

STATE OF MISSOURI OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

IN THE MATTER OF:)	Case No. AP-04-55
ARTHUR EMANUEL CAMBRIDGE,)	Case No. A1 -04-55
Respondent.)	
Serve Arthur Emanuel Cambridge at:		
2960 E. Battlefield Road,		
Springfield Missouri 65804-4106		

ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST

On the 3rd day of June 2004, Mary S. Hosmer, Assistant Commissioner for Enforcement, submitted a petition for a cease and desist order. After reviewing the petition, the Commissioner issues the following findings of fact, conclusions of law and order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Art Cambridge, d/b/a Art Cambridge Financial Services ("Cambridge"), is a Missouri resident with a last-known address at 2960 E. Battlefield Road, Springfield, Missouri 65804-4106. At all times pertinent hereto, Cambridge was a registered securities representative with National Planning Corporation, a California entity. Cambridge is currently a registered securities representative with Jefferson Pilot Securities Corporation a Missouri registered broker-dealer.
- 2. Mutual Benefits Corporation is a Florida corporation and has a last-known address of 200 East Broward Blvd., 10th Floor, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301.
- 3. As used in this Cease and Desist Order, the term "Respondent" refers to Cambridge.
- 4. On January 8, 2003, the Missouri Securities Division received a complaint from a Missouri resident ("MR1") concerning MR1's purchase of fractional interests in Mutual Benefits viatical settlement contracts offered and sold by Cambridge in July and August in 1997.

- 5. Cambridge told MR1, among other things, that:
 - a. There were "very little or no risks" involved with the investment;
 - b. MR1 would earn 12% to 42% fixed interest on viatical settlement contracts based on the viator's life expectancy;
 - c. MR1's return would be realized no later than 36 months after investing;
 - d. If the viator died before the end of the 36-month period, MR1 would collect on the investment immediately.
- 6. In promotional materials, Mutual Benefits presented the investment as a compassionate and humanitarian way to help AIDS patients that produced financial rewards for the investor.
- 7. In these promotional materials, Mutual Benefits claimed that while life expectancy could vary widely from individual to individual the life expectancy of people with AIDS could be "reasonably predicted based upon the medical condition of the patient." And that a rate of return on the investment could be "predicted within reasonable parameters."
- 8. The Purchase Agreement form provided to MR1 by Respondent stated, in part, that Mutual Benefits, among other things, would:
 - a. Identify life insurance policies of terminally ill individuals, which complied with the following criteria:
 - i. Insurance carrier must have a current rating of "B+" or better from A.M. Best, Moody's or Standard & Poors;
 - ii. Policy must be beyond the contestability period; and
 - iii. Insured must be diagnosed terminally ill by an independent medical reviewing physician.
 - b. Enter into any agreements or contracts necessary for the purchase of life policies and/or death benefits on behalf of the Purchaser which fall within the agreed underwriting criteria set forth in this Agreement and related documents provided by Mutual Benefits.
 - c. Provide to the purchaser, prior to closing, a summary of any policy to be purchased for review.
 - d. After closing, purchaser would be provided with a copy of the original insurance policy, a copy of the transfer of ownership, a copy of the re-assignment of

beneficiary form, and a copy of the independent reviewing physician's report determining the maximum life expectancy.

- 9. Under the Purchase Agreement MR1 could choose the type of policy to be purchased from a list that contained the fixed returns to be earned by the investor. These included a 12-month policy that provided a 12% fixed return, (ostensibly a 12-month policy indicated that the life expectancy of the insured under the insurance policy was 12 months) an 18-month policy that provided a 21% fixed return, a 24-month policy that provided a 28% fixed return and a 36-month policy that provided a 42% return. MR1 chose to invest in 36-month policies that were to pay a 42% return.
- 10. Based on Cambridge's recommendation, MR1 invested a total of \$129,000 through four Mutual Benefits Purchase Agreements. These consisted of \$99,000, in three polices on July 1, 1997 and \$30,000 in one policy on August 8, 1997.
- 11. Mutual Benefits placed MR1's funds from the four purchase agreements into fourteen (14) different viatical settlement contracts as follows:

