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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF:

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S&W D.C.,LLC

t/a Smith and Wollensky : Show Cause

1112 19th Street NW : Hearing

January 15, 2014

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board met in Alcoholic Beverage Control Hearing Room, Reeves Building, 2000 14th Street N.W., Washington, D.C., Chairperson Ruthanne Miller presiding.

PRESENT:

RUTHANNE MILLER, Chairperson NICK ALBERTI, Member DONALD BROOKS, Member HECTOR RODRIGUEZ, Member JAMES SHORT, Member MICHAEL SILVERSTEIN, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Amy Schmidt, OAG Earl Jones, Investigator, ABRA

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1	P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S
2	(2:51 p.m.)
3	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay, I'm
4	going to call Case Number 13-AUD-00027, Smith
5	& Wollensky, located at 1112 19th Street NW,
6	license number 60001, in ANC 2B.
7	Can you identify yourself for the
8	record please?
9	MS. SCHMIDT: Amy Schmidt,
10	assistant attorney general on behalf of the
11	District of Columbia standing in for Ms.
12	Chrissie Gephardt.
13	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: And is
14	anybody here for Smith & Wollensky? I'm not
15	hearing from anyone. Ms. Schmidt, have you
16	been in touch with anyone from Smith &
17	Wollensky?
18	MS. SCHMIDT: I spoke to Ms.
19	Gephardt just a few minutes ago and she said
20	that yesterday she spoke to them and they were
21	supposed to come in at 9:30 because they
22	thought there could be a possible OIC in this

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1	2012 which was due on January 30th, 2013 which
2	is a violation of D.C. Code 25-113(b)(2)(A).
3	And you will hear from Monica
4	Clark, ABRA's compliance analyst regarding the
5	licensee's fourth quarter statement for 2012.
6	Ms. Clark will testify that as of January
7	30th, 2013, the fourth quarter statement had
8	not been filed.
9	She was following the process by
LO	which ABRA determines that the statement has
L1	been timely filed and through that process was
L2	able to determine the licensees filing was
L3	received on February 20th, 2013, and thus
L4	after the deadline.
L5	The government calls Ms. Monica
L6	Clark.
L7	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.
L8	Do you swear to tell the truth,
L9	the whole truth and nothing but the truth?
20	MS. CLARK: I do.
21	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay, thank
22	you.

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1	MS. SCHMIDT: Good afternoon, Ms.
2	Clark.
3	MS. CLARK: Good afternoon.
4	MS. SCHMIDT: Could you please
5	state your name and spell it for the record?
6	MS. CLARK: My name is Monica
7	Clark. M-O-N-I-C-A, C-L-A-R-K.
8	MS. SCHMIDT: And where do you
9	work?
10	MS. CLARK: I work with the
11	Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration.
12	MS. SCHMIDT: And what's your
13	title?
14	MS. CLARK: Compliance analyst.
15	MS. SCHMIDT: And how long have
16	you been a compliance analyst with ABRA?
17	MS. CLARK: I guess it would be
18	two years as of July 2012.
19	MS. SCHMIDT: And what are
20	responsibilities as a compliance analyst?
21	MS. CLARK: I receive, report,
22	analyze quarterly statements received from

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1	Class C licensees and assist in audit matters.
2	MS. SCHMIDT: And are you familiar
3	with the licensee Smith & Wollensky?
4	MS. CLARK: Yes, I am.
5	MS. SCHMIDT: And I want to draw
6	your attention to the quarterly statement
7	filing period for the fourth quarter of 2012.
8	What dates would those filings be due?
9	MS. CLARK: The fourth quarter of
10	2012 would have been due by the 30th of
11	January of 2013.
12	MS. SCHMIDT: And do you know if
13	Smith & Wollensky filed their 2012 fourth
14	quarter statement by January 30th, 2013?
15	MS. CLARK: The quarterly
16	statement had not been received by that date.
17	MS. SCHMIDT: I'm handing you what
18	is marked as Government's Exhibit Number 1.
19	Can you identify that for the Board, please?
20	MS. CLARK: This is a copy of the
21	quarterly statement that was filed by Smith &
22	Wollensky on Wednesday, February 20th, 2013.

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1	described, but however they did not do so
2	until after the deadline.
3	MS. SCHMIDT: And to your
4	knowledge was there anything faxed or walked
5	in?
6	MS. CLARK: I have checked all the
7	records within the ABRA office and nothing was
8	received prior to, or on the 30th of January
9	2013.
10	MS. SCHMIDT: Thank you Ms. Clark.
11	No further questions at this time.
12	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Any Board
13	questions? Thank you.
14	MS. SCHMIDT: Evidence? Closing,
15	I guess.
16	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Did you have
17	any evidence, documents you want to put in the
18	record?
19	MS. SCHMIDT: Oh, I'm sorry, yes.
20	The government would like to admit Exhibit
21	Number 1.
22	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Is it

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1	call vote on the motion, now that it's been
2	seconded. Mr. Brooks?
3	MEMBER BROOKS: I agree.
4	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Mr. Alberti?
5	MEMBER ALBERTI: I agree.
6	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Mr.
7	Rodriguez?
8	MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: I agree.
9	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Ms. Miller
10	agrees. Mr. Silverstein?
11	MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: I agree.
12	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Mr. Short?
13	MEMBER SHORT: I agree.
14	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: All right, it
15	appears that the motion has passed by a vote
16	of 6-0-0. I hereby give notice that the ABC
17	Board will hold a closed meeting on this case
18	pursuant to 2-574(b) of the Open Meetings Act.
19	And we will issue a decision within 90 days in
20	writing. Thank you.
21	That concludes this case.
22	MS. SCHMIDT: I think that, I

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1	believe, concludes my matters, if I can be
2	excused?
3	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: No. Yes, go
4	ahead. Have a good day. Okay.
5	MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Take the rest
6	of the day off.
7	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Right.
8	MS. SCHMIDT: Thank you.
9	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay, so that
10	does conclude our hearings for today, and the
11	Board will recess and return shortly to do its
12	agenda.
13	(Whereupon, the foregoing matter
14	went off the record at 3:00 p.m.)
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