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## **Enforcement Notice**

### **Hearing**

**20-0121**

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## **IIROC Adjourns Penalty Hearing for Oakville Investment Advisor Douglas John Eley**

**June 11, 2020 (Toronto, Ontario)** – A penalty hearing was originally scheduled before a Hearing Panel of the Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada (IIROC) in the matter of Douglas John Eley on June 16, 2020. The penalty hearing was adjourned to September 14 and 15, 2020.

The Hearing Panel will consider the penalty to be imposed based on their decision, which found that Mr. Eley engaged in conduct unbecoming and detrimental to the public interest by inappropriately altering previously signed client documents.

The Hearing Panel's liability decision, dated January 28, 2020, is available at:

[Eley, Douglas John - 2019 IIROC 35](#)

IIROC formally initiated the investigation into Mr. Eley's conduct in February 2017. The alleged violations occurred while he was a Registered Representative and Portfolio Manager with the Oakville branch of Echelon Wealth Partners Inc., an IIROC-regulated firm. Mr. Eley is still employed with Echelon Wealth Partners Inc.

The hearing is open to the public, unless the Panel orders otherwise. Members of the public who would like to attend the hearing should contact IIROC's National Hearing Coordinator at [NHC1@iiroc.ca](mailto:NHC1@iiroc.ca) to obtain the details. The decision of the Hearing Panel will be made available at [www.iiroc.ca](http://www.iiroc.ca).



**Hearing Date:** September 14-15, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

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

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