

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, INC.

EXCHANGE HEARING PANEL DECISION 04-170

November 9, 2004

GREGORY LEONARD WILLIAMS
FORMER REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE

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Violated Exchange Rule 351(b) and caused violations of Exchange Rules 351(a) and 346(f) by failing to disclose criminal arrest and conviction to employer – Consent to censure and eleven year bar.

Appearances:

For the Division of Enforcement
Joy A. Weber, Esq.
Sharon Tilove-Navatta, Esq.

For the Respondent
Gregory Leonard Williams
pro se

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An Exchange Hearing Panel met to consider a Stipulation of Facts and Consent to Penalty entered into between the Exchange's Division of Enforcement and Gregory Leonard Williams, a former registered representative with Citigroup Securities Services. Without admitting or denying guilt, Mr. Williams consents to findings by the Hearing Panel that he:

- I. Violated Exchange Rule 351(b) by failing to report an arrest and conviction that occurred during his employment and made him subject to statutory disqualification.
- II. Caused a violation of Exchange Rule 351(a) by failing to disclose facts concerning his criminal history to his member firm employer.
- III. Caused a violation of Exchange Rule 346(f) by failing to disclose his arrest and conviction for a criminal offense that rendered him subject to a statutory disqualification.

For the sole purpose of settling this disciplinary proceeding, and without Mr. Williams admitting or denying any of the facts set forth herein, the Division of Enforcement and Mr. Williams stipulate to certain facts, the substance of which follows:

Background and Jurisdiction

1. Gregory Leonard Williams ("Williams") was born on February 18, 1963. He entered the securities industry in November 1991 as a non-registered employee of Citicorp Securities Services ("Citigroup" or the "Firm"). In April 1999, Williams was approved by the Exchange as a registered representative of Citigroup's broker/dealer

affiliate, Citigroup Global Markets Inc. In March 2000, Williams transferred into Citigroup's Global Transaction Services division as an investment product specialist and remained in that position until his termination in October 2003.

2. Williams is not presently employed in the securities industry.
3. The Exchange received a Uniform Termination Notice for Securities Industry Registration (Form U-5), dated November 19, 2003, notifying the Exchange that Williams had been terminated for failing to disclose a felony conviction during the course of his employment that subjected him to a statutory disqualification.
4. By letter dated February 27, 2004, the Exchange informed Williams that it was investigating the allegations set forth in the Form U-5 and requested a written explanation. Williams thereafter submitted a written response dated March 5, 2004 to the Enforcement Division.

Summary of Violative Conduct

5. Williams failed to disclose to his member firm employer that he was arrested and pled guilty to the felony charge of wrongful impersonation in the third degree during the term of his employment. The conviction made him subject to statutory disqualification.

Failure to Report Arrest and Conviction

6. On May 6, 2003, while he was employed by the Firm, Williams was arrested and charged with the felony crime of wrongful impersonation in the third degree under New Jersey state law, N.J.S. 2C:21-17a(4).
7. On June 23, 2003, Williams pled guilty to the felony charge of wrongful impersonation in the third degree.
8. On October 31, 2003, Williams was sentenced to one-year probation and ordered to pay \$1,100 in restitution.
9. Williams never informed the Firm of his arrest or conviction even though he was employed by the Firm at the time these events occurred.
10. Pursuant to Section 3(a)(39)(F) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Williams' conviction subjected him to a statutory disqualification.

DECISION

The Hearing Panel, in accepting the Stipulation of Facts and Consent to Penalty, found Mr. Williams guilty as set forth above by unanimous vote.

PENALTY

In view of the above findings, the Hearing Panel, by unanimous vote, imposed the penalty agreed to by Mr. Williams of a censure and a bar from membership, allied membership, approved person status and from employment or association in any capacity with any member or member organization for a period of eleven years.

For the Hearing Panel

Milton M. Stein - Hearing Officer
Panelists:
John M. Ivan
Peter Tuzzo