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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK

BENJAMIN WEY AND NYG CAPITAL, LLC,

Plaintiff,

-against-

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SUMMONS WITH NOTICE

RICHARD KETCHUM, ROBERT COOK, WILLIAM HEYMAN, BRIGITTE MADRIAN, LUIS VICEIRA, ROBERT COLBY, ALAN LAWHEAD, MICHAEL GARAWSKI, JEFFREY BLOOM, ROBERT MORRIS, LEO ORENSTEIN, MICHAEL DIXON, MYLES EDWARDS, JOAN CARIDI, LUCINDA MCCONATHY, CHARLES SENATORE, FINANCIAL INDUSTRY REGULATORY AUTHORITY, INC. (FINRA), "JOHN DOE" 1-20 and "XYZ CO." 1-20.

Defendants.

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon plaintiff, at the address stated below, a notice of appearance or demand for a complaint within 20 days after service of this Summons (not counting the day of service itself), or within 30 days after service is complete if the Summons is not delivered personally to you within the State of New York.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT should you fail to serve a notice of appearance or demand for a complaint, a judgment will be entered against you by default for the relief demanded herein.

<u>Nature of the Action</u>: This is an action for, *inter alia*, malicious prosecution, tortious interference with prospective economic advantage, and tortious interference with contract. The subject matter of this action concerns defendants' purposely and improperly making false

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representations about American citizen and business executive Benjamin Wey and NYG Capital, LLC to federal law enforcement officials at the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Securities and Exchange Commission and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, leading to the wrongful criminal prosecution of Mr. Wey. Specifically, defendants told federal law enforcement officials a number of lies, including that non-FINRA members Mr. Wey and NYG Capital, LLC had (i) caused an illegal payment of \$350,000 to be made to two or more stockbrokers, (ii) created artificial demand for securities by working with two or more stock brokers to solicit purchases of one or more issuers' securities without disclosing a large kickback paid to the brokers, (iii) sold large blocks of nominee-held shares into the artificially created public demand, (iv) pressured market participants to buy and sell stock in one or more issuers, (v) engaged in market manipulation as a "stock promoter", and (vi) violated federal securities laws and stock market rules. In spreading these lies, defendants importuned a malicious prosecution against Mr. Wey and tortiously interfered with existing and prospective contracts between plaintiffs and third parties.

Relief Sought: By virtue of the foregoing, plaintiffs seek to recover damages from defendants in an amount to be determined, but in no event less than \$200 million in compensatory damages and \$50 million in punitive damages – plus statutory interest, costs and attorneys' fees.

<u>Venue</u>: Plaintiff designates New York County as the place of trial because Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (FINRA) is a foreign corporation authorized to transact business in the State of New York and its principal office is located within the County of New York.

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