

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS REGARDING CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT AGAINST FIRST TRUST CORPORATION

A class action lawsuit was filed in federal court on April 27, 2005. The lawsuit is against First Trust Corporation ("First Trust"), as well as a number of so-called "Doe" defendants who can be replaced with actual defendants at a later date. The lawsuit was filed on behalf of a "class" of plaintiffs consisting of all Heath victims, as well as a "sub-class" consisting of Heath victims who held their investments at First Trust.

The complaint can be viewed at the end of this Q and A list.

A number of questions have been posed to the Receiver regarding the class action. The Receiver is not an attorney and is not actively involved in the class action. However, we have prepared a list of questions and answers concerning the class action for the convenience of Heath victims.

Q: Why isn't the Receiver involved in the class action?

A: The Receiver does not believe it is appropriate to expend monies that would otherwise go directly to Heath victims in order to pursue expensive and complex litigation without a guarantee of success. However, the Receiver supports any proper action that has the potential for increasing the recovery for victims without risking money already recovered. The class action appears to meet that test.

Q: Who are the class action lawyers?

A: The Century City law firm Glancy, Binkow & Goldberg filed the class action. The lead lawyer, Kevin Ruf, can be reached at (310) 201-9166.

Q: How can I get more information about the class action?

A: A website has been setup at <http://heathclassaction.blogspot.com>.

Q: What must I do to participate in the class action?

A: At this time, we are informed that a Heath victim need take no action. However, we understand that the class action lawyers have requested information (or at least contact) from all Heath victims as they prepare their case.

Q: What will happen to the money recovered -- if any -- in the class action?

A: The Receiver has entered into an informal agreement with the class action attorneys whereby the monies recovered would be turned over to the Receiver and distributed by the Receiver according to whatever plan of distribution is approved by the Receivership Court. The Receiver believes this will save costs and assure accuracy and fairness to the victims.

Q: How can I receive updates regarding the class action?

A: The website at <http://heathclassaction.blogspot.com> was designed for this purpose. Also, you may contact Kevin Ruf if you have a question not answered on the website.

Q: How long will it be until there is a significant development in the class action?

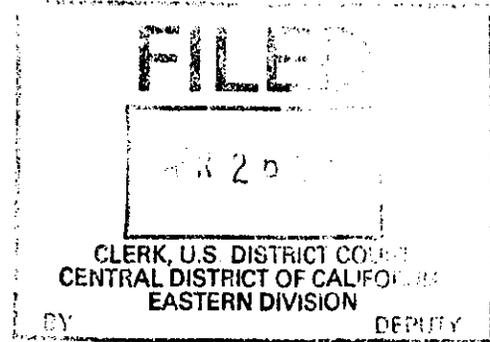
A: While anything is, of course, possible, the Receiver is told that class counsel do not expect any major developments for several months, until mid-summer at the earliest.

Q: If I have specific evidence or concerns regarding the class action, what should I do?

A: Contact Kevin Ruf at Glancy, Binkow & Goldberg.

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10 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
11 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
12 EASTERN DIVISION

13 JEROME JENSON, EILEEN
14 HORTON and JOSEPH RISSE,
15 Individually and On Behalf of All
16 Others Similarly Situated,
17 Plaintiffs,

18 v.

19 FIRST TRUST COMPANY, and
20 DOES 1-10~~X~~, inclusive,
21 Defendants.

Case No. CV05-3124 ABC *CTx*

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT
FOR:

1. AIDING AND ABETTING BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY;
2. AIDING AND ABETTING FRAUD;
3. VIOLATIONS OF CALIFORNIA CORPORATIONS CODE;
4. NEGLIGENT MISREPRESENTATION;
5. NEGLIGENCE;
6. BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY AND CONSTRUCTIVE FRAUD;
7. FRAUD AND DECEIT BY ACTIVE CONCEALMENT
8. FRAUD AND DECEIT BASED UPON OMISSIONS AND MISREPRESENTATIONS OF MATERIAL FACTS
9. VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE SECTIONS 17200 ET SEQ.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

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1 02949. Both cases bring claims arising from the Heath Fraud.

