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- 3. At all times relevant herein Defendant Wintech, LLC ("Wintech") was a Nevada company doing business in Clark County, Nevada.
- 4. At all times relevant herein Defendant Ronald J. Robinson ("Mr. Robinson") was, on information and belief, a resident of Nevada, and doing business through VCC and Wintech in Clark County, Nevada.
- 5. At all times relevant herein Defendant Vernon Rodriguez ("Mr. Rodriguez") was, on information and belief, a resident of Nevada, doing business in Clark County, and a corporate officer of Wintech and VCC.
- 6. At all times relevant herein Defendant Josh Stoll ("Mr. Stoll") was, on information and belief, a resident of Nevada, and doing business in Clark County, Nevada.
- 7. At all times relevant herein Defendant Retire Happy, LLC ("Retire Happy") was, on information and belief, a Nevada corporation doing business in Clark County, Nevada.
- 8. At all times relevant herein Defendant Frank Yoder ("Mr. Yoder") was, on information and belief, a resident of Nevada, and doing business in Clark County, Nevada.
- 9. At all times relevant herein Defendant Alisa Davis ("Ms. Davis") was, on information and belief, a resident of Nevada, and doing business in Clark County, Nevada.
- 10. That the true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, associate or otherwise, of Defendants DOES I-X and ROE CORPORATIONS I-X are unknown to Plaintiff who, therefore, sues said Defendants by said fictitious names. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that each of the Defendants designated as DOES and ROES are responsible in some manner for the events and happenings referred to and caused damages proximately to Plaintiff as herein alleged or are parties having ownership interests in entities owned or controlled by Defendants. Plaintiff will ask leave

of the Court to amend this Complaint to insert the true names and capacities of DOES I-X and ROE CORPORATIONS I-X when same have been ascertained and to join such Defendants in this action.

11. Jurisdiction is appropriate in District Court for the County of Clark in that both Wintech and VCC were/ are Nevada corporations with business addresses on Warm Springs Rd. in Las Vegas, NV and Defendants Robinson, Rodriguez, Davis and Yoder all worked for VCC and Wintech at all times relevant to the facts in this complaint. Likewise Defendants Stoll and Retire Happy also maintain offices and do business in Las Vegas, NV.

### FACTUAL BACKGROUND GIVING RISE TO THIS CLAIM

- 12. This is an action for the recovery of investment losses. One investment is at issue; it is an unregistered security in the form of a promissory note that was marketed and sold by Defendants through a "general solicitation" in violation of the Nevada securities laws. The investment is a short term promissory note issued by a VCC, and personally guaranteed by Defendant Robinson.
- 13. VCC has defaulted on its payment obligations, which called for it to make monthly payments of nine percent interest to Plaintiff. VCC has not made payments to Plaintiff since February, 2015. On August 26, 2017 Plaintiff sent notice of default to VCC and Mr. Robinson demanding the overdue payments. To date neither VCC nor Robinson has responded to the letter, or cured the default.
- 14. Defendant Robinson is the chief executive officer of VCC and is a "control person" under the Nevada securities laws. Mr. Robinson also personally guaranteed the promissory note purchased by Plaintiff.

- 15. Defendant Rodriguez is an officer and director of VCC and is a "control person" under the Nevada securities laws.
- 16. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that at all relevant times herein there exited a unity of interest and ownership between VCC and Wintech such that any corporate individuality and separateness between VCC and Wintech has ceased and that VCC is the later ego of Wintech. Wintech and its officers so completely dominated, controlled and managed the operations of VCC (which existed solely as a fund raising vehicle for Wintech's technology, the ALICE receptionist) that VCC functioned as a mere instrumentality and conduit through which Wintech operated.
- 17. Furthermore, per Vern Rodriguez' sworn testimony in a separate matter VCC had "zero employees," VCC "didn't have day to day operations," and VCC's Note offering "was used to provide funding for Wintech's activities."
- 18. Wintech used VCC as a means to receive money from investors, while avoiding responsibility for repaying them under the terms of the Notes. As a result, Wintech through its officers, Robinson and Rodriguez directed Wintech to perpetrate a fraud and circumvent the interests of justice. Adherence to the fiction of the existence of VCC as an entity separate and distinct from Wintech would permit an abuse of the corporate privilege and would sanction fraud and promote injustice in that Plaintiff would be denied a full and fair recovery in the event the assets of VCC are insufficient to satisfy a judgment entered against it.
- 19. Defendants VCC and Robinson relied on an outside fund raiser, Defendant Retire Happy to go out to the investment community with its unlicensed sales representatives, to bring potential investors to VCC to invest in the company's securities. Mr. Stoll was not

an employee of VCC, nor was he licensed to sell securities in the state of Nevada or Kansas (where Plaintiff lived at the time of the investment.)

- 20. Plaintiff is a 65 year old man who lives in Lake Chapala Mexico. Plaintiff was a lifelong resident of Kansas, but due to the loss of funds in his retirement, he needed to find a more affordable place to live; Lake Chapala, Mexico was the solution.
- 21. After Plaintiff was laid off from his job of 35 years as a software engineer in 2013 he began to receive a lot of calls from financial planners and financing companies. One of these was a call from Defendant Josh Stoll at Retire Happy.
- 22. Mr. Stoll told Plaintiff that since he was retired, he should move his funds to a self-directed IRA account, where he (Plaintiff) would be able to invest in non-traditional investments that paid a higher rate of interest.
- 23. Prior to receiving the call from Mr. Stoll, Plaintiff had never met him, nor any of the employees at Retire Happy or any of the Defendants affiliated with VCC or Wintech.

  There was no "pre-existing relationship" between Plaintiff and any of the Defendants.
- 24. Nevertheless, Mr. Stoll began discussing an opportunity to make nine percent by loaning money to a company that Stoll was familiar with; this company was Virtual Communications Corp.
- 25. Stoll told Plaintiff that VCC was looking to borrow money for eighteen months and would pay Plaintiff monthly interest of nine percent until maturity. Stoll told Plaintiff that VCC was a startup telecommunications company that had a unique product that would revolutionize the marketplace. This product was the ALICE technology, presently marketed by Wintech. Stoll told Plaintiff that VCC's financial prospects were bright, and they only needed a short term "bridge loan" until they did a large public offering of stock.

To seal the deal, Mr. Stoll told Plaintiff that the CEO of the company, Ronald Robinson was prepared to personally guarantee the investment.

- 26. As a result of the promised nine percent interest, the representations regarding the financial stability and prospects of the company, and Mr. Robinson's guarantee, Plaintiff agreed to purchase the VCC securities.
- 27. Defendant Alisa Davis authorized Retire Happy to keep preprinted VCC promissory notes, signed and guaranteed by Ronald Robinson (Davis' grandfather) in Retire Happy's office, where they could input prospective investor's names and the dollar amount invested into the "blank" sections on the contract.
- 28. Although the preprinted, pre-signed and pre-guaranteed notes all bear Ronald Robinson's signature, Robinson claims that own Granddaughter Ms. Davis- was not authorized to provide those preprinted contracts to Retire Happy, and that Ms. Davis did so without Robinson's knowledge or permission.
- 29. Ms. Davis also provided Retire Happy with three different power point presentations related to, and in furtherance of VCC's Note offering whereby the personal guarantee of Ronald Robinson is touted, as is his substantial multimillion dollar net worth.
- 30. According to Ronald Robinson, these power point presentations were prepared by Frank Yoder, who was an officer for VCC at the time. Pursuant to sworn deposition testimony, Robinson has stated that Frank Yoder was not authorized to include Mr. Robinson's guarantee as part of the three separate presentations, and further, that Robinson was unaware that Yoder was including the section on Robinson's personal guarantee in the presentations.
- 31. If Robinson is to be believed, that Alisa Davis and Frank Yoder acted without his

authorization and knowledge, then the end result is that Yoder and Davis intentionally mislead VCC Note purchasers, including Plaintiff, by leading them to believe that the Notes were guaranteed, when they were not.

- 32. In reality, Robinson, Rodriguez VCC and Wintech were all aware that money was being raised by Retire Happy via the promissory note offering, as money came in to VCC as a result of Retire Happy's efforts. Furthermore, VCC paid the investors the specific amount stated under the notes until default, further undermining Robinson's claim that he was unaware of the offering. In any event, VCC, Wintech and its officers and control persons received the benefits of the fund raise, and acted consistent with all of the agreed upon terms.
- 33. Robinson's guarantee was a material aspect of the Note transaction, and Plaintiff would not have invested without this guarantee.
- 34. On September 23, 2013 Plaintiff invested \$75,000 into a VCC nine percent promissory note with a maturity of eighteen months. Robinson agreed to guarantee the note.
- 35. After making the nine percent interest payments for 2014, VCC abruptly stopped making payments in 2015. The last payment Plaintiff received was in February, 2015. On August 26, 2017, Plaintiff, through counsel, sent a letter to VCC and Robinson notifying them that they were in default and giving them ten days to cure. As of the time of the filing of the complaint, Defendants had not cured the default.
- 36. At present, Plaintiffs' principal investment of \$75,000 appears to be completely lost as VCC and Mr. Robinson have refused to return the funds.
- 37. Unbeknownst to Plaintiff, Retire Happy and Stoll were compensated by VCC for

soliciting investors like Plaintiff despite the fact that Retire Happy and Stoll were not employees of VCC.

- 38. In addition to the improper solicitation, neither VCC nor Retire Happy ever provided Plaintiff with a private placement memorandum or "audited financials" detailing VCC's financial status, or risk factors, or proposed use of the funds. Furthermore, none of the Defendants ever informed Julie Minuskin, owner of Retire Happy was a convicted felon, a material omission. Had Plaintiff been informed of this material fact, he would never have agreed to invest with Stoll, Retire Happy or VCC.
- 39. Pursuant to NRS §90.295 the eighteen month promissory note purchased by Plaintiff are securities. Because VCC did not have a pre-existing relationship with Plaintiff and relied on Stoll, who was neither an employee of VCC, nor a licensed sales representative of a broker dealer, the sale of the VCC Note was done in violation of the Nevada Securities Laws, specifically NRS §§90.310, 90.460 and 90.660.
- 40. None of the Defendants ever apprised Plaintiff of the true financial condition of the VCC Defendants; the actual use of the funds invested, and never provided Plaintiff with audited financial statements reflecting the solvency of VCC, any legal actions against it, the risk factors or Minuskin's criminal background. They also failed to inform Plaintiff that Retire Happy was an unlicensed broker dealer, and as a result, that he was entitled to rescind the purchase. These were material omissions
- 41. Neither Stoll nor any of the Defendants ever informed Plaintiff that he had a right to rescind his transaction as a result of VCC's use of a "general solicitation" to sell their private placement of securities. This was a material omission.
- 42. In addition to the material omissions described above, Neither Stoll, VCC, nor

Robinson disclosed the amount of compensation that would be paid to Stoll.

43. And as a further misrepresentation, Stoll and Robinson impliedly represented that the VCC shares were being sold in compliance with all state and federal securities laws.

44. As to Yoder and Davis, they provided material assistance by (respectively) putting together the PowerPoint presentations to show to prospective investors and providing Stoll with the preprinted notes. If Robinson's sworn testimony is to be believed, that both Yoder and Davis knowingly included Robinson's guarantee without obtaining his authorization, then both Yoder and Davis have engaged in fraud against Plaintiff.

## LEGAL BASIS UPON WHICH RELIEF SHOULD BE GRANTED COUNT ONE – FRAUD, MISREPRESENTATIONS AND OMISSIONS

- 45. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1 through 44, above, as though fully set forth herein.
- 46. The following misrepresentations and omissions were made to the Plaintiff by unlicensed third party sales representative Stoll, and Robinson, in furtherance of acts undertaken and authorized by Defendants, and relied on by Plaintiff in making the investment.
  - Defendants, through their actions, lead Plaintiff to believe that the sales of the
    promissory notes through Stoll and Retire Happy were in compliance with all
    federal and state requirements. In fact, the VCC Notes were unregistered securities
    sold through a general solicitation, via an unlicensed broker dealer, and were
    therefore unlawfully sold in Nevada;
  - That Plaintiff was entitled to audited financials and a current private placement memorandum detailing material facts on the VCC offering, such as use of funds, an accounting, disclosure of the background of the principals and risk factors.

Plaintiff did not receive this information from Stoll, Retire Happy, or the Defendants;

- Defendant Stoll misled Plaintiff by representing to him that Ronald Robinson
  personally guaranteed the promissory note. According to sworn testimony from
  Robinson, he never intended to make, nor ever made such guarantees;
- That Julie Minuskin, owner of Retire Happy was a convicted felon. A reasonable investor would consider this a material piece of information when deciding whether to invest;
- That Stoll and Retire Happy were unlicensed to sell or offer to sell securities in Nevada and Kansas.

### 47. The following fraudulent acts were done by Yoder and Davis:

- By Davis: Sending Retire Happy preprinted Notes with Robinson's signed guarantee for use in soliciting investors (including Plaintiff). If Robinson is to be believed, Davis sent these presigned Notes without Robinson's authorization, and without obtaining his consent to use the Notes for capital raising purposes. The use of this unauthorized Note document resulted in Plaintiff being misled about the financial backing behind the transaction, and he would not have invested had Davis and Stoll informed him that Robinson did not intend to guarantee the transaction
- By Yoder: Creating and overseeing the use of VCC's PowerPoint presentations
  that were used by VCC and Retire Happy to solicit investors. If Robinson is to be
  believed, Yoder included Robinson's personal guarantee and net worth information

in the presentations without Robinson's knowledge or authorization. Since Yoder was aware that VCC was providing the presentations to Retire Happy for use to solicit prospective investors, if Robinson is to be believed, Yoder's use of Robinson's guarantee resulted in material misrepresentations being made to VCC Note purchasers regarding Robinson's guarantee

- 48. These misrepresentations and omissions were material, and resulted in Plaintiff being misled about the true nature of the VCC note investments. Plaintiff relied in good faith on the misrepresentations and omissions to his detriment.
- 49. The result of these misrepresentations and omissions is that Plaintiff was induced to purchase the VCC investments. Had Defendants provided truthful information to Plaintiff, Plaintiff would not have invested in the VCC notes.
- 50. The purchase of the VCC investments has resulted in a loss of over \$75,000.

# COUNT TWO - VIOLATION OF NEVADA UNIFORM SECURITIES ACT §§ NRS 90.310, 90.460 and 90.660

- 51. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1 through 44, above, as though fully set forth herein.
- 52. At all times mentioned herein Stoll and Retire Happy acted as sales and marketing representatives for VCC.
- 53. At all times mentioned herein Mr. Robinson and Mr. Rodriguez were control persons for VCC.
- 54. At all times mentioned herein the VCC promissory notes purchased by Plaintiff were securities within the definitions of the Nevada Securities Act.
- 55. At all times mentioned herein the VCC promissory notes were neither registered pursuant to the Nevada Securities Act, nor exempt from registration.

- 56. At all times mentioned herein, neither Stoll, nor Retire Happy were licensed to sell securities, nor exempt from licensing pursuant to NRS 90.310.
- 57. At all times mentioned herein the VCC Defendants sold unregistered securities through unlicensed sales representatives (Stoll and Retire Happy) via a general solicitation, in violation of the Nevada Securities Act.
- 58. Plaintiff hereby tenders the securities he purchased to Defendants and demands damages and attorney's fees according to proof.

# COUNT THREE - VIOLATION OF NEVADA UNIFORM SECURITIES ACT §§ NRS 90.570 and 90.660

- 59. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1 through 44, above, as though fully set forth herein.
- 60. At all times mentioned herein Defendants withheld material information about the VCC investment and the VCC corporation as described above. Had this information been disclosed to Plaintiff prior to the time he made his investments, he would not have purchased the VCC notes.
- At all times mentioned herein Davis and Yoder materially aided in the VCC Note transaction by providing information and the forms necessary to complete the transaction to Retire Happy (and then to Stoll), whom they knew were raising money for VCC.
- At all times mentioned herein, Rodriguez and Robinson were control persons for VCC.
- 63. Defendants VCC and Robinson also failed to inform Plaintiff that by using Retire

  Happy to market the VCC shares, they were engaging in a "general solicitation" of
  securities, in violation of state and federal securities laws. This was a material

- omission because Plaintiff would not have invested in the VCC share transactions had he known that VCC was violating the law in offering the securities to him.
- 64. Defendants also failed to tell Plaintiff that Julie Minuskin, owner of Retire Happy was a convicted felon. This was a material omission. Any reasonable investor would want to know that the firm they were relying on for investment advice was run by a convicted felon.
- outside the scope of their employment by materially misrepresenting the nature of the guarantee on the Note offering. Yoder and Davis played significant roles in the transaction by providing detailed marketing materials to Retire Happy and providing the actual Notes for their use in soliciting clients. Both Yoder and Davis knew that Retire Happy and their prospective Note purchasers would be relying on Robinson's guarantee contained in the PowerPoint presentation and in the preprinted notes.

  Despite this knowledge, if Robinson is to be believed, neither Yoder, nor Davis obtained Robinson's permission to include his guarantee as part of the PowerPoint presentation or the preprinted Note transaction
- 66. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants knowingly and/or recklessly, directly and indirectly have violated the Nevada securities laws in that they made untrue statements of material facts, and omitted to state material facts necessary in order to their statements, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, and sold unregistered investments through unlicensed sales representatives.
- 67. Plaintiff hereby tenders the securities he purchased to Defendants and demands

damages and attorney's fees according to proof.

### COUNT FOUR - BREACH OF WRITTEN CONTRACT

- 68. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1 through 44, above, as though fully set forth herein.
- 69. The VCC promissory note was a written contract. Pursuant to the terms of this contract, Defendant VCC was to make monthly payments to Plaintiff throughout the eighteen month term.
- 70. Defendant VCC has not made monthly payments since February, 2015, and Plaintiff, pursuant to the terms of the note, provided notice of default to VCC on August 26, 2017. Defendants had ten days to cure the default, and they have failed to cure within that time. As a result, the note provides that all interest and principal payments would accelerate.
- 71. Plaintiff provided valuable, bargained for consideration by agreeing to loan money to VCC in exchange for Defendants' promise to pay on the dates specified.
- 72. Plaintiff has not excused Defendants' payment obligations, nor has he provided any extension for Defendants to make the payments. There are no conditions precedent, and Plaintiff has performed all acts required to trigger Defendants' obligations to pay.
- 73. Defendant Robinson guaranteed VCC's obligations under the contracts, and is liable to the same extent as VCC to Plaintiff for the breach of contract.
- 74. As a result of Defendants' failure to honor the contracts, Plaintiff has suffered damages.

Wherefore Plaintiff prays for a joint and several judgment against Defendants as follows:

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

1	1. Damages in excess of \$10,000.00;
2	2. Attorneys' fees and costs;
3	3. For a finding by the court that VCC is the alter ego of Wintech; and
4	4. Such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper
5	SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF
6	1. Damages in excess of \$10,000.00;
7	2. Attorneys' fees and costs;
8	3. For a finding by the court that VCC is the alter ego of Wintech; and
9	4. Such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper
10	THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF
11	1. Damages in excess of \$10,000.00;
12	2. Attorneys' fees and costs;
13	3. For a finding by the court that VCC is the alter ego of Wintech; and
14	4. Such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper
15	FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
16	1. Damages in excess of \$10,000.00;
17	2. Attorneys' fees and costs;
18	3. For a finding by the court that VCC is the alter ego of Wintech; and
19	4. Such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper
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21	Dated: September 28, 2017 Respectfully submitted.
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### **THE PARTIES**

- 1. Plaintiff Anthony White ("Mr. White" or "Plaintiff") is a 39 year old man living in Dakula, Georgia.
- 2. At all times relevant herein Defendant Virtual Communications Corporation ("VCC") was a Nevada corporation doing business in Clark County, Nevada.
- 3. At all times relevant herein Defendant Wintech, LLC ("Wintech") was a Nevada company doing business in Clark County, Nevada.
- 4. At all times relevant herein Defendant Ronald J. Robinson ("Mr. Robinson") was, on information and belief, a resident of Nevada, and doing business through VCC and Wintech in Clark County, Nevada.
- 5. At all times relevant herein Defendant Vernon Rodriguez ("Mr. Rodriguez") was, on information and belief, a resident of Nevada, doing business in Clark County, and a corporate officer of Wintech and VCC.
- 6. At all times relevant herein Defendant Frank Yoder ("Mr. Yoder") was, on information and belief, a resident of Nevada, and doing business in Clark County, Nevada.
- 7. At all times relevant herein Defendant Alisa Davis ("Ms. Davis") was, on information and belief, a resident of Nevada, and doing business in Clark County, Nevada.
- 8. That the true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, associate or otherwise, of Defendants DOES I-X and ROE CORPORATIONS I-X are unknown to Plaintiff who, therefore, sues said Defendants by said fictitious names. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that each of the Defendants designated as DOES and ROES are responsible in some manner for the events and happenings referred to and caused damages proximately to Plaintiff as herein alleged or are parties having

ownership interests in entities owned or controlled by Defendants. Plaintiff will ask leave of the Court to amend this Complaint to insert the true names and capacities of DOES I-X and ROE CORPORATIONS I-X when same have been ascertained and to join such Defendants in this action.

9. Jurisdiction and venue is appropriate in District Court for the County of Clark in that both Wintech and VCC were/ are Nevada corporations with business addresses on Warm Springs Rd. in Las Vegas, NV and Defendants Robinson, Rodriguez, Davis and Yoder all worked for VCC and Wintech at all times relevant to the facts in this complaint.

Furthermore, this class action complaint meets the requirements of NRCP 23 (See pages 10-13, *infra*).

### FACTUAL BACKGROUND GIVING RISE TO THIS CLAIM

- 10. This is an action for the recovery of investment losses. The investment at issue is an unregistered security in the form of a promissory note that was marketed and sold by Defendants through a "general solicitation" in violation of the Nevada securities laws. The investment is a short term promissory note issued by a VCC, and personally guaranteed by Defendant Robinson.
- 11. VCC has defaulted on its payment obligations, which called for it to make monthly payments of nine percent interest to Plaintiffs and all the class members. VCC has not made payments to Plaintiff since February, 2015. On April 10, 2017, Class representative Plaintiff Anthony White sent notice of default to VCC and Mr. Robinson demanding the overdue payments. To date neither VCC nor Robinson has responded to the letter, or cured the default. In addition, Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges at numerous

members of the Class have also sent default demand letters to Defendants which have been ignored.

- 12. Defendant Robinson is the chief executive officer of VCC and is a "control person" under the Nevada securities laws. Mr. Robinson also personally guaranteed the promissory note purchased by the Class Members.
- 13. Defendant Rodriguez is an officer and director of VCC and is a "control person" under the Nevada securities laws.
- 14. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that at all relevant times herein there exited a unity of interest and ownership between VCC and Wintech such that any corporate individuality and separateness between VCC and Wintech has ceased and that VCC is the alter ego of Wintech. Wintech and its officers so completely dominated, controlled and managed the operations of VCC (which existed solely as a fund raising vehicle for Wintech's technology, the ALICE receptionist) that VCC functioned as a mere instrumentality and conduit through which Wintech operated.
- 15. Furthermore, per Vern Rodriguez' sworn testimony in a separate matter VCC had "zero employees," VCC "didn't have day to day operations," and VCC's Note offering "was used to provide funding for Wintech's activities."
- 16. Wintech used VCC as a means to receive money from investors, while avoiding responsibility for repaying them under the terms of the Notes. As a result, Wintech through its officers, Robinson and Rodriguez directed VCC and Wintech to perpetrate a fraud and circumvent the interests of justice. Adherence to the fiction of the existence of VCC as an entity separate and distinct from Wintech would permit an abuse of the corporate privilege and would sanction fraud and promote injustice in that Plaintiff and

prospective Class Members would be denied a full and fair recovery in the event the assets of VCC are insufficient to satisfy a judgment entered against it.

- 17. Defendants VCC and Robinson relied on an outside fund raiser, an unregistered broker dealer known as "Retire Happy" to go out to the investment community with its unlicensed sales representatives, to bring potential investors to VCC to invest in the company's securities. These agents of Retire Happy were not employees of VCC, nor were they licensed to sell securities in the state of Nevada, or in any other state.
- 18. Plaintiff is a 39 year old man who lives in Dakula, Georgia. Plaintiff runs a small internet business selling specialty shoes on line. Sometime in 2013, Plaintiff began receiving solicitations to make investments with money from his retirement account. Plaintiff believes these solicitations came from the sale of his personal information as a result of him setting up his own on line business.
- 19. One of these solicitations was from a company called Retire Happy, which was an unlicensed broker dealer based in Clark County that had contracted with VCC to sell the 9% promissory notes that are the subject of this claim.
- 20. Retire Happy's pitch was that Plaintiff should move his funds to a self-directed IRA account, where he (Plaintiff) would be able to invest in non-traditional investments that paid a higher rate of interest.
- 21. Prior to receiving the call from Retire Happy, Plaintiff had never met anyone at that company, nor any of the Defendants affiliated with VCC or Wintech. There was no "pre-existing relationship" between Plaintiff and any of the Defendants.
- 22. Nevertheless, Retire Happy, through their team of unregistered sales representatives began discussing an opportunity to make nine percent by loaning money to a company that

they were familiar with; Virtual Communications Corp.

