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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION,

Plaintiff-Applicant,

v.

BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT SECURITIES LLC,

Defendant.

In re:

BERNARD L. MADOFF,

Debtor.

Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789 (SMB) **SIPA** Liquidation (Substantively Consolidated)

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TWENTY-THIRD APPLICATION OF WINDELS MARX LANE & MITTENDORF, LLP FOR ALLOWANCE OF INTERIM COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF ACTUAL AND NECESSARY **EXPENSES INCURRED FROM DECEMBER 1, 2016 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2017** AND REQUEST FOR PARTIAL RELEASE OF HOLDBACK

Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf, LLP ("Windels Marx" or the "Firm") as special counsel to Irving H. Picard as trustee (the "Trustee") for the substantively consolidated liquidation proceeding of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC ("BLMIS" or "Debtor"), and to Alan Nisselson as trustee (the "Chapter 7 Trustee") for the Chapter 7

estate of Bernard L. Madoff ("Madoff"), pursuant to the Orders of the Court dated July 16, 2009 [Docket No. 327] and November 23, 2011 [Docket No. 4547], respectfully submits this application (the "Twenty-Third Application") for an order pursuant to section 78eee(b)(5) of the Securities Investor Protection Act ("SIPA"), 15 U.S.C.§ 78eee(b)(5), sections 330 and 331 of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101 et. seq. (the "Bankruptcy Code"), and Rule 2016(a) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), allowing and awarding interim compensation for services performed by Windels Marx for the period commencing December 1, 2016 through and including March 31, 2017 (the "Compensation Period") in the amount of \$2,490,019.00 of which 80%, or \$1,992,015.20 is to be paid currently and 20%, or \$498,003.80, is to be deferred through the conclusion of the liquidation proceeding or further order of the Court, and reimbursement of Windels Marx's actual and necessary expenses incurred during the Twenty-Third Compensation Period in the amount of \$32,148.05, plus release of \$1,986,892.95 from the "holdback" accrued in connection with the Firm's First through Twenty-Third Applications, and in support thereof, respectfully represents as follows:

I. PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

- 1. During this Twenty-Third Compensation Period, Windels Marx continued to assist the Trustee and his counsel, Baker & Hostetler LLP ("Baker"), in their efforts to recover customer property for the victims of Madoff's fraud.
- 2. Among other things, Windels Marx spent significant time during the Compensation Period working with Baker on matters related to this Court's November 2016 Order regarding extraterritoriality and comity (the "ET Order") and the Trustee's appeal from same (the "ET Appeal"), including analyzing the implications of the ET Order

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and Judge Rakoff's ET-related decision, researching and drafting memoranda on numerous legal and factual issues, and drafting, coordinating the execution of, and filing settle orders, notices of appeal, and other appeal–related filings in connection with the numerous subsequent transferee cases affected by the ET Order for which Windels Marx has responsibility.

- 3. During the Compensation Period Windels Marx also spent time conducting legal and factual investigations and research, and editing and amending draft complaints, for Windels Marx's subsequent transferee cases which in part or in whole survived the ET Order, and working on legal and factual issues common to all Windels Marx and Baker subsequent transferee cases.
- 4. Windels Marx also spent time working on its nine remaining "Good Faith" adversary proceedings outstanding during the Compensation Period, including negotiating and documenting various settlements and potential settlements, conducting financial analyses as to specific defendants, engaging in discovery with respect to cases in active litigation, filing an amended complaint in one case, preparing a response to a motion to dismiss in another case, and performing factual and legal research in connection with a number of issues relevant to specific cases. Of these nine proceedings, during this period we settled one case in full and another case in part, for an aggregate settlement value of approximately \$2,650,000.
- 5. During the Compensation Period we also provided support to, and worked in coordination with, Baker on various matters, including (i) in on-going negotiations with counsel for Madoff family members and the defendants in Windels Marx's related actions against entities owned by Madoff family members, and (ii) by providing significant

discovery support for certain of Baker's avoidance actions to the extent Baker has a legal conflict.

6. The following discussion and the materials attached to this Twenty-Third Application cover the major categories of services for which allowance of compensation is sought.

II. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

The SIPA Liquidation

- 7. On December 11, 2008, the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") filed a complaint in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (the "District Court") against defendants Madoff and BLMIS (Case No. 08 CV 10791) (the "SEC Action"). The SEC complaint alleged that Madoff and BLMIS engaged in fraud through the investment advisor activities of BLMIS.
- 8. In the SEC Action, the SEC consented to a combination of its own action with an application of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation ("SIPC"). Thereafter, pursuant to section 78eee(a)(3) of the SIPA, SIPC filed an application in the District Court alleging, inter alia, that BLMIS was not able to meet its obligations to securities customers as they came due and, accordingly, its customers needed the protection afforded by SIPA.
- 9. On December 15, 2008, District Judge Stanton granted the SIPC application, which among other things:
 - appointed Irving H. Picard as the SIPA Trustee for the liquidation of the business of BLMIS pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 78eee(b)(3);
 - appointed Baker as counsel to the SIPA Trustee pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 78eee(b)(3); and
 - removed the liquidation proceeding (the "BLMIS Liquidation") to this Court pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 78eee(b)(4).

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The Bernard L. Madoff Chapter 7 Case

- 10. On April 13, 2009, Blumenthal & Associates Florida General Partnership, Martin Rappaport Charitable Remainder Unitrust, Martin Rappaport, Marc Cherno and Steven Morganstern (collectively, the "Petitioning Creditors"), through their attorneys, Milberg LLP, filed an involuntary petition for relief under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code against Madoff.
- 11. On April 16, 2009, the Petitioning Creditors filed a motion to appoint a trustee in Madoff's case, and on that same date, the Court entered an Order to Show Cause Why the Court Should Not Enter an Order Directing the United States Trustee to Appoint an Interim Trustee.
- 12. On April 20, 2009, the Court entered an Order directing the Office of the United States Trustee for the Southern District of New York (the "UST") to appoint an interim trustee to perform the duties of trustee as set forth in Bankruptcy Code §§ 701 and 704, pursuant to which the UST appointed Alan Nisselson as the Chapter 7 Trustee on April 21, 2009.
- 13. On April 24, 2009, the Court entered an Order authorizing and empowering the Chapter 7 Trustee to retain Windels Marx to represent him in the Madoff case, effective as of April 21, 2009.
- 14. On May 5, 2009, the SIPA Trustee and SIPC filed a joint motion for entry of an order pursuant to section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code substantively consolidating the Madoff estate into the BLMIS Liquidation (the "Substantive Consolidation Motion").
- 15. On June 9, 2009, after the Chapter 7 Trustee filed a Response to the Substantive Consolidation Motion, the Court entered a Consent Order ("Consent Order")

[Docket No. 252] which, among other things, approved the Substantive Consolidation Motion, nunc pro tunc to December 11, 2008.

- 16. On July 16, 2009, this Court entered an Order granting the Trustee's motion to retain Windels Marx as special counsel on behalf of the consolidated estate, *nunc pro tunc* as of June 9, 2009 [Docket No. 327], finding that Windels Marx is disinterested pursuant to section 78eee(b)(6) of SIPA, section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, and Bankruptcy Rule 2014(a) and is therefore in compliance with the disinterestedness requirement in section 78eee(b)(3) of SIPA, section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, and Bankruptcy Rule 2014(a).
- 17. On November 23, 2011, this Court entered an Order [Docket No. 4547] making certain provisions of this Court's Order Establishing Procedures Governing Interim Monthly Compensation of the Trustee and Baker & Hostetler LLP, amended and superseded in its entirety on June 1, 2011, applicable to Windels Marx, *nunc pro tunc* as of June 1, 2011.

III. SPECIAL COUNSEL'S EXPERIENCE

- 18. Windels Marx engages in the general practice of law, and has substantial expertise in such areas as bankruptcy, commercial litigation, securities, tax and corporate law.
- 19. In particular, the senior Windels Marx attorneys in charge of this matter specialize in advising Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 bankruptcy trustees in connection with complex bankruptcy litigation related to, among other things, asset analysis and recovery.

