## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS SHERMAN DIVISION

CECLIDITIES AND EVOLANCE

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE	§	
COMMISSION	§	
Plaintiff,	§	
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V.	§	Case 04:17-CV-00336-ALM
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THURMAN P. BRYANT, III and	§	
BRYANT UNITED CAPITAL FUNDING,	§	
INC., ARTHUR F. WAMMEL, WAMMEL	§	
GROUP, LLC, CARLOS GOODSPEED	§	
a/k/a SEAN PHILLIPS a/k/a GC d/b/a TOP	§	
AGENT ENTERTAINMENT d/b/a/ MR.	§	
TOP AGENT ENTERTAINMENT,	§	
	§	
Defendants,	§	
	§	
and	§	
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THURMAN P. BRYANT, JR.,	§	
	§	
Relief Defendant.	§	

## NINTH INTERIM FEE APPLICATION FOR ALLOWANCE OF FEES AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES

Jennifer Ecklund, the Court-appointed Receiver (the "Receiver") for Defendants Thurman P. Bryant, III ("Bryant") and Bryant United Capital Funding, Inc. ("BUCF") (Bryant and BUCF, collectively, the "Bryant Defendants") and Defendant Arthur F. Wammel ("Wammel"), Defendant Wammel Group, LLC (the "Wammel Group"), and Wammel Group Holdings Partnership ("WGHP") (together Wammel, Wammel Group, and WGHP, the "Wammel Defendants") receivership estates (together, the "Receivership Estate" or the "Receivership") in the above-captioned case (the "Case"), files this Ninth Interim Fee

Application for Allowance of Fees and Reimbursement of Expenses (the "Ninth Interim Fee Application"), and in support thereof, respectfully states as follows:

### I. FEE REQUEST SUMMARY

- 1. This Ninth Interim Fee Application covers the period commencing on April 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019 (the "Application Period") and is submitted in accordance with the Amended Order Appointing Receiver [Dkt. No. 48], the local rules of this Court, the Billing Instructions for Receivers in Civil Actions Commenced by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC Billing Instructions"), and other applicable orders of the Court.
- 2. The Ninth Interim Fee Application Period encompasses a time of continued progress in carrying out the Receiver's duties under the Receivership Order. As described more fully in the Receiver's Ninth Quarterly Report (defined below), since April 1, 2019, the Receiver and her team have been working diligently to liquidate the remaining assets of the Receivership Estate, participate in the ongoing clawback and fraudulent transfer litigation, and prepare and propose an amended interim distribution list to Court. For example, the Receiver and her team: (i) successfully moved for default judgments against certain Transferees in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00360; (ii) prepared for and attended the meeting of creditors in the bankruptcy instituted by Defendants Roland and Holly Maldonado in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00359; (iii) analyzed the Receiver's claims in the bankruptcy actions instituted by certain Winning Investors in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00359; (iv) successfully prepared and filed an amended interim distribution list for Net Losing Investors, responded to investor inquiries relating to same, and prepared for authorized interim distribution; (v) prepared for and participated in pre-mediation conferences and mediations in Ancillary Civil Action No.

4:18-cv-00359 and Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00360; (vi) successfully moved for return of receivership property; (vii) continued liquidation of the remaining Receivership assets; (viii) continued efforts to enforce and collect on the Court's Agreed Judgment as to Defendant Carlos Goodspeed in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:17-cv-00856; (ix) continued efforts to enforce and collect on the default judgments against certain Transferees in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18cv-00360; (x) prepared for and deposed Carlos Goodspeed in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:17cv-00856; (xi) prepared and responded to Defendant Stephen Garrett's motion for leave and moved to strike Defendant Stephen Garrett's sur-reply and/or, in the alternative, moved for leave to respond to the sur-reply, all of which relate to the Receiver's motion to liquidate property and void or clarify contract for deed relating to the real property located at 8101 South Humble Road, Texas City, Texas 77591; (xii) worked with a financial consultant to perform forensic accounting and related analysis regarding, among other things, intricate, overlapping Ponzi scheme operated by the Bryant and Wammel Defendants identified as part of the Receiver's investigation and related fraudulent transfer analysis; (xiii) maintained a line of communication with investors by updating the Receiver's website (http://bucfreceivership.tklaw.com); (xiv) worked with Veritas Advisory Group, Inc. ("Veritas") to perform forensic accounting and coordinating appropriate follow up with respect to various identified accounts and/or persons or entities of interest discovered, as well as to investigate and determine identifying information as to the BUCF and Wammel Group investors, including amounts invested; (xv) conducted research as to persons and entities of interest based on the Receiver's investigation; (xvi) sought and/or reviewed information from named persons and entities of interest based on the Receiver's investigation; (xvii) conferred with Defendant Wammel's counsel to discuss going-forward issues; (xviii) conferred with Defendant Stephen Garrett's counsel to discuss issues relating to the real property

located at 8101 South Humble Road, Texas City, Texas 77591; (xix) conferred with Defendant Goodspeed's counsel to discuss going-forward issues; (xx) identified and analyzed investors and third parties that received fraudulent transfers from the Receivership Defendants; (xxi) negotiated and coordinated settlements with investors and third parties relating to funds received from the Receivership Defendants; (xxii) maintained the Receiver's bank account in accordance with the Receivership Order; (xxiii) satisfied on-going, ordinary course obligations of the Receivership Estate in order to maintain the status quo; (xxiv) responded to investor inquiries and reviewed information submitted by investors in furtherance of the Receiver's duties pursuant to the Receivership Order; and (xxv) prepared for and actively participated in ongoing litigation against Carlos Goodspeed, certain Winning Investors, and certain Transferees.

3. The following tables summarize the fees and expenses the Receivership Estate, incurred for the Receiver, her counsel, and other professionals, respectively, during the Application Period:

#### RECEIVER

	TOTAL HOURS WORKED	HOURLY RATE <sup>2</sup>	TOTAL FEES AT HOURLY RATE	VOLUNTARY REDUCTION <sup>3</sup>	TOTAL FEES AFTER VOLUNTARY REDUCTION	TOTAL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS INCURRED BY RECEIVER	TOTAL FEES AND EXPENSES
I	17.3	\$500.00	\$8,650.00	\$1,600.00	\$7,050.00		\$7,050.00

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The fees and expenses incurred by the Receiver and her counsel, T&K, are included in this Ninth Interim Fee Application. The Receiver is a partner at T&K and thus any and all payment for fees and expenses to the Receiver and her counsel will be paid to T&K.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This rate is a discounted rate from the Receiver's standard hourly rate.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> This voluntary reduction includes the fees incurred by the Receiver for the preparation of the Ninth Interim Fee Application and the 50% reduction for non-working travel.

### RECEIVER'S COUNSEL, THOMPSON & KNIGHT LLP ("T&K")

TOTAL HOURS WORKED	BLENDED HOURLY RATE (All Timekeepers) <sup>4</sup>	TOTAL FEES	VOLUNTARY REDUCTION <sup>5</sup>	TOTAL FEES AFTER VOLUNTARY REDUCTION	TOTAL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS	TOTAL FEES AND EXPENSES	
292.1	\$377.50	\$91,596.50	\$20,343.00	\$71,253.50	\$2,008.57	\$73,262.07	

### **VERITAS ADVISORY GROUP, INC. ("VERITAS")**

TOTAL HOURS WORKED	BLENDED HOURLY RATE <sup>6</sup>	TOTAL FEES AT HOURLY RATE	TOTAL EXPENSES	TOTAL FEES AND EXPENSES <sup>7</sup>

4. As further described herein, the Receiver seeks the Court's <u>approval</u> of invoices for interim fees and expenses, incurred between April 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019, in the amount of \$80,312.07, which reflects the voluntary reduction *and* a more than 20% reduction in hourly rates across all timekeepers. The Court previously approved the professional fees and expenses totaling \$765,103.11 in its Order Approving the Second Interim Fee Application, the professional fees and expenses totaling \$219,776.31 in its Order Approving the Third Interim Fee Application, the professional fees and expenses totaling \$244,207.97 in its Order Approving the Fourth Interim Fee Application, the professional fees and expenses totaling \$250,492.44 in its Order Approving the Fifth Interim Fee Application, the professional fees and expenses totaling \$110,200.93 in its Order Approving the Sixth Interim Fee Application, the professional fees and expenses totaling \$76,497.02 in its Order Approving the Seventh Interim Fee Application, and the professional fees and expenses totaling \$125,660.65 in its Order Approving the Eighth Interim Fee Application.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The rates underlying the blended rate are at a discount from T&K's standard hourly rates.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Not reflected above is the additional reduction that T&K and the Receiver directed for certain billable time based on a consideration of the limited resources of this Receivership Estate. Additionally, this voluntary reduction includes the fees incurred by T&K for the preparation of the Ninth Interim Fee Application and the 50% reduction for non-working travel.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> This rate is a discounted rate from Veritas' standard hourly rates. See Dkt. No. 51 at Exhibit A.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> This amount is subject to the Hold Back (as defined herein).

5. The following tables summarize the total balance of approved fees and expenses the Receivership Estate has incurred for the Receiver, her counsel, and other professionals, respectively:

## TOTAL APPROVED FEES AND EXPENSES TO DATE<sup>8</sup>

Receiver	T&K	Veritas	Total Fees
\$176,290.07	\$1,379,450.15	\$236,198.21	\$1,791,938.43

# TOTAL APPROVED FEES AND EXPENSES AUTHORIZED FOR PAYMENT TO DATE<sup>2</sup>

Receiver	T&K	Veritas	<u>Total Fees</u>
\$176,290.07	\$1,250,072.33	\$236,198.21	\$1,662,560.61

## TOTAL BALANCE OF APPROVED FEES AND EXPENSES NOT YET AUTHORIZED FOR PAYMENT

Receiver	T&K	Veritas	<u>Total Fees</u>
	\$129,377.82		\$129,377.82

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> The Receiver notes for the Court that the Amended First Interim Fee Applications [Dkt. Nos. 91, 92], which outlined the Receiver's, T&K's, and Veritas' fees and expenses between May 15, 2017 and June 30, 2017, were submitted on August 16, 2017. Because the Court denied these first fee applications as moot, the fees and expenses detailed therein have never been addressed and thus are not included in this table.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Pursuant to the Order Approving the Seventh Interim Fee Application, the Court authorized for immediate payment \$124,144.61 of the total approved professional fees and expenses, of which the Receiver is authorized to receive \$14,759.11 and TK is authorized to receive \$100,000.00. These authorized payments have not yet been made to the Receiver and TK. Pursuant to the Order Approving the Eighth Interim Fee Application, the Court authorized for immediate payment \$124,015.50 of the total approved professional fees and expenses, of which the Receiver is authorized to receive \$7,550.00 and TK is authorized to receive \$100,000.00. These authorized payments have not yet been made to the Receiver and TK.

## TOTAL VOLUNTARY REDUCTIONS FOR T&K ATTORNEYS AND PARALEGALS<sup>10</sup>

Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Seventh	Eighth
Application						
Period						
\$71,196.20	\$77,018.30	\$31,371.80	\$54,849.50	\$37,070.50	\$42,834.80	

Ninth Application Period	<u>Total Fees</u>
\$22,841.00	\$373,945.60

#### TOTAL FEES AND EXPENSES INCURRED DURING APPLICATION PERIOD

Receiver	T&K	Veritas	<u>Total Fees</u>
\$7,050.00	\$73,262.07		\$80,312.07

6. The Receiver first requests the Court's approval of invoices for interim fees and expenses of all professionals covering this Application Period of \$80,312.07. Of the fees and expenses detailed herein, in recognition of the Case status and Receivership resources, at this time the Receiver is *only* seeking authority for **payment** of professional fees and expenses (as defined below) in the following amount:

Receiver	T&K	Veritas	<u>Total Fees</u>
\$7,050.00	\$50,000.00		\$57,050.00

Although the Receiver has funds to cover a more significant portion of fees to the Receiver and her counsel, at this time, in an effort to maximize the value of the estate for a future distribution, the Receiver requests payment of only \$57,050.00 of professional fees and expenses.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> The voluntary reductions in this table include T&K's additional reductions to its paralegals' time as well as the reductions for any attorney or paralegal who billed 25 hours or less in a given month.

7. For the reasons set forth below, the Receiver would respectfully show the following in support of the Ninth Interim Fee Application:

## II. RELEVANT PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

## A. Before the Application Period

- 8. On May 15, 2017, the Court entered the Order Appointing Receiver [Dkt. No. 17], appointing Jennifer Ecklund as Receiver over the estates of Thurman P. Bryant, III and Bryant United Capital Funding, Inc. On July 19, 2017, the Court entered the Amended Order Appointing Receiver [Dkt. No. 48] (the "Receivership Order"), expanding the Order Appointing Receiver to include the Bryant Defendants and the Wammel Defendants. The Receivership Order did not change the substance of the Receiver's original powers. Pursuant to the Receivership Order, the Receiver is charged with marshaling and preserving all the assets of the Bryant Defendants and Wammel Defendants. The Receiver is also charged with holding and operating all of the Bryant Defendants' and Wammel Defendants' assets pending further order of the Court. Further, the Receivership Order permits "the Receiver . . . to solicit persons and entities ("Retained Personnel") to assist [her] in carrying out the duties and responsibilities described in [the Receivership Order]. The Receiver shall not engage any Retained Personnel without first obtaining an Order of the Court authorizing such engagement." Dkt. No. 48 at ¶ 56.
- 9. On June 13, 2017, and in accordance with the Receivership Order, the Receiver filed an Application to Employ Thompson & Knight LLP as Counsel to the Receiver Effective as of May 15, 2017 [Dkt. No. 31] (the "**T&K Application**"), attached to which was the Affidavit of Katharine Battaia Clark.
- 10. On June 30, 2017, the Court entered its Order Granting Employment of Thompson & Knight LLP as Counsel to Receiver Effective as of May 15, 2017 [Dkt. No. 38]

(the "Retention Order"), approving the T&K Application and the employment of T&K,

effective as of May 15, 2017.

11. On July 19, 2017, the Receiver filed her Ex Parte Motion to Expand the

Receivership and Asset Freeze Against the Wammel Defendants, for Temporary Restraining

Order, and for Preliminary Injunction and Brief in Support [Dkt. No. 44]. That same day the

Court entered the Ex Parte Order Granting Receiver's Ex Parte Emergency Motion to Expand

the Receivership and Asset Freeze Against the Wammel Defendants, for Temporary Restraining

Order, and for Preliminary Injunction [Dkt. No. 49].

12. On July 20, 2017, the Receiver filed her Request for Order Approving Receiver's

Employment of Veritas Advisory Group, Inc. as Financial Consultant to Receiver Effective as of

May 15, 2017 [Dkt. No. 51] (the "Veritas Application").

13. On July 25, 2017, Relief Defendants Wammel and Wammel Group filed an

Emergency Motion and Brief for Reconsideration of Ex Parte TRO, Preliminary Injunction,

Asset Freeze, and Receivership Orders (Dkt. Nos. 45-49) [Dkt. No. 53].

14. On July 28, 2017, the Receiver filed a Motion (I) for Order Authorizing

Liquidation of Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment, and Other Items and Termination of Certain

Leases, (II) to Approve Procedures to Sell Certain Personal Property, and (III) to Release Funds

from Certain Frozen Bank Accounts into the Receiver's Account [Dkt. No. 66] (the

"Liquidation Motion").

15. On July 31, 2017, the Receiver filed her Emergency Motion of Receiver for

Expedited Order Authorizing Liquidation of Certain Bryant Defendants Receivership Assets

[Dkt. No. 71] (the "Emergency Motion") and her Quarterly Report for Receivership Estates of

(A) Thurman P. Bryant, III, and (B) Bryant United Capital Funding, Inc. [Dkt. No. 72] (the

"First Quarterly Report").

16. On August 1, 2017, the Receiver filed her Response to Relief Defendants

Wammel and Wammel Group's Emergency Motion and Brief for Reconsideration and Reply in

Support of Ex Parte TRO, Preliminary Injunction, Asset Freeze, and Receivership Orders [Dkt.

No. 73]. The Receiver then prepared for the preliminary injunction hearing before this Court on

August 2, 2017, in which the Court extended the *ex parte* temporary restraining order against the

Wammel Defendants to provide the Court with time to issue an order granting the preliminary

injunction [Dkt. No. 75].

17. On August 15, 2017, the Court granted the Receiver's Motion for Preliminary

Injunction and denied Relief Defendants Wammel and Wammel Group's Motion for

Reconsideration [Dkt. No. 89].

18. On August 16, 2017, the Receiver filed the Amended First Interim Fee

Application of Veritas Advisory Group, Inc. [Dkt. No. 91], in which the Receiver requested

authorization of payment of \$91,133.39 for professional fees subject to the Fee Cap and Hold

Back, and the Amended First Interim Fee Application of T&K [Dkt. No. 92], in which the

Receiver requested authorization of payment of \$308,671.85 for professional fees subject to the

Fee Cap and Hold Back, covering the period from May 15, 2017 through June 30, 2017 (the

"First Application Period").

19. On August 21, 2017, the Bryant Defendants filed a Motion to Dissolve

Temporary Restraining Order and Suspend or Dissolve Order Appointing Receiver [Dkt. No. 97]

(the "Bryant Defendants' Motion to Dissolve").

20. On August 23, 2017, the Court granted the Receiver's Liquidation Motion and

Emergency Motion [Dkt. Nos. 105, 106]. That same day the Court entered its Order Granting

Employment of Veritas as Financial Consultant to Receiver as of May 15, 2017 [Dkt. No. 104],

approving the Veritas Application and the employment of Veritas, effective as of May 15, 2017.

21. On September 5, 2017, the Receiver filed her Response to the Bryant Defendants'

Motion to Dissolve, in which the Receiver explained the significant need of the temporary

restraining order and the Receivership [Dkt. No. 113].

22. On September 27, 2017, the Receiver filed her Motion to Request a Copy of the

Return on the Search Warrant [Dkt. No. 120] (the "Search Warrant Motion") for the purpose

of identifying additional Bryant Defendants' assets seized by the FBI.

23. On September 29, 2017, the Court granted the Search Warrant Motion [Dkt. No.

123].

24. On October 4, 2017, the Court denied the Bryant Defendants' Motion to Dissolve

and ordered that the preliminary injunction and Receivership shall remain in place until the

issuance of a final decision by the Court in this case [Dkt. No. 124].

25. On October 17, 2017, the Receiver filed her Motion to Enter Agreed Order (1)

Authorizing Liquidation of Real Property, Aircraft, Vehicles, Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment,

and Other Items and Termination of Certain Leases, (II) to Approve Procedures to sell

Receivership Assets, and (III) to Release Funds from Certain Frozen Bank Accounts into the

Receiver's Account [Dkt. No. 131] (the "Motion to Enter Agreed Order").

26. On October 30, 2017, the Receiver filed her Second Quarterly Report for the

Receivership Estates [Dkt. No. 132] (the "**Second Quarterly Report**").

27. On November 6, 2017, the Court granted the Motion to Enter Agreed Order [Dkt.

No. 133].

28. On November 9, 2017, the Court entered its Order Granting the Plaintiff's Motion

to Compel the Deposition and Discovery Responses from Relief Defendant Carlos Goodspeed

[Dkt. No. 135]. The Receiver then prepared for the deposition of Carlos Goodspeed scheduled

for November 27, 2017.

29. On November 15, 2017, the Receiver filed her Motion for Leave to File Second

Interim Fee Application in Excess of Page Limit [Dkt. No. 136] and her Second Interim Fee

Application for Allowance of Fees and Reimbursement of Expenses [Dkt. No. 137] for

professional fees and expenses incurred by the Receiver, T&K, and Veritas, in which the

Receiver requested approval of \$765,103.11 and authorization of payment of \$475,856.22 for

professional fees and expenses subject to the Hold Back, covering the period from July 1, 2017

through September 30, 2017 (the "Second Application Period").

30. On November 20, 2017, the Court granted the Receiver's Motion for Leave to

File Second Interim Fee Application in Excess of Page Limit [Dkt. No. 138].

31. On November 27, 2017, the Receiver's counsel traveled to Fort Worth, Texas and

deposed Carlos Goodspeed. Over the Receiver's and the Plaintiff's objections, Carlos

Goodspeed prematurely terminated the deposition. The deposition of Carlos Goodspeed was

then scheduled to continue on December 4, 2017.

32. On December 1, 2017, the Receiver implemented the claims process for investors

in this Case.

33. On December 4, 2017, the Receiver's counsel again traveled to Fort Worth, Texas

to depose Carlos Goodspeed. Carlos Goodspeed never appeared, and a Certificate of Non-

Appearance was obtained.

34. On December 7, 2017, the Court entered the Order Approving the Second Interim

Fee Application for Allowance of Fees and Reimbursement of Expenses [Dkt. No. 142] (the

"Order Approving the Second Interim Fee Application"). Pursuant to the Order Approving

the Second Interim Fee Application, the Court approved the professional fees and expenses

totaling \$765,103.11 and authorized for immediate payment \$475,856.22 of the total approved

professional fees and expenses.

35. On December 14, 2017, the Receiver filed her Complaint Against Thurman P.

Bryant, Jr. and Carlos Goodspeed, in the Eastern District of Texas, Ancillary Civil Action No.

4:17-cv-00856 [Dkt. No. 1].

36. On January 19, 2018, the Receiver filed her Request to Clerk for Entry of Default

Against Carlos Goodspeed [Dkt. No. 8] in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:17-cv-00856.

37. On January 25, 2018, the Receiver's counsel traveled to Houston, Texas and

deposed Poppy Weber.

38. On January 26, 2018, the Plaintiff filed its Unopposed Motion to File First

Amended Complaint and Memorandum of Law in Support [Dkt. No. 153] and its First Amended

Complaint [Dkt. No. 154], in which the Plaintiff recast Wammel, Wammel Group, and Carlos

Goodspeed each as a defendant (from a relief defendant) and asserted claims against them.

39. On January 30, 2018, the Receiver filed her Third Quarterly Report for the

Receivership Estates [Dkt. No. 156] (the "**Third Quarterly Report**").

40. On February 1, 2018, the Receiver's counsel traveled to Houston, Texas and

deposed Mark Espino.

41. On February 7, 2018, the Court entered its Order Governing Proceedings [Dkt.

No. 10] in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:17-cv-00856. The Receiver then prepared for the Rule

26(f) attorney conference, as required in the Order Governing Proceedings.

42. On February 14, 2018, the Receiver filed her Motion for Leave to File Third

Interim Fee Application in Excess of Page Limit [Dkt. No. 162] and her Third Interim Fee

Application for Allowance of Fees and Reimbursement of Expenses [Dkt. No. 163] for

professional fees and expenses incurred by the Receiver, T&K, and Veritas, in which the

Receiver requested approval of \$219,776.31 and authorization of payment of \$23,122.00 for

professional fees and expenses subject to the Hold Back, covering the period from October 1,

2017 through December 31, 2017 (the "**Third Application Period**").

43. On February 15, 2018, the Court granted the Receiver's Motion for Leave to File

Third Interim Fee Application in Excess of Page Limit [Dkt. No. 164].

44. On February 26, 2018, the Receiver and Bryant, Jr. participated in the Rule 26(f)

attorney conference in accordance with the Court's Order Governing Proceedings [Dkt. No. 10]

in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:17-cv-00856. Despite repeated efforts by the Receiver's counsel

to communicate with Carlos Goodspeed regarding his availability and participation in the Rule

26(f) conference, Carlos Goodspeed never responded and did not participate in the Rule 26(f)

conference on February 26, 2018.

45. On February 27, 2018, the Court granted the Plaintiff's Motion for Leave to File

First Amended Complaint [Dkt. No. 169].

46. On March 2, 2018, the Receiver filed her Emergency Motion to Approve Private

Sale of Real Property Free and Clear of All Liens, Claims, and Encumbrances [Dkt. No. 171].

47. On March 2, 2018, the Plaintiff filed its Motion for Show Cause Order Against

Defendant Carlos Goodspeed, and Brief in Support [Dkt. No. 172].

48. On March 6, 2018, the Court granted the Receiver's Emergency Agreed Motion

to Approve Private Sale of Real Property Free and Clear of All Liens, Claims, and

Encumbrances [Dkt. No. 174].

49. On March 12, 2018, the Receiver filed her Notice of Initial Disclosures [Dkt. No.

13] in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:17-cv-00856.

50. On March 14, 2018, the Receiver and Bryant, Jr. filed the Joint Report on Rule

26(f) Conference [Dkt. No. 15] in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:17-cv-00856.

51. On April 2, 2018, the Plaintiff noticed the deposition of Brandi Bryant. The

Receiver then prepared for the deposition of Brandi Bryant scheduled for April 19, 2018, which

was later rescheduled for May 3, 2018.

52. On April 4, 2018, the Court entered its Order Setting Show Cause Hearing [Dkt.

No. 182], which ordered Carlos Goodspeed to appear before the Court in-person on May 1, 2018

to show cause why he should not be held in contempt.

