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Ex-Goldman Banker Banned From Banking Industry For Life

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Law360 (April 7, 2022, 9:31 PM EDT) -- The Federal Reserve Board has permanently banned a former Goldman Sachs Group Inc. investment banker from the banking industry for allegedly mishandling confidential documents, the board announced Thursday.

Joseph Jampietro, a former managing director at Goldman Sachs, hasn't admitted to or denied the allegations, but he's agreed to the prohibition, the board said in a statement. It issued the order last week.

According to the reserve board, confidential supervisory information — the type of information Jampietro allegedly mishandled — includes bank examination reports and other confidential reports prepared by banking regulators. It's illegal to use or disclose that sort of information without prior approval of the appropriate banking regulator, the board said.

The dispute goes back to 2014 when a Goldman Sachs investigation found that associate Rohit Bansal had received confidential information from former colleague and then-New York Fed employee Jason Gross, and then allegedly forwarded that information to Jampietro and others.

That information was then purportedly used in presentations intended to win and keep clients for Jampietro's bank regulatory practice.

Jampietro was fired in October 2014 after Goldman Sachs determined he hadn't reported a leak of confidential information to the necessary parties, according to a complaint the bank filed against him in a separate case.

The Federal Reserve unveiled enforcement proceedings against him in August 2016, looking to permanently bar him from working in banking.

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York and the New York Department of Financial Services subsequently opened investigations into Jampietro but eventually found he had done nothing criminally wrong.

In 2015, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority and the Federal Reserve Board opened investigations into Jampietro over the same conduct. The Fed action resulted in a **\$36.3 million fine** against Goldman Sachs and a recommendation of a lifetime banking industry ban for Jampietro for misusing confidential supervisory information.

Jampietro filed his own suit against the Federal Reserve **in 2018**, claiming it had failed to act on his appeal. He said he never engaged in any wrongful conduct, and after 11 months, he still hadn't gotten a response.

"There is reason to believe that unless mandamus is granted here the Reserve Board will continue its inaction in this case, while leaving Jampietro indefinitely to suffer the effects of the publicized summary disposition order by the [administrative law judge] that effectively imposed an industry bar," he said at the time.

The prohibition order resolves that spat, according to the Federal Reserve.

Adam Ford, who's representing Jiampietro, told Law360 on Thursday that his client "left the industry seven years ago to pursue other endeavors."

"He fought every day to clear his name, but given the lapse of time and his future plans, the endless litigation no longer made sense," Ford said. "He is glad to put it behind him in the manner he did."

The board is represented in-house by Richard M. Ashton.

Jiampietro is represented by Adam Ford of Ford O'Brien Landy LLP.

The case is In the matter of Joseph Jiampietro, docket numbers 16-012-E-I and 16-012-CMP-I, before the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

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