Additions <u>underlined</u> Deletions [bracketed]

Rules of New York Stock Exchange LLC

Rule 476. Disciplinary Proceedings Involving Charges Against Members, Member Organizations, Principal Executives, Approved Persons, Employees, or Others

Rule 476 shall apply only to a proceeding for which a Charge Memorandum has been filed with the hearing board under Rule 476(d) prior to July 1, 2013 or for which a written Stipulation and Consent has been submitted to a Hearing Officer prior to July 1, 2013 and shall continue to apply until such proceeding is final; otherwise, the Rule 8000 Series and Rule 9000 Series shall apply. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, after July 1, 2013, the offenses under Rule 476(a) shall be subject to the Rule 9000 Series procedures. [The Exchange may issue a written notice of suspension for non-payment of a fine under Rule 476(k) until July 1, 2013; thereafter, Rule 8320 shall apply.]

Rule 8000. INVESTIGATIONS AND SANCTIONS

Rule 8100. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Rule 8120. Definitions

- (a) No Change
- **(b)** The terms "Adjudicator," [and] "covered person" and "Regulatory Staff" shall have the meaning as defined in Rule 9120.

Rule 8200. INVESTIGATIONS

Rule 8210. Provision of Information and Testimony and Inspection and Copying of Books

(a) Authority of Adjudicator and Exchange Staff

For the purpose of an investigation, complaint, examination, or proceeding authorized by Exchange rules, an Adjudicator or Exchange staff shall have the right to:

(1) – (2) No Change

In performing the functions of investigation, complaint, examination, or proceeding authorized by Exchange rules, the CRO and Regulatory Staff shall function independently of the commercial interests of the Exchange and the commercial interests of the member organizations.

 $(\mathbf{b}) - (\mathbf{g})$ No Change

Rule 9000. CODE OF PROCEDURE

Rule 9001. Effective Date of Rule 9000 Series

Rule 476 shall apply only to a proceeding for which a Charge Memorandum has been filed with the hearing board under Rule 476(d) prior to July 1, 2013 or for which a written Stipulation and Consent has been submitted to a Hearing Officer prior to July 1, 2013 and shall continue to apply until such proceeding is final; otherwise, the Rule 8000 Series and Rule 9000 Series shall apply. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, after July 1, 2013, the offenses under Rule 476(a) shall be subject to the Rule 9000 Series procedures.

Rule 9100. APPLICATION AND PURPOSE

Rule 9110. Application

(a) Proceedings

The Rule 9000 Series is the Code of Procedure and includes proceedings for disciplining a member organization or covered person; proceedings for regulating the activities of a member organization experiencing financial or operational difficulties; proceedings for summary or non-summary suspensions, cancellations, bars, prohibitions, or limitations; and proceedings for obtaining relief from the eligibility requirements of the Exchange's rules. The Rule 9100 Series is of general applicability to all proceedings set forth in the Rule 9000 Series, unless a Rule specifically provides otherwise. In performing the functions under the Code, the CRO and Regulatory Staff shall function independently of the commercial interests of the Exchange and the commercial interests of the member organizations.

(b) No Change

(c) Incorporation of Defined Terms and Cross References

Unless otherwise provided and where applicable, terms used in the Rule 9000 Series shall have the meaning as defined in Rule 9120 and applicable rules of the Exchange. [References within the Rule 9000 Series to Exchange offices or departments refer to offices so designated by the Exchange.]

Rule 9120. Definitions

(a) - (l) No Change

(m) "Enforcement"

The term "Enforcement" refers to (A) any department reporting to the CRO of the Exchange with responsibility for investigating or, when appropriate after compliance with the Rule 9000 Series, imposing sanctions on a member organization or covered person; (B) the Department of Enforcement of FINRA; and (C) the Department of Market Regulation of FINRA.

([m]n) "Exchange"

The term "Exchange" shall have the meaning as defined in Rule 1.

([n]o) "Extended Hearing"

The term "Extended Hearing" means a disciplinary proceeding described in Rule 9231(c).

([o]p) "Extended Hearing Panel"

The term "Extended Hearing Panel" means an Adjudicator that is constituted under Rule 9231(c) to conduct a disciplinary proceeding that is classified as an "Extended Hearing" and is governed by the Rule 9200 Series.

([p]q) "Floor-Based Panelist"

The term "Floor-Based Panelist" means a Panelist selected in accordance with Rule 9232(c) who is, or if retired, was, active on the Floor of the Exchange.

[(q) "Head of Enforcement"

The term "Head of Enforcement" means the individual that manages the Department of Enforcement, or his or her delegatee in the Department of Enforcement.

(r) "Head of Market Regulation"

The term "Head of Market Regulation" means the individual that manages the Department of Market Regulation, or his or her delegatee in the Department of Market Regulation.]

([s]r) "Hearing Officer"

The term "Hearing Officer" means an employee of FINRA who is an attorney and who is appointed by the Chief Hearing Officer to act in an adjudicative role and fulfill various adjudicative responsibilities and duties described in the Rule 9200 Series regarding disciplinary proceedings, the Rule 9550 Series regarding expedited proceedings, and the Rule 9800 Series regarding temporary cease and desist proceedings brought against member organizations and covered persons.

([t]s) "Hearing Panel"

The term "Hearing Panel" means an Adjudicator that is constituted under Rule 9231 to conduct a disciplinary proceeding governed by the Rule 9200 Series or that is constituted under the Rule 9520 Series or the Rule 9550 Series to conduct a proceeding.

