

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Before the
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
Release No. 79875 / January 25, 2017

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING
File No. 3-17812

In the Matter of

RICHARD MEDINA, JR.,

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 Richard Medina, Jr. (“Medina”) 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. Richard Medina, Jr. was an attorney admitted to practice law in the state of California.
2. Medina has appeared and practiced before the Commission by, among other things, rendering legal opinions for companies (a) to be included in filings made with the Commission, and (b) opining whether sales of securities were required to be registered with the Commission.

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.”

3. On September 15, 2015, in a criminal action titled *United States v. Richard Medina, Jr.*, Case No. 14cr2936, United States District Court for the Southern District of California, Medina pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy and one count of operating an unlicensed money transmitting business under 18 U.S.C. § 371 and 18 U.S.C. § 1960, respectively. Both counts were felony charges. On September 14, 2016, Medina was sentenced to 60 months in prison for each count (to be served concurrently) and two, three-year terms of supervised release (also to be served concurrently).

4. On May 13, 2016, based on his pleading guilty, the State Bar Court of California suspended Medina from practicing law in California effective June 6, 2016.

III.

In view of the foregoing, the Commission finds that Medina has been (1) convicted of two felonies 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 Richard Medina, Jr. 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