#### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE	§	
COMMISSION,	§	
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Plaintiff,	§	
	§	
V.	§	CIVIL ACTION NO. 3-09-CV-0298-N
	§	
STANFORD INTERNATIONAL	§	
BANK, LTD., et al.,	§	
	§	
Defendants.	§	

## APPENDIX IN SUPPORT OF EXAMINER'S AND OSIC'S RESPONSE IN OPPOSITION TO THE RECEIVER'S APPLICATION FOR SUPPLEMENTAL AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL FEES AND EXPENSES

John J. Little, Examiner, respectfully submits his Appendix in Support of the Examiner's Motion for Approval of his Forty-Fifth Interim Application for Payment of Attorney's Fees and Expenses and Brief in Support. Included in this Appendix are the following:

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Billing Instructions for Receivers in Civil Actions Commenced by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (October 1, 2008) November 8, 2024

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COURT-APPOINTED EXAMINER and CHAIR, OFFICIAL STANFORD INVESTORS COMMITTEE

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

On November 8, 2024, I electronically submitted the foregoing document with the clerk of the court of the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas, using the electronic case filing system of the court. I hereby certify that I have served all counsel and/or pro se parties of record electronically or by another manner authorized by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5(b)(2).

I further certify that on November 8, 2024, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing document via United States Postal Certified Mail, Return Receipt required to the persons noticed below who are non-CM/ECF participants:

R. Allen Stanford, Pro Se Inmate #35017183 Coleman II USP Post Office Box 1034 Coleman, FL 33521 Certified Mail Return Receipt Req.

/s/ John J. Little

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## **Exhibit A**

Declaration of John J. Little

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#### **DECLARATION OF JOHN J. LITTLE**

- 1. My name is John J. Little, and I have been appointed the Examiner in the above-captioned case. I have also served as the Chair of the Official Stanford Investors Committee ("OSIC") since its formation in August 2010. *See* ECF No. 1149.
- 2. I make this declaration in support of the Examiner's and OSIC's Response in Opposition to the Receiver's Application for Supplemental Award of Professional Fees and Expenses. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein and know those facts to be true and correct.
- 3. The U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission ("SEC") publishes billing guidelines for receivers in civil actions commenced by the SEC. Those billing guidelines are publicly available via the SEC's website. On November 6, 2024, I downloaded a copy of "Billing Instructions for Receivers in Civil Actions Commenced by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission," dated October 1, 2008, from this

link on the SEC's website: <a href="http://www.sec.gov/oiea/Article/billinginstructions.pdf">http://www.sec.gov/oiea/Article/billinginstructions.pdf</a>. A true and correct copy of these Billing Instructions is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

4. On October 4, 2024, I sent an email to the Receiver's counsel, Kevin Sadler and Scott Powers, at Baker Botts, requesting information concerning the total amounts paid to the various firms addressed in the Receiver's Application for Supplemental Award of Professional Fees and Expenses (the "Application"). On that same date, Scott Powers sent me a rather voluminous Excel spreadsheet detailing the amounts paid by the Receiver to each professional firm (or individual) over the life of the Receivership. From that spreadsheet, I extracted the following information concerning the nine (9) professional firms that have been paid the most money for fees and expenses over the life of the Receivership:

Baker Botts	\$100,999,806.39
FTI	\$ 39,168,011.56
Ernst & Young	\$ 7,633,754.04
Thompson Knight	\$ 3,475,917.11
BDO	\$ 7,115,447.78
Fin. Indus. Tech. Serv.	\$ 2,225,056.40
Krage & Janvey	\$ 4,546,575.27
Gilardi	\$ 6,164,265.04
Osler Hoskins & Harcourt	\$ 1,409,381.44
TOTAL	\$172,738,215.03

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- 5. I have reviewed each of the Receiver's 81 fee applications filed in this matter and have tracked the amounts billed by the Receiver and his professionals. In particular, I have tracked the amounts billed by Baker Botts to the various billing matters it has established relating to its representation of the Receiver. Baker Botts has established approximately 70 separate billing matters, with two of those billing matters have several separate sub-matters.
- 6. Based upon my tracking of the amounts billed by Baker Botts, I have calculated the fees and expenses (before application of the holdback) as to certain matters, as set forth below:

Matter	Matter No.	Fees	Expenses	Total
Investor Committee	.0139 General	\$2,236,953.20	\$79,092.19	\$2,316,045.39
Investor Committee	.0139 Task 100 <sup>1</sup>	\$695,953.20	\$42,906.91	\$738,434.91
Investor Committee	.0139 Task 200	\$531,050.60	\$223,702.69	\$754,752.39
Investor Committee	.0139 Task 300	\$14,983,907.82	\$3,758,517.13	\$18,742,424.95
Broker Litigation	.0126	\$14,443,863.90	\$1,200,928.04	\$15,644,841.74
GMAG <sup>2</sup>	.0168	\$8,005,095.00	\$512,375.69	\$8,517,470.69
Claims and Distrib.	.0129 .0152 .0153	\$7,078,212.30	\$16,605.77	\$7,094,818.07

Task 100 refers to the lawsuits against law firms. Task 200 refers to other lawsuits. Task 300 refers to the Bank lawsuit.

