

# **BrokerCheck Report**

# HAROLD JAMES SWART JR

CRD# 2912854

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#### HAROLD J. SWART JR

CRD# 2912854

This broker is not currently registered.

## **Report Summary for this Broker**



This report summary provides an overview of the broker's professional background and conduct. Additional information can be found in the detailed report.

#### **Broker Qualifications**

This broker is not currently registered.

#### This broker has passed:

- 0 Principal/Supervisory Exams
- 1 General Industry/Product Exam
- 2 State Securities Law Exams

### **Registration History**

This broker was previously registered with the following securities firm(s):

- B NEW ENGLAND SECURITIES CRD# 615 KISSIMMEE, FL 03/2001 - 10/2009
- B **AXA ADVISORS, LLC** CRD# 6627 NEW YORK, NY 07/1997 - 03/2001
- B THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES CRD# 4039 NEW YORK, NY 07/1997 - 01/2000

#### **Disclosure Events**

This broker has been involved in one or more disclosure events involving certain final criminal matters, regulatory actions, civil judicial proceedings, or arbitrations or civil litigations.

Are there events disclosed about this broker? Yes

# The following types of disclosures have been reported:

Туре	Count	
Regulatory Event	3	
Civil Event	1	

# Investment Adviser Representative Information

The information below represents the individual's record as a broker. For details on this individual's record as an investment adviser representative, visit the SEC's Investment Adviser Public Disclosure website at

https://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov

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#### **Broker Qualifications**



## Registrations

This section provides the self-regulatory organizations (SROs), states and U.S. territories the broker is currently registered and licensed with, the category of each registration, and the date on which the registration became effective. This section also provides, for each firm with which the broker is currently employed, the address of each branch where the broker works.

This broker is not currently registered.

#### **Broker Qualifications**



#### **Industry Exams this Broker has Passed**

This section includes all securities industry exams that the broker has passed. Under limited circumstances, a broker may attain a registration after receiving an exam waiver based on exams the broker has passed and/or qualifying work experience. Any exam waivers that the broker has received are not included below. A passed exam or exam waiver does not permit a broker to do business without an active SRO or state registration.

This individual has passed 0 principal/supervisory exams, 1 general industry/product exam, and 2 state securities law exams.

## **Principal/Supervisory Exams**

Exam		Category	Date	
	No information reported.			
General Industry/Product Exams				
Exam		Category	Date	
В	Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination	Series 6	07/22/1997	
State Securities Law Exams				
Exam		Category	Date	
В	Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	06/18/2001	
IA	Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination	Series 65	12/28/1999	

Additional information about the above exams or other exams FINRA administers to brokers and other securities professionals can be found at www.finra.org/brokerqualifications/registeredrep/.

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# **Broker Qualifications**



# **Professional Designations**

This section details that the representative has reported **0** professional designation(s).

No information reported.

# **Registration and Employment History**



## **Registration History**

The broker previously was registered with the following securities firms:

Reg	istration Dates	Firm Name	CRD#	Branch Location
B	03/2001 - 10/2009	NEW ENGLAND SECURITIES	615	KISSIMMEE, FL
B	07/1997 - 03/2001	AXA ADVISORS, LLC	6627	NEW YORK, NY
B	07/1997 - 01/2000	THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES	4039	NEW YORK, NY

### **Employment History**

This section provides up to 10 years of an individual broker's employment history as reported by the individual broker on the most recently filed Form U4.

Please note that the broker is required to provide this information only while registered with FINRA or a national securities exchange and the information is not updated via Form U4 after the broker ceases to be registered. Therefore, an employment end date of "Present" may not reflect the broker's current employment status.

<b>Employment</b>	Employer Name	Position	Investment Related	<b>Employer Location</b>
03/2001 - Present	NEW ENGLAND SECURITIES	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Υ	ORLANDO, FL, United States
02/1986 - Present	H.J. SWART & CO PA	OTHER - OWNER	N	KISSIMMEE, FL, United States

#### **Disclosure Events**



What you should know about reported disclosure events:

- 1. Disclosure events in BrokerCheck reports come from different sources:
  - As mentioned at the beginning of this report, information contained in BrokerCheck comes from brokers, their employing firms, and regulators. When more than one source reports information for the same disclosure event, all versions of the event will appear in the BrokerCheck report. The different versions are separated by a solid line with the reporting source labeled.

