

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
Before the  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS RULINGS  
Release No. 719/August 20, 2012

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING  
File No. 3-14759

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In the Matter of	:	ORDER DISCONTINUING
	:	PROCEEDING
ROBERT PINKAS	:	

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The Securities and Exchange Commission (Commission) instituted this proceeding with an Order Instituting Administrative Proceedings on February 15, 2012, pursuant to Sections 203(f) and 203(k) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. On August 17, 2012, the Division of Enforcement (Division) submitted a Status Report and Motion to Discontinue Administrative Proceedings Pursuant to 17 C.F.R. § 200.30-10(a)(8) Because of Respondent's Death (Motion). The Motion states that Respondent died on March 18, 2012, and includes a letter from Respondent's counsel and a copy of the obituary. The Division requests that this proceeding be discontinued.

**Ruling**

The Commission has delegated to the Chief Administrative Law Judge the authority to "grant motions of staff counsel to discontinue administrative proceedings as to a particular respondent who has died or cannot be found, or because of a mistake in the identity of a respondent named in the order for proceedings." 17 C.F.R. § 200.30-10(a)(8).

Based on the above, I GRANT the Motion and ORDER that the proceeding is discontinued.

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Brenda P. Murray  
Chief Administrative Law Judge