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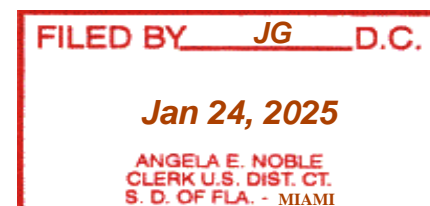
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Appeal Number: 25-10183-J
Case Style: Securities and Exchange Commission v. Lisa McElhone
District Court Docket No: 9:20-cv-81205-RAR

CIVIL DOCKETING NOTICE

The above-referenced appeal has been docketed in this Court *as to Joseph W. LaForte*. All documents filed in this appeal must include the Case Style and Appeal Number shown above.

Appellant Requirements

Unless the following requirements have already been satisfied, **within 14 days of the date of this notice the appellant MUST:**

1. Pay to the **District Court** the Filing Fee **OR** File a Motion to Proceed In Forma Pauperis (IFP) in the district court. See FRAP 3(e), FRAP 24.

If the filing fee is not paid and a motion to proceed IFP has not been filed in the district court within 14 days of the date of this notice, this appeal will be dismissed without further notice pursuant to 11th Cir. R. 42-1(b).

If the district court has denied the appellant IFP status on appeal, the appellant has 30 days from the date of the district court's order to file an IFP motion in this Court. See FRAP 24(a)(5).

2. File in the **District Court** a Transcript Order Form or a certificate stating no transcripts will be ordered. See FRAP 10(b) & the accompanying 11th Cir. IOP. (Not applicable in certain bankruptcy appeals. See FRAP 6(b)).

*If no transcripts are ordered, appellant's brief is due 40 days after **01/21/2025**, except as otherwise provided by the rules. See 11th Cir. Rules 12-1 and 31-1.*

3. File a Certificate of Interested Persons and Corporate Disclosure Statement (CIP). See 11th Cir. R. 26.1-1(a)(1).
4. Complete the Web-Based CIP (attorneys only). See 11th Cir. R. 26.1-1(b).
5. File a Civil Appeal Statement (attorneys only). See 11th Cir. R. 33-1(a)(3).

Mediation

If a Civil Appeal Statement is required to be filed and the appeal is fully counseled on all sides, your appeal will be reviewed and considered for mediation. Mediation services are at no cost to the parties. If no Civil Appeal Statement is required or you or any party to the appeal is self-represented or *pro se* then the appeal is not eligible for mediation. See 11th Cir. R. 33-1.

Appellee Requirements

Unless the following requirements have already been satisfied, **within 28 days of the date of this notice, all appellees participating in this appeal MUST:**

1. File a CIP or a notice. See 11th Cir. R. 26.1-1(a)(3).
2. Complete the Web-Based CIP (attorneys only). See 11th Cir. R. 26.1-1(b).

Attorney Participation

Only attorneys admitted to the bar of the Court and attorneys admitted for a particular proceeding may practice before the Court. See 11th Cir. Rules 46-1, 46-3, and 46-4. You may look up your bar admission status at <https://www.ca11.uscourts.gov/bar-admission-status-look>. The Application for Admission to the Bar and other forms and information can be found at <https://www.ca11.uscourts.gov/attorney-forms-and-information>.

All attorneys (except court-appointed attorneys) who wish to participate in this appeal must file an Appearance of Counsel Form within 14 days of the date of this notice. See 11th Cir. R. 46-6(b). Please also see FRAP 46 and the corresponding circuit rules.

Electronic Filing

All counsel must file documents electronically using the Electronic Case Files ("ECF") system, unless exempted for good cause. Although not required, non-incarcerated *pro se* parties are permitted to use the ECF system by registering for an account at www.pacer.gov. Information and training materials related to electronic filing are available on the Court's website.

Obligation to Notify Court of Change of Addresses

Each *pro se* party and attorney has a continuing obligation to notify this Court of any changes to the party's or attorney's addresses during the pendency of the case. See 11th Cir. R. 25-7.

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Rules, forms, and additional information, including a handbook for *pro se* litigants, can be found at www.ca11.uscourts.gov.

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

Case No. 20-CV-81205-RAR

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

**COMPLETE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS GROUP,
INC. d/b/a PAR FUNDING, et al.,**

Defendants.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure 3 and 4, Defendant, Joseph LaForte, hereby appeals to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit from the Second Amended Final Judgment As To Defendants Lisa McElhone and Joseph LaForte (the “Judgment,” ECF 2066), and from all orders that merge into the Judgment pursuant to Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure 3(c)(4), including, without limitation, the Second Amended Order Granting In Part Plaintiff’s Amended Omnibus Motion for Final Judgment (ECF No.2065).

Dated: January 17, 2025.

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