- 23. Retire Happy's agents told Plaintiff that VCC was looking to borrow money for eighteen months and would pay Plaintiff monthly interest of nine percent until maturity. They also told Plaintiff that VCC was a startup telecommunications company that had a unique product that would revolutionize the marketplace. This product was the ALICE technology, presently marketed by Wintech. Retire Happy told Plaintiff that VCC's financial prospects were bright, and they only needed a short term "bridge loan" until they did a large public offering of stock. To seal the deal, Retire Happy told Plaintiff that the CEO of the company, Ronald Robinson was prepared to personally guarantee the investment.
- 24. As a result of the promised nine percent interest, the representations regarding the financial stability and prospects of the company, and Mr. Robinson's guarantee, Plaintiff and Class Members agreed to purchase the VCC securities.
- 25. Defendant Alisa Davis authorized Retire Happy to keep preprinted VCC promissory notes, signed and guaranteed by Ronald Robinson (Davis' grandfather) in Retire Happy's office, where they could input prospective investor's names and the dollar amount invested into the "blank" sections on the contract.
- 26. Although the preprinted, pre-signed and pre-guaranteed notes all bear Ronald Robinson's signature, Robinson claims that own Granddaughter Ms. Davis- was not authorized to provide those preprinted contracts to Retire Happy, and that Ms. Davis did so without Robinson's knowledge or permission.
- 27. Ms. Davis also provided Retire Happy with three different power point presentations related to, and in furtherance of VCC's Note offering whereby the personal guarantee of

Ronald Robinson is touted, as is his substantial multimillion dollar net worth.

28. According to Ronald Robinson, these power point presentations were prepared by Frank Yoder, who was an officer for VCC at the time. Pursuant to sworn deposition testimony, Robinson has stated that Frank Yoder was not authorized to include Mr. Robinson's guarantee as part of the three separate presentations, and further, that Robinson was unaware that Yoder was including the section on Robinson's personal guarantee in the presentations.

- 29. If Robinson is to be believed, that Alisa Davis and Frank Yoder acted without his authorization and knowledge, then the end result is that Yoder and Davis intentionally mislead VCC Note purchasers, including Plaintiff, by leading them to believe that the Notes were guaranteed, when they were not.
- 30. In reality, Robinson, Rodriguez, VCC and Wintech were all aware that money was being raised by Retire Happy via the promissory note offering (as well as the terms), as money came in to VCC as a result of Retire Happy's efforts. Furthermore, VCC paid the Class Member investors the specific amount stated under the notes until default, further undermining Robinson's claim that he was unaware of the offering. In any event, VCC, Wintech and its officers and control persons received the benefits of the fund raise, and acted consistent with all of the agreed upon terms.
- 31. Robinson's guarantee was a material aspect of the Note transaction, Plaintiff and Class Members would not have invested without this guarantee.
- 32. On or around January 16, 2014 Plaintiff invested \$20,000 into a VCC nine percent promissory note with a maturity of eighteen months. Robinson agreed to guarantee the note.

- 33. After making the nine percent interest payments for 2014, VCC abruptly stopped making payments in 2015. The last payment Plaintiff received was in February, 2015. On April 10, 2017, Plaintiff sent a letter to VCC and Robinson notifying them that they were in default, and giving them ten days to cure. As of the time of the filing of the complaint, Defendants had not cured the default.
- 34. Since payments stopped to Plaintiff and the Class Members in February, 2015 they have received periodic updates from VCC promising them that they would be receiving their money back as a result of fund raising efforts by VCC. Plaintiff and Class Members were also told they would be offered the opportunity to redeem their Notes for shares in the soon to be profitable company. These promises, made by Robinson and Vern Rodriguez were nothing more than stall and delay tactics, designed to prevent Plaintiff and the Class Members from filing a lawsuit to recover their funds. Plaintiff and the Class Members relied to their detriment on these repeated promises of forthcoming repayment, which resulted in them delaying bringing this action in hopes that Defendants would follow through on their promises.
- 35. At present, Plaintiff's principal investment appears to be completely lost as VCC and Mr. Robinson have refused to return the funds.
- 36. Unbeknownst to Plaintiff, Retire Happy was compensated by VCC for soliciting investors like Plaintiff despite the fact that Retire Happy was not an employee of VCC.
- 37. In addition to the improper solicitation, neither VCC nor Retire Happy ever provided Class Members Plaintiffs with a private placement memorandum or "audited financials" detailing VCC's financial status, or risk factors, or proposed use of the funds.

Furthermore, none of the Defendants ever informed Plaintiff that Julie Minuskin, owner of

Retire Happy was a convicted felon, a material omission. Had Plaintiff been informed of this material fact, he would never have agreed to invest in the Note Offering.

- 38. Pursuant to NRS §90.295 the eighteen month promissory notes purchased by Plaintiff is a security. Because VCC did not have a pre-existing relationship with Plaintiff and relied on Retire Happy, which was neither an employee of VCC, nor a licensed sales representative of a broker dealer, the sale of the VCC Notes was done in violation of the Nevada Securities Laws, specifically NRS §§90.310, 90.460 and 90.660.
- 39. None of the Defendants ever apprised Plaintiff of the true financial condition of the VCC Defendants; the actual use of the funds invested, and never provided Plaintiffs with audited financial statements reflecting the solvency of VCC, any legal actions against it, the risk factors or Minuskin's criminal background. They also failed to inform Plaintiff that Retire Happy was an unlicensed broker dealer, and as a result, that he was entitled to rescind the purchase. These were material omissions
- 40. Defendants never informed Plaintiffs that they had a right to rescind their transactions as a result of VCC's use of a "general solicitation" to sell their private placement of securities. This was a material omission.
- 41. As a further misrepresentation, Retire Happy and Robinson impliedly represented that the VCC Notes were being sold in compliance with all state and federal securities laws.
- 42. As to Yoder and Davis, they materially aided the transaction by (respectively) putting together the PowerPoint presentations to show to prospective investors and providing Retire Happy with the preprinted notes. If Robinson's sworn testimony is to be believed, that both Yoder and Davis knowingly included Robinson's guarantee without obtaining

his authorization, then both Yoder and Davis have perpetrated a fraud against the Plaintiff and the prospective class.

### **BASIS FOR CLASS ACTION**

- 43. Plaintiff brings this action pursuant to NRCP 23 on behalf of himself and a class of similarly situated investors in the 9% VCC Notes. The class Plaintiff seeks to represent is comprised of and identified as follows: All purchasers of VCC's 9% Promissory Notes bearing the signed guarantee of Ron Robinson ("the Class"). Specifically excluded from the class are:
  - a. Defendants, their officers, directors agents and employees;
  - b. Any person who has filed non-class legal actions against Defendants herein based upon claims identical or substantially similar to those alleged herein, and any person who has entered into a valid waiver and release of legal claims against Defendants herein upon claims identical or substantially similar to those alleged in this compliant.
- 44. This class action meets the statutory prerequisites for the maintenance of a class actions set forth in Rule 23 in that the class is comprised of dozens of person geographically dispersed, many of whom have relatively small dollar losses (i.e. under \$25,000) such that joinder of all persons is impractical, and the resolution of their claims in a class action forum will benefit the parties and the court.
- 45. Defendants have acted with respect to Plaintiff and the members of the putative class in a manner that is generally applicable to each of them. Plaintiffs are further informed and believe and thereon allege that there is a well-defined community of interest in the questions of law and fact involved affecting all parties to be represented. Common

questions of law and fact predominate over questions that may affect individual members of the class, which include, without limitation the following:

- a. Whether VCC is in default under the terms of the 9% Notes;
- b. Whether Ronald Robinson is liable for the personal guarantee that appears on the Notes;
- c. Whether the 9% Notes were unregistered securities sold in violation of Nevada law;
- d. Whether the use of Retire Happy as a sales and marketing agent resulted in any securities registration exemption claimed by VCC (or to be claimed) becoming null and void; and,
- e. Whether the failure to disclose that Julie Minuskin of Retire Happy was a felon, and served time in prison was a material omission of fact justifying rescission.
- 46. The claims of Plaintiff are typical of the claims of the prospective class in that he purchased the 9% Note guaranteed by Ron Robinson via a solicitation by Retire Happy. The claims of Plaintiff and the prospective class are based upon the same legal theories and arise from the same actionable conduct, in the same Note offering, resulting in the same injury to Plaintiff and the members of prospective class. The class action is the best available method for the efficient adjudication of this litigation because individual litigation of class claims would be impractical, and individual litigation would be unduly burdensome to the courts.
- 47. Plaintiff and members of the class have suffered irreparable harm as a result of Defendants' actionable conduct. Because of the size of many of the individual claims

most class members could not afford to seek legal redress for the wrongs identified in the complaint. Without the class action vehicle Defendants would be permitted to retain the proceeds of their unlawful securities offering, as they refuse to repay the funds loaned by Plaintiff and the prospective class members.

48. Further, individual litigation has the potential to result in inconsistent or contradictory judgments. A class action in this case presents fewer management problems and provides the benefits of a single adjudication, economies of scale and comprehensive supervision by a single court. Absent a class action most of the prospective class members would find the costs of litigating their claims to be prohibitive, and will have no effective remedy. The class treatment of common questions of law and fact is also superior to multiple individual actions or piecemeal litigation in that it conserves the resources of the courts and the litigants, and promotes consistency and efficiency of adjudication. A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy. The litigation without a class would allow litigation claims that in view of the expense of litigation may be insufficient in amount to support separate actions, especially for those individuals who purchased in smaller dollar amounts in sister states. Lastly the prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the class would create a risk of

- a. Inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect to individual members of a respective class which would establish incompatible standards of conduct for the party opposing the prospective class; and,
- b. Adjudications with respect to individual members of the prospective class which would as a practical matter be dispositive of the interests of the other

members not parties to the adjudication or substantially impair their ability to protect their interests.

49. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately represent and protect the interests of the members of the prospective class. Plaintiff has retained counsel with experience in prosecuting complex litigation, and who has already resolved one case with these same Defendants in Clark County District court, with two additional related matters pending in this court. Plaintiff's counsel has deposed the principals of VCC, including Ronald Robinson in these separate matters, and has conducted extensive discovery on the underlying issues. This wealth of information will be a benefit to Plaintiff and the class members

50. Plaintiff and Plaintiff's counsel are committed to vigorously prosecuting this action on behalf of the other prospective class members and have the financial resources to do so. Neither Plaintiff nor Plaintiff's counsel have any adverse interest to those of the other prospective class members.

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- 55. The result of these misrepresentations and omissions is that Class Members and Plaintiff were induced to purchase the VCC investments. Had Defendants provided truthful information, Class Members and Plaintiff would not have invested in the VCC notes.
- 56. The purchase of the VCC investments has resulted in monetary loss.

# COUNT TWO - VIOLATION OF NEVADA UNIFORM SECURITIES ACT §§ NRS 90.310, 90.460 and 90.660

- 57. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1 through 50, above, as though fully set forth herein.
- 58. At all times mentioned herein Retire Happy acted as sales and marketing representative for VCC.

- 59. At all times mentioned herein Mr. Robinson and Mr. Rodriguez were control persons for VCC.
- 60. At all times mentioned herein the VCC promissory notes purchased by Class Members and Plaintiff were securities within the definitions of the Nevada Securities Act.
- At all times mentioned herein the VCC promissory notes were neither registered pursuant to the Nevada Securities Act, nor exempt from registration.
- 62. At all times mentioned herein, neither Retire Happy nor any of its employees were licensed to sell securities, nor exempt from licensing pursuant to NRS 90.310.
- 63. At all times mentioned herein the VCC Defendants sold unregistered securities through unlicensed sales representatives via a general solicitation, in violation of the Nevada Securities Act.
- 64. Plaintiff (and Class members) hereby tender(s) the VCC securities purchased to Defendants, and demands damages and attorney's fees according to proof.

## COUNT THREE - VIOLATION OF NEVADA UNIFORM SECURITIES ACT §§ NRS 90.570 and 90.660

- 65. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1 through 50, above, as though fully set forth herein.
- 66. At all times mentioned herein Defendants withheld material information about the VCC investment and the VCC Corporation as described above. Had this information been disclosed to Plaintiff prior to the time he made his investment, he would not have purchased the VCC notes.
- 67. At all times mentioned herein Davis and Yoder materially aided in the VCC Note transaction by providing information and the forms necessary to complete the transaction to Retire Happy, whom they knew were raising money for VCC.

- 68. At all times mentioned herein, Rodriguez and Robinson were control persons for VCC.
- 69. Defendants VCC and Robinson failed to inform Plaintiff that by using Retire Happy to market the VCC Notes, they were engaging in a "general solicitation" of securities, in violation of state and federal securities laws. This was a material omission because Plaintiff would not have invested in the VCC share transactions had he known that VCC was violating the law in offering the securities to him.
- 70. Defendants also failed to tell Plaintiff that Julie Minuskin, owner of Retire Happy was a convicted felon. This was a material omission. Any reasonable investor would want to know that the firm they were relying on for investment advice was run by a convicted felon.
- At all times mentioned herein, If Robinson is to be believed Davis and Yoder acted outside the scope of their employment by materially misrepresenting the nature of the guarantee on the Note offering. Yoder and Davis materially aided the unlawful transaction by providing detailed marketing materials to Retire Happy and providing the actual Notes for their use in soliciting clients. Both Yoder and Davis knew that Retire Happy and their prospective Note purchasers would be relying on Robinson's guarantee contained in the PowerPoint presentation and in the preprinted notes.

  Despite this knowledge, if Robinson is to be believed, neither Yoder, nor Davis obtained Robinson's permission to include his guarantee as part of the PowerPoint presentation or the preprinted Note transaction
- 72. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants knowingly and/or recklessly, directly and indirectly have violated the Nevada securities laws in that they made

untrue statements of material facts, and omitted to state material facts necessary in order to their statements, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, and sold unregistered investments through unlicensed sales representatives.

73. Plaintiff (and Class Members) hereby tender(s) the securities he purchased to Defendants and demands damages and attorney's fees according to proof.

## COUNT FOUR - BREACH OF WRITTEN CONTRACT

- 74. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1 through 50, above, as though fully set forth herein.
- 75. The VCC promissory note was a written contract. Pursuant to the terms of this contract, Defendant VCC was to make monthly payments to Plaintiff throughout the eighteen month term.
- 76. Defendant VCC has not made monthly payments since February, 2015, and Plaintiff, pursuant to the terms of the note, provided notice of default to VCC on April 10, 2017. Defendants had ten days to cure the default, and they have failed to cure within that time. As a result, the note provides that all interest and principal payments would accelerate.
- 77. Plaintiff (as did all Class Members) provided valuable, bargained for consideration by agreeing to loan money to VCC in exchange for Defendants' promise to pay on the dates specified.
- 78. Plaintiff has not excused Defendants' payment obligations, nor has he provided any extension for Defendants to make the payments. There are no conditions precedent, and Plaintiff has performed all acts required to trigger Defendants' obligations to pay.
- 79. Defendant Robinson guaranteed VCC's obligations under the contracts, and is liable to

1	the same extent as VCC to Plaintiff for the breach of contract.				
2	80.	80. As a result of Defendants' failure to honor the contracts, Plaintiff has suffered			
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5	Wherefore Plaintiff prays for a joint and several judgment against Defendants as follows:				
6			FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF		
7		1.	Damages in excess of \$10,000.00;		
8		2.	Attorneys' fees and costs;		
9		3.	For a finding by the court that VCC is the alter ego of Wintech; and		
10		4.	Such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper		
11			SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF		
12		I.	Damages in excess of \$10,000.00;		
13		2.	Attorneys' fees and costs;		
14		3.	For a finding by the court that VCC is the alter ego of Wintech; and		
15		4.	Such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper		
16			THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF		
17		1.	Damages in excess of \$10,000.00;		
18		2.	Attorneys' fees and costs;		
19		3.	For a finding by the court that VCC is the alter ego of Wintech; and		
20		4.	Such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper		
21			FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF		
22		1.	Damages in excess of \$10,000.00;		
23		2.	Attorneys' fees and costs;		
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1	3. For a finding by the court that VCC is the alter ego of Wintech; and					
2	4. Such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper					
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4	Dated: October 12, 2017 Respectfully submitted,					
5	The Law Office of David Liebrader, Inc.					
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## EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

STEVEN A. HOTCHKISS,

Plaintiff,

v.

RONALD J. ROBINSON; VERNON RODRIGUEZ; VIRTUAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION; WINTECH, LLC; RETIRE HAPPY, LLC; JOSH STOLL; FRANK YODER; ALISA DAVIS; and DOES 1-10 and ROES 1-10,

INCLUSIVELY;

Defendants.

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CASE NO. A-17-762264-C DEPT NO. VIII

DEFENDANT VERNON RODRIGUEZ'S ANSWER TO PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT

Defendant VERNON RODRIGUEZ ("<u>Rodriguez</u>"), by and through counsel, hereby answers the claims asserted by the above-captioned plaintiff ("<u>Plaintiff</u>") in his complaint filed on September 28, 2017, as follows:

## **INTRODUCTION / THE PARTIES**

- 1. Rodriguez has no information as to the truth of the matter asserted, and denies on that basis.
  - 2. Admit.
  - 3. Admit.
- 4. Admit as to belief that Defendant Robinson is a resident of Nevada; deny as to any implication of "doing business through VCC and Wintech" except in a corporate capacity.
- 5. Admit the Rodriguez is a resident of Clark County, Nevada, and that he is \*currently\* an officer of Virtual Communications Corporation ("VCC"). Deny that

Rodriguez was an officer of VCC in 2014 when Plaintiff signed the promissory note. Deny that Rodriguez is or was an officer of Wintech, LLC.

- 6. Rodriguez has no information as to the truth of the matter asserted, and denies on that basis.
- 7. Rodriguez has no information as to the truth of the matter asserted, and denies on that basis.
- 8. Rodriguez has no information as to the truth of the matter asserted, and denies on that basis.
- 9. Rodriguez has no information as to the truth of the matter asserted, and denies on that basis.
- 10. Rodriguez has no information as to the truth of the matter asserted, and denies on that basis.
- 11. This allegation is a legal conclusion, and no response is required. To the extent that any is so required, Rodriguez denies.

## FACTUAL BACKGROUND GIVING RISE TO THIS CLAIM

- 12. Plaintiff's Complaint speaks for itself.
- 13. Admit.
- 14. Admit that Defendant Robinson is the chief executive officer of VCC. With respect to Defendant Robinson's status as a "control person" under Nevada securities laws, or whether he personally guaranteed Plaintiff's promissory note, those are legal conclusions, and thus no response is required; to the extent that any response is so required, Rodriguez has no personal knowledge as to the answer to that legal question, and denies on that basis.
- 15. Admit that Rodriguez is currently an officer and director of VCC. Deny that Rodriguez was an officer of VCC in 2014 when Plaintiff was communicating with Retire Happy or when he signed the promissory note. Deny that Rodriguez was a "control person" under Nevada securities, laws, for the relevant times in the complaint.
  - 16. Deny.
- 17. Admit that those statements were made in a testimony, and that those statements are true.
  - 18. Deny.

- 19. Admit as to Retire Happy. Rodriguez has no information as to the truth of the matter asserted as to Mr. Stoll, and denies on that basis.
- 20. Rodriguez has no information as to the truth of the matter asserted, and denies on that basis.
- 21. Rodriguez has no information as to the truth of the matter asserted, and denies on that basis.
- 22. Rodriguez has no information as to the truth of the matter asserted, and denies on that basis.
- 23. Admit that there was no pre-existing relationship between Plaintiff and any of the Defendants, to the best of Rodriguez's knowledge.
- 24. Rodriguez has no information as to the truth of the matter asserted, and denies on that basis.
- 25. Rodriguez has no information as to the truth of the matter asserted, and denies on that basis.
- 26. Rodriguez has no information as to the truth of the matter asserted, and denies on that basis.
- 27. Rodriguez has no information as to the truth of the matter asserted, and denies on that basis.
- 28. Rodriguez has no information as to the truth of the matter asserted, and denies on that basis.
- 29. Rodriguez has no information as to the truth of the matter asserted, and denies on that basis.
- 30. Rodriguez has no information as to the truth of the matter asserted, and denies on that basis.
- 31. Rodriguez has no information as to the truth of the matter asserted, and denies on that basis.
- 32. Admit that money came into VCC from Retire Happy's efforts. Admit that some interest payments were made to holders of the promissory notes. Deny as to all else.
- 33. Rodriguez has no information as to the truth of the matter asserted, and denies on that basis.
- 34. Admit as to the note. With respect to whether Robinson personally guaranteed Plaintiff's promissory note, that is a legal conclusion, and thus no response is

required; to the extent that any response is so required, Rodriguez has no personal knowledge as to the answer to that legal question, and denies on that basis.

- 35. Admit.
- 36. Deny.
- 37. Admit that Retire Happy earned a commission. Rodriguez has no information as to the truth of the matter asserted with respect to Mr. Stoll, and denies on that basis.
- 38. Admit that no PPM or audited financials were produced. Deny all else, including that VCC ever directly solicited Plaintiff.
  - 39. Deny.
  - 40. Deny.
  - 41. Deny.
- 42. Rodriguez has no information as to the truth of the matter asserted, and denies on that basis.
- 43. Rodriguez has no information as to the truth of the matter asserted, and denies on that basis.
- 44. Rodriguez has no information as to the truth of the matter asserted, and denies on that basis.

## **COUNT 1**

- 45. Rodriguez incorporates his responses to paragraphs 1-44 above.
- 46. Deny.
- 47. Rodriguez has no information as to the truth of the matter asserted, and denies on that basis.
  - 48. Deny.
  - 49. Deny.
  - 50. Deny.

## **COUNT 2**

- 51. Rodriguez incorporates his responses to paragraphs 1-44 above.
- 52. This allegation is a legal conclusion, and no response is required. To the extent that any is so required, Rodriguez denies.
  - 53. Deny.
  - 54. Deny.

	55.	Deny.
	56.	Deny.
	57.	Deny.
	58.	No response is required to this paragraph.
		COUNT 3
	59.	Rodriguez incorporates his responses to paragraphs 1-44 above.
	60.	Deny.
	61.	Rodriguez has no information as to the truth of the matter asserted, and denies
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	62.	Deny.
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	66.	Deny.
	67.	No response is required to this paragraph.
		COUNT 4
	68.	Rodriguez incorporates his responses to paragraphs 1-44 above.
	69.	Admit.
	70.	Admit.
	71.	This allegation is a legal conclusion, and no response is required. To the
e	extent that any	y is so required, Rodriguez denies.
	72.	This allegation is a legal conclusion, and no response is required. To the
E	extent that any	y is so required, Rodriguez denies.
	73.	This allegation is a legal conclusion, and no response is required. To the
6	·	y is so required, Rodriguez denies.
	74.	Deny.

## <u>AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES</u>

- With respect to Count 1, Plaintiff has failed to properly plead this cause of action as against Rodriguez, because the Complaint fails to identify, with specificity, and fraudulent statement or act made by Rodriguez which would give rise to a judiciable controversy between these parties.
- With respect to Counts 2 and 3, Plaintiff has failed to properly plead this cause of ii. action as against Rodriguez, because Rodriguez was not an officer of, or a control person of, VCC at any relevant time.
- With respect to Counts 2 and 3, Plaintiff has failed to properly plead this cause of iii. action as against Rodriguez, because Rodriguez did not participate in the issuance of the alleged securities.
- With respect to Counts 2 and 3, Plaintiff has failed to properly plead this cause of iv. action as against Rodriguez, because Plaintiff's promissory note is not a security under Nevada law.
- With respect to Counts 2 and 3, Plaintiff cannot "tender the securities" to Rodriguez, because (i) Plaintiff's note is not a security, and (ii) Rodriguez was not the alleged
- vi. With respect to Counts 2 and 3, Plaintiff has failed to properly plead this cause of action as against Rodriguez, because the Complaint fails to identify, with specificity, any statement or act made by Rodriguez relating to the issuance of the alleged security, or the alleged solicitation made to Plaintiff.
- vii. With respect to Count 4, Plaintiff has failed to properly plead this cause of action as against Rodriguez, because neither the note nor the alleged personal guarantee was a contractual obligation of Rodriguez.
- viii. With respect to all counts, Plaintiff has failed to properly plead this cause of action as against Rodriguez, and thus is not entitled to any attorney's fees from this Defendant.
- Rodriguez asserts contributory negligence against co-defendants Josh Stoll and Retire ix. Happy, LLC.
- х. Plaintiff is barred from relief against Rodriguez because the alleged note is not a valid
- Plaintiff is barred from relief against Rodriguez because the solicitation was made by xi. Josh Stoll and Retire Happy, LLC.
- Plaintiff's damages and injury were caused by the actions and inactions of a fellow xii. servant, namely, Josh Stoll and Retire Happy, LLC, which were Plaintiff's financial advisor.
- Plaintiff is barred from relief against Rodriguez because the borrower on the alleged xiii. note is Provident Trust, not Plaintiff.
- By signing a non-original document, Plaintiff has waived his rights to sue on the xiv. causes of action in the complaint.

