest earned, interest rate, fees or charges assessed against the account, and the average account balance for the period of the remittance. If your institution has trust accounts for more than one attorney or law firm participating in the IOLTA program, you may make a single remittance for all of the lawyer trust accounts.

Authorized Signatory:

Signature

Printed name

Date

Firm/Employer Name

Address

City, State, Zip

**Please submit form to your IOLTA financial institution by mail or fax.*

IOLTA Financial Institution Electronic Remittance Reporting Instructions

The purpose of the following Electronic Remittance Reporting Instructions is to ensure your reports interface successfully with the software Nevada Law Foundation uses to analyze reports, IOLTA2.

The IOLTA Remittance Report must be in a TAB delimited file or Excel file and must include the fields listed below. Even if you do not use one of these fields, the tab to indicate the field presence needs to be included. Please note that each financial institution operates internally according to its own unique operational procedures, so your financial institution might call some of these fields by different names.

trustaccount	firmname	bankprbal	gross	handling	Net	earningstart	earningend	rate
12345678	Doe	10000	1	0	1	01/01/2011	01/01/2011	.75

Electronic reporting definitions:

trustaccount – the Trust Account Number (Please no hyphen or spaces).

firmname – the name of the attorney or attorney's firm.

bankprbal – the average account balance during the reporting period.

gross – the gross interest earned.

handling – any fees charged to the account.

net – the interest earned during the reporting period.

earningstart – the start of the reporting period (MM/DD/YYYY).

earningend – the end of the reporting period (MM/DD/YYYY).

rate – the average interest rate paid on the account balance during the reporting period.

Please save the file as your bank name and the month of the report (for example: financialinstitution_jan2011). Electronic reports should be emailed to admin@nevadalegalfoundation.org.

Feel free to contact the Nevada Law Foundation with questions, admin@nevadalegalfoundation.org.

EXHIBIT 4
Plaintiffs' Wire Requests



Important Disclosure - Signature Required

You may identify the payee or any financial institution by name and by account number (or by IBAN# or Swift Code)(or ABA routing number). The credit union (and other Institutions) may rely on the member or other identifying number as the proper identification, even if it identifies a different party or institution. If the wire transfer is cleared through the Federal Reserve, the transaction is governed by Regulation J. You authorize the credit union to transfer funds as described herein and debit your account in the amount transferred, plus applicable charges. Wire requests are subject to further review which may cause delay or cancellation of the request. The receiving institution may also take additional time to process. Note: US Dollar wires maybe converted to the domestic currency of the foreign country when appropriate, unless the receiving account is definitively known to be a US Dollar account.

DocuSigned by:
Signature: ROD MICHAELIS Date: 12/8/2021
C4B84486C072428...

Retain 7 yrs.

Member Information

ROD MICHAELIS [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Member name Member number Member account used
[REDACTED]
Member address
(Same as Member name)
Requestor's name

Recipient Information

\$80000 Domestic \$25 fee for Domestic Wires / \$40 fee for International Wires
Amount Wire Type
CA - California WELLS FARGO BANK, NA 121000248
Bank Name ABA/Routing number
3138065598 BEASLEY LAW GROUP IOLTA
Beneficiary Account Number Beneficiary Name
3090 S. DURANGO DR., LAS VEGAS, NV 89117
Beneficiary Address (street, city, state zip)
[REDACTED]
Intermediary Bank ABA/Routing Number Intermediary Bank Name
[REDACTED]
Intermediary Bank Address (street, city, state zip)
Purpose INVESTMENT
Further Instructions JAGER

DocuSigned by:
SUDNEY MITCHELL 12/8/2021
0C6224ED3A554FE



Transaction Details

WIRE/OUT-2021080300002949;BNF BEASLEY LAW GROUP IOLTA;OBI JO

AUG 03 From:

Category:

2021 Family Checking [REDACTED]

Uncategorized Expense

-\$80,000.00

WIRE/OUT-2021080300002949;BNF BEASLEY LAW GROUP IOLTA;OBI JO on 08/03/2021

MEMO

Investment-Settlement Lien



Transaction Details

WIRE/OUT-2021031500005416;BNF BEASLEY LAW GROUP IOLTA;OBI JE

MAR 15 From:

