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BEFORE THE ETHICS AND DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE Utah Department of Commerce
Division of Securities
OF THE UTAH SUPREME COURT

In the Matter of the Complaint of:)	
)	
Diana Parrish,)	RULING ON REQUEST TO
)	REMOVE FROM ABEYANCE
Complainant,)	
)	
Against)	
)	OPC File No. 09-0758
Thomas R. Blonquist,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

The request of the Office of Professional Conduct (“OPC”) to remove the referenced matter from abeyance is before the Chair for decision.

BACKGROUND

Complainant Parrish submitted an Informal Complaint against Mr. Blonquist dated September 23, 2009. By letter dated October 5, 2009, OPC informed the Chair that Ms. Parrish’s allegations in her Informal Complaint were based on criminal charges that were filed against Mr. Blonquist on September 22, 2009 and that the facts underlying the criminal charges are substantially the same facts that formed the basis for the Informal Complaint. By Ruling on Request for Abeyance dated October 9, 2009, the Chair granted OPC’s request that Ms. Parrish’s Informal Complaint against Mr. Blonquist be held in abeyance because of the pendency of the criminal proceeding.

On August 11, 2011, OPC directed correspondence to the Chair advising that Tanner Blonquist had telephoned OPC and advised that his father, Thomas Blonquist, was deceased.

OPC therefore requests that the case be removed from abeyance.

DISCUSSION

Unquestionably, if Mr. Blonquist is deceased, the abeyance should be lifted and this disciplinary proceeding should be dismissed. Recent information in the news media suggests that Mr. Blonquist may not be deceased. Nevertheless, the suggestion that Mr. Blonquist is deceased by someone who should know -- his son -- warrants a removal of abeyance presently. It does not, however, warrant a dismissal of this proceeding at this point in time because of the apparent uncertainty as to whether Mr. Blonquist is in fact deceased. At such time as OPC receives reliable evidence that Mr. Blonquist is, in fact, deceased, the case should be submitted to the Chair for dismissal.

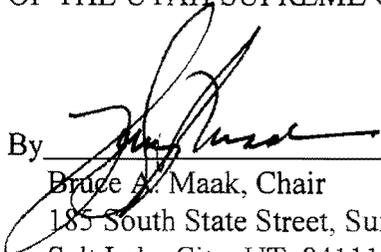
RULING

Based upon the report of Mr. Blonquist's death, this case is removed from abeyance. This case shall not, however, be dismissed until OPC receives reliable evidence confirming Mr. Blonquist's death, at which time it can be referred to the Chair for dismissal.

DATED this 17 day of August, 2011.

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By



Bruce A. Maak, Chair
185 South State Street, Suite 800
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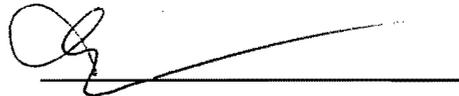
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Utah Department of Commerce
Division of Securities

I hereby certify that on the 22nd day of August, 2011, I mailed via United States first-class mail, postage pre-paid, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Abeyance Ruling, dated August 17, 2011, signed by Bruce Maak, Chair of the Ethics and Discipline Committee to:

Diana Parrish
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Diana Parrish', is written over a horizontal line.