STATE OF NEVADA 1 **OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE** SECURITIES DIVISION 2 2250 LAS VEGAS BOULEVARD NORTH, SUITE 400 3 **NORTH LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89030** 4 In the Matter of 5 FIRST CHOICE FINANCIAL PLANNING, ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ORDER 6 LLC, CRD No. 166363, a Nevada Limited Liability Company; and IAN R. 7 TOMLÍNSON, CRD No. 2492696, an File No. <u>CI15-063</u> individual. 8 9 Respondents. 10 NEVADA SECRETARY OF STATE 11 TO: IAN R. TOMLINSON SECURITIES DIVISION DATE FILED: c/o Nathan A. Crane, Esq. 12 Richard A. Van Wagoner, Esq. **SNOW CHRISTENSEN & MARTINEAU** 13 10 Exchange Place, 11th Floor Post Office Box 4500 14 **Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-5000** 15 Counsel for Ian R. Tomlinson 16 FIRST CHOICE FINANCIAL PLANNING, LLC 17 c/o Nathan A. Crane, Esq. Richard A. Van Wagoner, Esq. 18 **SNOW CHRISTENSEN & MARTINEAU** 10 Exchange Place, 11th Floor 19 Post Office Box 4500 Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-5000 20 Counsel for First Choice Financial Planning, LLC 21 IAN R. TOMLINSON 22 1034 San Miguel Street Alamogordo, NM 88310 23 24 FIRST CHOICE FINANCIAL PLANNING, LLC c/o Ian r. Tomlinson 25 1034 San Miguel Street, Alamogordo, NM 88310 26 27

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WHEREAS, Respondent Ian R. Tomlinson, CRD No. 2492696 ("Tomlinson,") is an individual living in Alamogordo, New Mexico;

WHEREAS, Respondent First Choice Financial Planning, LLC ("FCFP") is a Nevada Limited Liability Company in default status, organized on or about June 2, 2006;

WHEREAS, a Complaint for Summary Order and Final Order to Cease and Desist and Other Appropriate Relief was filed against and served upon Tomlinson and FCFP ("Respondents") on April 26, 2018;

WHEREAS, a Notice and Summary Order to Cease and Desist was filed against and served upon Respondents on April 26, 2018;

WHEREAS, Respondents requested a hearing within forty-five (45) days of receiving the Notice and Summary Order to Cease and Desist and have agreed to abide by the Summary Order pending final resolution of this matter;

WHEREAS, Respondents have advised the Nevada Securities Division ("Division") of their agreement to resolve the violations alleged in the above-referenced pleadings and to comply with the requirements in the State of Nevada on the terms specified in this Administrative Consent Order ("Order");

WHEREAS, Respondents now elect to permanently and expressly waive any right to a hearing and appeal under the Nevada Uniform Securities Act ("Act") and/or to seek judicial review under the Nevada Administrative Procedures Act, codified in NRS Chapter 233B, with respect to this Order.

NOW THEREFORE, the Administrator of the Division, pursuant to the Act, hereby enters this Order:

I.

RELEVANT FACTS

- 1. Respond Tomlinson neither admits nor denies the facts stated below.
- 2. Respondent FCFP, CRD No. 166363, is currently a New Mexico domiciled Investment Adviser ("IA") licensed with the Division from January 29, 2013 to November 19, 2019.

- 3. Respondent Tomlinson, CRD No. 2492696, is the Chief Compliance Officer and sole Investment Adviser Representative ("IAR") of FCFP, licensed with the Division since January 29, 2013. Tomlinson currently resides in Alamogordo, New Mexico. Tomlinson has resided in New Mexico since August 2014.
- 4. On May 21, 2015, a Compliance/Audit Investigator with the Division, pursuant to the Administrator's authority under NRS 90.410, initiated an onsite inspection ("Onsite Inspection") of FCFP at its then location at 3432 Conough Lane, Las Vegas, NV.
- 5. At the time of the Onsite Inspection, FCFP, through Tomlinson, acknowledged that it did not provide clients with an invoice separate from its custodian itemizing the fees that were charged.
- 6. The Division's onsite inspection of FCFP also revealed that Tomlinson was compensating a third party consultant by the name of Norman Flemens ("Flemens"), CRD No. 3212865, for providing investment advice on option strategy for the benefit of FCFP clients. Tomlinson admitted that he regularly consulted with Flemens in an email to the Division on May 28, 2015.
- 7. At all times relevant Flemens was acting in the capacity of a representative of an investment adviser for clients of FCFP. Flemens received compensation for the same.
- 8. Tomlinson and Flemens previously worked together at First Command Financial Planning, LLC.
- 9. None of Flemens' personal history was shared with FCFP's clients, including a prior FINRA 18 month suspension and fine in the amount of \$5,000.00.
- 10. Flemens has not been licensed with the Division or with any other state as a representative of an investment adviser or as a registered sales representative since April 27, 2006, following his FINRA suspension.
- 11. Tomlinson provided Flemens with full access to client data by allowing Flemens to utilize a confidential username and password belonging to Tomlinson for clients of FCFP's Custodian

to accomplish trades on client's behalf. This created an environment whereby continued unauthorized access may have been attained without Tomlinson's permission.

