

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Before the
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS RULINGS
Release No. 4172/September 19, 2016

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING
File No. 3-17547

In the Matter of

WILLIAM J. SEARS

ORDER DESIGNATING
PRESIDING JUDGE

The Securities and Exchange Commission (Commission) has ordered, pursuant to Rule 100(c) of the Commission's Rules of Practice, that a public hearing shall be convened at a time and place to be fixed and before an Administrative Law Judge who shall issue an initial decision no later than 120 days following the entry of a final judgment against the last remaining defendant(s) in *United States v. William Sears and Scott Matthew Dittman*, 16-CR-301-WJM (D.Colo.).

IT IS ORDERED that Administrative Law Judge Carol Fox Foelak preside at the hearing in these proceedings and perform other and related duties in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice.

Service of all orders and rulings on parties is made by the Commission's Office of the Secretary, or other duly authorized Commission officer, pursuant to Commission Rule of Practice 141, 17 C.F.R. § 201.141. All issuances by administrative law judges are posted on the Commission's website at <http://www.sec.gov/alj>.

For the Commission, by its Chief Administrative Law Judge, pursuant to delegated authority.

Brenda P. Murray
Chief Administrative Law Judge