

**FINANCIAL INDUSTRY REGULATORY AUTHORITY
LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE, WAIVER AND CONSENT
NO. 2014040233501**

TO: Department of Enforcement
Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA")

RE: Joseph Murray Snyder III, Respondent
CRD No. 5950558

Pursuant to FINRA Rule 9216 of FINRA's Code of Procedure, I submit this Letter of Acceptance, Waiver and Consent ("AWC") for the purpose of proposing a settlement of the alleged rule violations described below. This AWC is submitted on the condition that, if accepted, FINRA will not bring any future actions against me alleging violations based on the same factual findings described herein.

I.

ACCEPTANCE AND CONSENT

- A. I hereby accept and consent, without admitting or denying the findings, and solely for the purposes of this proceeding and any other proceeding brought by or on behalf of FINRA, or to which FINRA is a party, prior to a hearing and without an adjudication of any issue of law or fact, to the entry of the following findings by FINRA:

BACKGROUND

Joseph Murray Snyder III ("Snyder" or "Respondent") entered the securities industry in 2011, when he became associated with Allstate Financial Services, LLC (the "Firm"), a FINRA regulated broker-dealer. Snyder obtained Series 6 and 63 licenses in 2011. On February 19, 2014, the Firm filed a Uniform Termination Notice for Securities Industry Registration ("Form U5") with FINRA disclosing that Snyder was discharged from the Firm on February 10, 2014 after allegations that he misappropriated customer cash insurance premium payments, falsified company records and used his personal credit cards to make installment insurance premium payments.

Snyder is not currently associated with a FINRA regulated broker-dealer but remains subject to FINRA's jurisdiction pursuant to Article V, Section 4 of FINRA's By-Laws.

RELEVANT DISCIPLINARY HISTORY

Snyder has no prior relevant disciplinary history.

OVERVIEW

Snyder failed to provide on-the-record testimony as requested by FINRA staff's Rule 8210 request letter dated August 28, 2015 in violation of FINRA Rules 8210 and 2010.

FACTS AND VIOLATIVE CONDUCT

FINRA Rule 8210 provides, in relevant part, that "[f]or the purpose of an investigation, complaint, examination, or proceeding authorized by the FINRA By-Laws or rules ... FINRA staff shall have the right to ... require a member, person associated with a member, or person subject to FINRA's jurisdiction to provide information orally ... and to testify at a location specified by FINRA staff, under oath or affirmation ... with respect to any matter involved in the investigation, complaint, examination or proceeding[.]"

FINRA Rule 2010 requires that associated persons, in the conduct of their business, observe high standards of commercial honor and just and equitable principles of trade. A failure to comply with FINRA Rule 8210 is a violation of FINRA Rule 2010.

FINRA commenced an investigation into Snyder's termination from the Firm as well as allegations that he misappropriated customer cash insurance premium payments, falsified company records and used his personal credit cards to make installment insurance premium payments.

On August 28, 2015, pursuant to FINRA Rule 8210, FINRA staff sent a letter to Snyder requesting that he appear and provide testimony under oath on September 17, 2015. The letter advised Snyder that his failure to appear for testimony could subject him to disciplinary action and the imposition of sanctions, including a bar from the securities industry.

The August 28, 2015 Rule 8210 request letter was served on Snyder's counsel.

On September 8, 2015, Snyder's counsel contacted staff to state that Snyder acknowledged receipt of FINRA's Rule 8210 request for testimony and that Snyder will not cooperate with FINRA's investigation. Snyder did not appear for the on-the-record testimony on September 17, 2015. By refusing to respond to FINRA's request for testimony as requested pursuant to FINRA Rule 8210, Snyder violated FINRA Rules 8210 and 2010.

B. I also consent to the imposition of the following sanctions:

A bar from associating with any FINRA member in any capacity.

