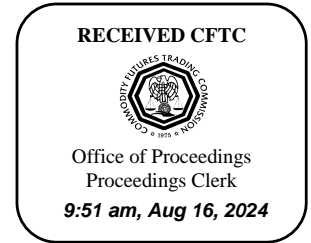


UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Before the
COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION



In the Matter of:) CFTC Docket No. SD 24-02
)
) **NOTICE OF INTENT TO REVOKE**
Purvesh Mankad,) **REGISTRATION PURSUANT TO**
) **SECTION 8a(2)(C) AND (E)**
) **OF THE COMMODITY**
Registrant.) **EXCHANGE ACT**

I.

The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the “Commission”) has received information from its staff that tends to show, and the Commission's Division of Enforcement (“Division”) alleges and is prepared to prove, that:

1. Purvesh Mankad (“Mankad” or “Registrant”) resides in California.
2. Mankad is the principal, majority owner, control person, and CFTC-registered associated person (“AP”) of registered introducing broker CTAX Partners, LLC (“CTAX Partners”) and registered commodity pool operator CTAX Series, LLC (“CTAX Series”).
3. On October 8, 2021, the Commission filed an action against Registrant, CTAX Partners, and CTAX Series. The Commission’s complaint alleged, *inter alia*, that Registrant fraudulently solicited approximately \$2.4 million from pool participants and subsequently engaged in conduct resulting in near-total losses to pool participants; as well as falsified documents to conceal his misconduct from the National Futures Association (“NFA”). Complaint, *CFTC v. Mankad*, No. CV-21-01719-PHX-DJH (D.

Ariz. Oct. 8, 2021), ECF. No. 1, at 7-18.

4. On October 19, 2022, the Court entered a Consent Order (“Final Order”) to effect settlement of all charges alleged in the Complaint against Registrant without a complete trial on the merits or any further judicial proceedings. *See* Final Order, 2022 WL 17752224 (D. Ariz. Oct. 19, 2022) (consent order), ECF No. 32. The Registrant consented to the Final Order’s entry. *Id.* at *1-2. The Court found and concluded that Registrant violated multiple antifraud provisions of the Act by adopting the parties’ agreed findings of fact and conclusions of law in the parties’ Proposed Consent Order. *Id.* at *2-17 (finding Registrant violated Sections 4b(a)(1)(A) and (C), 4o(1)(A)-(B), and 9(a)(4) of the Act, 7 U.S.C. §§ 6b(a)(1)(A), (C), 6o(1)(A)-(B), 13(a)(4)).

5. The Final Order notes that Registrant consented “to the use of the findings and conclusions in this Consent Order in this proceeding and in any other proceeding brought by the Commission or to which the Commission is a party or claimant, and agrees that they shall be taken as true and correct and be given preclusive effect therein, without further proof,” and did not consent to the use of the consent order as the sole basis for another proceeding “other than a statutory disqualification proceeding” and several other proceedings not relevant here. *Id.* at *2. Thus, among other things, Registrant consented to the use by the Commission in a statutory disqualification proceeding of the conclusions of law that he violated Sections 4b(a)(1)(A) and (C), 4o(1)(A)-(B), and 9(a)(4) of the Act.

6. The Final Order permanently restrained, enjoined, and prohibited Registrant from, among other things, directly or indirectly “applying for registration or

claiming exemption from registration with the CFTC in any capacity, and engaging in any activity requiring such registration or exemption from registration with the CFTC except as provided for in Regulation 4.14(a)(9), 17 C.F.R. § 4.14(a)(9)” *Id.* at *10.

It also enjoined Mankad from continuing to engage in fraud, including by misappropriating funds, in violation of Sections 4b(a)(1)(A) and (C), 4o(1)(A)-(B) of the Act.

7. Pursuant to Section 8a(2)(C)(i) and (ii) of the Act, 7 U.S.C. § 12a(2)(C)(i), (ii), the Commission may revoke the registration of any person who has been permanently enjoined by order of a court of competent jurisdiction, including an order entered pursuant to an agreement of settlement to which the Commission is a party, from certain enumerated activities, including but not limited to acting as an AP of any registrant under the Act and engaging in or continuing any activity when such activity involves, among other things, fraud or misappropriation of funds.

8. Pursuant to Section 8a(2)(E)(i) of the Act, 7 U.S.C. § 12a(2)(E)(i), the Commission may revoke the registration of any person if such person has been found in a proceeding brought by the Commission to have violated any provision of the Act involving, among other things, fraud or misappropriation of funds.

9. Accordingly, because Mankad was found in a proceeding brought by the Commission to have violated provisions of the Act involving, among other things, fraud and misappropriation, and was permanently enjoined by order of a court of competent jurisdiction from acting as an AP of registered introducing broker CTAX Partners and as an AP of registered commodity pool operator CTAX Series and continuing to engage in

fraud or misappropriation, there is a basis for Mankad's registrations to be revoked pursuant to Section 8a(2)(C)(i) and (ii), and (E)(i) of the Act, 7 U.S.C. § 12(a)(2)(C)(i), (ii), (E)(i).

II.

Pursuant to its responsibilities under the Act and by reason of the foregoing allegations by the Division, the Commission deems it necessary and appropriate that public proceedings be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Commission Regulations 3.60 and 10.8, 17 C.F.R. §§ 3.60 and 10.8 (2023), to determine whether Registrant is subject to statutory disqualification as alleged and, if so, whether his registrations should be revoked.

III.

WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this Notice of Intent to Revoke Registration ("Notice") be filed and that a proceeding be conducted before a Presiding Officer in accordance with the provisions of Commission Regulations 3.60 and 10.8, 17 C.F.R. §§ 3.60 and 10.8 (2023), and all post-hearing procedures shall be conducted pursuant to Commission Regulations 3.60(i)-(j), 17 C.F.R. § 3.60(i)-(j).

In accordance with the provisions of Commission Regulation 3.60(a)(3), 17 C.F.R. §3.60(a)(3), Registrant is entitled to file a response challenging the evidentiary bases of statutory disqualification or to show cause why, notwithstanding the accuracy of the allegations, his registrations should not be revoked. Such response must be filed with the Proceedings Clerk, Office of Proceedings, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20581, and served upon Charles Marvine, Deputy Director and Chris Reed, Deputy Regional Counsel,

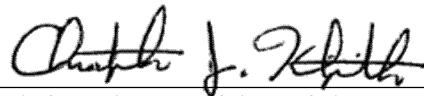
Division of Enforcement, Southwestern Regional Office, 2600 Grand Boulevard, Suite 210, Kansas City, MO 64108, within thirty (30) days after the date of service of this Notice on the Registrant, in accordance with the provisions of Commission Regulation 3.60(g), 17 C.F.R. § 3.60(g).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Notice shall be served on Registrant personally or by registered or certified mail forthwith.

In the absence of an appropriate waiver, no officer or employee of the Commission engaged in the performance of the investigative or prosecutorial functions in this or any factually related proceeding will be permitted to participate or advise in the decision upon this matter except as witness or counsel in proceedings held pursuant to notice.

Dated: August 16, 2024

By the Commission



Christopher J. Kirkpatrick
Secretary of the Commission
Commodity Futures Trading Commission