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9	DAT	ED: September 28, 2017	ATKINSON LAW ASSOCIATES LTD.					
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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** I hereby certify that, on October 25, 2017, I caused to be served the foregoing document on the following persons and entities, using the means so indicated: $\boxtimes$ BY US MAIL to: DAVID LIRBRADER, ESQ THE LAW OFFICES OF DAVID LIEBRADER, APC 601 S RANCHO DR STE D-29 LAS VEGAS, NV 89106 DATED: October 25, 2017 /s/ Robert Atkinson ROBERT ATKINSON, ESQ. Attorney for Defendant Vernon Rodriguez

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DISTRICT COURT
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Ronald J. Robinson, Vernon Rodriguez, Virtual Communications Corporation, Wintech, LLC, Frank Yoder, Alisa Davis, and DOES 1-10 AND ROES 1-10, inclusively,

DEFENDANTS.

CASE NO.: A-17-763003-C DEPT. NO.: 24

ANSWER TO COMPLAINT

Defendant VERNON RODRIGUEZ, by and through its attorney of record, HAROLD P. GEWERTER, ESQ., of the law offices of HAROLD P. GEWERTER, ESQ., LTD., herewith files it Answer and Affirmative Defenses, as follows:

Defendant denies each and every allegation of Plaintiff's Complaint except those allegations which are herein specifically admitted, qualified, or otherwise answered.

This answering Defendant denies that Plaintiff is entitled to any recovery, and Defendant requests that Plaintiff's Complaint be dismissed with prejudice on the merits.

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- 1. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 1 of the Complaint and therefore, denies each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
  - 2. Defendant admits the allegations contained in paragraph 2 of the Complaint.
  - 3. Defendant admits the allegations contained in paragraph 3 of the Complaint.
- 4. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 4 of the Complaint and therefore, denies each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 5. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 5 of the Complaint and therefore, denies each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 6. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 6 of the Complaint and therefore, denies each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 7. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 7 of the Complaint and therefore, denies each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
  - 8. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 8 of the Complaint.
- 9. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 9 of the Complaint and therefore, denies each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
  - 10. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 10 of the Complaint.
- 11. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 11 of the Complaint and therefore, denies each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
  - 12. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 12 of the Complaint.
  - 13. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 13 of the Complaint.

- 14. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 14 of the Complaint.
- 15. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 15 of the Complaint and therefore, denies each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
  - 16. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 16 of the Complaint.
- 17. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 17 of the Complaint and therefore, denies each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 18. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 18 of the Complaint and therefore, denies each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 19. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 19 of the Complaint and therefore, denies each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 20. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 20 of the Complaint and therefore, denies each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 21. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 21 of the Complaint and therefore, denies each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 22. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 22 of the Complaint and therefore, denies each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 23. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 23 of the Complaint and therefore, denies each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 24. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 24 of the Complaint and therefore, denies each

and every allegation contained in said paragraph.

- 25. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 25 of the Complaint.
- 26. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 26 of the Complaint and therefore, denies each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 27. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 27 of the Complaint and therefore, denies each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 28. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 28 of the Complaint and therefore, denies each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 29. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 29 of the Complaint and therefore, denies each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 30. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 30 of the Complaint and therefore, denies each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
  - 31. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 31 of the Complaint.
- 32. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 32 of the Complaint and therefore, denies each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 33. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 32 of the Complaint and therefore, denies each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 34. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 34 of the Complaint and therefore, denies each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
  - 35. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or

falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 35 of the Complaint and therefore, denies each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.

- 36. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 36 of the Complaint and therefore, denies each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 37. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 37 of the Complaint and therefore, denies each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
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- 41. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 41 of the Complaint and therefore, denies each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
  - 42. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 42 of the Complaint.
  - 43. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 43 of the Complaint.
  - 44. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 44 of the Complaint.
  - 45. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 45 of the Complaint.
  - 46. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 46 of the Complaint.
  - 47. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 47 of the Complaint.
  - 48. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 48 of the Complaint.
  - 49. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 49 of the Complaint.

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- 50. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 50 of the Complaint.
- 51. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 51 of the Complaint.
- 52. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 52 of the Complaint and therefore, denies each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 53. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 53 of the Complaint and therefore, denies each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
  - 54. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 54 of the Complaint.
  - 55. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 55 of the Complaint.
  - 56. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 56 of the Complaint.
  - 57. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 57 of the Complaint.
- 58. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 58 of the Complaint and therefore, denies each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 59. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 59 of the Complaint and therefore, denies each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
  - 60. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 60 of the Complaint.
  - 61. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 61 of the Complaint.
- 62. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 62 of the Complaint and therefore, denies each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
  - 63. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 63 of the Complaint.
  - 64. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 64 of the Complaint.
  - 65. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 65 of the Complaint.
  - 66. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 66 of the Complaint.
  - 67. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 67 of the Complaint.

- 68. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 68 of the Complaint.
- 69. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 69 of the Complaint and therefore, denies each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 70. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 70 of the Complaint and therefore, denies each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 71. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 71 of the Complaint and therefore, denies each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
  - 72. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 72 of the Complaint.
  - 73. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 73 of the Complaint.
  - 74. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 74 of the Complaint.
- 75. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 75 of the Complaint and therefore, denies each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 76. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 76 of the Complaint and therefore, denies each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 77. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 77 of the Complaint and therefore, denies each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 78. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 78 of the Complaint and therefore, denies each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
  - 79. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 79 of the Complaint.
  - 80. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 80 of the Complaint.

## 1 AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES 2 FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE 3 Plaintiff's Complaint on file herein fails to state a claim against this answering 4 Defendant upon which relief can be granted. 5 SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE 6 That it has been necessary for the Defendant to retain the services of an attorney to 7 defend this action and Defendant is entitled to an award of reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred herein. 8 9 THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE 10 Pursuant to NRCP Rule 11, all possible affirmative defenses may not have been alleged herein 11 insofar as sufficient facts are not available after reasonable inquiry upon the filing of the 12 Plaintiff's Complaint, and therefore, these answering Defendants reserve the right to amend this 13 Answer to add additional affirmative defenses as additional facts are discovered. 14 FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE 15 The alleged investments referenced in the Complaint do not constitute a security under 16 law. DATED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017. 17 18 19 HAROLD P. GEWERTER, ESQ., LTD. 20 Harold P. Gewerter, Esq. HAROLD P. GEWERTER, ESO. 21 Nevada Bar No. 499 22 1212 S. Casino Center Blvd. Las Vegas, Nevada 89104 23 Attorney for Defendant Vernon Rodriguez 24 25 26 27 28

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Ronald J. Robinson, Vernon Rodriguez, Virtual Communications Corporation, Wintech, LLC, Frank Yoder, Alisa Davis, and DOES 1-10 AND ROES 1-10, inclusively,

PLAINTIFF,

DEFENDANTSS.

CASE NO.: A-17-763003-C DEPT. NO.: 24

DEFENDANTSS VIRTUAL

COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION'S
AND WINTECH'S ANSWER TO
COMPLAINT

Defendantss VIRTUAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATON and WINTECH, by and through their attorney of record, HAROLD P. GEWERTER, ESQ., of the law offices of HAROLD P. GEWERTER, ESQ., LTD., herewith file their Answer and Affirmative Defenses, as follows:

Defendants deny each and every allegation of Plaintiff's Complaint except those allegations which are herein specifically admitted, qualified, or otherwise answered.

These answering Defendantss deny that Plaintiff is entitled to any recovery, and Defendantss request that Plaintiff's Complaint be dismissed with prejudice on the merits.

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- 1. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 1 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
  - 2. Defendants admit the allegations contained in paragraph 2 of the Complaint.
  - 3. Defendants admit the allegations contained in paragraph 3 of the Complaint.
- 4. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 4 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 5. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 5 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 6. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 6 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 7. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 7 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
  - 8. Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 8 of the Complaint.
- 9. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 9 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
  - 10. Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 10 of the Complaint.
- 11. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 11 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
  - 12. Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 12 of the Complaint.
  - 13. Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 13 of the Complaint.

- 14. Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 14 of the Complaint.
- 15. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 15 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
  - 16. Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 16 of the Complaint.
- 17. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 17 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 18. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 18 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
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- 23. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 23 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 24. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 24 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each

and every allegation contained in said paragraph.

- 25. Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 25 of the Complaint.
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falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 35 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.

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  - 46. Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 46 of the Complaint.
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  - 48. Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 48 of the Complaint.
  - 49. Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 49 of the Complaint.

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- 50. Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 50 of the Complaint.
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  - 74. Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 74 of the Complaint.
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  - 79. Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 79 of the Complaint.
  - 80. Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 80 of the Complaint.

### <u>AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES</u>

#### FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's Complaint on file herein fails to state a claim against these answering Defendants upon which relief can be granted.

#### SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

That it has been necessary for the Defendants to retain the services of an attorney to defend this action and Defendants are entitled to an award of reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred herein.

#### THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Pursuant to NRCP Rule 11, all possible affirmative defenses may not have been alleged herein insofar as sufficient facts are not available after reasonable inquiry upon the filing of the Plaintiff's Complaint, and therefore, these answering Defendants reserve the right to amend this Answer to add additional affirmative defenses as additional facts are discovered.

## FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The alleged investments referenced in the Complaint do not constitute a security under law.

DATED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2017.

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address listed as being current with the Nevada department of motor vehicles (and, an address where Plaintiff has served Defendant in a separate matter). All attempts have met with frustration by licensed process servers.

However, Defendant is aware of the lawsuit, and has received a copy of it via email. See David Liebrader Affidavit, attached.

Service by publication is authorized when the proposed defendant resides outside of the state, has departed from the state, cannot after due diligence be found within the state, or conceals himself to avoid the service of process. Service by publication is appropriate once it has been established to the court by affidavit that the due diligence requirement has been satisfied and a cause of action against the defendant exists. NRCP 4(e)(1)(i).

A litigant seeking to complete service by way of publication must strictly follow the standards of due diligence set out in NRCP 4(e)(1)(i). The statutory provisions for acquiring jurisdiction over a defendant other than personal service are to be strictly construed. Foster v. Lewis, 78 Nev. 330, 372 P. 2d 679 (1962). The due diligence affidavit must contain a statement of facts as opposed to legal conclusions, in order to assist the court in determining whether due diligence has been properly exercised, Id. Good faith and due diligence requires reasonable investigation and inquiry in an effort to ascertain the location of the proposed defendant by the party seeking publication of the summons, Id. See, also Dobson v. Dobson, 108 Nev. 346, 830 P.2d 1336 (1992).

Publication is accomplished by publishing notice of the complaint in a newspaper designated by the court for a period of four weeks. Publication must be at least once a week during this time. In the event that the residence of the non-resident or absent defendant is known, the court shall also order a copy of the summons and complaint to be deposited in the post office and directed to the person to be served at his place of residence. Service is deemed complete upon the expiration of four weeks from the first publication, and in cases when a deposit of a copy of the summons and complaint in the post office is also required, at the

expiration of four weeks from the date of deposit. NRCP 4(3)(1)(iii).

In the present case, service on Mr. Robinson has been attempted at multiple locations, including one known to be his residence. See Declaration of David Liebrader in support.

Plaintiff has exercised reasonable diligence in attempting to serve Defendant.

Plaintiff has spent time and expense in attempting to have him served. Plaintiff now seeks an order enlarging time, and allowing service by publication.

Dated: November, 28 2017 Respectfully submitted

The Law Office of David Liebrader, Inc.

By: David Liebrader Attorney for Plaintiff

### **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING** I hereby certify that on the 28nd day of November, 2017, I mailed a copy of the foregoing EX PARTE MOTION FOR LEAVE TO SERVE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY PUBLICATION SUPPORTING AFFIDAVITS to the following Harold Gewerter, Esq. Gewerter and Dowling 1212 Casino Center Boulevard Las Vegas, NV 89104 Ron Robinson Via email only robin1031@aol.com In Mh An Employee of The Law Office of David Liebrader

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lawsuit via an email addresses known to belong to him; that he had been named as a

Defendant. I also notified Mr. Robinson's long time attorney, Harold Gewerter of the pending lawsuit (in which he represents other Defendants).

- 4. I am not aware of any other address for this Defendant.
- 5. That process server Legal Wings served the Defendants Wintech LLC and Virtual Communications Corporation at their corporate offices located at 375 E Warm Springs Rd. #102. See Exhibit "B" attached. Ronald Robinson is listed as resident agent, but service was affected on another individual, as Mr. Robinson was not at this business location.
- That despite undertaking these efforts to serve Defendant at locations listed by him as
  his home and place of business Plaintiff has been unable to affect service on this
  Defendant.

### FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Nevada that the foregoing is true and correct.

DAVID LIEBRADER

### **EXHIBIT "A"**

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Robert Hoadley and Mary Kielty, first being duly sworn depose and say:

) ss.

1. That affiants are and were at all times mentioned herein citizens of the United States, over 18 years of age, not a party to, nor interested in the within action, and licensed to serve civil process under Nevada license number 389.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTEMPTED SERVICE RE: RONALD J. ROBINSON

- 2. That Legal Wings, Inc. received a copy of the Summons and Complaint for Damages on October 19, 2017.
- 3. That affiant, Robert Hoadley, attempted to personally serve a copy of said documents to the Defendant, Ronald J. Robinson, at 3785 Mesa Linda Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89120, on October 22, 2017 at 1:21 p.m. and observed an intercom at the residence. Affiant called the residence through the intercom and a male answered, who stated that there was no one by the Defendant's name living at this address, that affiant had the wrong home, and then disconnected the call.
  - 4. That affiant, Mary Kielty, checked with the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles,

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which revealed a record for Ronald John Robinson at 3785 Mesa Linda Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89120, with a valid Class C driver's license, number XXXXXX0647, that was issued on October 7, 2017 and expires on October 31, 2021. The record also revealed a date of birth of October 31, 1931 and a physical description being male, 5'6", 175 lbs., with white hair, and blue eyes.

- That affiant, Robert Hoadley, attempted service on November 2, 2017 at 7:50 p.m. 5. and was unable to gain entry into the community. Affiant observed "Robinson" listed on the directory. Affiant called the residence from the call box and received no answer. Affiant waited fifteen minutes before leaving.
- 6. That affiant, Robert Hoadley, attempted service on November 3, 2017 at 8:52 p.m. and received no answer at the door. Affiant rang the doorbell and knocked on the door.
- That affiant, Robert Hoadley, attempted service on November 4, 2017 at 9:23 a.m. 7. and was unable to gain entry into the community. Affiant called the "Robinson" residence from the call box and a male answered. The male told affiant that there is no one by the Defendant's name living there and that he would call the police if affiant came back to his residence.
- That affiant, Mary Kielty, checked with the Clark County Assessor's Office which revealed Ronald J. Robinson to be the previous owner of 3785 Mesa Linda Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89120 from January 10, 2013 to November 30, 2016. The record further revealed the current owner of 3785 Mesa Linda Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89120 to be Scotsman Trust since November 30, 2016. The quitclaim deed recorded on November 30, 2016 shows Ronald J. Robinson as the Trustee of the Scotsman Trust.
- That Legal Wings, Inc. received instructions from Liebrader Law Office to stop service and return all documents to their office.

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10. That affiants on the basis of the foregoing information were unable to personally serve the Defendant, Ronald J. Robinson, in Clark County, Nevada.

Further your affiants saith naught.

Robert Hoadley

Registered Work Card #R-055420

Registered Work Card #R-064293

Subscribed and Sworn to Before me this 21 day of November 2017.

Notary Public in and for said County and State



EXHIBIT "B"

## WINTECH, LLC

Business Entity Information			
Status:	Active	File Date:	8/13/2010
Туре:	Domestic Limited-Liability Company	Entity Number:	E0401562010-7
Qualifying State:		List of Officers Due:	8/31/2018
Managed By:	Managers	Expiration Date:	
NV Business ID:	NV20101629475	Business License Exp:	8/31/2018

-	Additional Information	
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gistered Agent I	nformation		
Name:	RONALD J ROBINSON	Address 1:	375 E WARM SPRINGS RD #102
Address 2;		City:	LAS VEGAS
State:	NV	Zip Code:	89119
Phone:		Fax:	
Mailing Address 1:		Mailing Address 2:	
Mailing City:		Mailing State:	NV
Mailing Zip Code:			
Agent Type:	Noncommercial Registered Agent		

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No stock records t	found for this company		

Officers			☐ Include Inactive Officers
Manager - VIRTUA	L COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION		
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### DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

IN THE MATTER BETWEEN	)
Steven A. Hotchkiss,	) Case No. A-17-762264-C
PLAINTIFF,	) Dept.: 8
v.  Ronald J. Robinson, Vernon Rodriguez, Virtual Communications Corporation, Wintech, LLC, Retire Happy, LLC, Josh Stoll, Frank Yoder, Alisa Davis and DOES 1-10 and ROES 1-10, inclusively DEFENDANTS	ORDER ON MOTION FOR LEAVE TO SERVE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY PUBLICATION AND FOR AN ENLARGMENT OF TIME

### **ORDER ON MOTION**

TO PLAINTIFF AND DEFENDANTS AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT Plaintiff's motion to allow service of the summons and complaint on Defendant Ronald Robinson ("Defendant") by publication came before this Honorable Court on the court's chambers calendar. Based on the evidence, pleadings and argument received it is hereby ordered that Plaintiff's motion is GRANTED/DENIED.

Plaintiff shall publish notice of the summons and complaint in the Nevada Legal News newspaper for a period of four weeks. Publication must be at least once a week during this time. In addition, Plaintiff must serve the summons and complaint on Defendant by certified mail, return receipt requested, at Defendants' last known address. Service on Defendants will

be deemed complete upon the expiration of four weeks from the date of the first publication.

It is further ordered that the time to serve Defendants shall be enlarged to 60 days.

Judge, District Court

Submitted by:

David Liebrader, Esq. Attorney for Plaintiff

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### **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING** I hereby certify that on the 18th day of December, 2017, I mailed a copy of the foregoing NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER to the following Harold Gewerter, Esq. Gewerter and Dowling 1212 Casino Center Boulevard Las Vegas, NV 89104 An Employee of The Law Office of David Liebrader

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Judge, District Court

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Attorney for Plaintiff

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**DEPT. NO.: 24** 

CASE NO.: A-17-763003-C

DEFENDANTS RONALD J. ROBINSON'S AND ALISA DAVIS' ANSWER TO **COMPLAINT AND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES** 

Defendants RONALD J. ROBINSON and ALISA DAVIS, by and through their attorney of record, HAROLD P. GEWERTER, ESQ., of the law offices of HAROLD P. GEWERTER, ESQ., LTD., herewith file their Answer and Affirmative Defenses, as follows:

Defendants deny each and every allegation of Plaintiff's Complaint except those allegations which are herein specifically admitted, qualified, or otherwise answered.

These answering Defendants deny that Plaintiff is entitled to any recovery, and Defendants request that Plaintiff's Complaint be dismissed with prejudice on the merits.

The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or 1.

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falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 1 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.

- 2. Defendants admit the allegations contained in paragraph 2 of the Complaint.
- 3. Defendants admit the allegations contained in paragraph 3 of the Complaint.
- 4. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 4 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 5. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 5 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 6. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 6 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 7. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 7 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
  - 8. Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 8 of the Complaint.
- 9. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 9 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
  - 10. Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 10 of the Complaint.
- 11. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 11 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
  - 12. Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 12 of the Complaint.
  - 13. Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 13 of the Complaint.
  - 14. Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 14 of the Complaint.
  - 15. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or

falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 15 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.

- 16. Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 16 of the Complaint.
- 17. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 17 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 18. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 18 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 19. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 19 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 20. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 20 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 21. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 21 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 22. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 22 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 23. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 23 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 24. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 24 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
  - 25. Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 25 of the Complaint.

- 26. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 26 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 27. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 27 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 28. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 28 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 29. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 29 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 30. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 30 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
  - 31. Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 31 of the Complaint.
- 32. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 32 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 33. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 32 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 34. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 34 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 35. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 35 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.

- 36. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 36 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 37. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 37 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
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- 40. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 40 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 41. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 41 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
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  - 44. Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 44 of the Complaint.
  - 45. Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 45 of the Complaint.
  - 46. Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 46 of the Complaint.
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  - 48. Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 48 of the Complaint.
  - 49. Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 49 of the Complaint.
  - 50. Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 50 of the Complaint.
  - 51. Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 51 of the Complaint.

- 52. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 52 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 53. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 53 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
  - 54. Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 54 of the Complaint.
  - 55. Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 55 of the Complaint.
  - 56. Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 56 of the Complaint.
  - 57. Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 57 of the Complaint.
- 58. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 58 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 59. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 59 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
  - 60. Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 60 of the Complaint.
  - 61. Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 61 of the Complaint.
- 62. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 62 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
  - 63. Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 63 of the Complaint.
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falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 69 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.

- 70. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 70 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 71. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 71 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
  - 72. Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 72 of the Complaint.
  - 73. Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 73 of the Complaint.
  - 74. Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 74 of the Complaint.
- 75. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 75 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 76. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 76 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 77. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 77 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 78. The Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 78 of the Complaint and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
  - 79. Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 79 of the Complaint.
  - 80. Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 80 of the Complaint.

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### **AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

#### FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's Complaint on file herein fails to state a claim against these answering Defendants upon which relief can be granted.

#### SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

That it has been necessary for the Defendants to retain the services of an attorney to defend this action and Defendants are entitled to an award of reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred herein.

### THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Pursuant to NRCP Rule 11, all possible affirmative defenses may not have been alleged herein insofar as sufficient facts are not available after reasonable inquiry upon the filing of the Plaintiff's Complaint, and therefore, these answering Defendants reserve the right to amend this Answer to add additional affirmative defenses as additional facts are discovered.

### FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The alleged investments referenced in the Complaint do not constitute a security under

DATED this 29th day of December, 2017.

HAROLD P. GEWERTER, ESQ., LTD.

/s/ Harold P. Gewerter
HAROLD P. GEWERTER, ESQ.
Nevada Bar No. 499
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Attorney for Defendants,
Ronald J. Robinson and Alisa Davis

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Certification is hereby made that a true and correct copy of the foregoing

### DEFENDANTS RONALD J. ROBINSON'S AND ALISA DAVIS' ANSWER TO

COMPLAINT AND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES was served this 29th day of December,

2017, by electronic service via the court's electronic filing and electronic service and vis U.S.

Mail to the counsel set forth on the service list, and listed below, pursuant to Administrative

Order 14-2, NEFCR 9 (a), and EDCR Rule 7.26.

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NOTICE! YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. THE COURT MAY DECIDE AGAINST YOU WITHOUT YOUR BEING HEARD UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW. TO THE DEFENDANTS: A civil complaint has been filed by the Plaintiff against you for the relief set forth in the complaint. Object of Action: This is a Complaint for Fraud, Misrepresentation and Omissions, Violation of Nevada Uniform Securities Act §§ NRS 90.310. 90.460 and 90.660, Violation of Nevada Uniform Securities Act §§ NRS 90.570 and 90.660, and Breach of Written Contract. 1. If you intend to defend the lawsuit, within 20 days after this summons is served on you, exclusive of the day of service, you must do the following: a. File with the Clerk of this Court, whose address is shown below, a formal written response to the Complaint in accordance with the rules of the Court, with the appropriate filing fee. b. Serve a copy of your response upon the attorney whose name and address is shown below. 2. Unless you respond your default will be entered upon application of the Plaintiff and this court may enter a judgment against you for the relief demanded in the complaint, which could result in the taking of money or property or other relief requested in the Complaint. 3. If you intend to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your response may be filed on time. 4. The State of Nevada, its political subdivisions, agencies, officers, employees, board members, commission members and legislators each have 45 days after service of this Summons within which to file an Answer or other responsive pleading to the Complaint. Steven D. Grierson, Clerk of the Court, By: ROXANNA GOMEZ, Deputy Clerk, Date OCT 06 2017, Clark County Courthouse, 200 Lewis Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89155, Submitted by: DAVID LIEBRADER, ESQ., STATE BAR NO. 5048, THE LAW OFFICES OF DAVID LIEBRADER, INC., 601 S. RANCHO DR. STE. D-29, LAS VEGAS, NV 89106, (702) 380-3131, Attorney for Plaintiff

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except those allegations which are herein specifically admitted, qualified, or otherwise answered.