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IV. SUMMARY OF SERVICES

- 20. The services rendered by Windels Marx during the four-month Twenty-Third Compensation Period are described below. In rendering professional services to the Trustee and the Chapter 7 Trustee, Windels Marx's legal team has been composed of professionals with extensive experience in bankruptcy and complex commercial litigation, securities, tax, and corporate law.
- 21. Windels Marx professionals have worked closely with the Trustee, his counsel at Baker, and the Trustee's other retained professionals to coordinate their efforts in order to maximize efficiency and to avoid any duplication of effort.
- 22. This Twenty-Third Application is intended to serve as a summary description of the more significant services rendered by Windels Marx during the Twenty-Third Compensation Period. The following section provides an overview of those services, sorted by the matter and task codes used by Windels Marx for specific categories of work.
- 23. Matter Number 02 is the general matter number used for tasks that affect all proceedings commenced by Windels Marx on behalf of the Trustee, and task numbers have been assigned for specific categories of work to permit a more detailed analysis of the fees incurred.¹
- 24. Matter Numbers 03-23 relate to specific projects, adversary proceedings, or groups of adversary proceedings commenced, being handled, and/or being supervised by Windels Marx on behalf of the Trustee. Common tasks conducted by Windels Marx in these projects, adversary proceedings, or groups of adversary proceedings include the drafting of reports, analyses, and internal memoranda; the filing of papers and the

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¹ Matter 01 is reserved for certain non-billable time entries.

scheduling of matters with the Bankruptcy and/or District Courts; on-going coordination with Baker regarding investigation and litigation strategy; and/or discussions with opposing counsel regarding representation, service, and appearance issues, extensions of time to respond, adjournments of pre-trial conferences, discovery, and settlement. For the sake of brevity, the descriptions of specific projects, adversary proceedings, or groups of adversary proceedings in paragraphs 25 through 57 below will not repeat these common tasks, but will be limited to matter-specific tasks and case activity that occurred during the Compensation Period.

A. MADOFF GENERAL (MATTER 02)

Task Code 004: Case Administration (33.70 hours)

- 25. This category relates to various tasks across cases, including (i) research projects and memoranda of general applicability for use by Windels Marx and/or Baker, (ii) the on-going review and reporting internally and to SIPC and Baker on the status of cases and case-wide issues, (iii) the on-going review, organizing, and docketing of case-related information into Baker's and Windels Marx's central databases for use across all Windels Marx and Baker teams, (iv) coordinated tasks affecting or related to one or more Windels Marx and/or Baker cases, and (v) general administrative tasks.
- 26. Starting in December 2016, time entries previously included in Case Administration that related to global and case-wide matters affecting our subsequent transfer cases (including matters related to the ET Order and the ET Appeal) have been moved to new matter 23 below.
- 27. Time entries during this Compensation Period related to, among other things, work common to all subsequent transferee cases and subsequent transferee-related

projects performed at Baker's request, including (i) reviewing, analyzing, and working on multiple issues raised in connection with the ET Order and Judge Rakoff's ET-related decision and an appeal from same, including researching and drafting memoranda on numerous factual and legal matters and (ii) participating in and working on matters raised in team meetings led by Baker.

Task Code 007: Fee Application (58.30 hours)

28. This category relates to the Firm's preparation of Windels Marx's monthly billing statements to SIPC and the Trustee, as well as Windels Marx's Applications for Interim Compensation, and the time spent by attorneys and paraprofessionals in reviewing the Windels Marx billing statements before they are submitted to SIPC and the Trustee, to (i) ensure that time was properly billed, (ii) correct any errors in time entries, (iii) write off certain time and expenses as agreed to by Windels Marx for the benefit of SIPC, and (iv) respond to certain adjustments requested or questions raised by SIPC and/or the Trustee after their review of the monthly billing statements and draft fee application.

Task Code 020: Internal Office Meetings (8.00 hours)

29. This category covers internal Windels Marx strategy and case management sessions related to the Firm's pending adversary proceedings. Through these internal meetings and discussions, Windels Marx seeks to ensure the effective use of the time of all timekeepers working on matters, to avoid duplicative efforts, and to provide a consistent approach to the 24 adversary proceedings outstanding during this period, the coordinated cases discussed in Matter 20 below, and other case-related legal matters being handled by the Firm.

