

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

DEPARTMENT OF ENFORCEMENT,

Complainant,

v.

D. ALLEN BLANKENSHIP
(CRD No. 2842335),

Respondent

Disciplinary Proceeding
No. 2019064333401

Hearing Officer–LOM

ORDER PROPOSING TO TAKE OFFICIAL NOTICE

I propose to take official notice of days of the week during the relevant period of Respondent's trading using <https://www.timeanddate.com/calendar> as the source of information.

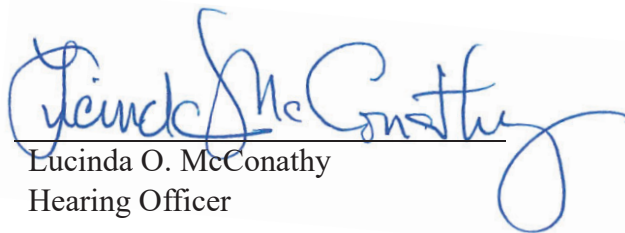
FINRA Rule 9145(b), which governs official notice, provides that:

In a proceeding governed by the Rule 9000 Series, an Adjudicator may take official notice of such matters as might be judicially noticed by a court, or of other matters within the specialized knowledge of FINRA as an expert body. Before an Adjudicator proposes to take official notice of a matter, it shall permit a Party the opportunity to oppose or otherwise comment upon the proposal to take official notice.

“Because calendar dates and days of the week are a matter of public record and not subject to reasonable dispute, the Court can take judicial notice of such days and dates” *Guymon v. Vidal*, No. 1:23-cv-1302 (RDA/JFA), 2025 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 5515, at *7 n.5 (E.D. Va. Jan. 10, 2025).

I give the parties an opportunity to file any opposition to or comment upon the proposal no later than **July 30, 2025**.

SO ORDERED.


Lucinda O. McConathy
Hearing Officer

Dated: July 23, 2025

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