

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**  
**Before the**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
**Release No. 79813 / January 17, 2017**

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING**  
**File No. 3-17789**

**In the Matter of**

**ABRAHAM M. FISCH, ESQ.,**

**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 Abraham M. Fisch (“Respondent” or “Fisch”) pursuant to Rule 102(e)(2)<sup>1</sup> of the Commission’s Rules of Practice (17 C.F.R. § 200.102(e)(2)).

**II.**

The Commission finds that:

1. Abraham M. Fisch is an attorney whose license to practice law in the State of Texas is currently suspended.
2. Fisch has appeared and practiced before the Commission as an attorney by appearing as counsel for an individual who was then under investigation by the Commission.
3. On May 27, 2015, Fisch was convicted in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas on 18 felony charges, including one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering; seven counts of aiding and abetting money laundering; one count of

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<sup>1</sup> Rule 102(e)(2) provides in pertinent part: “[a]ny attorney who has been suspended or disbarred by a court of the United States or 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 CFR § 201.102(e)(2).

conspiracy to obstruct justice; four counts of aiding and abetting obstruction of justice; and five counts of failure to file federal tax returns. The convictions for money laundering and obstruction stemmed from his participation in a scheme, from in or about August 2006 to in or about October 2011, to defraud a number of individuals who were facing federal criminal charges. The scheme involved promises to the victims that their charges would be dismissed if they paid Fisch's co-conspirator a large sum of money to contact high-level government officials on their behalf. As part of the scheme, Fisch represented the victims in their criminal cases, made misrepresentations to further the conspiracy and laundered proceeds of the frauds through his client trust account. The convictions for failure to file a tax return were for the tax years 2006 through 2010.

4. On January 12, 2016, the Texas Board of Disciplinary Appeals, a judicial body appointed by the Supreme Court of Texas to hear certain attorney discipline cases, suspended Fisch from the practice of law based on his criminal convictions.

### **III.**

In view of the foregoing, the Commission finds that Fisch has been convicted of felonies and suspended from the practice of law, within the meaning of Rule 102(e)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED, that Fisch 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