2 **Venue**

3 5. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. section 1391 (b), venue in this Court is
4 appropriate. All defendants are subject to personal jurisdiction in the Central District
5 of California, and substantially all of the acts underlying the claims contained in this
6 Complaint occurred in this District.

7 **PARTIES**

8 **Lead Plaintiffs**

9 6. Plaintiff JEROME JENSON is an individual who resides in Cerritos,
10 California. He invested Individual Retirement Account (IRA) monies in the Heath
11 Fraud through First Trust in early 2001 and has lost approximately \$500,000 as a
12 result of defendants' conduct.

13 7. Plaintiff EILEEN HORTON is an individual who resides in Fullerton,
14 California. She invested IRA monies in the Heath Fraud through Trust Company of
15 America in 2003; she also invested non-IRA monies directly. Ms. Horton has lost
16 approximately \$100,000 as a result of defendants' conduct.

17 8. Plaintiff JOSEPH RISSE is an individual who resides in Whittier,
18 California. He invested monies directly in the Heath Fraud and has lost
19 approximately \$250,000 as a result of defendants' conduct.

20 **Defendants**

21 9. Defendant FIRST TRUST COMPANY ("First Trust") is a trust company
22 with its principal place of business in Denver, Colorado. First Trust is a wholly
23 owned subsidiary of Fiserv, Inc., an \$8 billion financial services conglomerate.

24 10. DOE DEFENDANTS 1 - 25 are individuals or corporations who
25 engaged in the wrongful conduct herein and/or aided and abetted and assisted in the
26 Heath Fraud.
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1 11. DOE DEFENDANTS 26 - 50, the TRUST COMPANY DEFENDANTS,
2 are banks, trust companies, and financial institutions, not necessarily trust companies,
3 who breached their customer agreements, fell beneath the standard of care, or
4 otherwise participated in and aided and abetted the Heath Fraud.

5 12. DOE DEFENDANTS 51 - 75, the ATTORNEY DEFENDANTS, are
6 attorneys and law firms who fell beneath the standard of care, or otherwise
7 participated in and aided and abetted the Heath Fraud.

8 13. DOE DEFENDANTS 76 - 100, the ACCOUNTANT DEFENDANTS,
9 are accountants and accountancy firms who fell beneath the standard of care, or
10 otherwise participated in and aided and abetted the Heath Fraud.

11 **Non-Defendant Heath Criminals**

12 14. Certain individuals who were central to the Heath Fraud are not named
13 in this complaint. As described above, they are Daniel Heath, John Heath, Denis
14 O'Brien, and Larre Schlarman (the "Heath Criminals"). The Heath Criminals are
15 not sued because they are in jail and their assets are being pursued by the capable
16 receiver, Robb Evans.

17 **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

18 15. Plaintiffs bring this action pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure
19 23 on behalf of themselves and as representatives of all others who are similarly
20 situated and who fall within the following Class definition: All individuals or entities
21 who invested in the Heath Fraud and who received in return less money than they
22 invested.

23 16. The Class Representatives are Ms. Horton and Mr. Risse, both of whom
24 fall within the definition above.

25 17. This action also includes the following Subclass: All individuals or
26 entities who invested in the Heath Fraud through First Trust and who received (or
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1 whose accounts received) in return less money than was invested.

2 18. The Subclass Representative is Mr. Jenson, who falls within the
3 definition above.

4 19. The Class and Subclass are so numerous that joinder of all members is
5 impracticable. There are approximately 1,700 Class Members and 800 Subclass
6 members spread around the United States.

7 20. There are questions of law and fact which are common to the Class and
8 which predominate over questions affecting any individual Class member. The
9 common Class questions include, inter alia, the following:

- 10 a.) Whether defendants participated directly in the Heath Fraud;
11 b.) Whether defendants aided and abetted the Heath Fraud;
12 c.) Whether defendants aided and abetted the breaches of fiduciary duty of
13 the Heath Criminals; and
14 d.) Whether defendants engaged in Unfair Business Practices.

15 21. In addition to the questions of law and fact which predominate for the
16 Class, those which predominate for the Subclass include whether First Trust violated
17 various customer agreements by failing to conduct an administrative review of the
18 private placement memorandums for the Heath Fraud investments and whether First
19 Trust otherwise violated the standard of care in its handling of its customer accounts.
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21 22. The claims of the lead plaintiffs are typical of the claims of the other
22 members of the Class and Subclass in that all members of the Class and Subclass
23 have been damaged in a similar manner by defendants' actions.