For your convenience, below is a matrix of the number and status of regulatory disclosure events involving this broker. Further information regarding these events can be found in the subsequent pages of this report. You also may wish to contact the broker to obtain further information regarding these events.

	Final	On Appeal
Regulatory Event	3	0
Civil Event	1	0



#### **Disclosure Event Details**

This report provides the information exactly as it was reported to CRD and therefore some of the specific data fields contained in the report may be blank if the information was not provided to CRD.

#### Regulatory - Final

This type of disclosure event involves a final, formal proceeding initiated by a regulatory authority (e.g., a state securities agency, self-regulatory organization, federal regulator such as the Securities and Exchange Commission, foreign financial regulatory body) for a violation of investment-related rules or regulations.

Disclosure 1 of 3

Reporting Source: Regulator

**Regulatory Action Initiated** 

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

By:

Sanction(s) Sought: Other: N/A

**Date Initiated:** 10/26/2017

Docket/Case Number: 3-18264

Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:

Product Type: No Product

Allegations: SEC Admin Release 34-81954; Accounting and Auditing Release 3903, October

26, 2017: The SEC deems it appropriate and in the public interest that public administrative proceedings be, and hereby are, instituted against Harold J. Swart, Jr. CPA pursuant to Rule 102(e)(3)(i) of the Commission's Rules of Practice. In anticipation of the institution of these proceedings, Respondent has submitted an Offer of Settlement which the Commission has determined to accept. Solely for the purpose of these proceedings and any other proceedings brought by or on behalf of the Commission, or to which the Commission is a party, and without admitting or denying the findings herein, except as to the Commission's jurisdiction over him and the subject matter of these proceedings, and the findings contained herein, which are admitted, Respondent consents to the entry of this Order Instituting Public Administrative Proceedings Pursuant to Rule 102(e) of the Commission's Rules of Practice, Making Findings, and Imposing Remedial Sanctions. On the basis of this Order and Respondent's Offer, the Commission finds that: On July 27, 2017, the Commission filed a complaint against Swart in Civil Action No. 17-01386 in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida. On October 17, 2017, the court entered an order permanently enjoining Swart, by consent, from future violations of Sections 5(a), 5(c), and 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 10b-5 thereunder,



and directing Swart to comply with the Commission Order. Respondent was also ordered to pay \$41,945.56 in disgorgement of ill-gotten gains and \$5,491.07 in prejudgment interest jointly and severally with a company, and a \$41,945.56 civil money penalty.

Current Status: Final

**Resolution:** Order

Does the order constitute a final order based on violations of any laws or regulations that prohibit fraudulent, manipulative, or deceptive conduct?

No

Resolution Date: 10/26/2017
Sanctions Ordered: Suspension

If the regulator is the SEC, CFTC, or an SRO, did the action result in a finding of a willful violation or failure to supervise? Nο

(1) willfully violated any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any of such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, or to have been unable to comply with any provision of such Act, rule or regulation?



- (2) willfully aided, abetted, counseled, commanded, induced, or procured the violation by any person of any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the **Securities Exchange Act of** 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the **Investment Company Act of** 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any of such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board? or
- (3) failed reasonably to supervise another person subject to your supervision, with a view to preventing the violation by such person of any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the **Securities Exchange Act of** 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the **Investment Company Act of** 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities **Rulemaking Board?**

Sanction 1 of 1

Sanction Type: Suspension

Capacities Affected: appearing or practicing before the Commission as an accountant

**Duration:** Indefinite

**Start Date:** 10/26/2017

**End Date:** 



**Regulator Statement** 

In view of the foregoing, the Commission deems it appropriate to impose the sanctions agreed to in Respondent's Offer. Accordingly, it is hereby ordered, effective immediately, that Respondent is suspended from appearing or practicing before the Commission as an accountant.

