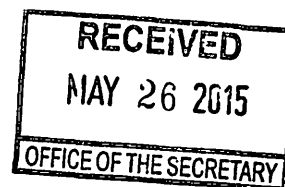


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File No. 3-15850

In the Matter of

MATTHEW D. SAMPLE

DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT'S
OPPOSITION TO PETITIONER'S MOTION
REQUESTING ORAL ARGUMENT

The Division of Enforcement (“Division”) files this opposition to the motion of Petitioner Matthew D. Sample requesting oral argument in this matter. Mr. Sample’s petition seeks review of the order denying his application, filed under Rule 193 of the Rules of Practice,¹ for consent to associate. The application was denied by the Director of the Division pursuant to delegated authority.

Rule 451(a) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice² provides that the Commission will consider appeals (other than appeals of initial decisions) “on the basis of the papers filed by the parties without oral argument unless the Commission determines that the presentation of facts and legal arguments in the briefs and record and the decisional process would be significantly aided by oral argument.” Because the parties will be able to present all relevant factual and legal arguments in their papers, and oral argument will not significantly aid the Commission’s

¹ 17 C.F.R. § 201.193.

² 17 C.F.R. § 201.451(a).

decisional process, the Division requests that the Commission deny Petitioner's motion for oral argument.

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