24 23. Plaintiffs are committed to prosecuting this action and have retained
25 competent counsel experienced in litigation of this nature. Plaintiffs are adequate
26 representatives of the Class and Subclass.

27 24. A class action is superior to any other method available for the fair and
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1 efficient adjudication of this controversy because it would be impractical and
2 undesirable for each of the individual members of the Class and Subclass who has
3 suffered damages to bring separate actions. Moreover, defendants have acted and
4 will continue to act on grounds generally applicable to the Class and Subclass,
5 thereby making appropriate final injunctive or corresponding declaratory relief with
6 respect to the Class and Subclass as a whole.

7 GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

8 25. Since at least 1995 to April 2004, the Heath Criminals offered and sold
9 various fraudulent notes and securities to at least 1,700 investors throughout the
10 nation, including Plaintiffs, collecting over \$178 million in investment funds. The
11 Heath Criminals were not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission,
12 as they were required to be. In March 1998, the California Department of
13 Corporations issued Desist & Refrain ("D&R") Orders against Daniel Heath,
14 Schlarman and certain related entities, ordering them to stop engaging in the
15 unregistered offering and sales of securities and acting as broker-dealers.

16 26. Despite the D & R Orders, the Heath Criminals continued their ongoing,
17 fraudulent financial scheme with a specific target: vulnerable senior citizens. The
18 Heath Fraud persisted until April 28, 2004, when the Securities & Exchange
19 commission filed an action in this Court which shut the operation down.

20 27. As is now abundantly clear, the simple scheme of the Heath Fraud, like
21 most Ponzi schemes, was to take investor's money, steal it or otherwise squander it,
22 and use new investor's money to make principal and interest payments to the existing
23 investors lucky enough to redeem their investments to take dividends in cash.

24 28. During most of the duration of the Heath Fraud, at least from 1995 until
25 spring 2003, First Trust was the custodial trustee of "choice" for Daniel Heath, and
26 the other Heath Criminals, and the overwhelming majority of victims who used IRA
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1 money to invest in the Heath Fraud used First Trust as their custodial trustee.

2 29. First Trust was aware of this virtually exclusive relationship, and First
3 Trust employees, including Jim Terry, maintained close relations with Dan Heath and
4 some of the other Heath Criminals in order to maintain that relationship.

5 30. Because of the crude nature of the Heath Fraud, there were abundant
6 signs of the fraud to anyone sophisticated in the nature of financial investments, such
7 as First Trust. First Trust was in a particularly strong position to disclose the fraud,
8 since First Trust acted as a clearing house for thousands of Heath investments which
9 totaled in excess of \$60,000,000. Yet, First Trust, despite its awareness of the fraud,
10 did not disclose its awareness until the spring of 2003 when it became clear that third
11 parties would not allow First Trust to feign ignorance any longer.

