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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING

File No. 3-13331

In the Matter of Laurence G. Young

The Commission announced that it has instituted administrative proceedings against Laurence G. Young, based on the entry of a permanent injunction in the case SEC v. Jarrod W. McMillin, et al., Civil Action No. 07-CV-2636-REB-MEH (D. Colo.). In the Order Instituting Proceedings, the Division of Enforcement alleges that the judgment, entered on December 22, 2008, enjoins Young from future violations of Sections 5(a), 5(c), and 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 and Sections 10(b) and 15(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 10b-5 thereunder.

In its complaint in the injunctive case, the Commission alleged that Young participated in a scheme to defraud investors by soliciting investors to finance an advertising program known as American Investors Network or AIN. AIN promised to return monthly profits of \$10,000 to \$20,000 on each \$2,000 investment. The advertising interests were investment contracts which are securities under federal law. Among other claims, the complaint alleged that Young knew that AIN was a Ponzi scheme and that there was no advertising program. Rather, investors who received "profit" distributions were paid with funds solicited from other investors. The complaint also alleged that Young acted as an unregistered broker-dealer in connection with the offer and sale of securities. A hearing will be convened to determine whether the allegations in the Order Instituting Proceedings are true, to provide Young an opportunity to dispute the allegations, and to determine whether any remedial sanction is appropriate in the public interest against Young.

The Order directs the Administrative Law Judge to issue an initial decision in this matter no later than 210 days from the date of service of the Order.