([u]t) "Interested Staff"

The term "Interested Staff" means, in the context of[:

- (1) a disciplinary] <u>any</u> proceeding under the <u>Code of Procedure</u>, [Rule 9200 Series and the Rule 9300 Series:
 - (A) the Head of Enforcement;
 - (B) an employee of the Department of Enforcement who reports, directly or indirectly, to the Head of Enforcement;
 - (C) an Exchange employee who directly participated in the authorization of the complaint;
 - (D) an Exchange employee who directly participated in an examination, investigation, prosecution, or litigation related to a specific disciplinary proceeding, and a district director or department head to whom such employee reports;
 - (E) the Head of Market Regulation; or
 - (F) an employee of the Department of Market Regulation who reports, directly or indirectly, to the Head of Market Regulation]Regulatory Staff or Exchange staff who:

- (A) report, directly or indirectly, to any Enforcement employee, or to the head of any department or office that issues a notice or decision or is designated as a Party under the Rule 9000 Series; or
- (B)(i) directly participated in the authorization or initiation of a complaint or proceeding, (ii) directly participated in the proceeding, or (iii) directly participated in an examination, investigation, prosecution, or litigation related to a specific proceeding, and any person(s) who supervise such staff.[;
- (2) a proceeding under the Rule 9520 Series or Rule 9550 Series:
 - (A) the head of the department or office that issues the notice or is designated as a Party;
 - (B) an Exchange employee who reports, directly or indirectly, to such person;
 - (C) an Exchange employee who directly participated in the authorization or initiation of the proceeding; or
 - (D) an Exchange employee who directly participated in an examination, investigation, prosecution, or litigation related to a specific proceeding, and a district director or department head to whom such employee reports; or
- (3) a proceeding under the Rule 9600 Series:
 - (A) the head of the department or office that issues the decision granting or denying an exemption or is designated as a Party;
 - (B) an Exchange employee who reports, directly or indirectly, to such person;
 - (C) an Exchange employee who directly participated in the exemption proceeding; or
 - (D) an Exchange employee who directly participated in an examination, investigation, prosecution, or litigation related to a specific exemption proceeding, and a district director or department head to whom such employee reports.

(v) "Office of Disciplinary Affairs"

The term "Office of Disciplinary Affairs" means the Office of Disciplinary Affairs for FINRA.]

([w]u) "Office of Hearing Officers"

The term "Office of Hearing Officers" means the Office of Hearing Officers for FINRA.

([x]v) "Panelist"

The term "Panelist," as used in the Rule 9200 Series, means a member of a Hearing Panel or Extended Hearing Panel who is not a Hearing Officer.

([y]w) "Party"

With respect to a particular proceeding, the term "Party" means:

- (1) in the Rule 9200 Series and the Rule 9300 Series, and the Rule 9800 Series, <u>Enforcement[the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation]</u> or a Respondent;
- (2) in the Rule 9520 Series, the Department of Member Regulation or a member organization that is the subject of a notice or files an application under Rule 9522;
- (3) in the Rule 9550 Series, the Exchange department or office that issued the notice or, if another Exchange department or office is named as the party handling the matter on behalf of the issuing department or office, the Exchange department or office that is so designated or a member organization or covered person that is the subject of a notice under the Rule 9550 Series; or
- (4) in the Rule 9600 Series, the department or office designated under Rule 9620 to issue the decision granting or denying an exemption or a member organization that seeks the exemption under Rule 9610.

(x) "Regulatory Staff"

The term "Regulatory Staff," and for purposes of the Rule 8000 Series and Rule 9000 Series (except for Rule 9557), the term "Exchange staff," refers to (A) any officer or employee reporting, directly or indirectly, to the CRO of the Exchange; and (B) FINRA staff acting on behalf of the Exchange in connection with the Rule 8000 Series and Rule 9000 Series.

([z]y) "Respondent"

The term "Respondent" means, in a disciplinary proceeding governed by the Rule 9200 Series and in a review governed by the Rule 9300 Series, a member organization or a covered person against whom a complaint is issued.

Rule 9130. Service; Filing of Papers

Rule 9131. Service of Complaint

(a) Service on Each Party

Except as provided below, a complaint shall be served on each Party by <u>Enforcement[the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation]</u>. When counsel for

a Party or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 agrees to accept service of the complaint, then Enforcement[the Department of Enforcement or Department of Market Regulation] may serve the complaint on counsel for a Party or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 as specified in Rule 9134(a).

(b) - **(c)** No Change

Rule 9141. Appearance and Practice; Notice of Appearance

(a) - (b) No Change

(c) [Reserved.]One Year Revolving Door Restriction

No former Regulatory Staff shall, within a period of one year immediately following termination of employment with the Exchange or FINRA, make an appearance before an Adjudicator on behalf of any other person in a proceeding under the Rule 9000 Series.

Rule 9146. Motions

(k) Motion For Protective Order

(1) A Party, a person who is the owner, subject, or creator of a Document subject to production under Rule 8210 or any other Rule which may be introduced as evidence in a disciplinary proceeding, or a witness who testifies at a hearing in a disciplinary proceeding may file a motion requesting a protective order to limit disclosure or prohibit from disclosure to other Parties, witnesses or other persons, except Regulatory Staff[the Department of Enforcement and the Department of Market Regulation and other Exchange staff], Documents or testimony that contain confidential information. The motion shall include a general summary or extract of the Documents or testimony without revealing confidential details. If the movant seeks a protective order against disclosure to other Parties, copies of the Documents shall not be served on the other Parties. Unless the Documents are unavailable, the movant shall file for in camera inspection a sealed copy of the Documents for which the order is sought. If the movant is not a Party, the motion shall be served on each Party by the moyant using a method in Rule 9134(a) and filed with the Adjudicator. A motion for a protective order shall be granted only upon a finding that disclosure of the Document or testimony would have a demonstrated adverse business effect on the movant or would involve an unreasonable breach of the movant's personal privacy.