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The GMAG matters were further subdivided into separate tasks, but those divisions are not pertinent to the Court's resolution of the Application.

	.0154			
General	.0155	\$5,692,736.00	\$490,599.55	\$6,183,335.55
Receivership <sup>3</sup>				
Investor Litigation	.0127	\$4,796,868.60	\$163,841.67	\$4,960,710.27
Dillon Gage	.0136	\$3,137,652.10	\$205,009.14	\$3,342,661.24
Peter Romero	.0160	\$1,937,133.60	\$144,666.67	\$2,081,800.27
Mauricio Alvarado	.0147	\$1,888,266.60	\$88,850.08	
U of Miami	.0157	\$1,657,283.60	\$113,859.42	\$1,771,143.02
Patricia Maldonado	.0163	\$1,439,837.60	\$86,949.83	\$1,526,787.43
Libyan Investment	.0149	\$1,223,042.40	\$38,700.39	\$1,261,742.79
WMSL/Nanes	.0134	\$1,147,162.20	\$77,018.79	\$1,224,180.99

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- 7. The Receiver was never a party to OSIC's litigation against the Banks (TD Bank, SG Suisse, Trustmark, HSBC and Independent). The Receiver assigned his claims against SG Private Banking (Suisse) S.A. to OSIC on or about May 21, 2012. After OSIC was permitted to intervene in the Bank litigation, the Receiver assigned his claims against TD Bank, Independent Bank, Trustmark, and HSBC to OSIC on or about February 14, 2013.
- 8. As noted in the above chart, Baker Botts set up a separate billing submatter for OSIC's litigation with the Banks. That separate billing sub-matter first appeared in a Baker Botts invoice in March 2018. Its billings with respect to that sub-

<sup>3</sup> The General Receivership matter was only used in the Receiver's earliest fee applications.

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matter were relatively modest until January 2020, when Baker Botts increased its level of participation in that litigation.

- 9. Baker Botts helped to coordinate the efforts of OSIC's various law firms as the Bank litigation proceeded through summary judgment practice, extensive Daubert challenges, a remand to the Southern District of Texas, pre-trial proceedings, trial preparation and settlement efforts.
- 10. My tracking reflects that Baker Botts billed a total of \$14,983,907.82 in fees relating to the litigation with the Banks, and \$3,758,517.13 in expenses, for a total of \$18,742,424.95. Those numbers are before application of the holdback to those amounts. Those numbers suggest that approximately \$1.87 million has been held back from Baker Botts with respect to its work on the Bank litigation, but that is only an estimate. An accurate number will require understanding which expenses were subject to the holdback and which were not.
- 11. The Receiver played an important part in the prosecution of the Bank litigation, including by preparing for and giving a deposition, participating in trial preparation efforts and pretrial hearings, and participating in a mediation and in all settlement negotiations. I do not have sufficient information to identify the amounts the Receiver's firm billed for its work on the Bank litigation.
- 12. FTI also provided important support to OSIC in connection with the Bank litigation, primarily in the areas of data management and analysis. I have not been able to accurately segregate FTI's billings with respect to the Bank litigation.

- 13. The Receiver's forensic accounting expert, Karyl Van Tassel, also served as OSIC's forensic accounting expert in the Bank litigation, and played an important role in the results obtained in that litigation. I do not have sufficient information to identify the amounts Ms. Van Tassel billed with respect to her work in the Bank litigation.
- 14. I have also tracked the recoveries realized for the Receivership from litigation primarily prosecuted by OSIC. OSIC prosecuted a large number of fraudulent transfer actions and ultimately settled thirteen (13) of those actions for a total recovery of approximately \$11 million, as follows:

Defendant	Settlement Amount		
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Ben Barnes	\$2,750,000.004		
10-cv-0527			
Leland Stanford Mansion	\$ 400,000.00		
10-cv-1002			
Susan Stanford	\$1,813,643.15		
10-cv-2322			
Lena Stinson	\$ 75,000.00		
10-cv-2586			
Center for Strategic Int'l Studies	\$ 65,000.00		
11-cv-00292			
Cort & Cort	\$ 525,000.00		
11-cv-00298			
Castaneda	\$ 100,000.00		
11-cv-00299			
Lee Brown	\$ 200,000.00		
11-cv-00301			
Courtney Blackman	\$ 45,000.00		
11-cv-00302			
St. Jude	\$4,300,000.00		
11-cv-00303			
Le Bonheur	\$ 550,000.00		
11-cv-00303			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Ultimately, \$2,550,000 of this settlement amount was collected.