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#### FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's Complaint on file herein fails to state a claim against these Answering

#### SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

That it has been necessary for the Defendants to retain the services of an attorney to defend this action and Defendants are entitled to an award of reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred herein.

#### THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Pursuant to NRCP Rule 11, all possible affirmative defenses may not have been alleged herein insofar as sufficient facts are not available after reasonable inquiry upon the filing of the

Plaintiff's Complaint, and therefore, these Answering Defendants reserve the right to amend this Answer to add additional affirmative defenses as additional facts are discovered. FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE The alleged investments referenced in the Complaint do not constitute a security under the law. DATED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2018. HAROLD P. GEWERTER, ESQ., LTD. /s/ Harold P. Gewerter HAROLD P. GEWERTER, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 499 1212 S. Casino Center Blvd. Las Vegas, Nevada 89104 Attorney for Defendants, Ronald J. Robinson, Alisa Davis, Virtual Communications, and Wintech, LLC 

### 1 **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING** 2 Certification is hereby made that a true and correct copy of the foregoing 3 DEFENDANTS RONALD J. ROBINSON'S, ALISA DAVIS', VIRTUAL 4 COMMUNICATION CORPORATION'S AND WINTECH, LLC'S ANSWER TO 5 **COMPLAINT AND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES** was served this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018, 6 in the following manner: 7 8 X By being placed into an envelope bearing First Class Postage and placed into the 9 U.S. Mails, this same date, addressed to the following individuals; 10 X By being served via email and to the following individuals at their last known 11 email address, this same date, as follows: 12 David Liebrader, Esq. THE LAW OFFICES OF DAVID 13 LIEBRADER, APC 601 S. Rancho Dr., Ste. D-29 14 Las Vegas, Nevada 89106 15 Email: dliebrader@gmail.com 16 /s/: S. Howard An Employee of 17 Harold P. Gewerter, Esq., Ltd. 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

**Electronically Filed** 2/5/2018 4:58 PM Steven D. Grierson CLERK OF THE COUR T. LOUIS PALAZZO, ESQUIRE Nevada Bar No. 4128 PALAZZO LAW FIRM A PROFESSIONAL LAW CORPORATION 520 South Fourth Street, Second Floor 4 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 Tele: 702/385-3850 5 Fax: 702/385-3855 Attorney for Defendants, 6 JOSH STOLL and RETIRE HAPPY, LLC 7 DISTRICT COURT 8 **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA** 9 IN THE MATTER BETWEEN, Case No. A-17-762264-C 10 Steven A. Hotchkiss, Dept. 8 11 12 Plaintiff. ANSWER, AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES AND CROSS CLAIM 13 VS. 14 Ronald J. Robinson, Vernon Rodriquez, 15 Virtual Communications Corporation, Wintech, LLC, Retire Happy, LLC, Josh 16 Stoll, Frank Yoder, Alisa Davis and DOES 1-17 10 and ROES 1-10, inclusively, 18 Defendants. 19 COME NOW the Defendants, RETIRE HAPPY, LLC and JOSH STOLL (collectively 20 referred to as Defendants herein) by and through their attorney, T. LOUIS PALAZZO, ESQ., of 21 PALAZZO LAW FIRM and for their Answer to Plaintiff STEVEN A. HOTCHKISS'S, (hereinafter, 22 23 HOTCHKISS or Plaintiff) Complaint state as follows: 24 /// 25 /// 26 27 28 1

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#### INTRODUCTION

#### **THE PARTIES**

- 1. Answering Paragraph 1 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants state that they are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein and, therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.
- 2. Answering Paragraph 2 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants admit each and every allegation contained therein.
- 3. Answering Paragraph 3 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants admit each and every allegation contained therein.
- 4. Answering Paragraph 4 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants admit each and every allegation contained therein.
- 5. Answering Paragraph 5 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants state that they are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein and, therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.
- 6. Answering Paragraph 6 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants admit each and every allegation contained therein.
- 7. Answering Paragraph 7 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants admit each and every allegation contained therein.
- 8. Answering Paragraph 8 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants state that they are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein and, therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.

- 9. Answering Paragraph 9 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants state that they are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein and, therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.
- 10. Answering Paragraph 10 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants state that they are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein and, therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.
- 11. Answering Paragraph 11 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants admit that RETIRE HAPPY AND JOSH STOLL maintain offices and do business in Las Vegas, Nevada. Defendants state that they are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in the remainder of the allegations and, therefore, the remaining allegations.

#### FACTUAL BACKGROUND GIVING RISE TO THIS CLAIM

12. Answering Paragraph 12 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants state that they are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein and, therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.

Furthermore, the allegations call for a legal conclusion which Defendants are not qualified to make and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein on that basis.

- 13. Answering Paragraph 13 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants state that they are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein and, therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.
- 14. Answering Paragraph 14 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants state that they are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the

allegations that Defendant Robinson is the chief executive officer of VCC and is a "control person" under the Nevada securities laws, and admit the remainder of the allegation.

Furthermore, the allegations call for a legal conclusion which Defendants are not qualified to make and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein on that basis.

15. Answering Paragraph 15 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants state that they are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein, and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.

Furthermore, the allegations call for a legal conclusion which Defendants are not qualified to make and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein on that basis.

16. Answering Paragraph 16 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants state that they are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein, and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.

Furthermore, the allegations call for a legal conclusion which Defendants are not qualified to make and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein on that basis.

- 17. Answering Paragraph 17 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants state that they are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein, and therefore, deny each and every allegations contained therein.
- 18. Answering Paragraph 18 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants state that they are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein, and therefore deny each and every allegation contained therein.
- 19. Answering Paragraph 19 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny Retire Happy employed unlicensed sales representatives, or that it brought potential investors to VCC to invest in the company's securities, but admits Defendant Stoll was not an employee of VCC, and that he was not licensed to sell securities in the state of Nevada or Kansas.

- 20. Answering Paragraph 20 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants state that they are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein and, therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.
- 21. Answering Paragraph 21 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants state that they are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein, and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.
- 22. Answering Paragraph 22 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants state that they are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein, and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.
- 23. Answering Paragraph 23 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants state that they are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein, and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.
- 24. Answering Paragraph 24 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants state that they are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein, and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.
- 25. Answering Paragraph 25 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants state that they are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein, and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.
- 26. Answering Paragraph 26 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants state that they are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein, and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.
- 27. Answering Paragraph 27 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants state that they are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein, and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.

- 28. Answering Paragraph 28 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants state that they are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations made against others, and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.
- 29. Answering Paragraph 29 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants state that they are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein, and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.
- 30. Answering Paragraph 30 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants state that they are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations made against others, and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.
- 31. Answering Paragraph 31, of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants state they are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations made against others, and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.
- 32. Answering Paragraph 32 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny each and every allegation made against them, and are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations made against others, and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.
- 33. Answering Paragraph 33 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants state that they are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations made against others, and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.
- 34. Answering Paragraph 34 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants state that they are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations made against others, therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.
- 35. Answering Paragraph 35 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants state that they are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations

made against others, and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.

- 36. Answering Paragraph 36 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants state that they are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations made against others, and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.
- 37. Answering Paragraph 37 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny each and every allegation made against them, and are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations made against others, and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.
- 38. Answering Paragraph 38 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny each and every allegation made against them, and are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations made against others, and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.
- 39. Answering Paragraph 39 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny each and every allegation made against them; the allegations call for a legal conclusion requiring no answer; and, they are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations made against others, and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.
- 40. Answering Paragraph 40 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny each and every allegation made against them, and are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations made against others, and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.
- 41. Answering Paragraph 41 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny each and every allegation made against them, and are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations made against others, and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.

- 42. Answering Paragraph 42 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny each and every allegation made against them, and are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations made against others, and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.
- 43. Answering Paragraph 43 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny each and every allegation made against them, and are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations made against others, and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.
- 44. Answering Paragraph 44 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny each and every allegation made against them, and are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations made against others, and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.

# <u>LEGAL BASIS UPON WHICH RELIEF SHOULD BE GRANTED</u> <u>COUNT ONE – FRAUD, MISREPRESENTATIONS AND OMISSIONS</u>

- 45. Answering Paragraph 45 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants repeat and incorporate their answers to paragraphs 1 though 44, as though fully set forth herein by this reference.
- 46. Answering Paragraph 46 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny each and every allegation made against them, and are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations made against others, and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.
- 47. Answering Paragraph 47 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny each and every allegation made against them, and are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations made against others, and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.

- 48. Paragraph 48 contains conclusions of law to which no answer is required, to the extent any answer is required, Defendants hereby deny the allegations contained therein.
- 49. Paragraph 49 contains conclusions of law to which no answer is required, to the extent any answer is required, Defendants hereby deny the allegations contained therein.
- 50. Answering Paragraph 50 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants state they are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations made against others, and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.

## COUNT TWO – VIOLATION OF NEVADA UNIFORM SECURITIES ACT §§ NRS 90.310, 90.460 and 90.660

- 51. Answering Paragraph 51 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants repeat and incorporate their answers to paragraphs 1 though 50, as though fully set forth herein by this reference.
- 52. Answering Paragraph 52 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny each and every allegation made against them, and are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations made against others, and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.
- 53. Answering Paragraph 53 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants state that they are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations made against others, and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.
- 54. Paragraph 54 contains conclusions of law to which no answer is required, to the extent any answer is required, Defendant s hereby deny the allegations contained therein.
- 55. Paragraph 55 contains conclusions of law to which no answer is required, to the extent any answer is required, Defendant s hereby deny the allegations contained therein.
- 56. Answering Paragraph 56 of Plaintiff's Compliant, Defendants admit they were not licensed to sell securities, and deny they were not exempt from licensing.

- 57. Answering Paragraph 57 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny each and every allegation made against them, and are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations made against others, and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.
- 58. Answering Paragraph 58 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants state they are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations made against others, and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.

## COUNT THREE – VIOLATION OF NEVADA UNIFORM SECURITIES ACT §§ NRS 90.570 and 90.660

- 59. Answering Paragraph 59 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants repeat and incorporate their answers to paragraphs 1 though 58, as though fully set forth herein by this reference.
- 60. Answering Paragraph 60 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny each and every allegation made against them, and are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations made against others, and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.
- 61. Answering Paragraph 61 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny each and every allegation made against them, and are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations made against others, and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.
- 62. Answering Paragraph 62 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants state they are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations made against others, and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.
- 63. Answering Paragraph 63 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny each and every allegation made against them, and are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to

base a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations made against others, and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.

- 64. Answering Paragraph 64 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny each and every allegation made against them, and are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations made against others, and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.
- 65. Answering Paragraph 65 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny each and every allegation made against them, and are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations made against others, and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.
- 66. Paragraph 66 contains conclusions of law to which no answer is required, to the extent any answer is required, Defendants hereby deny the allegations contained therein.
- 67. Answering Paragraph 67 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants state they are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations made against others, and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.

#### **COUNT FOUR – BREACH OF WRITTEN CONTRACT**

- 68. Answering Paragraph 68 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants repeat and incorporate their answers to paragraphs 1 though 67, as though fully set forth herein by this reference.
- 69. Answering Paragraph 69 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants state they are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations made against others, and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.
- 70. Answering Paragraph 70 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants state they are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations

made against others, and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.

- 71. Answering Paragraph 71 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants state they are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations made against others, and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.
- 72. Answering Paragraph 72 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants state they are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations made against others, and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.
- 73. Answering Paragraph 73 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants state they are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the allegations made against others, and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.
- 74. Answering Paragraph 74 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny each and every allegation made against them, and are without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to base a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations made against others, and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained therein.

#### AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

#### FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiffs' Complaint fails to state any claim against the answering Defendants upon which relief can be granted.

#### SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

These answering Defendants assert that they have performed no act or omission relevant to the subject matter of the Complaint that would impose upon them any liability to Plaintiff.

#### THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

These answering Defendants are privileged to protect their own financial interests.

#### FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

These answering Defendants actions in no way caused or contributed to Plaintiff's injuries, if any.

#### FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Damages, if any, suffered by Plaintiff were caused in whole or in part, or were contributed to reason of Plaintiff's acts and/or Plaintiff's failure to perform in all respects as contemplated by the parties herein.

#### SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

By his own acts, Plaintiff has waived whatever right he may otherwise have to relief from these answering Defendants.

#### SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiffs damages, if any, are limited by the economic loss rule.

#### EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiffs acts, omissions and damages of which he complains resulted from his own negligent and/or intentional conduct or illegal actions.

#### NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The claims are barred by virtue of an efficient intervening and superseding cause.

#### TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

All or part of the alleged securities improperly issued as alleged by Plaintiff arose by virtue of Plaintiff's own instance and acts and not at any of these answering Defendants instance or acts and Plaintiff is therefore estopped to demand damages from either of these answering Defendants for damages purportedly arising thereby.

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#### ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's alleged dealings as alleged in the contract/subscription agreement, if any, exists by and between Plaintiff and VCC and neither of these answering Defendants is a party to or a personal guarantor of any such contract and Plaintiff, is therefore not in privity with these answering Defendants and may not assert a claim against these answering Defendants for any alleged harm set forth by Plaintiff's Complaint.

#### TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Defendant STOLL was merely an employee of Defendant RETIRE HAPPY, LLC, all acts done by STOLL in any regard were done in such capacity only and therefore, STOLL has no individual personal responsibility to Plaintiff for any such activity.

#### THIRTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Any and all acts and activities of STOLL alleged by Plaintiff to be an employee of RETIRE HAPPY, LLC., were undertaken by STOLL in accordance with the best business judgment rule.

#### FOURTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff is estopped to assert any rights under the contracts alleged in the Complaint by virtue of his own acts or omissions on which these answering Defendants relied.

#### FIFTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

These answering Defendants allege that the occurrences referred to in Plaintiff's Complaint, and all injuries and damages, if any, resulting therefrom, were caused by the acts or omissions of a third party over whom these answering Defendants had no control, including fraudulent and illegal actions of others.

#### SIXTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

All risks and dangers involved in the factual situation described in Plaintiffs' Complaint were open, obvious and known to Plaintiff.

#### SEVENTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff, with full knowledge of all the facts connected with or relating to the transaction alleged in the Complaint, ratified and confirmed in all respects the acts of these answering Defendants by accepting the benefits to Plaintiff accruing from such acts.

#### EIGHTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

These answering Defendants allege that the injuries complained of in Plaintiff's Complaint, if any, were not the result of the willful misconduct, gross negligence, or unreasonable commercial conduct of these answering Defendants.

#### NINETEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Neither of these answering Defendants committed any acts of misrepresentations, omissions, fraud or malice, express or implied.

#### TWENTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Defendants VCC and ROBINSON drafted the agreement placed in issue and are therefore responsible for any and all harm arising therefrom, if any.

#### TWENTY-FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

These answering Defendants have not violated any provision of NRS 78 et seq, NRS 90.310, NRS 90.460, NRS 90.660, NRS 90.570, or any other provision of the Nevada Uniform Securities Act.

#### TWENTY-SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff waived his rights under the contracts alleged in the Complaint by intentionally and knowingly waiving rights known to him.

#### TWENTY-THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff assumed the risk of any and all alleged losses.

#### TWENTY-FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Any and all transaction that were negotiated between Plaintiff and these answering Defendants were done at arm's length, in good faith, and with the ability to seek legal counsel.

#### TWENTY-FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff has failed to mitigate his damages.

#### TWENTY-SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff, with knowledge of the facts connected with or relating to the transactions and occurrences alleged in the Complaint, ratified and confirmed the actions of these answering Defendants.

#### TWENTY-SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

There was no legal consideration whatsoever for the damages to which the Plaintiff now claims is due from these answering Defendants.

#### TWENTY-EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff has not stated, or has misstated the agreement, between Plaintiff and these answering Defendants, if any, and as a result. the Complaint is without merit and must be dismissed as to these answering Defendants.

#### **RULE 8 STATEMENT**

These answering Defendants incorporate by this reference those Affirmative Defenses enumerated in Rule 8 of the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure as if fully set forth herein. If further investigation or discovery reveals the applicability of any such defenses, Defendants reserve the right to seek leave of this Court to amend this Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint to specifically assert any such defenses. Such defenses are herein incorporated by this reference for the specific purpose of not waiving any such defenses.

#### **RULE 11 STATEMENT**

Pursuant to Rule 11 of the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure, all possible affirmative defenses may not have been alleged herein, insofar as sufficient facts were not available after reasonable inquiry upon the filing of this Answer and, therefore, Defendants JULIE MINUSKIN and RETIRE HAPPY, LLC reserve the right to amend this Answer to alleged additional affirmative defenses if subsequent investigation warrants.

#### ATTORNEY FEES

Defendants JOSH STOLL and RETIRE HAPPY, LLC has been forced to retain counsel to defend against Plaintiff's Complaint, and Defendants JOSH STOLL and RETIRE HAPPY, LLC are entitled to an award of reasonable attorney's fees.

WHEREFORE, Defendants RETIRE HAPPY, LLC and JOSH STOLL, pray that Plaintiff's Complaint on file herein be dismissed with prejudice, that Plaintiff be denied all requested relief and take nothing by reason of the Complaint, and that Defendants RETIRE HAPPY, LLC and JOSH STOLL recover from Plaintiff any and all relief this Court deems just and proper.

## CROSSCLAIMS AGAINST VCC and ROBINSON FOR CONTRIBUTION AND INDEMNITY

COMES NOW, Defendants/Cross-Claimants, RETIRE HAPPY, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company and JOSH STOLL, an individual, (hereinafter CrossClaimants), by and through their attorney, T. LOUIS PALAZZO, ESQ., of PALAZZO LAW FIRM and alleges for a Crossclaim against the CrossDefendants, VCC and ROBINSON (hereinafter, CrossDefendants) hereby aver and allege as follows:

- 1. JOSH STOLL is an individual residing in Clark County, Nevada.
- 2. RETIRE HAPPY, LLC is a limited liability company organized pursuant to the laws of the State of Nevada, is qualified to conduct business in Clark County, Nevada, and conducts

business in Clark County, Nevada.

- 4. At all times relevant herein, Defendant/Cross Defendant VIRTUAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION ("VCC") was a Nevada corporation doing business in Clark County, Nevada.
- At all times relevant herein, Defendant/Cross Defendant RONALD J. ROBINSON ("Mr. Robinson") was, on information and belief, a resident of Nevada, and doing business through VCC in Nevada.
- 6. That Crossclaimants have been sued by Plaintiff in the above referenced action for losses and damages sustained in connection with financial transactions that occurred on September 23, 2013.
- 6. Neither STOLL nor RETIRE HAPPY, LLC are in privity to the contracts complained of herein.
- 7. STOLL and RETIRE HAPPY, LLC alleges CrossDefendants are liable for any injuries or damages allegedly sustained by Plaintiff as a result of their conduct as alleged in Plaintiff's Complaint.
- 8. STOLL and RETIRE HAPPY, LLC alleges that in the event that it is found to be liable to Plaintiff, or any other party for damages, or if payment is made by them to any other party as a result of the incidents and occurrences described in the Plaintiff's Complaint, then the liability of or payment by STOLL and/or RETIRE HAPPY, LLC is based upon an obligation imposed by law and not based upon the acts or omissions of STOLL and/or RETIRE HAPPY, LLC but is based upon the acts or omissions of the CrossDefendants, including, without limitation, the alleged conduct as more fully set forth in Plaintiff's Complaint and STOLL and RETIRE HAPPY, LLC therefore, alleges that they are entitled to be indemnified, equitably or expressly, by said Cross- Defendants for

any liability they may incur toward, may have paid, or may be required to pay to Plaintiff or any other party.

9. STOLL and RETIRE HAPPY, LLC alleges that in the event they are found to be liable to Plaintiff or any other party for damages, or if payment is made by them to Plaintiff or to any other party as a result of the incident or occurrence described in Plaintiff's Complaint, then their liability for payment is based upon the acts and/or omissions of CrossDefendants and they therefore, allege that if they are required to pay damages or other sums to Plaintiff, or any other party, CrossDefendants are liable for said judgment or payment and CrossClaimants are entitled to contribution from said CrossDefendants; STOLL and RETIRE HAPPY, LLC requests that theories of contribution applicable to joint tortfeasors be applied in order that no party is called upon to bear more than its proportional share of liability and damages.

WHEREFORE, CrossClaimants pray for judgment as follows:

- 1. That JOSH STOLL and RETIRE HAPPY, LLC be awarded judgment against CrossDefendant on CrossClaimant's Crossclaim for contribution and/or indemnification in an amount to be determined at the time of trial;
- For costs of suit incurred herein, attorneys' fees and for such other and further relief as theCourt deems just and proper under the circumstances.

Dated this 29th day of January, 2018

PALAZZO LAW FIRM A PROFESSIONAL LAW CORPORATION

/s/ T. Louis Palazzo
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Attorney for Defendants,
JOSH STOLL and RETIRE HAPPY, LLC.

#### 1 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** 2 Pursuant of NRCP 5(b), I hereby certify that I am an employee of PALAZZO LAW FIRM, P.C., and that on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing 3 document by: 4 Mail on all parties in said action, by placing a true copy thereof enclosed in a sealed [ ] 5 envelope in a designated area for outgoing mail, addressed as set forth below. 6 Personal delivery by causing a true copy thereof to be hand delivered this date to the 7 address(es) at the address(es) set forth below. 8 [ ] Courtesy copy by facsimile on the parties in said action by causing a true copy thereof to be telecopied to the number indicated after the address(es) noted below. 9 10 [X] Electronically through the Eighth Judicial District Court electronic filing system. 11 Federal Express or other overnight delivery addressed as follows: [ ] 12 David Liebrader, Esq. 13 THE LAW OFFICES OF DAVID LIEBRADER, INC. 601 South Rancho Drive, Ste. D-29 14 Las Vegas, NV 89106 15 16 /s/Celina Moore An employee of PALAZZO LAW FIRM 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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CLERK OF THE COURT 1 ANS HAROLD P. GEWERTER, ESQ. 2 Nevada Bar No. 499 HAROLD P. GEWERTER, ESQ., LTD. 3 1212 So. Casino Center Blvd. 4 Las Vegas Nevada 89104 Telephone: (702) 382-1714 5 Fax: (702) 382-1759 Email: harold@gewerterlaw.com 6 Attorney for Defendants, 7 Ronald J. Robinson, Alisa Davis, Virtual Communications, and 8 Wintech, LLC **DISTRICT COURT** 10 **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA** 11 12 CASE NO.: A-17-762264-C IN THE MATTER BETWEEN. 13 DEPT. NO.: 8 14 Steven A. Hotchkiss, 15 Plaintiff. **DEFENDANTS RONALD J. ROBINSON'S** 16 AND VIRTUAL COMMUNICATION VS. 17 CORPORATION'S ANSWER TO RETIRE Ronald J. Robinson, Vernon Rodriguez, HAPPY, LLC, AND JOSH STOLL'S 18 Virtual Communications Corporation, **CROSSCLIAM** Wintech, LLC, Retire Happy, LLC, Josh Stoll, 19 Frank Yoder, Alisa Davis, and DOES 1-10 20 AND ROES 1-10, inclusively, 21 Defendants. 22 23 Defendants RONALD J. ROBINSON, and VIRTUAL COMMUNICATION 24 CORPORATION (collectively, the "Answering Defendants" or the "Defendants"), by and 25 through their attorney of record, HAROLD P. GEWERTER, ESQ., of the law offices of 26 HAROLD P. GEWERTER, ESQ., LTD., herewith file their Answer and Affirmative Defenses, 27 as follows: 28 The Answering Cross-Defendants deny each and every allegation of Cross-Claimants'

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Crossclaim except those allegations which are herein specifically admitted, qualified, or otherwise answered.

These Answering Cross-Defendants deny that Cross-Claimants are entitled to any recovery, and Cross-Defendants request that Cross-Claimants' Crossclaim be dismissed with prejudice on the merits.

- 1. Cross-Defendants admit the allegations contained in paragraph 1 of the Crossclaim.
- 2. Cross-Defendants admit the allegations contained in paragraph 2 of the Crossclaim.
- 3. Cross-Defendants admit the allegations contained in paragraph 4 [sic] 3 of the Crossclaim.
- 4. The Cross-Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 5 [sic] 4 of the Crossclaim and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 5. The Cross-Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 6 [sic] 5 of the Crossclaim and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 6. The Cross-Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 6 of the Crossclaim and therefore, deny each and every allegation contained in said paragraph.
- 7. Cross-Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 7 of the Crossclaim.
- 8. Cross-Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 8 of the Crossclaim.
- 9. Cross-Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraph 63 of the Crossclaim.

#### AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

#### FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Cross-Claimants' Crossclaim on file herein fails to state a claim against these Answering Cross-Defendants upon which relief can be granted.

#### SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

That it has been necessary for the Cross-Defendants to retain the services of an attorney to defend this action and Cross-Defendants are entitled to an award of reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred herein.

#### THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Pursuant to NRCP Rule 11, all possible affirmative defenses may not have been alleged herein insofar as sufficient facts are not available after reasonable inquiry upon the filing of the Cross-Claimants' Crossclaim, and therefore, these Answering Cross-Defendants reserve the right to amend this Answer to add additional affirmative defenses as additional facts are discovered.

DATED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.

HAROLD P. GEWERTER, ESQ., LTD.

/s/ Harold P. Gewerter
HAROLD P. GEWERTER, ESQ.
Nevada Bar No. 499
1212 S. Casino Center Blvd.
Las Vegas, Nevada 89104
Attorney for Defendants/Cross-Defendants,
Ronald J. Robinson,
Virtual Communications Corporation

#### 1 **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING** 2 Certification is hereby made that a true and correct copy of **DEFENDANTS RONALD** 3 J. ROBINSON'S AND VIRTUAL COMMUNICATION CORPORATION'S ANSWER 4 TO RETIRE HAPPY, LLC, AND JOSH STOLL'S CROSSCLIAM was served this 5 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018, by electronic service via the court's electronic filing and electronic 6 service to the counsel set forth on the service list, and listed below, pursuant to Administrative 7 8 Order 14-2, NEFCR 9 (a), and EDCR Rule 7.26. T. Louis Palazzo, Esq. PALAZZO LAW FIRM 10 A PROFESSIONAL LAW CORPORATION 11 520 South Fourth Street, Second Floor Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 12 Attorney for Defendants/Crossclaimants JOSH STOLL and RETIRE HAPPY, LLC 13 14 David Liebrader, Esq. THE LAW OFFICES OF DAVID LIEBRADER, APC 601 S. Rancho Dr., Ste. D-29 Las Vegas, NV 89106 Attorney for Plaintiff, 17 STEVEN A. HOTCHKISS 18 19 /s/: Sonja Howard 20 An Employee of HAROLD P. GEWERTER, ESQ., LTD. 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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IN THE MATTER BETWEEN,

Steven A. Hotchkiss,

Plaintiff,

VS.

Ronald J. Robinson, Vernon Rodriguez,
Virtual Communications Corporation,
Wintech, LLC, Retire Happy, LLC, Josh Stoll,

Frank Yoder, Alisa Davis, and DOES 1-10 AND ROES 1-10, inclusively,

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Defendants.

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SUGGESTION OF BANKRUPTCY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on May 22, 2018, Defendant Virtual Communications Corporation ("VCC") filed a voluntary petition in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nevada for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") under case number 18-12951-leb. A copy of VCC's chapter 11 petition is

attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

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Case Number: A-17-762264-C

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to section 362(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, VCC's filing of its voluntary chapter 11 petition operations as an automatic stay, applicable to all persons and entities, of, among other things, (a) the commencement or continuation of all judicial, administrative, or other actions or proceedings against VCC (i) that were or could have been commenced before the filing of VCC chapter 11 petition or (ii) to recover on any claims against VCC that arose before the filing of VCC chapter 11 petition; (b) the enforcement against VCC or against any property of VCC's bankruptcy estate, of any judgment obtained before the filing of VCC chapter 11 petition; and (c) any act to obtain possession of or exercise control over property of VCC's bankruptcy estate.

DATED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.

HAROLD P. GEWERTER, ESQ., LTD.

/s/ Harold P. Gewerter
HAROLD P. GEWERTER, ESQ.
Nevada Bar No. 499
1212 S. Casino Center Blvd.
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Attorney for Defendants/Cross-Defendants,
Ronald J. Robinson,
Virtual Communications Corporation

#### **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING** 2 Certification is hereby made that a true and correct copy of SUGGESTION OF 3 BANKRUPTCY was served this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018, by electronic service via the court's 4 electronic filing and electronic service to the counsel set forth on the service list, and listed 5 below, pursuant to Administrative Order 14-2, NEFCR 9 (a), and EDCR Rule 7.26. T. Louis Palazzo, Esq. 7 PALAZZO LAW FIRM 8 A PROFESSIONAL LAW CORPORATION 520 South Fourth Street, Second Floor Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 Attorney for Defendants/Crossclaimants 10 JOSH STOLL and RETIRE HAPPY, LLC 11 David Liebrader, Esq. 12 THE LAW OFFICES OF DAVID LIEBRADER, APC 601 S. Rancho Dr., Ste. D-29 13 Las Vegas, NV 89106 14 Attorney for Plaintiff, STEVEN A. HOTCHKISS 15 16 17 /s/: Sonja Howard An Employee of 18 HAROLD P. GEWERTER, ESQ., LTD. 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

EXHIBIT "1"

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	Include any assumed names, trade names and doing business as names			
3.	Debtor's federal Employer Identification Number (EIN)	46-3651092	er ( tr. , propriessor ( tr. )	
4.	Debtor's address	Principal place of business	Mailing address business	s, if different from principal place of
		319 E. Warm Springs Road, Suite 100 Las Vegas, NV 89119		
		Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code	P.O. Box, Number	er, Street, City, State & ZIP Code
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Voluntary Petition for Non-Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy

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# UNANIMOUS WRITTEN CONSENT IN LIEU OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF VIRTUAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION, A NEVADA CORPORATION

The undersigned, being all of the Directors of VIRTUAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION, a Nevada corporation (the "Corporation"), hereby waive notice of meeting and consent to the following resolutions in lieu of a Special Meeting in accordance with Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") §78.315 and with the Corporation's Bylaws with the same effect as if those resolutions had been duly proposed and adopted at a Special Meeting of Directors of the Corporation duly called and held in accordance with applicable law and the Bylaws of this Corporation:

#### APPROVAL OF BANKRUPTCY

WHEREAS, NRS §78.315 provides, in pertinent part, that unless otherwise restricted by the articles of incorporation or bylaws, any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the board of directors may be taken without a meeting if, before or after the action, a written consent thereto is signed by all the members of the board; and

WHEREAS, there is nothing under the Articles of Incorporation, as amended, of the Corporation or the Bylaws of the Corporation that expressly restricts the right of the Board of Directors of the Corporation (the "Board") to take action by written consent in accordance with NRS §78.315; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the Corporation is unable to meet its obligations as they become due in the ordinary course of business; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes it is advisable and in the best interest of the Corporation to proceed with the approval and filing of a Chapter 11 bankruptcy petition for the Corporation (the "Bankruptcy").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bankruptcy is hereby authorized and approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each of the President, Treasurer, Secretary and any other officer of the Corporation (each, an "Authorized Officer") be and hereby is authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary to effect the Bankruptey and is hereby further authorized to take such actions, including those necessary to obtain any necessary consents or approvals, to make such filings and to prepare, execute and deliver such other letters, agreements, instruments and documents as an Authorized Officer, in his sole discretion, deems necessary or advisable to effect the foregoing resolutions and the transactions contemplated thereby.

#### APPROVAL OF BANKRUPTCY COUNSEL

WHEREAS, in connection with the Bankruptey, the Board believes it is advisable and in the best interest of the Corporation to retain Kolesar & Leatham as counsel to the Corporation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Kolesar & Leatham is hereby approved as Bankruptcy counsel for the Corporation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each Authorized Officer be and hereby is authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary to retain Kolesar & Leatham as Bankruptcy counsel for the Corporation.

#### GENERAL AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an Authorized Officer be and hereby is, authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Corporation, to take or cause to be taken any and all actions, to make all such arrangements, and to execute and deliver such other instruments and documents as an Authorized Officer may deem necessary or appropriate in order to effectuate fully the purpose of each and all of the foregoing resolutions and consummate the transactions contemplated herein, the taking of any such action being conclusive evidence of such determination, and any and all actions taken heretofore and hereafter to accomplish such purposes, all or singular, are hereby ratified and confirmed; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Unanimous Written Consent in Lieu of Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Corporation may be executed in any number of counterparts and by different parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and aff of which taken together shall constitute but one and the same consent.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Unanimous Written Consent in lieu of a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of Virtual Communications Corporation, a Nevada corporation, effective the  $\underline{26}$  day of April, 2018.

CONSENT OF DIRECTORS:

Ronald J. Robinson

Michael Yoder

S. Vernon Rodriguez

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CLERK OF THE COURT DAVID LIEBRADER, ESQ. 1 STATE BAR NO. 5048 THE LAW OFFICES OF DAVID LIEBRADER, APC 2 601 S. RANCHO DR. STE. D-29 LAS VEGAS, NV 89106 3 PH: (702) 380-3131 Attorney for Plaintiffs 4 5 DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA 6 7 IN THE MATTER BETWEEN Case No. A-17-763003-C 8 Anthony White, Robin Suntheimer, Troy Dept.: 24 9 Suntheimer, Stephens Ghesquiere, Jackie Stone, Gayle Chany, Kendall Smith, Gabriele FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT 10 Lavermicocca and Robert Kaiser **EXEMPT FROM ARBITRATION:** 11 PLAINTIFFS, **EXCEEDS JURISDICTIONAL** MINIMUM 12 v. 13 Ronald J. Robinson, Vernon Rodriguez, Virtual Communications Corporation, Wintech, LLC, Alisa ) JURY TRIAL DEMANDED 14 Davis, Julie Minuskin, Josh Stoll, Retire Happy LLC, and DOES 1-10 and ROES 1-10, inclusively, 15 **DEFENDANTS** 16 17 18 - Plaintiff Anthony White files this first amended complaint by adding as Plaintiffs and 19. Defendants the following individuals (and a corporate entity), while withdrawing all efforts to 20 certify this case as a class action. 21 New Plaintiffs: Robin Suntheimer, Troy Suntheimer, Stephens Ghesquiere, Jackie Stone, 22 Gayle Chany, Kendall Smith, Gabriele Lavermicocca, Robert Kaiser. 23 New Defendants: Retire Happy, LLC, Julie Minuskin, Josh Stoll. 24 25 26

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#### INTRODUCTION

#### THE PARTIES

- 1. Plaintiff Anthony White ("Mr. White" or "Plaintiff") is a man living in Dakula, Georgia.
- 2. Plaintiff Stephens Ghesquiere ("Mr. Ghesquiere" or "Plaintiff") is a man living in Pensacola, Florida.
- 3. Plaintiff Troy Suntheimer ("Mr. Suntheimer" or "Plaintiff") is a man living in Newport News, Virginia.
- 4. Plaintiff Robin Suntheimer ("Ms. Suntheimer" or "Plaintiff") is a woman living in Newport News, Virginia.
- 5. Plaintiff Jackie Stone ("Ms. Stone" or "Plaintiff") is a woman living in Rescue, California.
- 6. Plaintiff Gabriele Lavermicocca ("Ms. Lavermicocca" or "Plaintiff") is a woman living in San Diego, California.
- 7. Plaintiff Gayle Chany ("Ms. Chany" or "Plaintiff") is a woman living in Crest Hill, Illinois.
- 8. Plaintiff Kendall Smith ("Mr. Smith" or "Plaintiff") is a man living in Reed Point Montana.
- 9. Plaintiff Robert Kaiser ("Mr. Kaiser" or "Plaintiff") is a man living in Fort Wayne, Indiana.
- At all times relevant herein Defendant Virtual Communications Corporation
   ("VCC") was a Nevada corporation doing business in Clark County, Nevada.
- 11. At all times relevant herein Defendant Wintech, LLC ("Wintech") was a Nevada

company doing business in Clark County, Nevada.

- 12. At all times relevant herein Defendant Ronald J. Robinson ("Mr. Robinson") was, on information and belief, a resident of Nevada, and doing business through VCC and Wintech in Clark County, Nevada.
- 13. At all times relevant herein Defendant Vernon Rodriguez ("Mr. Rodriguez") was, on information and belief, a resident of Nevada, doing business in Clark County, and a corporate officer of Wintech and VCC.
- 14. At all times relevant herein Defendant Julie Minuskin ("Ms. Minuskin") was, on information and belief, a resident of Nevada, and doing business in Clark County, Nevada.
- 15. At all times relevant herein Defendant Josh Stoll ("Mr. Stoll") was, on information and belief, a resident of Nevada, and doing business in Clark County, Nevada.
- 16. At all times relevant herein Defendant Retire Happy, LLC ("Retire Happy") was, on information and belief, a Nevada corporation doing business in Clark County, Nevada.
- 17. At all times relevant herein Defendant Alisa Davis ("Ms. Davis") was, on information and belief, a resident of Nevada, and doing business in Clark County, Nevada.
- 18. That the true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, associate or otherwise, of Defendants DOES I-X and ROE CORPORATIONS I-X are unknown to Plaintiff who, therefore, sues said Defendants by said fictitious names. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that each of the Defendants designated as DOES and ROES are responsible in some manner for the events and happenings referred to and caused damages proximately to Plaintiff as herein alleged or are parties having ownership interests in entities owned or controlled by Defendants. Plaintiff will ask leave of the Court to amend this Complaint to insert the true names and capacities of DOES I-X

and ROE CORPORATIONS I-X when same have been ascertained and to join such Defendants in this action.

19. Jurisdiction and venue is appropriate in District Court for the County of Clark in that Retire Happy, Wintech and VCC were/ are Nevada corporations doing business in Clark County, Nevada and Defendants Robinson, Rodriguez, Davis, Stoll and Minuskin all worked in Las Vegas, NV at all times relevant to the facts in this complaint.

20. Statement regarding bankruptcy: At the time of the filing of this first amended complaint claims against Defendant VCC (and its wholly owned subsidiary Wintech) are subject to an "automatic stay" due to a Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing in Nevada District Bankruptcy Court. The stay only applies to VCC and Wintech.

# FACTUAL BACKGROUND GIVING RISE TO THIS CLAIM

- 21. This is an action for the recovery of investment losses. The investment at issue is an unregistered security in the form of a promissory note that was marketed and sold by Defendants through a "general solicitation" in violation of the Nevada securities laws. The investment is a short term promissory note issued by a VCC, and personally guaranteed by Defendant Robinson.
- 22. VCC has defaulted on its payment obligations, which called for it to make monthly payments of nine percent interest to Plaintiffs and all the class members. VCC has not made payments to Plaintiffs since February, 2015. Plaintiffs have all sent notice of default to VCC and Mr. Robinson demanding the overdue payments. To date neither VCC nor Robinson have responded to the letter, or cured the default.
- 23. Defendant Robinson is the former chief executive officer of VCC and is a "control

person" under the Nevada securities laws. Mr. Robinson also personally guaranteed the promissory note purchased by the Plaintiffs.

- 24. Defendant Rodriguez is an officer and director of VCC and is a "control person" under the Nevada securities laws.
- 25. Defendant Minuskin is the owner of unregistered broker dealer Retire Happy, LLC (the company that ran the offering for VCC), and is a "control person" under the Nevada securities laws.
- 26. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that at all relevant times herein there exited a unity of interest and ownership between VCC and Wintech such that any corporate individuality and separateness between VCC and Wintech has ceased and that VCC is the alter ego of Wintech. Wintech and its officers so completely dominated, controlled and managed the operations of VCC (which existed solely as a fund raising vehicle for Wintech's technology, the ALICE receptionist) that VCC functioned as a mere instrumentality and conduit through which Wintech operated.
- 27. Furthermore, per Vern Rodriguez' sworn testimony in a separate matter VCC had "zero employees," VCC "didn't have day to day operations," and VCC's Note offering "was used to provide funding for Wintech's activities."
- 28. Wintech used VCC as a means to receive money from investors, while avoiding responsibility for repaying them under the terms of the Notes. As a result, Wintech through its officers, Robinson and Rodriguez directed VCC and Wintech to perpetrate a fraud and circumvent the interests of justice. Adherence to the fiction of the existence of VCC as an entity separate and distinct from Wintech would permit an abuse of the corporate privilege and would sanction fraud and promote injustice in that Plaintiff and

prospective Plaintiffs would be denied a full and fair recovery in the event the assets of VCC are insufficient to satisfy a judgment entered against it.

- 29. Defendants VCC and Robinson relied on outside fund raiser, unregistered broker dealer Defendant "Retire Happy" to go out to the investment community with its unlicensed sales representatives, to solicit investments for VCC's Promissory Note offering. These agents of Retire Happy, including Defendants Stoll and Minuskin were not employees of VCC, nor were they licensed to sell securities in the state of Nevada, or in any other state.
- 30. Sometime in 2013, Plaintiffs began receiving solicitations from Minuskin and Stoll to invest in VCC's 9% Promissory Note offering with personal guarantee.
- 31. Retire Happy's agents told Plaintiffs that VCC was looking to borrow money for eighteen months and would pay Plaintiffs monthly interest of nine percent until maturity. They also told Plaintiffs that VCC was a startup telecommunications company that had a unique product that would revolutionize the marketplace. This product was the ALICE technology, presently owned by Wintech. Minuskin and Stoll told Plaintiffs that VCC's financial prospects were bright, and VCC only needed a short term "bridge loan" until they did a large public offering of stock. To seal the deal, they told Plaintiffs that the CEO of the company, Ronald Robinson was prepared to personally guarantee the investment.
- 32. As a result of the promised nine percent interest, the representations regarding the financial stability and prospects of the company, and Mr. Robinson's guarantee, Plaintiffs agreed to purchase the VCC securities.
- 33. Defendant Alisa Davis authorized Retire Happy to keep preprinted VCC promissory notes, signed and guaranteed by Ronald Robinson (Davis' grandfather) in Retire Happy's

office, where they could input prospective investor's names and the dollar amount invested into the "blank" sections on the contract.

- 34. Although the preprinted, pre-signed and pre-guaranteed notes all bear Ronald Robinson's signature, Robinson claims that own Granddaughter Ms. Davis- was not authorized to provide those preprinted contracts to Retire Happy, and that Ms. Davis did so without Robinson's knowledge or permission.
- 35. Ms. Davis also provided Retire Happy with three different power point presentations related to, and in furtherance of VCC's Note offering whereby the personal guarantee of Ronald Robinson is touted, as is his substantial multimillion dollar net worth.
- 36. If Robinson is to be believed, that Alisa Davis acted without his authorization and knowledge, then the end result is that Davis intentionally mislead VCC Note purchasers, including Plaintiffs, by leading them to believe that the Notes were guaranteed, when they were not.
- 37. In reality, Robinson, Rodriguez, VCC and Wintech were all aware that money was being raised by Retire Happy via the promissory note offering, as money came in to VCC as a result of Retire Happy's efforts. Furthermore, VCC paid the Plaintiffs the specific amounts stated under the Notes until default, further undermining Robinson's claim that he was unaware of the offering. In any event, VCC, Wintech and its officers and control persons received the benefits of the fund raise, and acted consistent with all of the agreed upon terms.
- 38. Robinson's guarantee was a material aspect of the Note transaction, and Plaintiffs would not have invested without this guarantee.
- 39. The following amounts were invested by Plaintiffs:

Investor	Amount invested	Date
Anthony White	\$20,000	January, 2014
Troy Suntheimer	\$52,000	November, 2013
Robin Suntheimer	\$35,000	October, 2013
Steve Ghesquiere	\$66,000	April, 2014
Jackie Stone	\$35,000	January, 2013
Gabriele Lavermicocca	\$100,000	September, 2014
Gayle Chany	\$59,000	September, 2014
Kendall Smith	\$28,000	December, 2014
Robert Kaiser	\$62,000	January,2013
	\$42,000	October, 2013

- 40. After making the nine percent interest payments for 2014, VCC abruptly stopped making payments in 2015. The last payment Plaintiffs received was for January, 2015. After the default Plaintiffs sent a letters to VCC and Robinson notifying them that they were in default, and giving them ten days to cure. As of the time of the filing of the complaint, Defendants had not cured the default.
- 41. Since payments stopped to Plaintiffs in February, 2015 they have received periodic updates from VCC promising them that they would be receiving their money back as a result of fund raising efforts by VCC. Plaintiffs were also told they would be offered the opportunity to redeem their Notes for shares in the soon to be profitable company. These promises, made by Robinson and Vern Rodriguez were nothing more than stall and delay tactics, designed to prevent Plaintiffs from filing a lawsuit to recover their funds.

Plaintiffs relied to their detriment on these repeated promises of forthcoming repayment, which resulted in them delaying bringing this action in hopes that Defendants would follow through on their promises.

- 42. At present, Plaintiffs' principal investment appears to be completely lost as VCC and Mr. Robinson have refused to return the funds.
- 43. Unbeknownst to Plaintiffs, Retire Happy, Minuskin and Stoll were compensated by VCC for soliciting investors despite the fact that neither Minuskin, Stoll, nor Retire Happy were employees of VCC.
- 44. In addition to the improper solicitation, neither VCC nor Retire Happy ever provided Plaintiffs with a private placement memorandum or "audited financials" detailing VCC's financial status, or risk factors, or proposed use of the funds. Furthermore, none of the Defendants ever informed Plaintiffs that Julie Minuskin, owner of Retire Happy was a convicted criminal, a material omission. Had Plaintiff been informed of this material fact, they would never have agreed to invest in the Note Offering.
- 45. Pursuant to NRS §90.295 the eighteen month promissory notes purchased by Plaintiff are securities. Because VCC did not have a pre-existing relationship with Plaintiffs and relied on Retire Happy, which was neither an employee of VCC, nor a licensed sales representative of a broker dealer, the sale of the VCC Notes was done in violation of the Nevada Securities Laws, specifically NRS §§90.310, 90.460 and 90.660.
- 46. None of the Defendants ever apprised Plaintiff of the true financial condition of the VCC Defendants; the actual use of the funds invested, and never provided Plaintiffs with audited financial statements reflecting the solvency of VCC, any legal actions against it, the risk factors or Minuskin's criminal background. They also failed to inform Plaintiff

that Retire Happy was an unlicensed broker dealer, and as a result, that he was entitled to rescind the purchases. These were material omissions.

- 47. Defendants failed to disclose that Ronald Robinson was improperly withdrawing money raised in the Note offering and using it to fund his other businesses. VCC represented that the money raised would be used to grow and market VCC's ALICE technology. Instead Robinson improperly withdrew \$2 million of the \$4.5 million raised, crippling the young company and forcing it into bankruptcy.
- 48. Defendants failed to disclose that money that was being raised in the Note ffering was being used to pay "interest" to the Promissory Note holders. Since VCC did not have sufficient revenues to pay the 9% "interest" on the Notes, Robinson directed that funds raised should be paid to investors, falsely giving the appearance that interest was being paid from operations. This "Ponzi style" arrangement was never disclosed to investors and was materially misleading.
- 49. Defendants never informed Plaintiffs that they had a right to rescind their transactions as a result of VCC's use of a "general solicitation" to sell their private placement of securities. This was a material omission.
- 50. As a further misrepresentation, Retire Happy and Robinson impliedly represented that the VCC Notes were being sold in compliance with all state and federal securities laws.
- 51. As to Davis, she materially aided the transaction by providing Retire Happy with the preprinted notes. If Robinson's sworn testimony is to be believed, that Davis knowingly included Robinson's guarantee without obtaining his authorization, then Davis has perpetrated a fraud against the Plaintiffs.

# LEGAL BASIS UPON WHICH RELIEF SHOULD BE GRANTED COUNT ONE - MISREPRESENTATIONS AND OMISSIONS

- 52. Plaintiffs incorporate paragraphs 1 through 51, above, as though fully set forth herein.
- 53. The following misrepresentations and omissions were made to the Plaintiff by agents of the unlicensed third party sales representative Retire Happy, and Robinson, in furtherance of acts undertaken and authorized by Defendants, and relied on by Plaintiff in making the investment.
  - Defendants, through their actions, lead Plaintiff to believe that the sales of the
    promissory notes through Retire Happy were in compliance with all federal and
    state requirements. In fact, the VCC Notes were unregistered securities sold
    through a general solicitation, via an unlicensed broker dealer, and were therefore
    unlawfully sold in Nevada;
  - That Plaintiff was entitled to audited financials and a current private placement memorandum detailing material facts on the VCC offering, such as use of funds, an accounting, disclosure of the background of the principals and risk factors.
     Plaintiff did not receive this information from Retire Happy, or the Defendants;
  - Defendant Robinson mislead Plaintiffs by knowingly allowing a preprinted
     Promissory Note containing his guarantee to be used, which he knew Plaintiffs
     would be relying on in loaning money to VCC.
  - That VCC was running a Ponzi scheme by paying older Note investors "interest: derived from principal received from new investors.
  - That Ron Robinson was misappropriating funds received from the Note offering,
     and removing them from the company's bank account to fund his other business

ventures.