(2) If a protective order is granted, the order shall set forth the restrictions on use and disclosure of such Document or testimony. An Adjudicator does not have the authority to issue a protective order that would limit in any manner the use by [Exchange staff]Regulatory Staff of such Documents or testimony in the staff's performance of their regulatory and self-regulatory responsibilities and functions, including the transmittal, without restriction to the recipient, of such Documents or testimony to state, federal, or foreign regulatory authorities or other self-regulatory organizations. An Adjudicator does not have the authority to issue a protective order that purports to protect from production such Documents or testimony in the event that the Exchange is subject to a subpoena requiring that the Documents or testimony be produced.

Rule 9200. DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

Rule 9210. Complaint and Answer

Rule 9211. Authorization of Complaint

(a) Complaint

- (1) If [the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation believes] Enforcement has reason to believe that any member organization or covered person is violating or has violated any rule, regulation, or statutory provision, including the federal securities laws and the regulations thereunder, which the Exchange has jurisdiction to enforce, Enforcement[the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation] may request authorization from the CRO[Office of Disciplinary Affairs] to issue a complaint.
- (2) The Exchange Board of Directors shall have the authority to direct the <u>CRO</u>[Office of Disciplinary Affairs] to authorize and <u>Enforcement</u>[the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation] to issue a complaint when, on the basis of information and belief, the Exchange Board of Directors is of the opinion that any member organization or covered person is violating or has violated any rule, regulation, or statutory provision, including the federal securities laws and the regulations thereunder, which the Exchange has jurisdiction to enforce.

Rule 9212. Complaint Issuance — Requirements, Service, Amendment, Withdrawal, and Docketing

(a) Form, Content, Notice, Docketing, and Service

(1) [If a complaint is authorized, the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation shall issue the complaint.]Each complaint shall be in writing and

signed by <u>authorized Enforcement staff</u>[the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation]. The complaint shall specify in reasonable detail the conduct alleged to constitute the violative activity and the rule, regulation, or statutory provision the Respondent is alleged to be violating or to have violated. If the complaint consists of several causes of action, each cause shall be stated separately. Complaints shall be served by [the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation]<u>Enforcement</u> on each Party pursuant to Rules 9131 and 9134, and filed at the time of service with the Office of Hearing Officers pursuant to Rules 9135, 9136, and 9137.

- (2) At the time of issuance of a complaint, <u>Enforcement[the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation]</u> may propose:
 - (A) an appropriate location for the hearing; and
 - (B) if the complaint alleges at least one cause of action involving activities on the Floor of the Exchange, that the Chief Hearing Officer select a Floor-Based Panelist for the Hearing Panel, or, if applicable, the Extended Hearing Panel as described in Rule 9231.

(b) Amendments to Complaint

Enforcement [The Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation] may file and serve an amended complaint once as a matter of course at any time before the Respondent answers the complaint. Otherwise, upon motion by Enforcement [the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation], the Hearing Officer may permit Enforcement[the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation] to amend the complaint, including amendments so as to make the complaint conform to the evidence presented, after considering whether Enforcement[the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation] has shown good cause for the amendment and whether any Respondent will suffer any unfair prejudice if the amendment is allowed. Amendments to complaints will be freely granted when justice so requires.

(c) Withdrawal of Complaint

With prior leave of the Hearing Officer, Enforcement[the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation] may withdraw a complaint. If Enforcement[the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation] withdraws the complaint before the earlier of

- (1) the Hearing Panel's or, if applicable, the Extended Hearing Panel's, issuance of a ruling on a motion for summary disposition, or
- (2) the start of the hearing on the merits, the withdrawal of the complaint by Enforcement[the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation]

shall be without prejudice and Enforcement [the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation] shall be permitted to refile a case based on allegations concerning the same facts and circumstances that are set forth in the withdrawn complaint.

If <u>Enforcement[the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation]</u> requests to withdraw such complaint after the occurrence of either of the two events set forth in (1) and (2) in this paragraph, the Hearing Panel or, if applicable, the Extended Hearing Panel, after considering the facts and circumstances of the request, shall determine whether the withdrawal shall be granted with prejudice.

(d) No Change

Rule 9213. Assignment of Hearing Officer and Appointment of Panelists to Hearing Panel or Extended Hearing Panel

(a) Assignment of Hearing Officer

As soon as practicable after Enforcement[the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation] has filed a complaint with the Office of Hearing Officers, the Chief Hearing Officer shall assign a Hearing Officer to preside over the disciplinary proceeding and shall serve the Parties with notice of the Hearing Officer's assignment pursuant to Rule 9132.

