# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Before the SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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# ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING ENFORCEMENT Release No. 4113 / January 15, 2020

# ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING File No. 3-18346

In the Matter of

JEFFREY WADA, CPA,

**Respondent.** 

# ORDER OF SUSPENSION PURSUANT TO RULE 102(e)(2) OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES OF PRACTICE

I.

The Securities and Exchange Commission deems it appropriate to issue an order of forthwith suspension of Jeffrey Wada pursuant to Rule 102(e)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice [17 C.F.R. § 201.102(e)(2)].<sup>1</sup>

#### II.

The Commission finds that:

1. Wada is a certified public accountant in California.

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2. On October 11, 2019, a judgment of conviction was entered against Wada in *United States v. David Middendorf, et al*, No. 18-Cr.-36, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, finding him guilty of one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and two counts of wire fraud.

3. As a result of this conviction, Wada was sentenced to imprisonment of nine months in a federal penitentiary.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Rule 102(e)(2) provides in pertinent part that "any person who has been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude shall be forthwith suspended from appearing or practicing before the Commission."

III.

In view of the foregoing, the Commission finds that Wada has been convicted of a felony within the meaning of Rule 102(e)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED, that Jeffrey Wada is forthwith suspended from appearing or practicing before the Commission pursuant to Rule 102(e)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

By the Commission.

Vanessa A. Countryman Secretary