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Chamberlain Hrdlicka 11-cv-01025	\$ 250,000
Totals	\$11,073,643.15

15. OSIC also prosecuted a number of third-party actions against law firms, accountants, insurance brokers and others. Those actions were all resolved by settlements that recovered approximately \$400 million for the Receivership (before the payment of attorneys' fees and expenses), as follows:

Defendant	Settlement Amount
Kroll	\$ 24,000,000.00
(no action filed)	
BDO	\$ 40,000,000.00
11-cv-01115; 12-cv-01447	
Adams & Reece	\$ 1,000,000.00
11-cv 00329; 12-cv-00495	
Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson	\$ 1,725,498.49 <sup>5</sup>
11-cv 00329; 12-cv-00495	
Cordell Haymon	\$ 2,000,000.00
11-cv 00329; 12-cv-00495	
Lynnette Frazier	\$ 175,000.00
11-cv 00329; 12-cv-00495	
Michael Contorno	\$ 150,000.00
11-cv 00329; 12-cv-00495	
Antigua & Barbuda	\$ 5,500,000.00
13-cv-00760	
Chadbourne & Parke, LLP	\$ 35,000,000.00
09-cv-01600; 13-cv-00477	
Hunton & Williams, LLP	\$ 34,000,000.00
12-cv-04641	
Greenberg Traurig, LLP	\$ 65,000,000.00
12-cv-04641	
Proskauer Rose, LLP	\$ 63,000,000.00
09-cv-01600; 13-cv-00477	

The settlement amount includes a return of \$198,165.49 that was held in the defendant's escrow account.

Willis	\$120,000,000.00
09-cv-01247; 09-cv-01474; 13-cv-03980	
Bowen Miclitte & Britt	\$ 12,850,000.00
09-cv-01247; 09-cv-01474; 13-cv-03980	
Totals	\$404,403,165.49

- 16. The Receiver and certain of his professionals played limited roles in the prosecution and settlement of the above-listed actions. Most of Baker Botts' involvement related to the actions against Chadbourne Parke, LLP, Proskauer Rose, LLP, Greenberg Traurig, LLP, and Hunton & Williams, LLP, where, among other things, Baker Botts served as settlement counsel with respect to the settlements with Proskauer Rose, LLP and Greenberg Traurig, LLP. The Receiver sat for depositions in certain of the actions, Ms. Van Tassel served as OSIC's forensic expert in certain of the actions, and FTI assisted with data storage and analysis in certain of the actions.
- 17. As Examiner, I have filed 45 fee applications two date. My fee applications have been subject to a Court-imposed holdback on two occasions. My 2<sup>nd</sup> fee application was subject to a 15% holdback, which totaled \$35,888.78. ECF No. 994. The Examiner's 3<sup>rd</sup> fee application was subject to a 2% holdback, which totaled \$3,489.05. ECF No. 1069. The total amount held back from the Examiner's fee applications to date is \$39,377.83.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on November 8, 2024.

John J. Little

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#### **DECLARATION OF JOHN J. LITTLE**

## EXHIBIT 1

Billing Instructions for Receivers in Civil Actions Commenced By the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission October 1, 2008

#### BILLING INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECEIVERS IN CIVIL ACTIONS COMMENCED BY THE U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Except where inconsistent with guidelines established by the applicable district or circuit court, the undersigned hereby represents that, if appointed receiver in a civil action commenced by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC" or the "Commission"), each application for professional fees and expenses (the "Application") submitted by the receiver, including all contractors and/or professionals retained by the receiver, will comply with these billing instructions (the "Billing Instructions"). Undersigned further represents that any deviation from the Billing Instructions will be described in writing and submitted to the SEC at least 30 days prior to the filing of the Application with the Receivership Court. Following its receipt and review of proposed applications, as described in section A.2 below, the SEC may object to deviations and charges with which it does not agree.

Undersigned acknowledges that all applications for compensation are interim and are subject to a cost benefit review and final review at the close of the receivership. At the close of the receivership, the receiver will file a final fee application, describing in detail the costs and benefits associated with all litigation and other actions pursued by the receiver during the course of the receivership.

Undersigned acknowledges that, to the extent requested by the SEC, interim fee applications 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 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.

#### A. CERTIFICATION

- 1. Each Application must contain a Certification by the Applicant that:
  - (a) the Certifying Professional has read the Application;
  - (b) to the best of the Applicant's knowledge, information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, the Application and all fees and expenses therein are true and accurate and comply with the Billing Instructions (with any exceptions specifically noted in the Certification and described in the Application);
  - (c) all fees contained in the Application are based on the rates listed in the Applicant's fee schedule attached hereto and such fees are reasonable, necessary and commensurate with the skill and experience required for the activity performed;
  - (d) 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,
  - (e) 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. If such services are performed by the receiver, the receiver will certify that it is not making a profit on such reimbursable service.
- 2. At least 30 days prior to the filing of the Application with the Court, the Applicant will provide to SEC Counsel a complete copy of the proposed Application, together with all exhibits and relevant billing information in a format to be provided by SEC staff.

