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IIROC Holds Hearing for Former Toronto Investment Advisor Neil DiCostanzo

February 24, 2021 (Toronto, Ontario) – A hearing has been scheduled before a Hearing Panel of the Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada (IIROC) in the matter of Neil DiCostanzo.

The hearing concerns allegations that:

- (a) Between December 2016 and March 2018, Mr. DiCostanzo engaged in outside business activities without the approval of his Dealer Member by arranging investments in two companies for various clients, off the books and records of his Dealer Member – contrary to Dealer Member Rule 18.14.

IIROC formally initiated the investigation into Mr. DiCostanzo's conduct in May 2018. The alleged violation occurred while he was a Registered Representative with the Toronto branch of Foster & Associates Financial Services Inc., an IIROC-regulated firm. Mr. DiCostanzo is no longer a registrant with an IIROC-regulated firm.

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 to obtain the details. The decision of the Hearing Panel will be made available at www.iiroc.ca.

Hearing Date: The hearing will be held by way of videoconference commencing April 26, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

The Notice of Hearing and Statement of Allegations which sets out the allegations is available at:

DiCostanzo, Neil - [Notice of Hearing and Statement of Allegations](#)



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