<u>Task Code 041: Discovery, Document Review, Document Production (95.80 hours)</u>

- 30. This category relates to discovery and related issues not specific to a Windels Marx case, such as document productions in response to third party subpoenas, productions of documents produced by parties with whom Baker has a conflict, confidentiality issues concerning these document productions, and other discovery-related work that is responsive to requests from Baker or applicable generally to Windels Marx's cases.
- 31. Time entries during this Compensation Period related to, among other things, (i) preparing bank subpoenas for Baker in Good Faith cases and handling related service issues, responses and objections, document productions, and bank invoices, (ii) working on written responses and a document production in response to a Department of Justice third-party subpoena issued to the Trustee in a Florida district court action in which one of Windels Marx's good faith defendants is a party, (iii) addressing issues related to obtaining discovery from foreign third-parties, including the documents produced by the party and efforts to collect fees and costs awarded by the Swiss courts, and (iv) participating in and following up on issues raised in meetings of Baker's Discovery Management Team (and sub-groups thereof) on general discovery protocols, strategies, and issues.

B. GOOD FAITH PROCEEDINGS (MATTER 07) (527.70 hours)

32. This category relates to 9 "Good Faith" adversary proceedings against BLMIS Investment Advisor net winner customers that were outstanding during this Compensation Period, seeking to recover approximately \$64.9 million in two-year fictitious profits paid out by BLMIS in the aggregate.

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- 33. In addition to the tasks outlined in ¶ 24, time entries during this Compensation Period included (i) drafting settlement-related memoranda and agreements, and working on potential settlements and settlement strategies and options as to multiple cases and defendants, (ii) finalizing and filing an amended complaint with exhibits and drafting a brief opposing a motion to dismiss, (iii) issuing, responding to, and/or analyzing responses to Rule 45 subpoenas and discovery requests, and (iv) conducting legal and factual research and analysis in connections with settlements, motion practice, certain affirmative defenses, and objections raised to discovery requests.
- 34. Of the cases outstanding during this fee application period, Windels Marx settled 1 case in full and 1 in part, for a total value to the BLMIS estate of \$2,650,000.

C. MADOFF FAMILY ENTITIES (MATTER 08) (62.40 hours)

- 35. This category relates to three cases against certain Madoff family-owned entities and Madoff family members seeking in the aggregate over \$30 million in transfers from BLMIS that were used to capitalize and fund certain Madoff family personal business ventures. *Picard v. Madoff Technologies LLC, et al.*, Adv. Pro. No. 10-0483 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.) (SMB); *Picard v. Madoff Family LLC, et al.*, Adv. Pro. No. 10-03485 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.) (SMB); *Picard v. Madoff Energy Holdings*, Adv. Pro. No. 10-034184 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.) (SMB).
- 36. In addition to the tasks outlined in ¶ 24, the time entries during this Compensation Period primarily related to (i) drafting stipulations and notices adjourning existing deadlines and (ii) reviewing and working on draft agreements and documents in coordination with Baker in connection with on-going settlement negotiations.

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D. CREDIT SUISSE (MATTER 12) (145.00 hours)

- 37. This category relates to an avoidance action filed on December 12, 2011 to recover subsequent transfers of BLMIS Customer Property from certain BLMIS feeder funds to Defendants totaling over \$375 million. *Picard v. Credit Suisse AG, et al.*, Adv. Pro. No. 11-02925 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.) (SMB). This case was dismissed by virtue of the ET Order and is a part of the ET Appeal.
- 38. In addition to the tasks outlined in ¶ 24, time entries during this Compensation Period related to (i) drafting, negotiating, and otherwise working on settle orders, joinders to same, and appeal-related notices, motions, certifications, and record designations in connection with the ET Order and ET Appeal, (ii) reviewing Credit Suisserelated documents and transfers relating to non-dismissed Credit Suisse-related defendants, and (iii) working on and revising language and sections for use in draft amended complaints in this or related actions.

E. SOLON CAPITAL (MATTER 13) (23.90 hours)

- 39. This category relates to an avoidance action filed on January 17, 2012, amended July 30, 2012, to recover subsequent transfers of BLMIS Customer Property from a BLMIS feeder fund to Defendant totaling approximately \$2 million. *Picard v. Solon Capital, Ltd.*, Adv. Pro. No. 12-01025 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.) (SMB). This case was dismissed by virtue of the ET Order and is a part of the ET Appeal.
- 40. In addition to the tasks outlined in ¶ 24, time entries during this Compensation Period related to (i) drafting, negotiating, and otherwise working on settle orders, joinders to same, and appeal-related notices, motions, certifications, and record

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designations in connection with the ET Order and ET Appeal and (ii) reviewing recently produced third-party documents and conducting factual research.

