

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Before the
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

INVESTMENT ADVISERS ACT OF 1940
Release No. 4811 / November 20, 2017

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING
File No. 3-18288

In the Matter of

LAWRENCE E. PENN, III

Respondent.

**ORDER INSTITUTING ADMINISTRATIVE
PROCEEDINGS PURSUANT TO SECTION
203(f) OF THE INVESTMENT ADVISERS
ACT OF 1940 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 203(f) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (“Advisers Act”) against Lawrence E. Penn, III (“Respondent” or “Penn”).

II.

After an investigation, the Division of Enforcement alleges that:

A. RESPONDENT

1. From at least March 2010 through October 2013, Respondent was the managing director of Camelot Acquisitions Secondary Opportunities Management, LLC, an investment adviser registered with the Commission. Respondent, 47 years old, is a resident of New York, New York.

B. ENTRY OF THE INJUNCTION/RESPONDENT’S CRIMINAL CONVICTION

2. On August 22, 2017, a final judgment was entered against Penn, permanently enjoining him from future violations of Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 10b-5 thereunder, and Sections 206(1) and 206(2) of the Advisers Act, in the

civil action entitled Securities and Exchange Commission v. Penn, et al., Civil Action Number 1:14-CV-0581, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York

3. The Commission's complaint alleged that, between March 2010 and October 2013, Penn engaged in a fraudulent scheme to misappropriate approximately \$9 million from a private equity fund in order to provide additional assets to Penn to spend on his business and personal expenditures.

4. On March 16, 2015, Penn pled guilty to Grand Larceny in the First Degree in violation of New York Penal Law § 155.42 and Falsifying Business Records in the First Degree in violation of New York Penal Law § 1175.10 before the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York: Part 42 in The People of the State of New York vs. Lawrence E. Penn, III, Indictment No. 00073-14. On April 20, 2015, Penn was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$8,362,974 and was sentenced to a prison term of two to six years.

5. The counts of the criminal information to which Penn pleaded guilty alleged, among other things, that Penn stole over \$1 million from a private equity fund in the same scheme underlying the Commission's complaint described in Paragraph 3 above.

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 203(f) of the Advisers Act.

IV.

IT IS ORDERED that a public hearing 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, and before an Administrative Law Judge to be designated by further order as provided by 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 of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 17 C.F.R. § 201.220.

If Respondent fails to file the directed answer, or fails to appear at a hearing 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 as provided for in the Commission's Rules of Practice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to Rule 360(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 17 C.F.R. § 201.360(a)(2), the Administrative Law Judge shall issue an initial decision no later than 75 days from the occurrence of one of the following events: (A) The completion of post-hearing briefing in a proceeding where the hearing has been completed; (B) Where the hearing officer has determined that no hearing is necessary, upon completion of briefing on a motion pursuant to Rule 250 of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 17 C.F.R. § 201.250; or (C) The determination by the hearing officer 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 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.

For the Commission, by its Secretary, pursuant to delegated authority.

Brent J. Fields
Secretary