#### B. <u>ATTENDANCE AT HEARING ON APPLICATION</u>

The Receiver or other Certifying Professional shall be present at any hearing to

consider the Application.

#### C. <u>CONTENT OF APPLICATION</u>

The following information must be provided in the Application:

- 1. <u>Information about the Applicant and the Application.</u>
  - (a) the time period covered by the Application;
  - (b) the date the receiver was appointed, the date of the order approving employment of the Applicant, and the date services commenced;
  - (c) the names and hourly rates of all Applicant's professionals and paraprofessionals (the "Fee Schedule"); and,
  - (d) whether the Application is interim or final, and the dates of previous orders on interim Applications along with amounts requested and the amounts allowed or disallowed, all amounts of previous payments, and amount of any allowed Applications which remain unpaid.

#### 2. <u>Case Status</u> (Narrative).

- (a) The amount of cash on hand, the amount and nature of accrued administrative expenses, and the amount of unencumbered funds in the estate;
- (b) Summary of the administration of the case, including all funds received and disbursed, and when the case is expected to close;
- (c) Summary of creditor claims proceedings, including a description of established or anticipated procedures for: (i) providing notice to known and unknown claimants; (ii) receipt and review of claims; (iii) making recommendations to court for payment or denial of claims; and, (iv) final disposition of claims. This summary should also include the status of such claims proceedings after they have been commenced;
- (d) Description of assets in the receivership estate, including approximate or actual valuations, anticipated or proposed dispositions, and reasons for retaining assets where no disposition is intended; and,

(e) Description of liquidated and unliquidated claims held by the receiver, including the need for forensic and/or investigatory resources; approximate valuations of claims; and anticipated or proposed methods of enforcing such claims (including likelihood of success in: (i) reducing the claims to judgment; and, (ii) collecting such judgments).

#### 3. <u>Current and Previous Billings.</u>

- (a) Total compensation and expenses requested and any amount(s) previously requested;
- (b) Total compensation and expenses previously awarded by the court; and,
- (c) Total hours billed and total amount of billing for each person who billed time during the period for which fees are requested.
- 4. <u>Standardized Fund Accounting Report.</u>

The SEC's Standardized Fund Accounting Report ("SFAR") submitted by the Receiver for the most recent quarter shall be attached to any fee application as "Exhibit A".

#### D. <u>TIME RECORDS REQUIRED TO SUPPORT FEE APPLICATIONS</u>

- 1. Each professional and paraprofessional must record time in increments of tenths of an hour, and must keep contemporaneous time records on a daily basis.
- 2. Time records must set forth in reasonable detail an appropriate narrative description of the services rendered. Without limiting the foregoing, the description should include indications of the participants in, as well as the scope, identification and purpose of the activity that is reasonable in the circumstances.
- 3. The Application should separately describe each business enterprise or litigation matter (i.e., "Project") for which outside professionals have been employed. For example, separate litigation matters should be set out individually in the Application as

individual Projects and each such Project should contain Activity Categories as described in Sections D.4 and D.5 below. Each Project Category should contain a narrative summary of the following information:

- (a) a description of the project, its necessity and benefit to the estate and the status of the project including pending litigation for which compensation and/or reimbursement of expenses is requested;
- (b) identification of each person providing services on the project; and
- (c) a statement of the number of hours spent and the amount of compensation requested by professionals and paraprofessionals on the project.
- 4. In recording time, each professional and paraprofessional may, subject to Section D.5 immediately below, describe in one entry the nature of the services rendered during that day and the aggregate time expended for that day in an "Activity Category" (as described in section D.5.a and D.5.b, below) without delineating the actual time spent on each discrete activity in an Activity Category, provided, however, single time entries of more than one hour in an Activity Category that include two or more activities must include a notation of the approximate time spent on each activity within the Activity Category.
- 5. Time records shall be in chronological order by Activity Category.

  Only one category should be used for any given activity and professionals and paraprofessionals should make their best effort to be consistent in their use of categories. This applies both within and across firms. Thus, it may be appropriate for all professionals to discuss the categories in advance and agree generally on how activities will be categorized. Every effort should be made to use the listed categories in the first instance and to coordinate the use of additional categories with other professionals in the case. Notwithstanding the above, all categories must correspond with the SEC's SFAR. The

time information reflected on the Application shall also be supplied to the SEC Counsel in an electronic format as directed by SEC staff.

(a) <u>Legal Activities.</u> The following categories are generally more applicable to attorneys but may be used by all professionals where appropriate.

**ASSET ANALYSIS AND RECOVERY.** Identification and review of potential assets including causes of action and non-litigation recoveries.