53. On April 4, 2018, the Court entered its Scheduling Order [Dkt. No. 17] in

Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:17-cv-00856.

54. On April 6, 2018, the Receiver filed her Motion for Order Compelling Defendants

Thurman P. Bryant, III and Carlos Goodspeed to Appear and Show Cause Why They Should Not

be Held in Contempt for Failure to Comply with Order of the Court [Dkt. No. 183].

55. On April 13, 2018, the Court entered the Order Approving the Third Interim Fee

Application for Allowance of Fees and Reimbursement of Expenses [Dkt. No. 187] (the "Order

**Approving the Third Interim Fee Application**"). Pursuant to the Order Approving the Third

Interim Fee Application, the Court approved the professional fees and expenses totaling

\$219,776.31 and authorized for immediate payment \$23,122.00 of the total approved

professional fees and expenses.

56. On April 25, 2018, the Court entered its Order Setting Show Cause Hearing [Dkt.

No. 195], which ordered Thurman P. Bryant, III and Carlos Goodspeed to appear before the

Court in-person on May 14, 2018 to show cause why he should not be held in contempt.

57. On April 25, 2018, the Receiver filed her Motion for Leave to File Ancillary

Litigation [Dkt. No. 196], which this Court granted on May 15, 2018 [Dkt. No. 225].

58. On April 30, 2018, the Plaintiff filed its Emergency Motion for Expansion of

Receivership, Asset Freeze, Preliminary Injunction, and Order to Make Accounting [Dkt. No.

199].

59. On April 30, 2018, the Receiver filed her Fourth Quarterly Report for the

Receivership Estates [Dkt. No. 202] (the "Fourth Quarterly Report").

60. On May 1, 2018, the Court entered its Amended Order Referring Case to

Mediation [Dkt. No. 204]. The mediation in this Case was scheduled for May 29, 2018 in

Sherman, Texas before United States Magistrate Judge Christine A. Nowak.

61. On May 2, 2018, the Plaintiff noticed the continued deposition of Carlos

Goodspeed. The Receiver then prepared for the deposition of Carlos Goodspeed scheduled for

May 10, 2018.

62. On May 7, 2018, the Receiver filed her Notice of Service of Order Setting Show

Cause Hearing [Dkt. No. 195] on Defendant Thurman P. Bryant, III [Dkt. No. 213].

63. On May 8, 2018, the Receiver filed her Emergency Motion for Order Clarifying

Liquidation of Aircraft [Dkt. No. 214].

64. On May 14, 2018, the Receiver traveled to Sherman, Texas and participated in the

Show Cause Hearing related to the Plaintiff's Motion for Show Cause Order Against Defendant

Carlos Goodspeed, and Brief in Support [Dkt. No. 172] and the Receiver's Motion for Order

Compelling Defendants Thurman P. Bryant, III and Carlos Goodspeed to Appear and Show

Cause Why They Should Not be Held in Contempt for Failure to Comply with Order of the

Court [Dkt. No. 183].

65. On May 15, 2018, the Receiver commenced litigation against certain Winning

Investors, in the Eastern District of Texas, Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00359 [Dkt. No.

1]. The Receiver is actively participating in this ongoing litigation.

66. On May 15, 2018, the Receiver commenced litigation against certain Transferees,

in the Eastern District of Texas, Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00360 [Dkt. No. 1]. The

Receiver is actively participating in this ongoing litigation.

67. On May 17, 2018, this Court entered its Order Clarifying Liquidation of Aircraft

[Dkt. No. 235].

68. On May 25, 2018, the Plaintiff filed its Motion for Partial Summary Judgment

and Brief in Support [Dkt. No. 239].

69. On May 29, 2018, the Receiver traveled to Sherman, Texas and participated in the

mediation in this Case and in the ongoing litigation against Thurman P. Bryant, Jr. and Carlos

Goodspeed in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:17-cv-00856. At this mediation, the Receiver

reached a confidential settlement with Thurman P. Bryant, Jr. and Carlos Goodspeed in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:17-cv-00856.

- 70. On May 31, 2018, the Receiver and Thurman P. Bryant, Jr. filed their Agreed Motion to Dismiss Defendant Thurman P. Bryant, Jr. [Dkt. No. 23] in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:17-cv-00856, which this Court granted on June 4, 2018 [Dkt. No. 24].
- 71. On June 1, 2018, the Plaintiff filed its Unopposed Motion to Enter Judgment Against Defendant Arthur F. Wammel [Dkt. No. 244], which this Court granted on June 11, 2018 [Dkt. No. 246].
- 72. On June 1, 2018, the Plaintiff filed its Unopposed Motion to Enter Judgment Against Defendant Thurman P. Bryant, III [Dkt. No. 245], which this Court granted on June 11, 2018 [Dkt. No. 248].
- 73. On June 11, 2018, this Court entered Judgment as to Defendant Arthur F. Wammel [Dkt. No. 247].
- 74. On June 11, 2018, this Court entered Judgment as to Defendant Thurman P. Bryant, III [Dkt. No. 249].
- 75. On June 15, 2018, the Plaintiff filed its Unopposed Motion to Enter Judgment Against Defendant Bryant United Capital Funding, Inc. [Dkt. No. 250], which this Court granted on June 27, 2018 [Dkt. No. 259].
- 76. On June 15, 2018, the Plaintiff filed its Unopposed Motion to Enter Judgment Against Defendant Wammel Group, LLC [Dkt. No. 251], which this Court granted on June 27, 2018 [Dkt. No. 261].
- 77. On June 15, 2018, the Plaintiff filed its Unopposed Motion to Stay Litigation [Dkt. No. 252], which this Court granted on June 19, 2018 [Dkt. No. 257].

78. On June 22, 2018, the Receiver filed her Request for Order Approving Receiver's

Employment of Potts Law Firm as Limited Counsel to Receiver Effective as of June 22, 2018

[Dkt. No. 258], which this Court granted on July 12, 2018 [Dkt. No. 269].

79. On June 26, 2018, Potts Law Firm filed suit in the Eastern District of Texas, on

the Receiver's behalf, against Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. (Case No. 4:18-cv-00452).

80. On June 27, 2018, this Court entered Judgment as to Defendant Bryant United

Capital Funding, Inc. [Dkt. No. 260].

81. On June 27, 2018, this Court entered Judgment as to Defendant Wammel Group,

LLC [Dkt. No. 262].

82. On June 27, 2018, the Receiver filed her Motion for Appointment of Special

Receiver [Dkt. No. 263], which this Court granted on August 6, 2018 [Dkt. No. 274].

83. On July 11, 2018, non-party Mile High Investments, LLC filed its Emergency

Motion to Enforce the Court's Order Clarifying Liquidation of Aircraft and the Aircraft Purchase

Agreement [Dkt. No. 267] ("Mile High Motion"). The Receiver filed her Response in

opposition to the Mile High Motion [Dkt. No. 271] on July 20, 2018. Mile High filed its Reply

[Dkt. No. 272] on July 24, 2018. On August 17, 2018, the Court entered its Order [Dkt. No.

278].

84. On July 12, 2018, the Court entered the Order Approving the Fourth Interim Fee

Application for Allowance of Fees and Reimbursement of Expenses [Dkt. No. 268] (the "Order

Approving the Fourth Interim Fee Application"). Pursuant to the Order Approving the

Fourth Interim Fee Application, the Court approved the professional fees and expenses totaling

\$244,207.97 and authorized for immediate payment \$305,565.57 of the total approved

professional fees and expenses.

85. On July 12, 2018, the Court entered its Order Approving Employment of Potts

Law Firm as Limited Counsel to Receiver Effective as of June 22, 2018 [Dkt. No. 269].

86. On July 16, 2018, the Court entered its Order Governing Proceedings in Ancillary

Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00359 [Dkt. No. 25] and in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00360

[Dkt. No. 36]. The Receiver then prepared for the Rule 26(f) attorney conferences, as required in

the Orders Governing Proceedings.

87. On July 27, 2018, the Receiver filed her Motion for Entry of Agreed Final

Judgment and Agreed Asset Freeze Against Defendant Carlos Goodspeed [Dkt. No. 25] in

Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:17-cv-00856, which this Court granted on August 14, 2018 [Dkt.

No. 26].

88. On July 30, 2018, the Receiver filed her Fifth Quarterly Report for the

Receivership Estates [Dkt. No. 273] (the "Fifth Quarterly Report").

89. On August 2, 2018, the Receiver participated in the Rule 26(f) Conference in

Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00360.

90. On August 3, 2018, the Receiver participated in the Rule 26(f) Conference in

Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00359.

91. On August 6, 2018, the Receiver participated in an additional Rule 26(f)

Conference in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00359 with Defendant Blair Knapp, as Ms.

Knapp was unable to attend the Rule 26(f) Conference on August 3, 2018.

92. On August 6, 2018, the Court entered its Order Appointing Special Receiver [Dkt.

No. 274], in which Timothy Micah Dortch of Potts Law Firm was appointed as Special Receiver

for the limited purpose of overseeing the Receivership Estate's pursuit of claims and defenses

against Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

93. On August 13, 2018, the Receiver filed her Motion for Entry of an Order

Extending Deadline for Service of Summons and Complaint [Dkt. No. 58] in Ancillary Civil

Action No. 4:18-cv-00360, which this Court granted on September 4, 2018 [Dkt. No. 75].

94. On August 14, 2018, the Receiver filed her Motion for Leave to File Fifth Interim

Fee Application in Excess of Page Limit [Dkt. No. 275] and her Fifth Interim Fee Application

for Allowance of Fees and Reimbursement of Expenses [Dkt. No. 276] for professional fees and

expenses incurred by the Receiver, T&K, and Veritas.

95. On August 16, 2018, the Court granted the Receiver's Motion for Leave to File

Fifth Interim Fee Application in Excess of Page Limit [Dkt. No. 277].

96. On August 17, 2018, the Receiver filed her Notice of Initial Disclosures in

Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00359 [Dkt. No. 33] and in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-

cv-00360 [Dkt. No. 62].

97. On August 20, 2018, the Receiver filed the Joint Report on Rule 26(f) Conference

in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00359 [Dkt. No. 36] and in Ancillary Civil Action No.

4:18-cv-00360 [Dkt. No. 64].

98. On September 7, 2018, the Plaintiff filed its Unopposed Motion to Establish a

Fair Fund and Brief in Support [Dkt. No. 282], which this Court granted on September 10, 2018

[Dkt. No. 283].

99. On September 17, 2018, the Court entered its Scheduling Order [Dkt. No. 45] in

Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00359.

100. On September 19, 2018, the Court entered the Order Approving the Fifth Interim

Fee Application for Allowance of Fees and Reimbursement of Expenses [Dkt. No. 284] (the

"Order Approving the Fifth Interim Fee Application"). Pursuant to the Order Approving the

Fifth Interim Fee Application, the Court approved the professional fees and expenses totaling

\$250,492.44 and authorized for immediate payment \$269,255.75 of the total approved

professional fees and expenses.

101. On September 24, 2018, the Court entered its Scheduling Order [Dkt. No. 80] in

Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00360.

102. On October 1, 2018, the Plaintiff filed its Unopposed Motion to Enter Judgment

Against Defendant Carlos Goodspeed [Dkt. No. 287], which this Court granted on October 5,

2018 [Dkt. No. 288].

103. On October 9, 2018, this Court entered Judgment as to Defendant Carlos

Goodspeed [Dkt. No. 289].

104. On October 30, 2018, the Receiver filed her Sixth Quarterly Report for the

Receivership Estates [Dkt. No. 290].

105. On November 5, 2018, the Receiver filed her Motion to File Under Seal [Dkt. No.

27] in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:17-cv-00856, which this Court granted on November 6, 2018

[Dkt. No. 29].

106. On November 6, 2018, the Plaintiff filed its Stipulation of Dismissal as to Relief

Defendant Thurman P. Bryant, Jr. [Dkt. No. 291], which this Court granted on November 7,

2018 [Dkt. No. 292].

107. On November 6, 2018, the Receiver filed her Request to Clerk for Entry of

Default Against C&C Flowers and Landscaping LLC [Dkt. No. 84] in Ancillary Civil Action

No. 4:18-cv-00360.

108. On November 6, 2018, the Receiver filed her Request to Clerk for Entry of

Default Against ProLiquidation Services LLC [Dkt. No. 85] in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-

cv-00360.

109. On November 14, 2018, the Receiver filed her Motion for Leave to File Sixth

Interim Fee Application in Excess of Page Limit [Dkt. No. 293] and her Sixth Interim Fee

Application for Allowance of Fees and Reimbursement of Expenses [Dkt. No. 294] for

professional fees and expenses incurred by the Receiver, T&K, and Veritas.

