IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

STATE OF FLORIDA OFFICE OF FINANCIAL REGULATION,

Plaintiff,

V.

CASE NO.: 50-2021-CA-008718-XXXX-MB

NATIONAL SENIOR INSURANCE, INC. D/B/A SEEMAN HOLTZ, MARSHAL SEEMAN, **CENTURION INSURANCE SERVICES** GROUP, LLC, BRIAN J. SCHWARTZ, EMERALD ASSETS 2018, LLC, **INTEGRITY ASSETS 2016, LLC,** INTEGRITY ASSETS, LLC, PARA LONGEVITY 2014-5, LLC, PARA LONGEVITY 2015-3, LLC, PARA LONGEVITY 2015-5, LLC, PARA LONGEVITY 2016-3, LLC, PARA LONGEVITY 2016-5, LLC, PARA LONGEVITY 2018-3, LLC, PARA LONGEVITY 2018-5, LLC, PARA LONGEVITY 2019-3, LLC, PARA LONGEVITY 2019-5, LLC, PARA LONGEVITY 2019-6, LLC, PARA LONGEVITY VI, LLC, SH GLOBAL, LLC N/K/A PARA LONGEVITY V, LLC, ALTRAI GLOBAL, LLC A/K/A ALTRAI HOLDINGS, LLC, VALENTINO GLOBAL HOLDINGS, LLC, AMERITONIAN ENTERPRISES, LLC, SEEMAN-HOLTZ CONSULTING CORP., **CENTURION ISG Holdings, LLC,** CENTURION ISG Holdings II, LLC, **CENTURION ISG (Europe) Limited,** CENTURION ISG SERVICES, LLC, CENTURION ISG FINANCE GROUP, LLC, CENTURION FUNDING SPV I LLC, CENTURION FUNDING SPV II LLC, GRACE HOLDINGS FINANCIAL, LLC, PRIME SHORT TERM CREDIT INC.,

Defendants.

THE ESTATE OF ERIC CHARLES HOLTZ, SEEMAN HOLTZ PROPERTY AND CASUALTY, LLC F/K/A SEEMAN HOLTZ PROPERTY AND CASUALTY, INC., SHPC HOLDINGS I, LLC,

Relief Defendants.

RECEIVER, DANIEL J. STERMER'S RESPONSE IN OPPOSITION TO RICHARD DONOFF'S MOTION TO VACATE THE ORDER EXECUTED ON MAY 29, 2024

Daniel J. Stermer, as Court-appointed Receiver (the "<u>Receiver</u>") for the property, assets, and business of the thirty-three (33) Receivership entities¹ (the "Receivership Defendants" and, formerly the "<u>Consenting Corporate Defendants</u>", and, together with the Receiver, collectively, the "<u>Receivership Estate</u>"), files this Response to Richard Donoff"s ("<u>Donoff</u>") *Motion to Vacate*

the Order Executed on May 29, 2024 ("Motion"), and states:

I. <u>SUMMARY OF THE ARGUMENT</u>

The Motion seeks (yet again) to challenge and revisit previous arguments made and rejected and the Final Judgment that was properly adjudicated and entered by the Court. The Final Judgment was entered after the Receiver and counsel followed established procedures and Court rules and after the Court's due considerations of the Parties' settlement agreement. The

¹ The Consenting Corporate Defendants include: NATIONAL SENIOR INSURANCE, INC. D/B/A SEEMAN HOLTZ, CENTURION INSURANCE SERVICES GROUP, LLC, EMERALD ASSETS 2018, LLC, INTEGRITY ASSETS 2016, LLC, INTERGRITY ASSETS, LLC, PARA LONGEVITY 2014-5, LLC, PARA LONGEVITY 2015-3, LLC, PARA LONGEVITY 2015-5, LLC, PARA LONGEVITY 2016-3, LLC, PARA LONGEVITY 2018-5, LLC, PARA LONGEVITY 2019-3, LLC, PARA LONGEVITY 2019-5, LLC, PARA LONGEVITY 2019-6, LLC, PARA LONGEVITY VI, LLC, SH GLOBAL, LLC N/K/A PARA LONGEVITY V, LLC, VALENTINO GLOBAL HOLDINGS, LLC, AMERITONIAN ENTERPRISES, LLC, SEEMAN-HOLTZ CONSULTING CORP., CENTURION ISG Holdings, LLC, CENTURION ISG Holdings II, LLC, CENTURION ISG (Europe) Limited, CENTURION ISG SERVICES, LLC, CENTURION ISG FINANCE GROUP, LLC, CENTURION FUNDING SPV I LLC, CENTURION FUNDING SPV I LLC, SEEMAN HOLTZ WEALTH MANAGEMENT, INC. AGENCY ACQUISITION FUNDING, LLC, AMERICA'S FAVORITE INSURANCE SERVICES LLC, and GRACE HOLDINGS FINANCIAL, LLC.

Motion attempts to raise allegations, with no factual support, against the Receiver and his counsel of "fraud upon the Court" and violations of "Due Process Rights," as a purported effort to fit into the required elements under Fla. R. Civ. P. 1.540(b) to seek to set aside a Final Judgment (as defined below) that has been of record for over eight months and has stood unstayed and unaffected by any of Donoff and his counsels' prior ineffective challenges and efforts to unwind same. Donoff and his counsel continue to waste the resources of this Court, and of the Receiver and the Receivership Estate, with their haphazard and unpersuasive attempts to pivot from Donoff's obligations under the Settlement Agreement. The Receiver did not force Donoff to enter into a Settlement Agreement; he, with the advice of counsel, chose to do so, and he is thus obligated to comply with its terms. All of these efforts by Donoff and his counsel only serve to add expense to the Receivership Estate which, absent the requirement that Donoff and his counsel be obligated to pay, will be borne by the victims of this Ponzi scheme.²

THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

While the Court is well aware of the facts, the Receiver will again provide the factual and procedural background. On March 26, 2024, Donoff and the Receiver entered into a settlement agreement ("<u>Settlement Agreement</u>") at a pre-suit mediation which resolved all claims between the parties related to Mr. Donoff's actions related to the Seeman Holtz Ponzi scheme. Section 8 of the jointly drafted Settlement Agreement required the Receiver to file a partially redacted copy of the Settlement Agreement for Court approval.³ Thereafter, Donoff apparently experienced

² The Receiver is mindful of the Court's reluctance to impose an award of attorneys' fees. Here, the Receiver submits that the continue efforts by Donoff and his counsel warrant an award for fees, which are provided for in the Settlement Agreement. At some point, perhaps if Mr. Donoff is forced to expend funds for his wasteful tactics, he will stop and obey the Court and his obligations under the Settlement Agreement.

