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STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT **DIVISION OF BANKING AND SECURITIES**

))) ORDER NO. 19-231-S	
IN THE MATTER OF:	ORDER ASSESSING CIVIL PENALTIES AND CONSENT TO	
SECURIAN FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	ORDER	
Respondent.))	
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The Director of the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Banking and Securities ("Administrator"), has conducted an investigation into the business activities of Securian Financial Services, Inc., ("Securian"), ("Respondent"). The Administrator has determined that Securian violated certain provisions of the Alaska Securities Act, Alaska Statutes (AS) 45.55 et seq. and AS 45.56 et seq.

Respondent agrees that the Administrator has jurisdiction over Respondent and these matters under the Alaska Securities Act.

Respondent wishes to resolve and settle this matter with the Administrator. As evidenced by the authorized signature on this Order, Respondent consents to the entry of this Order assessing civil penalties based on the Conclusions of Law and Order. Respondent waives its right of appeal under AS 45.55.920(d) and AS 45.56.690(b).

T. **FACTS**

Securian's Central Registration Depository ("CRD") number is 15296.

Securian is a broker-dealer with an address of 400 Robert Street North, St. Paul, MN, 55101.

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¹ On January 1, 2019, AS 45.56 became effective as the Alaska Securities Act. Before January 1, 2019, the Alaska Securities Act was codified at AS 45.55. Citations to AS 45.55 in this Order refer to AS 45.55 as codified before enactment of AS 45.56.

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Securian has been registered in Alaska as a broker-dealer since February 15, 1985 and has been a federal covered investment adviser (SEC No. 8-31955) notice filed in Alaska since January 1, 1999.

- Securian has a registered broker-dealer branch (CRD No. 98960) located at
 3301 C St., Suite 501 in Anchorage, Alaska (the "Anchorage Branch").
- 3. Securian began offering broker-dealer services at the Anchorage Branch on January 2, 1997 and began offering investment advisory services at the Anchorage Branch on July 6, 2001.
- 4. B.M., a Securian independent contractor, was the person-in-charge of the Anchorage Branch until December 27, 2016. B.M. was properly registered as a broker-dealer agent and investment adviser representative in Alaska.
- 5. On or about January 20, 2016, J.F., a Securian independent contractor purchased the Anchorage Branch's book of business from B.M.
- 6. On August 21, 2019, the Administrator conducted a routine broker-dealer branch examination of the Anchorage Branch. During the examination, the Administrator discovered that J.F. and three Securian independent contractors (collectively, "Four Representatives") had provided investment advisory services to twenty-six Alaska clients from December 27, 2016 through August 21, 2019 without being registered as investment adviser representatives in Alaska.
- 7. The Administrator contacted Securian to inform Securian that the Four Representatives lacked registrations as investment adviser representatives in Alaska. Securian was not aware that the Four Representatives lacked registrations as investment adviser representatives in Alaska until the Administrator informed Securian of that fact.
 - 8. Securian immediately submitted investment adviser representative registration

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applications for the Four Representatives to be registered in Alaska.

9. Securian has fully cooperated with the Administrator in its investigation into this matter.

II. **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

For the period of December 27, 2016 through December 31, 2018

- 1. The Four Representatives acted as "investment adviser representatives" in Alaska as that term was defined in AS 45.55.990(15)(A)(i) and (ii).
- 2. Securian violated AS 45.55.030(h) by associating with the Four Representatives as investment adviser representatives without them being registered in Alaska.
- 3. Securian is subject to a civil penalty under AS 45.55.920(c) because it violated AS 45.55.030(h).

For the period of January 1, 2019 through August 21, 2019

- 1. The Four Representatives acted as "investment adviser representatives" in Alaska as that term is defined in AS 45.56.900(19).
- 2. Securian violated AS 45.56.340(d) by associating with the Four Representatives as investment adviser representatives without being registered in Alaska.
- 3. Securian is subject to a civil penalty under AS 45.56.690(d) because it violated AS 45.56.340(d).

III. **ORDER**

Pursuant to AS 45.55.920 and 45.56.690, and on the basis of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Respondent's consent to the entry of this Order, the Administrator **ORDERS:**

1. Respondent to comply with all provisions of the Alaska Securities Act and associated regulations.

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2. Respondent to pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$10,000.²

IT IS SO ORDERED

JULIE ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Dated this	3/31/2020	/s/ Patrice Walsh_
		BY: Patrice Walsh, Director
		Division of Banking and Securities

Consent to Entry of Order Securian Financial Services, Inc.

I, <u>Kimberly Carpenter</u>, state that I am the <u>Sr. Vice President</u> of Securian

Financial Services, Inc. ("Securian"); that I am authorized to act on its behalf; that I have read the foregoing Order and that I know and fully understand the Order's contents; that Securian acknowledges violation of the Alaska Securities Act; that Securian has been advised of the right to a hearing and Securian expressly waives its right to hearing in this matter; that Securian voluntarily and without any force of duress, consents to the entry of this Order; that Securian understands that the Administrator reserves the right to take further actions to enforce this Order or to take appropriate action upon discovery of other violations of the Alaska Securities Act, and that Securian will fully comply with the terms and conditions stated herein.

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² Civil penalty calculated at \$5,000 for the violations covering the period December 27, 2016 through December 31, 2018 and \$5,000 for the violation covering the period January 1, 2018 through August 21, 2019.