- That Julie Minuskin, owner of Retire Happy had recently been convicted of a serious crime for which she had served jail time. In addition, that neither she, nor Josh Stoll nor Retire Happy were licensed to sell securities. A reasonable investor would consider this material information when deciding whether to invest;
- 54. The following fraudulent acts were done by Davis:
  - in soliciting investors (including Plaintiff). If Robinson is to be believed, Davis sent these presigned Notes without Robinson's authorization, and without obtaining his consent to use the Notes for capital raising purposes. The use of this unauthorized Note document resulted in Plaintiff and Plaintiffs being misled about the financial backing behind the transaction, and they would not have invested had Davis, Minuskin and Stoll informed them that Robinson did not intend to guarantee the transactions;
- 55. These misrepresentations and omissions were material, and resulted in Plaintiffs being misled about the true nature of the VCC note investments. Plaintiffs relied in good faith on the misrepresentations and omissions to their detriment.
- 56. The result of these misrepresentations and omissions is that Plaintiffs were induced to purchase the VCC investments. Had Defendants provided truthful information, Plaintiffs would not have invested in the VCC notes.
- 57. The purchase of the VCC investments has resulted in monetary loss.

COUNT TWO - VIOLATION OF NEVADA UNIFORM SECURITIES ACT §§ NRS

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- 67. Plaintiffs incorporate paragraphs 1 through 50, above, as though fully set forth herein.
- 68. At all times mentioned herein Defendants withheld material information about the VCC investment and the VCC Corporation as described above. Had this information been disclosed to Plaintiffs prior to the time they made their investment, they would not have purchased the VCC notes.
- 69. At all times mentioned herein, Rodriguez and Robinson were control persons for VCC, while Minuskin was a control person for Retire Happy.
- 70. Defendants VCC and Robinson failed to inform Plaintiffs that by using Retire Happy to market the VCC Notes, they were engaging in a "general solicitation" of securities, in violation of state and federal securities laws. This was a material omission because Plaintiffs would not have invested in the VCC share transactions had they known that VCC was violating the law in offering the securities to them.
- 71. Defendants also failed to tell Plaintiffs that Julie Minuskin, owner of Retire Happy had no securities license, and had plead guilty and/or had been convicted of a drug crime within the past five years and had served jail time. This was a material omission. Any reasonable investor would want to know that the firm and people they were relying on for investment advice had no securities license and a criminal background.
- 72. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants knowingly and/or recklessly, directly and indirectly have violated the Nevada securities laws in that they made untrue statements of material facts, and omitted to state material facts necessary in order to their statements, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, and sold unregistered investments through unlicensed sales representatives.

73. Plaintiffs hereby tender the securities they purchased to Defendants and demand damages and attorney's fees according to proof.

#### COUNT FOUR - BREACH OF WRITTEN CONTRACT

- 74. Plaintiffs incorporate paragraphs 1 through 50, above, as though fully set forth herein.
- 75. The VCC promissory note was a written contract. Pursuant to the terms of this contract, Defendant VCC was to make monthly payments to Plaintiffs throughout the eighteen month term.
- 76. Defendant VCC has not made monthly payments since February, 2015, and Plaintiffs, pursuant to the terms of the note, provided notice of default to VCC. Defendants had ten days to cure the default, and they have failed to cure within that time. As a result, the Notes provide that all interest and principal payments would accelerate.
- 77. Plaintiffs provided valuable, bargained for consideration by agreeing to loan money to VCC in exchange for Defendants' promise to pay on the dates specified.
- 78. Plaintiffs have not excused Defendants' payment obligations, nor have they provided any extension for Defendants to make the payments. There are no conditions precedent, and Plaintiffs have performed all acts required to trigger Defendants' obligations to pay.
- 79. Defendant Robinson guaranteed VCC's obligations under the contracts, and is liable to the same extent as VCC to Plaintiffs for the breach of contract.
- 80. As a result of Defendants' failure to honor the contracts, Plaintiffs have suffered damages.

Wherefore Plaintiff prays for a joint and several judgment against Defendants as follows:

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1	FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF
2	1. Damages in excess of \$10,000.00;
3	2. Attorneys' fees and costs;
4	<ol> <li>Punitive damages in an amount to be determined at trial;</li> </ol>
5	4. For a finding by the court that VCC is the alter ego of Wintech; and
6	5. Such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper
7	SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF
8	1. Damages in excess of \$10,000.00;
9	<ol> <li>Attorneys' fees, interest and costs;</li> </ol>
10	3. For a finding by the court that VCC is the alter ego of Wintech; and
11	4. Such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper
12	THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF
13	1. Damages in excess of \$10,000.00;
14	2. Attorneys' fees, interest and costs;
15	3. Punitive damages in an amount to be determined at trial;
16	4. For a finding by the court that VCC is the alter ego of Wintech; and
17	<ol> <li>Such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper</li> </ol>
18	FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
19	1. Damages in excess of \$10,000.00;
20	2. Attorneys' fees, interest, penalties and costs;
21	3. For a finding by the court that VCC is the alter ego of Wintech; and
22	4. Such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper
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1	Dated: October 2, 2018	Respectfully submitted,
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AND ROBERT KAISER,

Plaintiffs,

v.

RONALD J. ROBINSON; VERNON RODRIGUEZ; VIRTUAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION; WINTECH, LLC; ALISA DAVIS; JULIE MINUSKIN; JOSH STOLL; RETIRE HAPPY, LLC; DOES 1-10; AND ROES 1-10, inclusively,

Defendants.

Case No.: A-17-763003-C

Dept.: XXIV

ANSWER TO FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT

COME NOW Defendants, Ronald J. Robinson, Vernon Rodriguez, Virtual

Communications Corporation, Wintech, LLC, Alisa Davis, Julie Minuskin, Josh Stoll, and Retire

Happy, LLC (hereinafter "Defendants"), by and through their attorney of record, HAROLD P.

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GEWERTER, ESQ., of the law firm of HAROLD P. GEWERTER, ESQ., LTD., and hereby files their Answer to Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint.

#### INTRODUCTION

#### **THE PARTIES**

- 1. In answering paragraph 1 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants are without specific knowledge or information sufficient to enable them to admit or deny the allegations in said paragraph, and on that basis DENY each and every remaining allegation contained therein.
- 2. In answering paragraph 2 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants are without specific knowledge or information sufficient to enable them to admit or deny the allegations in said paragraph, and on that basis DENY each and every remaining allegation contained therein.
- 3. In answering paragraph 3 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants are without specific knowledge or information sufficient to enable them to admit or deny the allegations in said paragraph, and on that basis DENY each and every remaining allegation contained therein.
- 4. In answering paragraph 4 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants are without specific knowledge or information sufficient to enable them to admit or deny the allegations in said paragraph, and on that basis DENY each and every remaining allegation contained therein.
- 5. In answering paragraph 5 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein,
  Defendants are without specific knowledge or information sufficient to enable them to admit or

deny the allegations in said paragraph, and on that basis DENY each and every remaining allegation contained therein.

- 6. In answering paragraph 6 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants are without specific knowledge or information sufficient to enable them to admit or deny the allegations in said paragraph, and on that basis DENY each and every remaining allegation contained therein.
- 7. In answering paragraph 7 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants are without specific knowledge or information sufficient to enable them to admit or deny the allegations in said paragraph, and on that basis DENY each and every remaining allegation contained therein.
- 8. In answering paragraph 8 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants are without specific knowledge or information sufficient to enable them to admit or deny the allegations in said paragraph, and on that basis DENY each and every remaining allegation contained therein.
- 9. In answering paragraph 9 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants are without specific knowledge or information sufficient to enable them to admit or deny the allegations in said paragraph, and on that basis DENY each and every remaining allegation contained therein.
- 10. In answering paragraph 10 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants ADMIT the allegations contained therein.
- 11. In answering paragraph 11 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants ADMIT the allegations contained therein.

- 12. In answering paragraph 12 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants ADMIT that Defendant Robinson was a resident of Nevada but DENY all other allegations contained therein.
- 13. In answering paragraph 13 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants ADMIT that Defendant Rodriguez was a resident of Nevada but DENY all other allegations contained therein.
- 14. In answering paragraph 14 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants ADMIT the allegations contained therein.
- 15. In answering paragraph 15 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants ADMIT the allegations contained therein.
- 16. In answering paragraph 16 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants ADMIT the allegations contained therein.
- 17. In answering paragraph 17 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants ADMIT the allegations contained therein.
- 18. In answering paragraph 18 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants are without specific knowledge or information sufficient to enable them to admit or deny the allegations in said paragraph, and on that basis DENY each and every remaining allegation contained therein.
- 19. In answering paragraph 19 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants are without specific knowledge or information sufficient to enable them to admit or deny the allegations in said paragraph, and on that basis DENY each and every remaining allegation contained therein.

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20. In answering paragraph 20 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants ADMIT that Defendants VCC and Wintech have filed for bankruptcy protection but DENY that the automatic stay applies to only those Defendants.

#### FACTUAL BACKGROUND GIVING RISE TO THIS CLAIM

- 21. In answering paragraph 21 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 22. In answering paragraph 22 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 23. In answering paragraph 23 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 24. In answering paragraph 24 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 25. In answering paragraph 25 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 26. In answering paragraph 26 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 27. In answering paragraph 27 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants are without specific knowledge or information sufficient to enable them to admit or deny the allegations in said paragraph, and on that basis DENY each and every remaining allegation contained therein.
- 28. In answering paragraph 28 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.

- 29. In answering paragraph 29 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 30. In answering paragraph 30 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 31. In answering paragraph 31 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 32. In answering paragraph 32 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants are without specific knowledge or information sufficient to enable them to admit or deny the allegations in said paragraph, and on that basis DENY each and every remaining allegation contained therein.
- 33. In answering paragraph 33 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 34. In answering paragraph 34 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
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- 38. In answering paragraph 38 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants are without specific knowledge or information sufficient to enable them to admit or

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- 39. In answering paragraph 39 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 40. In answering paragraph 40 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
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- 48. In answering paragraph 48 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 49. In answering paragraph 49 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 50. In answering paragraph 50 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 51. In answering paragraph 51 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants are without specific knowledge or information sufficient to enable them to admit or deny the allegations in said paragraph, and on that basis DENY each and every remaining allegation contained therein.

# LEGAL BASIS UPON WHICH RELIEF SHOULD BE GRANTED **COUNT ONE – MISREPRESENTATIONS AND OMISSIONS**

- 52. In answering paragraph 52 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 53. In answering paragraph 53 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 54. In answering paragraph 54 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 55. In answering paragraph 55 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants are without specific knowledge or information sufficient to enable them to admit or deny the allegations in said paragraph, and on that basis DENY each and every remaining allegation contained therein.

- 56. In answering paragraph 56 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 57. In answering paragraph 57 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.

# <u>COUNT TWO – VIOLATION OF NEVADA UNIFORM SECURITIES ACT</u> §§ NRS 90.310, 90.460, and 90.660

- 58. In answering paragraph 58 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 59. In answering paragraph 59 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 60. In answering paragraph 60 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
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- 63. In answering paragraph 63 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
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- 65. In answering paragraph 65 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.

66. In answering paragraph 66 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.

# COUNT THREE - VIOLATION OF NEVADA UNIFORM SECURITIES ACT

# §§ NRS 90.570 AND 90.660

- 67. In answering paragraph 67 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 68. In answering paragraph 68 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 69. In answering paragraph 69 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 70. In answering paragraph 70 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 71. In answering paragraph 71 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 72. In answering paragraph 72 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 73. In answering paragraph 73 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.

# **COUNT FOUR - BREACH OF WRITTEN CONTRACT**

- 74. In answering paragraph 74 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 75. In answering paragraph 75 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.

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- 77. In answering paragraph 77 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 78. In answering paragraph 78 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 79. In answering paragraph 79 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 80. In answering paragraph 80 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.

## **AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

#### FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's Complaint on file herein fails to state a claim against these answering Defendants upon which relief can be granted.

#### SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

That it has been necessary for the Defendants to retain the services of an attorney to defend this action and Defendants are entitled to an award of reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred herein.

# THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Pursuant to NRCP Rule 11, all possible affirmative defenses may not have been alleged herein insofar as sufficient facts are not available after reasonable inquiry upon the filing of the Plaintiff's Complaint, and therefore, these answering Defendants reserve the right to amend this Answer to add additional affirmative defenses as additional facts are discovered.

#### FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The alleged investments referenced in the Complaint do not constitute a security under

WHEREFORE, Defendants respectfully pray for judgment against Plaintiffs and for relief as follows:

- (1) That Plaintiffs take nothing by virtue of their Complaint;
- (2) That judgment be entered in favor of Defendants on all of Plaintiffs' causes of action;
- (3) That Defendants be awarded their attorneys' fees and costs of suit for having to defend against Plaintiffs' claims; and
- (4) For all other relief to which Defendants are entitled.

DATED this Z day of October, 2018.

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this All day of October, 2018, a true and correct copy of Defendants' ANSWER TO FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT was electronically served through the Court's electronic filing system upon the following:

David Liebrader, Esq.
THE LAW OFFICES OF DAVID LIEBRADER, APC
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Attorney for Plaintiffs

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9	YOU AND EACH OF YOU, PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned will bring the							
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#### STATEMENT OF RELEVANT FACTS

Plaintiff is an investor in a promissory note issued by Defendant Virtual Communications Corporation ("VCC"). On September 23, 2013, Plaintiff invested \$75,000 into the note, and in exchange for his investment was to receive 9% interest until the note was paid off in March, 2015.

In February, 2015, VCC stopped paying interest, and on September 7, 2015 Plaintiff declared a default by notifying Defendant Ronald Robinson. A true and correct copy of the VCC Note and the letter of default are attached as Exhibits "A" and "B" to David Liebrader's supporting Declaration, hereafter the "Liebrader Declaration".

## Issue One: The VCC Note was a Security

Plaintiff contends that the Note at issue is a security pursuant to NRS 90.295 and State v. Friend, 40 P. 3d 436; 118 Nev. 115 (2002). Plaintiff seeks a determination that, as a matter of law, the VCC promissory note is a security. The Court's ruling in this matter will be aided by the fact that VCC itself referred to the Note as a security in a power point presentation they prepared to show to prospective investors. This was confirmed by Defendant Josh Stoll in deposition testimony taken in October, 2018 See Liebrader Declaration, Exhibits "C" and "D".

The court will be further aided by an Order issued by Judge Timothy Williams in a separate but related matter dealing with the same promissory note offering in the matter Waldo v. Robinson, case # A-15-725246 pending in the EJDC. In that matter Judge Williams found the Notes issued by VCC in the same offering were unregistered securities. See Liebrader Declaration Exhibit "E".

Issue Two: The VCC Note was neither registered nor exempt from registration

As a security, the VCC Note needed to be registered or exempt from registration prior to offer or sale. Neither was the case, as the Certificate of Absence of Record from the Nevada Secretary of State demonstrates (See Exhibit "F" to the Liebrader Declaration.) As a result, Plaintiff seeks a ruling that the VCC Note was sold in violation of the Nevada Securities Act's registration provisions, specifically NRS 90.460.

#### SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

#### ISSUE ONE: The note is a security

The Nevada Securities Act's definition of a security under NRS 90.295 includes a "Note" in the same form that was sold to Plaintiff in this case. In addition to meeting the traditional "Howey" test of being 1) an investment of money in 2) a common enterprise with 3) the expectation of profits from 4) the efforts of others (See SEC v. W J Howey & Co., 328 U.S. 293; 66 S.Ct. 1100 (1946)), the VCC Note meets the "family resemblance test" standard adopted by Nevada in State v. Friend, 40 P. 3d 436; 118 Nev. 115(2002).

NRS 90.295 provides the statutory definition of a security:

NRS 90.295 "Security" defined. "Security" means a note, stock, bond, debenture, evidence of indebtedness, certificate of interest or participation in a profit-sharing agreement, a limited partnership interest, an interest in a limited-liability company, collateral-trust certificate, preorganization certificate or subscription, transferable share, investment contract, viatical settlement investment, voting-trust certificate, certificate of deposit for a security, fractional undivided interest in an oil, gas or other mineral lease or in payments out of production of such a lease, right or royalty, a put, call, straddle or option on a security, certificate of deposit or group or index of securities including any interest therein or based on the value of any of the foregoing, or, in general, any interest or instrument commonly known as a security or any certificate of interest or participation in, temporary or interim certificate for, receipt for, whole or partial guarantee of or warrant or right to subscribe to or purchase any of the foregoing. The term does not include:

- 1. An insurance or endowment policy or annuity contract under which an insurance company promises to pay a fixed sum of money either in a lump sum or periodically for life or some other specified period; or
- 2. An interest in a contributory or noncontributory pension or welfare plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

(Added to NRS by 1987, 2152; A 1989, 160; 1995, 1442; 2009, 1825)

NRS 90.295 (Emphasis added).

In <u>State v. Friend</u>, the Nevada Supreme Court adopted the use of the "family resemblance test" to determine whether a note would be considered a security under the Act.

The "family resemblance" test was established in Reves v. Ernst and Young 494 U.S. 56, 57, 110 S.Ct. 945 (1990) to help the court determine whether a note is a security. There are two components to the test, with four subparts to the second component. The Note sold by VCC meets all of the requirements, a fact VCC acknowledged by referring to the Notes as securities in a power point presentation they prepared and used to entice prospective investors. (See Liebrader Declaration, Exhibit "D".)

The test begins with a presumption that all Notes are securities except for those Notes which traditionally have been used in consumer financing, or among sophisticated investors such as large commercial banks. These exceptions include mortgage notes, interbank loans or accounts receivables. See, Friend 40 P. 3d at 440

If the Note is not deemed to belong to the class of financing that has not traditionally been considered to be a security, the first component of the test is completed. The next step is to apply four factors to the investment at issue:

- 1) What are the motivations of the buyer and sellers to enter into the transaction;
- 2) What manner was the Note made available to the public;
- 3) Did the purchaser view the Note as an investment; and,
- 4) Is there a need for regulatory protections.

See Friend generally, 40 P. 3d at 439-441.

## Step One: The Motivation test:

The first step is to analyze what motivations would prompt a reasonable seller and buyer to enter into the transaction. "If the seller's purpose is to raise money for the general use of a business enterprise or to finance substantial investments and the buyer is interested primarily in the profit the note is expected to generate, the instrument is likely to be a 'security.'"

Friend at 439-440.

## Step Two: The Distribution test

The second step examines the distribution of the note "'to determine whether it is an instrument in which there is common trading for speculation or investment." Common trading occurs when the instrument is "'offered and sold to a broad segment of the public." Friend at 440.

## Step Three The "Investor Expectation test

The third step of the analysis considers "whether ... [the notes] are reasonably viewed by purchasers as investments." Under this step, we must determine if the seller of the notes calls them investments and, if so, whether it is reasonable for a prospective purchaser to believe them.

#### Friend at 441.

#### Step Four: The need for Regulation

"The final step of the analysis examines the adequacy of other regulatory schemes in reducing the risk to the lender. Although Friend has been charged with two counts of obtaining money under false pretenses, we conclude that there is a need for securities laws in

Nevada. The purpose of the federal securities acts was "'to eliminate serious abuses in a largely unregulated securities market." Recognizing "the virtually limitless scope of human ingenuity ... 'by those who seek the use of the money of others on the promise of profits," Congress broadly defined the scope of securities laws. Like Congress, it appears that the Nevada Legislature recognized a similar need for such broad security regulations. We will give effect to that determination."

Friend at 441.

# APPLICATION OF THE "FRIEND TEST"

The VCC Notes are not in a category that are traditionally exempt, such as mortgage notes or notes used in consumer financing, a fact acknowledged by VCC when referring to note purchasers as "Investors". VCC's "motivation" for the offering was to raise funds for use in developing its "ALICE" technology (See Exhibit "D", pp 13-14 of Liebrader Declaration), while Plaintiff was motivated by the 9% interest payable over 18 months.

VCC relied on Retire Happy to "distribute" the Notes to a wide section of people;

According to Mr. Stoll's sworn deposition testimony, he personally spoke to 20-30

prospective investors about the Note offering (See Liebrader Declaration Exhibit "G".) Mr. Hotchkiss was in Kansas, other investors are in Florida, Virginia and Kansas. It is clear that the intent was to market the investment to a broad section of the public in order to raise the needed capital.

Lastly, the need for regulation for this type of investment transaction triggers the application of the securities laws; the Note is not of a type that would be regulated by the real

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> There were between 80-100 actual purchasers from around the country.

estate, mortgage or insurance divisions in the state. As an investment sold to members of the public, it is subject to the regulations and provisions of the Nevada Securities Act.

Because the VCC Note checks all the boxes established by the Nevada Supreme Court in State v. Friend, it should be considered a security under Nevada law.

As a security, VCC needed to be register it prior to offering it for sale, or to file a request for exemption from registration. They did neither. Nor are any exemptions applicable. Defendants have not raised the issue of exemption at any time in this proceeding, and none would apply. Under NRS 90.690(1), Defendants have the burden of proof when claiming an exemption, and must prove each and every element. If proof is not offered as to any one element, the entire exemption is lost. See e.g., Sheets v. Dziabis, 738 F. Supp. 307 (N.D. Ind. 1990). Further, Defendants cannot rely on a good faith belief that the VCC Note interests were not securities, or that they didn't need to be registered. See e.g., Kahn v. State, 493 N.E.2d 790 (Ind. App. 1986). Both of these issues are questions of law, and ignorance of the law is never a defense. Nor may VCC rely upon opinions of counsel on these issues. See e.g., Smith v. Manausa, 385 F.Supp. 443 (E.D.Ky. 1974); People v. Clem, 39 Cal. App.3d 539, 114 Cal. Rptr. 359 (1974).

# ISSUE TWO: The VCC Note was sold in violation of the registration provisions of NRS 90.460

NRS 90.460 provides that a security must be registered prior to sale.

NRS 90.460 Registration requirement. It is unlawful for a person to offer to sell or sell any security in this State unless the security is registered or the security or transaction is exempt under this chapter.

(Added to NRS by 1987, 2161; A 1989, 160)

The Nevada Secretary of State in their Certificate of Absence of Record has stated that

VCC never filed an application for registration of its note offering. See Liebrader Declaration at Exhibit "F".

## LEGAL AUTHORITY

NRCP 56(a) provides:

(a) For Claimant. A party seeking to recover upon a claim, counterclaim, or crossclaim or to obtain a declaratory judgment may, at any time after the expiration of 20 days from the commencement of the action or after service of a motion for summary judgment by the adverse party, move with or without supporting affidavits for a summary judgment in the party's favor upon all or any part thereof.

NRCP 56(a).

NRCP 56(d) provides:

(d) Case Not Fully Adjudicated on Motion. If on motion under this rule judgment is not rendered upon the whole case or for all the relief asked and a trial is necessary, the court at the hearing of the motion, by examining the pleadings and the evidence before it and by interrogating counsel, shall if practicable ascertain what material facts exist without substantial controversy and what material facts are actually and in good faith controverted. It shall thereupon make an order specifying the facts that appear without substantial controversy, including the extent to which the amount of damages or other relief is not in controversy, and directing such further proceedings in the action as are just. Upon the trial of the action the facts so specified shall be deemed established, and the trial shall be conducted accordingly.

# NRCP 56(d)

The Nevada Supreme Court has held that summary judgment is appropriate where the pleadings, depositions, answers to interrogatories, admissions and Declarations on file show that there exists no issue as to any material fact, and that the moving party is entitled to a judgment as a matter of law. <u>Butler v. Bogdonavich</u>, 101 Nev. 449; 705 P. 2d 662 (1985).

When a motion for summary judgment is made and supported as provided in NRCP

56, an adverse party may not rest upon the mere allegations of his pleadings, but his responses, by Declarations or otherwise provided in NRCP 56 must set forth facts showing that there is a genuine issue for trial. See, <u>Tobler and Oliver Construction Co. v. Board of Trustees</u>, 84 Nev. 438,441; 442 P.2d 904, 906 (1968) (quoting <u>Dzack v. Marshall</u>, 80 Nev. 345; 393 P. 2d 610 (1964).

The party opposing a motion for summary judgment must show he can produce evidence at trial to support his claim, as he may not build a case on the "gossamer threads of whimsy, speculation and conjecture." <u>Barmettler v. Reno Air, Inc.</u>, 114 Nev. 441; 956 P.2d1382 (1998); Van Cleave v. Keitz-Mill Minit Mart, 97 Nev. 414; 633 P.2d 1220 (1981).

# **ARGUMENT**

The VCC Note sold to Plaintiff is a security, easily meeting the requirements set out in State v. Friend. As a security VCC was obligated to have it registered prior to sale, or to file with the Secretary of State a notice claiming an exemption. They failed to do so. In light of the evidence, there is no material fact for the jury to decide; The VCC Note was an unregistered security. The court can find support for its ruling from a ruling issued by Dept. 16 on an identical issue of law, where Judge Williams found that VCC sold unregistered securities in the form of the same promissory note purchased by Plaintiff.

Wherefore Plaintiff requests that the court grant this motion for summary adjudication on these two issues.

Dated: November 1, 2018 Respectfully submitted,

The Law Office of David Liebrader, Inc.

By: David Liebrader
Attorney for Plaintiff

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING** I hereby certify that on the 1st day of November, 2018, I mailed a copy of the foregoing MOTION FOR SUMMARY ADJUDICATION AND SUPPORTING DECLARATION to the following Harold Gewerter, Esq. Gewerter Law Firm 1212 Casino Center Boulevard Las Vegas, NV 89104 Louis Palazzo, Esq. Palazzo Law Firm 520 S 4th St #200 Las Vegas, NV 89101 An Employee of The Law Office of David Liebrader 

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4. That attached as Exhibit "C" to this Declaration are true and correct copies of pages from

3. That attached as Exhibit "B" to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of the notice of

default letter I sent to Ronald Robinson and VCC on behalf of Plaintiff.

promissory note purchased by Plaintiff.

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Defendant Josh Stoll's deposition transcript.

- That attached as Exhibit "D" to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of the VCC
  PowerPoint presentation prepared by VCC and shown to Plaintiff by Josh Stoll during the
  sales presentation.
- 6. That attached as Exhibit "E" to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of the order issued by Judge Timothy Williams in the <u>Waldo v. Robinson</u> matter.
- 7. That attached as Exhibit "F" to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of the certificate of absence of records I obtained from the Nevada Secretary of State.
- 8. That attached as Exhibit "G" to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of portions of Defendant Josh Stoll's sworn deposition testimony given in this case.

# FURTHER DECLARANT SAYETH NAUGHT

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Nevada the above is true and correct.

David Liebrader, Esq.

Dated: November 1, 2018

# **EXHIBIT "A"**

# PROMISSORY NOTE

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· Borrower will pay Holder at any such place as Holder may designate.

PAYMENT METHOD. Borrower shall pay this Note on a monthly basis. Borrower shall make payments directly to Holder at Holder's address.

PREPAYMENT. At any time, Borrower may prepay a portion or the entirety of the principal and interest due under this Note, without penalty or fee. Prepayments will be first applied against accrued interest, then principal. Full prepayment will include payment of all principal plus all interest then due (including partial-month accrued interest) as of the payoff date. Partial prepayments will not, unless agreed to by Holder in writing, relieve Borrower of its obligation to continue to make regular payments under the foregoing payment schedule.

LATE FRE. A 5-day grace period exists. If a scheduled payment is not paid by the Borrower within the grace period, then that payment is deemed delinquent and a 5% non-compounding late fee on the delinquent payment is assessed.

SECURITY INTEREST. This note is secured.

GUARANTEE. This Note is guaranteed by: R. J. ROBINSON, as indicated below.

DEFAULT EVENT / ACCELERATION. If any scheduled payment remains delinquent and unpaid for 15 days or more, then upon failure of Borrower to cure after the expiration of a 10-day written notice from Holder to Borrower of a delinquency, then said failure to cure constitutes a default event of this note (a "Default Event"). The Holder cannot make itself unavailable, or otherwise refuse to take a payment, in order to cause a Default Event to occur; a Default Event must be non-performance on the Note on the part of the Borrower. If a Default Event does occur, then this Note is a celerated, the entire remaining amount under the Note becomes immediately due. Holder's failure to exercise any of its remedies in this section, or any other remedy provided by law, upon the occurrence of a Default Event, does not constitute a waiver of the right to exercise any remedy at any subsequent time in respect to the same or any other Default Event.

## GENERAL PROVISIONS.

- Governing Law. This agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the state of Nevada.
- Notices. All notices must be in writing. A notice may be delivered to a party at the following address contained
  in the preamble to this Note, or to a new address that a party subsequently designates in writing.
- Assignment and Succession. Borrower may not assign its rights or delegate their obligations under this Note in
  whole or in part without the prior written consent of Holder. This Note is binding on and enforceable by each
  party's successors and assignees.
- Severability. If any court determines that any provision of this Note is invalid or unenforceable, any invalidity
  or unenforceability will affect only that provision and will not make any other provision of this agreement invalid
  or unenforceable.
- Headings. The section and other headings contained in this Note are for reference purposes only and shall not
  affect the imeaning or interpretations of this Note.
- Attorney's Fees. In the event that litigation results from or arises out of this Note or the performance thereof, the
  parties agree to reimburse the prevailing party's reasonable attorney's fees and costs, in addition to any other
  reflect to which the prevailing party may be entitled.

Modification. This Note may be modified only by a writing signed by both Borrower and Holder.

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Guarantor

Plaintiff's ECC Production 000002

[Signatures on Next Page] BORROWER: VIRTUAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION By: obinson, Chairman and CEO APPROVED By: Provident Trust Group, FBO, Steven A. Hotchkiss, Solo-K # 130800142 Print Name: Its: Consultant PERSONAL GUARANTEE: For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, and to induce Holder to make this loan, the undersigned guarantor absolutely and unconditionally agrees to all terms of, and guarantees to Holder the payment and performance of, the entire debt evidenced by this Note, including, without limitation, all principal, accrued interest, attorneys' fees and collection costs that may become due in collecting and enforcing the debt, including collection and enforcement of this guarantee. A guarantor's liability is not subject to any condition not expressly set forth in this guaranty or any instrument executed in connection with the debt. This guarantee will be in default if, after 10 days' notice to perform on the guarantee is sent by Holder, guarantor falls to pay any amounts then due under this Note. **GUARANTQ** Page 3

Plaintiff's ECC Production 000003

**EXHIBIT "B"** 

# THE LAW OFFICES OF DAVID LIEBRADER, INC.

WWW.INVESTMENTLOSS.COM 601 S. RANCHO DR. STE. D-29 LAS VEGAS, NV 89106 TELEPHONE (702) 380-3131 FACSIMILE (702) 583-4227

August 26, 2017

Mr. Ronald Robinson Virtual Communications Corp. 311 E. Warm Springs Rd. Ste 100 Las Vegas, NV 89119

Re: Steve Hotchkiss

My office represents Steve Hotchkiss. Mr. Hotchkiss purchased a promissory note from VCC (which you personally guaranteed) on September, 23, 2014 for \$75,000.

Under the clear, unambiguous terms of the note, interest payments were supposed to be made monthly. Despite this, VCC has not made payments to Mr. Hotchkiss since February, 2015. At present, the amount of \$16,875 in interest is due and owing. You are hereby notified that VCC is in default under the note. Demand is made to have the note immediately brought current.

Furthermore, as a result of VCC's use of Julie Minuskin and her firm Retire Happy to solicit Mr. Hotchkiss's purchase of the note (which is a security), VCC sold unregistered, non-exempt securities in violation of Nevada's securities laws, specifically, N.R.S.§ 90.460. As a control person you are also personally liable.

Demand is hereby made for rescission pursuant N.R.S.§ 90.660 and N.R.S.§ 90.680. Pursuant to both notes and the statutes, Mr. Hotchkiss is entitled to interest and attorney's fees. The total amount demanded is \$122,469. Since you personally guaranteed the note, this demand is also made upon you.

As to your bogus offer to convert the note to shares in VCC, that offer is hereby rejected as being stale, delayed, untimely and expired.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience to arrange payment and rescission.

Dave Liebrader

Very truly yours,

C: Steve Hotchkiss

# EXHIBIT "C"

STOL	L, JOSH on 10/16/2018 Page 13
1	Page 13 gave you about alternative asset investments?
2	A: Primarily, I was taught about private mortgages.
3	Q: Okay.
4	A: Private lending is more specifically the category.
5	Q: Okay. Let's talk about well, let me see, hold
6	on, let me see if I have you received some interrogatory
7	requests. There was a bunch of questions that I sent to your
8	lawyer and he provided them to you. Do you recall receiving
9	those?
10	A: Yes, sir.
11	Q: And you provided answers to Mr. Palazzo, and then
12	Mr. Palazzo put them together and produced them to me. You're
13	generally familiar with that?
14	A: Yes, sir.
15	Q: One of the interrogatories I asked you was number
16	11. It says, "State your role in the Hotchkiss transaction that
17	is the subject of this litigation," and you answered, "I provided
18	Mr. Hotchkiss a Virtual Communications Corporation informational
19	PowerPoint presentation provided by Virtual Communications
20	Corporations which contained information regarding an investment
21	opportunity and explained the purpose and mission statement of
22	Virtual Communications Corporation." Is that true?
23	A: Yes, sir.
24	Q: And I see you're flipping through an exhibit there.
25	It looks to be the PowerPoint presentation, and let me direct your
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L, JOSH on 10/16/2018 Page 14
Page 14 attention to that. It's the multi-page, I think I handed you
three exhibits, one would be the finder's fee agreement, the one
with Mr. Hotchkiss's promissory note and the other is a multi-page
document with some e-mails, and it looks like, ultimately, the
PowerPoint presentation. And I kind of wrote on the side on the
bottom of the page I numbered them because they want numbered.
A: Got it.
Q: But I'll tell you that this document was produced to
me at least one time by Julie in a different litigation, once by
Mr. Yoder Frank Yoder from Virtual Communications Corporation.
And the first couple pages here appear to be some e-mails back and
forth indicating that, you know, here's a PowerPoint presentation,
we're making some corrections to it, and here's the final one, and
Ron Robinson's copy, et cetera. So, if you turn to page 3
MR. PALAZZO: Just for sake of clarity, can we mark
that as an exhibit?
Q: Sure. Yeah, this is going to be number 1. And I
guess we there you go, that can be for you.

19 A: Thanks.

20 Q: And so --

21 MR. PALAZZO: And just, again, for clarity, that is

22 going to be a composite exhibit made up of 15 pages, is that

23 right?

24 Q: Yes, sir.

MR. PALAZZO: Okay.

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4	Virtual Communications Corporation provided to Retire Happy to
5	show to clients?
6	A: Yes.
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8	to the time that you showed it to Mr. Hotchkiss?
9	A: Yes.
10	Q: And do you have any questions on it?
11	A: No.
12	Q: And, you felt that after reviewing it you were
13	generally familiar with what this investment was all about?
14	A: Yes.
15	Q: And if you turn to page 14, it talks about an
16	offering summary. And it says, "Securities, nine percent notes,
17	minimum offering \$20,000.00, maximum offering \$1 million." Was
18	there a minimum or maximum that an individual could purchase
19	through Virtual Communications Corporation for these promissory
20	notes? Meaning, could someone buy \$500.00 worth or was there,
21	like, a minimum amount?
22	A: I don't know.
23	Q: Okay. How many people did you introduce the VCC
24	concept to?
25	A: Probably in the range between 20 and 30.
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**EXHIBIT "D"** 

## Frank Yoder

Fron:

Frank Yoder

Sent:

Monday, December 17, 2012 3:11 PM

To:

Julie Minuskin; Ron Robinson

Cc:

Ben Williams; Vernon Rodriguez

Subject:

Updated PowerPoint Presentation based on Julies corrections

Attachments:

Wintech Investor Presentation 2013 ver 1.3.pdf; Wintech Investor Presentation 2013

ver 1.3.pps; Wintech Investor Presentation 2013 ver 1.3.ppt

Here is the latest version of the Power Point presentation. Please note that it is version 1.3 Please delete previous versions.

Thanks!

Frank Yoder Wintech, LLC

311 East Warm Springs Road, Suite #100 Los Vegas, NV 89119

phone: (702) 284-7311

email: Frank.Yoden@WinTecht.LC.com Web: www.ALICEreceptionist.com

From: Frank Yoder

Sent: Monday, December 17, 2012 12:56 PM

To: 'Julie Minuskin'; Ron Robinson Cc: Ben Williams; Vernon Rodriguez

Subject: RE: revised note

Please find attached the updated presentation with the change in terms. Notice this new version of the presentation is

Please delete all copies of previous version (ver 1.1) of the presentation.

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email: Frank, Yoder@WinToch(,LC.com web: www.ALICErecectionist.com

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Sent: Monday, December 17, 2012 11:12 AM

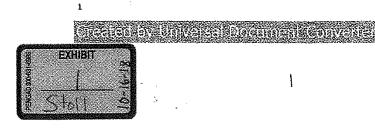
To: Ron Robinson

Cc: Ben Williams; Vernon Rodriguez; Frank Yoder

Subject: RE: revised note

Thank you. Can you please make sure the power point reflects this change as well?

Thank you,



## Julie Minuskin

Investment Specialist | Retire Happy, LLC 4840 W. University Ave., A1 | Las Vegas, NV 89103

Direct: 702.789.1841 | Toll Free: \$88-909-4760 Fax: \$88,909.4765

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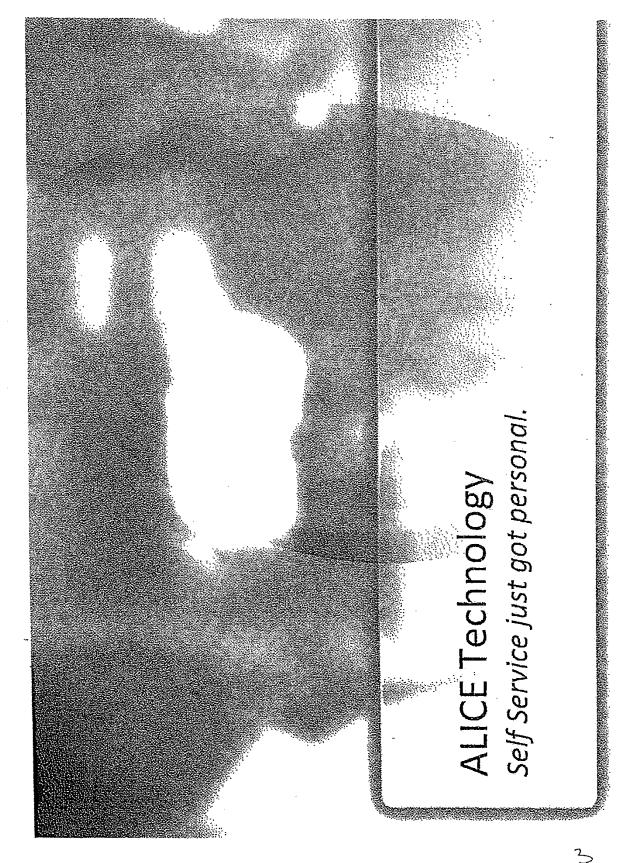
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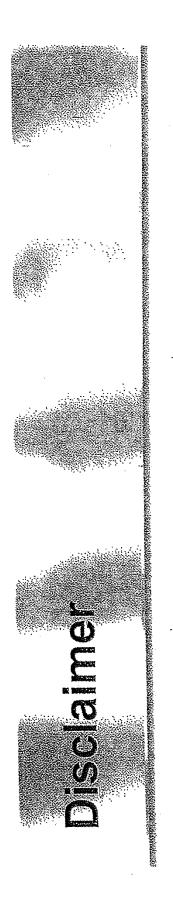
To: Julie Minuskin Subject: revised note

Julie, please see attached as captioned. Ron





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WHOLLY OWNED COMPANY OF VIRTUAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION. IT DOES NOT IMPLY AN OFFERING OF SECURITIES THIS PRESENTATION BELONGS EXCLUSIVELY TO WINTECH, LLC

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS:

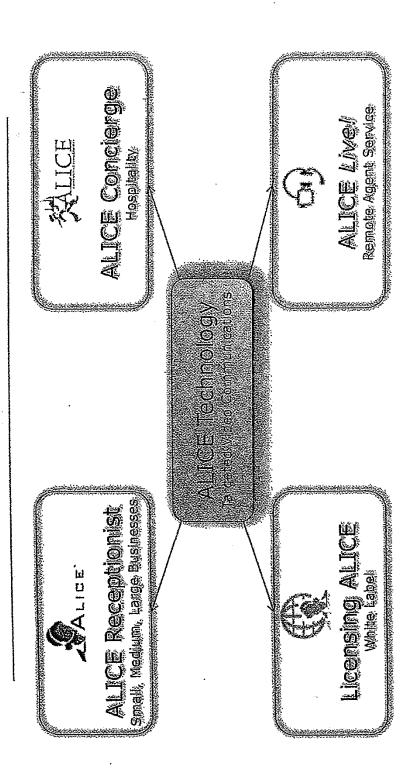
STATEMENTS AS A RESUL THIS PRESENTATION CONTAINS FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 27A OF THE SECURITIES ACT 1933 AND SECTION 21E OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1 ACTUAL RESULTS COULD DIFFER MATERIALLY FROM THOSE PROJECTED IN THE FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENT. SET FORTH HEREIN RISK-RELATED FACTORS

ALICE technology delivers on-demand, customer care through live, 2-way video communications.

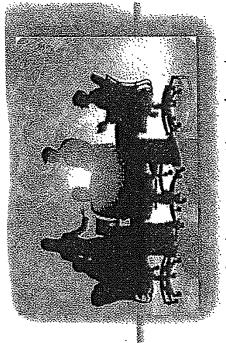
DTIAZ ALICE Technology re-introduces the human element into customer service without sacrificing the financial benefits of an automated solution.

# Markets

Our Target is a \$120 billion global market:



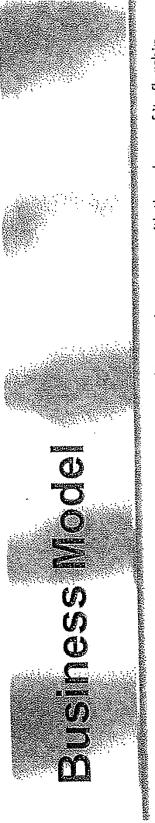




WINTECH. He has specialized in the development of sales and marketing strategies and systems for financial services firms S. Vernon Rodriguez, Chief Executive Officer: Mr. Rodriguez brings over 40 years of senior management experience to leasing industries. He has been instrumental in the start-up, development and expansion of many firms in the past. He is succeeded in the recruitment, training and supervision of several thousand salespeople in the Insurance, mortgage and throughout his career. He has a degree in marketing and political science from the University of New Mexico. He has specially qualified to oversee the operations, marketing and development of WINTECH into the future.

interface design, computer telephony integration and VoIP (Voice over IP) technologies, Frank brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to WINTECH in the collaboration of voice, video and customer facing applications. He received his extensive University, and the University of Utah. He is actively involved in his community. Frank sits on the Computer Science Advisory Frank Yoder, President and Chief Operations Officer; With over 30 years experience in application development, user experience working with fortune 500 companies on groundbreaking technology projects over the span of his entire career. Frank studied Computer Science at Old Dominion University, North Carolina State University, Elizabeth City State Council for the College of Engineering at UNLV

software development and software products development. As CTO, Mike oversees the development of ALICE Technology, uniquely qualified to navigate the challenges of pioneering the inhovative use of ALICE technology and the ALICE products. he ALICE Receptionist and the ALICE Conclerge products. With his extensive experience and management skills, Mike is Mikes guidance, vision, direction and oversight for WINTECH is invaluable. Mr. Yoder is actively involved in his community Business Alliance of Nevada, and as a member of the Steering Committee for The Southern Nevada Commercial Group. Wike Yoder, Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer: Mike Yoder has over 25 years' experience in and industry organizations including serving on the Board of Trustees for Helping Hands of Vegas Valley, Technology





ALICE Receptionist: WinTech has experienced impressive success with the release of its flagship product utilizing its patent pending ALICE Technology. WinTech installed over 2,500 licenses, sold to 45 companies throughout the US, Canada, the UK, and Australia in its the first year. As the only visitor management solution in its class, ALICE Receptionist has won notoriety and national recognition as one of the Inc. Magazines "6 Cutting-Edge Gadgets to Watch".

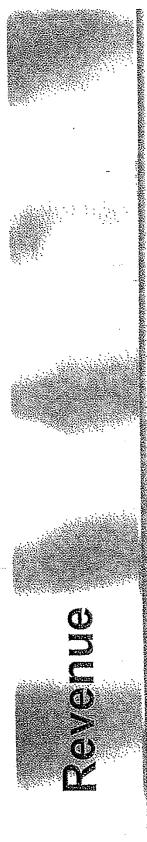
manufacturer on the GSA schedule and a major supplier of kiosks to many branches of the Receptionist Kiosk. ZIVELO serves the private sector as well as the Government. As the only Kiosk Kiosk through their extensive government contacts and relationships. ZIVELO is the first of many forthcoming white label ALICE Technology Licensing: ALICE Receptionist technology is licensed to ZIVELO for their Virtual Government, ZIVELO markets their Virtual Receptionist opportunities for the licensing of ALICE Technology.



ALICE Livel: Provides an on-demand video agent to serve as a live receptionist for the ALICE Receptionist product. Calls received in the ALICE Receptionist system can be re-routed to a contact center member of the ALICE Live! Service Channel at the push of a button. Projected to the actual ALICE Receptionist sales. ALICE Livel is offered for a low monthly fee for the complete generate reoccurring revenue that has the potential to far outpace the revenue generated from solution.

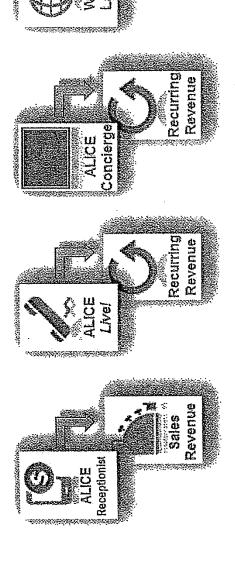


com concierge service. Guests speak directly to a live, ALICE Concierge, appearing on their inoom TV screen, who provides traditional concierge services. The ALICE Concierge delivers realtime, personalized content on the TV screen relevant to the guest requests during the ALICE Concierge: The ALICE Concierge product/service utilizes ALICE Technology to provide inconversation,



# Multiple revenue streams from the sales and licensing of ALICE Technology.

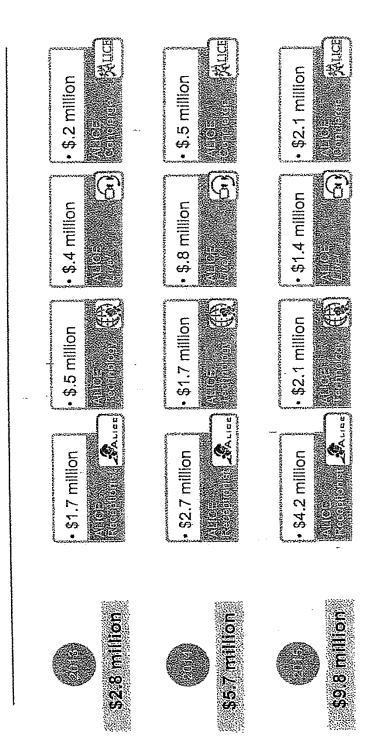
- ALICE Receptionist: WinTech receives perpetual licenses fees from the sales of ALICE Receptionist and reoccurring fees from annual Support & Maintenance contracts.
- ALICE Live!: WinTech receives reoccurring revenue on a monthly basis from all ALICE Livel service
- ALICE Concierge: WinTech receives commission as well as a transaction fee on all purchases.
- ALICE Technology LICENSING: WinTech receives license fees for each white label unit embedded with ALICE Technology and ongoing fees from service contracts.



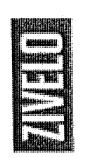
Revenue

# Revenue Forecasi

# 3 Year Growth Projections by product/service.











- ZIVELO, the largest Kiosk manufacturer in the world contracts Receptionist Kiosk. Letter Of Intent (LOI) on file with Retire to white label (license) ALICE Technology for their Virtual
- Concierge product/service. Letter Of Intent (LOI) on file with Holiday Inn & Suites Airport contracts to license the ALICE Retire Happy.
- TelAssistant joins the ALICE Live! Service Channel.

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Increased demand for ALICE Receptionist due to:

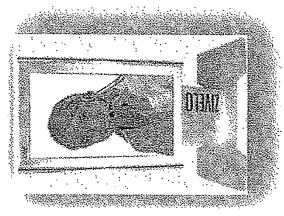
Organizations searching for ways to save money and gain efficiencies. ALICE Receptionist does both with a typical ROI of 3 months. Increased acceptance for ALICE Technology: Wide spread signage is on the rise. ALICE has the potential to enhance all self-service solutions with targeted, live assistance acceptance of Self Serve kiosks and interactive digital through video communication.