110. On November 13, 2018, the Clerk entered default against C&C Flowers and

Landscaping LLC [Dkt. No. 87] in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00360.

111. On November 13, 2018, the Clerk entered default against ProLiquidation Services

LLC [Dkt. No. 88] in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00360.

112. On November 14, 2018, the Receiver filed her Motion for Leave to File Sixth

Interim Fee Application in Excess of Page Limit [Dkt. No. 293] and her Sixth Interim Fee

Application for Allowance of Fees and Reimbursement of Expenses [Dkt. No. 294] for

professional fees and expenses incurred by the Receiver, Thompson & Knight LLP, and Veritas.

113. On November 16, 2018, the Receiver filed her Motion for Default Judgment

Against ProLiquidation Services LLC [Dkt. No. 89] in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-

00360.

114. On November 16, 2018, the Receiver filed her Motion for Default Judgment

Against C&C Flowers and Landscaping LLC [Dkt. No. 90] in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-

cv-00360.

115. On November 23, 2018, the Receiver filed her Expert Designations [Dkt. No. 91]

in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00360.

116. On November 30, 2018, the Court granted the Receiver's Motion for Leave to

File Sixth Interim Fee Application in Excess of Page Limit [Dkt. No. 296].

117. On December 5, 2018, the Court entered the Order Approving the Sixth Interim

Fee Application for Allowance of Fees and Reimbursement of Expenses [Dkt. No. 297].

Pursuant to the Order Approving the Sixth Interim Fee Application, the Court approved the

professional fees and expenses totaling \$110,200.93 and authorized for immediate payment

\$340,622.74 of the total approved professional fees and expenses.

118. On December 28, 2018, the Receiver filed an Unopposed Motion for Entry of

Agreed Protective Order [Dkt. No. 98] in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00360, which this

Court granted on January 25, 2019 [Dkt. No. 99].

119. On January 14, 2019, the Receiver filed her Expert Designations [Dkt. No. 50] in

Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00359.

120. On January 15, 2019, the Receiver filed her Motion for Entry of Protective Order

[Dkt. No. 51] in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00359, which this Court granted on January

16, 2019 [Dkt. No. 52].

121. On January 17, 2019, the Receiver noticed the deposition of Carlos Goodspeed in

Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:17-cv-00856.

122. On January 24, 2019, the Receiver filed her Motion to Liquidate Property and

Void or Clarify Contract for Deed [Dkt. No. 298]. On February 13, 2019, Ancillary Defendant

Stephen Garrett filed his Motion for Leave and Extension of Time to Respond to Motion to

Liquidate Property [Dkt. No. 302], which this Court granted on February 15, 2019 [Dkt. No.

305]. On March 1, 2019, Ancillary Defendant Stephen Garrett filed his Response and Objection

to Receiver's Motion to Liquidate Property [Dkt. No. 307]. On March 8, 2019, the Receiver

filed her Motion for Leave to File Reply in Support of the Receiver's Motion to Liquidate

Property and Void or Clarify Contract for Deed in Excess of Page Limit [Dkt. No. 308] and her

Reply in Support of the Receiver's Motion to Liquidate Property and Void or Clarify Contract

for Deed [Dkt. No. 309]. On March 11, 2019, the Court granted the Receiver's Motion for

Leave to File Reply in Support of the Receiver's Motion to Liquidate Property and Void or

Clarify Contract for Deed in Excess of Page Limit [Dkt. No. 312].

123. On January 25, 2019, the Receiver filed the Agreed Protective Order [Dkt. No.

99] in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00360.

124. On January 30, 2019, the Receiver filed her Request for Interim Distribution [Dkt.

No. 299], which outlined a proposed pro rata interim distribution to Net Losing Investors, which

this Court granted on March 11, 2019 [Dkt. No. 311]. On March 15, 2019, the Receiver filed her

Notice Regarding Amended Request for Interim Distribution [Dkt. No. 313]. As will be more

fully set forth in the next quarterly report, on April 23, 2019, the Receiver filed her Motion to

Approve Amended Interim Distribution List [Dkt. No. 316].

125. On January 30, 2019, the Receiver filed her Seventh Quarterly Report for the

Receivership Estates [Dkt. No. 300] (the "**Seventh Quarterly Report**").

126. On February 7, 2019, the Receiver filed her Motion to Appoint Magistrate Judge

as Mediator [Dkt. No. 53] in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00359. On February 14, 2019,

Defendant Stephen Garrett filed his Response to Receiver's Motion to Appoint Magistrate Judge

as Mediator [Dkt. No. 57]. On February 20, 2019, the Receiver filed her Reply in Support of the

Receiver's Motion to Appoint Magistrate Judge as Mediator [Dkt. No. 58]. On March 8, 2019,

the Court granted the Receiver's Motion to Appoint Magistrate Judge as Mediator [Dkt. No. 62].

127. On February 13, 2019, the Receiver filed her Motion for Summary Judgment

Against Certain Winning Investors [Dkt. No. 55] in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00359.

128. On February 14, 2019, the Receiver filed her Motion for Leave to File Seventh

Interim Fee Application in Excess of Page Limit [Dkt. No. 303] and her Seventh Interim Fee

Application for Allowance of Fees and Reimbursement of Expenses [Dkt. No. 304]. On

February 15, 2019, the Court granted the Receiver's Motion for Leave to File Seventh Interim

Fee Application in Excess of Page Limit [Dkt. No. 306]. The Receiver's Seventh Interim Fee

Application for Allowance of Fees and Reimbursement of Expenses [Dkt. No. 304] is presently

pending before this Court.

129. On February 15, 2019, the Receiver filed her Request to Clerk for Entry of

Default Against Tracey Murray [Dkt. No. 100] in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00360.

130. On February 19, 2019, the Receiver filed her Motion to Appoint Magistrate Judge

as Mediator [Dkt. No. 102] in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00360. On February 22, 2019,

Defendant Enmotion Enterprises, Inc. filed its Response to Receiver's Motion to Appoint

Magistrate Judge as Mediator [Dkt. No. 104]. On February 28. 2019, the Receiver filed her

Reply in Support of the Receiver's Motion to Appoint Magistrate Judge as Mediator [Dkt. No.

105]. On March 8, 2019, the Court granted the Receiver's Motion to Appoint Magistrate Judge

as Mediator [Dkt. No. 107].

131. On February 22, 2019, the Clerk entered default against Tracey Murray [Dkt. No.

103] in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00360.

132. On February 28, 2019, the Receiver filed her Motion for Default Judgment

Against Tracey Murray [Dkt. No. 106] in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00360.

133. On March 15, 2019, the Receiver filed her Motion for Summary Judgment

Against Certain Transferees [Dkt. No. 108] in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00360.

134. On March 19, 2019, Magistrate Judge Nowak entered her Order regarding

Scheduled Mediation [Dkt. No. 70] in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00359.

135. On March 19, 2019, Magistrate Judge Nowak entered her Order regarding

Scheduled Mediation [Dkt. No. 109] in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00360.

**B.** During the Application Period

136. On April 2, 2019, Magistrate Judge Nowak entered her Amended Order regarding

Scheduled Mediation [Dkt. No. 111] in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00360.

137. On April 3, 2019, the Receiver's counsel traveled to Frisco, Texas and deposed

Carlos Goodspeed.

138. On April 8, 2019, Defendants Roland and Holly Maldonado filed their Notice of

Bankruptcy [Dkt. No. 77] in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00359. On April 9, 2019, the

Court entered its Order staying all claims asserted against Defendants Roland and Holly

Maldonado pending further Order of the Court [Dkt. No. 78] in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-

cv-00359.

139. On April 8, 2019, the Receiver participated in the pre-mediation telephone

conference in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00359 and Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-

00360.

140. On April 8, 2019, Magistrate Judge Nowak entered her Order of Mediation

regarding Fresh Start Legal Advocates [Dkt. No. 116] in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-

00360.

- 141. On April 9, 2019, the Receiver participated in the mediation in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00359.
- 142. On April 11, 2019, the Receiver filed her Motion for Return of Receivership Property [Dkt. No. 315], which this Court granted on May 3, 2019 [Dkt. No. 318].
- 143. On April 16, 2019, the Receiver participated in the mediation in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00360.
- 144. On April 23, 2019, the Receiver filed her Motion to Approve Amended Interim Distribution List [Dkt. No. 316], which this Court granted on May 28, 2019 [Dkt. No. 324].
- 145. On April 30, 2019, the Receiver filed her Eighth Quarterly Report for the Receivership Estates [Dkt. No. 317] (the "**Eighth Quarterly Report**").
- 146. On May 9, 2019, the Court entered Default Judgment Against Tracey Murray [Dkt. No. 125] in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00360.
- 147. On May 9, 2019, the Court entered Default Judgment Against ProLiquidation Services LLC [Dkt. No. 126] in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00360.
- 148. On May 9, 2019, the Court entered Default Judgment Against C&C Flowers and Landscaping LLC [Dkt. No. 127] in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00360.
- 149. On May 14, 2019, the Receiver's team attended the meeting of creditors in the bankruptcy instituted by Defendants Roland and Holly Maldonado in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00359.
- 150. On May 15, 2019, the Receiver filed her Motion for Leave to File Eighth Interim Fee Application in Excess of Page Limit [Dkt. No. 321] and her Eighth Interim Fee Application for Allowance of Fees and Reimbursement of Expenses [Dkt. No. 322]. On May 30, 2019, the Court granted the Receiver's Motion for Leave to File Eighth Interim Fee Application in Excess

of Page Limit [Dkt. No. 327]. On June 28, 2019, the Court entered the Order Approving the

Eighth Interim Fee Application for Allowance of Fees and Reimbursement of Expenses [Dkt.

No. 331] (the "Order Approving the Eighth Interim Fee Application"). Pursuant to the Order

Approving the Eighth Interim Fee Application, the Court approved the professional fees and

expenses totaling \$125,660.65 and authorized for immediate payment \$124,015.50 of the total

approved professional fees and expenses.

151. On May 28, 2019, the Court entered the Order Approving the Seventh Interim Fee

Application for Allowance of Fees and Reimbursement of Expenses [Dkt. No. 323] (the "Order

Approving the Seventh Interim Fee Application"). Pursuant to the Order Approving the

Seventh Interim Fee Application, the Court approved the professional fees and expenses totaling

\$76,497.02 and authorized for immediate payment \$124,144.61 of the total approved

professional fees and expenses.

152. On May 31, 2019, the Receiver filed her Response to Defendant Garrett's Motion

for Leave, Motion to Strike Defendant Garrett's Sur-Reply and/or, in the Alternative, Motion for

Leave to Respond [Dkt. No. 328].

153. On June 24, 2019, Defendant Hossein Seddighi filed his Notice of Bankruptcy

[Dkt. No. 88] in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00359. On June 25, 2019, the Court entered

its Order staying all claims asserted against Defendant Hossein Seddighi pending further Order

of the Court [Dkt. No. 89] in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00359.

C. After the Application Period

154. On July 2, 2019, the Court entered its Order on the Receiver's Motion for

Summary Judgment Against Certain Winning Investors [Dkt. No. 90].

155. In accordance with this Court's Order Granting Motion to Approve Amended

Interim Distribution List [Dkt. No. 324], on July 12, 2019, the Receiver made a first interim

distribution to the Net Losing Investors in the amounts set forth in the Receiver's Amended Net

Losing Investor Distribution Schedule.

156. On July 17, 2019, the Receiver's team attended the meeting of creditors in the

bankruptcy instituted by Defendant Hossein Seddighi in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-

00359.

157. On July 29, 2019, the Receiver filed her Motion to Close Ancillary Action [Dkt.

No. 142] in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00360, which this Court granted on July 30,

2019 [Dkt. No. 143].

158. On July 30, 2019, the Receiver filed her Ninth Quarterly Report for the

Receivership Estates [Dkt. No. 332] (the "Ninth Quarterly Report").

159. The Receivership is ongoing, and the Receiver continues to engage in efforts to

liquidate assets belonging to the Receivership Estate as well as actively participate in ongoing

litigation against third parties in order to realize the greatest return for creditors.

III. CASE STATUS

A. Cash and Assets on Hand

160. At or near the date the Receiver was appointed, the Receivership Estate held

almost no cash on hand. At the end of the First Application Period, the known assets of the

Receivership Estate were comprised of: (a) approximately \$30,000 cash on hand in the

Receiver's bank account (the "Receivership Account"); (b) funds totaling approximately

\$12,425 to be received by the Estate in the near future; (c) illiquid personalty; and (d) potential

(and as-yet uninvestigated) causes of action against third parties. 11 See First Quarterly Report at

¶¶ 8, 18.