12 31. During the time that First Trust acted as the virtually exclusive custodial
13 trustee for Heath investments, there were abundant signs that First Trust was aware
14 of the Heath Fraud, and First Trust was, in fact, aware that there were fraudulent
15 aspects of the Heath Fraud investments from the beginning of its relationship with
16 Daniel Heath and the other Heath Criminals. These signs included that: the account
17 information provided by the Heath Criminals to First Trust regarding the status of the
18 investments in First Trust customer accounts was consistently incorrect (showing
19 incorrect numbers of shares, failing to post investments etc.) and these errors were
20 consistently brought to the attention of First Trust by its customers to the point where
21 the sheer record keeping incompetence of the Heath Fraud sponsors made the
22 investments not "administratively feasible" under Internal Revenue Code section
23 4975 and First Trust, thus, violated that requirement; First Trust was aware that the
24 authorized Financial Representative (often Daniel Heath or O'Brien) were one-in-the-
25 same with the investment sponsor in further violation of IRC section 4975 regarding
26 prohibited transactions through related parties; the investments in the Heath Fraud
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1 were held by approximately 700 First Trust customers, most of whom had
2 investments in a Heath Fraud vehicle called "PCM Fixed Income Fund I." a number
3 of investors absurdly in excess of the 35 investor maximum for an exempt security
4 which the PCM Fixed Income Fund I purported to be; numerous First Trust customers
5 contacted First Trust regarding difficulties with the Heath Fraud beyond mere record-
6 keeping, including the refusal of the Heath Criminals to provide account documents
7 and, of course, the refusal of the Heath Criminals to allow the redemption of
8 investments for cash; First Trust also violated many of its purported internal
9 safeguards and procedures in order to accommodate the Heath Fraud, including
10 allowing investments to be purchased without signed Investment Authorizations,
11 sending payments to the Heath Criminals for investments in one investment vehicle,
12 but making payment to a different investment vehicle (First Trust turned a blind eye
13 to the commingling implications of this activity as well, indeed it actively participated
14 in the commingling), and, as discussed in more detail below, First Trust failed to have
15 on file – or to ever review as it promised – a prospectus for most, if not all, of the
16 Heath Investments despite the fact that its own Investment Authorization Forms
17 required the prospectus or offering memorandum to be on file and to be reviewed as
18 a pre-condition to the allowance of any investment in the types of investments which
19 the Heath Fraud investment vehicles purported to be.
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21 **First Trust Fails to Conduct Feasibility Reviews of Offering Materials**

22 32. First Trust required its customers (or their Financial Representative) to
23 sign a number of documents which set forth First Trust's policy that it will review
24 offering materials for unregistered or private investments such as those offered by the
25 Heath Criminals. While there were slight variations in the language from document
26 to document and over the years, during the period of 1995 (and perhaps earlier) until
27 approximately 2002, First Trust maintained a policy to have the offering
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1 memorandum or prospectus for each investment on file and to review this
2 documentation to determine its "administrative feasibility." A \$250 charge was
3 assessed by First Trust in order to compensate it for performing this review. For
4 example, Investment Authorization Forms during the pre-1995 to approximately 2002
5 period stated "before purchasing one of these offerings [of the type which the Heath
6 Fraud investment purported to be], a prospectus must be on file with First Trust's
7 Compliance Department." The Investment Authorization Forms also stated "[U]nless
8 the offering has been registered with the SEC or similar state agency, the investment
9 is subject to a review fee. When reviewing an offer for administrative feasibility,
10 First Trust does not recommend, comment or pass on the investment merits, risk,
11 suitability or management of the offering." Similar language is contained in IRA
12 applications during this period. They include language stating that: "Private offerings
13 are limited to those that have been determined to be Administratively Feasible
14 Investments by First Trusts Investment Administration Analysts. A \$250 fee is
15 assessed for the determination process."

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17 33. Despite these promises to perform an administrative review of the
18 offering materials and to keep them on file, First Trust did neither. Of particular
19 importance to this case, First Trust did not perform an administrative review of the
20 PCM Fixed Income Fund I investment held by approximately 700 First Trust
21 customers in the ultimate amount of over \$60,000,000. Nor did First Trust maintain
22 on file the offering documentation for that investment because First Trust never had
23 this information in the first place. Plaintiffs believe that, had First Trust required
24 these documents, the Heath Criminals could not have perpetrated their scam.

25 **First Trust Can't Reasonably Fake Ignorance Any Longer, But Still Does**

26 34. When, in 2001, First Trust became aware this massive failing had been
27 detected by a customer, First Trust took steps to cover-up its failings and to attempt
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1 to avoid liability. Among the steps taken by First Trust to cover-up its problem were
2 the institution of a "new" policy whereby it would no longer review offering
3 documents, but instead rely upon the investment sponsor to sign a declaration
4 concerning the investment characteristics which the administrative review had
5 previously been designed to assure. First Trust also instituted a "new" policy to
6 destroy documents and to the extent that First Trust followed this policy with regard
7 to any documentation related to the Heath Fraud, such destruction was done with
8 knowledge that a customer was pursuing a claim related to the Heath Fraud, and was
9 done with knowledge of the Heath Fraud, or aspects of it, and was clearly a tortious
10 act. First Trust, aware of the Heath Fraud, also decided to send its Valuation Policy
11 to its customers to reinforce its attempt to shield itself from liability related to Heath
12 Fraud valuation issues.