³ Promptly after filing the stipulated version of the Settlement Agreement with the settlement financial terms redacted, Donoff's attorney requested the filing be replaced with a fully redacted version, which was promptly done by the Receiver. Although Donoff's claims of breach are frivolous and strenuously rejected by Receiver, any purported breach would have been waived or cured by Donoff's counsel's agreement to

"buyer's remorse", and began conjuring up excuses based on the purported breach of confidentiality clause to avoid honoring the settlement. He then breached the Settlement Agreement himself by failing to make the stipulated initial payment. The Motion, Donoff's third attempt to disrupt the approved Settlement Agreement, is procedurally and substantively improper, wholly unsupported by any reliable facts or allegations, and should be denied in its entirety.

By his redundant Motion, Donoff is effectively seeking to: (1) set aside the Order Granting Receiver's Motion to Approve Settlement Agreement, dated May 29, 2024 ("<u>Approval Order</u>"), entered in the instant Case No. 50-2021-CA-008718 ("<u>Original Action</u>"); (2) set aside the Agreed Final Judgment against Defendant, dated August 19, 2024 ("<u>Final Judgment</u>"), in a separate case filed to enforce the Settlement Agreement styled *Daniel Stermer, as Receiver v. Richard Donoff*, Case No. 50-2024-CA-006353 ("<u>Enforcement Action</u>"); (3) set aside the Order Denying Richard Donoff"s Motion for Reconsideration of Approval of Settlement and Agreed Final Order Against Defendant entered in September 23, 2024, and (4) set aside the Dismissal Order entered in the Appellate Case (as defined below) on December 2, 2024.

The Court correctly approved the Settlement Agreement, pursuant to the Court's procedures that require the Receiver to seek such approval. The Settlement Agreement was completely redacted and filed under seal with Donoff's attorney's consent. And any allegation that the Receiver breached the Settlement Agreement, which the Receiver has and continues to strenuously deny, is wrong and has been fully adjudicated.

Second, Donoff's Motion lacks any support for its unfounded allegations of fraud upon the court or failures of due process. In his Motion, Donoff acknowledges that the Court held a

the clerk's replacement of the filing.

duly-noticed hearing on the Settlement Motion whereupon Donoff's prior counsel and current counsel appeared. The Settlement Agreement provided a clear and unambiguous remedy in the event Donoff breached the Settlement Agreement. The Receiver, complying with the terms of the Settlement Agreement, commenced the Enforcement Action and filed the Consent Judgment pursuant to the terms thereof and provided notice pursuant to the Settlement Agreement.⁴ Donoff's "buyer's remorse" is not a factual or legal basis to void the Settlement Agreement, and his false allegations of fraud by the Receiver (an arm of this Court) are wildly inappropriate and should be cause for referral to the Florida Bar.

II. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

1. On July 12, 2021, the State of Florida Office of Financial Regulation ("**OFR**") filed a *Complaint for Temporary and Permanent Injunction, Appointment of Receiver, Restitution, Civil Penalties, and Other Statutory and Equitable Relief* ("**OFR Complaint**").

2. On September 14, 2021, the Court entered the Agreed Order Granting Plaintiff's Consent Motion for Appointment of Corporate Monitor and Related Injunctive Relief (the "Corporate Monitor Order") where Daniel J. Stermer was appointed as Corporate Monitor of the Consenting Corporate Defendants which originally consisted of twenty-seven entities.

3. Paragraph 13(P) of the Corporate Monitor Order required the Corporate Monitor to "seek permission and **obtain approval** from the Court before effectuating any settlement, consent judgment or allowing any default or default judgment against the Consenting Corporate Defendants, or before releasing legal claims or causes of action the Consenting Corporate Defendants may have against other parties." (emphasis added).

⁴ The filing of the Consent Judgment, which is a separate matter from, and has a separate Case Number, from the OFR Enforcement Matter, is the basis for Donoff and his counsel's allegation that the Receiver has committed "fraud on the Court." Again, the Receiver properly follows the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure and this Court's rules and procedures as well as this Court's Order Appointing Receiver.

4. On May 12, 2023, the Court entered the *Order Appointing Receiver* ("<u>Receivership Order</u>") wherein Daniel J. Stermer was appointed Receiver of the Consenting Corporate Defendants which totaled thirty-three entities at that time.

5. The Receivership Order required the Receiver, among other things, "[t]o seek permission and **obtain approval** from the Court before effectuating any settlement, consent judgment or allowing any default or default judgment against the Receivership Defendants, or before releasing legal claims or causes of action the Receivership Defendants may have against other parties." *See* Receivership Order, Section 8(q) (emphasis added).

6. On July 28, 2023, and October 30, 2023, the Receiver delivered letters to Donoff advising him of the Receivership Order and demanding the return of fraudulently transferred funds from the Receivership Estate. *See* B. Rich Affidavit **P** 4, attached as **Exhibit 1**.⁵

7. The Parties agreed to participate in mediation prior to and in an effort to avoid litigation. *Id.* at [* 5.

8. On March 26, 2024, the parties attended an in-person mediation before Keith Appleby, Esq., at the offices of Donoff's then attorneys, Greenspoon Marder in Boca Raton (the "<u>Mediation</u>"). *Id.* at **P** 7.

9. At the mediation, the parties, with the assistance of counsel, negotiated, jointly drafted, approved, and executed the Settlement Agreement. *Id.* at \mathbb{P} 8.

