

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Before the
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
Release No. 83851 / August 15, 2018

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING
File No. 3-18643

In the Matter of	:	
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WILLIAM E. DAWN,	:	ORDER OF SUSPENSION PURSUANT
	:	TO RULE 102(e)(2) OF THE
Respondent.	:	COMMISSION'S RULES OF PRACTICE
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I.

The Securities and Exchange Commission deems it appropriate to issue an order of forthwith suspension of William E. Dawn 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. Dawn was admitted to practice law in Colorado in 1963. Dawn was granted inactive status for his Colorado law license in April 2015.
2. On February 25, 2015, Dawn pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit mail fraud and wire fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §1349, a felony, before the United States District Court for the District of Colorado, in U.S. v. William E. Dawn, Case No. 15-cr-00040-REB. The judgment of conviction was entered on June 19, 2018. Dawn's conviction arises out of his role in an offering fraud involving the misuse of investor funds.
3. As a result of this conviction, Dawn was sentenced to three years of probation and ordered to pay restitution of \$366,752.

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).

4. Dawn's plea agreement reflects that the misconduct for which he was convicted occurred in 2010, when he was a licensed attorney in Colorado.

III.

In view of the foregoing, the Commission finds that Dawn 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 William E. Dawn 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