



2020 FINRA North Region Member Forum

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Fireside Chat With FINRA President and CEO Robert Cook and Senior Director of Member Relations and Education Patricia Albrecht

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

9:05 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Introduction: Elizabeth Page
Vice President and Single Point of Accountability for Retail Firms – Boston Office
FINRA Member Supervision

Speakers: Patricia Albrecht
Senior Director
FINRA Member Relations and Education

Robert Cook
President and Chief Executive Officer
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Introduction:

Elizabeth Page is Vice President and Single Point of Accountability for Retail Firms that are Independent Contractors. In this role, Ms. Page's responsibilities include overseeing the risk monitoring teams responsible for the ongoing risk monitoring and risk assessment of independent contractor firms and coordinating with the Examination Program Management on the planning and execution of examinations. Prior to this new role, Ms. Page was the Director of FINRA's Boston office and worked in FINRA's Chicago office in a variety of staff and management roles in the membership, surveillance, firm exam and investigations programs. Ms. Page has a Bachelor degree in Finance and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Denver.

Speakers:

Patricia Albrecht is a senior director with FINRA's Member Relations and Education Department and manages the FINRA Institute at Georgetown Certified Regulatory and Compliance Professional (CRCP)[®] program and FINRA's Half-Day Compliance Boot Camp program. Previously, she was an associate general counsel in FINRA's Office of General Counsel, and served in the same role at NASD before its 2007 consolidation with NYSE Member Regulation, which resulted in the formation of FINRA. She also has worked at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in various offices and departments, including the Office of General Counsel and the Division of Trading and Markets, and serving as a counselor to Commissioner Norman Johnson. In addition, Ms. Albrecht worked for several years as a staff attorney at the U.S. Federal Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and completed a federal judicial clerkship with U.S. District Court Judge Harry Lee Hudspeth.

Robert W. Cook is President and CEO of FINRA, and Chairman of the FINRA Investor Education Foundation. From 2010 to 2013, Mr. Cook served as the Director of the Division of Trading and Markets of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Under his direction, the Division's professionals were responsible for regulatory policy and oversight with respect to broker-dealers, securities exchanges and markets, clearing agencies and FINRA. In addition, the Division reviewed and acted on over 2,000 rule filings and new product listings each year from self-regulatory organizations, including the securities exchanges and FINRA, and was responsible for implementing more than 30 major rulemaking actions and studies generated by the Dodd-Frank and JOBS Acts. He also directed the staff's review of equity market structure. Immediately prior to joining FINRA, and before his service at the SEC, Mr. Cook was a partner based in the Washington, DC, office of an international law firm. His practice focused on the regulation of securities markets and market intermediaries, including securities firms, exchanges, alternative trading systems and clearing agencies. During his years of private practice, Mr. Cook worked extensively on broker-dealer regulation, advising large and small firms on a wide range of compliance matters. Mr. Cook earned his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1992, a Master of Science in Industrial Relations and Personnel Management from the London School of Economics in 1989, and an A.B. in Social Studies from Harvard College in 1988.

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