UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

before the

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
Release No. 66319 / February 3, 2012

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING
File No. 3-14742

In the Matter of:

TODD LESLIE TREADWAY,
Respondent.

ORDER INSTITUTING ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS PURSUANT TO RULE 102(e) OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES OF PRACTICE, MAKING FINDINGS, AND IMPOSING REMEDIAL SANCTIONS

I.

The Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") deems it appropriate and in the public interest that public administrative proceedings be, and hereby are, instituted against Todd Leslie Treadway ("Respondent" or "Treadway") pursuant to Rule 102(e)(3)(i) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice.¹

II.

In anticipation of the institution of these proceedings, Respondent has submitted an Offer of Settlement (the “Offer”) which the Commission has determined to accept. Solely for the purpose of these proceedings and any other proceedings brought by or on behalf of the Commission, or to which the Commission is a party, and without admitting or denying the findings herein, except as to the Commission’s jurisdiction over him and the subject matter of these proceedings, and the findings contained in Section III.3 below, which are admitted, Respondent

¹ Rule 102(e)(3)(i) provides, in relevant part, that:

The Commission, with due regard to the public interest and without preliminary hearing, may, by order, . . . suspend from appearing or practicing before it any . . . attorney . . . who has been by name . . . permanently enjoined by any court of competent jurisdiction, by reason of his or her misconduct in an action brought by the Commission, from violating or aiding and abetting the violation of any provision of the Federal securities laws or of the rules and regulations thereunder.
consents to the entry of this Order Instituting Administrative Proceedings Pursuant to Rule 102(e) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice, Making Findings, and Imposing Remedial Sanctions (“Order”), as set forth below.

III.

On the basis of this Order and Respondent’s Offer, the Commission finds that:

1. Treadway, age 42, is a resident of Arlington, Virginia.

2. Treadway is and has been an attorney licensed to practice in the State of New York. Treadway joined the law firm of Dewey & LeBoeuf, LLP (“Dewey & LeBoeuf”) as an associate in 2007 where he continued to work as an associate until he left in November 2008.

3. On January 27, 2012, a final judgment was entered by consent against Treadway, permanently enjoining him from future violations of Sections 10b and 14(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rules 10b-5 and 14e-3 thereunder, in the civil action entitled Securities and Exchange Commission v. Todd Leslie Treadway, Civil Action No. 11-cv-1534 (RJD)(MD), filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. The final judgment also ordered Treadway to pay disgorgement and a civil penalty.

4. The Commission’s complaint alleged, inter alia, that Treadway, as an attorney at Dewey & LeBoeuf, had access to, and learned of, material nonpublic information concerning corporate acquisitions in which Dewey & LeBoeuf represented acquirers in the proposed acquisitions. The complaint further alleged that, in 2007 and 2008, Treadway, in breach of his fiduciary or duty of trust and confidence owed to Dewey & LeBoeuf and its clients, knowingly or recklessly purchased securities of acquisition targets on the basis of the material, nonpublic information concerning two separate corporate acquisitions involving Dewey & LeBoeuf’s clients. When Treadway purchased securities of the acquisition targets substantial steps had been made toward commencing the respective tender offers.

IV.

In view of the foregoing, the Commission deems it appropriate and in the public interest to impose the sanction agreed to in Respondent Treadway’s Offer.
Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED, effective immediately, that:

Treadway is suspended from appearing or practicing before the Commission as an attorney.

By the Commission.

Elizabeth M. Murphy
Secretary