

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
before the
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
Release No. 86263 / July 1, 2019

Admin. Proc. File No. 3-16728

In the Matter of

RICHARD L. PEARSON

**ORDER VACATING INVESTMENT ADVISER, MUNICIPAL SECURITIES DEALER,
AND TRANSFER AGENT BARS**

Richard L. Pearson seeks to vacate an order, dated August 5, 2015 (the “Order”), to the extent that it bars him from association with an investment adviser, municipal securities dealer, or transfer agent.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 Richard L. Pearson from associating with an investment adviser, municipal securities dealer, or transfer agent, but otherwise leave the Order unmodified.

By the Commission.

Vanessa A. Countryman
Secretary

¹ See *Richard L. Pearson*, Exchange Act Release No. 75619, 2015 WL 4639730 (Aug. 5, 2015).

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>.