Disclosure 2 of 3

Regulatory Action Initiated FINRA

By:

Sanction(s) Sought: Other: N/A

Date Initiated: 06/06/2012

**Docket/Case Number:** 2009020083301

Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:

**NEW ENGLAND SECURITIES** 

Product Type: No Product

Allegations: FINRA AND NASD BY-LAWS ARTICLE V, SECTION 2(C), FINRA RULES 1122,

2010, 8210, NASD RULES 2110, 3030, AND INTERPRETATIVE MATERIAL-1000-1: WHILE ASSOCIATED WITH HIS MEMBER FIRM, SWART WILLFULLY FILED

INACCURATE FORM U4S, FAILED TO MAKE OTHER MATERIAL

DISCLOSURES ON HIS FORM U4S, AND ALSO FAILED TO TIMELY AMEND HIS FORM U4. THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE COMMISSION FOUND SWART TO HAVE VIOLATED THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, ORDERED

HIM TO CEASE AND DESIST FROM FURTHER VIOLATIONS, AND SUSPENDED HIM FROM APPEARING OR PRACTICING BEFORE THE COMMISSION FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS. THE FORM U4 REQUIRED SWART TO DISCLOSE WHETHER HE HAD BEEN NOTIFIED OF ANY

REGULATORY COMPLAINT OR PROCEEDING, BUT HE FAILED TO UPDATE HIS FORM U4 WITHIN A 30 DAY PERIOD. SWART WAS AN OFFICER OR DIRECTOR IN SEVERAL BUSINESSES. THE FORM U4 REQUIRED SWART TO DISCLOSE HIS ROLE AS OFFICER OR DIRECTOR IN THESE BUSINESSES, BUT HE FAILED TO DO SO. THEREFORE, SWART'S FORM U4S FAILED TO REFLECT HIS SEC SUSPENSION AS WELL AS RELATED ADMINISTRATIVE

COMPLAINTS FILED BY THE STATE OF FLORIDA'S BOARD OF

ACCOUNTANCY. SWART ALSO FAILED TO REPORT HIS OUTSIDE BUSINESS ACTIVITIES ON HIS FORM U4S AND TO DISCLOSE HIS OUTSIDE BUSINESS ACTIVITIES TO HIS FIRM. AT VARIOUS POINTS, SWART, AS REFLECTED IN FLORIDA SECRETARY OF STATE RECORDS, WAS AN OFFICER, DIRECTOR OR MEMBER OF SEVERAL ENTITIES, BUT FAILED TO DISCLOSE THESE



OUTSIDE BUSINESS ACTIVITIES TO HIS FIRM. IN ADDITION, SWART FAILED TO DISCLOSE HIS ROLE AS COMPENSATED REGISTERED AGENT FOR NUMEROUS ADDITIONAL ENTITIES. SWART PROVIDED A MISLEADING RESPONSE TO FINRA IN CONNECTION WITH A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING WHETHER ANY OF HIS OUTSIDE BUSINESS ACTIVITIES HAD EVER BEEN ALLEGED OR ACCUSED TO HAVE BREACHED ANY CONTRACT, ENGAGED IN ANY TYPE OF FRAUD OR MISREPRESENTATION, ENGAGED IN ANY UNFAIR OR UNETHICAL BUSINESS PRACTICE, OR VIOLATED ANY RULE, REGULATION, STATUTE OR ORDINANCE OF LAW. SWART RESPONSE WAS MISLEADING BECAUSE ONE OF HIS OUTSIDE BUSINESS ACTIVITIES WAS THE SUBJECT OF SEVERAL FILED LAWSUITS INVOLVING SUCH ALLEGATIONS. SWART KNEW OR SHOULD HAVE KNOWN ABOUT EACH OF THESE LAWSUITS, BECAUSE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, HE WAS PROPERLY SERVED IN EACH OF THE CASES.

Current Status: Final

Resolution: Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)

Does the order constitute a final order based on violations of any laws or regulations that prohibit fraudulent, manipulative, or deceptive conduct?

No

**Resolution Date:** 06/06/2012

Sanctions Ordered: Bar (Permanent)

If the regulator is the SEC, CFTC, or an SRO, did the action result in a finding of a willful violation or failure to supervise? Yes



(1) willfully violated any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any of such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, or to have been unable to comply with any provision of such Act, rule or regulation?

No

(2) willfully aided, abetted, counseled, commanded, induced, or procured the violation by any person of any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the **Securities Exchange Act of** 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the **Investment Company Act of** 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any of such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board? or

No



(3) failed reasonably to supervise another person subject to your supervision, with a view to preventing the violation by such person of any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the **Securities Exchange Act of** 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the **Investment Company Act of** 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities **Rulemaking Board?** 

Nο

Sanction 1 of 1

Sanction Type: Bar (Permanent) **Capacities Affected:** All Capacities

**Duration:** 

Start Date: 06/06/2012

End Date:

**Regulator Statement** WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING THE FINDINGS, SWART CONSENTED TO

> THE DESCRIBED SANCTION AND TO THE ENTRY OF FINDINGS; THEREFORE, HE IS BARRED FROM ASSOCIATION WITH ANY FINRA

MEMBER IN ANY CAPACITY.

