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## **Enforcement Notice Hearing 17-0202**

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## **IN THE MATTER OF Graeme Robert Kirkland – Settlement Hearing**

**October 30, 2017 (Toronto, Ontario)** – A hearing has been scheduled before a Hearing Panel of the Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada (IIROC) to consider whether the panel should accept a Settlement Agreement entered into between IIROC staff and Graeme Robert Kirkland.

The agreement concerns conduct involving a failure to consider and address a potential material conflict of interest between Mr. Kirkland and his clients and a failure to escalate a client's written complaint to his employer.

The hearing is not open to the public, but will become open in the event that the panel accepts the agreement. If the agreement is accepted, the panel's decision and the Settlement Agreement will be made available at [www.iiroc.ca](http://www.iiroc.ca).

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**Hearing Date:** November 20, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

**Location:** IIROC  
121 King Street West, Suite 2000  
Toronto, Ontario



IIROC formally initiated the investigation into Mr. Kirkland's conduct in August 2015. The alleged violations occurred while he was a Registered Representative with a Toronto branch of BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc., an IIROC-regulated firm. Mr. Kirkland is currently a Registered Representative with Argosy Securities Inc., an IIROC-regulated firm.

The Notice of Motion announcing the settlement hearing is available at:

<http://docs.iiroc.ca/DisplayDocument.aspx?DocumentID=AD71A9DC544C457AB7506D801C941A74&Language=en>

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