Category:

2021 Family Checking (██████)

Uncategorized Expense

-\$80,000.00

WIRE/OUT-2021031500005416;BNF BEASLEY LAW GROUP IOLTA;OBI JE on 03/15/2021

MEMO

Investment-Settlement Lien

Wire Transfer Services

Outgoing Wire Transfer Request

Today's Date:			Wells Fargo Reference Number:		
12/09/2020			FW0002879344770576		
Banker Name:			Officer/Portfolio Number:		
JOSE CASIMIRO OSORIO			U1427		
Banker Phone:	Branch Number:	Banker AU:	Banker MAC:		
801/798-5100	02758	0002879	U1500-010		

Outgoing wires can only be sent for Wells Fargo customers. Provide the Customer Copy to the customer ensuring you give them the Wire Transfer Agreement on pages 3 and 4. Note: Wells Fargo Wire Transfer Services will route wires based on correspondent banking relationships. See the Wire Transfer Information for explanations of the Mexican CLABE number, the SWIFT BIC, the International Routing Code ("IRC"), Indian Financial System Code (IFSC) and the International Bank Account Number ("IBAN").

Originator's Information

Originator Name:			Street Address:		
GARY W LUNDIN			[REDACTED]		
Primary ID Type:	Primary ID Description:		Address Line 2:		
PINV	PIN Validation				
Primary ID St/Ctry/Prov:	Primary ID Issue Date:	Primary ID Expiration Date:	Address Line 3:		
Secondary ID Type:	Secondary ID Description:		City:	State:	
DLIC	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]	UT	
Secondary ID State/Country:	Secondary ID Issue Date:	Secondary ID Expiration Date:	ZIP/Postal Code:	Country:	
UT	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	US	
Account Name:			Home Phone:	Business Phone:	
STONE OAK BUILDERS LLC				[REDACTED]	

Wire Amount and Source of Funds

Create AU:	Amount (US Dollars):	Debit Wells Fargo Account:	Bank/COD:
0002879	\$50,000.00	[REDACTED]	119

Beneficiary/Recipient Information (This is the ultimate recipient of the wire transfer funds)

Beneficiary/Recipient Name:	Name/Address Line 1:
BEASLEY LAW GROUP PC	NV IOLTA ACCT
Beneficiary Account Number/IBAN (Foreign)/CLABE (Mexico):	Name/Address Line 2:
3138065598	5475 RUFFIAN RD
Purpose of Funds:	Name/Address Line 3:
	LAS VEGAS NV 891491269
Additional Instructions:	Beneficiary Phone Number:
Gary W Lundin	

Wire Fees

Wells Fargo wire transfer fees will be charged to the Originator's Debit Account. Wells Fargo Wire Transfer Fees are disclosed in your most recent Fee and Information Schedule and related amendments and, if applicable, on the Wells Fargo Combined Disclosure for Outgoing Consumer International Wires. Additional fees from intermediary and beneficiary banks may be charged to international transactions. My signature here indicates agreement to all of the information on this Outgoing Wire Transfer Request and to the terms and conditions of this request. Wells Fargo is authorized to rely on the information on this Request in making the requested funds transfer.

Customer Copy

Wire Transfer Services



Outgoing Wire Transfer Request

Today's Date:	Wells Fargo Reference Number:		
03/16/2021	FW0006872075210354		
Banker Name:	Officer/Portfolio Number:		
GARRETT CLEMENTS	U0278		
Banker Phone:	Branch Number:	Banker AU:	Banker MAC:
801/342-2200	02170	0006872	U1501-011

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Originator's Information

Originator Name:	Street Address:			
SHANNON F LUNDIN	[REDACTED]			
Primary ID Type:	Primary ID Description:	Address Line 2:		
PINV	PIN Validation			
Primary ID St/Ctry/Prov:	Primary ID Issue Date:	Primary ID Expiration Date:	Address Line 3:	
Secondary ID Type:	Secondary ID Description:	City:	State:	
DLIC	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	UT	
Secondary ID State/Country:	Secondary ID Issue Date:	Secondary ID Expiration Date:	ZIP/Postal Code:	Country:
UT	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	US
		Home Phone:	Business Phone:	
		[REDACTED]		

