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## Filing and Hearing Details

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COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA (ACN 123 123 124) &

ANOR

Registry: VICTORIA REGISTRY - FEDERAL COURT OF AUSTRALIA

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Registrar

## Important Information

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## **Originating process**

No.

of 2020

Federal Court of Australia District Registry: Victoria Division: General

IN THE MATTER OF COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA ACN: 123 123 124

**Australian Securities and Investments Commission** 

Plaintiff

and

Commonwealth Bank of Australia (ACN 123 123 124) and another named in the schedule

First Defendant

## A. DETAILS OF APPLICATION

This application is made under s 21 of the *Federal Court of Australia Act 1976* (Cth), ss 1317E and 1317G(1E) of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) (**Corporations Act**) each as in force with respect to conduct that occurred in the period 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2019.

The Plaintiff seeks declarations of contraventions of the Corporations Act, pecuniary penalty orders, and ancillary orders, including costs.

## Declarations of contravention

1. A declaration, pursuant to s 1317E of the *Corporations Act*, and on the grounds set out in the Statement of Claim, that upon accepting conflicted remuneration (within the meaning of s 963A of the *Corporations Act*) (**Conflicted Remuneration**) from the Second Defendant, in the period between 23 June 2014 and 30 June 2019, the First Defendant contravened s 963E(1) of the *Corporations Act*.

Filed on behalf of (name & role of party) Prepared by (name of person/lawyer)			Australian Securities and Investments Commission, Plaintiff					
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 A declaration, pursuant to s 1317K of the Corporations Act, and on the grounds set out in the Statement of Claim, that upon giving Conflicted Remuneration to the First Defendant, in the period between 23 June 2014 and 30 June 2019, the Second Defendant contravened s 963K of the Corporations Act.

# Notes to the First Defendant's contraventions; and the Second Defendant's contraventions

The Conflicted Remuneration comprised the following:

- (a) the First Defendant's contractual entitlements to be paid 30% of the total net revenue earned by the Second Defendant in relation to Essential Super in the relevant financial year (**Chose in Action Benefits**) under the:
  - (i) Distribution and Administration Services Agreement dated 27 June 2013
     (2013 Distribution Agreement);
  - (ii) Distribution and Administration Services Agreement dated 2 June 2015 (2015 Distribution Agreement); or
  - (iii) Distribution and Administration Services Agreement dated 26 February 2018 (2018 Distribution Agreement);

the terms of which are described in paragraphs 13 to 15 of the Statement of Claim; and/or

- (b) the payments made to the First Defendant by the Second Defendant being the:
  - (i) cash payments (Cash Payments Benefits); and/or
  - (ii) journal entries (<u>Journal Entry Payment Benefits</u>);

as set out in paragraphs 65 to 69 of the Statement of Claim.

The contraventions number or comprise:

- (a) the total number of Chose in Action Benefits; and/or
- (b) the total number of Journal Entry Payment Benefits, and/or the total number of Cash Payments Benefits; and/or

- (c) in respect of each Impugned Benefit (as that term is defined in paragraph 77 of the Statement of Claim) the total number of Essential Super accounts giving rise to that benefit.
- 3. An order under section 1317G(1E) of the Corporations Act that the First Defendant pay a pecuniary penalty in respect of each contravention of s 963E(1) of the Corporations Act that occurred between 23 June 2014 and 30 June 2019 in such amount as the Court considers appropriate.
- 4. An order under section 1317G(1E) of the Corporations Act that the Second Defendant pay a pecuniary penalty in respect of each contravention of s 963K of the Corporations Act that occurred between 23 June 2014 and 30 June 2019 in such amount as the Court considers appropriate.
- 5. An order that the Defendants pay the Plaintiff's costs.
- 6. Such further order as the Court considers appropriate.

Date: 22 June 2020

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Signature of the plaintiff's legal practitioner

This application will be heard by	at the
Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 305 William Street, VIC 3001 at *am/	*pm on .

### **NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS** B.

TO:

Commonwealth Bank of Australia

AND TO: Colonial First State Investments Limited

Both of:

Ground Floor, Tower 1

201 Sussex Street Sydney NSW 2000

If you or your legal practitioner do not appear before the Court at the time shown above, the application may be dealt with, and an order made, in your absence. As soon after that time as the business of the Court will allow, any of the following may happen:

- (a) the application may be heard and final relief given;
- (b) directions may be given for the future conduct of the proceeding;
- any interlocutory application may be heard. (c)

Before appearing before the Court, you must file a notice of appearance, in the prescribed form, in the Registry and serve a copy of it on the plaintiff.

Note Unless the Court otherwise orders, a defendant that is a corporation must be represented at a hearing by a legal practitioner. It may be represented at a hearing by a director of the corporation only if the Court grants leave.

## C. **FILING**

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This originating process is filed by Johnson Winter & Slattery for the plaintiff.

## D. SERVICE

The plaintiff's address for service is:

C/- Tom Jarvis, Partner,

Johnson Winter & Slattery, Level 34, 55 Collins Street Melbourne VIC 3000

It is intended to serve a copy of this Originating Process on each defendant.

# **Schedule**

No.

of 2020

Federal Court of Australia
District Registry: Victoria

**Division: General** 

IN THE MATTER OF COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA

ACN: 123 123 124

# **Defendants**

Second Defendant:

Colonial First State Investments Ltd (ACN 002 348 352) as

trustee for Commonwealth Essential Super (ABN 56 601

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Date: 22 June 2020