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

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS RULINGS Release No. 2480/April 1, 2015

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING File No. 3-16337

In the Matter of

BRENT F. WILLIAMS

PREHEARING ORDER

The Securities and Exchange Commission instituted this proceeding with an Order Instituting Proceedings (OIP) on January 13, 2015, pursuant to Section 203(f) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. The proceeding is a follow-on proceeding based on *United States v*. *Williams*, No. 2:09-cr-01492 (D. Ariz. June 28, 2013), *appeal docketed*, No. 13-10529 (9th Cir. Oct. 11, 2013), in which Respondent Brent F. Williams (Williams) was convicted of mail fraud, wire fraud, conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud, and money laundering, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1341, 1343, 1349, and 1957(a). A prehearing conference was held yesterday. Spencer E. Bendell and Melissia Buckhalter-Honore appeared on behalf of the Division of Enforcement (Division), and Williams appeared *pro se*.

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Williams has filed his Answer to the OIP. The Division will forward its investigative file to the facility at which he is incarcerated by April 14, 2015.¹ The Division was granted leave to file a motion for summary disposition pursuant to 17 C.F.R. § 201.250, which will be due by April 28, 2015. Williams may file an opposition by June 30, 2015, and the Division, a reply, by July 10, 2015.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

S/ Carol Fox Foelak Carol Fox Foelak Administrative Law Judge

¹ See Byron S. Rainner, Exchange Act Release No. 59040, 2008 SEC LEXIS 2840, at *7 (Dec. 2, 2008); *José P. Zollino*, Exchange Act Release No. 51632, 2005 SEC LEXIS 987, at *10 (Apr. 29, 2005).