

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND

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| SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, |) | |
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| Plaintiff, |) | |
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| v. |) | Case No. 15-cv-00191-S-LDA |
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| PATRICK CHURCHVILLE, |) | |
| CLEARPATH WEALTH MANAGEMENT, LLC |) | |
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| Defendants, |) | |
| and |) | |
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| CLEARPATH MULTI-STRATEGY FUND I, L.P. |) | |
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| CLEARPATH MULTI-STRATEGY FUND III, L.P. |) | |
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| Relief Defendants. |) | |
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ASSENTED-TO MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT JUDGMENT

The Securities and Exchange Commission asks this Court to enter the attached Final Judgment against Defendant ClearPath Wealth Management, LLC. The Receiver, on behalf of Defendant ClearPath Wealth Management, LLC, assents to this motion and to the terms of the Final Judgment, as reflected in the attached Consent.

Respectfully submitted,

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
By its attorneys,

/s/ Marc J. Jones

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DATED: March 27, 2024

Certificate of Service

I, Marc Jones, hereby certify that I filed the above document on March 27, 2024, and that notice will be sent electronically to all counsel who are registered participants identified on the Mailing Information for Case No. 15-cv-00191-S-LDA.

/s/ Marc Jones _____

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**CONSENT OF
DEFENDANT CLEARPATH WEALTH MANAGEMENT, LLC**

1. Defendant ClearPath Wealth Management, LLC (“Defendant”) acknowledges having been served with the complaint in this action, enters a general appearance, and admits the Court’s jurisdiction over Defendant and over the subject matter of this action.

2. Defendant hereby consents to the entry of the final Judgment in the form attached hereto (the “Final Judgment”) and incorporated by reference herein, which, among other things:

- a. Permanently restrains and enjoins Defendant from violation of Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”) [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5]; Section 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 (the “Securities Act”) [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)]; Section

206(1), 206(2), and 206(4) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 [15 U.S.C. §80b-6(1)], and Rules 206(4)-2, 206(4)-7, 206(4)-8 promulgated thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 275.206(4)-2, -7, -8].

b. Orders Defendant to pay disgorgement, jointly and severally with Defendant Churchville, in the amount of \$22,553,095 plus prejudgment interest thereon in the amount of \$4,577,810, for a total of \$27,130,905.

3. Defendant waives the entry of findings of fact and conclusions of law pursuant to Rule 52 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

4. Defendant waives the right, if any, to a jury trial and to appeal from the entry of the Final Judgment.

5. Defendant enters into this Consent voluntarily and represents that no threats, offers, promises, or inducements of any kind have been made by the Commission or any member, officer, employee, agent, or representative of the Commission to induce Defendant to enter into this Consent.

6. Defendant agrees that this Consent shall be incorporated into the Final Judgment with the same force and effect as if fully set forth therein.

7. Defendant will not oppose the enforcement of the Final Judgment on the ground, if any exists, that it fails to comply with Rule 65(d) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and hereby waives any objection based thereon.

8. Defendant waives service of the Final Judgment and agrees that entry of the Final Judgment by the Court and filing with the Clerk of the Court will constitute notice to Defendant of its terms and conditions. Defendant further agrees to provide counsel for the Commission, within thirty days after the Final Judgment is filed with the Clerk of the Court, with an affidavit

or declaration stating that Defendant has received and read a copy of the Final Judgment.

9. Consistent with 17 C.F.R. 202.5(f), this Consent resolves only the claims asserted against Defendant in this civil proceeding. **Defendant acknowledges that no promise or representation has been made by the Commission or any member, officer, employee, agent, or representative of the Commission with regard to any criminal liability that may have arisen or may arise from the facts underlying this action or immunity from any such criminal liability.** Defendant waives any claim of Double Jeopardy based upon the settlement of this proceeding, including the imposition of any remedy or civil penalty herein. Defendant further acknowledges that the Court's entry of a permanent injunction may have collateral consequences under federal or state law and the rules and regulations of self-regulatory organizations, licensing boards, and other regulatory organizations. Such collateral consequences include, but are not limited to, a statutory disqualification with respect to membership or participation in, or association with a member of, a self-regulatory organization. This statutory disqualification has consequences that are separate from any sanction imposed in an administrative proceeding. In addition, in any disciplinary proceeding before the Commission based on the entry of the injunction in this action, Defendant understands that it shall not be permitted to contest the factual allegations of the complaint in this action.

10. Defendant understands and agrees to comply with the terms of 17 C.F.R. § 202.5(e), which provides in part that it is the Commission's policy "not to permit a defendant or respondent to consent to a judgment or order that imposes a sanction while denying the allegations in the complaint or order for proceedings. As part of Defendant's agreement to comply with the terms of Section 202.5(e), Defendant: (i) will not take any action or make or permit to be made any public statement denying, directly or indirectly, any allegation in the

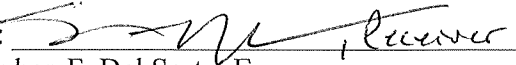
complaint or creating the impression that the complaint is without factual basis; (ii) will not make or permit to be made any public statement to the effect that Defendant does not admit the allegations of the complaint, or that this Consent contains no admission of the allegations; and, (iii) upon the filing of this Consent, Defendant hereby withdraws any papers filed in this action to the extent that they deny any allegation in the complaint. If Defendant breaches this agreement, the Commission may petition the Court to vacate the Final Judgment and restore this action to its active docket. Nothing in this paragraph affects Defendant's: (i) testimonial obligations; or (ii) right to take legal or factual positions in litigation or other legal proceedings in which the Commission is not a party.

