

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Before the
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
Release No. 90268 / October 23, 2020

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING
File No. 3-20138

In the Matter of

CORY ADAM LESHNER

Respondent.

**ORDER OF FORTHWITH
SUSPENSION PURSUANT TO
COMMISSION RULE OF PRACTICE
102(e)(2)**

I.

The Securities and Exchange Commission deems it appropriate to issue an order of forthwith suspension of Cory Adam Leshner pursuant to Rule 102(e)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice (17 C.F.R. § 200.102(e)(2)).¹

II.

The Commission finds that:

1. Cory Adam Leshner, age 37, was previously an attorney licensed to practice law in the state of Pennsylvania.
2. On September 30, 2013, Leshner agreed to plead guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud, a felony. *See* 18 U.S.C. §§ 371, 1343. He was disbarred, by consent, on January 7, 2014.
3. Leshner's misconduct arose in connection with a scheme to defraud FirstPlus Financial Group, Inc., a publicly-traded company. As a result of that criminal scheme, investors were defrauded of more than \$14 million.
4. A criminal judgment based on the above was entered against Leshner on September 13, 2016. Among other remedies, his sentence included 24 months' imprisonment and restitution of more than \$14 million.

¹ Rule 102(e)(2) provides, in pertinent part, that "[a]ny 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 Leshner has been convicted of a felony within the meaning of Rule 102(e)(2).

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that Cory Adam Leshner 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