Rule 9215. Answer to Complaint

(f) Failure to Answer, Default

If a Respondent does not file an answer or make any other filing or request related to the complaint with the Office of Hearing Officers within the time required, Enforcement[the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation] shall send a second notice to such Respondent requiring an answer within 14 days after service of the second notice. The second notice shall state that failure of the Respondent to reply within the period specified shall allow the Hearing Officer, in the exercise of his or her discretion, pursuant to Rule 9269 to:

- (1) treat as admitted by the Respondent the allegations in the complaint; and
- (2) issue a default decision against the Respondent. If the Respondent fails to file an answer with the Office of Hearing Officers within the time required, the Hearing Officer may issue a default decision against the Respondent pursuant to Rule 9269.

Rule 9216. Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent; Plan Pursuant to SEA Rule 19d-1(c)(2)

(a) Acceptance, Waiver, and Consent Procedures

(1) Notwithstanding Rule 9211, if Enforcement In the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation] has reason to believe a violation has occurred and the member organization or covered person does not dispute the violation, Enforcement [the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation] may prepare and request that the member organization or covered person execute a letter accepting a finding of violation, consenting to the imposition of sanctions, and agreeing to waive such member organization's or covered person's right to a hearing before a Hearing Panel or, if applicable, an Extended Hearing Panel, and any right to review by the Exchange Board of Directors, the SEC, and the courts, or to otherwise challenge the validity of the letter, if the letter is accepted. The letter shall describe the act or practice engaged in or omitted, the rule, regulation, or statutory provision violated, and the sanction or sanctions to be imposed. Unless the letter states otherwise, the effective date of any sanction(s) imposed will be a date to be determined by [Exchange staff]Regulatory Staff.

(2) No Change

- (3) If the member organization or covered person executes the letter of acceptance, waiver, and consent, it shall be submitted to the [Office of Disciplinary Affairs]CRO. The [Office of Disciplinary Affairs]CRO may, on behalf of the Exchange Board of Directors, accept or reject such letter.
- (4) If the letter is accepted by the <u>CRO</u>[Office of Disciplinary Affairs], it shall be deemed final and shall constitute the complaint, answer, and decision in the matter. If the letter is rejected by the <u>CRO</u>[Office of Disciplinary Affairs], the Exchange may take any other appropriate disciplinary action with respect to the alleged violation or violations. If the letter is rejected, the member organization or covered person shall not be prejudiced by the execution of the letter of acceptance, waiver, and consent under paragraph (a)(1) and the letter may not be introduced into evidence in connection with the determination of the issues set forth in any complaint or in any other proceeding.

(b) Procedure for Violation Under Plan Pursuant to SEA Rule 19d-1(c)(2)

(1) Notwithstanding Rule 9211, the Exchange may, subject to the requirements set forth in paragraphs (b)(2) through (b)(4) and in SEA Rule 19d-1(c)(2), impose a fine (not to exceed \$2,500) and/or a censure on any member organization or covered person with respect to any rule listed in Rule 9217. If Enforcement[the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation] has reason to believe a violation has occurred and if the member organization or covered person does not dispute the violation, Enforcement[the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation] may prepare and request that the member organization or covered person execute a minor rule violation plan letter accepting a finding of violation, consenting to the imposition of

sanctions, and agreeing to waive such member organization's or covered person's right to a hearing before a Hearing Panel or, if applicable, an Extended Hearing Panel, and any right of review by the Exchange Board of Directors, the SEC, and the courts, or to otherwise challenge the validity of the letter, if the letter is accepted. The letter shall describe the act or practice engaged in or omitted, the rule, regulation, or statutory provision violated, and the sanction or sanctions to be imposed. Unless the letter states otherwise, the effective date of any sanction(s) imposed will be a date to be determined by [Exchange staff]Regulatory Staff.

(2) No Change

- (3) If the member organization or covered person executes the minor rule violation plan letter, it shall be submitted to the <u>CRO</u>[Office of Disciplinary Affairs]. The <u>CRO</u>[Office of Disciplinary Affairs], on behalf of the SRO Board, may accept or reject such letter.
- (4) If the letter is accepted by the <u>CRO</u>[Office of Disciplinary Affairs], it shall be deemed final and the Exchange shall report the violation to the SEC as required by the SEC pursuant to a plan approved under SEA Rule 19d-1(c)(2). If the letter is rejected by the <u>CRO</u>[Office of Disciplinary Affairs], the Exchange may take any other appropriate disciplinary action with respect to the alleged violation or violations. If the letter is rejected, the member organization or covered person shall not be prejudiced by the execution of the minor rule violation plan letter under paragraph (b)(1) and the letter may not be introduced into evidence in connection with the determination of the issues set forth in any complaint or in any other proceeding.

Rule 9217. Violations Appropriate for Disposition Under Plan Pursuant to SEA Rule 19d-1(c)(2)

Any member organization or covered person may be subject to a fine under Rule 9216(b) with respect to any rules listed below.

• Rule 123C - Failure to adhere to entry and cancellation procedures for limit-atthe-close and market-at-the-close orders.

Rule 9232. Criteria for Selection of Panelists, Replacement Panelists, and Floor-Based Panelists

(b) The [Chairman of the Exchange Board of Directors, subject to the approval the]Exchange Board of Directors shall from time to time appoint a hearing board to be composed of such number of members and former allied members of the Exchange who are not members of the Exchange Board of Directors and registered employees and nonregistered employees of member organizations. Former members, allied members, or registered and non-registered employees of member organizations who have retired from the securities industry may be appointed to the hearing board. The members of the hearing board shall be appointed annually and shall serve at the pleasure of the Exchange Board of Directors.

