

1 STATE OF CALIFORNIA
2 BUSINESS, CONSUMER SERVICES AND HOUSING AGENCY
3 DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS OVERSIGHT

4 TO: Quantum Sports Advisory, LLC., also known as QSA, LLC.
5 Einstein Sports Advisory, Ltd., also known as ESA, Ltd.
6 Jonathan West, also known as John F. Thomas and John Rodgers
7 Thomas J. Becker
8 Paul Landers Hanson, Jr., also known as Paul Hanson

9 3773 Howard Hughes Parkway
10 South Building Suite 500
11 Las Vegas, Nevada 89169

12 1810 E. Sahara Avenue, Suite 1149
13 Las Vegas, Nevada 89104

14 321 S. Casino Center Blvd., Suite 112
15 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

16 14 Hillside Drive
17 Fairfax, California 94930

18 **DESIST AND REFRAIN ORDER**

19 **(For violations of sections 25110 and 25401 of the Corporations Code)**

20 The California Commissioner of Business Oversight finds that:

21 1. At all relevant times, Quantum Sports Advisory, LLC., also known as QSA, LLC.,
22 (Quantum) is and was a Nevada limited liability company doing business at 3773 Howard Hughes
23 Parkway South Building Suite 500, Las Vegas, Nevada 89169. At all relevant times, Quantum used
24 the telephone number (702) 408-6451, the website www.quantumsportsadvisory.com and email
25 jwest@quantumsports.net.

26 2. At all relevant times, Einstein Sports Advisory, Ltd., also known as ESA, Ltd.,
27 (Einstein) is and was a Nevada limited liability company doing business at 1810 E. Sahara Avenue,
28 Suite 1149, Las Vegas, Nevada 89104 and 321 S. Casino Center Blvd., Suite 112, Las Vegas, Nevada
www.einsteinsportsadvisory.com.

1 3. At all relevant times, Jonathan West, also known as John F. Thomas and John Rodgers
2 (West) is and was a managing member and representative of Einstein and Quantum, doing business
3 in Nevada and California using email address jwest@quantumsports.net and
4 jwest@einsteinsports.net.

5 4. At all relevant times, Thomas J. Becker is and was a managing member and
6 representative of Einstein and Quantum, doing business in Nevada and California.

7 5. At all relevant times, Paul Landers Hanson, Jr., also known as Paul Hanson (Hanson)
8 is and was a representative of Einstein and Quantum, doing business in Marin County, California
9 using email hanson@quantumsports.net and paulhanson123@gmail.com. Hanson, holding CRD No.
10 800471, was barred by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) as a broker in 2001.

11 6. Beginning in at least 2017, Quantum, Einstein, West, Becker, and Hanson offered or
12 sold securities in the form of investment contracts in California, providing investors with a return on
13 their investment through “entity wagering”. Entity wagering allows various entities to collect funds
14 from a group of investors which are pooled together to place wagers by the entities on various
15 sporting events. Any profits or losses are apportioned among pooled investors. The purported
16 purpose of these investment contracts was to increase an investor’s capital by a specific percentage
17 ranging from double, triple, and even six-fold over a defined contract period. All purported profits
18 were either split between investors or rolled over into a new investment contract. Over eight
19 California investors invested at least \$10,000 to \$25,000 by wire transfer paid to Quantum, Einstein,
20 West, Becker, and Hanson. Quantum, Einstein, West, Becker, and Hanson promised investors that
21 their capital investment would be tripled or more in twelve months. Investors also had the
22 opportunity to roll over their investment capital and profit into another investment contract with
23 Quantum, Einstein, West, Becker, and Hanson. To date, investors have not received their profit or
24 investment capital back from Quantum, Einstein, West, Becker, and Hanson.

25 7. These securities were offered or sold in this state in issuer transactions. The
26 Department of Business Oversight has not issued a permit or other form of qualification authorizing
27 Quantum, Einstein, West, Becker, and Hanson or any person to offer or sell the above described
28 securities, in this state.

1 8. In connection with the offer or sale of these securities in this state, Quantum, Einstein,
2 West, Becker, and Hanson made the following untrue statements of material facts:

3 a. Investors would receive at minimum three to six-fold the amount invested in
4 twelve months from Quantum, Einstein, West, Becker, and Hanson. However, despite the fact that
5 more than twelve months has passed since their investment, investors have not been paid.

6 b. The investment was “a safe investment” and investors would “make a lot of
7 money.” In fact, despite numerous requests from investors, Quantum, Einstein, West, Becker, and
8 Hanson have not paid out any money.

9 c. Investors would receive their investment capital at the end of the investment
10 contract term. To date, despite the fact that the contract period has ended, investors have not received
11 their initial capital investment.

