

**STATE OF ALABAMA
ALABAMA SECURITIES COMMISSION**

IN THE MATTER OF:

JOHN WILLIAM GRAY

RESPONDENT

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**CONSENT ORDER
NO. CO-2026-0001**

CONSENT ORDER

The Alabama Securities Commission (“Commission”), having authority to administer and provide for the enforcement of all provisions of Title 8, Chapter 6, Code of Alabama 1975, the Alabama Securities Act (“Act”), upon due consideration of the subject matter hereof, and having confirmed information of the offers for sale and/or sale of securities, into, within or from the state of Alabama, has determined as follows:

RESPONDENT

1. **JOHN WILLIAM GRAY (“GRAY”)** is an individual who at all relevant times resided in Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama. **GRAY** has never been registered with the Commission in any capacity.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

2. Between on or about February 2015 and November 2022, **GRAY** entered an agreement with Gregory Lynn Lawrence to offer investments to individuals to participate in settlements from mass-tort personal injury cases. Although **GRAY** never met with or spoke to any investors, the investments were offered and sold to two (2) investors and **GRAY** received a fee of \$26,000 as a result of the sales.

3. The investigation revealed that the mass tort litigation “investment” was a scheme and investors lost their money. Specifically, the investors who invested with **GRAY** lost their entire investment in the amounts of \$100,000, and \$70,000.

4. A review of the records of the Registration Division of the Alabama Securities Commission was conducted and revealed that the investments sold to the investors were not registered in any capacity with the Commission. Further, they were not subject to any perfected exemption from registration.

5. **GRAY** acknowledges the losses but was unaware that others involved in the transactions had fraudulent intent and were acting in a fraudulent manner.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

6. Pursuant to Section 8-6-2(10), Code of Alabama 1975, the definition of a security includes any "investment contract" and/or "promissory note". The agreement between the **RESPONDENT** and the investors were investment contracts and/or promissory notes, and therefore are securities, under the Act.

7. Pursuant to Section 8-6-4, Code of Alabama 1975, it is unlawful for any person to offer or sell any security in Alabama unless the security is registered under the Act or an exemption from registration is applicable. **RESPONDENT** offered and sold the investment contracts and/or promissory notes to the investors, which were neither registered nor subject to a perfected exemption from registration, in violation of the Act.

WHEREAS, **RESPONDENT** agrees that:

- a. the Statement of Facts set out hereinabove are true and correct;
- b. **RESPONDENT** shall, within five days of the date of entry of this order, tender the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to the investors to be divided equally between them. Thereafter, on the first day of each month for the next thirty-two (32) months **RESPONDENT** shall pay the investors an additional amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) to be divided equally between them until he has paid a total additional amount of sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000) to the investors. If any investor declines to accept the tender, then

RESPONDENT shall pay the declining investor's payments to the other investor. **RESPONDENT** shall also donate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to the Alabama Council on Economic Education (ACEE), a local charitable organization approved by the Commission. The **RESPONDENT** shall tender the check to the ACEE to the Alabama Securities Commission which will ensure it is delivered to the ACEE. All payments pursuant to this paragraph shall be made via wire transfer or via check drawn on the account of the **RESPONDENT**.

c. **RESPONDENT** agrees that the investors' acceptance of their payments pursuant to this Order shall not serve as a bar to any action by the investors seeking to recover other funds. This Order is without prejudice to any other defenses **RESPONDENT** may have to any such action.

d. **RESPONDENT** will provide full cooperation, including but not limited to interviews, meetings, production of documents, and testimony, in any investigations, litigation, or prosecutions brought by the Alabama Securities Commission and any other law enforcement authority related to this matter, and

e. **GRAY** is entering this Consent Order as a compromise and denies any intentional wrongdoing as state in paragraph 5, above.

WHEREAS, **RESPONDENT** voluntarily waive all rights to a hearing upon entry of this Order and has consented to the entry of this Order, and

WHEREAS, the Commission finds this Order necessary and appropriate in the public interest for the protection of investors, and consistent with the purposes fairly intended by the policy and provisions of the Act;

WHEREAS, the Commission and **RESPONDENT** are desirous of settling this matter as hereafter set forth and agreed.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

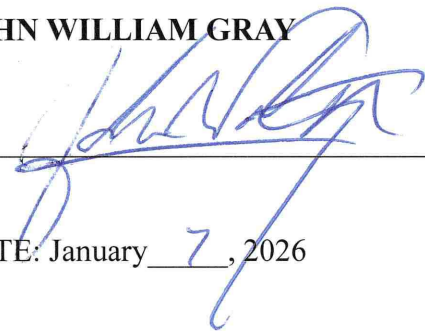
1. that **RESPONDENT CEASE AND DESIST** from engaging in securities activities into, within, or from the state of Alabama; and

2. that **RESPONDENT** shall comply with his agreement set forth in paragraphs b-d above.

AGREED AND CONSENTED to on the date indicated:

RESPONDENT

JOHN WILLIAM GRAY



DATE: January 7, 2026

APPROVED AND AGREED this 20th day of January 2026

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