SWART UNDERSTANDS THAT THIS SETTLEMENT INCLUDES A FINDING THAT HE WILLFULLY MISREPRESENTED A MATERIAL FACT ON A FORM U4, AND THAT UNDER SECTION 3(A)(39)(F) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 AND ARTICLE III, SECTION 4 OF FINRA'S BY-LAWS, THIS MISREPRESENTATION MAKES HIM SUBJECT TO A STATUTORY

DISQUALIFICATION WITH RESPECT TO ASSOCIATION WITH A MEMBER.

Disclosure 3 of 3

**Reporting Source:** Regulator



**Regulatory Action Initiated** 

By:

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sanction(s) Sought: Cease and Desist

**Date Initiated:** 01/25/2001

Docket/Case Number: 3-10410

Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:

SWART, BAUMRUK & CO., LLP

Product Type: No Product

Allegations: SEC ADMIN RELEASE 34-43883, ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING

ENFORCEMENT RELEASE 1363, JANUARY 25, 2001: FAILED TO COMPLY WITH RULE 2-02 OF REGULATION S-X, CAUSED AND WILLFULLY AIDED AND ABETTED VIOLATIONS OF SECTION 13(A) OF THE EXCHANGE ACT AND RULES 13A-1 AND 13A-13 THEREUNDER, AND ENGAGED IN IMPROPER PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT WITHIN THE MEANING OF RULE 102(E)(1)(II) OF

THE COMMISSION'S RULES OF PRACTICE.

THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION ("COMMISSION") DEEMS

IT APPROPRIATE THAT PUBLIC ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS

PURSUANT TO SECTION 21C OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

("EXCHANGE ACT"), AND RULES 102(E)(1)(II) AND (III)1 OF THE

COMMISSION'S RULES OF PRACTICE, BE AND HEREBY ARE INSTITUTED

AGAINST HARRY J. SWART, CPA ("SWART"). A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM, AND ITS PARTNER, HARRY SWART, LACKED

PROFESSIONAL INDEPENDENCE IN AUDITING A PUBLICLY HELD ISSUER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996. SPECIFICALLY, AFTER PREPARING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND PERFORMING OTHER INTERNAL ACCOUNTING FUNCTIONS FOR IT DURING THE FINAL THREE MONTHS OF 1996, THE ACCOUNTING FIRM AUDITED THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IT HAD PREPARED. DURING 1997, THE ISSUER'S PRINCIPALS APPROACHED SWART, INQUIRING WHETHER THERE WAS A MEANS BY WHICH THE FINANCIAL BOOKS AND RECORDS COULD REFLECT THE ASSERTED APPRECIATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IT HAD ACQUIRED. SWART ADVISED THEM THAT THEY COULD DO SO BY SELLING THE PROPERTY AT MARKET VALUE, AND LEASING IT BACK FROM THE PURCHASER TO CONTINUE THE BUSINESS OPERATIONS. THE PRINCIPALS THEN ENGAGED IN A SALE-LEASEBACK, IN WHICH THEY "SOLD" THE PROPERTY TO THEMSELVES AND IN TURN "LEASED" IT BACK TO

THEMSELVES, A TRANSACTION WHOLLY LACKING IN ECONOMIC SUBSTANCE. WITHOUT MAKING ADEQUATE INQUIRY, SWART PREPARED

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REFLECTING THE TRANSACTION. THE



ISSUER INCORPORATED THOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IN ITS FORMS 10-QSB FOR THE SECOND AND THIRD QUARTERS OF 1997. SWART (THE AUDIT PARTNER ON THE ENGAGEMENT) ALSO LACKED PROFESSIONAL INDEPENDENCE IN AUDITING THE 1997 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. ALTHOUGH BY THIS TIME IT HAD HIRED A BOOKKEEPER, THE ACCOUNTING FIRM MAINTAINED A MORE COMPLETE GENERAL LEDGER THAN THAT MAINTAINED BY THE COMPANY, PREPARED TRIAL BALANCES FOR SUBSIDIARIES, PERFORMED THE ISSUER'S CONSOLIDATION, AND PREPARED ITS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. AS IN 1996, THE ACCOUNTING FIRM AUDITED THE VERY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IT HAD PREPARED AND, ACCORDINGLY, LACKED INDEPENDENCE IN DOING SO.