Rule 9242. Pre-hearing Submission

(b) [Reserved.]Prohibition on Serving as Expert Witness

No former Regulatory Staff shall, within a period of one year immediately following termination of employment with the Exchange or FINRA, provide expert testimony on behalf of any other person in any proceeding under the Rule 9000 Series. Nothing in this Rule shall prohibit former Regulatory Staff from testifying as a witness on behalf of the Exchange or FINRA.

Rule 9250. Discovery

Rule 9251. Inspection and Copying of Documents in Possession of Staff

(a) Documents to be Available for Inspection and Copying

- (1) Unless otherwise provided by this Rule, or by order of the Hearing Officer, <u>Enforcement[the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation]</u> shall make available for inspection and copying by any Respondent, Documents prepared or obtained by Interested Staff in connection with the investigation that led to the institution of proceedings. Such Documents include but are not limited to:
 - (A) requests for information issued pursuant to Rule 8210;
 - (B) every other written request directed to persons not employed by the Exchange to provide Documents or to be interviewed;
 - (C) the Documents provided in response to any such requests described in (A) and (B) above:

- (D) all transcripts and transcript exhibits; and
- (E) all other Documents obtained from persons not employed by the Exchange.
- (2) [The Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation] Enforcement shall promptly inform the Hearing Officer and each other Party if, after the issuance of a complaint, requests for information under Rule 8210 are issued under the same investigative file number under which the investigation leading to the institution of disciplinary proceedings was conducted. If Interested Staff receives Documents pursuant to a request for information under Rule 8210 after Documents have been made available to a Respondent for inspection and copying as set forth in paragraph (a), and if such Documents are material and relevant to the disciplinary proceeding in which such Respondent is a Party, the additional Documents shall be made available to the Respondent not later than 14 days after the Interested Staff receives such Documents. If a hearing on the merits is scheduled to begin, Interested Staff shall make the additional Documents available to the Respondent not less than ten days before the hearing. If Interested Staff receives such Documents ten or fewer days before a hearing on the merits is scheduled to begin or after such hearing begins, Interested Staff shall make the additional Documents available immediately to the Respondent.
- (3) Nothing in paragraph (a)(1) shall limit the discretion of [the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation] Enforcement to make available any other Document or the authority of the Hearing Officer to order the production of any other Document.

(b) Withheld Documents

- (1) [The Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation] <u>Enforcement</u> may withhold a Document if:
 - (A) the Document is privileged or constitutes attorney work product;
 - (B) the Document is an examination or inspection report, an internal memorandum, or other note or writing prepared by an Exchange employee that shall not be offered in evidence;
 - (C) the Document would disclose:
 - (i) an examination, investigatory or enforcement technique or guideline of the Exchange, a federal, state, or foreign regulatory authority, or a self-regulatory organization;
 - (ii) the identity of a source, including a federal, state, or foreign regulatory authority or a self-regulatory organization that furnished information or was furnished information on a confidential basis regarding an investigation, an examination, an

enforcement proceeding, or any other type of civil or criminal enforcement action; or

- (iii) an examination, an investigation, an enforcement proceeding, or any other type of civil or criminal enforcement action under consideration by, or initiated by, the Exchange, a federal, state, or foreign regulatory authority, or a self-regulatory organization; or
- (D) the Hearing Officer grants leave to withhold a Document or category of Documents as not relevant to the subject matter of the proceeding, or for other good cause shown.
- (2) [The Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation]<u>Enforcement</u> shall withhold a Document if the Document is prohibited from disclosure by federal law.
- (3) Nothing in paragraph (b)(1) authorizes [the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation] Enforcement to withhold a Document, or a part thereof, that contains material exculpatory evidence.

(c) Withheld Document List

The Hearing Officer may require Enforcement[the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation] to submit to the Hearing Officer a list of Documents withheld pursuant to paragraph (b) or to submit to the Hearing Officer any Document withheld. Upon review, the Hearing Officer may order Enforcement[the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation] to make the list or any Document withheld available to the other Parties for inspection and copying unless federal law prohibits disclosure of the Document or its existence. A motion to require Enforcement[the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation] to produce a list of Documents withheld pursuant to paragraph (b) shall be based upon some reason to believe that a Document is being withheld in violation of the Code.

(d) Timing of Inspection and Copying

The Hearing Officer shall determine the schedule of production of documents pursuant to this Rule. Unless otherwise ordered by the Hearing Officer, <u>Enforcement</u>[the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation] shall commence making Documents available to a Respondent for inspection and copying pursuant to this Rule not later than 21 days after service of the Respondent's answer or, if there are multiple Respondents, not later than 21 days after the last timely answer is filed. If a Respondent in a multi-Respondent case fails to answer, <u>Enforcement</u>[the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation] shall make Documents available to all other Respondents not later than the later of:

(1) 21 days after the filing date of the last timely answer, or

- (2) the expiration of the second period provided for filing an answer as set forth in Rule 9215(f).
- (e) (f) No Change

(g) Failure to Make Documents Available — Harmless Error

In the event that a Document required to be made available to a Respondent pursuant to this Rule is not made available by Enforcement [the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation], no rehearing or amended decision of a proceeding already heard or decided shall be required unless the Respondent establishes that the failure to make the Document available was not harmless error. The Hearing Officer, or, upon review under Rule 9310, the Exchange Board of Directors, shall determine whether the failure to make the document available was not harmless error, applying applicable Exchange, FINRA, SEC, and federal judicial precedent.