10. Section 8 of the Settlement Agreement stated:

"<u>Conditions of Enforcement of Agreement</u>: The Court shall enter an order approving this Agreement, and Donoff shall cooperate with the Receiver and his attorneys' efforts to obtain Court approval of this Agreement. <u>The Receiver will file a copy of this</u> <u>Agreement with the financial terms of the settlement redacted</u> <u>with the Court</u>. The Receiver shall provide the Court, under seal,

⁵ The B. Rich Affidavit was originally attached to the Receiver's response to the Motion to Reconsider and is reattached hereto.

an unredacted version of the Agreement."

(emphasis added). Id. at P 9, 14.

11. On March 27, 2024, the day after execution of the Settlement Agreement, the mediator forwarded to the Receiver's counsel a request from Donoff's counsel to modify the terms of the Settlement Agreement under a purported and non-existent "3 day right of recission:"

From: Rose Schindler <<u>Rose.Schindler@gmlaw.com</u>> Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2024 8:30:29 AM To: Keith Appleby <<u>kappleby@westshoremediation.com</u>>;

Subject: Mediation

Keith, under the 3 day right of rescission, I have a request for modification of the terms with respect to Rich Donoff. He is agreeable to the same amount of but after talking to his accountant, he needs to restructure the terms to for 5 years. Otherwise it presents a huge tax burden for him due to him taking the funds out of his retirement account. Please see what you can do to accomplish this modification. Thank you.



Rose M. Schindler, Esq.

Id. at P 10, and Exhibit A to B. Rich Aff.

12. The Receiver rejected the request for modification urged by Donoff's counsel as buyer's remorse. *Id.* at [* 11. On March 28, 2024, the Receiver was advised by the mediator that "[Donoff will honor the commitment on the settlement agreement signed as is".

13. On April 26, 2024, the Receiver filed a Motion to Approve the Settlement Agreement and Motion to Determine Confidentiality of Court Records. *Id.* at **P** 12.

14. Donoff's counsel did not raise any issues with the filings until ten (10) days later, when she claimed the Settlement Agreement should not have been filed, at which point she was reminded of Section 8 of the Settlement Agreement. *Id.* at \mathbb{P} 13, and **Exhibit B** to B. Rich. Aff.

15. On May 21, 2024, after the Court granted the *Motion to Determine Confidentiality* of *Court Records*, the Receiver's counsel advised Donoff's counsel that the Settlement Agreement

in the record could be replaced with a fully redacted version and stated "[w]hile we believe that that is unnecessary and no breach has occurred, based upon your request we will move forward in that regard. Please advise if that addresses any concerns your client may have." *Id.* at \mathbb{P} 15, and **Exhibit C** to B. Rich Aff.

16. Donoff's counsel responded within one hour: "Thank you. This is acceptable."

Id. (emphasis added). *Id.* at **P** 16. Based upon Donoff's counsel's clear and unambiguous response, the Receiver had the originally-filed, partially-redacted Settlement Agreement replaced with a fully-redacted Settlement Agreement. *Id.* at **P** 17-19, and **Exhibit C** to B. Rich Aff.

17. On May 30, 2024, a hearing was held on the Receiver's Motion to Approve the

Settlement Agreement where the Court heard Donoff's theories of breach and thinly veiled attempts to escape his settlement payment obligations. The Court correctly observed and ruled:

The Court: He has replied and now I'm going to do my job which is to rule.

The court has reviewed the motions. I've heard your arguments.

The court's inquiry and gaze at this point is limited to determining the appropriateness of approving the settlement agreement that has already been reached by the parties and that's a different inquiry than determining whether or not the agreement that the parties have reached has been breached in some manner. So the motion to approve the settlement is granted.

May 30, 2024 Hr'g Tr. p.9:14-17, attached as Exhibit 2.

18. On May 29, 2024, Court entered an Order approving the Settlement Agreement

("Approval Order"). The Approval Order is a final Order.

19. On July 3, 2024, Donoff materially breached the Settlement Agreement by failing to make the initial payment and failing to cure his breach. *Id.* at **P** 22. Donoff's counsel sent a letter asserting that funds were in escrow. The Receiver's counsel responded that such action did

not excuse the payment and compliance under the Approval Order and that the Receiver intended to move forward to enforce the Settlement Agreement.

20. Thereafter, Donoff failed to file any motion to vacate the Approval Order or seek any relief. He otherwise remained in breach of the Court-approved Settlement Agreement.

21. According and pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement and the rights afforded the Receiver for Donoff's breach thereof, on July 7, 2024, the Receiver filed the separate Enforcement Action against Donoff for breach of the Settlement Agreement. *See Daniel Stermer, as Receiver v. Richard Donoff*, Case No. 50-2024-CA-006353 (the "Donoff Enforcement Action").

22. On August 19, 2024, the Court in the Donoff Enforcement Action entered the Final Judgment pursuant to Donoff's Answer, Waiver of Defenses, and Consent to Judgment attached to the Settlement Agreement.⁶

23. On September 4, 2024 – **98 days** after entry of the Approval Order in the Original Action, and **16 days** after entry of the Final Judgment in the Enforcement Action – Donoff filed the *Motion for Reconsideration of Approval of Settlement and Agreed Final Order against Defendant*.

24. On September 23, 2024, the Court denied the Motion for Reconsideration and ordered that the Receiver was entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred in responding to the Motion in accordance with Section 14 of the Settlement Agreement.

⁶ As part of the negotiated mediated settlement between the Receiver and Donoff, a number of documents were jointly drafted by the Receiver's counsel and Donoff's counsel, including: (i) the Settlement Agreement (ii) Complaint (Supplemental Proceeding); (iii) Donoff's Answer, Waiver of Defenses, and Consent to Judgment of Defendant, Richard Donoff; (iv) agreed Final Judgment Against Defendant. As with the Settlement Agreement, Donoff executed these documents as well after discussing and reviewing them with his counsel.

25. On October 23, 2024, Donoff's Notice of Appeal was filed with the Fourth District Court of Appeals as to the Order Denying Richard Donoff's Motion for Reconsideration of Approval of Settlement and Agreed Final Order Against Defendant (the "Appellate Case"). In the Appellate case, Donoff tried to recast his Motion for Reconsideration as a Motion to Vacate under 1.540 to avoid time limitations, however, the appeal failed to raise any arguments related to Rule 1.540.

