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**MARC DREIER SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS IN PRISON FOR FRAUD**

LEV L. DASSIN, the Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that MARC DREIER, the former managing partner of the New York law firm Dreier LLP, was sentenced today in Manhattan federal court to 20 years in prison. DREIER pleaded guilty in May to one count of conspiracy to commit securities and wire fraud; one count of securities fraud; five counts of wire fraud; and one count of money laundering. The sentence was imposed by United States District Judge JED S. RAKOFF.

According to the superseding Indictment as well as sentencing submissions and other publicly filed documents in this case:

DREIER was the founder and managing partner of Dreier LLP, a law firm which, along with its affiliates, employed more than 270 attorneys. DREIER LLP had its principal office in New York City and additional offices in Los Angeles and elsewhere in the country. From approximately 2002 through December 2008, DREIER conspired to engage in securities and wire fraud involving the sale of fake promissory notes purportedly issued by a New York real estate developer, a Canadian pension plan and a Canadian company; and the embezzlement of Dreier LLP client funds.

During the course of the scheme, DREIER collected more than \$700 million through the sale of the fake promissory notes, a portion of the principal and interest of which he paid, and misappropriated more than \$46 million in client funds. The total out-of-pocket losses suffered by purchasers of the various fake notes and by law firm clients whose funds were embezzled was approximately \$400 million.

In sentencing DREIER, Judge RAKOFF stated: "When you turn to the facts of the crime that Mr. Dreier committed, one must be appalled." As part of his sentence, DREIER was ordered

to pay \$387,675,303.32 in restitution and to forfeit \$746,460,000 in proceeds of his offenses, including real estate, vehicles, bank accounts and a number of works of art specified in the superseding Indictment to which he pleaded guilty.

In addition to the 20 years in prison, Judge RAKOFF sentenced DREIER to three years of supervised release. DREIER, 59, was immediately remanded to the custody of the Bureau of Prisons upon sentencing.

Mr. DASSIN praised the work of the Criminal Investigators of the United States Attorney's Office and thanked the United States Securities and Exchange Commission for its assistance in the case.

Assistant United States Attorneys JONATHAN R. STREETER, SHARON COHEN LEVIN and ANNA ARREOLA are in charge of the prosecution.

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