13 35. Having pretended to be ignorant of the Heath Fraud, and having taken
14 steps to hide its culpability and shield itself from liability, First Trust, as in the sadly
15 appropriate Casablanca quotation, purported in the Spring of 2003 to be "shocked,
16 shocked" that there might be improprieties concerning the Heath Fraud investments.
17 At that time, First Trust determined to decline further investments in Heath Fraud
18 investments. First Trust has admitted that it knew at that time – and this complaint
19 alleges it knew much earlier – numerous aspects of the Heath Fraud and, of great
20 importance to this case, characterized those faults as being deficiencies of
21 "administrative feasibility."
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23 **The Stunningly Misleading Letter of March 2003**

24 36. Despite the fact that it was aware when it announced its "no new
25 investments in the Heath Fraud" policy to its customers that Daniel Heath had
26 admitted that of the \$60,000,000 invested by First Trust customers in PCM Fixed
27 Income Fund I, only "roughly \$15 - \$20 million" was left, First Trust merely
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1 informed its customers in its letter of March 28, 2003 that it had become aware of the
2 D&R Order (and a related Stipulated Settlement) and that "First Trust could not
3 verify for its own purposes that [Heath entities and persons] have complied with the
4 Orders and the Stipulated Settlement." (Emphasis added.) The letter is striking in
5 many ways, and is an excellent litmus of First Trust's misleading conduct in this
6 entire affair.

7 37. First, consistent with its attempts since 2001 to create new rules and
8 postures to protect it from liability as the expense of its customers, First Trust
9 intentionally misrepresents the significance of the problems, presenting it as a mere
10 technicality relevant only for "its own purposes." First Trust does not inform its
11 customers that it has learned that only \$15 - \$20 million out of over \$60 million
12 invested in PCM Fixed Income Fund I remain. It does not tell them that First Trust
13 did not have in its possession the offering memorandum (as required) for that huge
14 investment until just weeks before the decision to curtail new Heath Fraud
15 investments, and more importantly failed to disclose that the Heath Criminals had
16 resisted giving the offering memorandum to First Trust. It did not tell its customers
17 that its review – conducted at last – of the documentation demonstrated facially that
18 the investment is bogus, such as the fact that the documentation purports to apply to
19 "California residents only" while First Trust customers invested in PCM Fixed
20 Income Fund I are located in 16 states in addition to California.

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22 38. Nor does First Trust bother to inform its customers that the purported
23 precipitating event which led First Trust to acknowledge the problems – and again,
24 plaintiffs allege that First Trust was aware of problems with the Heath Fraud
25 investments from virtually the first time its customers made investments in them –
26 was a First Trust customer who since 2001 had loudly attempted to recover assets
27 from the Heath Criminals without success and since 2001 had sought First Trust's
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1 help in recovering those assets or at least learning what documentation existed
2 concerning same – including, of course, the offering memoranda – and had been
3 ignored by First Trust.

4 39. Nor does the letter even take a position concerning whether Heath
5 Criminals are appropriate financial representatives of its customers; instead, with
6 knowledge that the Heath Criminals were in violation of D&R orders and
7 stipulations, and that those same Heath Criminals had squandered \$40 million of its
8 customers' nest eggs, and with knowledge that Daniel Heath had flatly lied regarding
9 the nature of the PCM Fixed Income Fund I investment, First Trust appallingly tells
10 these primarily elderly investors: "Please understand that, by this letter, First Trust
11 does not intend to make any statement about the quality of the assets in which you
12 have invested, their current value, or the advice you have received from your financial
13 representative." Still loyal to Daniel Heath and the other Heath Criminals, even now
14 that the scheme is clearly unraveling, First Trust has the audacity to even inform these
15 customers that First Trust is "not...recommending that you [name a new financial
16 representative]." (Emphasis added.)
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18 40. In short, First Trust has no problem taking orders from so-called
19 fiduciaries who: are in clear violation D&R orders and stipulations; who have
20 squandered \$40 million dollars (at least); who refuse to allow their customers to
21 redeem shares; and refuse to provide customers with offering documentation,
22 presumably because that documentation, on its face, demonstrates that the
23 investments are bogus and constitute unregistered securities. The list could go on and
24 on as described above.

