

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
before the
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
Release No. 84156 / September 17, 2018

Admin. Proc. File No. 3-15121

In the Matter of

BENJAMIN R. DANIELS

**ORDER VACATING INVESTMENT ADVISER, MUNICIPAL SECURITIES DEALER,
MUNICIPAL ADVISOR, TRANSFER AGENT, AND NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED
STATISTICAL RATING ORGANIZATION BARS**

Benjamin R. Daniels seeks to vacate an order, dated December 6, 2012 (the “Order”), to the extent that it bars him from association with an investment adviser, municipal securities dealer, municipal advisor, transfer agent, or nationally recognized statistical rating organization, subject to a right to reapply after three years.¹ The bars at issue were imposed based solely on conduct occurring prior to July 22, 2010, the effective date of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.² Accordingly, in our discretion, we vacate the Order to the extent it prohibits Benjamin R. Daniels from associating with an investment adviser, municipal securities dealer, municipal advisor, transfer agent, or nationally recognized statistical rating organization, subject to a right to reapply after three years, but otherwise leave the Order unmodified.

By the Commission.

Brent J. Fields
Secretary

¹ See *Benjamin R. Daniels*, Securities Exchange Act Release No. 68369, 2012 WL 5372783 (Dec. 6, 2012).

² See *Bartko v. SEC*, 845 F.3d 1217, 1225 (D.C. Cir. 2017); Commission Statement Regarding Decision in *Bartko v. SEC* (Feb. 23, 2017), available at <https://www.sec.gov/news/statement/commission-statement-regarding-bartko-v-sec.html>.