11. Defendant hereby waives any rights under the Equal Access to Justice Act, the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, or any other provision of law to seek from the United States, or any agency, or any official of the United States acting in his or her official capacity, directly or indirectly, reimbursement of attorney's fees or other fees, expenses, or costs expended by Defendant to defend against this action. For these purposes, Defendant agrees that Defendant is not the prevailing party in this action since the parties have reached a good faith settlement.

12. Defendant agrees that the Commission may present the Final Judgment to the Court for signature and entry without further notice.

13. Defendant agrees that this Court shall retain jurisdiction over this matter for the purpose of enforcing the terms of the Final Judgment.

ClearPath Wealth Management, LLC

By: 
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Receiver for ClearPath Wealth Management, LLC
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**FINAL JUDGMENT AS TO
DEFENDANT CLEARPATH WEALTH MANAGEMENT, LLC**

The Securities and Exchange Commission having filed a Complaint and Defendant ClearPath Wealth Management, LLC (“ClearPath”) having entered a general appearance; consented to the Court’s jurisdiction over Defendant and the subject matter of this action; consented to entry of this Final Judgment, waived findings of fact and conclusions of law; and waived any right to appeal from this Final Judgment:

I.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant ClearPath is permanently restrained and enjoined from violating, directly or indirectly, Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”) [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5

promulgated thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5], by using any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce, or of the mails, or of any facility of any national securities exchange, in connection with the purchase or sale of any security:

- (a) to employ any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud;
- (b) 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 were made, not misleading; or
- (c) to engage in any act, practice, or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon any person.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that, as provided in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(d)(2), the foregoing paragraph also binds the following who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment by personal service or otherwise: (a) Defendant ClearPath's officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys; and (b) other persons in active concert or participation with Defendant ClearPath or with anyone described in (a).

II.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant ClearPath is permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Section 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act") [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)] in the offer or sale of any security by the use of any means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce or by use of the mails, directly or indirectly:

- (a) to employ any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud;

- (b) to obtain money or property by means of any untrue statement of a material fact or any omission of a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; or
- (c) to engage in any transaction, practice, or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon the purchaser.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that, as provided in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(d)(2), the foregoing paragraph also binds the following who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment by personal service or otherwise: (a) Defendant ClearPath's officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys; and (b) other persons in active concert or participation with Defendant ClearPath or with anyone described in (a).

III.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant ClearPath is permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Section 206(1) and 206(2) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 [15 U.S.C. §80b-6(1)], while acting as an investment adviser, by use of the mails or any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce, directly or indirectly:

- (a) to employ any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud any client or prospective client;
- (b) to engage in any transaction, practice, or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon any client or prospective client.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that, as provided in

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IV.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant ClearPath is permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Section 206(4) of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. § 80b-6(4)] and Rule 206(4)-8 promulgated thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 275.206(4)-8] by, while acting as an investment adviser to a pooled investment vehicle and using any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce or of the mails, directly or indirectly:

(a) Making any untrue statement of a material fact or to omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, to any investor or prospective investor in the pooled investment vehicle; or,

2) Otherwise engaging in any act, practice, or course of business that is fraudulent, deceptive, or manipulative with respect to any investor or prospective investor in the pooled investment vehicle.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that, as provided in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(d)(2), the foregoing paragraph also binds the following who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment by personal service or otherwise: (a) Defendant's officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys; and (b) other persons in active concert or participation with Defendant or with anyone described in (a).

V.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant is permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Section 206(4) of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. § 80b-6(4)] and Rule 206(4)-2 thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 275.206(4)-2] by, as an investment adviser that has custody and control of client assets, failing to either engage a qualified custodian to maintain and segregate those funds or securities; or verify all of the funds or securities within its custody through an annual, unannounced audit by an independent public accountant.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that, as provided in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(d)(2), the foregoing paragraph also binds the following who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment by personal service or otherwise: (a) Defendant's officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys; and (b) other persons in active concert or participation with Defendant or with anyone described in (a).

VI.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant ClearPath is permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Section 206(4) of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. § 80b-6(4)] and Rule 206(4)-7 thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 275.206(4)-7] by failing to create, adopt, or implement a set of written policies and procedures reasonably designed to prevent violations of the Advisers Act and the rules promulgated thereunder, or failing to engage in an annual review of those policies and procedures.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that, as provided in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(d)(2), the foregoing paragraph also binds the following who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment by personal service or otherwise: (a) Defendant's

officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys; and (b) other persons in active concert or participation with Defendant or with anyone described in (a).

VI.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant ClearPath is jointly and severally liable for disgorgement of \$22,553,095 with Defendant Churchville, representing net profits gained as a result of the conduct alleged in the Complaint, together with prejudgment interest thereon in the amount of \$4,577,810, for a total of \$27,130,905. Funds distributed by the Receiver appointed by the Court (after the date of this Order) or paid as criminal restitution related to *United States v. Churchville*, 16-cr-00068-S-LDA are deemed to offset the disgorgement amount.

The Commission may enforce the Court's judgment for disgorgement and prejudgment interest by using all collection procedures authorized by law, including, but not limited to, moving for civil contempt at any time after 30 days following entry of this Final Judgment. Defendant shall pay post judgment interest on any amounts due after 30 days of entry of this Final Judgment pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1961.

IX.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that this Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter for the purposes of enforcing the terms of this Final Judgment.

Dated: _____

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE