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#### Rule 8000, INVESTIGATIONS AND SANCTIONS

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**Rule 8300. SANCTIONS** 

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# Rule 8313. Release of Disciplinary Complaints, Decisions and Other Information

#### (a) General Standards

- (1) The Exchange shall [publish ]release to the public a copy of, and at the Exchange's discretion information with respect to, any disciplinary complaint or disciplinary decision issued by the Exchange, as defined in paragraph (e) of this Rule[final disciplinary action] under the Rule 9000 Series, other than minor rule violations, on its website. The Exchange shall, in response to a request, release to the requesting party a copy of any identified disciplinary complaint or disciplinary decision issued by the Exchange, as defined in paragraph (e) of this Rule.
- (2) The Exchange shall release to the public a copy of, and at the Exchange's discretion information with respect to, any statutory disqualification decision, notification, or notice issued by the Exchange pursuant to the Rule 9520 Series that will be filed with the SEC and any temporary cease and desist order or decision issued by the Exchange pursuant to the Rule 9800 Series.
- (3) The Exchange shall release to the public information with respect to any suspension, cancellation, expulsion, or bar that constitutes final Exchange action imposed pursuant to Rules 9552, 9554, 9555, 9556, and 9558, and information with respect to any suspension imposed pursuant to Rule 9557. The Exchange shall release to the public a copy of, and information with respect to, any decision issued pursuant to Rule 9559 that constitutes final Exchange action. The Exchange shall release to the public information with respect to the summary suspension or expulsion of a member organization or the summary revocation of the registration of a covered person for a failure to pay fines, other monetary sanctions, or costs pursuant to Rule 8320.

(4) The Exchange may release to the public a copy of, and information with respect to, any decision or notice issued pursuant to the Rule 9600 Series, and any other decision appealable to the SEC under Exchange Act Section 19(d).

#### (b) Release Specifications

- (1) Copies of, and information with respect to, any disciplinary complaint released to the public pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Rule shall indicate that a disciplinary complaint represents the initiation of a formal proceeding by the Exchange in which findings as to the allegations in the complaint have not been made and does not represent a decision as to any of the allegations contained in the complaint.
- (2) Copies of, and information with respect to, any disciplinary decision or other decision, order, notification, or notice released to the public pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Rule prior to the expiration of the time period provided for an appeal or call for review as permitted under Exchange rules or the Exchange Act, or while such an appeal or call for review is pending, shall indicate that the findings and sanctions imposed therein are subject to review and modification by the Exchange or the SEC.

## (c) Discretion to Redact Certain Information or Waive Publication

- (1) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this Rule, the Exchange reserves the right to redact, on a case-by-case basis, information that contains confidential customer information, including customer identities, or information that raises significant identity theft, personal safety, or privacy concerns that are not outweighed by investor protection concerns.
- (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this Rule, the Exchange may determine, in its discretion, to waive the requirement to release a copy of, or information with respect to, any disciplinary complaint, disciplinary decision or other decision, order, notification, or notice under those extraordinary circumstances where the release of such information would violate fundamental notions of fairness or work an injustice.

## (d) Notice of Appeals of Exchange Decisions to the SEC

The Exchange shall provide notice to the public if a disciplinary decision of the Exchange is appealed to the SEC and the notice shall state whether the effectiveness of the decision has been stayed pending the outcome of proceedings before the SEC.

#### (e) Definitions

- (1) For the purpose of this Rule, the term "disciplinary complaint" shall mean any complaint issued pursuant to the Rule 9200 Series.
- (2) For the purpose of this Rule, the term "disciplinary decision" shall mean any decision issued pursuant to the Rule 9000 Series, including, decisions issued by a Hearing Officer, Hearing Panel, Extended Hearing Panel, or the Board of Directors, orders accepting

offers of settlement, and Letters of Acceptance, Waiver and Consent; provided, however, such term does not include decisions issued pursuant to the Rule 9550 Series, Rule 9600 Series, or Rule 9800 Series, or decisions, notifications, or notices issued pursuant to the Rule 9520 Series, which are addressed by paragraphs (a)(2), (a)(3) and (a)(4) of this Rule. Minor rule violation plan letters issued pursuant to Rules 9216 and 9217 are not subject to this Rule.

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#### Rule 9000. CODE OF PROCEDURE

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#### **Rule 9100. APPLICATION AND PURPOSE**

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#### Rule 9120. Definitions

(a) - (r) No Change

## (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. or that is constituted under the Rule 9800 Series to conduct a temporary cease and desist proceeding.

## (t) "Interested Staff"

The term "Interested Staff" means, in the context of any proceeding under the Code of Procedure, Regulatory Staff or staff who:

- (A) report, directly or indirectly, to any Enforcement employee, or to the head of any department or office that issues a notice, <u>petition</u> 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.

#### (u) No Change

## (v) "Panelist"

The term "Panelist," as used in the Rule 9200 Series, the Rule 9550 Series, and the Rule 9800 Series, means a member of a Hearing Panel or Extended Hearing Panel who is not a Hearing Officer.

 $(\mathbf{w}) - (\mathbf{x})$  No Change

## (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. In a proceeding governed by the Rule 9800 Series, the term "Respondent" means a member organization or covered person that has been served a notice initiating a cease and desist proceeding.

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#### Rule 9200. DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

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Rule 9260. Hearing and Decision

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#### Rule 9268. Decision of Hearing Panel or Extended Hearing Panel

(a) No Change

#### (b) Contents of Decision

The decision shall include:

- (1) (4) No Change
- (5) a statement of the Hearing Panel, or the Extended Hearing Panel, in support of the disposition of the principal issues raised in the proceeding; [and]
- (6) a statement describing any sanction imposed, the reasons therefor, and the date upon which such sanction shall become effective. Unless otherwise provided in the decision, the sanction(s) shall become effective pursuant to paragraph (f) of this Rule[.]; and
- (7) a statement, when the sanctions include a permanent cease and desist order, that is consistent with the requirements of Rule 9291(a) concerning the content, scope, and form of a permanent cease and desist order.

(c) – (f) No Change

#### Rule 9269. Default Decisions

- (a) Issuance of Default Decisions
- (1) (3) No Change
- (4) The Office of Hearing Officers shall provide a copy of the default decision to each member organization or ATP Holder with which a Respondent is associated.
- (b) (d) No Change

#### Rule 9270. Settlement Procedure

- (a) (b) No Change
- (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) (4) No Change
- (5) a proposed sanction to be imposed that is consistent with the Exchange's then current sanction guidelines, if applicable, or, if inconsistent with the sanction guidelines, a detailed statement supporting the proposed sanction; [and]
- (6) 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 Regulatory Staff[.]; and
- (7) if applicable, a proposed permanent cease and desist order to be imposed that is consistent with the requirements of Rule 9291(a) concerning the content, scope, and form of a permanent cease and desist order.
- $(\mathbf{d}) (\mathbf{e})$  No Change

#### (f) Uncontested Offers of Settlement

If a Respondent makes an offer of settlement and Enforcement does not oppose it, the offer of settlement is uncontested. If an offer of settlement is determined to be uncontested by Enforcement before a hearing on the merits has begun, Enforcement shall transmit the uncontested offer of settlement and a proposed order of acceptance to the CRO with its recommendation. If an offer of settlement is determined to be uncontested by Enforcement after a hearing on the merits has begun, Enforcement 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 (including, if applicable, a permanent cease and desist order) consistent with the terms of the offer of settlement.
- (2) No change
- (3) If the offer of settlement and order of acceptance are accepted by the CRO, the Hearing Panel or, if applicable, Extended Hearing Panel, they shall be issued and shall be sent to each Director and each member of the Committee for Review via courier, express delivery or electronic means. The offer of settlement and order of acceptance shall become final 25 days after they are sent to each Director and each member of the Committee for Review, unless review by the Exchange Board of Directors is requested pursuant to Rule 9310(a)(1). Enforcement shall provide a copy of an issued order of acceptance to each member organization or ATP Holder with which a Respondent is associated.
- $(\mathbf{g}) (\mathbf{j})$  No Change

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# Rule 9291. Permanent Cease and Desist Orders

#### (a) Content, Scope and Form Requirements

When a decision issued under Rule 9268 or Rule 9269 or an order of acceptance issued under Rule 9270 imposes a permanent cease and desist order, it shall:

- (1) order a Respondent (and any successor of a Respondent, where the Respondent is a member organization) to cease and desist permanently from violating a specific rule or statutory provision;
- (2) set forth the violation; and
- (3) describe in reasonable detail the act or acts the Respondent (and any successor of a Respondent, where the Respondent is a member organization) shall take or refrain from taking.

# (b) Delivery Requirement

Where a Respondent is a member organization or ATP Holder, Respondent shall deliver a copy of a permanent cease and desist order, within one business day of receiving it, to its covered persons.

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

## Rule 9310. Review by Exchange Board of Directors

(a) No Change

# (b) Review by Exchange Board of Directors

Any review by the Exchange Board of Directors shall be based on oral arguments and written briefs and shall be limited to consideration of the record before the Hearing Panel or Extended Hearing Panel. The Committee for Review may, but is not required to, appoint an appeals panel to conduct a review under this subsection and make a recommendation to the Committee for Review. An appeals panel appointed by the Committee for Review would consist of at least three and no more than five individuals. An appeals panel appointed by the Committee for Review for equity matters would be composed of at least one director and one member or individual associated with an equities member organization. An appeals panel appointed by the Committee for Review for options matters would be composed of at least one director and one member or individual associated with an options member organization. Upon review, and with the advice of the Committee for Review, the Exchange Board of Directors, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Exchange Board of Directors then in office, may sustain any determination or penalty imposed, (including the terms of any permanent cease and desist order), or both, may modify or reverse any such determination, and may increase, decrease or eliminate any such penalty, or impose any penalty permitted under the Exchange's rules, as it deems appropriate. Unless the Exchange Board of Directors otherwise specifically directs, the determination and penalty, if any, of the Exchange Board of Directors after review shall be final and conclusive subject to the provisions for review of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

(c) - (d) No Change

#### **Rule 9500. OTHER PROCEEDINGS**

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**Rule 9550. Expedited Proceedings** 

#### Rule 9551. Failure to Comply with Public Communication Standards

(a) No Change

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

Except as provided below, Regulatory Staff shall serve the member or member organization (or counsel representing the member or member organization, 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 or member organization) with such notice in accordance with Rule 9134 or by email. [When counsel for the member or member organization or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 agrees to accept service of such notice, then Regulatory Staff may serve notice on counsel or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 as specified in Rule 9134.]Papers served on a member or member organization by email shall be sent to the email address on file with the Exchange and shall also be served by either overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) and (b)(1) and (2) of Rule 9134. Papers served on counsel for a member or member organization, or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141, by email shall be sent to the email address that counsel or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 provides and shall also be served by either overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) of Rule 9134. Service is complete upon sending the notice by email, mailing the notice by U.S. Postal Service first class mail, first class certified mail, first class registered mail, or Express Mail, sending the notice through a courier service, or delivering it in person, except that, where duplicate service is required, service is complete when the duplicate service is complete.

(c) - (g) No Change

# Rule 9552. Failure to Provide Information or Keep Information Current

(a) No Change

## (b) Service of Notice of Suspension

Except as provided below, Regulatory Staff shall serve the member organization or covered person (or 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) with such notice in accordance with Rule 9134 or by email. A copy of a notice under this Rule that is served on a covered person associated with a member organization or ATP Holder also shall be served on such member organization or ATP Holder. [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 Regulatory Staff may serve notice on counsel or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 as specified in Rule 9134.]Papers served on a member or member organization by email shall be sent to the email address on file with the Exchange and shall also be served by either overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) and (b)(1) and (2) of Rule 9134. Papers served on a person by email shall be sent to the person's last known email address and shall also be served by either overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) and (b)(1) of Rule 9134. Papers served on counsel for a member organization or covered person, or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141, by email shall be sent to the email address that counsel or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 provides and shall also be served by either overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) of Rule 9134. Service is complete upon sending the notice by email, mailing the notice by U.S. Postal Service first class mail, first class certified mail, first class registered mail, or Express Mail, sending the notice through a courier service, or delivering it in person, except that, where duplicate service is required, service is complete when the duplicate service is complete.

(c) – (h) No Change

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

(a) No Change

# (b) Service of Notice of Suspension or Cancellation

Except as provided below, Regulatory Staff shall serve the member organization or covered person (or 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) with such notice in accordance with Rule 9134 or by email. A copy of a notice under this Rule that is served on a covered person associated with a member organization or ATP Holder also shall be served on such member organization or ATP Holder. [When counsel for the member organization, covered person, or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 agrees to accept service of such notice, then Regulatory Staff may serve notice on counsel or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 as specified in Rule 9134. Papers served on a member or member organization by email shall be sent to the email address on file with the Exchange and shall also be served by either overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) and (b)(1) and (2) of Rule 9134. Papers served on a person by email shall be sent to the person's last known email address and shall also be served by either overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) and (b)(1) of Rule 9134. Papers served on counsel for a member organization or covered person, or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141, by email shall be sent to the email address that counsel or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 provides and shall also be served by either overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) of Rule 9134. Service is complete upon sending the notice by email, mailing the notice by U.S. Postal Service first class mail, first class certified mail, first class registered mail, or Express Mail, sending the notice through a courier service, or delivering it in person, except that, where duplicate service is required, service is complete when the duplicate service is complete.

(c) - (g) No Change

# Rule 9555. Failure to Meet the Eligibility or Qualification Standards or Prerequisites for Access to Services

(a) No Change

# (b) Service of Notice

Except as provided below, Exchange staff shall serve the member organization or covered person (or 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) with such notice in accordance with Rule 9134 or by email. A copy of a notice under this Rule that is served on a covered person associated with a member organization or ATP Holder also shall be served on such member organization or ATP Holder. [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 may serve notice on counsel or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 as specified in Rule 9134.]Papers served on a member or member organization by email shall be sent to the email address on file with the Exchange and shall also be served by either overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) and (b)(1) and (2) of Rule 9134. Papers served on a person by email shall be sent to the person's last known email address and shall also be served by either overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) and (b)(1) of Rule 9134. Papers served on counsel for a member organization or covered person, or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141, by email shall be sent to the email address that counsel or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 provides and shall also be served by either overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) of Rule 9134. Service is complete upon sending the notice by email, mailing the notice by U.S. Postal Service first class mail, first class certified mail, first class registered mail, or Express Mail, sending the notice through a courier service, or delivering it in person, except that, where duplicate service is required, service is complete when the duplicate service is complete.

(c) - (g) No Change

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

(a) No Change

#### (b) Service of Notice

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 email, 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. Papers served on a member or member organization by email shall be sent to the email address on file with the Exchange and shall also be served by either overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) and (b)(1) and (2) of Rule 9134. Papers served on a person by email shall be sent to the person's last known email address and shall also be served by either overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) and (b)(1) of Rule 9134. Papers served on counsel for a member organization or covered person, or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 by email shall be sent to the email address that counsel or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 provides and shall also be served by either overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) of Rule 9134. A copy of a notice under this Rule that is served on a covered person associated with a member organization or ATP Holder also shall be served on such member organization or ATP Holder. Service is complete upon sending[mailing] the notice by email or overnight courier or delivering it in person, except that, where duplicate service is required, service is complete upon sending the duplicate service.

(c) – (f) No Change

# (g) Request for Termination of the Suspension

A member organization or covered person subject to a suspension <u>imposed after the process described in paragraphs (a) through (f) of [under] this Rule may file a written request for termination of the suspension on the ground of full compliance with the notice or decision. Such request shall be filed with the head of the Exchange department or office that issued the notice or, if another department or office is named as the party handling the matter on behalf of the issuing department or office, with the head of the department or office that is so designated. The appropriate head of the department or office may grant relief for good cause shown.</u>

## (h) Subsequent Proceedings

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, and has previously been served under paragraph (a) of this Rule with a notice for a failure to comply with any provision of the same temporary or permanent cease and desist order, Regulatory Staff, after receiving written authorization from the CRO, may file a petition with the Office of Hearing Officers seeking a hearing pursuant to Rule 9559 and the imposition of any fitting sanctions for such member organization's or covered person's failure to comply with the temporary or permanent cease and desist order.

- (1) The petition shall be served in accordance with paragraph (b) of this Rule, and it shall be filed with the Office of Hearing Officers.
- (2) The petition shall explicitly identify the provision of the permanent or temporary cease and desist order that is alleged to have been violated, contain a statement of facts specifying the alleged violation, describe with particularity the sanctions that Regulatory Staff seeks to have imposed, and note that a hearing under Rule 9559 is requested. Regulatory Staff may seek the imposition of any fitting sanction.
- (3) Upon the filing of the petition, Rule 9559 shall govern the proceeding. Respondent's full compliance with the temporary or permanent cease and desist order is not a ground for dismissing a proceeding brought pursuant to this paragraph (h).
- (4) After having filed the petition, Regulatory Staff can withdraw it without prejudice and shall be permitted to refile a petition based on allegations concerning the same facts and circumstances that are set forth in the withdrawn petition.