	nvestment Date	Investment Amount	Viator	Policy Carrier	Policy Number	Policy Value	Assigned to Livoti/Mutual
I.A B	8/7/1997 8/7/1997	,		Reliable Standard Prudential Life	VG17014733 GX16000	130,000.00 129,000.00	8/22/97 8/26/97
2.C D E	8/26/1997 8/18/1997 8/27/1997	17,605.00) JL	Primerica Guarantee Trust Ins. Co. Prudential Life	430013374 GTL1099147 38 390 758	200,000.00 25,000.00 26,129.00	8/21/97 8/25/97 8/20/97
3.F G H I J	8/5/1997 8/5/1997 8/5/1997 8/5/1997 8/5/1997	1,408.00 704.00 7 3,521.00 20,768.00	DP DP DP DP MB	JC Penny Life Security Industrial Security Industrial Security Industrial Metropolitan Life American Heritage	25243/74LY545850 5491618 5412711 5265892 35083/35084 40-0548982U	5,000.00 2,000.00 1,000.00 5,000.00 168,000.00 45,300.00	8/10/97 8/18/97 8/18/97 8/18/97 8/20/97 8/19/97
4.L M N	11/11/1997 11/10/97 1/16/1998	9,090.00) RB	John Hancock JC Penny Life Prudential	PNO 67187307 7214931823 442425-0	140,000.00 11,000.00 500,000.00	10/17/97 10/16/97 10/20/97

- 12. At least one of the fourteen policies listed above [11(4)L], was still within the contestability period. This same policy also provided that premiums increased at the end of five years from the date of issue. This information was not provided to MR1 prior to MR1's purchase.
- 13. Respondent failed to disclose the dates on which six of the policies [11(1)A, 11(1)B,

- 11(2)C, 11(2)E, 11(3)K and 11(3)I] were issued to the insureds.
- 14. Respondent failed to disclose adequate information to MR1 concerning the viators' diagnosis and dates of onset of any illness.
- 15. The maximum life expectancies for eight of the fourteen policies underlying the viatical settlement contracts were determined by Clark C. Mitchell, MD. On or about June 28, 2001, Dr. Mitchell was charged by the State of Florida on 25 counts of engaging in an organized scheme to defraud and communications fraud in connection with his estimation of life expectancies for Mutual Benefits.
- 16. None of the fourteen policies listed above had matured within the 3-year life expectancy. Many of these so-called 36-month policies have now been in place for over 78 months. Paramount to the success or failure of an investment in a viatical settlement contract is Mutual Benefit's "expertise" in determining the projected life expectancy of the insureds. The projected life expectancy affects the discount rate paid to the insured for the policy and the price an investor pays to participate in the viatical settlement contract.
- 17. On January 3, 2001, the Commonwealth of Virginia, Division of Securities and Retail Franchising entered a Settlement Order with Mutual Benefits finding that the viatical settlement contracts as offered and sold by Mutual Benefits between February 1995 and July 1998, were investment contracts and therefore securities under Virginia law and required Mutual Benefits, among other things, to offer rescission to Virginia residents with 6% interest.
- 18. On April 25, 2003, the State of Arizona issued a Notice of Opportunity For Hearing Regarding Proposed Order to Cease and Desist against Mutual Benefits, based on the offer and sale of viatical settlement contracts from March 1995 through January 2002. The viatical settlement contracts sold by Mutual Benefits were found to constitute investment contracts and Mutual Benefits was ordered to cease and desist the offer and sale of its viatical settlement contracts in Arizona and to make restitution to Arizona investors. Mutual Benefits was given 10 days to file a written request for hearing. No request was docketed.
- 19. A check of the records maintained by the Missouri Commissioner of Securities confirmed no registration or granted exemption for the securities offered and sold by Respondent in the State of Missouri.
- 20. The viatical settlement contracts sold by Respondent are not federal covered securities.
- An investigation by the Securities Division revealed that the investments offered by Respondent were investment contracts for the following reasons:
 - a. MR1 invested money to purchase viatical settlement contracts;
 - b. These investments occurred when MR1 parted with MR1's money;