I understand that if I am barred or suspended from associating with any FINRA member, I become subject to a statutory disqualification as that term is defined in Article III, Section 4 of FINRA's By-Laws, incorporating Section 3(a)(39) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Accordingly, I may not be associated with any FINRA member in any capacity, including clerical or ministerial functions, during the period of the bar or suspension (see FINRA Rules 8310 and 8311).

The sanctions imposed herein shall be effective on a date set by FINRA staff. Pursuant to FINRA Rule 8313(e), a bar or expulsion shall become effective upon approval or acceptance of this AWC.

II.

WAIVER OF PROCEDURAL RIGHTS

I specifically and voluntarily waive the following rights granted under FINRA's Code of Procedure:

- A. To have a Complaint issued specifying the allegations against me;
- B. To be notified of the Complaint and have the opportunity to answer the allegations in writing;
- C. To defend against the allegations in a disciplinary hearing before a hearing panel, to have a written record of the hearing made and to have a written decision issued; and
- D. To appeal any such decision to the National Adjudicatory Council ("NAC") and then to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and a U.S. Court of Appeals.

Further, I specifically and voluntarily waive any right to claim bias or prejudgment of the Chief Legal Officer, the NAC, or any member of the NAC, in connection with such person's or body's participation in discussions regarding the terms and conditions of this AWC, or other consideration of this AWC, including acceptance or rejection of this AWC.

I further specifically and voluntarily waive any right to claim that a person violated the ex parte prohibitions of FINRA Rule 9143 or the separation of functions prohibitions of FINRA Rule 9144, in connection with such person's or body's participation in discussions regarding the terms and conditions of this AWC, or other consideration of this AWC, including its acceptance or rejection.

III.

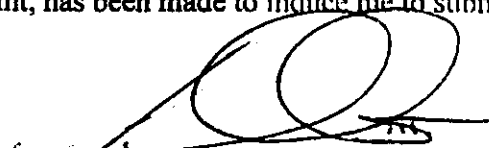
OTHER MATTERS

I understand that:

- A. Submission of this AWC is voluntary and will not resolve this matter unless and until it has been reviewed and accepted by the NAC, a Review Subcommittee of the NAC, or the Office of Disciplinary Affairs ("ODA"), pursuant to FINRA Rule 9216;
- B. If this AWC is not accepted, its submission will not be used as evidence to prove any of the allegations against me; and
- C. If accepted:
 - 1. this AWC will become part of my permanent disciplinary record and may be considered in any future actions brought by FINRA or any other regulator against me;
 - 2. this AWC will be made available through FINRA's public disclosure program in accordance with FINRA Rule 8313;
 - 3. FINRA may make a public announcement concerning this agreement and the subject matter thereof in accordance with FINRA Rule 8313; and
 - 4. I may not take any action or make or permit to be made any public statement, including in regulatory filings or otherwise, denying, directly or indirectly, any finding in this AWC or create the impression that the AWC is without factual basis. I may not take any position in any proceeding brought by or on behalf of FINRA, or to which FINRA is a party, that is inconsistent with any part of this AWC. Nothing in this provision affects my: (i) testimonial obligations; or (ii) right to take legal or factual positions in litigation or other legal proceedings in which FINRA is not a party.

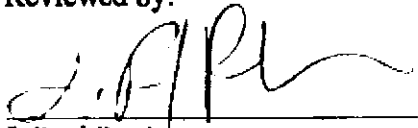
I certify that I have read and understand all of the provisions of this AWC and have been given a full opportunity to ask questions about it; that I have agreed to its provisions voluntarily; and that no offer, threat, inducement, or promise of any kind, other than the terms set forth herein and the prospect of avoiding the issuance of a Complaint, has been made to induce me to submit it.

09/29/2015
Date (mm/dd/yyyy)



Joseph Murray Snyder III, Respondent

Reviewed by:



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Accepted by FINRA:

10/6/15
Date

Signed on behalf of the
Director of ODA, by delegated authority



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