

September 11, 2014

#### VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

Office of Applications and Report Services Securities and Exchange Commission 100 F Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20549

Re: Civil Action Documents Filed with Respect to Harbor Capital Advisors, Inc.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed for electronic filing on behalf of Harbor Capital Advisors, Inc., pursuant to Section 33 of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, is a copy of a motion for leave to cite additional authority in support of motion to dismiss the compliant of Terrence Zehrer against Harbor Capital Advisors, Inc. as the investment manager, and Harbor International Fund, as the nominal defendant, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (Case No. 1:14-cv-00789), filed by Harbor Capital Advisors, Inc. on September 8, 2014.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at 312-443-4420.

Sincerely,

/s/ Charles F. McCain

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### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

TERRENCE ZEHRER,

Plaintiff,

v.

HARBOR CAPITAL ADVISORS, INC.,

Defendant,

-and-

HARBOR INTERNATIONAL FUND,

Nominal Defendant.

Case No. 14-CV-00789

Honorable Joan Humphrey Lefkow

# DEFENDANT HARBOR CAPITAL ADVISORS, INC.'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO CITE ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO DISMISS

Defendant Harbor Capital Advisors, Inc. ("HCA"), by its attorneys, respectfully moves the Court for leave to cite the August 28, 2014 Order of District Judge Anita B. Brody in *Curd v. SEI Investments Management Corp.*, No. 13-cv-7219 (E.D. Pa., Aug. 28, 2014) (a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A), as additional authority in support of HCA's pending Motion to Dismiss the Complaint of plaintiff Terrence Zehrer.

In support of its motion, HCA states as follows:

1. On March 31, 2014, HCA moved to dismiss this action on the ground that Mr. Zehrer's one count Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted under Section 36(b) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, 15 U.S.C. § 80a-35(b) ("§36(b)"). Nominal Defendant Harbor International Fund moved to dismiss on the same date. Both motions have been briefed.

- 2. Curd v. SEI Investments Management Corp., No. 2:13-cv-72191 (E.D. Pa., filed Dec. 11, 2013), is one of three §36(b) actions against investment advisers unrelated to HCA, and serving unrelated mutual funds, brought by one of plaintiff Zehrer's law firms prior to the commencement of this action against HCA. See HCA's April 8, 2014 Memorandum in Support of its Motion to Dismiss ("HCA's April 8, 2014 Memo.") at 7 n.5. Exhibit 1 to the Declaration of Paul J. Walsen submitted in support of HCA's Motion to Dismiss contains a comparison of allegations in the four §36(b) complaints filed by Mr. Zehrer's counsel.
- 3. On August 28, 2014, District Judge Anita Brody entered an Order in *Curd* dismissing the Complaint in that case. District Judge Brody's Order pertains to two issues raised by HCA in its Motion to Dismiss the Complaint in this action:
  - a. First, District Judge Brody dismissed the *Curd* Complaint on the ground that it lacked allegations that the defendant charged excessive fees at any time during the one year period prior to the filing of the Complaint, and thus was untimely under 15 U.S.C. § 80a-35(b)(3). *See* Order, Ex. A hereto, at 1 n.1. HCA has identified the same deficiency as one of the grounds for dismissal of plaintiff Zehrer's Complaint. *See* HCA's April 8, 2014 Memo. at 9; June 10, 2014 Reply Memorandum in Support of Motion of Harbor Capital Advisors, Inc. to Dismiss at 14.
  - b. Second, in her August 28, 2014 Order, District Judge Brody also expressed "serious doubts" regarding the sufficiency of the allegations in the *Curd* Complaint to state a claim under §36(b) when measured against the stringent standard for such claims articulated in *Gartenberg v. Merrill Lynch Asset Management, Inc.*, 694 F.2d 923 (2d Cir. 1982), and *Jones v. Harris Associates L.P.*, 559 U.S. 335 (2010). *See* Order,

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Ex. A hereto, at 1 n.1. HCA has moved to dismiss Mr. Zehrer's similar Complaint in this

action on the ground that it fails to satisfy the *Jones-Gartenberg* standard.

4. In light of the similarities in the Complaints in this action and in Curd, District

Judge Brody's Order in *Curd* constitutes additional authority supporting HCA's Motion to

Dismiss.

WHEREFORE, Defendant Harbor Capital Advisors, Inc. respectfully requests that the

Court grant HCA leave to cite the attached Order in Curd v. SEI Investments Management Corp.,

No. 13-CV-7219 (E.D. Pa., Aug. 28, 2014), as additional authority in support of HCA's Motion

to Dismiss.

Dated: September 8, 2014

Respectfully submitted,

**DEFENDANT HARBOR CAPITAL** 

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that on September 8, 2014, the foregoing **Motion for Leave to Cite Additional Authority in Support of Defendant's Motion to Dismiss** was filed with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to following counsels of record:

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## **EXHIBIT A**

#### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

STEVEN CURD and REBEL CURD,

Derivatively on behalf of SEI CIVIL ACTION INTERNATIONAL EQUITY FUND, SEI No. 13-7219

HIGH YIELD BOND FUND, SEI TAX-MANAGED LARGE CAP FUND, SEI

TAX-MANAGED SMALL/MID CAP FUND, and SEI INTERMEDIATE-TERM

MUNICIPAL FUND,

Plaintiffs,

v.

SEI INVESTMENTS MANAGEMENT CORPORATION

Defendant.

**ORDER** 

**AND NOW,** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of August, 2014, it is **ORDERED** that Defendant SEI Investment Management Corporation ("SIMC")'s Motion to Dismiss the Complaint [ECF No. 10] is **GRANTED**. Plaintiffs are **GRANTED** leave to file an amended complaint on or before October 2, 2014. If Plaintiffs do not file an amended complaint, I will issue an order and memorandum dismissing the Complaint with prejudice. It is further ordered that the Nominal Defendants' Motion to Dismiss [ECF No. 36] is **DENIED** as moot without prejudice to refile in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Curds' Complaint is untimely because it lacks allegations that SIMC charged excessive fees at any time during the one year period prior to its filing on December 11, 2013. Section 36(b) of the Investment Company Act provides that "[n]o award of damages shall be recoverable for any period prior to one year before the action was instituted." 15 U.S.C. § 80a-35(b)(3). The Curds' Complaint contains allegations related solely to the fees paid to SIMC during the SEI Funds' 2012 fiscal years, which Plaintiffs acknowledge ended on September 30, 2012 and August 31, 2012. Compl. ¶ 26. Regardless of their timeliness, I have serious doubts about the sufficiency of the allegations in the Complaint as compared to the standard for a violation of Section 36(b) articulated in Gartenberg v. Merrill Lynch Asset Management, Inc., 694 F.2d 923, 928 (2d Cir. 1982), and adopted by the Supreme Court in Jones v. Harris Associates L.P., 559 U.S. 335, 347 (2010).

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	s/Anita B. Brody
	ANITA B. BRODY, J.
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