- 12. Flemens, Tomlinson, and FCFP never disclosed in writing to FCFP clients that they were utilizing the advice of an unlicensed individual (Flemens).
- 13. On or about April 26, 2018, the Division filed and served a Complaint for Summary Order and Final Order to Cease and Desist and Other Appropriate Relief, which was properly served on Respondents.
- 14. On or about April 26, 2018, the Division filed and served a Notice and Summary Order to Cease and Desist, which was properly served on Respondents.
- 15. Respondents requested a hearing within forty-five (45) days of receiving the Notice and Summary Order to Cease and Desist
- 16. Respondents, through counsel, stipulated to enlarge the time for hearing and agreed to abide by the Summary Order.
- 17. Tomlinson and FCFP currently do not have any clients in Nevada, are not practicing in Nevada, and do not have any future plans to practice in Nevada.
- 18. Respondents Tomlinson and FCFP, without admitting to or denying the above facts, now elect to permanently and expressly waive any right to a hearing and appeal under the Act and/or to seek judicial review under the Nevada Administrative Procedures Act, codified in NRS Chapter 233B, with respect to this Order.

II.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Division has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to the Act, which authorizes the Division to regulate any entity or person acting as an investment adviser or investment adviser representative. Specifically, NRS 90.630 allows the Division, through its Administrator, to take action against an investment adviser or investment adviser representative if either violates any provision of Act or any regulation adopted under said Act.

2. Pursuant to NRS 90.630(2), if the Administrator of the Division reasonably believed
that a person has violated Chapter 90, the Administrator may (a) issue an order against the person
(c) bar or suspend a person from association with an investment adviser in this State or (d) issue as
order against an applicant, licensed person or other person who willfully violates this chapter
imposing a civil penalty of not more than \$25,000 for each violation or, if the violation was committee
against an older person or vulnerable person, a civil penalty equal to twice the amount of the civil
penalty that would otherwise have been imposed pursuant to this paragraph, not to exceed \$50,000

- 3. Up and until April 2018, Respondents failed to comply with the requirements set forth in NRS 90.330, which sets forth that it is unlawful for any person to transact business in this State as an investment adviser or as a representative of an investment adviser unless licensed or exempt from licensing by statute. Specifically, Tomlinson compensated Flemens for transacting business as a representative of an investment adviser without licensing by the Division and without any applicable exemptions. Therefore, Tomlinson violated the Act and is subject to a complete bar on further securities related activities in the State pursuant to NRS 90.630(2).
- 4. The Division has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to the Act which authorizes the Division to regulate the business activities of investment advisers and investment adviser representatives acting in the State of Nevada.

III.

ORDER

Finding the following appropriate and in the public interest, and on the basis of the Findings of Facts, Conclusions of Law, and Respondent's consent to the entry of this Order,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1. Respondents are hereby permanently barred from offering, soliciting, or selling any securities or investment advisory services and Respondents shall not make any application in the future to be licensed as an investment adviser, representative of an investment adviser, sales representative of a broker-dealer or sales representative of an issuer in the State of Nevada.
- 2. The Summary Order to Cease and Desist issued against Respondents on April 26, 2018 is hereby entered as a final order. Respondents shall continue to comply with that Order.

- 3. In consideration of Respondents' consent to entry of this Order, the Division will not pursue any further administrative proceedings, including not seeking civil monetary penalties, against Respondents based on the limited allegations contained in the Complaints filed in Case No. CI15-063.
- 4. Nothing in this Order shall be construed as a waiver of the Division's right to investigate and pursue any criminal violations by Respondents.
- 5. Nothing in this Order is intended to limit or create for third parties any private remedies against Respondents. Furthermore, nothing in this Order is intended to or shall in any way limit, restrict or adversely affect Respondents' ability to defend himself in any civil proceeding brought by any third party and/or criminal prosecution brought for the conduct identified in the complaints filed in Case No. CI15-063.
- 6. This Order shall be effective as of the date on which it is signed by the Administrator as set forth below.

DATED this day of _____, 2020

BY ORDER OF THE ADMINISTRATOR
Office of the Secretary of State, Securities Division

ERIN M. HOUSTON

Deputy Secretary for Securities Securities Administrator

CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

Respondent Ian Tomlinson ("Tomlinson") hereby acknowledges, through counsel, that he has been served with a copy of this Order, has read the foregoing Order, is aware of his rights to a hearing and appeal in this matter, and has waived the same.

Tomlinson specifically acknowledges that a violation of this Order may constitute a felony pursuant to NRS 90.650 Tomlinson neither admits nor denies the facts as outlined in this Administrative Consent Order.

Tomlinson admits the jurisdiction of the Securities Division of the Nevada Office of the Secretary of State and consents to entry of this Order by the Administrator of the Division as settlement of the issues contained within this Order.

Tomlinson states that no promise of any kind or nature, other than the consideration set forth in the Order, was made to it to induce him to enter into this Order and that he has entered into this Order voluntarily.

Subscribed and sworn to before me

On this 深たday of く

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CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

Respondent First Choice Financial Planning, LLC ("FCFP") hereby acknowledges, through its Representative, that it has been served with a copy of this Order, and its Representative has read the foregoing Order, is aware of its rights to a hearing and appeal in this matter, and has waived the same.

lan R. Tomlinson represents that he has full power and authority to act as the Authorized Representative for FCFP and consent to the entry of the attached Administrative Consent Order.

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First Choice Financial Planning, LLC

By: Ian R. Tomlinson
Its Authorized Representative

Subscribed and sworn to before me
On this 2 day of _______, 2020

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