

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY

In the Matter of:)	
Jessica de la Caridad Suarez)	
Former Employee)	AA-EC-2019-2
Bank of America, N.A.)	
Charlotte, North Carolina)	

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, the Comptroller of the Currency of the United States of America (“Comptroller”) intends to initiate prohibition proceedings against Jessica de la Caridad Suarez (“Respondent”), pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1818(e), on the basis of Respondent’s actions while serving as an Employee at Bank of America, N.A., Charlotte, North Carolina, (“Bank”), in the Bank’s Naples, Florida branch, from February 10, 2015 through February 17, 2015;

WHEREAS, in the interest of cooperation and to avoid the costs associated with future administrative and judicial proceedings with respect to this matter, Respondent, without admitting or denying any wrongdoing, desires to enter into this Consent Order (“Order”), issued pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1818(e);

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the above premises, it is stipulated by and between the Comptroller, through his duly authorized representative, and Respondent that:

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Article I

JURISDICTION

(1) The Bank is a national banking association, chartered and examined by the Comptroller, pursuant to the National Bank Act of 1864, as amended, 12 U.S.C. § 1 *et seq.* Accordingly, the Bank is an “insured depository institution” as that term is defined in 12 U.S.C. § 1813(c)(2).

(2) Respondent is a former Employee of the Bank and is an “institution-affiliated party” of the Bank as that term is defined in 12 U.S.C. § 1813(u), having served in such capacity within six (6) years from the date hereof (*see* 12 U.S.C. § 1818(i)(3)).

(3) Pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1813(q), the Comptroller is the “appropriate Federal banking agency” to maintain an enforcement proceeding against institution-affiliated parties. Therefore, Respondent is subject to the authority of the Comptroller to initiate and maintain a prohibition action against her pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1818(e).

Article II

COMPTROLLER’S FINDINGS

The Comptroller finds, and Respondent neither admits nor denies, the following:

- (1) At all relevant times, Respondent was employed as an Employee at the Bank.
- (2) During the period from February 10, 2015 through February 17, 2015, while Respondent was employed at the Bank, Respondent misappropriated \$8,540 from the Bank’s automatic teller machine (“ATM”) by making unauthorized cash withdrawals.

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(3) During the aforementioned time period, Respondent kept the misappropriated funds for her own benefit.

(4) As a result of Respondent's misconduct, the Bank suffered a loss of \$8,540.

(5) By reason of the foregoing conduct, Respondent violated law, 18 U.S.C. § 656; engaged in unsafe or unsound practices; caused a financial loss to the Bank and received a personal benefit; and demonstrated personal dishonesty and willful disregard for the safety and soundness of the Bank.

Article III

ORDER OF PROHIBITION

Respondent consents to, and it is ORDERED that:

(1) With respect to the institutions and agencies set forth in paragraph (2) of this Article, Respondent hereby agrees that she shall not:

- (a) participate in any manner in the conduct of their affairs;
- (b) solicit, procure, transfer, attempt to transfer, vote, or attempt to vote any proxy, consent, or authorization with respect to any voting rights;
- (c) violate any voting agreement previously approved by the "appropriate Federal banking agency," as defined in 12 U.S.C. § 1813(q) (as amended); or
- (d) vote for a director, or serve or act as an "institution-affiliated party," as defined in 12 U.S.C. § 1813(u) (as amended).

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(2) The prohibitions in paragraph (1) of this Article apply to the following institutions and agencies:

- (a) any insured depository institution, as defined in 12 U.S.C. § 1813(c);
- (b) any institution treated as an insured depository institution under 12 U.S.C. §§ 1818(b)(3), (b)(4), or (b)(5);
- (c) any insured credit union under the Federal Credit Union Act;
- (d) any institution chartered under the Farm Credit Act of 1971;
- (e) any appropriate Federal depository institution regulatory agency; and
- (f) the Federal Housing Finance Board and any Federal Home Loan Bank.

(3) The prohibitions of paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Article shall cease to apply with respect to a particular institution if Respondent obtains the prior written consent of both the Comptroller and the institution's "appropriate Federal financial institutions regulatory agency," as defined in 12 U.S.C. § 1818(e)(7)(D) (as amended).