Rule 9557. Procedures for Regulating Activities Under Rules 470, 471, 4110 - Equities, 4120 - Equities and 4130 - Equities Regarding a Member or Member Organization Experiencing Financial or Operational Difficulties

(a) No Change

#### (b) Service of Notice

Exchange staff shall serve the member or member organization subject to a notice issued under this Rule (or counsel representing the member or member organization, 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 or member organization) by email, overnight courier or personal delivery. Papers served by overnight courier or personal delivery shall conform to paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) and (b)(1) and (2) of Rule 9134. Papers served on a member or member organization by email shall be sent to the email address on file with the Exchange and shall also be served by either overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) and (b)(1) and (2) of Rule 9134. Papers served on counsel for a member or member organization, or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 by email shall be sent to the email address that counsel or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 provides and shall also be served by either overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) of Rule 9134. Service is complete upon sending[mailing] the notice by email or overnight courier or delivering it in person, except that, where duplicate service is required, service is complete upon sending the duplicate service.

(c) - (h) No Change

Rule 9558. Summary Proceedings for Actions Authorized by Section 6(d)(3) of the Exchange Act

#### (a) No Change

## (b) Service of Notice

Exchange staff shall serve the member organization or covered person or other person subject to a notice issued under this Rule (or 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 email, overnight courier or personal delivery. Papers served by overnight courier or personal delivery shall conform to paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) and (b)(1) and (2) of Rule 9134. Papers served on a member or member organization by email shall be sent to the email address on file with the Exchange staff and shall also be served by either overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) and (b)(1) and (2) of Rule 9134. Papers served on a person by email shall be sent to the person's last known email address and shall also be served by either overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) and (b)(1) of Rule 9134. Papers served on counsel for a member organization or covered person, or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 by email shall be sent to the email address that counsel or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 provides and shall also be served by either overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) of Rule 9134. A copy of a notice under this Rule that is served on a covered person associated with a member organization or ATP Holder also shall be served on such member organization or ATP Holder. Service is complete upon sending[mailing] the notice by email or overnight courier or delivering it in person, except that, where duplicate service is required, service is complete upon sending the duplicate service.

### (c) - (g) No Change

# Rule 9559. Hearing Procedures for Expedited Proceedings Under the Rule 9550 Series

## (a) Applicability

The hearing procedures under this Rule shall apply to a member organization, covered person or other person who is served with a notice issued under the Rule 9550 Series and who timely requests a hearing or who is served with a petition instituting an expedited proceeding under Rule 9556(h). For purposes of this Rule, such member organizations, covered persons or other persons shall be referred to as respondents.

#### (b) No Change

#### (c) Stays

(1) Unless the Chief Hearing Officer or the Hearing Officer assigned to the matter orders otherwise for good cause shown, a timely request for a hearing shall stay the

effectiveness of a notice issued under Rules 9551 through 9556, except that: (A) the effectiveness of a notice of a limitation or prohibition on access to services offered by the Exchange or a member or member organization thereof under Rule 9555 with respect to services to which the member organization, covered person or other person does not have access shall not be stayed by a request for a hearing; and (B) this paragraph has no applicability to a petition instituting an expedited proceeding under Rule 9556(h).

(2) – (3) No Change

## (d) Appointment and Authority of Hearing Officer and/or Hearing Panel

- (1) For proceedings initiated under Rules 9554 and 9556(h), the Chief Hearing Officer shall appoint a Hearing Officer to preside over and act as the sole adjudicator for the matter.
- (2) For proceedings initiated under Rules 9551, 9552, 9555, 9556 (except Rule 9556(h)), 9557 and 9558, the Chief Hearing Officer shall appoint a Hearing Panel composed of a Hearing Officer and two Panelists. The Hearing Officer shall serve as the chair of the Hearing Panel. For proceedings initiated under Rules 9551, 9552, 9555, 9556 (except Rule 9556(h)), 9557 and 9558, the Chief Hearing Officer shall select as Panelists persons who meet the qualifications delineated in Rules 9231 and 9232.
- (3) (6) No Change
- (e) No Change