Rule 9253. Production of Witness Statements

(a) Availability

Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 9251(b),

- (1) A Respondent in a disciplinary proceeding may file a motion requesting that <u>Enforcement</u>[the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation] produce for inspection and copying any statement of any person called or to be called as a witness by <u>Enforcement</u>[the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation] that pertains, or is expected to pertain, to his or her direct testimony and which is "a stenographic, mechanical, electrical, or other recording, or a transcription thereof, which is a substantially verbatim recital of an oral statement made by said witness and recorded contemporaneously with the making of such oral statement," as that phrase is used in 18 U.S.C. §3500(e)(2).
- (2) A Respondent in a disciplinary proceeding may also file a motion requesting that Enforcement[the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation] produce for inspection and copying any contemporaneously written statement made by an Interested Staff member during a routine examination or inspection about the substance of oral statements made by a non-Exchange person when
 - (A) either the Interested Staff member or non-Exchange person is called as a witness by Enforcement[the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation], and

(B) that portion of the statement for which production is sought directly relates to the Interested Staff member's testimony or the testimony of the non-Exchange witness.

(b) Failure to Produce — Harmless Error

In the event that a statement required to be made available for inspection and copying by a Respondent is not provided by Enforcement [the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation], there shall be no rehearing of a proceeding already heard, or issuance of an amended decision in a proceeding already decided, unless the Respondent establishes that the failure to provide the statement was not harmless error. The Hearing Officer, or upon review under Rule 9310, the Exchange Board of Directors, shall determine whether the failure to provide any statement was not harmless error, applying applicable Exchange, FINRA, SEC, and federal judicial precedent.

Rule 9264. Motion for Summary Disposition

(a) Pre-hearing

After a Respondent's answer has been filed and Documents have been made available to that Respondent for inspection and copying pursuant to Rule 9251, the Respondent or Enforcement[the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation], without leave of the Hearing Officer, may make a motion for summary disposition of any or all the causes of action in the complaint with respect to that Respondent, as well as any defense raised in a Respondent's answer. All pre-hearing motions for summary disposition and supporting papers shall be filed at least 21 days before the time set for the hearing, or at such earlier time as ordered by the Hearing Officer. Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 9146(d), any opposition or response to a pre-hearing motion for summary disposition shall be filed at least seven days before the time set for the hearing.

(b) After Commencement of Hearing on Merits

After a hearing on the merits has commenced, a Respondent or Enforcement[the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation] may make a motion for summary disposition of any or all of the causes of action in the complaint with respect to that Respondent or defenses raised in that Respondent's answer only with leave of the Hearing Officer.

(c) - (e) No Change

Rule 9269. Default Decisions

(a) Issuance of Default Decisions

- (1) The Hearing Officer may issue a default decision against a Respondent that fails to answer the complaint within the time afforded under Rule 9215, or a Party that fails to appear at a pre-hearing conference held pursuant to Rule 9241 of which the Party has due notice, or a Party that fails to appear at any hearing that the Party is required to attend under the Rule 9200 Series of which the Party has due notice.
- (2) If the defaulting Party is the Respondent, the Hearing Officer may deem the allegations against that Respondent admitted. If the Defaulting Party is Enforcement[the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation], the Hearing Officer may issue a default decision ordering that the complaint be dismissed with prejudice.
- (3) The Hearing Officer may order a Party that fails to appear at the prehearing conference or the hearing to pay the costs incurred by other Parties in connection with their appearance.
- **(b) (c)** No Change

(d) Final Disciplinary Action of the Exchange; Effectiveness of Sanctions

If a request for a review of a default decision is not filed pursuant to Rule 9310 within 25 days after the date the Office of Hearing Officers serves it on the Parties, the default decision shall become the final disciplinary action of the Exchange for purposes of SEA Rule 19d-1(c)(1). Unless otherwise provided in the default decision, the sanctions shall become effective on a date to be determined by [Exchange staff]Regulatory Staff, except that a bar or expulsion shall become effective immediately upon the default decision becoming the final disciplinary action of the Exchange. The decision shall be served on a Respondent by courier or other means reasonably likely to obtain prompt service when the sanction is a bar or an expulsion.

Rule 9270. Settlement Procedure

(c) Content and Signature Requirements

An offer of settlement shall be in writing and signed by the person making the offer, and, if the person is represented by counsel or a representative, signed also by the counsel or representative. The offer of settlement shall contain in reasonable detail:

- (1) a statement describing the investigative or other origin of the disciplinary action;
- (2) the specific statutory or rule provisions that the member organization or covered person is alleged to have violated;

- (3) a statement containing the acts or practices which the member organization or covered person is alleged to have engaged in or omitted;
- (4) a statement consenting to findings of fact and violations consistent with the statements contained in the offer of settlement required by paragraphs (c)(2) and (c)(3); and
- (5) a description of the proposed sanction and the effective date of any sanction(s) imposed, or a statement that the effective date of the sanction(s) will be a date to be determined by [Exchange staff]Regulatory Staff.
- (d) No Change

(e) Contested Offers of Settlement Deemed Rejected

If a Respondent makes an offer of settlement and [the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation] <u>Enforcement</u> opposes it, the offer of settlement is contested. A contested offer of settlement shall be deemed rejected, shall not be transmitted to the Office of Hearing Officers, [Office of Disciplinary Affairs] <u>CRO</u>, or Hearing Panel or Extended Hearing Panel, and shall not constitute a part of the record in any proceeding against the Respondent making the offer.

(f) Uncontested Offers of Settlement

If a Respondent makes an offer of settlement and [the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation] Enforcement does not oppose it, the offer of settlement is uncontested. If an offer of settlement is determined to be uncontested by Enforcement[the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation] before a hearing on the merits has begun, Enforcement[the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation] shall transmit the uncontested offer of settlement and a proposed order of acceptance to the CRO[Office of Disciplinary Affairs] with its recommendation. If an offer of settlement is determined to be uncontested by [the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation] Enforcement after a hearing on the merits has begun, Enforcement[the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation] shall transmit the offer of settlement and a proposed order of acceptance to the Hearing Panel or, if applicable, the Extended Hearing Panel to be accepted or not accepted.

- (1) A proposed order of acceptance shall make findings of fact, including a statement of the rule, regulation, or statutory provision violated, and impose sanctions consistent with the terms of the offer of settlement.
- (2) Before an offer of settlement and an order of acceptance shall become effective, they shall be submitted to and accepted by the [Office of Disciplinary Affairs]CRO, the Hearing Panel, or if applicable, Extended Hearing Panel. The [Office of Disciplinary

Affairs]CRO, Hearing Panel, or if applicable, Extended Hearing Panel, may or may not accept such offer of settlement and order of acceptance.

- (3) If the offer of settlement and order of acceptance are accepted by the [Office of Disciplinary Affairs]CRO, the Hearing Panel or, if applicable, Extended Hearing Panel, they shall be issued and become final.
- (g) No Change

(h) Uncontested Offer of Settlement Not Accepted

If an uncontested offer of settlement or an order of acceptance is not accepted by the [Office of Disciplinary Affairs]CRO, the Hearing Panel or the Extended Hearing Panel, the Respondent shall be notified in writing and the offer of settlement and proposed order of acceptance shall be deemed withdrawn. An offer and a proposed order of acceptance that are not accepted shall not constitute a part of the record in any proceeding against the Respondent making the offer.

(i) Disciplinary Proceeding With Multiple Respondents

When a disciplinary proceeding names multiple Respondents, settlement offers may be accepted or rejected as to any one or all of the Respondents submitting offers. The proceedings shall thereafter be terminated as to those Respondents whose offers of settlement are accepted, but such Respondents may be required to participate in any hearing conducted as to those Respondents that did not submit offers of settlement or whose offers of settlement were rejected.

(j) No Prejudice from Rejected Offer of Settlement

If an offer of settlement is rejected by the [Office of Disciplinary Affairs]CRO, a Hearing Panel or Extended Hearing Panel, the Respondent shall not be prejudiced by the offer, which may not be introduced into evidence in connection with the determination of the issues involved in the pending complaint or in any other proceeding.

Rule 9300. REVIEW OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDING BY EXCHANGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Rule 9310. Review by Exchange Board of Directors

(a) Request for Review

(1) Any Party, any Director, and any member of the committee of NYSE Regulation to which is delegated the authority to review disciplinary decisions on behalf of the Exchange Board of Directors may require a review by the Exchange Board of Directors

of any determination or penalty, or both, imposed by a Hearing Panel or Extended Hearing Panel under the Rule 9200 Series, except that [neither Party]none of the aforementioned persons may request a review by the Exchange Board of Directors of a decision concerning an Exchange member organization that is an affiliate. A request for review shall be made by filing with the Secretary of the Exchange a written request therefor, which states the basis and reasons for such review, within 25 days after notice of the determination and/or penalty is served upon the Respondent. The Secretary of the Exchange shall give notice of any such request for review to the Parties.

Rule 9500. OTHER PROCEEDINGS

Rule 9550. Expedited Proceedings

Rule 9551. Failure to Comply with Public Communication Standards

(a) Notice of Pre-Use Filing Requirement

Pursuant to Rule 2210(c)(1)(B), [Exchange staff]Regulatory Staff may issue a written notice requiring a member organization to file communications with the Exchange's Advertising Regulation Department at least ten days prior to use if [Exchange staff]Regulatory Staff determines that the member organization has departed from the standards of Rule 2210.

(b) Service of Notice of Pre-Use Filing Requirement

Except as provided below, [Exchange staff] Regulatory Staff shall serve the member organization with such notice in accordance with Rule 9134. When counsel for the member organization or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 agrees to accept service of such notice, then [Exchange staff] Regulatory Staff may serve notice on counsel or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 as specified in Rule 9134.

Rule 9552. Failure to Provide Information or Keep Information Current

(a) Notice of Suspension of a Member Organization or Covered Person if Corrective Action is Not Taken

If a member organization or covered person fails to provide any information, report, material, data, or testimony requested or required to be filed pursuant to the Exchange's Rules, or fails to keep its membership application or supporting documents current, [Exchange staff]Regulatory Staff may provide written notice to such member organization or covered person specifying the nature of the failure and stating that the failure to take corrective action within 21 days after service of the notice will result in

suspension of membership of the member organization or of association of the covered person with any member organization.

(b) Service of Notice of Suspension

Except as provided below, [Exchange staff] Regulatory Staff shall serve the member organization or covered person with such notice in accordance with Rule 9134. A copy of a notice under this Rule that is served on a covered person associated with a member organization also shall be served on such member organization. When counsel for the member organization or covered person, or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 agrees to accept service of such notice, then [Exchange staff] Regulatory Staff may serve notice on counsel or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 as specified in Rule 9134.

