UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Before the SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 Release No. 84201 / September 19, 2018

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING File No. 3-18792

In the Matter of

ALLAN MICHAEL ROTH,

Respondent.

ORDER INSTITUTING ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(b) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 AND NOTICE OF HEARING

I.

The Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") deems it appropriate and in the public interest that public administrative proceedings be, and hereby are, instituted pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") against Allan Michael Roth ("Respondent" or "Roth").

II.

After an investigation, the Division of Enforcement alleges that:

A. <u>RESPONDENT</u>

1. Roth, 60 years old, resided in Palm Harbor, Florida and is currently in the custody of the Florida Department of Corrections. Between February 1989 and August 2011, Roth was associated with nine broker-dealers registered with the Commission, several of which were also registered with the Commission as investment advisers. Roth held Series 7, 8, 63, and 65 licenses. During the time of his criminal misconduct described in paragraph B.3 below, Roth acted as an unregistered broker, engaged in the business of effecting transactions in securities for the account of others, and was a person associated with a broker. In particular, Roth sold securities in BizRocket.com, Inc. ("BZRT"), receiving compensation in the form of 14,500,000 shares of BZRT stock.

B. <u>RESPONDENT'S CRIMINAL CONVICTION</u>

2. On March 6, 2017, Roth pled guilty to 34 counts of selling unregistered securities and 34 counts of failing to register as an associated person, dealer or issuer, in violation of, respectively, Fla. Statutes, Sections 517.07 and 517.12, before the Circuit Court of the Sixth Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida, in *State of Florida v. Allan Michael Roth*, Case No. 15-2055CF. The counts to which Roth pled guilty are felonies involving the purchase or sale of a security. On June 12, 2017, Roth was sentenced to a total term of imprisonment of 6 years and 1 day, followed by 3 years and 364 days of probation, and was ordered to pay approximately \$293,145.69 in restitution.

3. In connection with that plea, Roth admitted that he was employed by JACO Financial, LLC ("JACO"), an unregistered entity owned by an unregistered individual. While associated with JACO (at a time he was no longer associated with a registered broker-dealer), Roth solicited former brokerage customers to purchase BZRT shares, which they did based on Roth's representations. Between January 1, 2012 and May 2, 2012, Roth sold or offered to sell securities in BZRT to 20 different investors in 34 separate transactions, receiving a total of \$295,465.69 in investor funds in the form of checks payable to JACO.

III.

In view of the allegations made by the Division of Enforcement, the Commission deems it necessary and appropriate in the public interest that public administrative proceedings be instituted to determine:

A. Whether the allegations set forth in Section II hereof are true and, in connection therewith, to afford Respondent an opportunity to establish any defenses to such allegations; and

B. What, if any, remedial action is appropriate in the public interest against Respondent pursuant to Section 15(b)(6) of the Exchange Act

IV.

IT IS ORDERED that a public hearing before the Commission for the purpose of taking evidence on the questions set forth in Section III hereof shall be convened at a time and place to be fixed by further order of the Commission, pursuant to Rule 110 of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 17 C.F.R. § 201.110.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent shall file an Answer to the allegations contained in this Order within twenty (20) days after service of this Order, as provided by Rule 220(b) of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 17 C.F.R. § 201.220(b).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Division of Enforcement and Respondent shall conduct a prehearing conference pursuant to Rule 221 of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 17 C.F.R. § 201.221, within fourteen (14) days of service of the Answer. The parties may meet in

person or participate by telephone or other remote means; following the conference, they shall file a statement with the Office of the Secretary advising the Commission of any agreements reached at said conference. If a prehearing conference was not held, a statement shall be filed with the Office of the Secretary advising the Commission of that fact and of the efforts made to meet and confer.

If Respondent fails to file the directed Answer, or fails to appear at a hearing or conference after being duly notified, the Respondent may be deemed in default and the proceedings may be determined against him upon consideration of this Order, the allegations of which may be deemed to be true as provided by Rules 155(a), 220(f), 221(f) and 310 of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 17 C.F.R. §§ 201.155(a), 201.220(f), 201.221(f), and 201.310.

This Order shall be served forthwith upon Respondent by any means permitted by the Commission's Rules of Practice.

Attention is called to Rule 151(b) and (c) of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 17 C.F.R. § 201.151(b) and (c), providing that when, as here, a proceeding is set before the Commission, all papers (including those listed in the following paragraph) shall be filed with the Office of the Secretary and all motions, objections, or applications will be decided by the Commission. The Commission requests that an electronic courtesy copy of each filing should be emailed to <u>APFilings@sec.gov</u> in PDF text-searchable format. Any exhibits should be sent as separate attachments, not a combined PDF.

The Commission finds that it would serve the interests of justice and not result in prejudice to any party to provide, pursuant to Rule 100(c) of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 17 C.F.R. § 201.100(c), that notwithstanding any contrary reference in the Rules of Practice to filing with or disposition by a hearing officer, all filings, including those under Rules 210, 221, 222, 230, 231, 232, 233, and 250 of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 17 C.F.R. §§ 201.210, 221, 222, 230, 231, 232, 233, and 250, shall be directed to and, as appropriate, decided by the Commission, and that any motion for summary disposition shall be filed under Rule 250(a) or (b).

The Commission finds that it would serve the interests of justice and not result in prejudice to any party to provide, pursuant to Rule 100(c) of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 17 C.F.R. § 201.100(c), that the Commission shall issue a decision on the basis of the record in this proceeding, which shall consist of the items listed at Rule 350(a) of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 17 C.F.R. § 201.350(a), and any other document or item filed with the Office of the Secretary and accepted into the record by the Commission. The provisions of Rule 351 of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 17 C.F.R. § 201.351, relating to preparation and certification of a record index by the Office of the Secretary or the hearing officer are not applicable to this proceeding.

The Commission will issue a final order resolving the proceeding after one of the following: (A) The completion of post-hearing briefing in a proceeding where the public hearing has been completed; (B) The completion of briefing on a motion for a ruling on the pleadings or a motion for summary disposition pursuant to Rule 250 of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 17 C.F.R. § 201.250, where the Commission has determined that no public hearing is necessary; or

(C) The determination that a party is deemed to be in default under Rule 155 of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 17 C.F.R. § 201.155, and no public hearing is necessary.

In the absence of an appropriate waiver, no officer or employee of the Commission engaged in the performance of investigative or prosecuting functions in this or any factually related proceeding will be permitted to participate or advise in the decision of this matter, except as witness or counsel in proceedings held pursuant to notice. Since this proceeding is not "rule making" within the meaning of Section 551 of the Administrative Procedure Act, it is not deemed subject to the provisions of Section 553 delaying the effective date of any final Commission action.

By the Commission.

Brent J. Fields Secretary