

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
TAMPA DIVISION

COMMODITY FUTURES
TRADING COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No.: 8:19-cv-886-VMC-SPF

OASIS INTERNATIONAL GROUP,
LIMITED; OASIS MANAGEMENT, LLC;
SATELLITE HOLDINGS COMPANY;
MICHAEL J. DACORTA; JOSEPH S.
ANILE, II.; RAYMOND P. MONTIE III;
FRANCISCO "FRANK" L. DURAN; and
JOHN J. HAAS,

Defendants,

and

FUNDADMINISTRATION, INC.;
BOWLING GREEN CAPITAL
MANAGEMENT LLC; LAGOON
INVESTMENTS, INC.; ROAR OF THE
LION FITNESS, LLC; 444 GULF OF
MEXICO DRIVE, LLC; 4064 FOUNDERS
CLUB DRIVE, LLC; 6922 LACANTERA
CIRCLE, LLC; 13318 LOST KEY PLACE,
LLC; and 4 OAKS LLC,

Relief Defendants.

_____ /

This cause comes before the Court upon consideration of the Receiver and Stephen Preziosi's Joint Motion to Discharge Order to Show Cause as to Stephen Preziosi (Doc. # 956), filed on July 25, 2026. For the reasons that follow, the Motion is granted in part and denied in part.

On April 3, 2026, the Receiver moved for an order to show cause why five individuals – Defendant Michael DaCorta, Brent Winters, Greg Melick, Jason McKee, and Stephen Preziosi – should not be held in civil contempt for violating the Court’s Consolidated Receivership Order. (Doc. # 904). The Court granted the Receiver’s Motion and set the matter for a show-cause hearing on August 7, 2026. (Doc. ## 927, 945).

The Receiver and Mr. Preziosi have now jointly moved to discharge the Order to Show Cause as to Mr. Preziosi. (Doc. # 956). The parties represent that Mr. Preziosi has “agreed to (1) withdraw from representing [Mr.] DaCorta in this matter; (2) refrain from accepting any more money to represent [Mr.] DaCorta in any capacity; (3) work with the Receiver to correct the record regarding misrepresentations the Oasis Helpers’ Group (the ‘Helpers Group’) made to Oasis investors; (4) produce certain communications between [Mr.] Preziosi and [Mr.] Melick; and (5) continue to cooperate with the Receiver and the Court regarding the evidentiary hearing scheduled for August 7, 2026.” (Id. at 1-2). On the basis of the movants’ agreement, the Court grants the Motion to the extent of discharging the Order to Show Cause as to Mr. Preziosi.

With respect to the movants’ representation that Mr. Preziosi will be moving to withdraw from representing Mr. DaCorta in this matter (Id. at 1, 6), the Court notes that no

such motion has been filed. Pursuant to Local Rule 2.02(c)(1)(A), a lawyer "must notify each affected client fourteen days before moving to withdraw unless the client consents to withdrawal." Local Rule 2.02(c)(1)(A). The Court is unaware if Mr. Preziosi has given Mr. DaCorta adequate notice of his intention to withdraw or if Mr. DaCorta consents to the withdrawal. Accordingly, the Court notes that Mr. Preziosi remains counsel of record for Mr. DaCorta unless and until he is granted leave to withdraw. Local Rule 2.02(c) ("If a lawyer appears, the lawyer cannot without leave of court abandon, or withdraw from, the action."). Thus, Mr. Preziosi should file a proper motion to withdraw.

The movants also ask "the Court to allow [Mr.] Preziosi to attend the evidentiary hearing remotely by Zoom should he be required to address any of the matters discussed in" the affidavit attached to the Motion. (Doc. # 956 at 2). The Motion is denied as to this issue. If the Receiver intends to call Mr. Preziosi to testify at the show-cause hearing, Mr. Preziosi must be physically present.

Mr. Preziosi also "renews his request that [Mr.] DaCorta be allowed to attend the [show-cause] hearing by Zoom." (Id. at 2 n.1). As the Court explained in its order denying Mr. DaCorta's motion for leave to appear remotely at the show-cause hearing, "Mr. DaCorta's physical presence is required."

(Doc. # 951). Any issues concerning Mr. DaCorta's medications can be raised directly with Bureau of Prisons officials, local prison officials, or the U.S. Marshals Service, who are in a position to address such matters.

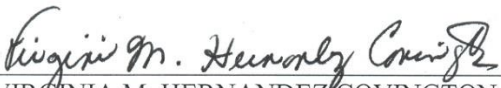
Accordingly, it is now

ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED:

- (1) The Receiver and Stephen Preziosi's Joint Motion to Discharge Order to Show Cause as to Stephen Preziosi (Doc. # 956) is **GRANTED** to the extent that, on the movants' agreement, the Order to Show Cause is discharged as to Mr. Preziosi.
- (2) By agreement of the movants, Mr. Preziosi shall (1) move to withdraw from representing Mr. DaCorta in this matter; (2) refrain from accepting additional funds to represent Mr. DaCorta in any capacity; (3) work with the Receiver to correct the record regarding the Helpers Groups' misrepresentations to Oasis investors; (4) produce certain communications between Mr. Preziosi and Mr. Melick; and (5) continue to cooperate with the Receiver and the Court regarding the show-cause hearing.
- (3) To the extent the movants request permission for Mr. Preziosi and Mr. DaCorta to attend the show-cause hearing remotely, the Motion is **DENIED**.

(4) The Receiver and Mr. Preziosi shall file a supplement by July 29, 2026, stating whether Mr. Preziosi's anticipated motion to withdraw necessitates a continuance of the show-cause hearing.

DONE and **ORDERED** in Chambers, in Tampa, Florida, this 27th day of July, 2026.


VIRGINIA M. HERNANDEZ COVINGTON
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE