

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## **BY ECF**

The Honorable Gary L. Sharpe United States District Judge United States District Court Northern District of New York United States Courthouse Albany, New York 12207

Re: SEC v. McGinn, Smith & Co., Inc., et al., 10-cv-457 (GLS)(CFH)

Dear Judge Sharpe:

On behalf of plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission and Defendant/Relief Defendant Lynn A. Smith, I enclose for the Court's consideration and approval a proposed *Order Modifying Asset Freeze* (the "Proposed Order").

If approved by the Court, the Proposed Order would release from the Court's asset freeze the individual retirement account (IRA) in the name of Mrs. Smith, and fully resolve her pending motion to modify the asset freeze to release the IRA filed on September 30, 2019 (Dkt. 1073).

Mrs. Smith has informed me that she consents to the entry of the Proposed Order by the Court.

Respectfully submitted,
/s David Stoelting

David Stoelting

cc (by email w/encl.): Lynn A. Smith, pro se

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v. : 10 Civ. 475 (GLS/CFH)

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McGINN, SMITH & CO., INC., et al.,

Defendants.

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## **ORDER MODIFYING ASSET FREEZE**

WHEREAS on April 20, 2010, plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") commenced this action by filing a Complaint as well as a motion for a temporary restraining order ("TRO") seeking to freeze certain assets of the defendants and relief defendants, and the Court granted the TRO and the Order Freezing Assets on that day (Dkt. 5);

WHEREAS, on July 22, 2010, the Court entered a Preliminary Injunction Order (Dkt. 96) that, among other things, continued the asset freeze that had been provisionally in effect since April 20, 2010;

WHEREAS, among the assets frozen pursuant to the Preliminary Injunction Order was an individual retirement account ("IRA") in the name of Defendant and Relief Defendant Lynn A. Smith ("L. Smith") held at National Financial Services, LLC, Account Number RMR-XXX912 (the "L. Smith IRA Account");

**WHEREAS**, on June 25, 2015, the Court entered a Final Judgment as to L. Smith and others (Dkt. 837) (the "Final Judgment") which, among other things, requires L. Smith to return certain assets that had been fraudulently conveyed;

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2019, L. Smith filed a motion to release the L. Smith IRA

Account from the asset freeze, arguing that her IRA account is exempt from execution under

New York State law, specifically N.Y. Civ. Prac. Law and Rules § 5205, and that this exemption

cannot be disregarded because: (a) the Final Judgment is not a disgorgement order; and (b) L.

Smith was not found to have violated the federal securities laws (Dkt. 1073),

NOW, THEREFORE,

I.

IT IS ORDERED that, on consent of the SEC and L. Smith, the Preliminary Injunction

Order is modified such that the L. Smith IRA Account is released from the asset freeze.

II.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that with the exception of the modification set forth

herein and in certain prior Court orders, the asset freeze as set forth in the Preliminary Injunction

Order remains in full effect.

**SO ORDERED** 

GARY L. SHARPE

United States District Judge

Dated: Albany, New York

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