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STATE SUES OREGON STOCKBROKER AND INVESTMENT FIRM FIRM ALLEGED TO HAVE ENGAGED IN UNAUTHORIZED TRADES

Boise, Idaho . . . Gavin Gee, Director of the Idaho Department of Finance announced the filing of a civil securities lawsuit against John E. Lekas and his brokerage firm, Leader Capital Corporation. Lekas and his company operate from Portland, Oregon. The case was filed in Fourth District Court in Boise, Idaho.

The lawsuit alleges that Lekas and his firm engaged in dishonest and unethical practices in violation of an anti-fraud provision of the Idaho Securities Act. More specifically, the complaint alleges that the defendants:

- a) caused the execution of securities transactions in the accounts of Idaho residents which were unauthorized by each client at or prior to the execution of each transaction, and
- b) recommended and caused the execution of securities transactions in the accounts of Idaho residents which were not suitable and contrary to each investor's stated investment objectives in light of their financial situation and needs.

The State's lawsuit seeks an order from the court permanently enjoining the defendants from future violations of the securities laws, limitations on future business activities and restitution to affected investors, as well as civil penalties and attorney fees. The state reserved an additional count in the complaint in the event the same or similar violations are discovered during the course of the litigation.

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