# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

A & G GOLDMAN PARTNERSHIP and PAMELA GOLDMAN,

Defendants-Appellants,

v.

IRVING H. PICARD, Trustee for the Liquidation of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC,

and

CAPITAL GROWTH COMPANY; DECISIONS, INC.; FAVORITE FUNDS; JA PRIMARY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP; JA SPECIAL LIMITED PARTNERSHIP; JAB PARTNERSHIP; JEMW PARTNERSHIP; JF PARTNERSHIP; JFM INVESTMENT COMPANIES; JLN PARTNERSHIP; JMP LIMITED PARTNERSHIP; JEFFRY M. PICOWER SPECIAL COMPANY; JEFFRY M. PICOWER, P.C.; THE PICOWER FOUNDATION; THE PICOWER INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL RESEARCH; THE TRUST F/B/O GABRIELLE H. PICOWER; BARBARA PICOWER, individually and as Executor of the Estate of Jeffry M. Picower, and as Trustee for the Picower Foundation and for the Trust f/b/o Gabriel H. Picower,

Plaintiffs-Appellees.

# MEMORANDUM OF LAW IN SUPPORT OF JOINT MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE BANKRUPTCY APPEALS

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The two above-captioned actions, 1:16-cv-2058-GHW and 1:16-cv-2065-GHW, are bankruptcy appeals arising from the same order of the bankruptcy court. *Picard v. A & G Goldman P'ship (In re Bernard L. Madoff)*, Adv. Pro No. 14-02407 (SMB), Adv Pro No. 14-02408 (SMB), 546 B.R. 284 (2016). The two adversary proceedings were consolidated below on December 23, 2014. *Picard v. A & G Goldman P'ship*, Adv. Pro. No. 14-02407 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.), ECF. No. 15, but the Bankruptcy Court's order was nevertheless entered on both dockets. As a result, two notices of appeal were filed with respect to the same order. Both bankruptcy appeals have been assigned to the Honorable Gregory H. Woods for all purposes. Order, ECF No. 15.

Accordingly, the parties jointly request that these cases be consolidated. As demonstrated by the fact that they were consolidated below and decided in a single order, the actions involve the exact same questions of law and fact, and therefore consolidation would avoid unnecessary cost, delay, and overlap in adjudication. Fed. R. Civ. P. 42(a). While these cases have already been deemed related, *see* Order dated April 18, 2016, ECF No. 16, the parties seek consolidation to allow for efficient resolution of the issues before this Court and prevent any future confusion. We add that the Securities Investor Protection Corporation has authorized us to represent that the Securities Investor Protection Corporation joins in this request.

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