

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Before the
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
Release No. 60098 / June 11, 2009

ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING ENFORCEMENT
Release No. 2989 / June 11, 2009

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING
File No. 3-13515

In the Matter of

ELIZABETH MONRAD, CPA,

Respondent.

**ORDER OF FORTHWITH SUSPENSION
PURSUANT TO RULE 102(e)(2) OF THE
COMMISSION'S RULES OF PRACTICE**

I.

The Securities and Exchange Commission deems it appropriate to issue an order of forthwith suspension of Elizabeth Monrad ("Monrad") pursuant to Rule 102(e)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice [17 C.F.R. § 201.102(e)(2)].¹

II.

The Commission finds that:

1. Monrad was licensed as a certified public accountant in Massachusetts from 1983 to June 30, 1993, when her license expired. She was the chief financial officer of General Re Corporation ("Gen Re") from June 2000 until July 2003 when she left Gen Re to become the chief financial officer of another company. From May 2002 through July 2003, Monrad also was a member of the executive committee of Gen Re's board of directors. From 1997, Monrad was the chief financial officer of Gen Re's North American Operations.

2. On April 14, 2009, a judgment of conviction was entered against Monrad in

¹ Rule 102(e)(2) provides in pertinent part: "Any ... 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."

United States v. Elizabeth Monrad, et al, No. 06 CR 137 (CFI), in the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut, finding her guilty of sixteen felony counts, including 1 count of conspiracy to violate the Federal securities laws and to commit mail fraud, 7 counts of securities fraud, 5 counts of making false statements to the Commission, and 3 counts of mail fraud. The criminal indictment against Monrad resulted from her participation in a scheme to help American International Group, Inc. (“AIG”) structure two sham reinsurance transactions. These sham transactions were a fraudulent device by which AIG added a total of \$500 million in phony loss reserves to its balance sheet, \$250 million in the fourth quarter of 2000 and another \$250 million in the first quarter of 2001.

3. The court sentenced Monrad to 18 months imprisonment followed by 24 months of supervised release and ordered her to pay a fine of \$250,000.

III.

In view of the foregoing, the Commission finds that Monrad has been convicted of a felony within the meaning of Rule 102(e)(2) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED, that Elizabeth Monrad 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.

Elizabeth M. Murphy
Secretary