26. On December 2, 2024, the Appellate court dismissed Donoff's Appeal and directed this Court to determine the Receiver's entitlement to fees. Donoff did not further appeal the order from the Fourth DCA.

27. On January 17, 2025, almost 45 days after his appeal was dismissed, Donoff filed this Motion, regurgitating his arguments made in the Appellate Case, sprinkling in allegations of fraud and due process violations by the Receiver and his counsel in order to frame the issue to fit the elements under Rule 1.540.

28. The Motion, consistent with his prior efforts, is frivolous and should be denied outright.

III. <u>LEGAL STANDARD</u>

29. While Donoff's Motion lacks any citations to legal authority, it appears Donoff is relying on Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.540(b) to vacate the Final Judgment. This rule of civil procedure provides that a court may relieve a party from a final judgment, decree, or, or proceeding for the following reasons:

- 1. Mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect;
- 2. Newly discovered evidence which by due diligence could not have been discovered in time to move for a new trial or rehearing;
- 3. Fraud, misrepresentation, or other misconduct of an adverse party;
- 4. That the judgment, decree, or order is void; or

5. That the judgment, decree, or order has been satisfied, released or discharged, . . . or it is no longer equitable that the judgment, decree, or order should have prospective application.

See Fla. R. Civ. P. 1.540(b)

30. Relief from Judgment by this court "is discretionary and a party has no absolute right to invoke it. It is incumbent upon the moving party to show the existence of adequate grounds to justify the exercise of such power." Fla. R. Civ. P. 1.540, Author's Comment. This is effectively Donoff's third attempt to set aside the voluntarily agreed to Settlement Agreement and the Judgment. The first attempt was filed on September 24, 2024. Donoff's first motion, as argued previously, was untimely as Donoff failed to move for rehearing within 15 days of entry of the Judgment. This Court appropriately denied the Motion. Donoff then initiated the Appellate Case commencing his second attempt. The Appellate Case was dismissed and not appealed further.

31. Now, Donoff files this **third attempt**. The "Wherefore Clause" of Donoff's Motion states:

Defendant respectfully requests that this Court vacate its order of May 29, 2024 on the basis that by executing the Order of May 29, 2024 prior to the hearing on May 30, 2024 and by failing to provide Donoff the right to a hearing on the issue of breach Defendant's due process rights were violated.

32. Donoff further alleges that the Receiver committed fraud on the Court by initiating the Enforcement Action and failing to advise the Court that in approving the settlement agreement, the court granted leave for Defendant to set a hearing on the issue of whether the Receiver had breached the settlement agreement, not Defendant. This is a farse and a complete stretch of the Court's recommendation(s) after approving the Settlement Agreement. The Court's remarks neither stayed the enforcement or validity of the Settlement Agreement. The Court's remarks simply put the parties on notice that if a party is alleging a breach of the Settlement Agreement, they needed to do so by separate motion.

IV. ARGUMENT

33. Donoff's Motion is, as was his other attempts to vitiate the Settlement Agreement, fundamentally flawed, highly misleading, and wholly inadequate.

34. Donoff's Motion admits his counsel received notice and appeared at the hearing to consider and ultimately approve the Settlement Agreement. See Motion at || 5. Donoff's Motion admits that he breached the Settlement Agreement by failing to make the payments required under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, which had been approved by the May 29, 2024 Order. See *id.* at || 9. Donoff's Motion admits to not filing any pleading contesting the Order Approving the Settlement Agreement until July 29, 2024. See *id.* at || 14. Donoff's Motion admits that the Court entered the Final Judgment on August 19, 2024, in the Donoff Enforcement Action over Donoff's objection filed on August 14, 2024. See *id.* at || 18 and 19.

35. However, Donoff's Motion fails to allege any plausible allegations of mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect by the Court or the Receiver. *See* Fla. R. Civ. P. 1.540(b)(1). The Court held a hearing, heard argument regarding the approval of the Settlement Agreement and confirmed the approval of the Settlement Agreement.

36. Donoff's Motion fails to allege any newly discovered evidence that would necessitate a new hearing. Fla. R. Civ. P. 1.540(b)(2). In fact, Donoff's Motion admits that the Court was well aware of the allegations Donoff raises in his Motion when the Court previously denied all of Donoff's prior attempts. *See* Motion at P 4-6.

37. Donoff's Motion attempts to allege a fraud by the Receiver to meet the statutory element, yet these allegations are nonsensical, unsupported, and to the extent comprehensible, untrue. Fla. R. Civ. P. 1.540(b)(3). The Court's entering an Order prior to the hearing is not a "fraud upon the Court" by the Receiver.

38. The Court held a hearing at which all counsel were present and the Court, "determining the appropriateness of approving the settlement agreement", confirmed the approval of the Settlement Agreement. The Court and the Receiver provided adequate notice and an opportunity to be heard. Donoff and his counsel have had every chance to be heard regarding the Settlement Agreement, but such attempts have been denied at each step because such allegations are refuted by the record and only filed to further delay and disrupt the Receiver's attempt to recover funds from Donoff which he agreed to pay for the benefit victims of the Seeman Holtz Ponzi Scheme.

39. Donoff's Motion does not allege the Judgment is invalid (see Fla. R. Civ. P. 1.540(b)(4)) but instead admits that the "Final Judgment was entered *ex parte* without hearing on the basis that the settlement agreement provided for entry of a consent judgment against Donoff in the event of breach. *See* Motion at **P** 19. The Court record clearly establishes this is wrong—the agreed upon settlement agreement, signed by all parties and agreed upon by Donoff's counsel, specifically permitted this remedy upon a default by Donoff.