**ASSET DISPOSITION.** Sales, leases, abandonment and related transaction work. Where extended series of sales or other disposition of assets is contemplated, a separate category should be established for each major transaction.

**BUSINESS OPERATIONS.** Issues related to operation of an ongoing business.

**CASE ADMINISTRATION.** Coordination and compliance activities, including preparation of reports to the court, investor inquiries, etc.

**CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION AND OBJECTIONS.** Expenses in formulating, gaining approval of and administering any claims procedure.

**EMPLOYEE BENEFITS/PENSIONS.** Review issues such as severance, retention, 401K coverage and continuance of pension plan.

(b) <u>Financial Activities.</u> The following categories are generally more applicable to accountants and financial advisors, but may be used by all professionals where appropriate.

**ACCOUNTING/AUDITING.** Activities related to maintaining and auditing books of account, preparation of financial statements and account analysis.

**BUSINESS ANALYSIS.** Preparation and review of company business plan; development and review of strategies; preparation and review of cash flow forecasts and feasibility studies.

**CORPORATE FINANCE.** Review financial aspects of potential mergers, acquisitions and disposition of company or subsidiaries.

DATA ANALYSIS. Management information systems review, installation and

analysis, construction, maintenance and reporting of significant case financial data, lease rejection, claims, etc.

**STATUS REPORTS.** Preparation and review of periodic reports as may be required by the court.

**LITIGATION CONSULTING.** Providing consulting and expert witness services relating to forensic accounting; etc.

**FORENSIC ACCOUNTING.** Reconstructing books and records from past transactions and bringing accounting current; tracing and sourcing assets.

**TAX ISSUES.** Analysis of tax issues and preparation of state and federal tax returns.

**VALUATION.** Appraise or review appraisals of assets.

#### E. PAYMENT OF FEES AND EXPENSES

- 1. Presentation of Fees and Expenses in Application.
  - (a) All fees and expenses must be necessary and reasonable; excessive charges will not be paid. To the extent that an Applicant seeks reimbursement of expenses, the Application shall include a categorization of such expenses along with an exhibit summarizing the total expenses for the period covered by the Application.
  - (b) Charges for litigation will be paid only if the litigation is reasonably likely to produce a net economic benefit to the estate. With respect to each litigation matter, the Applicant shall certify that the Applicant determined that the action was likely to produce a net economic benefit to the estate, based on reviews of: (i) the legal theories upon which the action was based, including issues of standing; (ii) the likelihood of collection on any judgment which might be obtained; and, (iii) alternative methods of seeking the relief, such as the retention of counsel on a contingency basis. Retention of counsel on a contingency fee basis should be pursued where the Receiver (after consulting with SEC Counsel) concludes that retention of counsel under the approved fee schedule would produce a lesser economic benefit to the receivership estate. The receiver should memorialize these costbenefit analyses, through communications with the receiver's counsel, as support for the engagement of such counsel.
  - (c) Invoices and/or bills for each expense item for which reimbursement

is sought must be kept for seven (7) years after the close of the receivership. Such support shall be provided on request to the court and the SEC, and in appropriate circumstances to any party in interest provided that, where applicable, privilege or confidentiality can be preserved.

- (d) Time spent preparing fee applications, or any documentation in support thereof, may not be charged to the receivership estate.
- 2. <u>Allowable and Non-Allowable Reimbursable Expenses.</u>
  - (a) Filing Fees Process Service Fees, Witness Fees and Expert Witness Fees.

Filing fees (including for necessary adversaries), process service fees, witness fees, and expert witness fees (subject to court approval of the employment of any professionals and the reasonableness of such fees) shall be allowable to the extent of the actual cost incurred by the Applicant.

#### (b) <u>Court Reporter Fees and Transcripts.</u>

Court reporter fees and copies of transcripts shall be allowable to the extent of the actual cost incurred by the Applicant.

#### (c) <u>Lien and Title Searches</u>.

The cost for lien and title searches (whether done in-house or by an outside vendor) is allowable to the extent of the actual cost incurred by, or invoiced to, the Applicant.

#### (d) Photocopying.

Photocopying shall be allowable at a cost not to exceed \$.15 per page. The Applicant shall set forth in its fee application the total number of copies. Outside vendor photocopying charges are allowable at the actual cost invoiced to the Applicant.

Necessary copies obtained from the Clerk of the Court (including certified copies) or from the approved court copy service will be permitted at the actual cost incurred by the Applicant.

The Applicant shall not reflect on the Application any copies for which the Applicant has been, or expects to be, reimbursed (eg., payment from an opposing party for document production from which the Applicant has been reimbursed).

#### (e) Postage, Overnight Delivered Courier/Messenger Services.

The cost of postage, overnight delivery, and outside courier/messenger services are reimbursable for the actual cost incurred, if reasonably incurred. Charges should be minimized whenever possible. For example, couriers/messengers and overnight delivery service should be used only when first-class mail is impracticable.

