

File No. 47782

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

In the Matter of
Career Development
Services International, LLC,
Kelly J. Jones and Lisa Jones

**SUMMARY ORDER
TO CEASE AND DESIST**

TO: Kelly J. Jones
Lisa Jones
Career Development Services International, LLC
2028 Watermark Place
Columbia SC 29210

Pursuant to the authority granted by Minn. Stat. Ch. 45, and the rules promulgated thereunder, the Minnesota Department of Commerce (Department), hereby issues this Order. Based upon a review of the relevant facts, the Commissioner is commencing a formal action pursuant to Minn. Stat. §45.027 subd. 5a and Minn. Stat. §80A.81 (2016) against Career Development Services International, LLC, Kelly J. Jones and Lisa Jones (Respondents), for violations of the Minnesota Securities Act (MSA).

The Department has investigated the activity of Respondents with a view to preventing and detecting violations of the MSA. Based on information derived from that investigation, the Commissioner makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondents Career Development Services International, LLC, Kelly J. Jones and Lisa Jones maintain a principal place of business at 2028 Watermark Place, Columbia SC 29210.
2. The company website (cdsintl.net/investment-opportunities/cdsi-investment-opportunities/) solicits individuals to invest in Career Development Services International, LLC.

3. Neither Career Development Services International, LLC, Kelly J. Jones nor Lisa Jones hold any securities registrations in Minnesota or any other state.

4. Respondents have solicited and sold a "Private Equity Investment" to at least one Minnesota resident. The Private Equity Investment Agreement sold by Respondents constitutes a "security" as defined under Minn. Stat. §80A.41 (30) (2016).

5. The Private Equity Investment Agreement would either need to be registered under Minn. Stat. §80A.49 (2016) or be exempt from registration under Minn. Stat. §§ 80A.45 through 80A.47 (2016). Based on the information known, the security is not registered nor is it exempt from registration.

6. Bank records indicate the funds were not deposited into any business account in the name of Career Development Services International, LLC but were instead deposited into Kelly J. Jones' personal checking and savings accounts for a short period before then being used for personal expenses.

7. On July 13, 2017, the Department served an Administrative Subpoena on Respondents. The Subpoena required a response by August 4, 2017 but the Department has received no response or any other communication from Respondents.

8. Over the past two months, the Department again attempted to contact the Respondents by first class and certified mail, by electronic mail and by telephone. As of the date of this Order, there has been no response.

9. It is in the public interest of the citizens of Minnesota and for the protection of investors and the Minnesota securities markets that Respondents be prohibited from continuing to violate the requirements of the MSA in connection with investment-related activity.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Department has statutory authority pursuant to Minn. Stat. §45.027 subd. 5a and Minn. Stat. §80A.81 of the MSA (2016) to enter this order directing Respondents to cease and desist from engaging in acts, practices and a course of business violating the MSA.

2. Respondent violated Minn. Stat. §80A.56 through §80A.60 (2016) by selling securities without being properly registered.

3. Respondents failed to comply with Minn. Stat. §80A.45 through §80A.53 (2016) by selling unregistered securities.

4. Respondent violated Minn. Stat. §45.027 subd. 1a by failing to respond to a lawful request made by the Department.

5. Respondents violated Minn. Stat. §80A.68 (2016) by engaging in an act, practice, or course of business that operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon another person.

6. It is appropriate and in the public interest of the citizens of Minnesota and for the protection of investors that Respondents be summarily ordered to cease and desist from engaging in violations of the MSA, as set forth in the Findings of Fact.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §45.027 subd. 5a and Minn. Stat. §80A.81(a) (2016) that this Order is effective immediately and Respondents shall immediately cease and desist from offering or selling a security of any kind in the State of Minnesota;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to Minn. Stat. §45.027 subd. 6 and §80A.81 (2016), Respondents shall jointly and severally pay to the State of Minnesota a civil penalty in the amount of \$20,000.

NOTICE

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §45.027 Subd. 5a and Minn. Stat. §80A.81 (b) (2016) Respondent may request a hearing in this matter. Such request shall be made in writing, via certified mail, and served upon the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Commerce (Commissioner), whereupon the Commissioner shall set a date for hearing within fifteen (15) days after receipt of the request unless Respondents and the Department agree in writing to waive the 15-day time period. If no hearing is requested by Respondents within thirty (30) days of service of this Order and none is ordered by the Commissioner, this Order will become final and will remain in effect until modified or vacated by the Commissioner.

Notwithstanding Minn. Stat. §45.027 Subds. 5 or 5a and Minn. Stat. §80A.81 (2016), if Respondents request a hearing, it will be held before an Administrative Law Judge to be appointed by the Chief Administrative Law Judge for the State of Minnesota, Office of Administrative Hearings, Harold E. Stassen Office Building, State Capitol Complex, 600 North Robert Street. St. Paul, Minnesota 55146. All parties have the right to represent themselves or be represented throughout the proceedings herein by legal counsel or a person of their choice if not otherwise prohibited as the unauthorized practice of law. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with Minn. Stat. Ch. 14.

In the event a hearing is requested, the Commissioner reserves the right to seek additional remedies including fines, civil penalties and costs associated with our investigation of this matter.

This Order shall be effective upon signature on behalf of the Commissioner.

Dated: 2-28-2018.

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Commissioner of Commerce

By:


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