25 41. Because First Trust's March 28, 2003 letter misled its customers as to
26 the real problems, and the extent of First Trust's awareness of same – it would not be
27 inaccurate to call that letter a flat-out lie – First Trust customers and others who heard
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1 about the letter continued to make investments in the Heath Fraud. Moreover, First
2 Trust was aware that Daniel Heath rebutted even the weak assertions of the First
3 Trust letter in his own letter, and First Trust took no steps to clarify the record. In
4 short, First Trust continued to aid and abet the Heath Fraud even after it could no
5 longer benefit from it, presumably in an effort to put as much distance between First
6 Trust and the Heath Fraud before the inevitable collapse of the house of cards.

7 42. As set forth above, the grossly misleading nature of the First Trust letter
8 of March 28, 2003 is a reflection of the First Trust policies and attitudes toward its
9 customers who invested in the Heath Fraud from the beginning.

10 43. Even Heath Fraud investors who never invested through First Trust were
11 encouraged to make direct investments because of the involvement of First Trust and
12 First Trust was aware of this fact. First Trust was aware, for example, that the Heath
13 Criminals actually used the First Trust administrative review of offering documents
14 as a sales point even though First Trust never performed such reviews at all, a
15 particularly egregious fault regarding the PCM Fixed Income Fund I which
16 investment was widely owned both within First Trust and by outside investors as
17 well.
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19 Other Participants in The Heath Fraud

20 44. Plaintiffs believe that individual and corporate defendants, sued as Does,
21 participated in the Heath Fraud both directly and as aiders and abettors by helping
22 manage the Heath Fraud offices, infrastructure and investments. These defendants
23 helped secret monies, made kick-backs to the Heath Criminals, helped sell the bogus
24 Heath Fraud investments, and otherwise took actions that helped perpetuate the Heath
25 Fraud.

26 45. Plaintiffs believe other TRUST COMPANY DEFENDANTS, sued as
27 Does, have acted in a manner similar to First Trust and are similarly liable. They
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1 have failed to review offering materials, despite contractual obligations to do so; they
2 have turned a blind eye to abundant evidence of the Heath Fraud, were aware of the
3 Heath Fraud, and have affirmatively chosen to participate in the Heath Fraud through
4 acceptance of investments in the Heath Fraud and acting as a conduit for the fraud
5 and for the purchase of illegal securities from individuals ineligible to sell securities.
6 Plaintiffs believe at least one TRUST COMPANY DEFENDANT, in addition to
7 defendant First Trust, failed to perform contractually required reviews of offering
8 documentation and was aware of aspects of the Heath Fraud at the time it agreed to
9 take investments in same. Various causes of action, as described below, apply to this
10 conduct.

11 46. Plaintiffs believe ATTORNEY DEFENDANTS, sued as Does, have
12 directly participated in the Heath Fraud by helping formulate legalistic strategies to
13 accomplish the fraud, by preparing legal documents in furtherance of the fraud, and
14 by helping the Heath Criminals to cover-up their illegal actions in order to induce
15 innocent investors to make investments in the Heath Fraud.
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17 47. Plaintiffs believe ACCOUNTANT DEFENDANTS, sued as Does, have
18 directly participated in the Heath Fraud by helping formulate accounting strategies
19 to accomplish the fraud, by preparing accounting documents in furtherance of the
20 fraud, and by helping the Heath Criminals to cover-up their illegal actions in order
21 to induce innocent investors to make investments in the Heath Fraud.
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CAUSES OF ACTION

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

**Aiding and Abetting Breach of Fiduciary Duty
(Brought by the Class Against ALL DEFENDANTS)**

48. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all prior paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully set forth herein.

49. ALL DEFENDANTS, and each of them, had knowledge of the fiduciary duties that each the Heath Criminals owed to the Plaintiffs. ALL DEFENDANTS, and each of them, had knowledge of the facts which constituted breaches of fiduciary duties by the Heath Criminals.

50. ALL DEFENDANTS, and each of them, substantially assisted the Heath Criminals' breaches of fiduciary duties against the Plaintiffs as described above.

