

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Before the
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
Release No. 79243 / November 4, 2016

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING
File No. 3-17662

In the Matter of

KENT W. EASTER,

Respondent.

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

I.

The Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") deems it appropriate to issue an order of forthwith suspension of Kent W. Easter ("Easter") pursuant to Rule 102(e)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice (17 C.F.R. § 200.102(e)(2)).¹

II.

The Commission finds that:

1. Kent W. Easter was an attorney admitted to practice law in the state of California.
2. Easter has appeared and practiced before the Commission as an attorney representing parties in Commission enforcement investigations.
3. On September 10, 2014, in a criminal action titled *The People v. Kent Wycliff Easter*, Case No. 12ZF0153, Superior Court, Orange County, California, Easter was convicted of false imprisonment under Sections 236 and 237 of the California Penal Code. The false

¹ Rule 102(e)(2) provides, in pertinent part, that "[a]ny attorney who has been suspended or disbarred by a court of the United States or any State . . . shall be forthwith suspended from appearing or practicing before the Commission."

imprisonment count was a felony charge that involved moral turpitude. On October 17, 2014, Easter was sentenced to 180 days in prison, 100 hours of community service and 3 years of probation.

4. On November 21, 2014, based on his criminal conviction, the State Bar Court of California suspended Easter from practicing law in California effective December 10, 2014.

III.

In view of the foregoing, the Commission finds that Easter has been (1) convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude and (2) suspended from the practice of law by the State Bar Court of California, within the meaning of Rule 102(e)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED, that Kent W. Easter 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.

Brent J. Fields
Secretary