

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
SECURITIES DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF: TAKAKI CLOSE &  
ASSOCIATES, LTD.

FILE NO. 0400204

NOTICE OF HEARING

**TO THE RESPONDENT:**

Takaki Close and Associates, Ltd.  
(CRD #: 110502)  
1578 Sherman Avenue  
Evanston, Illinois 60201

c/o Stephen S. Berkeley  
Shaheen, Novoselsky, Staat & Filipowski P.C.  
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Chicago, Illinois 60606

*You are hereby notified that pursuant to Section 11.F of the Illinois Securities Law of 1953 [815 ILCS 5] (the "Act") and 14 Ill. Adm. Code 130, Subpart K, a public hearing will be held at 17 North State Street, Suite 1266, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2004 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. or as soon as possible thereafter, before James G. Athas Esq. or such other duly designated Hearing Officer of the Secretary of State.*

Said hearing will be held to determine whether an Order shall be entered pursuant to Section 11.E of the Act which would prohibit the Respondent from offering or selling securities in the State of Illinois and/or granting such other relief as may be authorized under the Act, including but not limited to the imposition of a monetary fine in the maximum amount pursuant to 11.E(4) of the Act, payable within ten (10) days of the Order.

The grounds for such proposed action are as follows:

1. The Respondent is a business entity which, beginning on August 20, 1998 to the present, has continuously engaged in the business of offering advice regarding securities for compensation to residents of the State of Illinois.

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2. The Respondent was and is acting in the capacity of a Federal Covered Investment Advisor (FCIA). In Illinois on December 31, 2003 and continues to the present, has failed to file the required annual "Notice Filing" with the Secretary of State for the year 2004.
3. That Section 8.C(5) of the Act provides, inter alia, a federal covered investment adviser shall file with the Secretary of State, prior to acting as a federal covered investment adviser in this State, such documents as have been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as the Secretary of State by rule or order may prescribe. The notification of a federal covered investment adviser shall be accompanied by a notification filing fee established pursuant to Section 11 a of this Act, which shall not be returnable in any event. Every person acting as a federal covered investment adviser in this State shall file a notification filing and pay an annual notification filing fee established pursuant to Section 11a of this Act, which is not returnable in any event. The failure to file any such notification shall constitute a violation of subsection D of Section 12 of this Act.
4. That Section 12.D of the Act provides, inter alia, that it shall be a violation of the provisions of the Act for any person to fail to file with the Secretary of State any application, report or document required to be filed under the provisions of the Act or any rule or regulation made by the Secretary of State pursuant to the Act.
5. That by virtue of the foregoing, the Respondent has committed a violation of section 12.D of the Act.

You are further notified that you are required pursuant to Section 130.1104 of the Rules and Regulations (14 ILL. Adm. Code 130) (the "Rules"), to file an answer to the allegations outlined above within thirty (30) days of the receipt of this Notice. A failure to file an answer within the prescribed time shall be construed as an admission of the allegations contained in the Notice of Hearing.

Furthermore, you may be represented by legal counsel; may present evidence; may cross-examine witnesses and otherwise participate. A failure to so appear shall constitute default, unless any Respondent has upon due notice moved for and obtained a continuance.

A copy of the Rules, promulgated under the Act and pertaining to hearings held by the Office of the Secretary of State, Securities Department, is included with this Notice.

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Delivery of Notice to the designated representative of any Respondent constitutes service upon such Respondent.

Dated: This 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 2004.



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Secretary of State  
State of Illinois

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