#### (f) <u>Telephone</u>.

Long distance telephone charges are allowable to the Applicant for the actual cost invoiced from the telephone carrier. Charges for local telephone exchange service and cellular telephone service shall not be reimbursable.

#### (g) Facsimile Transmission.

A charge for outgoing facsimile transmission to long distance telephone numbers are reimbursable at the lower of (a) toll charges or (b) if such amount is not readily determinable, \$1.00 per page for domestic and \$2.00 per page for international transmissions. Charges for in-coming facsimiles are not reimbursable. The Application shall state the total number of pages of the outgoing transmissions.

#### (h) <u>Computerized Research.</u>

Computerized legal research services such as Lexis and Westlaw are reimbursable to the extent of the invoiced cost from the vendor, however if such service is provided on a monthly or other periodic rate, proportional usage shall not be reimbursable.

#### (i) Parking.

Reimbursement for parking is allowable, including parking by a professional to attend court proceedings, depositions or case conferences, parking at the airport, and client and third party parking (including validation).

#### (j) Travel Expenses and Meals.

Local travel time and related expenses for destinations within a twenty (20) mile radius of the Applicant's office including mileage, taxis, etc. and meals (including staff meals) will not be reimbursed. Mileage charges for out-of-town travel (outside a twenty (20) mile radius of the Applicant's office) with one's own car are reimbursable at the lesser of the amount customarily charged clients or the amount allowed by the Internal Revenue Service for per mile deductions. For purposes of the foregoing, the Applicant's office shall be the office in which the person incurring the travel expense is located.

Long distance travel time outside a twenty (20) mile radius of the Applicant's office is reimbursable at 50% of the Applicant's regular billing rate. The reimbursement of long distance travel expenses is subject to the following limitations: (1) the Applicant shall seek and use the lowest airfare or train fare available to Applicant; (2) luxury accommodations and deluxe meals are not reimbursable; (3) personal, incidental charges such as telephone and laundry are not reimbursable unless necessary as a result of a reasonably unforeseen extended stay not due to the fault of the traveler; and (4) each out-of-pocket travel and allowable miscellaneous administrative expense exceeding \$75 requires a receipt that is to be attached to the invoice.

(k) <u>Word Processing, Document Preparation, Data Processing, Proofreading, Secretarial and Other Staff Services.</u>

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Secretarial, library, word processing, document preparation (other than by professionals or paraprofessionals), data processing, and other staff services (exclusive of paraprofessional services), including overtime for the foregoing, are not reimbursable. Charges for proofreading for typographical or similar errors are not reimbursable whether the services are performed by a paralegal, secretary, or temporary staff.

#### (l) <u>Communications with Investors.</u>

Where appropriate, the estate should promptly create a website, and update the website as appropriate, to provide information as to the activities and condition of the estate to investors. In addition, any necessary basic communications with investors should be handled by clerical or paralegal staff (or comparatively paid staff) to the extent possible. Expenses stemming from a failure to comply with this policy will not be submitted.

Candidate for Appointment as Receiver in Civil Action Commenced by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

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## EXHIBIT A

RECEIVER NAME ADDRESS CONTACT NUMBER

# STANDARDIZED FUND ACCOUNTING REPORT

CIVIL - RECEIVERSHIP FUND

FUND NAME CIVIL COURT DOCKET No.

REPORTING PERIOD MM/DD/YYYY TO MM/DD/YYYY

OR

FINAL REPORT DATED MM/DD/YYYY

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#### REPORT INSTRUCTIONS

The Standardized Fund Accounting Report (SFAR) should be prepared for the reporting period on a cash basis which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. In cash basis accounting, revenues are recorded only when cash is received and expenses are recorded only when cash is paid. Cash basis accounting does not recognize promises to pay or expectations to receive money or services in the future. For all income and expenses, provide documentation evidencing the income received or expense incurred. Business income or assets that are not cash should be reported in the notes with documentation of their current fair market value. For cash and cash equivalents, provide the latest bank and/or investment records to the SEC. Do not file any of the above documentation with the court unless ordered.

- Line 1 Beginning Balance: Balance of the Fund at the beginning of the reporting period. The beginning balance may not necessarily include all amounts received in the Fund since inception unless this is the first SFAR filed.
- Line 2 Business Income: Amounts received by the Fund from operational income of the business assets, or other business sources.
- Line 3 Cash and Cash Equivalents: Include the value of bank and/or brokerage/security accounts as of the reporting period end date. Cash includes coins, currency, checks, money orders, and funds on deposit with a financial institution. Securities include U.S. government securities, municipal securities, corporate stocks, corporate bonds, and securitized debt instruments.
- **Line 4 Interest/Dividend Income:** Interest and/or dividends earned by the Fund from investments and other personal assets during the reporting period.
- Line 5 Business Asset Liquidation: Amounts received by the Fund as a result of selling or disposing of the assets of the business in receivership. This is separate from the income generated by the asset and reported in Line 2.
- Line 6 Personal Asset Liquidation: Amounts received by the Fund as a result of selling or disposing of the personal assets of individuals.
- Line 7 Third-Party Litigation Income: Amounts received by the Fund pursuant to third-party litigation. This should not be included in the income reported in Line 2.
- Line 8 Miscellaneous Other: Amounts received from, an identified payor.
- **Line 9 Disbursements to Investors:** Amounts distributed from the Fund to harmed investors/claimants.

