The staff of the State of Wisconsin, Department of Financial Institutions, Division of Securities (hereinafter "the Division"), has conducted an investigation in this matter pursuant to sec. 551.56, Wis. Stats. and as a result thereof alleges as follows:

1. Jeffrey D. Knickmeier ("Knickmeier") is an individual with a date of birth of August 30, 1954, who at all times material hereto was a lawyer licensed to practice law in the State of Wisconsin, with a last known home address of 2446 County Highway AB, McFarland, Wisconsin 53558;

2. During the period of 1998, Knickmeier obtained a loan of $12,000 from at least one person in Wisconsin and provided a promissory note as evidence, which required the repayment of the loan within 12 months with monthly payments of $200 at an interest rate of 15 percent per year;

3. The promissory note as described in Paragraph 2 above is a transaction involving securities as that term is defined by sec. 551.02(13)(a), Wis. Stats.,

4. During the period of April 2000, Knickmeier obtained from at least one person in Wisconsin a loan and provided a promissory note as evidence, which required repayment in July 2000, with interest at the annual rate of 15 percent, and which promissory note was secured by two motorcycles;

5. The loan as described in Paragraph 4 above is a transaction involving an "investment contract" as defined by section DF1-Sec. 1.02(6)(a), Wis. Adm. Code, and is therefore that of securities as defined by sec. 551.02(13), Wis. Stats., and which has never been registered under Ch. 551, Wis. Stats., for its offer and sale in Wisconsin;

6. An action of the Supreme Court of Wisconsin brought by the Office of Lawyer Regulation against Knickmeier, Case No. 2002-2438-D resulted in the revocation of the license to practice law by Knickmeier, and related, in part, to the transactions of Knickmeier as referred to in Paragraphs 2 and 4 above;

7. According to references in the compendium for the action, referred to in Paragraph 6 above, in connection with the offer and sale of the securities described in Paragraph 2, Knickmeier omitted to disclose to the person in Wisconsin at the time of the loan that Knickmeier had multiple Chapter 13 filings in federal bankruptcy court and at the time of the loan, Knickmeier's debts totaled more than $100,000;

8. According to references in the compendium for the action, referred to in Paragraph 4 above, in connection with the offer and sale of the securities described in Paragraph 4, Knickmeier omitted to disclose to the person in Wisconsin at the time of the loan that Knickmeier had numerous
bankruptcy petitions, his current indebtedness, and that at the time of the loan Knickmeier was in default on his loan from the person in Wisconsin, referred to in Paragraph 2 above;

9. Knickmeier has violated sec. 551.41(2), Wis. Stats., by omitting to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading, in connection with the offer and sale of securities to persons in Wisconsin;

10. According to records of the Wisconsin Consolidate Court Access Programs, the person in Wisconsin, referred to in Paragraph 2 above, sued and obtained a judgment against Knickmeier in the amount of $27,302.67 on March 9, 2005; and

11. According to records of the Wisconsin Consolidate Court Access Programs, Knickmeier pleaded no contest on March 2, 2006, to three counts of misdemeanor theft, for incidents relating to the person referred to in Paragraph 2 above, and was later sentenced to the Dane County Jail, given probation, with restitution ordered.

Therefore, the staff of the Bureau of Registration & Enforcement petitions the Administrator of the Division of Securities for the issuance of the attached Order pursuant to Ch. 551, Wis. Stats.

Mark E. Dorman
Examiner
Date

David A. Cohen
Supervising Attorney
Date