Current Status: Final

**Resolution:** Order

Does the order constitute a final order based on violations of any laws or regulations that prohibit fraudulent, manipulative, or deceptive conduct? No

Resolution Date: 01/25/2001

Sanctions Ordered: Cease and Desist

Disgorgement Suspension

If the regulator is the SEC, CFTC, or an SRO, did the action result in a finding of a willful violation or failure to supervise?

Yes



(1) willfully violated any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any of such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, or to have been unable to comply with any provision of such Act, rule or regulation?

Yes

(2) willfully aided, abetted, counseled, commanded, induced, or procured the violation by any person of any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the **Securities Exchange Act of** 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the **Investment Company Act of** 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any of such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board? or

Yes



(3) failed reasonably to supervise another person subject to your supervision, with a view to preventing the violation by such person of any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the **Securities Exchange Act of** 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the **Investment Company Act of** 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board?

Nο

Sanction 1 of 1

**Sanction Type:** Suspension

**Capacities Affected:** APPEARING OR PRACTICING BEFORE SEC AS AN ACCOUNTANT

**Duration:** N/A

Start Date: 01/25/2001

End Date:

Monetary Sanction 1 of 2

**Monetary Related Sanction:** Monetary Penalty other than Fines

**Total Amount:** \$9,231.03

**Portion Levied against** 

individual:

\$9,231.03

PREJUDGMENT INTEREST ON DISGORGEMENT **Payment Plan:** 

**Is Payment Plan Current:** No

Date Paid by individual:

Was any portion of penalty

waived?

Nο

**Amount Waived:** 

**Monetary Sanction 2 of 2** 



**Monetary Related Sanction:** Disgorgement

**Total Amount:** \$32,750.00

**Portion Levied against** 

individual:

\$32,750.00

**Payment Plan:** 

**Is Payment Plan Current:** 

No

Date Paid by individual:

Was any portion of penalty

waived?

No

Amount Waived:

**Regulator Statement** 

SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF THESE PROCEEDINGS. AND ANY OTHER PROCEEDINGS BROUGHT BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION OR TO WHICH THE COMMISSION IS A PARTY, THE RESPONDENT, WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING THE FINDINGS CONTAINED HEREIN, EXCEPT THAT HE ADMITS TO THE COMMISSION'S JURISDICTION OVER HIM AND OVER THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THESE PROCEEDINGS, CONSENTS TO THE ISSUANCE OF THIS ORDER INSTITUTING PUBLIC PROCEEDINGS PURSUANT TO SECTION 21C OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934. AND RULE 102(E) OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES OF PRACTICE, MAKING FINDINGS AND IMPOSING REMEDIAL SANCTIONS AND IMPOSING A CEASE-AND-DESIST ORDER ("ORDER"). CAUSED AND WILLFULLY AIDED AND ABETTED VIOLATIONS OF SECTION 13(A) OF THE EXCHANGE ACT AND RULES 13A-1 AND 13A-13 THEREUNDER. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, THAT THE RESPONDENT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 21C OF THE EXCHANGE ACT, CEASE AND DESIST FROM COMMITTING OR CAUSING ANY VIOLATION AND ANY FUTURE VIOLATION OF RULE 2-02 OF REGULATION S-X, SECTION 13(A) OF THE EXCHANGE ACT, AND RULES 13A-1 AND 13A-13 THEREUNDER. RESPONDENT IS HEREBY SUSPENDED FROM THE PRIVILEGE OF APPEARING OR PRACTICING BEFORE THE COMMISSION AS AN ACCOUNTANT. AFTER THREE (3) YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS ORDER, SWART MAY REQUEST THAT THE COMMISSION CONSIDER HIS REINSTATEMENT BY SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION TO RESUME APPEARING OR PRACTICING BEFORE THE COMMISSION AS A PREPARER OR REVIEWER, OR A PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PREPARATION OR REVIEW, OF ANY PUBLIC COMPANY'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS THAT ARE FILED WITH THE COMMISSION. SUCH AN APPLICATION MUST SATISFY THE COMMISSION THAT THE SWART'S WORK IN HIS PRACTICE BEFORE THE COMMISSION WILL BE REVIEWED EITHER BY THE INDEPENDENT AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE PUBLIC COMPANY FOR WHICH HE WORKS OR IN SOME OTHER



ACCEPTABLE MANNER, AS LONG AS HE PRACTICES BEFORE THE COMMISSION IN THIS CAPACITY; AND/OR AN INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT. SUCH AN APPLICATION MUST SATISFY THE COMMISSION THAT: SWART, OR ANY FIRM WITH WHICH HE IS ASSOCIATED, IS A MEMBER OF THE SEC PRACTICE SECTION OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS DIVISION FOR CPA FIRMS ("SEC PRACTICE SECTION"); SWART HAS RECEIVED AN UNQUALIFIED REPORT RELATING TO HIS OR THE FIRM'S MOST RECENT PEER REVIEW CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GUIDELINES ADOPTED BY THE SEC PRACTICE SECTION; AND AS LONG AS SWART APPEARS OR PRACTICES BEFORE THE COMMISSION AS AN INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT HE WILL REMAIN EITHER A MEMBER OF THE SEC PRACTICE SECTION, AND WILL COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE

SEC PRACTICE SECTION REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING ALL

REQUIREMENTS FOR PERIODIC PEER REVIEWS, CONCURRING PARTNER

REVIEWS, AND CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION. THE COMMISSION'S REVIEW OF ANY REQUEST OR APPLICATION BY RESPONDENT TO RESUME APPEARING OR PRACTICING BEFORE THE COMMISSION MAY INCLUDE CONSIDERATION OF, IN ADDITION TO THE MATTERS REFERENCED ABOVE, ANY OTHER MATTER RELATING TO HIS CHARACTER, INTEGRITY, PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT, OR QUALIFICATIONS

TO APPEAR OR PRACTICE BEFORE THE COMMISSION.

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

RESPONDENT SHALL BE LIABLE JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY FOR DISGORGING \$32,750 IN FEES OBTAINED FROM THE AUDITS PLUS

\$9,231,03 IN PREJUDGMENT INTEREST.

Reporting Source: Broker

**Regulatory Action Initiated** 

Sanction(s) Sought:

Cease and Desist

Date Initiated:

By:

01/25/2001

Docket/Case Number:

3-10410

Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the

SWART, BAMRUK & CO., LLP

regulatory action:

Product Type: No Product

Allegations:

SEC ADMIN RELEASE 34-43883, ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING

ENFORCEMENT RELEASE 1363, JANUARY 25, 2001: FAILED TO COMPLY WITH RULE 2-02 OF REGULATION S-X, CAUSED AND WILLFULLY AIDED AND



ABETTED VIOLATIONS OF SECTION 13(A) OF THE EXCHANGE ACT AND RULES 13A-1 AND 13A-13 THEREUNDER. AND ENGAGED IN IMPROPER PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT WITHIN THE MEANING OF RULE 102(E)(1)(II) OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES OF PRACTICE. THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION ("COMMISSION") DEEMS IT APPROPRIATE THAT PUBLIC ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS PURSUANT TO SECTION 21C OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 ("EXCHANGE ACT"), AND RULES 102(E)(1)(II) AND (III)1 OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES OF PRACTICE, BE AND HEREBY ARE INSTITUTED AGAINST HARRY J. SWART, CPA ("SWART"). A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM, AND ITS PARTNER, HARRY SWART, LACKED PROFESSIONAL INDEPENDENCE IN AUDITING A PUBLICLY HELD ISSUER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996. SPECIFICALLY, AFTER PREPARING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND PERFORMING OTHER INTERNAL ACCOUNTING FUNCTIONS FOR IT DURING THE FINAL THREE MONTHS OF 1996. THE ACCOUNTING FIRM AUDITED THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IT HAD PREPARED, DURING 1997. THE ISSUER'S PRINCIPALS APPROACHED SWART, INQUIRING WHETHER THERE WAS A MEANS BY WHICH THE FINANCIAL BOOKS AND RECORDS COULD REFLECT THE ASSERTED APPRECIATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IT HAD ACQUIRED. SWART ADVISED THEM THAT THEY COULD DO SO BY SELLING THE PROPERTY AT MARKET VALUE, AND LEASING IT BACK FROM THE PURCHASER TO CONTINUE THE BUSINESS OPERATIONS. THE PRINCIPALS THEN ENGAGED IN A SALE-LEASEBACK, IN WHICH THEY "SOLD" THE PROPERTY TO THEMSELVES AND IN TURN "LEASED" IT BACK TO THEMSELVES. A TRANSACTION WHOLLY LACKING IN ECONOMIC SUBSTANCE. WITHOUT MAKING ADEQUATE INQUIRY, SWART PREPARED THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REFLECTING THE TRANSACTION. THE ISSUER INCORPORATED THOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IN ITS FORMS 10-QSB FOR THE SECOND AND THIRD QUARTERS OF 1997. SWART (THE AUDIT PARTNER ON THE ENGAGEMENT) ALSO LACKED PROFESSIONAL INDEPENDENCE IN AUDITING THE 1997 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. ALTHOUGH BY THIS TIME IT HAD HIRED A BOOKKEEPER, THE ACCOUNTING FIRM MAINTAINED A MORE COMPLETE GENERAL LEDGER THAN THAT MAINTAINED BY THE COMPANY, PREPARED TRIAL BALANCES FOR SUBSIDIARIES, PERFORMED THE ISSUER'S CONSOLIDATION, AND PREPARED ITS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. AS IN 1996. THE ACCOUNTING FIRM AUDITED THE VERY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IT HAD PREPARED AND, ACCORDINGLY, LACKED INDEPENDENCE IN DOING SO.

