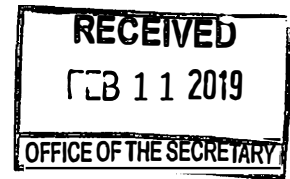


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**BEFORE THE
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

In the Matter of the Application Of

Ronald R. Wetzel

For Review of Action Taken By

FINRA

File No. 3-18934

**MR. WETZEL'S RESPONSE TO FINRA'S MOTION TO EXPEDITE APPEAL OF
BART KAPLOW AND STAY THE PROCEEDINGS IN MR. WETZEL'S PENDING
APPEAL**

RONALD R. WETZEL, by and through counsel, hereby submits his response to FINRA's Motion to Expedite Appeal of Bart Kaplow and Stay the Proceedings in the Other Pending Arbitration Expungement Appeals ("FINRA's Motion"), filed January 31, 2019. As grounds:

1. In FINRA's Motion, they requested to: "1. Expedite consideration of the parties' arguments on the issue of jurisdiction in Bart Steven Kaplow (File No. 3-18877); and 2. Stay all briefing and further proceedings in the other eight Arbitration Expungement Appeals until the Commission issues a decision in the *Kaplow* appeal." See FINRA's Motion.

2. Mr. Wetzel now timely files his response, pursuant to SEC Rule 154.

3. Mr. Wetzel takes no position on FINRA's request to expedite the consideration of the parties' arguments on the issue of jurisdiction in Bart Steven Kaplow (File No. 3-18877).

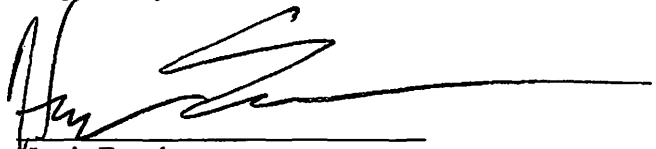
4. Mr. Wetzel does however, oppose FINRA's request to stay his briefing and further proceedings in his appeal. Contrary to FINRA's claim, granting a stay in Mr. Wetzel's appeal

pending the resolution of another case will *not* afford Mr. Wetzel a just and speedy determination, and in fact, will cause the exact opposite result. Granting a stay in Mr. Wetzel's case extends the time of the existence of the occurrence on his public record and is therefore a continuing harm to his reputation and livelihood. Mr. Wetzel has a right to a just and speedy determination of his appeal, and granting FINRA's request to stay Mr. Wetzel's proceeding will violate those rights. See SEC Rule 103(a).

5. Therefore, Mr. Wetzel respectfully requests that the stay not be granted and that his case move forward as quickly as possible.

Dated: February 5, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

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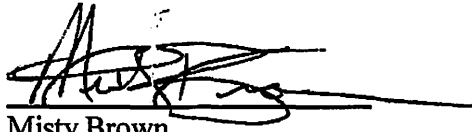
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