

STATE OF ALABAMA  
ALABAMA SECURITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:                   )  
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FORREST GRANVILLE BRUNER )  
  )  
RESPONDENT                                    )

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
NO. OB-2002-0022

ORDER OF BAR

The Alabama Securities Commission ("Commission"), having the power to administer and provide for the enforcement of all provisions of Title 8, Chapter 6, Code of Alabama 1975, the Alabama Securities Act, upon due consideration of the subject matter hereof, has determined as follows:

RESPONDENT

1. FORREST GRANVILLE BRUNER ("RESPONDENT") was a registered securities agent in Alabama from September 1996 to August 2001. During all times relevant to this complaint and or allegation RESPONDENT was employed by Prudential Securities Inc. in the Huntsville, Alabama office. RESPONDENT's last listed address is 2502 Lucretia Avenue, Huntsville, Alabama 35810.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

2. The Commission received information from two Alabama residents who stated that the RESPONDENT had conducted a series of unauthorized transactions involving the purchase of stock in their Prudential Securities accounts. The RESPONDENT said in a statement to Prudential Securities that he had a verbal understanding with the complainants that he could make trades on their behalf without

pre-approval. The complainant further alleges that the RESPONDENT, in direct conflict with her investment objectives (income only) placed her in unsuitable investments (high risk stocks).

3. A CRD inquiry revealed three separate complaints have been filed against the RESPONDENT for unauthorized trading and unsuitability. All complaints are in arbitration at this time.

4. A further inquiry with Prudential Securities revealed that the RESPONDENT was allowed to resign after an internal investigation concluded that the allegations were true.

5. In September of 2001, the RESPONDENT became employed by Acument Securities Inc. RESPONDENT's registration as a securities agent in the State of Alabama is pending with registration at this time.

6. On October 15, 2002, the RESPONDENT was issued a Show Cause Order which he received AND receipted by Registered Mail on October 22, 2002.

7. The RESPONDENT did not respond to the Show Cause Order within the required 28 days.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

8. Pursuant to the provisions of Title 8 Chapter 6 Section 3 (j) (6), Code of Alabama 1975, the Commission may suspend, revoke, censor or bar any registrant from employment with a securities dealer if the Commission finds that the Order is in the public interest, and that the registrant has violated or failed to comply with any provision of the Alabama Securities Act, or any rule or order issued by the Commission.

9. RESPONDENT has violated the provisions of Title 8, Chapter 6, Section 3 (j) (7), Code of Alabama 1975 by engaging in dishonest or unethical practices, to wit: executing unauthorized transactions in the account of an Alabama resident.

10. RESPONDENT has violated Rule 830-X3-.12 by purchasing securities (high risk stock) for a client which were contrary to the investment objectives of the client.

11. RESPONDENT has violated the provisions of Title 8 Chapter 6 Section 17 (b) (3), Code of Alabama 1975 by engaging in a course of business which operates or would operate as a deceit upon another person.

12. RESPONDENT has willfully failed to comply with an order (issued October 22, 2002) of the Commission in violation 8-6-3(j)(2) of the Code of Alabama 1975.

This Order is appropriate in the public interest for the protection of investors and consistent with the purposes of the Alabama Securities Act.

This Order does not prevent the Commission from seeking other such civil or criminal remedies that may be available to it under the Alabama Securities Act.

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**ACCORDINGLY, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that RESPONDENT be **BARRED** from registration or engaging in securities activities into, within or from the state of Alabama.

Entered at Montgomery, Alabama this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2003.



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