

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**  
**Before the**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
**Release No. 69326 / April 5, 2013**

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING**  
**File No. 3-15264**

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<b>In the Matter of</b>	:	
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	:	<b>ORDER OF FORTHWITH SUSPENSION</b>
	:	<b>PURSUANT TO RULE 102(e)(2) OF THE</b>
<b>Eddie Douglas Austin Jr., Esq.</b>	:	<b>COMMISSION'S RULES OF PRACTICE</b>
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<b>Respondent</b>	:	

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**I.**

The Securities and Exchange Commission deems it appropriate to issue an order of forthwith suspension of Eddie Douglas Austin, Jr., Esq. (“Austin”) pursuant to Rule 102(e)(2) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice [17 C.F.R. 200.102(e)(2)].<sup>1</sup>

**II.**

The Commission finds that:

1. Austin was an attorney admitted to practice law in Louisiana.
2. Austin was investigated by the Louisiana Office of Disciplinary Counsel for professional misconduct relating to the misuse of client funds.
3. On April 11, 2011, Austin submitted to the Supreme Court of Louisiana his Petition for Voluntary Permanent Resignation from the Practice of Law in Lieu of Discipline.
4. On May 3, 2011, the Supreme Court of Louisiana entered an order permanently barring Austin from practicing law in Louisiana or any other jurisdiction.

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<sup>1</sup> Rule 102(e)(2) provides in pertinent part: “Any attorney who has been suspended or disbarred by a court of the United States or of any State; or any person whose license to practice as a[] . . . professional or expert has been revoked or suspended in any State . . . shall be forthwith suspended from appearing or practicing before the Commission.”

III.

In view of the foregoing, the Commission finds that Austin is an attorney who has been disbarred from practicing law within the meaning of Rule 102(e)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

Accordingly, it is **HEREBY ORDERED** that Austin 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