Rule 9554. Failure to Comply with an Arbitration Award or Related Settlement or an Order of Restitution or Settlement Providing for Restitution

(a) Notice of Suspension or Cancellation

If a member organization or covered person fails to comply with an arbitration award or a settlement agreement related to an arbitration or mediation under the Exchange's Rules, or an Exchange order of restitution or Exchange settlement agreement providing for restitution, [Exchange staff]Regulatory Staff may provide written notice to such covered person or member organization stating that the failure to comply within 21 days of service of the notice will result in a suspension or cancellation of membership or a suspension from associating with any member organization. When a member organization or covered person fails to comply with an arbitration award or a settlement agreement related to an arbitration or mediation involving a customer, a claim of inability to pay is no defense.

(b) Service of Notice of Suspension or Cancellation

Except as provided below, [Exchange staff] Regulatory Staff shall serve the member organization or covered person with such notice in accordance with Rule 9134. A copy of a notice under this Rule that is served on a covered person associated with a member organization also shall be served on such member organization. When counsel for the member organization or covered person, or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 agrees to accept service of such notice, then [Exchange staff] Regulatory Staff may serve notice on counsel or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 as specified in Rule 9134.

Rule 9556. Failure to Comply with Temporary and Permanent Cease and Desist Orders

(a) Notice of Suspension, Cancellation or Bar

If a member organization or covered person fails to comply with a temporary or permanent cease and desist order issued under the Rule 9200, 9300 or 9800 Series, [Exchange staff]Regulatory Staff, after receiving written authorization from the Exchange's CRO or such other senior officer as the CRO may designate, may issue a notice to such member organization or covered person stating that the failure to comply with the temporary or permanent cease and desist order within seven days of service of the notice will result in a suspension or cancellation of membership or a suspension or bar from associating with any member organization.

(b) Service of Notice

[Exchange staff]Regulatory Staff shall serve the member organization or covered person subject to a notice issued under this Rule (or upon counsel representing the member organization or covered person, or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141, when counsel or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 agrees to accept service for the member organization or covered person) by overnight courier or personal delivery. Papers served on a member organization, covered person or counsel for such member organization or covered person, or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 by overnight courier or personal delivery shall conform to paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) and, with respect to a member organization or covered person, (b)(1) and (2) of Rule 9134. A copy of a notice under this Rule that is served on a covered person associated with a member organization also shall be served on such member organization. Service is complete upon mailing the notice by overnight courier or delivering it in person.

Rule 9800. TEMPORARY CEASE AND DESIST ORDERS

Rule 9810. Initiation of Proceeding

(a) [Department of Enforcement or Department of Market Regulation] Enforcement; Service and Filing of Notice

With the prior written authorization of the Exchange's CRO or such other senior officers as the CRO may designate, Enforcement [the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation] may initiate a temporary cease and desist proceeding with respect to alleged violations of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and SEA Rule 10b-5 thereunder; SEA Rules 15g-1 through 15g-9; NYSE Rule 2010 (if the alleged violation is unauthorized trading, or misuse or conversion of customer assets, or based on violations of Section 17(a) of the Securities Act); or NYSE Rule 2020. [The Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation] Enforcement a notice on a member organization or covered person (hereinafter "Respondent") and filing a copy thereof with the Office of Hearing Officers.

Enforcement [The Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation]

shall serve the notice by personal service or overnight commercial courier. The notice shall be effective upon service.

(b) Contents of Notice

The notice shall set forth the rule or statutory provision that the Respondent is alleged to have violated and that Enforcement[the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation] is seeking to have the Respondent ordered to cease violating. The notice also shall state whether Enforcement[the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation] is requesting the Respondent to be required to take action or to refrain from taking action. The notice shall be accompanied by:

- (1) a declaration of facts, signed by a person with knowledge of the facts contained therein, that specifies the acts or omissions that constitute the alleged violation; and
- (2) a proposed order that contains the required elements of a temporary cease and desist order (except the date and hour of the order's issuance), which are set forth in Rule 9840(b).

(c) Filing of Underlying Complaint

If <u>Enforcement</u>[the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation] has not issued a complaint under Rule 9211 against the Respondent relating to the subject matter of the temporary cease and desist proceeding and alleging violations of the rule or statutory provision specified in the notice described in paragraph (b), <u>Enforcement</u>[the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation] shall serve and file such a complaint with the notice initiating the temporary cease and desist proceeding.

Rule 9820. Appointment of Hearing Officer and Hearing Panel

(a) As soon as practicable after Enforcement[the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation] files a copy of the notice initiating a temporary cease and desist proceeding with the Office of Hearing Officers, the Chief Hearing Officer shall assign a Hearing Officer to preside over the temporary cease and desist proceeding. The Chief Hearing Officer shall appoint two Panelists to serve on a Hearing Panel with the Hearing Officer. The Panelists shall be appointed pursuant to Rule 9231.

Rule 9830. Hearing

(b) Service of Notice of Hearing

The Office of Hearing Officers shall serve a notice of date, time, and place of the hearing on Enforcement[the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation] and the Respondent not later than seven days before the hearing, unless otherwise ordered by the Hearing Officer. Service shall be made by personal service or overnight commercial courier. The notice shall be effective upon service.

(h) Failure to Appear at Hearing

If a Respondent fails to appear at a hearing for which it has notice, the allegations in the notice and accompanying declaration may be deemed admitted, and the Hearing Panel may issue a temporary cease and desist order without further proceedings. If Enforcement[the Department of Enforcement or Department of Market Regulation] fails to appear at a hearing for which it has notice, the Hearing Panel may order that the temporary cease and desist proceeding be dismissed.
