IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP., § § No. 141, 2000 \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ Defendant Below, Appellant, Court Below: V. § **Court of Chancery** § ROBERT M. COCHRAN, of the State of Delaware § in and for New Castle County § C.A. No. 17350-NC Plaintiff Below, Appellee.

> Submitted: April 7, 2000 Decided: April 13, 2000

Before VEASEY, Chief Justice, HOLLAND and BERGER, Justices.

ORDER

This 13th day of April, 2000, it appears to the Court that:

- 1) The defendant-appellant, Stifel Financial Corp., has petitioned this Court, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 42, to appeal from the portion of an interlocutory order issued by the Court of Chancery on March 8, 2000, relating to the statute of limitations.
- 2) On April 6, 2000, the Court of Chancery denied certification of Stifel Financial Corporation's petition to certify an interlocutory appeal to this Court.

3) Applications for interlocutory review are addressed to the sound

discretion of this Court and are granted only in extraordinary cases.

4) In the exercise of its discretion, this Court has concluded that the

application for interlocutory review does not meet the requirements of

Supreme Court Rule 42(b) and should be refused.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the within

interlocutory appeal is REFUSED.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ Carolyn Berger

Justice

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