

§ 12.8 Separation of functions.

(a) A Judgment Officer, or Administrative Law Judge will not be responsible to or subject to the supervision or direction of any officer, employee, or agent of the Commission engaged in the performance of investigative or prosecutorial functions for the Commission.

(b) No officer, employee, or agent of the Federal Government engaged in the performance of investigative or prosecutorial functions in connection with any proceeding shall, in that proceeding or a factually related proceeding, participate or advise in the decision of a Judgment Officer, or Administrative Law Judge, except as a witness in the proceeding, without the express written consent of the parties to the proceeding. This provision shall not apply to the Commissioners.

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§ 12.9 Practice before the Commission.

(a) *Practice*—(1) *By non-attorneys*. An individual may appear *pro se* (on his own behalf); a general partner may represent the partnership; a *bona fide* officer of a corporation, trust or association may represent the corporation, trust or association.

(2) *By attorneys*. An attorney-at-law who is admitted to practice before the highest Court in any State or territory, or of the District of Columbia, who has not been suspended or disbarred from appearance and practice before the Commission in accordance with provisions of part 14 of this chapter may represent parties as an attorney in proceedings before the Commission.

(b) *Debarment of counsel or representative during the course of a proceeding*. (1) Whenever, while a proceeding is pending before him, a Judgment Officer or an Administrative Law Judge finds that a person acting as counsel or representative for any party to the proceeding is guilty of contemptuous conduct, such official may order that such person be precluded from further acting as counsel or representative in the proceeding. An immediate appeal to the Commission may be taken from any such order, pursuant to the provisions of §12.309, but the proceeding

shall not be delayed or suspended pending disposition of the appeal; *Provided*, That the official may suspend the proceedings for a reasonable time for the purpose of enabling the party to obtain other counsel or representative.

(2) Whenever the Judgment Officer or Administrative Law Judge has issued an order precluding a person from further acting as counsel or representative in a proceeding, such official, within a reasonable time thereafter, shall submit to the Commission a report of the facts and circumstances surrounding the issuance of the order and shall recommend what action the Commission should take respecting the appearance of such person as counsel or representative in other proceedings before the Commission.

(c) *Withdrawal of representation*. Withdrawal from representation of a party shall be only by leave of the decision-making official (or the Commission) before whom the proceeding is then pending. Such leave to withdraw may be conditioned on the attorney's (or representative's) submission of an affidavit averring that the party represented has actual knowledge of the withdrawal, and such affidavit shall include the name and address of a successor counsel (or representative) or a statement that the represented party has determined to proceed *pro se*, in which case, the statement shall include the address where that party can thereafter be served.

§ 12.10 Service.

(a) *General requirements*—(1) *When service is required; number of copies*. One copy of all motions, petitions or applications made in the course of a proceeding (unless made orally during a hearing), all proposed findings and conclusions (to the extent permitted by these rules), all notices of appeal, all briefs, and letters to the Commission, an employee thereof, or an Administrative Law Judge, shall be served by a party upon all other parties to the proceeding. This rule does not apply to a complaint filed pursuant to §12.13 of these rules, which shall only be filed with the Commission.

(2) *Filing with the Proceedings Clerk; proof of service*. All documents which are required to be served upon a party

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shall be filed concurrently with the Proceedings Clerk, and shall meet the requirements as to form prescribed by §§ 12.11 and 12.12 of these rules. Unless otherwise provided in these rules a document shall be filed by delivering it in person or by mailing it, by first-class mail, post-paid, addressed to: Proceedings Clerk, Office of Proceedings, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581. To be timely filed a document must be delivered, or mailed, by first-class mail, to the Proceedings Clerk within the time prescribed for filing. Proof of filing shall be made by attaching to the document for filing an affidavit certifying that the attached document was deposited in the mail, with first-class postage prepaid, addressed to the Proceedings Clerk, Office of Proceedings, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581, on the date specified in the affidavit. Proof of service of a document shall be made by filing with the Proceedings Clerk, simultaneously with the filing of the required document, an affidavit of service executed by any person 18 years of age or older or a certificate of service executed by an attorney-at-law qualified to practice before the Commission. The proof of service shall identify the persons served, state that service has been made, set forth the date of service, and recite the manner of service.

(3) *Service of orders and decisions.* A copy of all notices, rulings, opinions, and orders of the Proceedings Clerk, the Director of the Office of Proceedings, a Judgment Officer, Administrative Law Judge, the Deputy General Counsel for Opinions or the Commission shall be served by the Proceedings Clerk on each of the parties.

(b) *How service is made.* Service shall be made either by personal service or by first-class mail. Service shall be complete at the time of personal service or upon deposit in the mails of a properly addressed and post-paid document. Where service is effected by mail, the time within which the person served may respond thereto shall be increased by five (5) days. For the purposes of this Rule, service of any document by the Proceedings Clerk upon

the Commission shall be regarded as service by mail.

(c) *Designation of person to receive service.* The first document filed in a proceeding by or on behalf of any party shall state on the first page thereof the name and post office address of the person who is authorized to receive service for him of all documents filed in the proceeding. Thereafter, service of documents shall be made upon the person authorized unless service on a different authorized person or on the party himself is ordered by a Judgment Officer, Administrative Law Judge or the Commission, or unless the person authorized is changed by the party upon due notice to all other parties. Parties shall file and serve notification of any changes in the information provided pursuant to this subparagraph as soon as practicable after the change occurs.

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§ 12.11 Formalities of filing of documents with the Proceedings Clerk.

(a) *Number of copies.* Unless otherwise specifically provided, an original and one conformed copy of all documents shall be filed with the Proceedings Clerk.

(b) *Title page.* All documents filed with the Proceedings Clerk must include at the head thereof, or on a title page, the name of the Commission, the title of the proceeding, the docket number (if one has yet been assigned by the Proceedings Clerk), the subject of the particular document and the name of the person on whose behalf the document is being filed. In the complaint the title of the proceeding shall include the names of all the complainants and respondents, but in documents subsequently filed it is sufficient to state the name of the first complainant and first respondent named in the complaint.

(c) *Paper, spacing, type.* All documents filed under the Reparation Rules shall be typewritten, mimeographed, printed, or, if a party is not represented by counsel, in plainly legible handwriting; shall be on one grade of good white paper no less than 8 or more than 8½ inches wide and no less than