40. Finally, Donoff's Motion does not, and cannot, allege that the enforcement of the Judgment is no longer equitable. Fla. R. Civ. P. 1.540(b)(5). "Rule 1.540(b)(5) was intended to provide 'extraordinary relief' reserved for 'exceptional circumstances' and is narrowly construed." *Castro v. Sun 'N Lake of Sebring Improvement Dist.*, 334 So. 3d 663 (Fla. 2d DCA 2021) (emphasis added); see also *Pure H2O Biotechnologies, Inc. v. Mazziotti*, 937 So. 2d 242, 245 (Fla. 4th DCA 2006). Here, there is no reason to grant such extraordinary relief.

V. CONCLUSION

Donoff's Motion is just another inept attempt to escape his settlement payment obligations under the Settlement Agreement. The Court previously heard the same arguments at the hearing to on the Receiver's Motion to Approve the Settlement Agreement and properly rejected them. Donoff's claims for breach of a settlement agreement are completely frivolous. Donoff's counsel, Mr. Zuckerbrod, filed the Motion to further delay and frustrate the Receiver's duties and responsibilities. Prior to the filing of his Motion, Mr Zuckerbrod communicated to the Receiver's counsel his intention to raise this issue of purported due process violations with the Appellate Court in the event the Motion is denied. Mr. Zuckerbrod is not zealously representing his client but instead acting in bad faith, which is something that Mr. Zuckerbrod has and continues to state the Receiver and his counsel are doing. Nothing can be further from the truth.

This Motion should be denied and the Receiver should be entitled to enforce and collect upon the Final Judgment against Mr. Donoff.

WHEREFORE, the Receiver respectfully requests the Court deny the Motion, award additional attorney's fees and costs as provided for in Settlement Agreement and for such further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Dated: April 22, 2025

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on April 22, 2025, the foregoing was filed using the Florida

Court's E-Filing Portal, which served a copy of the foregoing electronically upon all electronic

service parties on the attached Service List. I further certify that a true and correct copy of the

foregoing was served by electronic transmission upon all parties listed below.

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THE ESTATE OF ERIC CHARLES HOLTZ, SEEMAN HOLTZ PROPERTY AND CASUALTY, LLC F/K/A SEEMAN HOLTZ PROPERTY AND CASUALTY, INC., SHPC HOLDINGS I, LLC,

Relief Defendants.

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AFFIDAVIT OF BRIAN RICH

STATE OF FLORIDA)) SS. COUNTY OF LEON)

I, Brian Rich, do hereby affirm and state under oath as follows:

1. I am over the age of eighteen and have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein.

2. I am a partner at the Tallahassee office of Berger Singerman, LLP ("BSLLP"), and have practice law in the State of Florida since 1994.

3. I am counsel of Record to the Court-appointed Receiver, Daniel J. Stermer ("Receiver"), in the above-captioned proceedings.

4. On the Receiver's behalf, BSLLP delivered two letters to Richard Donoff ("Donoff"), on July 28, 2023, and October 30, 2023, identifying and demanding the return of fraudulently transferred funds from the Receivership Estate.

5. The Receiver and Donoff voluntarily agreed to participate in mediation prior to the Receiver filing a lawsuit for the claims asserted by the Receiver against Donoff in his letters.

6. On March 26, 2024, I, on behalf of the Receiver, attended a mediation with Donoff at the offices of Donoff's counsel, Greenspoon Marder in Boca Raton, Florida.

7. The Receiver was represented at the mediation by BSLLP, with my law partner Gavin Gaukroger being physically present, and Donoff was represented at the mediation by Rose

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Schindler of Greenspoon Marder ("Attorney Schindler"). The mediation was conducted in person by mediator Keith Appleby, Esq.; however, I appeared by video-conference for the entire duration of the mediation. The Donoff mediation was actually one of three mediations that took place on March 26, 2024 with mediator Keith Appleby and individuals represented by Attorney Schindler.

At the mediation, a settlement agreement and related documents were negotiated,
 jointly drafted, and executed by the Receiver and Donoff ("Settlement Agreement").

9. Section 8 of the Settlement Agreement required the Receiver to file a version of the Settlement Agreement with settlement amount financial terms redacted with the Court to seek Court approval, as required by Section 8(q) of the Order Appointing Receiver, dated May 12, 2023.

10. On March 27, 2024, Attorney Schindler requested, through the mediator, a modification to one of the Settlement Agreement's financial terms, changing a certain lump-sum payment into a payment of installments because of an alleged potentially larger tax liability associated with a lump-sum payment. *See* March 27, 2024, email attached as **Exhibit A**.

11. This request was rejected by the Receiver.

12. On April 26, 2024, I filed the Receiver's Motion to Approve Settlement Agreement Between (I) Receivership Parties; and (II) Richard Donoff.

13. On May 6, 2024, Attorney Schindler sent an email to Michael Niles, Esq., another counsel of record for the Receiver and a partner at BSLLP, asking why the Settlement Agreement was filed. Mr. Niles reminded Attorney Schindler that Section 8 of the Settlement Agreement required the filing of the Settlement Agreement with the settlement amount financial terms redacted for the Court to approve the Settlement Agreement. *See* May 6, 2024, email attached as **Exhibit B**.

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14. The Receiver was not in breach of the Settlement as the settlement financial terms were redacted consistent with Paragraph 8 of the Settlement Agreement, which specifically stated:

8. Conditions of Enforcement of Agreement: The Court shall enter an order approving this Agreement, and Donoff shall cooperate with the Receiver and his attorneys' efforts to obtain Court approval of this Agreement. The Receiver will file a copy of this Agreement with the financial terms of the settlement redacted with the Court. The Receiver shall provide the Court, under seal, an unredacted version of this Agreement.

(emphasis added).

15. On May 21, 2024, I emailed Attorney Schindler to (1) inform her that the Receiver agreed to reschedule the May 22, 2024 hearing to approve the Settlement Agreement for May 30, 2024; (2) reject that any breach of the Settlement Agreement could occur by filing a redacted copy pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement; (3) offer as a professional courtesy to request the clerk to replace the partially redacted Settlement Agreement with a fully redacted Settlement Agreement; and (4) ask Attorney Schindler whether that offer would address any concerns Donoff had about the confidentiality of the Settlement Agreement. *See* May 21, 2024, email attached as **Exhibit C**.

16. On May 21, 2024, Attorney Schindler responded to my email by advising "Thank you. This is acceptable." *See Id.*

17. Shortly thereafter, Attorney Schindler replied to the correspondence acknowledging the date of the continued hearing on the Settlement Agreement and indicating that the date "works for me". *See Id.*

18. On May 23, 2024, my assistant filed a Notice of Hearing rescheduling the Motion to Approve Settlement Agreement for Thursday, May 30, 2024 at 8:45 A.M. and transmitted the Notice via email to Attorney Schindler and Donoff's second lawyer, Todd A. Zuckerbrod

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("Attorney Zuckerbrod"). A copy of the service email and Notice of Hearing is attached hereto as Exhibit D.

The Notice of Hearing indicated that the Motion to Approve Settlement Agreement 19. Between (I) Receivership Parties; and (II) Richard Donoff was set for hearing.

20. On May 30, 2024, I appeared at a hearing on behalf of the Receiver before Judge Bradley Harper in the above-captioned case on the Receiver's Motion to Approve the Settlement Agreement. Attorney Schindler and Attorney Zuckerbrod, appeared on behalf of Donoff.

21. The Court heard arguments from all parties and granted the Motion to Approve the Settlement Agreement.

22. Donoff materially breached the Court-approved Settlement Agreement on July 3, 2024, by failing to make the initial payment to the Receiver and failing to cure his breach.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

Bv: Date:

STATE OF FLORIDA SS .: COUNTY OF LEON

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of physical presence or \Box online notarization, this $\underline{|}_{C}^{H}$ day of <u>September</u>, 2024, by Brian Rich and who is Personally Known to me OR who Produced ______as identification.

My commission expires:

ZOUIE A. MORTON COMMISSION # HH 115447 EXPIRES: April 8, 2025 Bonded Thru Notary Public Underwriters

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EXHIBIT A

Subject:

FW: FW: Mediation

From: Keith Appleby <<u>kappleby@westshoremediation.com</u>> Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2024 10:50 AM To: Daniel Stermer <<u>DStermer@dsiconsulting.com</u>>; Gavin Gaukroger <<u>ggaukroger@bergersingerman.com</u>>; Brian Rich <<u>BRich@bergersingerman.com</u>>; Michael J. Niles <<u>MNiles@bergersingerman.com</u>>; Kerry Burns <<u>KBurns@bergersingerman.com</u>> Subject: Fwd: Mediation

[External E-mail]

Dan & Gavin,

Please see attached from Rose. I am almost back to Tampa and Happy to discuss with you if you would like to have a call.



KEITH T. APPLEBY, ESQ. Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Civil Mediator 4916 W. MELROSE AVE. S TAMPA, FL 33629-5420 813.435.0396 kappleby@westshoremediation.com

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Sent from my iPhone.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Rose Schindler <<u>Rose.Schindler@gmlaw.com</u>> Date: March 27, 2024 at 10:46:42 AM EDT To: Keith Appleby <<u>kappleby@westshoremediation.com</u>> Cc: Richard Donoff <<u>rdonoff@gmail.com</u>> Subject: FW: Mediation

From: Rose Schindler <<u>Rose.Schindler@gmlaw.com</u>> Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2024 8:30:29 AM To: Keith Appleby <<u>kappleby@westshoremediation.com</u>>;

Subject: Mediation

Keith, under the 3 day right of rescission, I have a request for modification of the terms with respect to Rich Donoff. He is agreeable to the same amount of the but after talking to his accountant, he needs to restructure the terms to **section** for 5 years. Otherwise it presents a huge tax burden for him due to him taking the funds out of his retirement account. Please see what you can do to accomplish this modification. Thank you.

Greenspoon Marder 4

Rose M. Schindler, Esq. Of Counsel 2255 Glades Road Suite 400-E Boca Raton, FL 33431 (561) 994-2212 ext. 1809 office (561) 322-2979 direct (561) 807-7529 direct fax Rose.schindler@gmlaw.com

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EXHIBIT B

Subject:

FW: FW: Settlements with Coyman and Donoff

From: Michael J. Niles Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 3:21 PM To: Rose Schindler <<u>Rose.Schindler@gmlaw.com</u>> Subject: RE: Settlements with Coyman and Donoff

Rose,

The settlement amounts are confidential and are redacted, the Settlement Agreements require court approval. This was made clear at mediation and in the papers.

8. <u>Conditions of Enforcement of Agreement</u>: The Court shall enter an order approving this Agreement, and Coyman shall cooperate with the Receiver and his attorneys' efforts to obtain Court approval of this Agreement. The Receiver will file a copy of this Agreement with the financial terms of the settlement redacted with the Court. The Receiver shall provide the Court, under seal, an unredacted version of the Agreement.



From: Rose Schindler <<u>Rose.Schindler@gmlaw.com</u>> Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 3:09 PM To: Michael J. Niles <<u>MNiles@bergersingerman.com</u>> Subject: Settlements with Coyman and Donoff

[External E-mail]

Michael, these settlements were supposed to be confidential. Now they are posted online. What was the confidentiality about? No one is going to want to mediate if there is no confidentiality.



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EXHIBIT C

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Rose Schindler <Rose.Schindler@gmlaw.com> Tuesday, May 21, 2024 5:31 PM Brian Rich Michael J. Niles; Gavin Gaukroger Donoff

[External E-mail]

This date also works for me.

Rose M. Schindler, Esq.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 21, 2024, at 5:29 PM, Rose Schindler <Rose.Schindler@gmlaw.com> wrote:

Thank you. This is acceptable.

Rose M. Schindler, Esq. Sent from my iPhone

On May 21, 2024, at 4:48 PM, Brian Rich <BRich@bergersingerman.com> wrote:

Rose:

We will announce at tomorrow's hearing that we aren't going forward with the Motion as to Donoff based upon your unavailability. The next available date is May 30. Please advise if that date works for you ASAP.

Additionally, based upon the Order entered today by the Court, we can have the clerk replace the prior agreement, with a fully redacted agreement. While we believe that that is unnecessary and that no breach has occurred, based upon your request we will move forward in that regard. Please advise if that addresses any concerns your client may have.

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From:	Kerry Burns
Sent:	Thursday, May 23, 2024 4:15 PM
То:	rose.schindler@gmlaw.com; tz@tzbrokerlaw.com
Cc:	Brian Rich; Gavin Gaukroger; Michael J. Niles
Subject:	OFR v. Stermer *** Service of Notice of Hearing **** May 30, 2024
Attachments:	Notice of Hearing - May 30, 2024.pdf

Attached please find a Notice of Hearing, scheduling a hearing to consider the following motions on **Thursday**, May 30, 2024, at 8:45 a.m.:

- 1. Receiver, Daniel J. Stermer's Motion to Approve Settlement Agreement
- Receiver Daniel J. Stermer's Motion to Approve Settlement Agreement Between (I) Receivership Parties; and (II) Richard Donoff



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

STATE OF FLORIDA OFFICE OF FINANCIAL REGULATION,

Plaintiff,

V.

CASE NO .: 50-2021-CA-008718-XXXX-MB

NATIONAL SENIOR INSURANCE, INC. D/B/A SEEMAN HOLTZ, MARSHAL SEEMAN, CENTURION INSURANCE SERVICES GROUP, LLC, BRIAN J. SCHWARTZ, EMERALD ASSETS 2018, LLC, INTEGRITY ASSETS 2016, LLC, INTERGRITY ASSETS, LLC, PARA LONGEVITY 2014-5, LLC, PARA LONGEVITY 2015-3, LLC, PARA LONGEVITY 2015-5, LLC, PARA LONGEVITY 2016-3, LLC, PARA LONGEVITY 2016-5, LLC, PARA LONGEVITY 2018-3, LLC, PARA LONGEVITY 2018-5, LLC, PARA LONGEVITY 2019-3, LLC, PARA LONGEVITY 2019-5, LLC, PARA LONGEVITY 2019-6, LLC, PARA LONGEVITY VI, LLC, SH GLOBAL, LLC N/K/A PARA LONGEVITY V, LLC, ALTRAI GLOBAL, LLC A/K/A ALTRAI HOLDINGS, LLC, VALENTINO GLOBAL HOLDINGS, LLC, AMERITONIAN ENTERPRISES, LLC, SEEMAN-HOLTZ CONSULTING CORP., CENTURION ISG Holdings, LLC, CENTURION ISG Holdings II, LLC, CENTURION ISG (Europe) Limited, CENTURION ISG SERVICES, LLC, CENTURION ISG FINANCE GROUP, LLC, CENTURION FUNDING SPV I LLC, CENTURION FUNDING SPV II LLC, GRACE HOLDINGS FINANCIAL, LLC, 13028850-1

PRIME SHORT TERM CREDIT INC.,

Defendants.

THE ESTATE OF ERIC CHARLES HOLTZ, SEEMAN HOLTZ PROPERTY AND CASUALTY, LLC F/K/A SEEMAN HOLTZ PROPERTY AND CASUALTY, INC., SHPC HOLDINGS I, LLC,

Relief Defendants.

NOTICE OF HEARING

(Motion Calendar)

THIS MATTER is set for hearing before The Honorable Bradley Harper in Courtroom

9D via ZOOM at the Palm Beach County Courthouse, 205 North Dixie Highway, West Palm

Beach, Florida:

DATE OF HEARING: Thursday, May 30, 2024

TIME OF HEARING: 8:45 A.M.

TIME RESERVED FOR HEARING: MOTION CALENDAR

MATTER(s) TO BE HEARD:

RECEIVER, DANIEL J. STERMER'S MOTION TO APPROVE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

RECEIVER, DANIEL J. STERMER'S MOTION TO APPROVE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN (I) RECEIVERSHIP PARTIES; <u>AND (II) RICHARD DONOFF</u>

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 - One or more of the parties who may be affected by the motion are self represented.

Dated: May 23, 2024

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By: /s/ Brian G. Rich

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on May 23, 2024, the foregoing was filed using the Florida Court's E-Filing Portal, which served a copy of the foregoing electronically upon all electronic service parties. I further certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic transmission upon all parties on the attached Service List, and listed below.

By: <u>/s/ Brian G. Rich</u> Brian G. Rich

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EXHIBIT 2

Page 1 1 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY 2 STATE OF FLORIDA 3 CASE NO. 50-2021-CA-008718-XXXX-MB 4 5 STATE OF FLORIDA, 6) OFFICE OF FINANCIAL) 7 REGULATION,)) 8 Plaintiff,) TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS VS. 9) NATIONAL SENIOR INSURANCE,) 10 INC., D/B/A SEEMAN HOLTZ,) ET AL.,) 11) Defendants,) 12) THE ESTATE OF ERIC CHARLES) 13 HOLTZ, ET AL.,)) Relief Defendants. 14) 15 16 17 THIS CAUSE came on for hearing before the HONORABLE BRADLEY HARPER, Judge of the above 18 19 court, remotely via Zoom, beginning at the hour of 9:02 20 o'clock a.m. on the 30th day of May, 2024. 21 22 23 24 25 JOB NO.: 6725629

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Page 3 1 2 PROCEEDINGS 3 THE COURT: State of Florida, Office of 4 Financial Regulation versus Seeman Holtz. 5 MR. RICH: Good morning, Your Honor. This is 6 7 Brian Rich from Berger Singerman on behalf of Daniel Stermer, the receiver. Mr. Stermer is also 8 on the line. 9 MR. ZUCKERBROD: Good morning, Your Honor. 10 This is Todd Zuckerbrod on behalf of defendant. 11 Т believe codefendant Rose Schindler is also on. 12 13 THE COURT: All right. Good morning to you all. 14 15 Just a matter of note, if you ever want to set these on the same day, I would be happy to 16 accommodate that but you've been on consecutive 17 days. But you may proceed. 18 MR. RICH: Thank you, Judge. 19 20 Judge, there are two motions today. These are 21 settlements of two clawback actions against the advisers for certain of the receivership entities. 22 Pursuant to the procedures, Judge, we filed 23 24 redacted settlement agreements with the motion and 25 then we had filed unredacted or provided unredacted

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We did upload orders with respect to these settlement agreements and Your Honor, as previously occurred, entered the orders approving these two settlements.

We are here today. We've received no written objection to the settlement agreements.

8 With respect to the first one, Mr. Hewling 9 (phonetic), he participated in mediation. He 10 provided detailed financial disclosures with 11 respect to his current financial situation. Based 12 upon that, we entered into the settlement agreement 13 for the amounts as set forth.

With respect to Mr. Donoff, we also filed the redacted -- the fully redacted agreement and that provides for payment as well. We would ask that the court approve both of those settlements.

18 THE COURT: All right. The motion to approve19 settlement is granted.

20 MR. ZUCKERBROD: I'm sorry, Your Honor, may I 21 be heard?

THE COURT: Absolutely.

23 MR. ZUCKERBROD: Your Honor, we believe that 24 the plaintiff breached the settlement agreement. 25 In fact, it's pretty clear on the face of the

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documents that they breached.

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This settlement agreement for Mr. Donoff had a very specific confidentiality provision that no terms of the settlement were to be disclosed at all. And you've just heard counsel tell you that they filed a redacted settlement agreement.

Well, the question is, what was redacted? Only the settlement amount was redacted, not the allegations of fraud and misappropriation which should have been, not the amount that they were seeking which was absurd and outrageous.

12 This has been violated in every way you can 13 imagine. In fact, if they had filed an unredacted 14 settlement agreement with the court, they would 15 have had no reason to be filing a, quote, unquote, 16 redacted settlement agreement.

17 I don't think that a five-minute UMC is the appropriate time or place for us to be able to make 18 a case that the receiver breached the settlement 19 agreement and it's clear on the face of the 20 21 document. In fact, the document says that all of 22 the terms shall be maintained on a confidential basis. And their pleading says certain of the 23 terms shall be maintained on a confidential basis. 24 25 In addition, Your Honor, they include the

claim that reflects all of the financial information, which to me is improper because you're agreeing to maintain this on a confidential basis, yet you're filing it with things that are to be maintained on a confidential basis and just putting it in the court.

These transgressions are very serious with
respect to these people and their livelihood.
Mr. Donoff is still in this industry and
allegations of fraud -- allegations of fraud, Your
Honor, in the financial world are a death bell.
And for them to have included them is wholly
improper.

And they spell out the obligations along with respect to maintaining confidential information in their request to approve the confidentiality of this and they violated every term of it.

18 So we would like an opportunity to prove that 19 the confidentiality provision has been breached and 20 rescind the settlement agreement with respect to 21 Mr. Donoff.

I happen to represent Mr. Hewling as well. They breached the confidentiality agreement with respect to Mr. Hewling. He's not looking to withdraw the settlement but he may be looking for

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sanctions as a result of those breaches. 1 2 You can laugh, sir, but that's the law. THE COURT: All right. Would you like to 3 respond? 4 5 MR. RICH: Yes, Judge. And I was clearing my 6 throat. 7 Your Honor, the receiver disputes that there 8 was any breach of the agreement. The agreement called for the filing of the settlement terms, the 9 payment amount to be due under the settlement 10 agreement, as redacted. In fact, with respect to 11 12 Mr. Donoff, the entire agreement has been filed as 13 redacted. The settlement agreements as attached to the 14 15 motion are effective as of the date that they were executed. Mr. Donoff agreed to cooperate in the 16 17 approval of the settlement agreement. This is the second time that he's now tried to 18 rescind the agreement post mediation. 19 We have an email confirmation from his counsel 20 confirming that the filing of the redacted 21 22 agreement satisfies any concerns that they may have with respect to any alleged breaches. 23 24 We would suggest, Judge, that the court 25 approve the settlement. If they think there is any

breach, they can file a motion to enforce the 1 2 agreement. If they fail to pay, we will likewise 3 file a motion to approve the settlement agreement. But the settlement agreement as attached, 4 Judge, is effective as of the date that it was 5 6 signed. There is no ability to rescind the 7 agreement. We have complied with the terms of the 8 agreement and ask that the court approve it. 9 THE COURT: All right. Thank you to both sides. 10 Does anyone else wish to be heard? 11 12 I see somebody talking but I can't hear them. 13 MS. SCHINDLER: Okay. Can you hear me now? THE COURT: Yes. What is your name, ma'am? 14 15 MS. SCHINDLER: My name is Rose Schindler and I'm appearing on behalf of Rich Donoff as 16 co-counsel to Mr. Zuckerbrod. 17 I did notify Mr. Rich that the settlement was 18 19 breached and that to cancel this hearing on several occasions, so I don't know why he continued to go 20 21 forward. 22 MR. RICH: Judge, if I may respond to that briefly. We asked what the breaches were. 23 We 24 asked them to have litigation counsel contact us 25 and we advised them that we intended to go forward

with the motion as the settlement agreement is 1 2 effective as of the date that it was signed. MR. ZUCKERBROD: I'm not sure that's the 3 reason to go forward with this, Your Honor, that's 4 just an excuse. Counsel just told you that they 5 were informed that there was a breach -- pardon? 6 7 THE COURT: Everybody gets an opportunity to be heard. 8 MR. ZUCKERBROD: I'm sorry. 9 THE COURT: He has replied and now I'm going 10 to do my job which is to rule. 11 12 The court has reviewed the motions. I've 13 heard your arguments. The court's inquiry and gaze at this point is 14 15 limited to determining the appropriateness of 16 approving the settlement agreement that has already been reached by the parties and that's a different 17 inquiry than determining whether or not the 18 agreement that the parties have reached has been 19 breached in some manner. So the motion to approve 20 21 the settlement is granted. 2.2 As it relates to the allegations that one or 23 either party has breached the settlement agreement 24 that the parties entered into, you all will have to 25 raise those issues and set them for hearing at a

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Page 10 later date. MR. RICH: Thank you, Your Honor. MR. ZUCKERBROD: Thank you. THE COURT: You all have a good day. (The hearing was concluded 9:11 a.m.)

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