161. At the end of the Second Application Period, the known assets of the

Receivership Estate were comprised of: (a) approximately \$44,000 cash on hand in the

Receivership Account; (b) funds totaling approximately \$350,000 to be received by the Estate in

the near future; (c) illiquid personalty; (d) personalty and real property seized from the Bryant

Defendants and the Wammel Defendants, including more than seven (7) motor vehicles, a 1990

Cessna 650 Citation, and two residential properties with each being over 3,500 square feet; and

(e) potential causes of action against third parties (which the Receiver is actively investigating).

162. At the end of the Third Application Period, the known assets of the Receivership

Estate were comprised of: (a) approximately \$214,000 cash on hand in the Receivership

Account; (b) funds totaling approximately \$3,000 to be received by the Estate in the near

future; 12 (c) illiquid personalty; (d) personalty and real property seized from the Bryant

Defendants and the Wammel Defendants, including a 1990 Cessna 650 Citation, two residential

properties with each being over 2,700 square feet, and various motor vehicles; (e) causes of

action against Thurman P. Bryant, Jr. and Carlos Goodspeed; and (f) potential causes of action

against third parties (which the Receiver is actively investigating). Of note, although there was

approximately \$214,000 cash on hand in the Receivership Account at the end of the Third

<sup>11</sup> At this stage, the Receiver estimates the future fraudulent transfer litigation damages to be several million dollars. As is the case in most litigation, the recovery may differ from the damages sustained.

<sup>12</sup> This amount accounts for the funds that are being transferred from the Bryant Defendants' and the Wammel Defendants' bank accounts.

Application Period, the Receiver prepared three checks during the Application Period totaling

\$104,884.68, which were not deposited by the recipients during the Third Application Period. 13

163. At the end of the Fourth Application Period, the known assets of the Receivership

Estate were comprised of: (a) approximately \$473,546.98 cash on hand in the Receivership

Account; (b) funds totaling approximately \$1,700 to be received by the Estate in the future; <sup>14</sup> (c)

illiquid personalty; (d) personalty and real property seized from the Wammel Defendants,

including a 1990 Cessna 650 Citation, one residential property – a 3,500 square-foot residence

near Houston, and various firearms; (e) causes of action against Thurman P. Bryant, Jr. and

Carlos Goodspeed; and (f) potential causes of action against third parties (which the Receiver is

actively investigating). Of note, although there was approximately \$473,546 cash on hand in the

Receivership Account at the end of the Fourth Application Period, the Receiver prepared two

checks during the Fourth Application Period totaling \$9,500.00, which were not deposited by the

recipients during the Fourth Application Period, and one check totaling \$45.00 prepared during

the Third Application Period that still has not been deposited by the recipient. <sup>15</sup>

164. At the end of the Fifth Application Period, the known assets of the Receivership

Estate were comprised of: (a) approximately \$735,516.40 cash on hand in the Receivership

Account; (b) funds totaling approximately \$1,700, which the Receiver will work to release into

<sup>13</sup> The three checks totaling \$104,884.68 were the following: (1) check for \$96,339.68 to Veritas pursuant to this Court's Order Approving the Second Interim Fee Application [Dkt. No. 142]; (2) check for \$8,500.00 to Wammel's prior landlord at 3 Mariners Ln., League City, Kemah, Texas 77565; and (3) check for \$45.00 for statutory fees associated with subpoena documentation.

<sup>14</sup> This amount includes frozen accounts where Defendant Bryant was a signatory but the account was in a name other than that of Bryant or Bryant United Capital Funding.

<sup>15</sup> The two checks totaling \$9,500 were the following: (1) check for \$9,400.00 for payment related to the Wammel Group residence and (2) check for \$100.00 for payment related to the Wammel Group residence. The check for \$45.00 prepared during the Third Application Period is for statutory fees associated with subpoena documentation.

the Estate in the future; <sup>16</sup> (c) illiquid personalty; (d) personalty and real property seized from the Wammel Defendants, including a 1990 Cessna 650 Citation and one residential property – a 3,500 square-foot residence near Houston; and (e) causes of action against Carlos Goodspeed, various third parties, and a financial institution. Of note, although there was approximately \$735,516.40 cash on hand in the Receivership Account at the end of the Fifth Application Period, the Receiver prepared one check totaling \$45.00 prepared during the Third Application Period that still has not been deposited by the recipient. <sup>17</sup>

Estate were comprised of: (a) approximately \$1,347,858.08 cash on hand in the Receivership Account; (b) funds totaling approximately \$1,700, which the Receiver will work to release into the Estate in the future; (c) illiquid personalty; (d) real property seized from the Wammel Defendants, including one residential property – a 3,500 square-foot residence near Houston; and (e) causes of action against Carlos Goodspeed, various third parties, and a financial institution. Of note, although there was approximately \$1,347,858.08 cash on hand in the Receivership Account at the end of the Sixth Application Period, the Receiver prepared one check during the Sixth Application Period totaling \$9,400.00, which was not deposited by the recipient during the Application Period, and one check totaling \$45.00 prepared during the Third Application Period that still has not been deposited by the recipient. 18

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> This amount includes frozen accounts where Defendant Bryant was a signatory but the account was in a name other than that of Bryant or Bryant United Capital Funding.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> The check for \$45.00 prepared during the Third Application Period is for statutory fees associated with subpoena documentation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> The check for \$9,400 prepared during the Sixth Application Period is for payment related to the Wammel Group residence. The check for \$45.00 prepared during the Third Application Period is for statutory fees associated with subpoena documentation.

166. At the end of the Seventh Application Period, the known assets of the

Receivership Estate were comprised of: (a) approximately \$758,826.34 cash on hand in the

Receivership Account; (b) funds totaling approximately \$1,700, which the Receiver will work to

release into the Estate in the future; (c) illiquid personalty; (d) real property seized from the

Wammel Defendants, including one residential property – a 3,500 square-foot residence near

Houston; (e) causes of action against various third parties and a financial institution; and (f)

agreed judgment against Defendant Carlos Goodspeed in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:17-cv-

Of note, although there was approximately \$758,826.34 cash on hand in the 00856.

Receivership Account at the end of the Seventh Application Period, the Receiver prepared one

check totaling \$45.00 prepared during the Third Application Period that still has not been

deposited by the recipient. 19

At the end of the Eighth Application Period, the known assets of the Receivership

Estate were comprised of: (a) approximately \$808,886.34 cash on hand in the Receivership

Account; (b) illiquid personalty; (c) real property seized from the Wammel Defendants,

including one residential property – a 3,500 square-foot residence near Houston; (d) causes of

action against various third parties and a financial institution; and (e) agreed judgment against

Defendant Carlos Goodspeed in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:17-cv-00856. Of note, although

there was approximately \$808,886.34 cash on hand in the Receivership Account at the end of the

current Application Period, the Receiver prepared one check during the current Application

Period totaling \$9,400.00, which was not deposited by the recipient during the current

<sup>19</sup> The check for \$45.00 prepared during the Third Application Period is for statutory fees associated with subpoena documentation.

Application Period, and one check totaling \$45.00 prepared during the Third Application Period that still has not been deposited by the recipient.<sup>20</sup>

Estate include the following: (a) approximately \$970,279.84 cash on hand in the Receivership Account; (b) illiquid personalty; (c) personalty seized from the Bryant Defendants and real property seized from the Wammel Defendants, including one residential property – a 3,500 square-foot residence near Houston; (d) causes of action against various third parties and a financial institution; (e) agreed judgment against Defendant Carlos Goodspeed in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:17-cv-00856; and (f) default judgments against certain Transferees in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00360. Of note, although there was approximately \$970,279.84 cash on hand in the Receivership Account at the end of the current Reporting Period, the Receiver prepared one check totaling \$45.00 prepared during the Third Reporting Period that still has not been deposited by the recipient.<sup>21</sup> Attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is the Standardized Fund Accounting Report (the "**SFAR**") for the Application Period.

Summary of Present Cash on Hand in the Receiver's Account Until the End of the Application Period		
Cash on Hand in the Receiver's Account (at the end of the current	\$970,279.84	
Application Period)		
Checks <u>Prepared</u> by the Receiver But <u>Not Deposited</u> by Recipients	(\$45.00)	
During the Application Period		
Estimated Total Cash on Hand in the Receiver's Account at the	\$970,234.84	
End of the Application Period		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> The check for \$9,400 prepared during the Application Period is for payment related to the Wammel Group residence. The check for \$45.00 prepared during the Third Application Period is for statutory fees associated with subpoena documentation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> The check for \$45.00 prepared during the Third Reporting Period is for statutory fees associated with subpoena documentation.

## **B.** Fees and Expenses

169. Ordinary Course Expenses. During the Application Period, and as detailed in the Ninth Quarterly Report, expenditures made from the Receivership Account were for expenses relating to the Receiver's assets, approved fees and expenses<sup>22</sup>, and banking fees, which totaled \$47,174.50.

170. <u>Receiver and Retained Professional Fees</u>. During the Application Period, the Retained Professionals (T&K) provided services on behalf of the Receiver and the Receivership Estate. <sup>23</sup> Specifically, the fees and expenses for the services of the Receiver and T&K total approximately \$80,312.07 (the "Application Period Professional Fees").

171. These Application Period Professional Fees include a voluntary reduction of at least 20% by the Receivership Estate professionals from their standard hourly rates.

#### C. Work Performed for the Benefit of the Receivership Estate<sup>24</sup>

172. As further described in the Receiver's First Quarterly Report, Second Quarterly Report, Third Quarterly Report, Fourth Quarterly Report, Fifth Quarterly Report, Sixth Quarterly Report, Seventh Quarterly Report, Eighth Quarterly Report, and Ninth Quarterly Report, the Receiver, assisted by T&K and Veritas, performed numerous tasks in connection with her duties under the Receivership Order. During the Application Period, the Receiver worked diligently to liquidate the remaining assets of the Receivership Estate and actively participate in the ongoing

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Pursuant to this Court's Order Approving the Seventh Interim Fee Application for Allowance of Fees and Reimbursement of Expenses [Dkt. No. 323], the Receiver prepared a check to Veritas during the Application Period for the payment of authorized professional fees and expenses, which totaled \$9,385.50. Veritas deposited this check during the Application Period. The Order Approving the Seventh Interim Fee Application also authorized for immediate payment \$14,759.11 for the Receiver and \$100,000.00 for TK. These authorized payments have not yet been made to the Receiver and TK.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Veritas did not perform any work for the Receivership in April 2019, May 2019, and June 2019. Because Veritas incurred no fees or expenses during this Application Period, no invoices are attached hereto.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> The Receiver and T&K incorporate the Receiver's First Quarterly Report, Liquidation Plan for the Bryant Defendants, Agreed Order Granting Liquidation Against the Wammel Defendants, Second Quarterly Report, Third Quarterly Report, Fourth Quarterly Report, Fifth Quarterly Report, Sixth Quarterly Report, Seventh Quarterly Report, Eighth Quarterly Report, and Ninth Quarterly Report, as if set out fully herein.

clawback and fraudulent transfer litigation. The Receiver's tasks included (i) preserving hard

and electronic data, (ii) analyzing documents, when necessary, (iii) corresponding with creditors

and investors, (iv) settling with investors and third parties relating to funds received from the

Receivership Defendants, and (v) working with various other individuals and counsel.

173. The date the Case is expected to close is presently unknown. With the liquidation

phase of the Receivership nearing an end, the Receiver's focus going forward will be on

clawback and fraudulent transfer litigation to bring additional funds into the Receivership Estate

and then to bring the Receivership Estate to a conclusion.

174. During the Third Application Period, the Receiver established a claims process

for investors. Investors were notified by mail and electronic distribution. The Receiver and her

team continue to review submitted claim notification forms and supporting documentation.

During the Fourth Application Period, the Receiver established a claims process for non-investor

creditors in this Case. Non-investor creditors were notified by mail distribution. The Receiver

and her team continue to review submitted claim notification forms and supporting

documentation. Further, the Receiver's Liquidation Plans for the Receivership Defendants

provided the Receivership Estate with additional liquid assets, and the Receiver anticipates

additional funds will come into the Receivership Estate once the remaining Receivership assets

are liquidated. On January 30, 2019, the Receiver filed her Request for Interim Distribution

[Dkt. No. 299], which outlined a proposed pro rata interim distribution to Net Losing Investors,

which this Court granted on March 11, 2019 [Dkt. No. 311]. On March 15, 2019, the Receiver

filed her Notice Regarding Amended Request for Interim Distribution [Dkt. No. 313]. On April

23, 2019, the Receiver filed her Motion to Approve Amended Interim Distribution List [Dkt. No.

