

EXHIBIT A

From January 2003 through December 2006, I was the chief paid political consultant to Alan Hevesi, who was, at the time, the New York State Comptroller and the sole trustee of the New York Common Retirement Fund.

During this time, I understood that David Loglisci, as Director of Alternative Investments and then as Chief Investment Officer, was responsible for reviewing and recommending proposed investments by the New York State pension fund, known as the Common Retirement Fund. I further understood that, in their roles at the Common Retirement Fund, Alan Hevesi and David Loglisci owed fiduciary and other duties to the members and beneficiaries of the Common Retirement Fund. This means they were obligated to act exclusively in the best interests of the members and beneficiaries of the Common Retirement Fund, free from conflicts, politics and other improper pressures, and to avoid and disclose conflicts of interests and the appearance of conflicts of interest.

During this same time, I had financial interests related to certain alternative investments proposed by investment firms to the Common Retirement Fund. As I knew and facilitated, David Loglisci and Alan Hevesi recommended and approved certain proposed alternative investments in part so as to generate fees to me or others known to me, because of my relationship with Alan Hevesi. I did not disclose to certain investment firms or to Common Retirement Fund staff, other than David Loglisci and/or Alan Hevesi, these financial interests.

In this regard, I stood to receive millions of dollars in fees if the Common Retirement Fund made the following proposed investments, which David Loglisci and Alan Hevesi in fact recommended and approved: Access/NY European Fund, Aldus/NY Emerging Fund, Ares Corporate Opportunities Fund, Carlyle Europe Partners Fund II, Carlyle Realty Partners Fund IV, Carlyle/Riverstone Global Energy Partners Fund II, Carlyle/Riverstone Global Energy Partners Fund III, Carlyle/Riverstone Renewable Energy Infrastructure Fund I, CSG/Liberty Oak Capital Fund, Falconhead Capital Partners II, FS Equity Partners V, GKM Newport/NY Venture Capital Fund, HFV Multi-Strategy Fund, Hicks, Muse, Tate & Furst European Fund II, Levine Leichtman Capital Partners III, Odyssey Fund, Olympia John Street Fund, Quadrangle Capital Partners II, and Sector Performance Fund.

With respect to Strategic Co-Investment Partners and some of the other investments, I agreed to split fees with Barrett Wissman, Julio Ramirez, or others, but did not disclose these arrangements to Common Retirement Fund staff other than David Loglisci and/or Alan Hevesi, or certain of the investment firms managing these investments.

In addition, with the knowledge of David Loglisci, I helped arrange for Raymond Harding, who was a friend and former political associate of Hevesi, to receive fees related to certain Common Retirement Fund investments known as Paladin Homeland Security Fund (NY) and Pequot Private Equity Partners IV.

During this same time, as Alan Hevesi's chief paid political consultant, I sought contributions to Hevesi's re-election campaign from, among others, those individuals whom I knew were doing or seeking to do business with the Common Retirement Fund. As I knew, David Loglisci and Alan Hevesi subsequently recommended and approved certain proposed alternative investments for persons associated with those investments who had contributed to Hevesi's campaign.

With respect to Count 19 of the Indictment, from in or about March 2005 through in or about February 2007, I intentionally engaged in fraud, deception, concealment, suppression, false pretense and fictitious and pretended purchase and sale, and made material false representations and statements with intent to deceive and defraud, while engaged in inducing and promoting the exchange, sale, negotiation and purchase within and from New York of securities, to wit: Levine Leichtman Capital Partner's Fund III, and thereby wrongfully obtained property with a value in excess of two hundred and fifty dollars, to wit: Placement Services Agreement dated March 1, 2005, related to Levine Leichtman Capital Partners III and fees related to the investment of CRF funds by Aldus/NY Emerging Fund in Levine Leichtman Capital Partners III.