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Judge Orders Qualcomm Founder to Pay \$100 Million Judgment

By Rebecca Beyer
Daily Journal Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES — One of the founders of Qualcomm must pay more than \$100 million in damages to the beneficiaries of a family trust he managed for nearly 12 years, a judge has ruled.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Henry W. Shatford first entered the judgment against investor Neil Kadisha on Nov. 13. But attorneys for the family, who spent 4½ years trying the case against Kadisha, had to wait nearly a month before the judgment was finalized Friday.

A representative from the public relations firm Sitrick and Company said his client, Kadisha, and Kadisha's attorneys would have no further comment except that which they had previously stated: Kadisha would appeal the judgment.

Shatford vacated the original judgment because he had not allowed Kadisha's attorneys enough time to object.

"It's been a seven-year struggle," said Samuel Krane, of Krane & Smith in Encino, who was the family's lead attorney in two cases against Kadisha, filed in 1999. "Finally, my clients are vindicated and they look forward to collecting their judgment from Mr. Kadisha."

But the Uzyel family, for whom

Kadisha was a trustee beginning in 1988, may have to keep waiting to collect on the judgment.

According to Krane, Kadisha has asked the court to stay execution on the judgment so he can file two bonds with the court. If Kadisha's appeals are denied and in case Kadisha cannot pay the judgment, the surety bonds would be responsible

Kadisha on behalf of Dafna Uzyel and her children, Izzet and Joelle. Both alleged that Kadisha "mismanaged, self-dealt, obtained secret profits, and used assets of the trust for his own personal benefit" while engaging in conflicted transactions in his position as trustee.

When Dafna Uzyel's husband died in 1986, his family ordered

more of it in another company with which he had business ties.

Kadisha's attorneys maintained that trust agreements permitted Kadisha to manage, sell, invest, borrow and lead the trusts' assets without any conflict of interest.

But Shatford ruled otherwise, saying that those amendments were invalid because Dafna did not have proper representation.

Sitrick and Company pointed out that, while Kadisha was trustee, his investments made more than \$27 million in principal and payouts for the trusts' beneficiaries.

"Kadisha's defenses rest beyond denials, but upon a grossly contrived conception a thief can steal money and keep the benefits therefrom," Shatford wrote in his statement of decision. "And further that if he elects at some point to return the money with interest, he is to be forgiven for his thefts. He is sadly mistaken."

The judgment against Kadisha includes \$95 million in compensatory damages and \$5 million in punitive damages. The damages are calculated based on an analysis of the value of investments and stocks that Kadisha bought and sold throughout his trusteeship.

Along with Krane, Marc Smith from Krane & Smith represented the Uzyels. Linda M. Rottman and Bruce S. Ross from Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps in Los Angeles also represented the family.

Krane said he expected they would be awarded \$12 million in attorney fees.

A hearing on Kadisha's bonds is scheduled for Thursday.

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for paying it in full.

Kadisha, a principal at the Beverly Hills-based investment firm Omnet, could not be reached for comment. His attorneys, Bernard J. Nussbaum and John E. Walker of Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal's Chicago and Los Angeles offices, and Marvin G. Burns, a private practitioner in Los Angeles, did not respond to a request for comment. *In re Uzyel Irrevocable Trust*, BP058899, BP058898 (L.A. Super. Ct., filed Oct. 22, 1999).

There were two cases filed against

that some of the millions he had made in the fabric business be put into a trust for the Uzyel children. Kadisha was appointed trustee of that trust.

According to court documents, Kadisha set up a second trust with Dafna's portion of the money on his own with his lawyer, who also represented Dafna.

Among the alleged conflicted transactions, Kadisha loaned \$300,000 of the trust money to Qualcomm when it was a fledgling communications company and invested

Coalition Sues to Get Disabled-Student Services

By Susan McRae
Daily Journal Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES — A statewide coalition of advocates for youths with disabilities has sued state and county agencies for allegedly failing to provide

are getting all the services they are entitled to.

Local representatives said they had just received the complaint and would have no comment until it had been reviewed by their lawyers.

problem. But, so far, he said, the state has not offered any serious solution.

"In the meantime, our clients are not getting services, and we think most students around the state are not getting it."

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