316], which this Court granted on May 28, 2019 [Dkt. No. 324]. As will be more fully set forth

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in the next quarterly report, in accordance with this Court's Order Granting Motion to Approve Amended Interim Distribution List [Dkt. No. 324], on July 12, 2019, the Receiver made a first interim distribution to the Net Losing Investors in the amounts set forth in the Receiver's Amended Net Losing Investor Distribution Schedule.

Similarly, during the Application Period, the bulk of the work performed by T&K 175. was related to (i) successfully moving for default judgments against certain Transferees in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00360; (ii) preparing for and attending the meeting of creditors in the bankruptcy instituted by Defendants Roland and Holly Maldonado in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00359; (iii) analyzing the Receiver's claims in the bankruptcy actions instituted by certain Winning Investors in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00359; (iv) successfully preparing and filing an amended interim distribution list for Net Losing Investors, responding to investor inquiries relating to same, and preparing for authorized interim distribution; (v) preparing for and participating in pre-mediation conferences and mediations in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00359 and Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00360; (vi) successfully moving for return of receivership property; (vii) continuing liquidation of the remaining Receivership assets; (viii) continuing efforts to enforce and collect on the Court's Agreed Judgment as to Defendant Carlos Goodspeed in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:17-cv-00856; (ix) continuing efforts to enforce and collect on the default judgments against certain Transferees in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00360; (x) preparing for and deposing Carlos Goodspeed in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:17-cv-00856; (xi) preparing and responding to Defendant Stephen Garrett's motion for leave and moving to strike Defendant Stephen Garrett's sur-reply and/or, in the alternative, moving for leave to respond to the sur-reply, all of which relate to the Receiver's motion to liquidate property and void or clarify contract for deed relating to the real property located at 8101 South Humble Road, Texas City, Texas 77591; (xii) working with a financial consultant to perform forensic accounting and related analysis regarding, among other things, intricate, overlapping Ponzi scheme operated by the Bryant and Wammel Defendants identified as part of the Receiver's investigation and related fraudulent transfer analysis; (xiii) maintaining a line of communication with investors by updating the Receiver's website (http://bucfreceivership.tklaw.com); (xiv) working with Veritas Advisory Group, Inc. ("Veritas") to perform forensic accounting and coordinating appropriate follow up with respect to various identified accounts and/or persons or entities of interest discovered, as well as to investigate and determine identifying information as to the BUCF and Wammel Group investors, including amounts invested; (xv) conducting research as to persons and entities of interest based on the Receiver's investigation; (xvi) seeking and/or reviewing information from named persons and entities of interest based on the Receiver's investigation; (xvii) conferring with Defendant Wammel's counsel to discuss going-forward issues; (xviii) conferring with Defendant Stephen Garrett's counsel to discuss issues relating to the real property located at 8101 South Humble Road, Texas City, Texas 77591; (xix) conferring with Defendant Goodspeed's counsel to discuss going-forward issues; (xx) identifying and analyzing investors and third parties that received fraudulent transfers from the Receivership Defendants; (xxi) negotiating and coordinating settlements with investors and third parties relating to funds received from the Receivership Defendants; (xxii) maintaining the Receiver's bank account in accordance with the Receivership Order; (xxiii) satisfying on-going, ordinary course obligations of the Receivership Estate in order to maintain the status quo; (xxiv) responding to investor inquiries and reviewing information submitted by investors in furtherance of the Receiver's duties pursuant to the Receivership

Order; and (xxv) preparing for and actively participating in ongoing litigation against Carlos Goodspeed, certain Winning Investors, and certain Transferees.

176. Since her appointment, the Receiver and her team have been working diligently to investigate and marshal assets of the Receivership Estate in order to bolster the amount available for distribution to stakeholders. At the end of the current Application Period, the known assets of the Receivership Estate include the following: Defendant Wammel Group's residential property – a 3,500 square-foot residence near Houston, three Rolex watches seized from the Bryant Defendants, and a motorized six passenger cart seized from the Bryant Defendants. On January 24, 2019, the Receiver filed her Motion to Liquidate Property and Void or Clarify Contract for Deed [Dkt. No. 298] regarding the Wammel Group Residence. On February 13, 2019, Ancillary Defendant Stephen Garrett filed his Motion for Leave and Extension of Time to Respond to Motion to Liquidate Property [Dkt. No. 302], which this Court granted on February 15, 2019 [Dkt. No. 305]. On March 1, 2019, Ancillary Defendant Stephen Garrett filed his Response and Objection to Receiver's Motion to Liquidate Property [Dkt. No. 307]. On March 8, 2019, the Receiver filed her Motion for Leave to File Reply in Support of the Receiver's Motion to Liquidate Property and Void or Clarify Contract for Deed in Excess of Page Limit [Dkt. No. 308] and her Reply in Support of the Receiver's Motion to Liquidate Property and Void or Clarify Contract for Deed [Dkt. No. 309]. On March 11, 2019, the Court granted the Receiver's Motion for Leave to File Reply in Support of the Receiver's Motion to Liquidate Property and Void or Clarify Contract for Deed in Excess of Page Limit [Dkt. No. 312]. On May 7, 2019, Ancillary Defendant Stephen Garrett filed his Motion for Leave to File Late Sur-Reply in Excess of Page Limit [Dkt. No. 319] and Sur-Reply in Opposition to Receiver's Motion to Liquidate Property [Dkt. No. 320]. On May 31, 2019, the Receiver filed her Response to

Defendant Garrett's Motion for Leave, Motion to Strike Defendant Garrett's Sur-Reply and/or,

in the Alternative, Motion for Leave to Respond [Dkt. No. 328]. The Receiver's Motion to

Liquidate Property and Void or Clarify Contract for Deed [Dkt. No. 298] is presently pending

before this Court.

177. On April 11, 2019, the Receiver filed her Motion for Return of Receivership

Property [Dkt. No. 315], which this Court granted on May 3, 2019 [Dkt. No. 318].

178. The Receiver anticipates additional funds will come into the Receivership Estate

once the remaining Receivership assets are liquidated.

179. During the Application Period, the Receiver and her team spent considerable time

and resources (1) analyzing claims against third parties, (2) analyzing and reviewing submitted

documentation from investors and non-investor creditors, when necessary, (3) participating in

ongoing litigation against Carlos Goodspeed, certain Winning Investors, and certain Transferees,

(4) continuing efforts to enforce and collect on the Court's Agreed Judgment as to Defendant

Carlos Goodspeed in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:17-cv-00856, (5) obtaining and continuing

efforts to collect on default judgments against certain Transferees in Ancillary Civil Action No.

4:18-cv-00360, (6) continuing liquidation of the remaining Receivership assets, (7) negotiating

and coordinating settlements with investors and third parties relating to funds received from the

Receivership Defendants, and (8) preparing the authorized interim distribution to Net Losing

Investors.

180. As explained throughout this Ninth Interim Fee Application and as described

more fully in the Receiver's Ninth Quarterly Report, the Receiver and her team continued to

make significant progress in unraveling the Bryant Defendants' and Wammel Defendants' fraud.

Since the Receiver was appointed, the Receiver and her team have made significant progress in

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liquidating Receivership assets in order to realize the greatest return for creditors. As a result of these efforts, the Receiver and her team have substantially increased the value of the Receivership Estate. As noted above, the Receiver anticipates additional funds will come into the Receivership Estate once the remaining Receivership assets are liquidated.

Summary of the Liquidation		
Until the End of the Application Period		
Bryant Funds and Liquidation	\$130,976.39	
Wammel Funds and Liquidation	\$1,228,604.44	
Settlements	\$1,115,652.00	
Total <sup>25</sup>	\$2,475,232.83	

## IV. REOUEST FOR APPROVAL

- 181. Through this Ninth Interim Fee Application, the Receiver seeks interim approval of the fees and expenses of the Receiver and T&K subject to the Hold Back, as further described below.
- 182. As noted in the T&K Application, both the Receiver and the T&K professionals and paraprofessionals assisting the Receiver on this matter agreed to a voluntary reduction of their standard hourly rates. The T&K invoices attached hereto reflect that reduction, which represents a significant savings for the Receivership Estate. Further, T&K reviewed its billings, and, in such review, exercised appropriate judgment in an effort to ensure that time and expenses are properly billed and billing adjustments were properly made before generating invoices and filing this Ninth Interim Fee Application. T&K further reduced certain entries in light of the Receiver's limited resources, which reductions are also reflected in its invoices and total over \$22,000.00 of the total fees for the Application Period (as reflected in the Invoices attached hereto).

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<sup>25</sup> This amount does not include the ongoing litigation by the Receiver, which accounts for damages to the Receivership. As is the case in most litigation, the recovery may differ from the damages sustained.

- 183. <u>Hold Back</u>. Pursuant to the Receivership Order, interim fee applications also "may be subject to a holdback in the amount of 20% of the amount of fees and expenses for each application filed with the Court" (the "**Hold Back**"). Dkt. No. 48 at ¶ 60. The Receivership Order further provides that "[t]he total amounts held back during the course of the receivership will be paid out at the discretion of the Court as part of the final fee application submitted at the close of the receivership." Dkt. No. 48 at ¶ 60. Thus, the amount requested in this Ninth Interim Fee Application may be subject to the Hold Back.
- 184. In accordance with the SEC Billing Instructions, the Receiver submitted the Ninth Interim Fee Application to the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") for review prior to submission to the Court. The SEC has reviewed the Ninth Interim Fee Application and advised the Receiver concerning certain formatting issues related to its invoices, and the Receiver has made such changes.

## A. Fees of the Receiver and T&K

185. Fee Breakdown by Task. The Receiver and T&K have categorized their services by task. The following tables summarize the respective number of hours incurred relative to each task category by the Receiver and by the T&K professionals and paraprofessionals, respectively, who performed services on behalf of the Receiver during the Application Period:

## **RECEIVER**

TASK DESCRIPTION	HOURS WORKED	TOTAL FEES, SUBJECT TO THE HOLD BACK
[B110] CASE ADMINISTRATION.	3.6	\$1,800.00
Coordination and compliance		
activities, including preparation of		
reports to the court, investor		
inquiries, etc.		
[B120] ASSET ANALYSIS AND	10	\$5,000.00
RECOVERY.		
Identification and review of		
potential assets including causes of		

TOTAL	17.3	\$8,650.00
Receiver.		
total amount requested by the		
task B111 are not included in the		
Billing Instructions, fees incurred for		
Receiver). Pursuant to the SEC		
process for TK (including the		
to the application or application		
research, or communications related		
invoices, application exhibits,		
review or revision of pro formas,		
Thompson & Knight. This includes		
supplementing or defending quarterly or final fee applications for		
All work in preparing,		
APPLICATIONS.		
[B111] TK/RECEIVER FEE	3.2	\$1,600.00
transaction.		
established for each major		
a separate category should be		
disposition of assets is contemplated,		
extended series of sales or other		
related transaction work. Where		
Sales, leases, abandonment and		420000
[B130] ASSET DISPOSITION.	.5	\$250.00
action and non-litigation recoveries.		

## **RECEIVER'S COUNSEL**

TASK DESCRIPTION	HOURS WORKED	TOTAL FEES, SUBJECT TO THE HOLD BACK
[B110] CASE ADMINISTRATION.	281.4	\$93,297.00
Coordination and compliance		
activities, including preparation of		
reports to the court, investor		
inquiries, etc.		<b>#207.00</b>
[B151] – INVESTOR	.6	\$207.00
COMMUNICATIONS. Written or telephone		
communications with investors in		
Bryant United Capital Funding.		
[B111] TK/RECEIVER FEE	71.9	\$19,951.00
APPLICATIONS.		7 - 7 , 2 - 2 - 2 - 2
All work in preparing,		
supplementing or defending		
quarterly or final fee applications for		
Thompson & Knight. This includes		
review or revision of pro formas,		
invoices, application exhibits,		
research, or communications related		
to the application or application		
process for TK (including the Receiver). Pursuant to the SEC		
Billing Instructions, fees incurred for		
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task B111 are not included in the total amount requested by the		
Receiver.		A
[B112] APPLICATIONS OF	.4	\$112.00
OTHER PROFESSIONALS.		
All work in preparing,		
supplementing or defending		
quarterly or final fee applications for		
non-TK professionals. This includes		
review or revision of invoices,		
application exhibits, research, or		
communications related to the		
application or application process.		
Pursuant to the SEC Billing		
Instructions, fees incurred for task		
B112 are not included in the total		
amount requested by the Receiver.		
[B120] ASSET ANALYSIS AND	.7	\$310.50
RECOVERY.		
Identification and review of		
potential assets including causes of		
action and non-litigation recoveries.		
[B195] NON-WORKING TRAVEL.	2.0	\$560.00
Non-working travel where the court		
reimburses at less than full hourly		
rates (only for travel more than 20		
miles).		
TOTAL	357	\$114,437.5

Invoice Summary of the Receiver for the Application Period and as **Exhibit B-1** is the Invoice Summary for T&K for the Application Period.<sup>26</sup> Both invoice summaries include a breakdown of actual and necessary expenses incurred during the Application Period. The Receiver has reviewed and approved T&K's time records and invoices and has also undertaken a review of her own fees and expenses. Based on the complexity of the Case, the Receiver respectfully submits that the requested compensation is reasonable.

