Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. v 8AN Capital Partners Master Fund L.P.

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Docket Number: 156559/14

Judge: Melvin L. Schweitzer

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK : PART 45

CANTOR FITZGERALD & CO.,

Plaintiff,

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-against-

DECISION AND ORDER

8AN CAPITAL PARTNERS MASTER FUND L.P., : 8AN CAPITAL PARTNERS, LTD. and PHILIP EYTAN, :

Defendants.

Motion Sequence No. 001

MELVIN L. SCHWEITZER, J.:

This action involves an alleged fraudulent transfer of assets by a financial institution during the course of a litigation against the financial institution. An individual defendant, who is alleged to have controlled both the transferor and transferee, has moved to dismiss the action.

Facts

In August 2012, plaintiff commenced an action against a master fund for failure to settle an agreed-upon securities trade, seeking in excess of \$2,500,000. During the litigation, which ended in an award of monetary relief to plaintiff, the master fund transferred approximately \$500,000 and several million shares of stock to an account of an investor in Switzerland.

The investor had entered into an investment management agreement with the master fund, with a limited liability company acting as investment manager to both entities. The individual defendant here served as managing member of the master fund, director of the investor, and an officer of the investment manager. It is alleged that under the investment management agreement assets could be transferred between the master fund and investor at the sole direction of the

investment manager. Thus, the individual defendant who controlled the master fund and the investor also had the power to transfer assets between them.

Discussion

The individual defendant, who is alleged to have been responsible for the transfer referred to above, asserts that the Debtor and Creditor law does not provide for a remedy against non-transferees. However, where the party is alleged to have dominion and control over the transferred assets and also is alleged to have benefitted in any way from the transfer, the Debtor and Creditor law is applicable. See FDIC v Porco, 75 NY2d 840 (1990). That is exactly what is alleged against individual defendant. Thus, his motion to dismiss is denied. Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that defendants' motion to dismiss is denied.

Dated: December 19, 2014

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