Current Status: Final

**Resolution:** Order



Does the order constitute a final order based on violations of any laws or regulations that prohibit fraudulent, manipulative, or deceptive conduct?

No

Resolution Date: 01/25/2001

Sanctions Ordered: Cease and Desist

Disgorgement Suspension

Sanction 1 of 1

Sanction Type: Suspension

Capacities Affected: APPEARING OR PRACTICING BEFORE THE SEC AS AN ACCOUNTANT

**Duration:** N/A

**Start Date:** 01/25/2001

**End Date:** 

**Monetary Sanction 1 of 2** 

**Monetary Related Sanction:** Monetary Penalty other than Fines

**Total Amount:** \$9,231.02

**Portion Levied against** 

individual:

\$9,231.02

Payment Plan: PREJUDGEMENT INTEREST ON DISGORGEMENT

Is Payment Plan Current: No

**Date Paid by individual:** 

Was any portion of penalty

waived?

No

**Amount Waived:** 

**Monetary Sanction 2 of 2** 

Monetary Related Sanction: Disgorgement

**Total Amount:** \$32,750.00

**Portion Levied against** 

individual:

\$32,750.00



Payment Plan:

**Is Payment Plan Current:** No

No

Date Paid by individual:

Was any portion of penalty waived?

**Amount Waived:** 



#### **Civil - Final**

This type of disclosure event involves an injunction issued by a court in connection with investment-related activity or a finding by a court of a violation of any investment-related statute or regulation.

Disclosure 1 of 1

**Reporting Source:** Regulator

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION **Initiated By:** 

**Relief Sought:** Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

> Disgorgement Injunction

Monetary Penalty other than Fines

Other: penny stock bar

**Date Court Action Filed:** 07/27/2017

**Product Type:** Penny Stock

**Federal Court** Type of Court:

Name of Court: United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida

**Location of Court:** Orlando, FL

Docket/Case #: 6:17-cv-01386

**Employing firm when activity** occurred which led to the

action:

Allegations:

Swart Baumruk & Co., LLP; Mainstream Entertainment, Inc. n/k/a Volt Solar

Systems, Inc.

The Securities and Exchange Commission ("Plaintiff" or the "Commission") alleges the Commission brings this action to enjoin Defendant Harold J. Swart, Jr. ("Harry

Swart") from violating the antifraud and registration provisions of the federal securities laws, and for a court order directing Harry Swart and Defendant Swart

Baumruk & Co., LLP ("Swart Baumruk" and, together with Harry Swart, "Defendants") to comply with a Commission order suspending them from

appearing or practicing as an accountant before the Commission.

Between January 2009 and March 2013, the majority shareholder (the "Control Person") of Mainstream Entertainment, Inc. ("Mainstream") n/k/a Volt Solar Systems, Inc. ("Volt Inc.") and one of the Control Person's associates ("CP's associate") orchestrated a scheme to sell the restricted common stock of Mainstream in the open market as purportedly unrestricted securities.

