

Opinion No. 215**Investment Companies—Blue Sky Law
—Securities, Sale of—Licenses.**

HELD: An investment company as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 47, Laws of 1933, may sell securities owned by it but issued by another company, and securities owned by a client or customer but not issued by him or it, as well as securities issued by itself, in the State of Montana, after it has obtained a license to do business from the state investment commissioner.

May 23, 1933.

We have before us your letter in which you inquire whether or not an Investment Company, as described or defined in Section 1 of Chapter 47, Law of 1933, may sell securities owned by it but issued by another company, and securities owned by a client or customer but not issued by him or it, as well as securities issued by itself, in the State of Montana, after it has obtained a license to do business from the state investment commissioner.

After a careful reading of the Blue Sky Law, including said section 1 which is very broad, it is our view that it may do so. See, as more or less applicable, *Strong v. Efficiency Apartment Corporation*, 17 S. W. (2d) 1, and *Biddle v. Smith*, 256 S. W. 453. It may be well to add for reference purposes that the term "Investment Company" has a place in the third and fourth series of "Words and Phrases."