## (f) Time of Hearing

- (1) No Change
- (2) A hearing shall be held within ten days after a respondent is served a petition seeking an expedited proceeding issued under Rule 9556(h).
- ([2]3) A hearing shall be held within 14 days after a respondent subject to a notice issued under Rules 9556 (except Rule 9556(h)) and 9558 files a written request for a hearing with the Office of Hearing Officers.
- ([3]4) A hearing shall be held within 30 days after a respondent subject to a notice issued under Rules 9551 through 9555 files a written request for a hearing with the Office of Hearing Officers.
- ([4] $\underline{5}$ ) The timelines established by paragraphs (f)(1) through (f)([3] $\underline{4}$ ) confer no substantive rights on the parties.

## (g) Notice of Hearing

The Hearing Officer shall issue a notice stating the date, time, and place of the hearing as follows:

- (1) No Change
- (2) At least six days prior to the hearing in the case of an action brought pursuant to Rule 9556(h);
- ([2]3) At least seven days prior to the hearing in the case of an action brought pursuant to Rules 9556 (except Rule 9556(h)) and 9558; and
- ([3]4) At least 21 days prior to the hearing in the case of an action brought pursuant to Rules 9551 through 9555.

#### (h) Transmission of Documents

- (1) Not less than two business days before the hearing in an action brought under Rule 9557, not less than six days before the hearing in an action brought under Rule 9556(h), not less than seven days before the hearing in an action brought under Rules 9556 (except Rule 9556(h)) and 9558, and not less than 14 days before the hearing in an action brought under Rules 9551 through 9555, Exchange staff shall provide to the respondent who requested the hearing or the respondent who has received a petition pursuant to Rule 9556(h), by email, overnight courier or personal delivery, all documents that were considered in issuing the notice unless a document meets the criteria of Rule 9251(b)(1)(A), (B), (C) or (b)(2). Documents served by email shall also be served by either overnight courier or personal delivery. A document that meets [such]the criteria in this paragraph shall not constitute part of the record, but shall be retained until the date upon which the Exchange's final decision is served or, if applicable, upon the conclusion of any review by the SEC or the federal courts.
- (2) Not less than two business days before the hearing in an action brought under Rule 9557, not less than three days before the hearing in an action brought under Rules 9556 and 9558, and not less than seven days before the hearing in an action brought under Rules 9551 through 9555, the parties shall exchange proposed exhibit and witness lists. The exhibit and witness lists shall be served by email, overnight courier or personal delivery. Documents served by email shall also be served by either overnight courier or personal delivery.
- (i) (l) No Change

# (m) Failure to Appear at a Pre-Hearing Conference or Hearing or to Comply with a Hearing Officer Order Requiring the Production of Information

Failure of any respondent to appear before the Hearing Officer or, if applicable, the Hearing Panel at any status conference, pre-hearing conference or hearing, or to comply with any order of the Hearing Officer or, if applicable, Hearing Panel requiring production of information to support any defense to the notice or petition that respondent

has raised, shall be considered an abandonment of the respondent's defense and waiver of any opportunity for a hearing provided by the Rule 9550 Series. In such cases[,]:

- (1) [t]The notice issued under the Rule 9550 Series shall be deemed to be final Exchange action. The Hearing Officer or, if applicable, the Hearing Panel may permit the hearing to go forward as to those parties who appear and otherwise comply with this Rule.
- (2) The Hearing Officer may issue a default decision against a respondent who is the subject of a petition filed pursuant to Rule 9556(h) and may deem the allegations against that respondent admitted. The contents of a default decision shall conform to the content requirements of Rule 9559(p). A respondent may, for good cause shown, file a motion to set aside a default. Upon a showing of good cause, the Hearing Officer that entered the original order shall decide the motion. If the Hearing Officer is not available, the Chief Hearing Officer shall appoint another Hearing Officer to decide the motion. If a default decision is not called for review pursuant to Rule 9559(q), the default decision shall become the final Exchange action.

