

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
SECRETARY OF STATE
SECURITIES DEPARTMENT**

IN THE MATTER OF: AMVEST SECURITIES, INC.)
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FILE NO. 0900296

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO THE RESPONDENT.

Amvest Securities, Inc.
(CRD# 18380)
1395 E. Dublin -Granville Road Suite 203
Columbus, Ohio 43229-3314

You are hereby notified that pursuant to Section 11F of The Illinois Securities Law of 1953 [815-ILCS 5] (the "Act") and 14 Ill. Adm. Code 130, Subpart K, a public hearing will be held at 69 West Washington Street, Suite 1220, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on the 10th day of March, 2010 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. or as soon as possible thereafter, before James L. Kopecky, Esq , or such other duly designated Hearing Officer of the Secretary of State.

Said hearing will be held to determine whether an Order shall be entered which would deny Amvest Securities, Inc.'s (the "Respondent") application for registration as an investment adviser in the State of Illinois and/or granting such other relief as may be authorized under the Act including but not limited to the imposition of a monetary fine in the maximum amount pursuant to Section 11.E(4) of the Act, payable within ten (10) business days of the entry of the Order.

The grounds for such proposed action are as follows:

- 1 That the Respondent is a corporation which engages in the business of providing investment advice for compensation to the general public.
- 2 That on June 23, 2009 the Respondent filed a Form U-4 application for registration as an investment adviser in the State of Illinois.

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3. That the Respondent provided investment advice for compensation to six(6) Illinois residents in the year 2008 and to seven (7) Illinois residents in the year 2009.
4. That Section 8.A of the Act provides, in pertinent part, except as otherwise provided, every investment adviser shall be registered as such with the Secretary of State.
5. That the activity described in paragraph three (3) above constitutes the activity of an investment adviser as defined in Section 2.11 of the Act.
6. That during all relevant times, the Respondent was not registered with the Secretary of State as an investment adviser pursuant to Section 8 of the Act.
7. That Section 12 C of the Act provides, inter alia, that it is a violation of the provisions of the Act for any person to act as an investment adviser, unless registered as such where such registration is required under the provisions of the Act.
8. That by virtue of the foregoing, the Respondent has committed a violation of Section 12.C of the Act.
9. That Section 8 E(1)(g) of the Act provides that the registration of an investment adviser may be denied if it has violated any of the provisions of this Act.
10. That by virtue of the foregoing, the Respondent's application for registration as an investment adviser in the State of Illinois is subject to denial pursuant to Section 8.E(1)(g) of the Act.

You are further notified that you are required pursuant to Section 130.1104 of the Rules and Regulations (14 Ill Adm Code 130) (the "Rules"), to file an answer to the allegations outlined above within thirty (30) days of the receipt of this notice. A failure to file an answer within the prescribed time shall be construed as an admission of the allegations contained in the Notice of Hearing.

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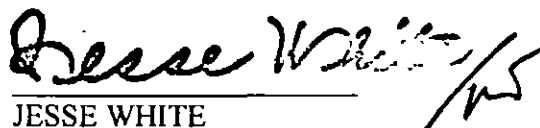
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Furthermore, you may be represented by legal counsel; may present evidence; may cross-examine witnesses and otherwise participate. A failure to so appear shall constitute default, unless any Respondent has upon due notice moved for and obtained a continuance.

A copy of the Rules, promulgated under the Act and pertaining to hearings held the Office of the Secretary of State, Securities Department, is included with this Notice.

Delivery of Notice to the designated representative of any Respondent constitutes service upon such Respondent.

Dated: This 26th day of January 2010.



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