

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

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS RULINGS  
Release No. 2579/April 24, 2015

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING  
File No. 3-16274

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In the Matter of

GREGORY VIOLA

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The Securities and Exchange Commission (Commission) instituted this proceeding with an Order Instituting Proceedings on November 13, 2014, pursuant to Section 203(f) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. The proceeding is a follow-on proceeding based on *United States v. Viola*, No. 3:12-cr-25 (D. Conn), *aff'd*, 555 F. App'x 57 (2d Cir. 2014), *cert. denied*, 190 L. Ed. 2d 389 (2014), in which Respondent Gregory Viola (Viola) was convicted, on his plea of guilty, of mail fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1341.

At a December 17, 2014, prehearing conference at which the Division of Enforcement (Division) and Viola appeared, the Division was granted leave to file a motion for summary disposition pursuant to 17 C.F.R. § 201.250, due by February 27, 2015, and a schedule for the parties' responsive filings was set: Viola's opposition was due by March 27, 2015, and the Division's reply, by April 3, 2015. *Gregory Viola*, Admin. Proc. Rulings Release No. 2142, 2014 SEC LEXIS 4902 (A.L.J. Dec. 17, 2014). An April 16, 2015, Initial Decision barring Viola from the securities industry followed the receipt of these filings. *Gregory Viola*, Initial Decision Release No. 774, 2015 SEC LEXIS 1425 (A.L.J. Apr. 16, 2015). On April 20, 2015, the Commission received a document, dated April 10, 2015, titled "Respondent Viola's Response to Division of Enforcement's Reply to Respondent Viola's Opposition to Enforcement's Motion for Summary Disposition" (Sur-reply). The Sur-reply was not authorized.<sup>1</sup> *See Gregory Viola*, 2014 SEC LEXIS 4902; *see also* 17 C.F.R. §§ 201.154, .250.

/S/ Carol Fox Foelak  
Carol Fox Foelak  
Administrative Law Judge

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<sup>1</sup> The Sur-reply summarizes some of the arguments Viola made in previous filings.