## (n) Sanctions, Costs and Remands

- (1) In any action brought under the Rule 9550 Series, other than an action brought under Rule 9556(h) or Rule 9557, the Hearing Officer or, if applicable, the Hearing Panel may approve, modify or withdraw any and all sanctions, requirements, restrictions or limitations imposed by the notice and, pursuant to Rule 8310(a), may also impose any other fitting sanction.
- (2) In an action brought under Rule 9556(h), the Hearing Officer may impose any fitting sanction.
- ([2]3) In an action brought under Rule 9557, the Hearing Panel shall approve or withdraw the requirements and/or restrictions imposed by the notice. If the Hearing Panel approves the requirements and/or restrictions and finds that the respondent has not complied with all of them, the Hearing Panel shall impose an immediate suspension on the respondent that shall remain in effect unless Exchange staff issues a letter of withdrawal of all requirements and/or restrictions pursuant to Rule 9557(g)(2).
- ([3]4) The Hearing Officer or, if applicable, the Hearing Panel may impose costs pursuant to Rule 8330 regarding all actions brought under the Rule 9550 Series.
- ([4]5) In any action brought under the Rule 9550 Series, other than an action brought under Rule 9557, the Hearing Officer or, if applicable, the Hearing Panel may remand the matter to the department or office that issued the notice for further consideration of specified matters.
- $(\mathbf{o}) (\mathbf{r})$  No Change

#### Rule 9800. TEMPORARY CEASE AND DESIST ORDERS

#### Rule 9810. Initiation of Proceeding

## (a) 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 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; Rule 476(a)(6) or Rule 2010 - Equities (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 Rule 476(a)(5) or Rule 2020 - Equities. Enforcement shall initiate the proceeding by serving a notice on a member organization or covered person (hereinafter "Respondent") (or upon counsel representing the Respondent, 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 Respondent) and filing a copy thereof with the Office of Hearing Officers. Enforcement shall serve the notice by personal service, [or] overnight commercial courier, or email. If service is made by email, Enforcement shall send an additional copy of the notice by personal service or overnight commercial courier. Service is complete upon sending the notice by email or overnight courier or delivering it in person, except that, where duplicate service is required, service is complete when the duplicate service is complete. The notice shall be effective [upon service] when service is complete.

#### (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 is seeking to have the Respondent ordered to cease violating. The notice also shall state whether Enforcement is requesting the Respondent to be required to take action, [or to] refrain from taking action or both. 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 memorandum of points and authorities setting forth the legal theories upon which Enforcement relies; and
- ([2]3) 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) Authority to Approve Settlements

If the Parties agree to the terms of the proposed temporary cease and desist order, the Hearing Officer shall have the authority to approve and issue the order.

## ([c]d) Filing of Underlying Complaint

If Enforcement 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), Enforcement shall serve and file such a complaint with the notice initiating the temporary cease and desist proceeding. Service of the complaint can be made in accordance with the service provisions in paragraph (a).

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#### Rule 9830. Hearing

## (a) When Held

The hearing shall be held not later than 15 days after service of the notice and filing initiating the temporary cease and desist proceeding, unless otherwise extended by the <a href="Chief Hearing Officer">Chief Hearing Officer</a> or Deputy Chief Hearing Officer [with the consent of the Parties] for good cause shown. If a Hearing Officer or Hearing Panelist is recused or disqualified, the hearing shall be held not later than five days after a replacement Hearing Officer or Hearing Panelist is appointed.

#### (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 and the Respondent (or upon counsel representing the Respondent, 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 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, or email. If service is made by email, the Office of Hearing Officers shall send an additional copy of the notice by personal service or overnight courier or delivering it in person, except that, where duplicate service is required, service is complete when the duplicate service is complete. The notice shall be effective [upon service]when service is complete.

(c) - (d) No Change

#### (e) Additional Information

Prior to the hearing, the Hearing Officer may order a Party to furnish to all other Parties and the Hearing Panel such information as deemed appropriate, including any or all of the pre-hearing submissions described in Rule 9242(a). The documentary evidence submitted by the Parties pursuant to this paragraph shall not become part of the record, unless the Hearing Officer or Hearing Panel orders some or all of such evidence included pursuant to Rule 9830(g). At any time during [its] the Hearing Panel's consideration, the

Hearing Panel may direct a Party to submit additional information. Any additional information submitted shall be provided to all Parties at least one day before the Hearing Panel renders its decision.