- c. MR1's money was used to purchase fractional interests in viatical settlement contracts. This money was pooled with other investors' money to fund the purchase of insurance policies from viators or other viatical settlement companies. The sharing in the profit or loss of the enterprise with the other investors who purchased fractional interests establishes the existence of a common enterprise;
- d. The investors expected to make a profit from the investments in these fractional interests in viatical settlement contracts. The investors were told they would get a return of 12-42%;
- e. MR1's profits were to have been derived from the significant managerial efforts of Mutual Benefits. These efforts were part of what MR1 bargained for in purchasing the investments. These efforts included but were not limited to, the following activities that occurred after MR1 invested:
 - (1) locating and qualifying individuals with life insurance policies;
 - (2) reviewing the status, terms and viability of each life insurance policy;
 - (3) reviewing and assessing the insured individuals' medical records;
 - (4) determining the individuals' maximum life expectancies;
 - (5) determining an appropriate amount to escrow for payment of premiums;
 - (6) negotiating the price to be paid to each insured individual for their policy; and
 - (7) making decisions concerning policy ownership and method of distribution to beneficiaries upon maturation of the life insurance policies.

Mutual Benefits' performance of these activities subsequent to the purchase by MR1 had a material impact upon the profits MR1 would receive.

- f. MR1's only effort was to put forth the money required for the investment. All other significant efforts, both managerial and entrepreneurial, came from the performance of parties other than MR1.
- 22. On January 31, 2003, the Securities Division sent a letter of inquiry to Cambridge via certified mail requesting a claim of exemption from registration or exception from definition upon which he relied in offering and selling unregistered securities in the State of Missouri. The letter required a response by February 28, 2003.
- 23. On or about March 31, 2003, the Division received Cambridge's response to the Division's January 31, 2003 inquiry. Cambridge's response indicated that between May 20, 1997 and December 31, 1998, Cambridge sold investments in Mutual Benefits

- viatical settlement contracts to sixteen (16) Missouri residents totaling \$556,995.00. Cambridge earned \$37,868.98 in commissions.
- 24. Cambridge's response also advised that he sold the Mutual Benefits viatical settlement contracts without the approval of National Planning Corporation, his employing broker-dealer.
- 25. Respondent offered and sold unregistered, non-exempt securities in the form of investment contracts to Missouri residents.
- 26. Cambridge, although registered as a securities agent in Missouri, sold the unregistered securities without the knowledge or approval of his broker-dealer.
- 27. In connection with the offer, sale or purchase of a security to a Missouri resident, Respondent omitted to state material facts necessary in order to make the statements made not misleading, as follows:
 - a. That Cambridge was selling the viatical settlement contracts without the approval of his broker-dealer;
 - b. That the viatical settlement contracts were not registered securities;
 - c. That there were risks associated with the investment;
 - d. The dates the policies were purchased by the insured individuals; and
 - e. Respondent stated that the life expectancy of people with AIDS could be reasonably predicted based upon the medical condition of the patient but omitted to provide information on the accuracy rate of any independent physician in setting life expectancies for the viators.
- 28. In connection with the offer, sale or purchase of a security to a Missouri resident, Respondent made untrue statements of material facts, as follows:
 - a. That there were "very little or no risks" involved with the investment;
 - b. That investor's return would be realized no later than 36 months after investing;
 - c. That the life expectancy of people with AIDS could be reasonably predicted based upon the medical condition of the patient;
 - d. That all viaticated insurance policies would be beyond the contestability period;
 - e. That the investor would receive a summary of any policy to be purchased with