F. ZEPHYROS (**MATTER 14**) (<u>512.70 hours</u>)

- 41. This category relates to an avoidance action filed on April 5, 2012 to recover subsequent transfers of Customer Property from certain BLMIS feeder funds to Defendant totaling over \$114 million. *Picard v. Zephyros Limited*, Adv Pro. No. 12-01278 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.) (SMB). This case was dismissed in part by virtue of the ET Order and is a part of the ET Appeal.
- 42. In addition to the tasks outlined in ¶ 24, time entries during this Compensation Period related to (i) drafting, negotiating, and otherwise working on settle orders, joinders to same, and appeal-related notices, motions, certifications, and record designations in connection with the ET Order and ET Appeal, (ii) conducting targeted searches on and reviewing and analyzing recently produced third-party and other documents, (ii) researching and analyzing factual issues as needed for the Trustee's action, and (iii) revising and drafting new language and sections for the draft amended complaint.

G. MISTRAL (**MATTER 15**) (386.60 hours)

- 43. This category relates to an avoidance action filed on April 5, 2012 to recover subsequent transfers of Customer Property from certain BLMIS feeder funds to Defendant totaling approximately \$3.4 million. *Picard v. Mistral (SPC)*, Adv Pro. No. 12-01273 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.) (SMB). This case was dismissed in part by virtue of the ET Order. It is not a part of the Trustee's ET Appeal.
- 44. In addition to the tasks outlined in ¶ 24, time entries during this Compensation Period related to (i) drafting stipulations and orders regarding the dismissal

of one count from the Mistral complaint, (ii) reviewing and analyzing documents relating to transfers and other issues for use in the Mistral draft amended complaint, (iii) conducting research and analyzing factual issues as needed for the Trustee's action, and (iv) revising and drafting new language and sections for the draft amended complaint.

H. SOCIETE GENERALE (MATTER 16) (47.30 hours)

- 45. This category relates to an avoidance action filed on May 30, 2012 to recover subsequent transfers of Customer Property from certain BLMIS feeder funds to Defendants totaling over \$162 million. *Picard v. Societe Generale Private Banking (Suisse) S.A. (f/k/a SG Private Banking Suisse S.A.)*, Adv Pro. No. 12-01677 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.) (SMB). This case was dismissed by virtue of the ET Order and is a part of the ET Appeal.
- 46. In addition to the tasks outlined in ¶ 24, time entries during this Compensation Period related to (i) drafting, negotiating, and otherwise working on settle orders, joinders to same, and appeal-related notices, motions, certifications, and record designations in connection with the ET Order and ET Appeal and (ii) conducting certain legal and factual research and updating case documents.

I. ROYAL BANK OF CANADA (MATTER 17) (1,025.50 hours)

- 47. This category contains entries related to two avoidance actions. The first action relates to an avoidance action filed on June 6, 2012 to recover subsequent transfers of Customer Property from certain BLMIS feeder funds to Defendants totaling over \$100 million. *Picard v. Royal Bank of Canada*, Adv. Pro. No. 12-01699 (SMB).
- 48. The second action under Matter 17 relates to an avoidance action filed on June 6, 2012 to recover subsequent transfers of Customer Property from certain BLMIS

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feeder funds to Defendants totaling over \$80 million. *Picard v. Banque Internationale a Luxembourg S.A.* (f/k/a Dexia Banque Internationale a Luxembourg S.A.), Adv. Pro. No. 12-01698 (SMB).

- 49. These cases were dismissed in part by virtue of the ET Order and are a part of the ET Appeal.
- 50. In addition to the tasks outlined in ¶ 24, time entries during this Compensation Period related to (i) drafting, negotiating, and otherwise working on settle orders, joinders to same, and appeal-related notices, motions, certifications, and record designations in connection with the ET Order and ET Appeal, (ii) researching as to numerous legal and factual issues as needed for the Trustee's actions to the extent going forward and for use in the draft amended complaints, and (iii) updating case documents.

