## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Before the SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 Release No. 60795/October 7, 2009

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING

File No. 3-13512

In the Matter of : ORDER MAKING FINDINGS AND

IMPOSING REMEDIAL SANCTION

KEEVIN H. LEONARD and : BY DEFAULT AS TO RESPONDENT

ROBERT F. MALIN : KEEVIN H. LEONARD

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The Securities and Exchange Commission (Commission) issued its Order Instituting Proceedings (OIP) on June 10, 2009, pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Respondent Robert F. Malin submitted a settlement offer that the Commission accepted on August 3, 2009. Respondent Keevin H. Leonard (Leonard) submitted an untimely Answer, which I accepted in view of his <u>pro se</u> status.

The Division of Enforcement (Division) made its investigative file available to Leonard for inspection and copying. At a telephonic prehearing conference on July 31, 2009, the Division and Leonard agreed to proceed by filing cross-motions for summary disposition. See Rule 250 of the Commission's Rules of Practice. The Division filed its motion for summary disposition on August 21, 2009. Leonard's opposition to the Division's motion and Leonard's cross-motion for summary disposition were due on September 24, 2009. Leonard did not file his pleadings when they were due. He did not file a motion explaining his inability to file or seeking an enlargement of time.

At that juncture, I ordered Leonard to show cause why he should not be held in default and why he should not be barred from association with any broker or dealer. The time for replying to the Order to Show Cause has expired and no reply has been received. Accordingly, the Division's dispositive motion is unopposed and Leonard is in default. See Rule 155(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice. As permitted by Rule 155, the following allegations of the OIP are deemed to be true.

From February 2002 through March 2003, Leonard was a manager of the proprietary desk at A.B. Watley, Inc. (Watley), a day trading firm registered with the Commission as a broker-dealer, and a general securities principal of Watley. During all relevant times, Leonard had Series 7 and 24 licenses.

On April 22, 2009, Leonard was found guilty of one count of conspiracy to commit securities fraud, a felony, in the United States District Court in the Eastern District of New York. <u>United States v. Mahaffy</u>, No. 05-CR-613 (JG) (E.D.N.Y. Apr. 22, 2009).

The conspiracy count of the criminal indictment of which Leonard was found guilty alleges, <u>inter alia</u>, that, while associated with Watley, Leonard participated in a scheme to use confidential information improperly obtained from broker-dealers' "squawk boxes" to trade ahead of the broker-dealers' institutional orders.

In view of the foregoing, it is appropriate in the public interest to bar Leonard from association with any broker or dealer.

IT IS ORDERED THAT, pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Keevin H. Leonard is barred from association with any broker or dealer.

James T. Kelly Administrative Law Judge