

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Before the
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS RULINGS
Release No. 1723/August 25, 2014

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING
File No. 3-15820

In the Matter of

DELSA U. THOMAS AND
THE D. CHRISTOPHER CAPITAL
MANAGEMENT GROUP, LLC

ORDER STRIKING RESPONDENTS'
REPLY OPPOSITION

The Securities and Exchange Commission issued an Order Instituting Proceedings on April 2, 2014, pursuant to Sections 203(e) and 203(f) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 against Delsa U. Thomas and The D. Christopher Capital Management Group, LLC (collectively, Respondents).

On July 7, 2014, I ordered that motions for summary disposition were due by July 21, 2014, oppositions were due by August 11, 2014, and replies were due by August 21, 2014. *Delsa U. Thomas*, Admin. Proc. Rulings Release No. 1590, 2014 SEC LEXIS 2418. On July 21, 2014, the Division of Enforcement (Division) filed its motion for summary disposition. On August 14, 2014, Respondents filed their opposition to the Division's motion for summary disposition (Opposition). Although technically untimely, I ordered that it be treated as timely filed. *Delsa U. Thomas*, Admin. Proc. Rulings Release No. 1702, 2014 SEC LEXIS 2946 (Aug. 14, 2014). The Division filed its reply on August 18, 2014.

On August 20, 2014, Respondents filed a Reply in Opposition of Division of Enforcement's Reply in Support of Motion for Summary Disposition and Brief in Support (Respondents' Reply), that, while containing additional exhibits, raises the same argument as the Opposition. In practice, reply motions are reserved for the party that filed the original motion. Because the Division filed the motion for summary disposition, Respondents are not permitted to file a reply motion. In view of Respondents' pro se status, I have considered accepting Respondents' Reply. However, because the argument underlying Respondents' Reply and the Opposition is identical, Respondents will suffer minimal prejudice if Respondents' Reply is not included in the record. Accordingly, I ORDER Respondents' Reply stricken from the record.

Cameron Elliot
Administrative Law Judge