187. All legal services performed by T&K were performed for and on behalf of the Receiver and not on behalf of any other individual or entity. No agreement or understanding exists between T&K and any other entity for the sharing of compensation to be received for

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Unredacted invoices for the Application Period for the Receiver and for T&K were submitted to the Court and the SEC for in camera review.

services rendered in connection with this Case. The Receiver and T&K's services have been

substantial, necessary, and beneficial to the Receivership Estate.

**B.** Fees of Veritas

188. Veritas did not perform any work for the Receivership in April 2019, May 2019,

and June 2019. Because Veritas incurred no fees or expenses during this Application Period, no

invoices are attached hereto.

V.

MEMORANDUM OF LAW IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST

189. Under governing law, following a determination that services were rendered and

costs expended in furtherance of the Receivership, the Court may award compensation for the

presented fees and costs. When determining an award of attorneys' fees, the Court should use

the lodestar method of multiplying the number of hours reasonably expended by the reasonable

hourly rate. See, e.g., Louisiana Power & Light Co. v. Kellstrom, 50 F.3d 319, 323-24 (5th Cir.

1995) (citing Blum v. Stenson, 465 U.S. 886, 888 (1984)). A reasonable hourly rate is the

ordinary fee for similar work in the community. Johnson v. Georgia Highway Express, Inc., 488

F.2d 714, 718 (5th Cir. 1974).

190. As set out in more detail in the First Quarterly Report, the Second Quarterly

Report, the Third Quarterly Report, the Fourth Quarterly Report, the Fifth Quarterly Report, the

Sixth Quarterly Report, the Seventh Quarterly Report, the Eighth Quarterly Report, and the

Ninth Quarterly Report, the Receiver, assisted by T&K and Veritas, has made significant

progress in unraveling the Bryant Defendants' and Wammel Defendants' fraud through her

seizure, inventory, and investigation of the documents, data, assets, and liabilities of the

Receivership Estate. Further, the T&K lead attorneys in this Case have expended significant

amounts of time and energy in order to stabilize this Case, such as successfully liquidating the

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Bryant Defendants' assets and the Wammel Defendants' assets to provide the Receivership

Estate with additional assets in order to propose a distribution plan to creditors and instituting

ancillary litigation to further recover Receivership assets.

191. Further, the fees and expenses requested in this Ninth Interim Fee Application in

connection with, among other things, liquidating assets of the Receivership Estate and actively

participating in the ongoing clawback and fraudulent transfer litigation, in order to propose a

distribution scheme to creditors are reasonable compared to the no less than \$21,000,000

investor funds at risk.

192. Other factors support this Court awarding the requested fees and expenses in this

Ninth Interim Fee Application. For instance, the fraud is alleged to have been ongoing since at

least 2011, which requires extensive review of records and assessment of transfers and alleged

business activities. In addition, several defendants in this Case and the ancillary litigation were

proceeding pro se, which required additional conferences and investigation than is often needed

when a defendant is represented by counsel. Also, the assets of the Receivership consist largely

of personalty from the former residences of Defendant Bryant and Defendant Wammel as well as

real property seized from the Wammel Defendants. Further, Defendant Bryant is involved in

multiple businesses, all of which have required often tedious investigation across multiple cities.

193. For the reasons set forth above, the Receiver and T&K have incurred reasonable

fees and costs consistent with the Receivership Order, and approval of these fees on an interim

basis, subject to the Hold Back, is appropriate and warranted in consideration of the above-

described services in this Case during the Application Period.

194. Of the fees and expenses detailed herein, in recognition of the Case status and

Receivership resources, at this time the Receiver is only seeking authority for payment of

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\$57,050.00. Although the Receiver has funds to cover a more significant portion of fees to the Receiver and her counsel, at this time, in an effort to maximize the value of the estate for a future distribution, the Receiver requests payment of only \$57,050.00 of professional fees and expenses. The tables below show a breakdown of the fees incurred by the Receiver, T&K, and Veritas during the Application Period:

## FEES REQUESTED FOR APPROVAL (April 1, 2019 – June 30, 2019)

Receiver	T&K	Veritas	<u>Total Fees</u>
\$7,050.00	\$73,262.07		\$80,312.07

#### FEES REQUESTED FOR PAYMENT

Receiver	T&K	Veritas	Total Fees
\$7,050.00	\$50,000.00		\$57,050.00

**WHEREFORE**, the Receiver respectfully requests that this Court enter an order (i) <u>approving and authorizing</u>, on an interim basis, the Application Period Professional Fees, totaling \$80,312.07; (ii) <u>authorizing payment</u> of professional fees and expenses, totaling \$57,050.00; and (iii) awarding such other and further relief that this Court deems just and proper. DATED: August 14, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATION** 

Pursuant to the SEC Billing Instructions, T&K (the "Applicant") hereby certifies as

follows:

1. The Applicant has read the Ninth Interim Fee Application;

2. To the best of the Applicant's knowledge, information, and belief formed after

reasonable inquiry, the Ninth Interim Fee Application and all fees and expenses herein are true

and accurate and comply with the SEC Billing Instructions;

3. All fees contained in the Ninth Interim Fee Application are based on the rates

listed in the Applicant's fee schedules attached hereto and such fees are reasonable, necessary,

and commensurate with the skill and experience required for the activity performed;

4. The Applicant has not included in the amount for which reimbursement is sought

the amortization of the cost of any investment, equipment, or capital outlay (except to the extent

that any such amortization is included within the permitted allowable amounts set forth herein

for photocopies and facsimile transmission); and

5. In seeking reimbursement for a service which the Applicant justifiably purchased

or contracted for from a third-party (such as copying, imaging, bulk mail, messenger service,

overnight courier, computerized research, or title and lien searches), the Applicant requests

reimbursement only for the amount billed to the Applicant by the third-party vendor and paid by

the Applicant to such vendor. The Applicant certifies that the Receiver is not making a profit on

such expenses.

/s/ Mackenzie S. Wallace

Mackenzie S. Wallace

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on August 14, 2019, I electronically filed the foregoing document with the Clerk for the United States District Court, Eastern District of Texas. The electronic case filing system (ECF) will send a Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF) to the attorneys of record who have consented in writing to accept this Notice as service of this document by electronic means. The foregoing document will also be sent to all counsel of record via the method identified below.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE**

Mackenzie M. Salenger, counsel for the Receiver, and counsel for Plaintiff conferred on August 12, 2019, in compliance with the meet and confer requirement in Local Rule CV-7(h). Counsel for Plaintiff is unopposed to the relief sought in this Motion.

Mackenzie M. Salenger, counsel for the Receiver, and counsel for the Wammel Defendants conferred on August 13, 2019, in compliance with the meet and confer requirement in Local Rule CV-7(h). Counsel for the Wammel Defendants is unopposed to the relief sought in this Motion.

Mackenzie M. Salenger, counsel for the Receiver, and counsel for Carlos Goodspeed conferred on August 12, 2019, in compliance with the meet and confer requirement in Local Rule CV-7(h). Counsel for Carlos Goodspeed is unopposed to the relief sought in this Motion.

/s/ Mackenzie S. Wallace
Mackenzie S. Wallace

# **EXHIBIT A**STANDARDIZED FUND ACCOUNTING REPORT

Receivership in SEC v. Thurman P. Bryant III, et al. Civil Court Docket No. 04:17-CV-00336-ALM

Ninth Quarterly Reporting Period - 04/01/2019 - 06/30/2019

		Reporting Period	Subtotal Prior Periods	<b>Grand Total</b>
Line 1	Beginning Balance (As of 04/01/2019)	\$808,886.34	\$758,826.24	\$0.00
	Increases in Fund Balance:			
Line 2	Business Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Line 3	Cash and Securities	\$0.00	· ·	\$424,219.6
Line 4	Interest/Dividends Income	\$0.00	. ,	\$0.0
Line 5	Business Asset Liquidation	\$0.00		\$0.0
Line 6	Personal Asset Liquidation	\$0.00		\$1,048,774.6
Line 7	Third-Party Litigation Income	\$180,668.00	\$787,984.00	\$968,652.0
Line 8	Miscellaneous - Other	\$27,900.00	· ·	\$250,027.4
Line 8a	Total Funds Available (Lines 1 -8):	\$1,017,454.34	\$2,483,105.76	\$2,691,673.7
	Decreases in Fund Balance:			
Line 9	Disbursements to Investors	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Line 10	Disbursements for Receivership Operations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.0
Line 10a	Disbursements to Receiver or Other Professionals	\$9,385.50	\$387,803.21	\$397,188.7
Line 10b	Business Asset Expenses	\$0.00		
Line 10c	Personal Asset Expenses	\$37,600.00	\$232,211.90	
Line 10d	Investment Expenses	\$189.00	\$1,155.11	\$1,344.1
Line 10e	Third-Party Litigation Expenses			
	1. Attorney Fees	\$0.00	\$1,050,072.33	\$1,050,072.3
	2. Litigation Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.0
	Total Third-Party Litigation Expenses	\$0.00	\$1,050,072.33	\$1,050,072.3
Line 10f	Tax Administrator Fees and Bonds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.0
Line 10g	Federal and State Tax Payments	\$0.00		\$0.0
J	Total Disbursements for Receivership Operations	\$47,174.50	\$1,674,219.42	\$1,721,393.9
Line 11	Disbursements for Distribution Expenses Paid by the Fund:			
Line 11a	Distribution Plan Development Expenses:			
	1. Fees:			
	Fund Administration	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.0
	Independent Distribution Consultant (IDC)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.0
	Distribution Agent	\$0.00		
	Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.0
	Legal Advisers	\$0.00		\$0.0
	Tax Advisers	\$0.00		\$0.0
	2. Administrative Expenses	\$0.00		\$0.0
	3. Miscellaneous	\$0.00		\$0.0
	Total Plan Development Expenses	\$0.00		\$0.0
Line 11b	Distribution Plan Implementation Expenses  1. Fees			
	Fund Administration	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.0
	Independent Distribution Consultant (IDC)	\$0.00		

	Distribution Agent	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Legal Advisers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Tax Advisers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2. Administrative Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	3. Investor Identification:			
	Notice/Publishing Approved Plan	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Claimant Identification	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Claims Processing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	4. Fund Administrator Bond	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	5. Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	6. Federal Account for Investor Restitution	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	(FAIR) Reporting Expenses			
	Total Plan Implementation Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Total Disbursements for Distribution Expenses Paid by the Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Line 12	Disbursements to Court/Other			
Line 12a	Investment Expenses/Court Registry Investment			
	System (CRIS) Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Line 12b	Federal Tax Payments	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Total Disbursement to Court/Other:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Total Funds Disburses (Line 9 - 11):	\$47,174.50	\$1,674,219.42	\$1,721,393.92
Line 13	Ending Balance (As of 06/30/2019):	\$970,279.84	\$808,886.34	\$970,279.84
Line 14	Ending Balance of Fund - Net Assets:			
Line 14a	Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$970,279.84	\$808,886.34	\$970,279.84
Line 14b	Investments	\$0.00	\$2,053.87	\$0.00
Line 14c	Other Assets or Uncleared Funds (Frozen Accounts)	\$0.00	\$359,199.09	\$0.00
	Total Ending Balance of Fund - Net Assets	\$970,279.84	\$1,170,139.30	\$970,279.84

OTHER SU	OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:		Subtotal Prior Periods	<b>Grand Total</b>
	Report of Items NOT To Be Paid by the Fund:			
Line 15	Disbursements for Plan Administration Expenses Not Paid by the	Fund:		
Line 15a	Plan Development Expenses Not Paid by the Fund:			
	1. Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Fund Administrator	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	IDC	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Distribution Agent	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Legal Advisers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Tax Advisers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2. Administrative Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	3. Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Total Plan Development Expenses Not Paid by the Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Line 15b	Plan Implementation Expenses Not Paid by the Fund:			]
	1. Fees			
	Fund Administrator	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	IDC	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Distribution Agent	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Legal Advisers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Tax Advisers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2. Administrative Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	3. Investor Identification:			
	Notice/Publishing Approved Plan	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Claimant Identification	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Claims Processing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Web Site Maintenance/Call Center	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

