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

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In the Matter of

ORDER FOLLOWING PREHEARING CONFERENCE

## STEPHEN L. KIRKLAND

On May 18, 2015, the Securities and Exchange Commission issued an Order Instituting Administrative Proceedings against Stephen L. Kirkland, pursuant to Section 203(f) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.

A telephonic prehearing conference was held today, attended by counsel for the Division of Enforcement and Mr. Kirkland. At the prehearing conference, Mr. Kirkland confirmed that the Division has made its investigative file available, and the parties agreed to the following briefing schedule:

July 13, 2015: Motions for summary disposition are due;

August 3, 2015: Oppositions are due; and August 13, 2015: Replies, if any, are due.

SO ORDERED.

James E. Grimes

Administrative Law Judge