

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
before the
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
Release No. 69145 / March 15, 2013

INVESTMENT ADVISERS ACT OF 1940
Release No. 3567 / March 15, 2013

Admin. Proc. File No. 3-14960

In the Matter of

ANDREW J. FRANZ

NOTICE THAT INITIAL DECISION HAS BECOME FINAL

The time for filing a petition for review of the initial decision in this proceeding has expired. No such petition has been filed by Andrew J. Franz and the Commission has not chosen to review the decision on its own initiative.

Accordingly, notice is hereby given, pursuant to Rule 360(d) of the Commission's Rules of Practice,¹ that the initial decision of the administrative law judge² has become the final decision of the Commission with respect to Andrew J. Franz. The orders contained in that decision are hereby declared effective. The initial decision ordered that, pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Andrew J. Franz is barred from associating with a broker, dealer, investment adviser, municipal securities dealer, municipal advisor, transfer agent, or nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The law judge further ordered that Andrew J. Franz is barred from participating in an offering of penny stock, including acting as any promoter, finder, consultant, agent, or other person who engages in activities with a broker, dealer, or issuer for purposes of the issuance or trading in any penny stock, or inducing or attempting to induce the purchase or sale of any penny stock.

For the Commission, by the Office of the General Counsel, pursuant to delegated authority.

Elizabeth M. Murphy
Secretary

¹ 17 C.F.R. ' 201.360(d).

² *Andrew J. Franz*, Initial Decision Release No. 480 (Jan. 18, 2013), __ SEC Docket __.