



January 11, 2018

SENT VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL

Office of the Secretary
Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street, NE
Washington, DC 20549

Re: In the Matter of the Application of John M.E. Saad for Review of Disciplinary Action Taken by FINRA, Administrative Proceeding File No. 3-13678r

Dear Sir or Madam:

I represent John M.E. Saad in the above-referenced matter. I write for two purposes. First, I have enclosed my notice of appearance in this matter. Second, I write to request a 30-day extension of time to file our opening brief.

On December 18, 2017, the Commission issued a briefing schedule following the remand of this matter from the D.C. Circuit. However, because I had not entered my appearance, the Commission sent the notice to Mr. Saad's previous counsel, and I did not receive it. Another lawyer alerted me to the briefing schedule earlier this week.

The briefing schedule sets the date for our opening brief as January 18, 2018. I request that we have an additional 30 days—until February 20, 2018—to file this brief.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sara E. Kropf".

Sara E. Kropf

Enclosure