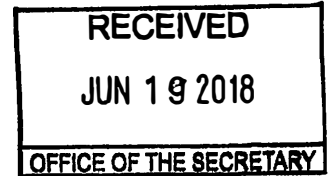


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**BEFORE THE
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC**



In the Matter of the Application of
Gabriel Block and First Standard Financial Company, LLC
For Review of Action Taken by
FINRA
File No. 3-18432

**MOTION OF FINRA TO DISMISS APPEAL
AND STAY THE BRIEFING SCHEDULE**

Pursuant to SEC Rules of Practice 154 and 180(c), FINRA moves to dismiss the application for review filed by Gabriel Block and First Standard Financial Company, LLC as abandoned. Applicants have not filed a brief in support of their application for review by the June 13, 2018 deadline established by the Commission in this proceeding. Nor have they requested an extension of time to file a brief. In support of its motion, FINRA states:

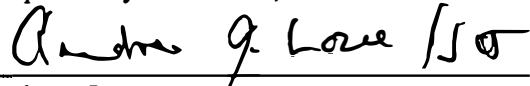
1. On March 13, 2018, FINRA issued its decision denying the continued association of Block with the firm in connection with Block's statutory disqualification (the "Decision"). *See* RP 1569. Block and the firm filed an application for review of the Decision on or about April 3, 2018. *See* RP 1597.
2. On May 14, 2018, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Briefs (the "Order"). The Order required applicants to file a brief in support of their application for review by June 13, 2018. The Order informed applicants that "failure to file a brief in support of the application may result in dismissal of this review proceeding."

3. Applicants did not file a brief with the SEC by the June 13, 2018 deadline established by the Order. To date, they have not filed a brief.

4. SEC Rule of Practice 180(c) provides that the Commission may dismiss a case if a party fails to make a filing required under the Rules of Practice. Under the circumstances, the Commission should treat applicants' appeal as abandoned because they have failed to file a brief by the deadline established by the Order.

5. Finally, pursuant to SEC Rule of Practice 161, FINRA requests that the Commission stay the briefing schedule issued in the above referenced appeal. FINRA's brief in opposition is due on July 13, 2018. FINRA requests that the Commission stay the briefing schedule while this motion remains pending.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew G. Love" followed by a stylized flourish or initials.

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June 19, 2018



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Andrew Love, certify that on this 19th day of June, 2018, I caused a copy of the foregoing Motion to Dismiss Appeal and Stay the Briefing Schedule to be served by messenger on:

Brent Fields, Secretary
Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street, NE
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Washington, D.C. 20549-1090

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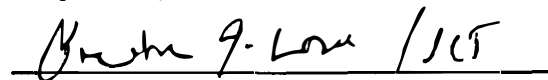
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