J. CREDIT SUISSE (AS SUCCESSOR-IN-INTEREST TO CLARIDEN LEU) (MATTER 18) (16.80 hours)

- 51. This category relates to an avoidance action filed on May 30, 2012, amended July 30, 2012, to recover subsequent transfers of Customer Property from certain BLMIS feeder funds to Defendant totaling over \$49 million. *Picard v. Credit Suisse AG., as successor-in-interest to Clariden Leu AG and Bank Leu AG*, Adv. Pro. No. 12-01676 (SMB). This case was dismissed by virtue of the ET Order and is a part of the ET Appeal.
- 52. In addition to the tasks outlined in ¶ 24, time entries during this Compensation Period related to (i) drafting, negotiating, and otherwise working on settle orders, joinders to same, and appeal-related notices, motions, certifications, and record designations in connection with the ET Order and ET Appeal, (ii) reviewing and analyzing recently produced third-party documents and researching and analyzing certain factual issues as needed for the Trustee's action, and (iii) updating case documents.

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K. TRINCASTAR (MATTER 19) (11.60 hours)

- 53. This category relates to an avoidance action filed on September 22, 2011 to recover subsequent transfers of Customer Property from a BLMIS feeder fund to Defendant totaling approximately \$13.3 million. *Picard v. Trincastar Corp.*, 11-02731 (SMB). This case was dismissed by virtue of the ET Order and is a part of the ET Appeal.
- 54. In addition to the tasks outlined in ¶ 24, time entries during this Compensation Period related to drafting, negotiating, and otherwise working on settle orders, joinders to same, and appeal-related notices, motions, certifications, and record designations in connection with the ET Order and ET Appeal.

L. COORDINATED CASES (MATTER 20) (671.40 hours)

- 55. This category relates to a group of thirteen subsequent transferee cases, filed by Baker and staffed with Baker attorneys, which Howard Simon is supervising, with supporting work by other Windels attorneys, to facilitate the coordination of common information, issues, and documents between the firms and take advantage of staffing efficiencies. During the Twenty-Third Compensation period, this category also included work performed at Baker Hostetler's request in connection with an additional subsequent transferee case, staffed primarily with Baker attorneys, for which Windels is providing support. These fourteen "Coordinated Cases" were dismissed by virtue of the ET Order and are a part of the ET Appeal.
- 56. Time entries during this Compensation Period related to (i) drafting, negotiating, and otherwise working on settle orders, joinders to same, and appeal-related notices, motions, certifications, and record designations for the 13 Coordinated Cases in connection with the ET Order and ET Appeal, (ii) reviewing and analyzing recent third

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party productions and other documents for potential impact on the Coordinated Cases and Windels Marx's subsequent transferee cases, (iii) researching, analyzing, and drafting memoranda on certain factual and legal issues impacting the Coordinated Cases and Windels Marx's subsequent transferee cases, (iv) working with Baker attorneys on recent developments, strategies, next steps, and common issues raised in team meetings.

M. CASE-WIDE SUBSEQUENT TRANSFER LITIGATION (2,330.40 hours)

- 57. This is a new category as of December 2016. This category relates to the ET Appeal and any other omnibus-style decisions, motion practice, research, or other tasks related to Windels Marx's subsequent transfer cases globally or case-wide tasks needed by the Trustee with respect to subsequent transfer cases.
- 58. Time entries during this Compensation Period related to (i) drafting court filings and working on issues related to the ET section 54(b) motions and memoranda of law, ET settle orders, stipulations joining US-registered defendants, notices of appeal, and appeal record designations, (ii) researching, analyzing, and drafting memoranda on numerous legal and factual issues related to and raised in the ET Order and the ET Appeal, (iii) analyzing and drafting memoranda and spreadsheets summarizing and categorizing facts and data relating to the Windels Marx subsequent transferee cases and the Coordinated Cases, (iv) working on issues and next steps related to Windels Marx's surviving subsequent transfer cases, including anticipated discovery, document reviews and analyses, factual investigations, and legal research, and (v) preparing for, participating in, and working on issues in connection with the ET Appeal and subsequent transferee-related team meetings.

