

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Before the
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
Release No. 106123 / August 12, 2026

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING
File No. 3-19102

	:	ORDER AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER
In the Matter of	:	OF ANY REMAINING FUNDS IN THE
	:	DISTRIBUTION FUND AND ANY FUNDS
Wells Fargo Clearing Services LLC	:	RETURNED IN THE FUTURE TO THE
and Wells Fargo Advisors Financial	:	U.S. TREASURY AND TERMINATING
Network, LLC	:	THE DISTRIBUTION FUND
	:	
Respondent.	:	

On March 11, 2019, the Commission issued an Order Instituting Administrative and Cease-and-Desist Proceedings Pursuant to Sections 203(e) and 203(k) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, Making Findings, and Imposing Remedial Sanctions and a Cease-and-Desist Order (the “Order”)¹ against Wells Fargo Clearing Services LLC and its affiliate Wells Fargo Advisors Financial Network, LLC (the “Respondents”). This Order was issued as part of the Commission’s Share Class Selection Disclosure Initiative that incentivized investment advisers’ for self-reporting disclosure failures concerning their conflicts of interest resulting from the receipt of 12b-1 fees and/or in selecting share classes that paid the firm, its affiliates, or its supervised persons 12b-1 fees when lower-cost shares of the same classes of the same mutual fund were available to advisory clients. The Commission ordered the Respondents to pay \$17,363,847.29 in disgorgement and prejudgment interest (the “Distribution Fund”). Pursuant to the Order, the Respondents were responsible for administering the Distribution Fund at their own expense pursuant to a calculation specified in the Order.

The Respondents issued 318,194 payments, totaling \$17,191,303.79, of which \$16,585,308.07 was successfully disbursed (96.4%) to recipients. A total of \$778,535.99 remains in the Distribution Fund, representing checks that were undeliverable, uncashed checks, amounts of deceased investors where no beneficiary information was available, and de minimis payments.

The Order further requires the Respondents to provide a final accounting to the Commission staff for submission to the Commission for approval. Upon approval of the final

¹ Advisers Act Rel. No. 5199 (Mar. 11, 2019).

accounting, any remaining amounts in the Distribution Fund that are infeasible to return to investors, and any funds returned in the future that are infeasible to return to investors, are to be sent to the U.S. Department of the Treasury (the “Treasury”). The final accounting has been submitted to the Commission for approval, as required by the Order, and has been approved.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that:

- A. the remaining funds in the Distribution Fund that are infeasible to return to investors, and any funds returned in the future that are infeasible to return to investors, shall be transferred to the Treasury, subject to Section 21F(g)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- B. the Distribution Fund is terminated.

By the Commission.

Vanessa A. Countryman
Secretary