As part of that scheme, Harry Swart demanded purportedly unrestricted shares of Mainstream stock from the Control Person in satisfaction of a personal debt. Harry

Swart obtained those shares pursuant to a knowingly false stock purchase agreement, deposited those shares with his broker-dealer based on knowingly false representations, and publicly sold those shares without registration or any



applicable exemption from registration.

Harry Swart used Relief Defendant Mind Your Own Business, Inc. ("MYOB") as a conduit for the ownership and sale of Mainstream stock.

As a result of the conduct alleged in this Complaint, Defendant Harry Swart violated Sections 5(a), 5(c) and 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act") and Section 10(b) and Rule 10b-5 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act").

Unless restrained and enjoined, Defendant Harry Swart is reasonably likely to continue to violate the federal securities laws.

This case also involves multiple violations by Defendants of an Order issued against them by the Commission on January 25, 2001 ("the SEC Order"), which suspended them from appearing or practicing as an accountant before the Commission. Beginning no later than January 2009 through February 2013, Defendants violated the SEC Order by performing accounting services for Mainstream in connection with Mainstream's filings with the Commission.

Current Status: Final

Resolution: Judgment Rendered

Resolution Date: 10/17/2017

**Sanctions Ordered or Relief** 

**Granted:** 

Civil and Administrative Penalty(ies)/Fine(s)

Disgorgement Injunction

Monetary Penalty other than Fines

Other: penny stock bar

Capacities 1 of 1

Capacities Affected: N/A

Duration: Permanent Start Date: 10/17/2017

End Date:

**Monetary Sanction 1 of 3** 

Monetary Sanction: Monetary Fine

**Total Amount:** \$41,945.56

Portion against individual: 41945.56

Date Paid:

**Portion Waived:** 

**Amount Waived:** 



**Monetary Sanction 2 of 3** 

**Monetary Sanction:** prejudgment interest; jointly and severally

**Total Amount:** \$5,491.07

Portion against individual: 5491.07

**Date Paid:** 

Portion Waived:

Amount Waived:

Monetary Sanction 3 of 3

Monetary Sanction: Disgorgement

**Total Amount:** \$41,945.56

Portion against individual: 41945.56

**Date Paid:** 

Portion Waived: No

**Amount Waived:** 

**Regulator Statement**On October 17, 2017, the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida
Orlando Division issued this Final Judgment as to Defendant Harold J. Swart, Jr.

On July 27, 2017, Plaintiff, the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), commenced this action against Defendant and others. In its Complaint, the SEC seeks, among other relief, a permanent injunction enjoining Mr. Swart from violating Sections 5(a) and (c) and 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 10(b) and Rule 10b-5 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Mr. Swart, by consent, has agreed to the entry of the SEC's proposed final judgment. After review of the Consent and the Proposed Judgment, the Court enters the following Final Judgment. The SEC having filed a Complaint and Mr. Swart having entered a general appearance; consented to the Court's jurisdiction over Mr. Swart and the subject matter of this action; consented to entry of this Final Judgment without admitting or denying the allegations of the Complaint (except as to jurisdiction and except as otherwise provided herein); waived findings of fact and conclusions of law; and waived any right to appeal from this Final Judgment. It is hereby ordered, adjudged, and decreed that Mr. Swart is permanently restrained and enjoined from violating, directly or indirectly, Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Exchange Act Rule 10b-5; permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Section 17(a) of the Securities Act, directly or indirectly; and permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Section 5 of the Securities Act, directly or indirectly. It is hereby

further ordered, adjudged, and decreed that Mr. Swart is directed to comply with the SEC's Order dated January 25, 2001, In the Matter of Swart, Baumruk & Co., LLP and Harry I Swart, CPA (Admin. Proc. 3-104 10), by which Defendant was



suspended from appearing or practicing before the SEC as an accountant. It is hereby further ordered, adjudged, and decreed that Mr. Swart is permanently barred from participating in an offering of penny stock; is liable for disgorgement of \$41,945.56, together with prejudgment interest thereon in the amount of \$5,491.07, jointly and severally, and a civil penalty in the amount of \$41,945.56. It is further ordered, adjudged, and decreed that this Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter for the purposes of enforcing the terms of this Final Judgment.

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# **End of Report**



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