51. As a direct and proximate result of ALL DEFENDANTS' aiding and abetting breaches of fiduciary duties, the Heath Fraud was allowed to flourish, and all Plaintiffs suffered damages, with interest thereon, in an amount to be determined at trial.

52. Plaintiffs have suffered substantial financial injury as a direct, foreseeable and proximate result of ALL DEFENDANTS' intentional and/or reckless wrongful conduct, as alleged herein. As a proximate result of such financial injury, Plaintiffs have experienced, and continue to experience, severe emotional distress in the form of depression, fear, anxiety, worry, grief, loss of sleep, and strokes, according to proof at trial. Plaintiffs' emotional distress has caused and is continuing to cause them to suffer additional financial losses as well, according to proof at trial.

1 THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

2 **Violations of the California Corporations Code**
3 ***Persons Jointly and Severally Liable with the Violator: Aiding and Abetting***
4 **(Brought by the Class Against ALL DEFENDANTS)**

5 58. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all prior paragraphs of this Complaint
6 as though fully set forth herein.

7 59. The Heath Criminals violated §25110, §25401, §25402 and §25403 of
8 the Corporations Code as described above. ALL DEFENDANTS, and each of them,
9 had knowledge of the violations of the Corporations Code §25110, §25401, §25402
10 and §25403 due to the role ALL DEFENDANTS, and each of them, played in the
11 scheme to defraud.

12 60. Each of the HEATH DEFENDANTS materially assisted each other in
13 violating Corporations Code §25110, §25401, §25402 and §25403. ALL
14 DEFENDANTS acted with the intent to deceive or defraud Plaintiffs when they
15 materially assisted in the primary violations of Corporations Code §25110, §25401,
16 §25402 and §25403.

17 61. The acts complained of herein occurred within four years from the filing
18 of the original Complaint and within one year of the discovery of these facts.

19 62. As a direct and proximate result of ALL DEFENDANTS wrongful
20 conduct, Plaintiffs were damaged in an amount to be determined according to proof
21 at trial, with interest thereon.

1 to cause them to suffer additional financial losses as well, according to proof at trial.

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3 **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

4 **Negligence**
5 **(by the Subclass Against All Defendants)**

6 69. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference the preceding paragraphs, as if fully
7 set forth herein.

8 70. Each defendant named in this claim had during the relevant period a duty
9 to use due care and protect plaintiffs from injury, which included, among other things,
10 a duty to verify, ensure, and adequately investigate the truthfulness and accuracy of
11 the statements they made, as well as to refrain from disseminating false and
12 misleading statements.

13 71. The defendants named in this claim breached the duty they owed to
14 plaintiffs as described above.

15 72. The breach by the defendants named in this claim was the actual cause
16 plaintiffs' injury, in that each defendants' breach was a substantial factor in bringing
17 about plaintiffs' injury.

18 73. The breach by the defendants named in this claim was the legal cause of
19 plaintiffs injury.

20 74. As a result of the negligent conduct by the defendants named in this
21 claim, plaintiffs were injured. Plaintiffs reasonably and foreseeably relied on what
22 turned out to be false information concerning the investments they made in the Heath
23 Fraud and the Heath Criminals and have been damaged as a result, and are entitled
24 to recover all actionable damages (including general, consequential, incidental and
25 special damages, lost profits, lost opportunities and other damages).
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1 81. First Trust actively concealed material facts with the intent to defraud
2 or the intent to induce reliance thereon by Plaintiffs. First Trust induced indirect
3 reliance thereon by Plaintiffs. Had the material facts that First Trust actively
4 concealed been known, Plaintiffs would not have invested in the HEATH FRAUD.

5 82. The Plaintiffs did not and could not have, in the exercise of reasonable
6 diligence, discovered the fraudulent acts constituting this cause of action until after
7 in or around April 28, 2004, at the earliest, when the true information became
8 available publicly, and still do not know all the facts concerning the First Trust's
9 participation.

10 83. As a direct and proximate result of First Trust's active concealment of
11 material facts, Plaintiffs were damaged in an amount to be determined according to
12 proof at trial, together with interest.