#### Line 10 – Disbursements for Receivership Operations:

Line 10a – Disbursements to Receiver or Other Professionals: Amounts paid from the Fund (both fees and costs, including travel) for Receiver services and contractual services by accountants, bookkeepers, stock brokers, realty brokers, appraisers, agents, trustees, investigators, not related to expenses under Line 10b.

Line 10b – Business Asset and Operating Expenses: Amounts paid from the Fund for the business property assets' maintenance and business operating expenses, taxes,

professional fees, liquidation expenses, administrative services, appraisals and valuation expenses, payment to participant, moving/storage, office furniture and equipment, delivery services, resident agent, copying costs, asset protection costs, etc. These expenses are separate and distinct from those in Line 10a.

Line 10c - Personal Asset Expenses: Amounts paid from the Fund for the personal property assets' maintenance and operating expenses, taxes, professional fees, liquidation expenses, administrative services, appraisals and valuation costs, payment to participant, moving/storage, office furniture and equipment, delivery services, resident agent, copying costs, asset protection costs, etc. These expenses are separate and distinct from those in Line 10a.

Line 10d - Investment Expenses: Amounts paid from the Fund for banking fees, Court Registry Investment System (CRIS) fees, mandated or economically necessary continuing investments, and other investment related costs.

Line 10e - Third-Party Litigation Expenses: Amounts paid from the Fund for attorney fees related to receivership operations and litigation expenses to recover assets to the receivership estate, including outside counsel fees and costs, travel costs, investigative services, filing fees, process servers, court reporters for depositions, etc.

Line 10f - Tax Administrator Fees and Bonds: Amounts paid to the Fund's tax administrator for services and/or fiduciary bonds.

Line 10g - Federal and State Tax Expenses: Amounts paid in federal and state taxes.

Line 11 - Disbursements for Distribution Expenses Paid by the Fund: This line reflects amounts paid from the Fund to administer the plan and should not include amounts reported per Line 14 below. For any disbursement claimed, you must provide the documentation evidencing the expense.

11a – Distribution Plan Development Expenses: All expenses related to the development of a plan of distribution which precede the order approving such plan. Include in Administrative Expenses items such as information technology services, mailing, postage, photocopying, etc.

11b - Distribution Plan Implementation Expenses: All expenses related to the implementation of a plan of distribution which occur following the order approving such plan. Include in Administrative Expenses items such as information technology services, mailing, postage, photocopying, etc.

Line 12 - Disbursements to Court/Other: Amounts paid from the Fund for 12a - Court Registry Investment System (CRIS) or other banking fees related to the Fund. 12b - federal income taxes.

Line 13 - Ending Balance: Compute as Total Funds Available less Total Funds Disbursed.

Line 14 - Ending Balance of Fund - Net Assets: Describe the structure of the Fund's ending balance (basis of the Fund's net assets):

14a - Cash & Cash Equivalents: Amount of the Fund consisting of cash and currency.

14b - Investments: Amount of the Fund that is invested.

14c - Other Assets or Uncleared Funds: Amount of other assets or funds that have not cleared a financial institution.

#### OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Line 15 - Disbursements for Plan Administration Expenses Not Paid by the Fund: This line reflects amounts paid by the defendant or other party to administer the plan and should not include amounts paid from the Fund assets as reported in Line 11.

- 15a Plan Development Expenses Not Paid by the Fund: All expenses related to the development of a plan of distribution which precede the order approving such plan. Include in Administrative Expenses items such as information technology services, mailing, postage, photocopying, etc.
- 15b Plan Implementation Expenses Not Paid by the Fund: All expenses related to the implementation of a plan of distribution which occur following the order approving such plan. Include in Administrative Expenses items such as information technology services, mailing, postage, photocopying, etc.
- 15c Tax Administrator Fees & Bonds Not Paid by the Fund: Amounts paid to the Fund's tax administrator for services and/or fiduciary bonds.
- Line 16 Disbursements to Court/Other Not Paid by the Fund: Amounts not paid from the Fund for
  - 16a Court Registry Investment System (CRIS) or other banking fees related to the Fund. 16b – federal income taxes.
- Line 17 DC & State Tax Payments: Taxes paid by a third party which are paid to the DC government or state tax authority.
- Line 18 No. of Claims: This should reflect

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- 18a the number of claims received from investors during this reporting period.
  18b the number of claims received from investors as a result of all orders since the inception of the Fund.
- Line 19 No. of Claimants/Investors: This should reflect
  - 19a the number of claimants/investors receiving distributions during this reporting period.

