DIVISION OF SECURITIES AND RETAIL FRANCHISING

The Division of Securities and Retail Franchising of the State Corporation Commission is charged with the administration of the following laws:

Virginia Securities Act (known as the "Blue Sky" Law), Virginia Code Sections 13.1-501 through 13.1-527.3. Virginia Trademark and Service Mark Act, Virginia Code Sections 59.1-92.1 through 59.1-92.21. Virginia Retail Franchising Act, Virginia Code Sections 13.1-557 through 13.1-574.

Summary of 2021 Activities

UNDER THE VIRGINIA SECURITIES ACT:

21	securities registrations approved
276,251	broker-dealer agent registrations and renewals approved
37,634	broker-dealer agent registrations and renewals denied, withdrawn, or terminated
19	securities registrations denied, withdrawn, or terminated
1,961	investment company notice filings originals and renewals accepted
574	investment company notice filings originals and renewals denied, withdrawn, or terminated
170	exemptions from registration approved
2	exemptions from registration denied, withdrawn, or terminated
7,674	exemption notice filings for federal-covered securities accepted
1,930	broker-dealer registrations and renewals approved
113	broker-dealer registrations and renewals denied, withdrawn, or terminated
24	investment advisor eras approved
217	investment advisor other amendments approved
42	investment advisor other amendments denied, withdrawn, or terminated
4,143	investment advisor registrations, renewals, and amendments approved
366	investment advisor registrations, renewals, and amendments denied, withdrawn, or terminated
75	investment advisor audits completed
323	audit violation deficiencies resolved
18,952	investment advisor representative registrations and renewals approved
3,622	investment advisor representative registrations and renewals denied, withdrawn, or terminated
74	agent of issuer registrations and renewals approved
7	agent of issuer registrations and renewals denied, withdrawn, or terminated
102	investigations completed

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UNDER THE VIRGINIA TRADEMARK AND SERVICE MARK ACT:

- 715 trademarks and/or service marks approved, renewed, or assigned
- 441 trademarks and/or service marks denied, abandoned, expired, or withdrawn

UNDER THE VIRGINIA RETAIL FRANCHISING ACT:

- 1,940 franchise registrations, renewals, or post-effective amendments approved
- 465 franchise registrations, renewals, or post-effective amendments denied, withdrawn, non-renewed, or terminated 11 investigations completed

ORDERS, JUDGMENTS AND SETTLEMENTS:

- 10 orders granting exemptions and/or official interpretations
- 0 orders filing and/or canceling surety bonds
- 16 orders for subpoena of records by banks, corporations, and individuals
- 0 orders of show cause
- 19 judgments of compromise and settlement
- 14 final orders and/or judgments
- 0 temporary injunctions
- 1 special supervision

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TELEPHONE CALLS, E-MAILS AND COMPLAINTS:

- 382 calls/e-mails regarding pending investigations
- enforcement general inquiry calls/e-mails 121
- 740 calls/e-mails regarding pending enforcements
- calls/e-mails regarding pending registrations registration general inquiry calls/e-mails 494
- 5,734 618
- calls/e-mails regarding pending audits audit general inquiry calls/e-mails 19
- 1,867
- examination general inquiry calls/e-mails calls/e-mails regarding pending examinations complaints resulting in investigations complaints referred 102
- 99
- 65
- complaints with no authority to investigate 72
- 4 complaints with no violation of Securities or Franchise Acts

COMPARISON OF FEES COLLECTED BY THE DIVISION OF SECURITIES AND RETAIL FRANCHISING FOR THE YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND DECEMBER 31, 2021

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	Increase or (Decrease)
Securities Act	\$13,657,674.04	\$15,768,844.64	\$2,111,170.60
Retail Franchising Act	\$533,750.00	\$617,359.15	\$83,609.15
Trademarks-Service Marks	\$27,510.00	\$25,800.00	(\$1,710.00)
Penalties	\$208,335.22	\$162,425.71	(\$45,909.51)
Cost of Investigations	<u>\$63,800.00</u>	\$20,111.00	(\$43,689.00)
Total	\$14,491,069.26	\$16,594,540.50	\$2,103,471.24