13 84. Plaintiffs have suffered substantial financial injury as a direct,
14 foreseeable and proximate result of First Trust's intentional and/or reckless wrongful
15 conduct, as alleged herein. As a proximate result of such financial injury, Plaintiffs
16 have experienced, and continue to experience, severe emotional distress in the form
17 of depression, fear, anxiety, worry, grief, loss of sleep, and strokes, according to proof
18 at trial. Plaintiffs' emotional distress has caused and continues to cause them to suffer
19 additional financial losses as well, according to proof at trial.

20 85. First Trust, and each of them, acted intentionally and/or with a reckless
21 disregard for the truth in a manner that was grossly negligent in engaging in the acts
22 complained of herein. Plaintiffs therefore seek exemplary, punitive and financial
23 distress damages in amount to be determined according to proof at trial.
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1 **EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

2 **Fraud and Deceit Based Upon Omissions and**
3 **Misrepresentations of Material Facts**
4 **(Against ALL DEFENDANTS)**

5 86. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all prior paragraphs of this Complaint
6 as though fully set forth herein.

7 87. At all relevant times First Trust had a duty to disclose all material facts
8 to the Plaintiffs.

9 88. First Trust made misrepresentations of fact, omitted facts and/or
10 suppressed facts from the Plaintiffs, despite the duty to disclose.

11 89. First Trust knew the representations, omissions, and misleading
12 statements they made to the Plaintiffs were false, or did not believe them to be true,
13 or did not reasonably believe them to be true when made.

14 90. First Trust made these representations, omissions and suppressions of
15 facts with the intent to defraud or with intent to induce reliance by the Plaintiffs. Had
16 First Trust not made such misrepresentations, omissions, or suppressions of facts, the
17 Plaintiffs would not have invested in the Heath Fraud. Plaintiffs justifiably relied on
18 the misrepresentations, omissions and suppressions of material facts were the
19 immediate cause of the Plaintiffs' damages.

20 91. In the exercise of reasonable diligence, Plaintiffs did not and could not
21 have discovered the wrongful acts constituting this cause of action until after April
22 28, 2004, at the earliest.

23 92. As a direct and proximate result of First Trust's intentional
24 misrepresentations, omissions and misleading statements, Plaintiffs were damaged
25 in an amount to be determined according to proof at trial, together with interest
26 thereon as provided by law.

27 93. Plaintiffs have suffered substantial financial injury as a direct,
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1 foreseeable and proximate result First Trust's intentional and/or reckless wrongful
2 conduct, as alleged herein. As a proximate result of such financial injury, Plaintiffs
3 have experienced, and continue to experience, severe emotional distress in the form
4 of depression, fear, anxiety, worry, grief, loss of sleep, and strokes, according to proof
5 at trial. Plaintiffs' emotional distress has caused and is continuing to cause them to
6 suffer additional financial losses as well, according to proof at trial.

7 94. First Trust maliciously and with an evil mind committed the wrongful
8 acts which constitute this cause of action such that it warrants the imposition of
9 punitive, financial distress and exemplary damages to Plaintiffs.

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11 **NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

12 **Violation of California Business and Professions Code Sections 17200 et seq.**
13 **(By the Class against All Defendants)**

14 95. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all prior paragraphs of this Complaint
15 as though fully set forth herein.

16 96. Defendants' actions constitute unfair, illegal and fraudulent business
17 practices within the meaning of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code Sections 17200 et seq.
18 Accordingly, plaintiffs may obtain all remedies and penalties authorized by statute,
19 including without limitation, restitution and attorneys fees.
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PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiffs request judgment against ALL DEFENDANTS, and each of them, as follows:

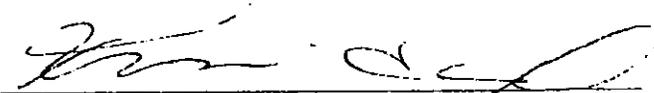
1. Compensatory and general damages according to proof;
2. Special damages according to proof;
3. For financial stress damages, according to proof at trial;
4. Prejudgment interest at maximum rate;
5. Punitive and exemplary damages according to proof;
6. For extraordinary equitable or injunctive relief, restitution, and disgorgement of profits;
7. Costs of proceedings herein;
8. Reasonable attorneys fee;
9. All such other and further relief as the Court deems proper.

JURY DEMAND

Plaintiffs hereby demand a trial by Jury.

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