    19b the number of claimant/investors receiving distributions pursuant to all orders of distribution since the inception of the Fund.

### STANDARDIZED FUND ACCOUNTING REPORT for {Name of Fund} - Cash Basis Receivership; Civil Court Docket No. Reporting Period MM/DD/YYYY to MM/DD/YYYY or Final Report Dated MM/DD/YYYY

		Detail	Subtotal	Grand Total
ine 1	Beginning Balance (As of MM/DD/YYYY):			
	Increases in Fund Balance:			
ine 2	Business Income			
	Cash and Securities			
	Interest/Dividend Income			
	Business Asset Liquidation			
	Personal Asset Liquidation Third-Party Litigation Income			
	Miscellaneous - Other			
	Total Funds Available (Lines 1 – 8):			
	Decreases in Fund Balance:			
ine 9	Disbursements to Investors			
Line 10	Disbursements for Receivership Operations			
	Disbursements to Receiver or Other Professionals			
	Business Asset Expenses			
	Personal Asset Expenses Investment Expenses			•
	Third-Party Litigation Expenses			
	1. Attorney Fees	,		
	2. Litigation Expenses			
	Total Third-Party Litigation Expenses			
	Tax Administrator Fees and Bonds Federal and State Tax Payments			
Line rog	Total Disbursements for Receivership Operations			
Line 11	Disbursements for Distribution Expenses Paid by t	ne Fund:	i	
Line 11a		,		
	1. Fees:			
	Fund Administrator			
	Independent Distribution Consultant (IDC)			
	Distribution Agent Consultants			
	Legal Advisers.			
	Tax Advisers			
	2. Administrative Expenses			
	3. Miscellaneous			
	Total Plan Development Expenses			
Line 11b	Distribution Plan Implementation Expenses: 1. Fees:			
	Fund Administrator			
	IDC			
	Distribution Agent			
	Consultants			
	Legal Advisers			
	2. Administrative Expenses			
	3. Investor Identification:			
	Notice/Publishing Approved Plan			
	Claimant Identification	•		
	Claims Processing  Web Site Maintenance/Call Center			
	4. Fund Administrator Bond			
	5. Miscellaneous			
	6. Federal Account for Investor Restitution			
	(FAIR) Reporting Expenses			
	Total Plan Implementation Expenses  Total Disbursements for Distribution Expenses P	aid by the Errad		
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Line 12b				
	Total Disbursements to Court/Other:			
	Total Funds Disbursed (Lines 9 — 11):			
Line 13	Ending Balance (As of MM/DD/YYYY):			

## STANDARDIZED FUND ACCOUNTING REPORT for {Name of Fund} - Cash Basis Receivership; Civil Court Docket No.

Reporting Period MM/DD/YYYY to MM/DD/YYYY or Final Report Dated MM/DD/YYYY

	Ending Balance of Fund – Net Assets:			
Line 14a	Cash & Cash Equivalents			
Line 14b	Investments			
Line 14c	Other Assets or Uncleared Funds			
	Total Ending Balance of Fund – Net Assets			
OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:				
		Detail	Subtotal	Grand Total
	Report of Items NOT To Be Paid by the Fund:		Ð	
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Line 15 Line 15a	Disbursements for Plan Administration Expenses N Plan Development Expenses Not Paid by the Fund.		nu:   ·	
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	Fund Administrator			
	IDC			
	Distribution Agent			
	Consultants			
	Legal Advisers			
	Tax Advisers			
	Administrative Expenses			
	3. Miscellaneous			
	Total Plan Development Expenses Not Paid by the	r-und		
Line 15b	Plan Implementation Expenses Not Paid by the Fu	nd:		
	1. Fees:			
	Fund Administrator			
	IDC			
	Distribution Agent			
	Consultants			
	Legal Advisers			]
	2. Administrative Expenses			
l	3. Investor Identification:			
•	Notice/Publishing Approved Plan			
	Claimant Identification			
	Claims Processing			
ŀ	Web Site Maintenance/Call Center			
	4. Fund Administrator Bond			
	5. Miscellaneous			
	6. FAIR Reporting Expenses			
Line 15c	Total Plan Implementation Expenses Not Paid by the		······································	
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	Total Disbursements to Court/Other Not Paid by t	ne Funa;		
Line 17	DC & State Tax Payments			
Line 18	No. of Claims:			
Line 18a				
Line 18b				
Line 19	No. of Claimants/Investors:			
Line 19a	# of Claimants/Investors Paid This Reporting Perio	d		
Line 19b	# of Claimants/Investors Paid Since Inception of Fu	ınd	·····	
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