

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Before the
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
Release No. 73170 / September 22, 2014

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING
File No. 3-16150

In the Matter of	:	
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	:	ORDER OF FORTHWITH SUSPENSION
	:	PURSUANT TO RULE 102(e)(2) OF THE
RICHARD KRANITZ, Esq.,	:	COMMISSION'S RULES OF PRACTICE
	:	
Respondent.	:	

I.

The Securities and Exchange Commission deems it appropriate to issue an order of forthwith suspension of Richard Kranitz 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. Kranitz is an attorney, whom the State of Wisconsin admitted to practice law in 1969.
2. On July 19, 2013, a judgment of conviction was entered against Kranitz, in *U.S. v. Richard Kranitz, et al.*, 11-CR-10415-NMG, in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, finding him guilty of one count of conspiracy to commit securities fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1349, 1348, and 2.
3. As a result of this conviction, Kranitz was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment to be followed by 12 months' supervised release, a \$100 special assessment, and ordered to pay a

¹ 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 who has been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude shall be forthwith suspended from appearing or practicing before the Commission." See 17 C.F.R. 201.102(e)(2).

fine of \$4,000.

III.

In view of the foregoing, the Commission finds that Kranitz 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 Richard Kranitz 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.

Jill M. Peterson
Assistant Secretary