UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Before the SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 Release No. 95187 / June 30, 2022

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING File No. 3-20919

In the Matter of

WESLEY J. EVANS,

Respondent.

ORDER INSTITUTING
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS
PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(b) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934,
MAKING FINDINGS, AND IMPOSING
REMEDIAL SANCTIONS

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 Wesley J. Evans ("Evans" or "Respondent").

II.

In anticipation of the institution of these proceedings, Respondent has submitted an Offer of Settlement (the "Offer") which the Commission has determined to accept. Solely for the purpose of these proceedings and any other proceedings brought by or on behalf of the Commission, or to which the Commission is a party, and without admitting or denying the findings herein, except as to the Commission's jurisdiction over him and the subject matter of these proceedings and the findings contained in paragraph III-2 below, which are admitted, Respondent consents to the entry of this Order Instituting Administrative Proceedings Pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Making Findings, and Imposing Remedial Sanctions ("Order"), as set forth below.

III.

On the basis of this Order and Respondent's Offer, the Commission finds that

- 1. From April 2016 to May 2020, Evans was associated with a registered broker-dealer. Evans, 41 years old, is a resident of Seattle, Washington.
- 2. On March 25, 2021, <u>In the Matter of Wesley J. Evans</u>, Order No. S-20-3019-21-FO01, the State of Washington Department of Financial Institutions entered a final order ("Washington Order") denying "any future applications by Respondent Evans to be registered as an investment adviser, broker-dealer, investment adviser representative, or securities salesperson." The Washington Order found that Evans "engaged in dishonest and unethical business practices" as defined by Section 460-22B-090 of the Washington Administrative Code.
- 3. The Washington Order found that on February 14, 2020, Evans misappropriated \$14,740 in funds from two clients by transferring these funds from their bank accounts to his personal credit cards.

IV.

In view of the foregoing, the Commission deems it appropriate and in the public interest to impose the sanctions agreed to in Respondent Evans's Offer.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED pursuant to Section 15(b)(6) of the Exchange Act, that Respondent Evans be, and hereby is barred from association with any broker, dealer, investment adviser, municipal securities dealer, municipal advisor, transfer agent, or nationally recognized statistical rating organization; and

Pursuant to Section 15(b)(6) of the Exchange Act Respondent Evans be, and hereby is barred from participating in any offering of a penny stock, including: acting as a 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.

Any reapplication for association by the Respondent will be subject to the applicable laws and regulations governing the reentry process, and reentry may be conditioned upon a number of factors, including, but not limited to, compliance with the Commission's order and payment of any or all of the following: (a) any disgorgement or civil penalties ordered by a Court against the Respondent in any action brought by the Commission; (b) any disgorgement amounts ordered against the Respondent for which the Commission waived payment; (c) any arbitration award related to the conduct that served as the basis for the Commission order; (d) any self-regulatory organization arbitration award to a customer, whether or not related to the conduct that served as

the basis	s for the	Commis	ssion orde	er; and	(e) any r	estitution	order by	a self-1	egulatory	organization
whether	or not r	elated to	the cond	uct that	served	as the ba	sis for the	e Comm	ission ord	ler.

By the Commission.

Vanessa A. Countryman Secretary