

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Before the
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
Release No. 73578 / November 12, 2014

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING
File No. 3-16268

In the Matter of

ROBERT C. WEAVER, JR., Esq.,

Respondent.

ORDER INSTITUTING PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS AND
IMPOSING TEMPORARY SUSPENSION
PURSUANT TO RULE 102(e)(3)(i)(A) OF
THE COMMISSION'S RULES OF
PRACTICE

I.

The Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) deems it appropriate and in the public interest that public administrative proceedings be, and hereby are, instituted against Robert C. Weaver, Jr. (“Respondent” or “Weaver”) pursuant to Rule 102(e)(3)(i)(A)¹ of the Commission’s Rules of Practice [17 C.F.R. 200.102(e)(3)(i)(A)].

II.

The Commission finds that:

1. Robert C. Weaver, Jr. is an attorney licensed in California.
2. Between 2006 and 2011, Weaver participated with other individuals in a scheme to create, register and sell 15 public shell companies putatively engaged in mining operations. As part of the scheme, Weaver wrote various “opinion of legality” letters for registration statements filed on behalf of the shell companies, acted as counsel for three of the companies, and served as the sole officer and director for one of the companies, Centaurus Resources Corp.

¹ Rule 102(e)(3)(i) provides, in relevant part, that:

The Commission, with due regard to the public interest and without preliminary hearing, may, by order, temporarily suspend from appearing or practicing before it any attorney . . . who has been by name: (A) [p]ermanently enjoined by any court of competent jurisdiction, by reason of his or her misconduct in an action brought by the Commission, from violating or aiding and abetting the violation of any provision of the Federal securities laws or of the rules and regulations thereunder[.]

("Centaurus"). Weaver also provided the initial funding for Centaurus and, in his capacity as officer and director, repeatedly made filings with the Commission that contained false and inaccurate statements.

3. On August 13, 2012, the Commission filed a complaint against Weaver and others in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas that was later transferred to the United States District Court for the Central District of California (the "Court"). That complaint charged Weaver with violating Sections 17(a)(1), (2) and (3) of the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act"), and Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act), and Rules 10b-5(a), (b) and (c) and 15d-14 thereunder; and aiding and abetting violations of Sections 10(b) and 15(d) of the Exchange Act, and Rules 10b-5, 12b-20, 15d-1 and 15d-13 thereunder. As to Weaver, the Commission's lawsuit sought a permanent injunction against future violations of the federal securities laws, disgorgement of unlawful proceeds, prejudgment interest, a financial penalty, an order prohibiting Weaver from acting as an officer or director of any public company, and an order prohibiting him from participating in an offering of penny stock. SEC v. Thomas D. Coldicutt, Jr., et al., Civil Action Number 2:13-cv-01865-RGK-VBK (C.D. CA).

4. On April 14, 2014, without admitting or denying the conduct alleged in the complaint, Weaver consented to the entry of a judgment that permanently enjoins him from violating certain provisions of the federal securities laws. On August 14, 2014, the Court permanently enjoined Weaver from violating Sections 17(a)(2) and (3) of the Securities Act, Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act and Rules 12b-20, 15d-1 and 15d-13 thereunder, and imposed certain other relief sought in the Commission's lawsuit.

III.

Based upon the foregoing, the Commission finds that a court of competent jurisdiction has permanently enjoined Weaver, an attorney, from violating the Federal securities laws within the meaning of Rule 102(e)(3)(i)(A) of the Commission's Rules of Practice. In view of this finding, the Commission deems it appropriate and in the public interest that Weaver be temporarily suspended from appearing or practicing before the Commission as an attorney.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Weaver be, and hereby is, temporarily suspended from appearing or practicing before the Commission as an attorney. This Order will be effective upon service on the Respondent.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Weaver may, within thirty days after service of this Order, file a petition with the Commission to lift the temporary suspension. If the Commission receives no petition within thirty days after service of the Order, the suspension will become permanent pursuant to Rule 102(e)(3)(ii).

If a petition is received within thirty days after service of this Order, the Commission will, within thirty days after the filing of the petition, either lift the temporary suspension, or set

the matter down for hearing at a time and place to be designated by the Commission, or both. If a hearing is ordered, following the hearing, the Commission may lift the suspension, censure the petitioner, or disqualify the petitioner from appearing or practicing before the Commission for a period of time, or permanently, pursuant to Rule 102(e)(3)(iii).

This Order shall be served upon Weaver personally or by certified mail at his last known address.

By the Commission.

Brent J. Fields
Secretary