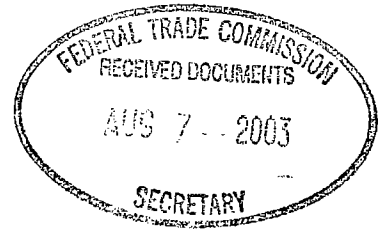


UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES



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In the Matter of)
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ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC.,)
Respondent.)
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Docket No. 9310

ORDER DESIGNATING ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

Pursuant to authority vested in the Federal Trade Commission and delegated to the Chief Administrative Law Judge,

IT IS ORDERED that Stephen J. McGuire, Chief Administrative Law Judge of this Commission, be, and he hereby is, designated and appointed to take testimony and receive evidence in this proceeding and to perform all other duties authorized by law.

ORDERED:



Stephen J. McGuire
Chief Administrative Law Judge

Date: August 7, 2003