12 9. In connection with the offer or sale of these securities in this state, Quantum, Einstein,
13 West, Becker, and Hanson made the following omissions of material fact or failed to disclose that:

14 a. The Department of Business Oversight issued a desist and refrain order against
15 Paul Landers Hanson, Jr. also known as Paul Hanson, for violations of Corporations Code section
16 25110 on July 17, 1998.

17 b. FINRA barred Paul Landers Hanson, Jr. also known as Paul Hanson, from the
18 securities broker industry, effective July 19, 2001, pursuant to FINRA Rule 9544 and 9541(B),
19 relating to fraud and misrepresentation in the sale of viatical note securities.

20 c. FINRA, in Arbitration No. 01-02923 (2004), *In the Matter of Arbitration*
21 *Between: Ann Gifford v. Raymond James Financial Services, Inc. Paul Hanson, Jr. and Ellen E.*
22 *Shell*, found that Paul Landers Hanson, Jr., also known as Paul Hanson, engaged in misrepresentation
23 and fraud relating to the sale of viatical note securities. In arbitration, FINRA required Hanson to pay
24 the claimant \$90,950 in interest, \$20,000 in punitive damages, filing and attorney fees.

25 d. Santa Cruz County District Attorney convicted Paul Landers Hanson, Jr. also
26 known as Paul Hanson, of over 180 criminal felony counts relating to securities violations, fraud and
27 theft in March 2004, *People v. Paul Hanson*, Case No. F03888, Santa Cruz County.

28 e. Jonathan West, also known as John F. Thomas and John Rodgers, was

1 convicted of federal felony criminal charges, charged by the United States Attorney for the District of
2 Connecticut, for money laundering and conspiracy arising from an investment “pyramid” scheme on
3 November 4, 1991. The plea agreement and conviction were upheld on appeal in *U.S. v. Rodgers*,
4 101 F.3d 247 (2d Cir. 1996).

5 f. Thomas J. Becker was also convicted of federal felony criminal charges of
6 money laundering and conspiracy with West referenced above, charged by the United States Attorney
7 for the District of Connecticut, arising from an investment “pyramid” scheme in 1991.

8 Based on the foregoing findings, the Commissioner of Business Oversight is of the opinion
9 that the investment contracts offered or sold by Quantum Sports Advisory, LLC., also known as
10 QSA, LLC., Einstein Sports Advisory, Ltd., also known as ESA, Ltd., Jonathan West, also known as
11 John F. Thomas and John Rodgers, Thomas J. Becker, and Paul Landers Hanson, Jr., also known as
12 Paul Hanson are securities subject to qualification under the Corporate Securities Law of 1968 and
13 are being or have been offered or sold without first being qualified in violation of Corporations Code
14 section 25110.

15 Pursuant to Corporations Code section 25532, Quantum Sports Advisory, LLC., also known
16 as QSA, LLC., Einstein Sports Advisory, Ltd., also known as ESA, Ltd., Jonathan West, also known
17 as John F. Thomas and John Rodgers, Thomas J. Becker, and Paul Landers Hanson, Jr., also known
18 as Paul Hanson are ordered to desist and refrain from the further offer and sale of securities in
19 California, including but not limited to investment contracts, unless and until qualification has been
20 made under the Corporate Securities Law of 1968, or unless exempt.

21 Further, based on the foregoing, the Commissioner of Business Oversight is of the opinion
22 that the securities in the form of investment contracts were offered in this state by Quantum Sports
23 Advisory, LLC., also known as QSA, LLC., Einstein Sports Advisory, Ltd., also known as ESA,
24 Ltd., Jonathan West, also known as John F. Thomas and John Rodgers, Thomas J. Becker, and Paul
25 Landers Hanson, Jr., also known as Paul Hanson by means of a written or oral communication which
26 included an untrue statement of material fact or omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the
27 statement made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, in
28 violation of Corporations Code section 25401.

1 Pursuant to Corporations Code section 25532, Quantum Sports Advisory, LLC., also known
2 as QSA, LLC., Einstein Sports Advisory, Ltd., also known as ESA, Ltd., Jonathan West, also known
3 as John F. Thomas and John Rodgers, Thomas J. Becker, and Paul Landers Hanson, Jr., also known
4 as Paul Hanson are hereby ordered to desist and refrain from offering or selling or buying or offering
5 to buy any security in California, including but not limited to investment contracts, by means of any
6 written or oral communication which includes an untrue statement of material fact or omits to state a
7 material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of circumstances under which
8 they were made, not misleading.

9 This Order is necessary, in the public interest, for the protection of investors and consistent
10 with the purposes, policies and provisions of the Corporate Securities Law of 1968.

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12 Dated: September 21, 2020
13 Sacramento, California

MANUEL P. ALVAREZ
Commissioner of Business Oversight

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16 By _____
17 MARY ANN SMITH
18 Deputy Commissioner
19 Enforcement Division
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