Wire Amount and Source of Funds

Create AU:	Amount (US Dollars):	Debit Wells Fargo Account:	Bank/COID:
0006872	\$50,000.00	[REDACTED]	808

Beneficiary/Recipient Information (This is the ultimate recipient of the wire transfer funds)

Beneficiary/Recipient Name:	Name/Address Line 1:
BEASLEY LAW GROUP PC	NV IOLTA ACCT
Beneficiary Account Number/IBAN (Foreign)/CLABE (Mexico):	Name/Address Line 2:
3138065598	5475 RUFFIAN RD
Purpose of Funds:	Name/Address Line 3:
	LAS VEGAS NV 891491269
Additional Instructions:	Beneficiary Phone Number:
Jager	

Customer Copy



Outgoing Wire Transfer Request

Today's Date:	Wells Fargo Reference Number:		
12/21/2021	FW0006889355975376		
Banker Name:	Officer/Portfolio Number:		
MARY-AGNES FALAUULA	U0481		
Banker Phone:	Branch Number:	Banker AU:	Banker MAC:
801/796-4700	02745	0006889	U1169-011

Outgoing wires can only be sent for Wells Fargo customers. Provide the Customer Copy to the customer ensuring you give them the Wire Transfer Agreement on pages 3 and 4. Note: Wells Fargo Wire Transfer Services will route wires based on correspondent banking relationships. See the Wire Transfer Information for explanations of the Mexican CLABE number, the SWIFT BIC, the International Routing Code ("IRC"), Indian Financial System Code (IFSC) and the International Bank Account Number ("IBAN").

Originator's Information

Originator Name:			Street Address:	
GARY W LUNDIN			[REDACTED]	
Primary ID Type:	Primary ID Description:		Address Line 2:	
PINV WS	PIN Validation			
Primary ID St/Ctry/Prov:	Primary ID Issue Date:	Primary ID Expiration Date:	Address Line 3:	
	NONE	NONE		
Secondary ID Type:	Secondary ID Description:		City:	State:
DLIC	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]	UT
Secondary ID State/Country:	Secondary ID Issue Date:	Secondary ID Expiration Date:	ZIP/Postal Code:	Country:
UT	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	US
			Home Phone:	Business Phone:
			[REDACTED]	

Wire Amount and Source of Funds

Create AU:	Amount (US Dollars):	Debit Wells Fargo Account:	Bank/COID:
0006889	\$50,000.00	[REDACTED]	808

Beneficiary/Recipient Information (This is the ultimate recipient of the wire transfer funds)

Beneficiary/Recipient Name:	Name/Address Line 1:
BEASLEY LAW GROUP PC	NV IOLTA ACCT
Beneficiary Account Number/IBAN (Foreign)/CLABE (Mexico):	Name/Address Line 2:
3138065598	5475 RUFFIAN RD
Purpose of Funds:	Name/Address Line 3:
	LAS VEGAS NV 891491269
Additional Instructions:	Beneficiary Phone Number:

Customer Copy



Domestic Outgoing Wire Transfer Payment Order—Fee: \$20.00

To be submitted to bank prior to 4:00 p.m.

Domestic wire transfers submitted after 4:00 p.m. may be resubmitted the next business day, pending review and necessary approvals; it is not necessary for the Originator to sign and submit a new payment order when transferring funds for a domestic wire transfer payment order.

Originator Information

Individual Name (Signer): GARY W LUNDIN SSN*: [REDACTED]

Business Name: STONE OAK BUILDERS 401 (K) TRUST TIN/SSN*: [REDACTED]
(if applicable)

Account # to be debited*: [REDACTED] Wire Transfer Amount*: \$ 50,000.00

Account Type: [X]Checking []Savings []Loan Loan Proceeds: []Yes [X]No
For loans, send a copy of applicable tickets and disbursements with form

Beneficiary Information

Account to be credited*: 3138065598

Name: BEASLEY LAW GROUP IOLTA Phone: 702-383-9830

Street Address: 3090 S DURANGO DR. STE 200 City, State & Zip: LAS VEGAS, NV 89144

Beneficiary's Bank Information

ABA Name: WELLS FARGO ABA Number: 121000248

Street Address: 737 NORTH MAIN City, State & Zip: LAS VEGAS, NV 89101

Originator to Beneficiary Information

Purpose of Wire: INVESTMENT

Originator's Line of Business: PROJECT MANAGER

Originator's Relationship to Beneficiary: BUYER

Originator Acknowledgment - Incorrect information entered above may result in an erroneous payment order and/or additional fees or delays.

Originator desires and requests that Altabank (the "Bank") transfer funds as directed in the above instructions (the "Instructions"), which are subject to the terms and conditions of this Payment Order and to the Terms and Conditions of Your Account Agreement (if applicable), which are incorporated herein by this reference, and which the Bank shall issue and change from time to time. Unless otherwise provided above, the Bank may affect the Instructions using any intermediary bank or automated system that the Bank may deem appropriate. In the event that the Bank utilizes any automated payment system, the bylaws of such system, if any, shall be deemed to be incorporated herein as additional terms and conditions. Originator agrees that the authenticity of payment orders issued to the Bank in the name of Originator as sender will be verified pursuant to a security procedure, and that the Bank has offered to the Originator a security procedure which, for the Originator's particular needs and circumstances, is a commercially reasonable method of providing security against unauthorized payment orders. If the Originator refuses the security procedure offered by the Bank and chooses another security procedure, the Originator will be bound by any payment order, whether or not authorized, issued in the name of Originator and accepted by the Bank in compliance with the security procedure chosen by Originator. Bank and Originator agree (but shall not be required) to conduct transactions with each other by electronic means, including without limitation by electronic signatures on an electronic form of this Payment Order. Originator acknowledges that the Bank may (but shall not be obligated to) decline to initiate this funds transfer if Originator does not sign this Payment Order in person at the Bank, deliver cash or collected funds to the Bank, or for any other reasonable cause, including the Bank's inability to verify the Instructions and any amendments to or cancellations of the Instructions, in accordance with the agreed security procedures. Originator agrees that the Bank: (1) shall have no liability for the application of the transferred funds by any recipient; (2) shall only be responsible for completing the transfer of funds in accordance with the Instructions; and (3) shall only be liable for failure to comply with the Instructions in an amount not to exceed the amount transferred and shall in no event be liable for any compensatory, consequential, or punitive damages. In accepting an order to transfer funds, the Bank acts only as an agent to facilitate the transfer and has no control over conditions such as fees charged by other institutions or the time required to complete the transfer. By signing below, Originator acknowledges understanding the terms herein and agrees to hold the Bank harmless for any and all conditions which are beyond the Bank's control.

Originator's Signature: [Signature] Date: 12/21/2021

BANK APPROVAL (BANK USE ONLY)

Request received by (please print clearly): JILL C. Time: 2:10 Emailed to Wire Department? [] Time: _____

By signing below, I certify that I verified the availability of funds and that I personally witnessed the customer sign this Wire Transfer Payment Order after properly verifying the customer's identity.

Certified by (please print clearly): JILL C. Signature: _____

Approved by (please print clearly): _____ Signature: _____ Time: _____

2nd Approval by (please print clearly): _____ Signature: _____ Time: _____

Approver's Approval Limit: \$ _____ 2nd Approver's Approval Limit: \$ _____

Comments: _____

- DO NOT process a domestic wire transfer requested by a non-customer or funded with cash (not deposited to Originator's account) until completing ALL of the following:
1. Approved by VP of Branch Administration [] 2. Approved by Central Operations Manager [] 3. Check OFAC [] 4. Deposit cash to Wire Clearing Account []

Area with "" may not be modified after customer signing without approval by Regional Ops Manager, CIO, or SVP.