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## **Enforcement Notice Hearing 19-0185**

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## **IIROC to Hold Disciplinary Hearing for Halifax Investment Advisor Shirley Locke**

**October 18, 2019 (Halifax, Nova Scotia)** – A hearing has been scheduled before a Hearing Panel of the Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada (IIROC) in the matter of Shirley Locke.

The discipline hearing concerns allegations that:

- (a) Between January 2010 and September 2014, Ms. Locke failed to use due diligence to learn and remain informed of the essential facts relative to some clients, contrary to Dealer Member Rule 1300.1(a);
- (b) Between January 2010 and September 2014, she failed to use due diligence to ensure that recommendations made for some of her clients were suitable for them, based on their investment objectives and risk tolerance, contrary to Dealer Member Rule 1300.1(q);
- (c) Between January 2010 and September 2014, she effected trades in the accounts of two of her clients that were not within the bounds of good business practice, contrary to Dealer Member Rule 1300.1(o);
- (d) Between January 2010 and September 2014, she conducted unauthorized trades in four clients' accounts, contrary to Dealer Member Rule 29.1;
- (e) Between January 2015 and December 2017, she failed to use due diligence to learn and remain informed of the essential facts relative to one client, contrary to Dealer Member Rule 1300.1(a); and
- (f) Between January 2015 and December 2017, she failed to use due diligence to ensure that recommendations made for one client were suitable, based on her investment objectives and risk tolerance, contrary to Dealer Member Rule 1300.1(q).



IIROC formally initiated the investigation into Ms. Locke's conduct in May 2017. The alleged violations occurred while she was a Registered Representative with National Bank Financial Inc., Industrial Alliance Securities Inc. and Aligned Capital Partners Inc., all IIROC-regulated firms. Ms. Locke is currently employed with Aligned Capital Partners Inc.

The hearing is open to the public, unless the Panel orders otherwise. The decision of the Hearing Panel will be made available at [www.iiroc.ca](http://www.iiroc.ca).

**Hearing Date:** December 16-20, 2019

**Location:** Halifax Marriott Harbourfront Hotel, 1919 Upper Water Street, Halifax, NS

The Notice of Hearing and Statement of Allegations which sets out the allegations is available at: [Locke, Shirley - Notice of Hearing and Statement of Allegations](#)

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