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**JP MORGAN TO PAY OVER \$2.9 MILLION IN SETTLEMENT
WITH SECURITIES REGULATORS
NEW HAMPSHIRE LEADS MULTI-STATE EFFORT**

CONCORD, NH (March 31, 2014) – Today, the New Hampshire Bureau of Securities Regulation and members of the North American Securities Administrators Association, or NASAA, finalized a Consent Order with JP Morgan Securities LLC. Between 2006 and 2011, JP Morgan failed to properly register numerous sales assistants across the country. In addition, the securities firm failed to maintain records identifying persons taking orders from customers. The Bureau led the regulatory investigation, coordinating with several states nationwide as part of a NASAA working group.

In its investigation, the Bureau found that certain JP Morgan sales assistants, who were authorized to accept securities orders from clients, were not appropriately registered to conduct such business. In addition, JP Morgan used an order entry system that did not record the identity of individuals accepting orders. The Consent Order notes that the firm has since made several efforts to remedy the problems, including development of an enhanced trading system and improved policies and procedures.

As part of the Consent Order, JP Morgan has agreed to pay over \$2.9 million to be divided among the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. New Hampshire will receive \$235,210 as a result of the Order. In addition, the firm will pay \$10,000 directly to NASAA.

“Compliance with the registration requirements for securities sales people is a very important part of protecting investors,” Eric Forcier, Bureau Staff Attorney said. “We

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applaud JP Morgan’s cooperation in correcting this situation and accepting its responsibility.”

“This New Hampshire-led effort shows the importance of multi-state cooperation in addressing securities law violations,” said Jeff Spill, Deputy Director of the Bureau. “We reached a very satisfactory result because of the great working relationship between the Bureau, NASAA, and the members of the working group.”

NASAA is a voluntary association whose membership consists of 67 state, provincial, and territorial securities administrators in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Canada, and Mexico. The Bureau has participated in four settlements in the past two years as part of the NASAA working group resulting in \$20 million in fines and penalties paid to NASAA member states.

The Bureau of Securities Regulation is charged with protecting New Hampshire investors. As part of this charge and to educate and warn the public, the Bureau issues public announcements regarding significant enforcement cases, such as this one.