

**FINANCIAL INDUSTRY REGULATORY AUTHORITY
OFFICE OF HEARING OFFICERS**

DEPARTMENT OF ENFORCEMENT,

Complainant,

v.

D. ALLEN BLANKENSHIP
(CRD No. 2842335),

Respondent.

Disciplinary Proceeding
No. 2019064333401

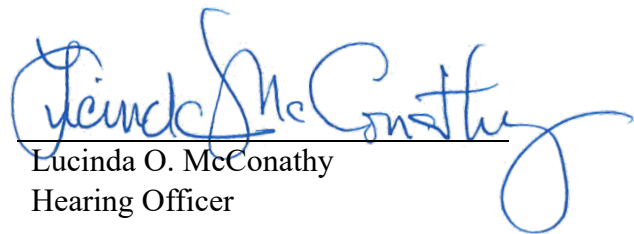
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ORDER DENYING RESPONDENT’S MOTION FOR STAY OF HEARING

On October 21, 2024, I held a pre-hearing conference (“PHC”) in this FINRA disciplinary proceeding. At the PHC, I heard oral argument on Respondent’s motion to stay the upcoming hearing in this proceeding until the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit rules on Respondent’s appeal of the decision by the Eastern District of Pennsylvania in *Blankenship v. Financial Industry Regulatory Authority* (Civil action no. 2:24-cv-03003-JFM). Prior to the PHC, Respondent filed a brief in support of his requested stay and Enforcement filed a brief in opposition.

I issued an oral ruling at the PHC denying Respondent’s motion and said that I would follow up with a brief order memorializing that ruling. Being fully advised in the matter, and for the reasons discussed at the PHC, I **DENY** Respondent’s Motion for Stay of Hearing.

SO ORDERED.


Lucinda O. McConathy
Hearing Officer

Dated: October 23, 2024

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