

STATE OF ILLINOIS
SECRETARY OF STATE
SECURITIES DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF: J & R FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.)
ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS,)
EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, AFFILIATES,) FILE NO: 0200391
SUCCESSORS, AND ASSIGNS AND)
RONALD PROVART AND JAMES A)
BLACKBURN)

AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

TO THE RESPONDENTS: J & R Financial Group, Inc.
Ronald Provart
3805 Kingsley Dr.
Springfield, Ill 62707

James A. Blackburn
1316 Black Road
Joliet, Ill 60425

You are hereby notified that pursuant to Section 11.F of the Illinois Securities Law of 1953, [815 ILCS 5/1 et seq.] (the "Act") and 14 Ill. Adm. Code 130, Subpart K, a public hearing will be held at 520 South Second Street, Suite 200, Springfield, Illinois 62701, on the 16th day of July, 2003 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, before Jon Ellis, or such other duly designated Hearing Officer of the Secretary of State. A copy of the Rules under the Act pertaining to contested cases is attached to this Notice.

Said hearing will be held to determine whether an Order of Prohibition should be entered against J & R Financial Group, Inc., its officers, directors, employees, agents, affiliates, successors and assigns including Ronald Provart and James A. Blackburn in the State of Illinois and granting such other relief as may be authorized under the Act including but not limited to imposition of a monetary fine in the maximum amount pursuant to Section 11 of the Act, payable within ten (10) days of the entry of the Order.

The grounds for such proposed action are as follows:

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Count I (Violation of Section 12.A)

1. That Ronald Provart is an Illinois resident with a last known address of 3805 Kingsley Dr., Springfield, Illinois 62707 and is an Officer of J & R Financial Group, Inc.;
2. That James A. Blackburn is an Illinois resident with a last known address of 1316 Black Road Joliet, Illinois 60425 and is an Officer of J & R Financial Group, Inc.;
3. That J & R Financial Group, Inc. is a purported business entity with a last known business address of 3805 Kingsley Dr., Springfield, Illinois 62707;
4. That on or about June 3, 1998 to December 31, 2001, Inc. by and through its agents, Ronald Provart and James A. Blackburn, offered and sold to at least one Illinois resident promissory notes in various amounts and paying interest in the amount of 12 percent per annum compounded monthly;
5. That the above-referenced promissory notes are securities as that term is defined pursuant to Section 2.1. of the Illinois Securities Law of 1953 [815 ILCS 5/1 et seq.] (the "Act");
6. That Section 5 of the Act provides, inter alia, that all securities except those set forth under Section 2A of the Act or those exempt under Section 3 of the Act or those offered and sold in transactions exempt under Section 4 of the Act shall be registered with the Secretary of State prior to their offer or sale in the State of Illinois;
7. That Section 12.A of the Act provides, inter alia, that it shall be a violation of the Act for any person to offer or sell securities except in accordance with the provisions of the Act;
8. That at all times relevant hereto, J & R Financial Group, Inc., Ronald Provart and James A. Blackburn failed to file an application for registration of the above-referenced securities with the Secretary of State prior to their offer or sale in the State of Illinois;

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9. That by virtue of the foregoing, the Respondents, J & R Financial Group, Inc., Ronald Provart and James A. Blackburn, have violated Section 12.A of the Act;
10. That Section 11.E(4) of the Act provides, inter alia, that if the Secretary of State, after finding that any provision of the Act has been violated, may impose a fine as provided by rule, regulation or order not to exceed \$10,000.00 for each violation of the Act; and
11. That by virtue of the foregoing, J & R Financial Group, Inc. its officers, directors, employees, agents, affiliates, successors and assigns including Ronald Provart and James A. Blackburn is subject to a fine of up to \$10,000.00 per violation.

Count II (Violation of Section 12.D)

- 1-5. Paragraphs 1 through 5 of Count I are re-alleged and incorporated as paragraphs 1 through 5 of this Count II;
6. That Section 12.D of the Act provides, inter alia, that it shall be a violation of the Act for any person to fail to file with the Secretary of State any document or application required to be filed under the provisions of the Act;
7. That at all times relevant hereto, J & R Financial Group, Inc., Ronald Provart and James A. Blackburn failed to file an application for registration of the above-referenced securities with the Secretary of State prior to their offer or sale in the State of Illinois;
8. That by virtue of the foregoing, the Respondents, J & R Financial Group, Inc., Ronald Provart and James A. Blackburn have violated Section 12.D of the Act;
9. That Section 11.E(2) of the Act provides, inter alia, that if the Secretary of State shall find that any person has violated subsection D of Section 12 of the Act, the Secretary of State may by written order prohibit the person from offering or selling any securities in this State;

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10. That Section 11.E(4) of the Act provides, inter alia, that if the Secretary of State, after finding that any provision of the Act has been violated, may impose a fine as provided by rule, regulation or order not to exceed \$10,000.00 for each violation of the Act; and
11. That by virtue of the foregoing, J & R Financial Group, Inc. its officers, directors, employees, agents, affiliates, successors, and assigns including Ronald Provart and James A. Blackburn is subject to a fine of up to \$10,000.00 per violation and an order which permanently prohibits the Respondents from offering or selling securities in the State of Illinois.

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 or a Special Appearance pursuant to Section 130.1107 of the Rules, or other responsive pleading within thirty days of the receipt of this notice. Your failure to do so within the prescribed time shall be deemed an admission of the allegations contained in the Notice of Hearing and waives your right to a hearing.

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.

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

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

ENTERED: This 7th day of July, 2003

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jesse White" followed by a stylized flourish or initials.

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State of Illinois

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