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Subpart A—Uniform Rules of Practice and Procedure

§ 308.1 Scope.

This subpart prescribes rules of practice and procedure applicable to adjudicatory proceedings as to which hearings on the record are provided for by the following statutory provisions:

- (a) Cease-and-desist proceedings under section 8(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act ("FDIA") (12 U.S.C. 1818(b));
- (b) Removal and prohibition proceedings under section 8(e) of the FDIA (12 U.S.C. 1818(e));
- (c) Change-in-control proceedings under section 7(j)(4) of the FDIA (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(4)) to determine whether the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC"), should issue an order to approve or disapprove a person's proposed acquisition of an institution and/or institution holding company;
- (d) Proceedings under section 15C(c)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") (15 U.S.C. 780-5), to impose sanctions upon any government securities broker or dealer or upon any person associated or seeking to become associated with a government securities broker or dealer for which the FDIC is the appropriate regulatory agency;
- (e) Assessment of civil money penalties by the FDIC against institutions, institution-affiliated parties, and certain other persons for which it is the appropriate regulatory agency for any violation of:
- (1) Sections 22(h) and 23 of the Federal Reserve Act ("FRA"), or any regulation issued thereunder, and certain unsafe or unsound practices or breaches of fiduciary duty, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1828(j);
- (2) Section 106(b) of the Bank Holding Company Act Amendments of 1970 ("BHCA Amendments of 1970"), and certain unsafe or unsound practices or breaches of fiduciary duty, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1972(2)(F);
- (3) Any provision of the Change in Bank Control Act of 1978, as amended (the "CBCA"), or any regulation or order issued thereunder, and certain

unsafe or unsound practices, or breaches of fiduciary duty, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(16);

- (4) Section 7(a)(1) of the FDIA, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1817(a)(1);
- (5) Any provision of the International Lending Supervision Act of 1983 ("ILSA"), or any rule, regulation or order issued thereunder, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 3909;
- (6) Any provision of the International Banking Act of 1978 ("IBA"), or any rule, regulation or order issued thereunder, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 3108;
- (7) Certain provisions of the Exchange Act, pursuant to section 21B of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. 78u-2);
- (8) Section 1120 of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 ("FIRREA") (12 U.S.C. 3349), or any order or regulation issued thereunder:
- (9) The terms of any final or temporary order issued under section 8 of the FDIA or of any written agreement executed by the FDIC, the terms of any condition imposed in writing by the FDIC in connection with the grant of an application or request, certain unsafe or unsound practices or breaches of fiduciary duty, or any law or regulation not otherwise provided herein pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1818(i)(2);
- (10) Any provision of law referenced in section 102(f) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4012a(f)) or any order or regulation issued thereunder; and
- (11) Any provision of law referenced in 31 U.S.C. 5321 or any order or regulation issued thereunder;
- (f) Remedial action under section 102(g) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4012a(g));
- (g) Proceedings under section 10(k) of the FDIA (12 U.S.C. 1820(k)) to impose penalties for violations of the post-employment restrictions under that subsection; and
- (h) This subpart also applies to all other adjudications required by statute to be determined on the record after opportunity for an agency hearing, unless otherwise specifically provided for in the Local Rules.

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§ 308.2 Rules of construction.

For purposes of this subpart:

- (a) Any term in the singular includes the plural, and the plural includes the singular, if such use would be appropriate:
- (b) Any use of a masculine, feminine, or neuter gender encompasses all three, if such use would be appropriate;
- (c) The term *counsel* includes a non-attorney representative; and
- (d) Unless the context requires otherwise, a party's counsel of record, if any, may, on behalf of that party, take any action required to be taken by the party.

§ 308.3 Definitions.

For purposes of this subpart, unless explicitly stated to the contrary:

- (a) Administrative law judge means one who presides at an administrative hearing under authority set forth at 5 U.S.C. 556.
- (b) Adjudicatory proceeding means a proceeding conducted pursuant to these rules and leading to the formulation of a final order other than a regulation.
- (c) Board of Directors or Board means the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or its designee.
- (d) Decisional employee means any member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's or administrative law judge's staff who has not engaged in an investigative or prosecutorial role in a proceeding and who may assist the Board of Directors or the administrative law judge, respectively, in preparing orders, recommended decisions, decisions, and other documents under the Uniform Rules.
- (e) Designee of the Board of Directors means officers or officials of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation acting pursuant to authority delegated by the Board of Directors as provided in 12 CFR part 303 of this chapter or by specific resolution of the Board of Directors.
- (f) Enforcement Counsel means any individual who files a notice of appearance as counsel on behalf of the FDIC in an adjudicatory proceeding.