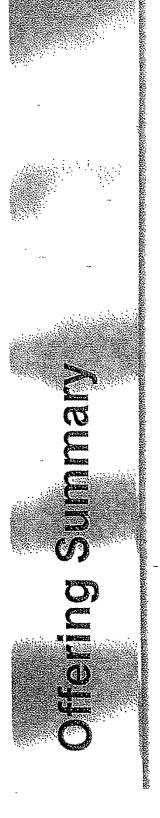
ALICE Live! eliminates the high expense of an onsite employee without sacrificing the personal service of human interaction.

# Growth Stratogy

growth strategy and to maximize market opportunities We are seeking \$1 million in capital to implement our

- ALICE Receptionist sales momentum through Capitalize on the success of our current the growth of our Reseller Channel.
- Acquire additional ALICE Technology Licensing/white label contracts.
- Launch ALICE Live! service offering.
- Introduce WinTech's new product utilizing ALICE Technology - The ALICE Concierge!





Securities: 9% Notes

Minimum Offering: \$20,000 Maximum Offering: \$1,000,000

# TERMS OF SECURITIES:

# Return:

9% annually with interest paid monthly. (Escrow Agent: Provident Trust Group) Notes have a term of 18 months, with a 6 month extension option. Note pays

# Secured:

Robinson has a net worth of \$17,698,000. Financial Statement is available for Notes are secured by a Promissory Note .The Guarantor of the note is Mr. R.J. Robinson, chairman & CEO of Virtual Communications Corporation. Mr. inspection in the offices of Retire Happy.

# Termination Date:

June 15, 2014, unless extended by the Company's board of directors.

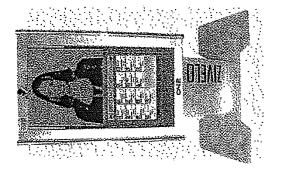
# For more information, please contact:

Mr. Vernon Rodriguez

CEO

WinTech, LLC a Virtual Communications Corporation company Las Vegas, NV 89119 311 East Warm Springs Road, Suite 100 702.480.0607

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# **EXHIBIT "E"**

**Electronically Filed** 5/3/2018 1:49 PM Steven D. Grierson CLERK OF THE COURT DAVID LIEBRADER, ESQ. 1 STATE BAR NO. 5048 THE LAW OFFICES OF DAVID LIEBRADER, APC 2 601 S. RANCHO DR. STE. D-29 LAS VEGAS, NV 89106 3 PH: (702) 380-3131 Attorney for Plaintiff DISTRICT COURT 5 CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA 6 IN THE MATTER BETWEEN Case No. A-15-725246 7 Reva Waldo, \_ Dept.: 16 8 PLAINTIFF, ORDER ON: 9 1. PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY 10 JUDGMENT Ronald J. Robinson, Virtual Communications . 2. PLAINTIFF'S MOTION 11 Corporation, Retire Happy, LLC, Julie Minuskin FOR SUMMARY and DOES 1-10 and ROES 1-10, inclusively ADJUDICATION 12 3. DEFENDANTS' **DEFENDANTS** MOTION TO DISMISS 13 FOR FAILURE TO NAME INDISPENSIBLE 14 PARTIES 4. DEFENDANT DAVIS' 15 MOTION TO DISMISS 16 ORDER ON MOTIONS 17 The following motions were considered by the court: 18 1. Plaintiff's motion for summary judgment against Defendant Virtual Communications 19 Corporation; 20 2. Plaintiff's motion for summary adjudication of issues; 21 3. Defendants Virtual Communications Corp., Alisa Davis and Ronald Robinson's 22 counter motion to dismiss Plaintiff's complaint for failure to name indispensable 23 parties; 24 4. Defendant Alisa Davis' motion to dismiss/motion for summary judgment/motion for

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judgment on the pleadings.

The four motions were the subject of two hearings; one on March 8, 2018, the second on April 5, 2018. Appearing for Plaintiff was David Liebrader; appearing for Defendants was Harold Gewerter.

## FINDINGS OF FACT; CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

After considering the briefs, oppositions, replies and supporting Declarations submitted, as well as argument by counsel at the two hearings, the Court rules as follows:

- Plaintiff entered into a valid, binding contract with Defendant Virtual
   Communications Corporation. Based upon the sworn testimony of VCC's officers
   Ronald Robinson and Vernon Rodriguez, VCC acknowledged that it is in default under the terms of the promissory note. As a result Plaintiff's motion for summary judgment against VCC is GRANTED.
- 2. Plaintiff raised the following issues in her motion for summary adjudication; (a) that the VCC note is a security; (b) that the VCC Note was not registered nor exempt from registration; (c) that VCC employed an unlicensed broker dealer to sell the VCC Notes; and (d) that Ronald Robinson is a control person under the Nevada Securities Act. Based upon the authorities cited by Plaintiff in her motion for summary adjudication, including NRS 90.295 and State v. Friend, 40 P. 3d 436; 118 Nev. 115 (2002) and the certification from the Nevada Secretary of State, the Court Orders that Plaintiff's motion for summary adjudication on the four issues raised is GRANTED.
- Defendants' motion to dismiss for failure to name an indispensable party, specifically
   Provident Trust Group was the subject of extensive briefing. In addition to the motion,

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opposition and reply the court also asked for and received supplemental briefing from the parties, as well as out of jurisdiction authorities lodged with the court by Plaintiff. The issue of whether a self-directed IRA Custodian is a necessary party such that the Plaintiff lacks standing to sue is an issue of first impression in Nevada. Based upon the filings the Court finds that Provident Trust owed limited duties to Plaintiff and did not direct, consent, approve or disapprove of Plaintiff's investment decisions in the self-directed account. Instead, it was Plaintiff, the owner of the Provident Trust Group custodial account who managed, directed and controlled the investments. See FBO David Sweet IRA v. Taylor, 4 F. Supp. 3d 1282 (E.D. Ala. 2014). Because Plaintiff was the sole decision maker on the account, and Provident Trust Group expressly, by contract, declined to undertake any action to pursue remedies for default on the investment, the Court finds that Provident Trust Group is not a necessary or indispensable party and on the basis DENIES Defendant's motion.

4. The Court considered Defendant Alisa Davis' motion for summary judgment/motion to dismiss/motion for judgment on the pleadings. The Court finds that Plaintiff has plead sufficient material facts, including offering the sworn deposition testimony of Ronald Robinson that contradicts the contentions raised in Davis' motion. Because Ms. Davis' motion is contradicted by the sworn testimony of Mr. Robinson, the Court rules that Ms. Davis' motion is DENIED.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_\_th day of April, 2018

Submitted by:

David Liebrader, Esq. Attorney for Plaintiff

## **EXHIBIT "F"**

## BARBARA K. CEGAVSKE

Secretary of State

SCOTT W. ANDERSON Chief Deputy Secretary of State

#### STATE OF NEVADA



DIANA J. FOLEY Deputy Secretary for Securities Securities Administrator

#### CERTIFICATE OF ABSENCE OF RECORD

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that a diligent search has been made of the registration records of the NEVADA SECRETARY OF STATE, SECURITIES DIVISION, 555 E. Washington Ave., Ste. 5200, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101, upon inquiry as to whether a certain company filed an application for registration of securities or If a notice of exemption was filed during the time period of 2000 through the present.

After proper examination made this day, it is hereby certified that the search conducted indicates that no registration or exemption record has been filed for the following company:

#### 1. Virtual Communications Corp.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am the person authorized to make the search of the records contained within the Central Repository pertaining to the above matter within the NEVADA SECRETARY OF STATE, SECURITIES DIVISION.

This certificate is made for use as court evidence and in compliance with Section 51.175 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have caused this certificate to be prepared this 31st day of January, 2018.

I DECLARE, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Timothy Eacobacci

Securities Registration & Licensing Examiner

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14	A: Yes.									
15	Q: And if you turn to page 14, it talks about an									
16	offering summary. And it says, "Securities, nine percent notes,									
17	minimum offering \$20,000.00, maximum offering \$1 million." Was									
18	there a minimum or maximum that an individual could purchase									
19	through Virtual Communications Corporation for these promissory									
20	notes? Meaning, could someone buy \$500.00 worth or was there,									
21	like, a minimum amount?									
22,	A: I don't know.									
23	Q: Okay. How many people did you introduce the VCC									
24	concept to?									
25	A: Probably in the range between 20 and 30.									

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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING** I hereby certify that on the 1st day of Novomber, 2018, I mailed a copy of the foregoing NOTICE OF ERRATA to the following Harold Gewerter, Esq. Gewerter Law Firm 1212 Casino Center Boulevard Las Vegas, NV 89104 Louis Palazzo, Esq. Palazzo Law Firm 520 S 4th St #200 Las Vegas, NV 89101 An Employee of The Law Office of David Liebrader 

# **EXHIBIT "A"**

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through their attorney of record, HAROLD P. GEWERTER, ESQ., of the law firm of HAROLD P. GEWERTER, ESQ., LTD., and hereby files their Amended Answer to Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint.

## INTRODUCTION

## THE PARTIES

- 1. In answering paragraph 1 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants are without specific knowledge or information sufficient to enable them to admit or deny the allegations in said paragraph, and on that basis DENY each and every remaining allegation contained therein.
- 2. In answering paragraph 2 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants are without specific knowledge or information sufficient to enable them to admit or deny the allegations in said paragraph, and on that basis DENY each and every remaining allegation contained therein.
- 3. In answering paragraph 3 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants are without specific knowledge or information sufficient to enable them to admit or deny the allegations in said paragraph, and on that basis DENY each and every remaining allegation contained therein.
- 4. In answering paragraph 4 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants are without specific knowledge or information sufficient to enable them to admit or deny the allegations in said paragraph, and on that basis DENY each and every remaining allegation contained therein.
- 5. In answering paragraph 5 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein,
  Defendants are without specific knowledge or information sufficient to enable them to admit or

deny the allegations in said paragraph, and on that basis DENY each and every remaining allegation contained therein.

- 6. In answering paragraph 6 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants are without specific knowledge or information sufficient to enable them to admit or deny the allegations in said paragraph, and on that basis DENY each and every remaining allegation contained therein.
- 7. In answering paragraph 7 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants are without specific knowledge or information sufficient to enable them to admit or deny the allegations in said paragraph, and on that basis DENY each and every remaining allegation contained therein.
- 8. In answering paragraph 8 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants are without specific knowledge or information sufficient to enable them to admit or deny the allegations in said paragraph, and on that basis DENY each and every remaining allegation contained therein.
- 9. In answering paragraph 9 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants are without specific knowledge or information sufficient to enable them to admit or deny the allegations in said paragraph, and on that basis DENY each and every remaining allegation contained therein.
- 10. In answering paragraph 10 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants ADMIT the allegations contained therein.
- 11. In answering paragraph 11 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants ADMIT the allegations contained therein.

- 12. In answering paragraph 12 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants ADMIT that Defendant Robinson was a resident of Nevada but DENY all other allegations contained therein.
- 13. In answering paragraph 13 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants ADMIT that Defendant Rodriguez was a resident of Nevada but DENY all other allegations contained therein.
- 14. In answering paragraph 14 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants ADMIT the allegations contained therein.
- 15. In answering paragraph 15 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants ADMIT the allegations contained therein.
- 16. In answering paragraph 16 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants ADMIT the allegations contained therein.
- 17. In answering paragraph 17 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants ADMIT the allegations contained therein.
- 18. In answering paragraph 18 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants are without specific knowledge or information sufficient to enable them to admit or deny the allegations in said paragraph, and on that basis DENY each and every remaining allegation contained therein.
- 19. In answering paragraph 19 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants are without specific knowledge or information sufficient to enable them to admit or deny the allegations in said paragraph, and on that basis DENY each and every remaining allegation contained therein.

20. In answering paragraph 20 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants ADMIT that Defendants VCC and Wintech have filed for bankruptcy protection but DENY that the automatic stay applies to only those Defendants.

## FACTUAL BACKGROUND GIVING RISE TO THIS CLAIM

- 21. In answering paragraph 21 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 22. In answering paragraph 22 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 23. In answering paragraph 23 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 24. In answering paragraph 24 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 25. In answering paragraph 25 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 26. In answering paragraph 26 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 27. In answering paragraph 27 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants are without specific knowledge or information sufficient to enable them to admit or deny the allegations in said paragraph, and on that basis DENY each and every remaining allegation contained therein.
- 28. In answering paragraph 28 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.

- 29. In answering paragraph 29 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 30. In answering paragraph 30 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 31. In answering paragraph 31 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 32. In answering paragraph 32 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants are without specific knowledge or information sufficient to enable them to admit or deny the allegations in said paragraph, and on that basis DENY each and every remaining allegation contained therein.
- 33. In answering paragraph 33 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 34. In answering paragraph 34 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 35. In answering paragraph 35 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 36. In answering paragraph 36 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 37. In answering paragraph 37 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 38. In answering paragraph 38 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants are without specific knowledge or information sufficient to enable them to admit or

deny the allegations in said paragraph, and on that basis DENY each and every remaining allegation contained therein.

- 39. In answering paragraph 39 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 40. In answering paragraph 40 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 41. In answering paragraph 41 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 42. In answering paragraph 42 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 43. In answering paragraph 43 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
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- 45. In answering paragraph 45 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants are without specific knowledge or information sufficient to enable them to admit or deny the allegations in said paragraph, and on that basis DENY each and every remaining allegation contained therein.
- 46. In answering paragraph 46 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 47. In answering paragraph 47 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.

- 48. In answering paragraph 48 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 49. In answering paragraph 49 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 50. In answering paragraph 50 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 51. In answering paragraph 51 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants are without specific knowledge or information sufficient to enable them to admit or deny the allegations in said paragraph, and on that basis DENY each and every remaining allegation contained therein.

# LEGAL BASIS UPON WHICH RELIEF SHOULD BE GRANTED COUNT ONE – MISREPRESENTATIONS AND OMISSIONS

- 52. In answering paragraph 52 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 53. In answering paragraph 53 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 54. In answering paragraph 54 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 55. In answering paragraph 55 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants are without specific knowledge or information sufficient to enable them to admit or deny the allegations in said paragraph, and on that basis DENY each and every remaining allegation contained therein.

- 56. In answering paragraph 56 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 57. In answering paragraph 57 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.

# COUNT TWO – VIOLATION OF NEVADA UNIFORM SECURITIES ACT §§ NRS 90.310, 90.460, and 90.660

- 58. In answering paragraph 58 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 59. In answering paragraph 59 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 60. In answering paragraph 60 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 61. In answering paragraph 61 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 62. In answering paragraph 62 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 63. In answering paragraph 63 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 64. In answering paragraph 64 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 65. In answering paragraph 65 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.

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- 77. In answering paragraph 77 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 78. In answering paragraph 78 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 79. In answering paragraph 79 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.
- 80. In answering paragraph 80 of the First Amended Complaint on file herein, Defendants DENY the allegations contained therein.

## **AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

#### FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's Complaint on file herein fails to state a claim against these answering Defendants upon which relief can be granted.

#### SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

That it has been necessary for the Defendants to retain the services of an attorney to defend this action and Defendants are entitled to an award of reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred herein.

### THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Pursuant to NRCP Rule 11, all possible affirmative defenses may not have been alleged herein insofar as sufficient facts are not available after reasonable inquiry upon the filing of the Plaintiff's Complaint, and therefore, these answering Defendants reserve the right to amend this Answer to add additional affirmative defenses as additional facts are discovered.

# FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE The alleged investments referenced in the Complaint do not constitute a security under

WHEREFORE, Defendants respectfully pray for judgment against Plaintiffs and for relief

- (1) That Plaintiffs take nothing by virtue of their Complaint;
- (2) That judgment be entered in favor of Defendants on all of Plaintiffs' causes of action;
- (3) That Defendants be awarded their attorneys' fees and costs of suit for having to defend against Plaintiffs' claims; and
- (4) For all other relief to which Defendants are entitled.

DATED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018.

HAROLD P. GEWERTER, ESQ., LTD.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 9th day of November, 2018, a true and correct copy of Defendants' AMENDED ANSWER TO FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT was electronically served through the Court's electronic filing system upon the following:

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## CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

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IN THE MATTER BETWEEN, Steven A. Hotchkiss,

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VS.

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ALISA DAVIS, and DOES 1-10 and ROES 1-10, inclusive,

Defendants.

CASE NO.: A-17-762264-C

DEPT NO.: VIII

DATE: December 3, 2018 TIME: (chambers)

## DEFENDANTS RONALD J. ROBINSON, VERN RODRIGUEZ, WINTECH, LLC AND ALISA DAVIS' OPPOSITION TO MOTION FOR SUMMARY ADJUDICATION OF ISSUES

Defendants Ronald J. Robinson, Vern Rodriguez, Wintech, LLC, and Alisa Davis, by and through their counsel, Harold P. Gewerter, Esq., of the law firm of Harold P. Gewerter, Esq., Ltd. hereby file their Opposition to Plaintiff Hotchkiss' Motion for Summary Adjudication of Issues.

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This Opposition is made and based upon the points and authorities, exhibits and declarations attached hererto or filed in this case, the pleadings and papers on file herein, and any oral argument this Honorable Court may permit.

DATED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018.

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### MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I.

## **INTRODUCTION**

Defendants Ronald J. Robinson, Vern Rodriguez, Wintech, LLC, and Alisa Davis (collectively "Defendants") oppose Plaintiff Steven Hotchkiss' ("Hotchkiss") Motion for Summary Adjudication of Issues ("Motion"). Hotchkiss' Motion is rife with uncertainties, unresolved questions of fact, and inadmissible evidence. In short, Hotchkiss fails to meet the criteria entitling her to summary adjudication.

II.

## SUMMARY OF FACTS AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

As the Court is undoubtedly familiar with the facts of the above-entitled action, in deference to the Court's time, Defendants will recount only those facts relevant to the instant Opposition.

In 2014, Provident Trust Group, LLC ("Provident Trust") (a self-directed IRA for the benefit of Steven Hotchkiss) transferred \$75,000.00, to Virtual Communications Corporation ("VCC")., see Exhibit "1", attached hereto. In exchange for these funds, VCC issued a promissory note to Provident Trust stating VCC would remit payments to Provident Trust and the balance of the note would be paid in October 2015. Business did not transpire as expected such that VCC was unable to remit the remaining portion of the funds to Provident Trust. Virtual Communications Corporation ("VCC") is now in a Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceeding.

It was understood between VCC and Provident Trust that the funds transmitted were to be used to assist in VCC's cash-flow difficulties and to permit the advancement of a commercial purpose. The note was not offered to a broad section of the public, but was merely offered to limited selected individuals.

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## LEGAL ARGUMENT

# A. Summary adjudication is improper as there are too many unresolved questions of fact.

"Summary judgment is appropriate only when the moving party is entitled to judgment as a matter of law, and no genuine issue remains for trial." *Shepard v. Harrison*, 100 Nev. 178, 678 P.2d 670 (1984). The burden of proving the absence of triable facts is upon the moving party. *See Butler v. Bogdanovich*, 101 Nev. 449, 705 P.2d 662 (1985).

## B. The VCC Note was not a security.

Nevada Revised Statute 90.295 defines a "security" as simply "a note." See NRS 90.295. However a literal, plain meaning interpretation that every "note" is a "security" would lead to the absurd result of all notes issued in Nevada being considered securities. *See State v. Friend*, 118 Nev. 115, 120-21 (2002). Thus, a two-tiered analysis has been adopted to determine when a note is a security. *See id.* at 121. The *Friend* analysis starts with the presumption that every note is a security which assumption may be rebutted under either step of the two-tiered analysis. *See id.* 

Under the first step, the note in question is compared to notes that are NOT considered securities. *See id.* These include notes delivered in consumer financing, secured by a home mortgage, a "character" loan to a bank customer, open-account debt incurred in ordinary course of business, commercial bank loans for current operations, short term notes secured by a lien on a small business, or short-term notes secured by an assignment of accounts receivable. *See id.* 

If a note fails to specifically match one of the above listed notes, the second step is applied, comparing the note at issue under four factors:

- 1. the motivations prompting a reasonable seller and buyer to enter into the transaction;
- 2. whether the instruments are used in common trading for speculation or investment;
- 3. the expectations of a reasonable investing public; and
- 4. whether another regulator scheme significantly reduces the risk of the instrument.

See id. at 122.

In applying the first factor, "If the seller's purpose is to raise money for the general use of a business enterprise or to finance substantial investments and the buyer is primarily interested in the profit the note is expected to generate, the instrument is likely to be a 'security.'" *Reves v. Ernst & Young*, 494 U.S. 56, 66 (1990). Importantly, however, "if the note is exchanged to facilitate the purchase and sale of a minor asset or consumer good, to correct for the seller's cashflow difficulties, or to advance some other commercial or consumer purpose . . . the note is less sensibly described as a 'security." *Id.* 

The second factor involves the distribution of the note: "whether it is an instrument in which there is common trading for speculation or investment," where "common trading" occurs "when the instrument is 'offered and sold to a broad segment of the public." *Friend*, 118 Nev. at 122-23 (citing *Reves*, 494 U.S. at 68). In *Friend*, the note was sold following an advertisement in the local newspaper, distributed throughout Southern Nevada. Thus it was concluded that the "investment opportunity was offered to a broad segment of the public and that the plan of distribution involved common trading." *Friend*, 118 Nev. 123.

The third step analyzes whether the notes were reasonably viewed by purchasers as investments. *See id.* Of importance is whether the seller calls the notes "investments" and if so, whether it is reasonable for a prospective purchase to believe them. *See id.* In *Friend*, it was clear the investors invested to make a profit on a high interest rate of return: twenty-one percent or more. *See id.* Based on this, the Court determined the transactions appeared to involve securities. *See id.* 

The final step examines "adequacy of other regulatory schemes in reducing the risk to the lender." *Id.* The Court determined there is a need for securities law in Nevada, and that federal securities acts were promulgated "to eliminate serious abuses in a largely unregulated securities market." *See id.* at 123-24, quoting *Reves*, 494 U.S. at 60.

Here, there are simply too many unresolved questions of fact to meet any of the foregoing tests. The second step of the two tier test is fact intensive. The factors present require knowledge that is in dispute between the parties. VCC asserts the note was offered not to raise money for

the general use of the business, but to correct cash-flow difficulties and advance a commercial purpose to. As to Provident Trust's expectations, Defendants would not presume to understand or know its intentions or end goals. VCC further did not offer the note to a broad section of the public, but a select few.

Hotchkiss' desperate quest to obtain a summary determination in a matter in which he is lacks standing falls flat on its face. Hotchkiss fails to attach supporting documentation, and relies upon assumptions of intent and conclusory statements of "facts." Hotchkiss' arguments are both improper and premature. The analysis of the promissory note as a security is a matter better left for trial, following the presentation of facts currently in dispute.

## B. The VCC Note was not a security thus it was exempt from registration.

Hotchkiss' contention that the note required registration follows on the heels of Hotchkiss' improper analysis reliant on Hotchkiss' whimsy and conjecture. There is no requirement that promissory notes be registered. As the interpretation of the promissory note as a security is not yet ripe for determination, there can be no assumption that the note be registered. This matter is not ripe for summary adjudication.

## C. Licensing of broker dealers is irrelevant as the VCC Note was not a security.

Broker-dealers are persons engaged "in the business of effecting transactions in securities ..." NRS 90.220. Hotchkiss' assertion that VCC's sales agents were unlicensed as broker-dealers is irrelevant at this point. The relevance of this issue will hinge upon the determination of the promissory note as a security. Absent this determination, the licensure of VCC's agents is of no significance.

## D. Ronald Robinson status as a control person is irrelevant.

The liability of a control person is imposed pursuant to NRS 90.660, the civil liability section of the Nevada Securities Act. As evidenced by the foregoing, as the classification of the note as a security is in dispute, Ronald Robinson's status as a control person is improper to determine at this point.

## E. Hotchkiss' Motion is moot as no liability can be imposed in this matter.

Defendants reassert, as outlined in Defendants' Opposition and Countermotion for Judgment on the Pleadings to Dismiss for Failure to Name an Indispensable Party: no liability can be imposed against any party in this case as a matter of law based upon Hotchkiss' lack of standing to bring the above-entitled action.

IV.

## **CONCLUSION**

Based upon the foregoing, Defendants respectfully request that Hotchkiss' Motion for Summary Adjudication of Issues be denied in its entirety.

DATED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD P. GEWERTER, ESQ., LTD.

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Certification is hereby made that a true and correct copy of DEFENDANTS RONALD J. ROBINSON, VERN RODRIGUEZ, WINTECH, LLC, AND ALISA DAVIS' OPPOSITION TO MOTION FOR SUMMARY ADJUDICATION OF ISSUES was served this 16th day of November, 2018, by electronic service via the court's electronic filing and electronic service and/or via U.S. Mail to the counsel set forth on the service list, and listed below, pursuant to Administrative Order 14-2, NEFCR 9 (a), and EDCR Rule 7.26.

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/s/S. Howard

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