investor's funds prior to closing; and

- f. That after closing the investor would be provided with a copy of the original insurance policy and the reviewing physician's report determining the maximum life expectancy.
- 29. This Order is in the public interest.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. §409.401, RSMo 1994, included "investment contracts" within the definition of a security. "Investment contract" is an investment of money in a common enterprise with the expectation of profit from the significant managerial efforts of others. State v. Kramer, 804 S.W.2d 845 (Mo.App.E.D. 1991). Under Missouri securities law, viatical settlement contracts, which satisfy the elements of an investment contract, are subject to securities law. In the Matter of William R. Tweedy, et al., 2002 WL 1344587 (Mo.Div.Sec.). Under federal law, viatical settlement contracts issued by Mutual Benefits are investment contracts. S.E.C. v. Mutual Benefits Corp., et al., case no. 04-60573, U.S.D.Ct.(Fla.), (May 4, 2004 Temporary Restraining Order). The viatical settlement contracts as described in the above findings of fact, constitute investment contracts and are securities.
- 2. §409.101, RSMo 1994, provided, "It is unlawful, in connection with the offer, sale or purchase of any security (1) to employ any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud, (2) to make any untrue statement of a material fact or to omit 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 or (3) to engage in any act, practice or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon any person. The conduct described in the above findings of fact constitutes a violation of this section.
- 3. §409.301, RSMo 1994, provided, "It is unlawful for any person to offer or sell any security in this state unless (1) it is registered under this act or (2) the security or transaction is exempted under section 409.402. The conduct described in the above findings of fact constitutes violations of this section.
- 4. §409.408(b), RSMo 1994, provided, in part, that:

If the commissioner shall believe, from evidence satisfactory to him, that such person is engaged or about to engage in any of the fraudulent or illegal practices or transactions above in this subsection referred to, he may issue and cause to be served upon such person and any other person or persons concerned or in any way participating in or about to participate in such fraudulent or illegal practices or transactions, an order prohibiting such person and such other person or persons from continuing such fraudulent or illegal practices or transactions or engaging therein or doing any act or acts in furtherance thereof.

- 5. Offering or selling unregistered securities as described in the above findings of fact constitutes an illegal practice under §409.408(b), RSMo 1994.
- 6. Omitting to state material facts in connection with the offer and sale of securities as described in the above findings of fact constitutes an illegal practice under section 409.408(b), RSMo 1994.
- 7. Making an untrue statement of material fact, in connection with the offer or sale of a security, constitutes an illegal practice under §409.408(b), RSMo 1994.
- 8. §409.402(f), RSMo 1994, provided that the burden of proving an exemption or an exception from a definition is upon the person claiming it. As described in the above findings of fact, Respondent failed to claim an exemption from registration or an exception from the definition of a security for any of the securities offered or sold to Missouri residents.
- 9. The Missouri Commissioner of Securities is empowered to issue such orders as he may deem just. §409.408(b), RSMo 1994.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that Respondent, his agents, employees and servants, and all other persons participating in or about to participate in the above-described violations with knowledge of this order are prohibited from the following:

- 1. Violating or materially aiding in the violation of §409.5-501, RSMo Cumulative Supp. 2003, by omitting to state, in connection with the offer, sale or purchase of any security, any material facts, including the following:
 - a. Cambridge was selling the viatical settlement contracts without the approval of his broker-dealer;
 - b. The viatical settlement contracts are not registered securities;
 - c. There are risks associated with the investment;
 - d. The purchase date of the policies purchased by the viators; and
- 2. Violating or materially aiding in the violation of §409.5-501, RSMo Cumulative Supp. 2003, by making in connection with the sale of any security, untrue statements of material fact, including the following:
 - a. There are "very little or no risks" involved with the investment;

- b. An investor's return would be realized no later than 36 months after investing;
- c. All viaticated insurance policies would be beyond the contestability period;
- d. Investor's will receive a summary of any policy to be purchased with investor's funds prior to closing; and
- e. After closing the investor are provided with a copy of the original insurance policy and the reviewing physician's report determining the maximum life expectancy.
- 3. Violating or materially aiding in the violation of §409.3-301, RSMo Cumulative Supp. 2003, by offering or selling any unregistered investment contract in the form of a viatical settlement contract, or any other security in this state, unless the security is exempt from registration, or is a federal covered security under the Missouri Securities Act of 2003.

SO ORDERED:

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL OF MY OFFICE AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI THIS 29 DAY OF ________, 2004.

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MATT BLUNT SECRETARY OF STATE

DOUGLAS M. OMMEN

COMMISSIONER OF SECURITIES