# STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SECURITIES DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING whether there has been a violation of the Securities Act of Washington by:

FINANCIAL ADVOCATES ADVISORY SERVICES LLC,

Order Number S-10-214-10-SC01

STATEMENT OF CHARGES AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUSPEND INVESTMENT ADVISER REGISTRATION AND IMPOSE FINES

Respondent.

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO:

FINANCIAL ADVOCATES ADVISORY SERVICES

LLC

1601 Cooper Point Rd. N.W. Olympia, WA 98502

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## STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Please take notice that the Securities Administrator of the State of Washington has reason to believe that the Respondent, FINANCIAL ADVOCATES ADVISORY SERVICES LLC, has violated the Securities Act of Washington and that its violations justify the suspension of Respondent's investment adviser registration pursuant to RCW 21.20.110(1). The Securities Administrator finds as follows:

#### TENTATIVE FINDINGS OF FACT

### I. Respondent

1. Financial Advocates Advisory Services, LLC ("Financial Advocates") is a limited liability company organized under the laws of Washington with its principal place of business at 1601 Cooper Point Rd. N.W., Olympia, WA 98502. The Managing Member and Registered Agent of the company is Gary Campbell. The fiscal year end for Financial Advocates is December 31.

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS Securities Division PO Box 9033 Olympia, WA 98507-9033 360-902-8760 2. Financial Advocates is currently registered as an investment adviser with the Securities Division pursuant to RCW 21.20.040 under file number 30002913. That registration expires on December 31, 2010. The file number of Financial Advocates in the Investment Adviser Registration Depository ("IARD") is 147786.

## **II.** Nature of the Conduct

- 3. In accordance with WAC 460-24A-060, each investment adviser registered with the Securities Division is required to file with the Securities Division a fiscal year end balance sheet prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The balance sheet must be filed no more than ninety days after the end of the adviser's fiscal year.
- **4**. The Respondent last submitted a balance sheet to the Securities Division on February 12, 2009. The balance sheet is dated 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2008.
- 5. On January 22, 2010, the Securities Division sent a memorandum via e-mail to all investment advisers registered in the State of Washington with a fiscal year end in December reminding them of the requirement to submit a fiscal year end balance sheet prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The memorandum included a warning that advisers who failed to file the required balance sheet would be referred to Enforcement for administrative action which could include suspension or revocation of their license and imposition of fines. The memorandum was sent to the Respondent at the e-mail address listed in its most recent Form ADV Part 1.
- **6**. On March 23, 2010, the Securities Division sent an e-mail message to all investment advisers, including the Respondent, who had not filed the required balance sheet. The message reminded them that the deadline to file was March 31, 2010, and again warned that

### NOTICE OF INTENT TO IMPOSE FINES

Pursuant to RCW 21.20.110(1) and based upon the above Tentative Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Securities Administrator intends to order that Respondent shall be liable for and pay a fine of \$1,000.

### **AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURE**

This Order is entered pursuant to the provisions of RCW 21.20.110 and is subject to the provisions of RCW 21.20.120 and Chapter 34.05 RCW. The Respondent may make a written request for a hearing as set forth in the NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO DEFEND AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING accompanying this Order. If the Respondent does not request a hearing, the Securities Administrator intends to adopt the foregoing Tentative Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as final, and enter an order against the Respondent suspending the Respondent's investment adviser registration and imposing the fine sought.

DATED this  $5^{th}$  day of August, 2010.

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William M. Beatty Securities Administrator

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