(4) This Order shall be enforceable to the same extent and in the same manner as an effective and outstanding order that has been issued and has become final pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1818.

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Article IV

CLOSING

- (1) By executing this Order, Respondent waives:
 - (a) the right to a Notice of Intention to Prohibit Further Participation, Notice of Charges for Issuance of an Order to Cease and Desist, and Notice of Civil Money Penalty Assessment under 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b),(e) and (i);
 - (b) all rights to a hearing and a final agency decision pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b),(e) and (i) and 12 C.F.R. Part 19;
 - (c) all rights to seek judicial review of this Order;
 - (d) all rights in any way to contest the validity of this Order; and
 - (e) any and all claims for fees, costs or expenses against the Comptroller, or any of his agents or employees, related in any way to this enforcement matter or this Order, whether arising under common law or under the terms of any statute, including, but not limited to, the Equal Access to Justice Act, 5 U.S.C. § 504 and 28 U.S.C. § 2412.

- (2) Respondent shall not cause, participate in or authorize the Bank (or any subsidiary or affiliate thereof) to incur, directly or indirectly, any expenses associated with this Order, or any legal (or other professional) expense relative to the negotiation and issuance of this Order except as permitted by 12 C.F.R. § 7.2014 and Part 359.

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In addition, Respondent shall not, directly or indirectly, obtain or accept any indemnification (or other reimbursement) from the Bank (or any subsidiary or affiliate thereof) with respect to such amounts except as permitted by 12 C.F.R. § 7.2014 and Part 359.

(3) Respondent acknowledges that she has read and understands the premises and obligations of this Order and declares that no separate promise or inducement of any kind has been made by the Comptroller, or his agents or employees, to cause or induce Respondent to agree to consent to the issuance of this Order and/or to execute this Order.

(4) This Order constitutes a settlement of any proceedings arising out of the facts, omissions, or violations described in the Comptroller's Findings (Article II of this Order). The Comptroller agrees not to institute proceedings for the specific acts, omissions, or violations referenced in Article II of this Order, unless such acts, omissions, or violations reoccur. However, the specific acts, omissions, or violations described in Article II may be used by the Comptroller in future enforcement actions to establish a pattern of misconduct or the continuation of a pattern of misconduct.

(5) This Order shall not be construed as an adjudication on the merits and, except as set forth in paragraph (4) above, shall not inhibit, estop, bar, or otherwise prevent the Comptroller from taking any action affecting Respondent if, at any time, he deems it appropriate to do so to fulfill the responsibilities placed upon him by the several laws of the United States of America.

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(6) Nothing herein shall preclude any proceedings brought by the Comptroller to enforce the terms of this Order, and nothing herein constitutes, nor shall Respondent contend that it constitutes, a waiver of any right, power, or authority of any other representatives of the United States or agencies thereof, including the Department of Justice, to bring other actions deemed appropriate.

(7) This Order is intended to be, and shall be construed to be, a final order issued pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1818, and expressly does not form, and may not be construed to form, a contract binding the Comptroller or the United States. Respondent expressly acknowledges that no officer or employee of the Comptroller has statutory or other authority to bind the United States, the United States Treasury Department, the Comptroller, or any other federal bank regulatory agency or entity, or any officer or employee of those entities, to a contract affecting the Comptroller's exercise of his supervisory responsibilities.

(8) This Order is "issued with the consent of . . . the institution-affiliated party concerned," pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1818(h)(2).

(9) The terms of this Order, including this paragraph, are not subject to amendment or modification by any extraneous expression, prior agreements, or prior arrangements between the parties, whether oral or written.

The provisions of this Order are effective upon issuance by the Comptroller through his authorized representative whose hand appears below, and shall remain effective and enforceable, except to the extent that, and until such time as, any provisions

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of this Order shall have been amended, suspended, waived, or terminated in writing by the Comptroller, through his authorized representative.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the undersigned has hereunto set her hand.

/s/ Jessica de la Caridad Suarez

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Jessica de la Caridad Suarez

Date

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/ Kris McIntire

1/4/2019

Kris McIntire
Deputy Comptroller, Large Bank Supervision

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