(f) - (h) No Change

#### Rule 9840. Issuance of Temporary Cease and Desist Order by Hearing Panel

## (a) Basis for Issuance

The Hearing Panel shall issue a written decision stating whether a temporary cease and desist order shall be imposed. The Hearing Panel shall issue the decision not later than ten days after receipt of the hearing transcript, unless otherwise extended by the <u>Chief Hearing Officer or Deputy Chief</u> Hearing Officer [with the consent of the Parties] for good cause shown. A temporary cease and desist order shall be imposed if the Hearing Panel finds:

- (1) [by a preponderance of the evidence that the alleged violation specified in the notice has occurred] that Enforcement has made a showing of a likelihood of success on the merits; and
- (2) that the <u>alleged</u> violative conduct or continuation thereof is likely to result in significant dissipation or conversion of assets or other significant harm to investors prior to the completion of the underlying disciplinary proceeding under the Rule 9200 and 9300 Series.

## (b) Content, Scope, and Form of Order

A temporary cease and desist order shall:

- (1) be limited to ordering a Respondent (and any successor of a Respondent, where the Respondent is a member organization) to cease and desist from violating a specific rule or statutory provision, and, where applicable, to ordering a Respondent (and any successor of a Respondent, where the Respondent is a member organization) to cease and desist from dissipating or converting assets or causing other harm to investors;
- (2) No Change
- (3) describe in reasonable detail the act or acts the Respondent (and any successor of a Respondent, where the Respondent is a member organization) shall [is to] take, [or] refrain from taking, or both; and
- (4) No Change

# (c) Duration of Order

A temporary cease and desist order shall remain effective and enforceable until the issuance of a decision under Rule 9268 or Rule 9269, or until a settlement offer is accepted pursuant to Rule 9270.

## (d) Service and Dissemination Requirements

The Office of Hearing Officers shall serve the Hearing Panel's decision and any temporary cease and desist order on Enforcement and the Respondent (or upon counsel representing the Respondent, 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 Respondent) by personal service, [or] overnight commercial courier, or email. If service is made by email, the Office of Hearing Officers shall send an additional copy of the Hearing Panel's decision and any temporary cease and desist order by personal service or overnight commercial courier. Service is complete upon sending the notice by email or overnight courier, or delivering it in person, except that, where duplicate service is required, service is complete when the duplicate service is complete. The temporary cease and desist order shall be effective [upon service] when service is complete. The Office of Hearing Officers shall provide a copy of the temporary cease and desist order to each member organization or ATP Holder with which a Respondent is associated.

#### (e) Delivery Requirement

Where a Respondent is a member organization or ATP Holder, Respondent shall deliver a copy of a temporary cease and desist order, within one business day of receiving it, to its covered persons.

# Rule 9850. Review by Hearing Panel

At any time after the Office of Hearing Officers serves the Respondent (or counsel representing the Respondent, 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 Respondent) with a temporary cease and desist order, a Party may apply to the Hearing Panel to have the order modified, set aside, limited, or suspended. The application shall set forth with specificity the facts that support the request. The Hearing Panel that presided over the temporary cease and desist order proceeding shall retain jurisdiction to modify, set aside, limit, or suspend the temporary cease and desist order, unless at the time the application is filed a Hearing Panel has already been appointed in the underlying disciplinary proceeding commenced under Rule 9211 in which case the Hearing Panel appointed in the disciplinary proceeding has jurisdiction. The Hearing Panel shall respond to the request in writing within ten days after receipt of the request, unless otherwise extended by the Chief Hearing Officer or Deputy Chief Hearing Officer [with the consent of the Parties ] for good cause shown. The Hearing Panel's response shall be served on the Respondent (or upon counsel representing the Respondent, 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 Respondent) via personal service, [or] overnight

commercial courier, or email. If service is made by email, the Office of Hearing Officers shall send an additional copy of the temporary cease and desist order by personal service or overnight commercial courier. The filing of an application under this Rule shall not stay the effectiveness of the temporary cease and desist order.

# Rule 9860. Violation of Temporary Cease and Desist Orders

A Respondent who violates a temporary cease and desist order imposed under this Rule Series may have its association or membership suspended or canceled <u>or be subject to any fitting sanction</u> under Rule 9556. The Exchange's CRO or such other senior officer as the CRO may designate must authorize the initiation of any such proceeding in writing.

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