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**Enforcement Notice  
Hearing  
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## **IN THE MATTER OF Nicholas Karakolis – Settlement Hearing**

**January 3, 2018 (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 Nicholas Karakolis.

The agreement concerns conduct involving failing to comply with his employer’s policies and procedures regarding the opening of client accounts.

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:** January 23, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

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

IIROC formally initiated the investigation into Mr. Karakolis’ conduct in April 2016. The conduct occurred while he was an Investment Representative with the North York branch of TD Waterhouse Inc. Direct Investing. Mr. Karakolis is no longer a registrant with an IIROC-regulated firm.



The Notice of Application announcing the settlement hearing is available at:  
[http://www.iroc.ca/Documents/2018/65e4dc8c-1808-4797-b852-87ccb286e496\\_en.PDF](http://www.iroc.ca/Documents/2018/65e4dc8c-1808-4797-b852-87ccb286e496_en.PDF)

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