

Exhibit 1

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DALLAS DIVISION**

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No.: 3-09-CV-0298-N

STANFORD INTERNATIONAL BANK, LTD.,
STANFORD GROUP COMPANY,
STANFORD CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC
R. ALLEN STANFORD, JAMES M. DAVIS, and
LAURA PENDERGEST-HOLT,

Defendants.

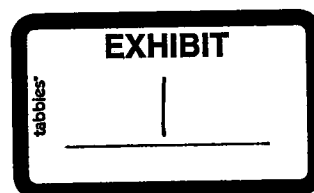
AFFIDAVIT OF MELIDA VIERA

On, August 14, 2009, Melida Viera, appeared before me, and after being placed under oath, confirmed the truth of the following statements:

"My name is Melida Viera. I am over the age of 18 and competent to make this oath.

"I am a resident of Miami-Dade County, Florida and I have personal knowledge of the facts stated in this affidavit.

1. I am presently not Rebecca Reeves-Stanford attorney on this case or any other.
2. Our daughters are friends in high-school. Rebecca Reeves-Stanford called when the news broke on television about her children's father Allen Stanford being sued by SEC. I went to her as support.
3. When Rebecca Reeves-Stanford was served with a Request for Production she sought my limited advice because she did not have an attorney.



4. I called the number Rebecca Reeves-Stanford gave me from the documents. I spoke to a female attorney whose name I did not remember and did not write down but have since learned from the documents emailed to me from the receiver. I asked Ms. Ayers for the documents to be sent via email to me. This lawyer asked that I email her a notice of appearance. I was very clear that I would not be representing Rebecca Reeves-Stanford as I am family attorney and do not handle federal cases and surely was not qualified to handle this one. I sent an email stating it was a limited appearance.

5. Rebecca Reeves-Stanford was under the belief that she had to physically appear within a few days. I did explain that was not the case and that the subpoena was requesting documents.

6. I advised Rebecca Reeves-Stanford to retain counsel that had a federal law practice.

7. I have not seen or heard from Rebecca Reeves-Stanford since that time.

8. I was aware that Rebecca Reeves-Stanford was selling her house as was everyone. It was public knowledge and very much discussed within the Miami circle whether you knew them or not.

9. I did become aware that Rebecca Reeves-Stanford had sold her house, though not by her. Rebecca Reeves-Stanford and I have never spoken again. She did not inform me that she had sold her house, or for how much or what she did with the funds.

10. The first time I became aware that Rebecca Reeves-Stanford had sent the monies overseas was August 13, 2009 from the office of the receiver.

11. I had absolutely no knowledge then or to this date of who she hired to represent her in the closing.

12. I had absolutely no knowledge then or to this date of who she hired to represent her with regard to shielding her money.

13. I have absolutely no knowledge of what Rebecca Reeves-Stanford is doing with her case, her money or who she has hired outside of Mr. Priovolos and Mr. Cohen.

14. I do not know the attorney Michael Kamilar. Before reading his name in the documents presented to me by the receiver, I had never heard his name and was not aware that Rebecca Reeves-Stanford had hired him. I still do not know what role he played.

15. I never opened a file on Rebecca Reeves-Stanford nor have or ever have seen any of the documents requested in the request for production. I never printed, copied or filed the request for production received and do not recall having received any orders. Orders were never discussed between Rebecca Reeves-Stanford and myself. Again, I do not consider myself knowledgeable in the area of federal law and would not advise Rebecca Reeves-Stanford or any other client on federal matters.

16. At all times, I have tried to cooperate with the office of the receiver. I have quickly and honestly responded to any correspondence whether directed to me or when I have been copied in.

17. I have no knowledge on how to shield investments in foreign countries. I never at any time advised Rebecca Reeves-Stanford in this area and was informed by the receiver that she had done so in the Cook Islands and in New Zealand. I have never heard of this being done before by anyone.

18. I do not know the lawyer who represented Rebecca Reeves-Stanford in the sale of the house and only learned by reading the documents sent to me by the receiver that he was apparently located in Mr. Priovolos' building .

19. No lawyer has ever contacted me with regard to Ms. Reeves-Stanford sale of her house.

20. No lawyer has ever contacted me with regards to Ms. Reeves-Stanford shielding of her money.

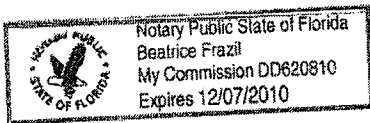
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STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE

Sworn to or affirmed and signed before me on August 14, 2009 by Melida Viera.



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 Produced identification
 Type of identification produced Florida Driver License