	4. Fund Administrator Bond	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	5. Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	6. FAIR Reporting Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Total Plan Implementation Expenses Not Paid by the Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Line 15c	Tax Administrator Fees & Bonds Not Paid by the Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Total Disbursements for Plan Administration Expenses Not Paid	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Line 16	Disbursements to Court/Other Not Paid by the Fund			
Line 16a	Investment Expenses/CRIS Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Line 16b	Federal Tax Payments	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Total Disbursements to Court/Other Not Paid by Fund:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Line 17	DC & State Tax Payments	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Line 18	No. of Claims:			
Line 18a	# of Claims Received This Reporting Period	0	86	86
Line 18b	# of Claims Received Since Inception of Fund	86	86	86
Line 19	No of Claimants/Investors			
Line 19a	# of Claimants/Investors Paid This Reporting Period	0	0	0
Line 19b	# of Claimants/Investors Paid Since Inception of Fund	0	0	0

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#### **INVOICE SUMMARY**

For Services Rendered During The Application Period April 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019

Our Matter # 524661.000002 RECEIVERSHIP

Matter Balance Brought Forward*		\$
Total Fees for Professional Services**\$	8,650.00	
Voluntary Reduction (Travel)\$		
Voluntary Reduction (Applications)\$	(1,600.00)	
Net Fees for Professional Services ***\$	7,050.00	
Reimbursable Costs\$		
Net Current Billing For This Matter ***		.\$ 7,050.00
Total Balance Due This Matter*		. \$ 7,050.00

\*The Amended First Interim Fee Applications [Dkt. Nos. 91, 92], which outlined the Receiver's, T&K's, and Veritas' fees and expenses between May 15, 2017 and June 30, 2017, were submitted on August 16, 2017. Because the Court denied these first fee applications as moot, the fees and expenses detailed therein have never been addressed and thus are not included in this amount.

## **EXHIBIT B-1**

<sup>\*\*</sup>Reflects 20% discount on gross fees for professional services.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Net of time recorded, but not billed, for preparation of Fee Application.

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#### SUMMARY OF WORK PERFORMED

#### **Maintaining Receivership Assets**

- Oversaw maintenance of the Wammel Defendants' assets
- Oversaw analysis of Receivership records

#### **Interactions with Vendors, Investors, and Creditors**

- Fielded and responded to communications from investors, creditors, media, United States Attorneys, and other interested parties regarding case status and access to records
- Worked with forensic accountants to analyze and review data
- Maintained a line of communication with investors by updating the Receiver's website (http://bucfreceivership.tklaw.com)

#### **Liquidation of the Receivership Assets**

- Continued liquidation of the Receivership assets in the Receiver's possession
- Analyzed strategy and options for proceeding with the real property located at 8101 South Humble Road, Texas City, Texas 77591

#### **Miscellaneous**

- Analyzed strategy and options for proceeding with third party lawsuits including claw backs, fraudulent transfers, and disgorgement
- Oversaw and directed ongoing litigation against certain winning investors
- Oversaw and directed ongoing litigation against certain transferees
- Oversaw and directed ongoing litigation against Carlos Goodspeed
- Oversaw and directed negotiations and settlement
- Communicated with counsel for Defendants and third parties
- Analyzed and implemented case management strategy
- Analyzed strategy and options for proceeding with initial distribution to Net Losing Investors
- Communicated with investors and reviewed correspondence and materials submitted by investors
- Provided cooperation to various government authorities and agencies, including the SEC
- Oversaw work of forensic accountants and analysis of results
- Provided periodic reports to the Court and investors
- Oversaw the continued analysis of submitted documentation from investors and non-investor creditors

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#### **SUMMARY OF FEES**

Discounted				
<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate/Hr</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Jennifer Ecklund	Receiver	17.3	\$500.00	\$8,650.00

#### **Reimbursable Costs**

Air fare, lodging, ground transportation, and other vendors (*e.g.*, locksmiths, utility providers, vehicle storage) to complete work performed:

Total Reimbursable Costs	\$	
TOTAL VOLUNTARY REDUCTIONS		(1,600.00)
NET CURRENT BILLINGS FOR THIS MATTER***	\$	7,050.00
TOTAL BALANCE DUE THIS MATTER****	. <b>\$</b>	7,050.00

<sup>\*</sup>Reflects 20% discount on gross fees for professional services.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Net of time recorded, but not billed, for preparation of Fee Application.

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#### **INVOICE SUMMARY**

For Services Rendered During The Application Period April 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019

Our Matter # 524662.000002 REPRESENTATION OF RECEIVER

Matter Balance Brought Forward*		\$	129,377.82
Total Fees for Professional Services**\$	114,437.50		
Voluntary Reduction (Travel)\$	(280.00)		
Voluntary Reduction (Applications)\$	(20,063.00)		
Voluntary Reduction (Additional 20% Paralegal Time)\$			
Voluntary Reduction (Time Under 25 Hours Held Back)\$	(22,841.00)		
Net Fees for Professional Services ***\$	71,253.50		
Reimbursable Costs\$	2,008.57		
Net Current Billing For This Matter ***		.\$	73,262.07
Total Balance Due This Matter*		. <u>\$</u>	202,639.89

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## **EXHIBIT B-2**

<sup>\*\*</sup>Reflects 20% discount on gross fees for professional services.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Net of time recorded, but not billed, for preparation of Fee Application, and certain paralegal time.

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## SUMMARY OF WORK PERFORMED

#### **Case Administration**

- Successfully moved for default judgments against certain Transferees in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18cv-00360
- Prepared for and attended the meeting of creditors in the bankruptcy instituted by Defendants Roland and Holly Maldonado in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00359
- Analyzed the Receiver's claims in the bankruptcy actions instituted by certain Winning Investors in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00359
- Successfully prepared and filed an amended interim distribution list for Net Losing Investors, responded to
  investor inquiries relating to same, and prepared for authorized interim distribution
- Successfully moved for return of receivership property
- Prepared for and participated in pre-mediation conferences and mediations in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00359 and Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00360
- Continued review of produced documentation pertinent to the Receivership Defendants
- Continued efforts to enforce and collect on the Court's Agreed Judgment as to Defendant Carlos Goodspeed in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:17-cv-00856
- Continued efforts to enforce and collect on the default judgments against certain Transferees in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:18-cy-00360
- Prepared for and deposed Carlos Goodspeed in Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:17-cv-00856
- Prepared and responded to Defendant Stephen Garrett's motion for leave and moved to strike Defendant Stephen Garrett's sur-reply and/or, in the alternative, moved for leave to respond to the sur-reply, all of which relate to the Receiver's motion to liquidate property and void or clarify contract for deed relating to the real property located at 8101 South Humble Road, Texas City, Texas 77591
- Prepared for and actively participated in ongoing litigation against Carlos Goodspeed, certain Winning Investors, and certain Transferees
- Conferred with Defendant Wammel's counsel to discuss going-forward issues
- Conferred with Defendant Stephen Garrett's counsel to discuss issues relating to the real property located at 8101 South Humble Road, Texas City, Texas 77591
- Conferred with Defendant Goodspeed's counsel to discuss going-forward issues
- Conducted research as to persons and entities of interest based on the Receiver's investigation
- Sought and/or reviewed information from named persons and entities of interest based on the Receiver's investigation
- Analyzed investors and third parties that received fraudulent transfers from the Receivership Defendants
- Negotiated and coordinated settlements with investors and third parties relating to funds received from the Receivership Defendants

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- Maintained the Receiver's bank account in accordance with the Receivership Order
- Satisfied on-going, ordinary course obligations of the Receivership Estate in order to maintain the status quo
- Prepared periodic reports to the Court on the status of the Receivership
- Prepared periodic reports to investors on the work of the Receiver and information pertinent to investors' claims
- Cooperated with various government agencies to assist in their investigation
- Maintained database of investor and non-investor creditor claims

#### **Maintaining Receivership Assets**

• Maintained and oversaw maintenance of the Wammel Defendants' assets

#### Interactions with Vendors, Investors, and Creditors

- Worked with Veritas to perform forensic accounting and coordinated appropriate follow-up with respect to various transfers between certain entities of interest
- Communicated with and directed the work of forensic accounting firm for specific purposes in ascertaining the location of Receivership monies
- Supervised and analyzed forensic accounting results
- Fielded and responded to communications from investors, non-investor creditors, and third parties
- Reviewed information submitted by investors in furtherance of the Receiver's duties pursuant to the Receivership Order
- Maintained a line of communication with investors by updating the Receiver's website (http://bucfreceivership.tklaw.com)

## **Liquidation of the Receivership Assets**

Continued liquidation of the remaining Receivership assets in the Receiver's possession

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#### **SUMMARY OF FEES\***

		Discounted			
<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<b>Hours</b>	Rate/Hr	<u>Amount</u>	
Timothy Hudson	Partner	50.30	475.00	23,892.50	
Mackenzie Salenger	Associate	241.80	280.00	67,704.00	
TOTAL FEES		292.10		\$91,596.50	

#### **Reimbursable Costs**

Air fare, lodging, ground transportation, and other vendors (*e.g.*, locksmiths, utility providers, vehicle storage) to complete work performed:

Total Reimbursable Costs	\$	2,008.57
TOTAL VOLUNTARY REDUCTIONS	\$	(20,343.00)
NET CURRENT BILLING FOR THIS MATTER**	\$	73,262.07
TOTAL BALANCE DUE THIS MATTER***	. <b>\$</b>	202,639.89

<sup>\*</sup>Net of time for timekeepers with time under 25 hours per month.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Reflects 20% discount on gross fees for professional services and netting out of fees for preparation of the Application.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>The Amended First Interim Fee Applications [Dkt. Nos. 91, 92], which outlined the Receiver's, T&K's, and Veritas' fees and expenses between May 15, 2017 and June 30, 2017, were submitted on August 16, 2017. Because the Court denied these first fee applications as moot, the fees and expenses detailed therein have never been addressed and thus are not included in this amount.

## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS SHERMAN DIVISION

CECUDIFIED AND EXCULANCE

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE	§	
COMMISSION	§	
Plaintiff,	§	
	§	
	§	
V.	§	Case 04:17-CV-00336-ALM
	§	
THURMAN P. BRYANT, III and	§	
BRYANT UNITED CAPITAL FUNDING,	§	
INC., ARTHUR F. WAMMEL, WAMMEL	§	
GROUP, LLC, CARLOS GOODSPEED	§	
a/k/a SEAN PHILLIPS a/k/a GC d/b/a TOP	§	
AGENT ENTERTAINMENT d/b/a/ MR.	§	
TOP AGENT ENTERTAINMENT,	§	
	§	
Defendants,	§	
	§	
and	§	
	§	
THURMAN P. BRYANT, JR.,	§	
	§	
Relief Defendant.	§	

# ORDER APPROVING NINTH INTERIM FEE APPLICATION FOR ALLOWANCE OF FEES AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES

On this date, the Court considered the Receiver's *Ninth Interim Fee Application for Allowance of Fees and Reimbursement of Expenses* (the "Ninth Interim Fee Application"). The Court, having considering the relief requested in the Ninth Interim Fee Application, the invoices submitted in support, and the Certification included therein, finds that proper and adequate notice of the Ninth Interim Fee Application has been given and that no other or further notice is necessary and that the Application Period Professional Fees, totaling \$80,312.07 (the

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All capitalized terms not defined herein shall be given the meanings ascribed to them in the Ninth Interim Fee Application.

"Fees and Expenses"), are reasonable and appropriate for the work performed and the expenses incurred.

The Court further finds that during the time period covered by the Ninth Interim Fee Application, the time spent, services performed, hourly rates charged, and expenses incurred by the Receiver and her retained professionals, Thompson & Knight LLP and Veritas Advisory Group, Inc., were reasonable and necessary for the Receiver to perform her Court-ordered duties.

Therefore, the Court is of the opinion that the relief requested in the Ninth Interim Fee Application should be **GRANTED**.

## IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED THAT:

- The Fees and Expenses, totaling \$80,312.07, are approved, on an interim basis (the "Approved Fees and Expenses").
- The Court authorizes immediate payment of \$57,050.00 of the total professional fees and expenses outstanding in this matter.
- The Receiver shall apply to the Court for permission to pay any remaining portion of
  the Approved Fees and Expenses at such time as the Receiver, in her discretion,
  believes there to be sufficient funds in the Receivership Estate to pay the requested
  portion of the remaining Approved Fees and Expenses.

IT IS SO ORDERED.