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V. COMPENSATION REQUESTED

- 59. During the Twenty-Third Compensation Period, Windels Marx expended 5,957.10 hours in the rendition of professional and paraprofessional services on behalf of the Trustee and the Chapter 7 Trustee, resulting in a blended attorney hourly rate of \$426.15 for fees incurred.
- 60. Prior to filing this Twenty-Third Application, Windels Marx provided to SIPC and the Trustee (i) its December 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017 monthly statements setting forth the Firm's total fees for services rendered and expenses incurred on behalf of the consolidated estate for each month during the period December 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017 in the aggregate amount of \$2,937,532.57 and \$38,083.52, respectively, and (ii) a draft of this Twenty-Third Application. The Firm wrote off certain unbilled and billed time, and SIPC's staff made certain additional adjustments and suggestions, which were adopted by Windels Marx. After such write-offs and adjustments (and the 10% discount), Windels Marx's December 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017 monthly statements reflected total fees and expenses of \$2,490,019.00 and \$32,148.05, respectively.
- 61. Specifically, Windels Marx's total fees and expenses for this Twenty-Third Compensation Period were \$2,937,532.57 and \$38,083.52, respectively. In connection with preparing each of the four monthly statements and this Twenty-Third Application, Windels Marx voluntarily (i) wrote off unbilled time of \$111,514.80, (ii) wrote off billed time of \$59,330.00 and (iii) reduced its total remaining fees of \$2,766,687.77 to \$2,490,019.00 by discounting the Firm's rates by 10% at SIPC's request (resulting in a voluntary reduction of \$447,513.57 or approximately 15.23% of Windels Marx's total fees). Windels Marx also agreed to write off expenses customarily charged to other clients in the amount of

\$5,935.47, resulting in \$32,148.05 of remaining expenses. Such fees and expenses are reasonable based on the customary compensation charged by comparably skilled practitioners in the Chapter 7 and 11 Cases and comparable bankruptcy and non-bankruptcy cases in a competitive national legal market. Total hours expended after all reductions equal 5,957.10. In addition to the fees sought in this application, with the approval and support of SIPC, Windels Marx requests a release of \$1,986,892.95 from the holdback, which equals approximately 50% of all amounts (1) previously held back and not released to the Firm and (ii) contemplated to be held back by this Twenty-Third Application.²

- 62. There is no agreement or understanding among the Trustee, Windels Marx or any other person, other than members of Windels Marx, for sharing of compensation to be received for services rendered in this case.
- 63. This Twenty-Third Application has been prepared in accordance with the Amended Guidelines for Fees and Disbursements of Professionals in Southern District of New York Bankruptcy Cases adopted by the Court on February 5, 2013 (the "Local Guidelines"). Pursuant to the Local Guidelines, the certification of Howard L. Simon, Esq. regarding compliance with the same is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- 64. Exhibit B annexed hereto provides a schedule of Windels Marx professionals and paraprofessionals who have provided services during the Twenty-Third Compensation Period, the capacity in which each individual is employed by the Firm, the year in which each attorney was licensed to practice law in New York, the hourly billing rate charged by Windels Marx for services provided by each individual and the aggregate

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² In connection with Windels Marx's First through Twenty-Third fee applications, \$10,828,724.34 was, or is contemplated to be, held back. By Orders dated September 14, 2010, December 17, 2013, December 18, 2014, August 20, 2015, and September 7, 2016, the Court previously approved the release of an aggregate amount of \$6,854,938.44. Windels Marx now requests that \$1,986,892.95 be released, or approximately 50% of the holdback balance as of March 31, 2017 of \$3,973,785.90.

number of hours billed by each individual. The 10% discount (as described above) is already reflected in the total amount billed.

- 65. Exhibit C annexed hereto provides a schedule of the expenses for which reimbursement is requested. The requested expenses are customarily charged to and paid by Windels Marx's bankruptcy and non-bankruptcy clients. At SIPC's request, Windels Marx has not charged for local travel expenses and overtime meals, which categories of expenses are regularly charged to and paid by Windels Marx's clients.
- 66. Exhibit D annexed hereto is a summary by matter and task code of services performed by Windels Marx from December 31, 2016 through March 31, 2017.
- 67. To the extent that time or disbursement charges for services rendered or disbursements incurred relate to the Twenty-Third Compensation Period, but were not classified or processed prior to the preparation of this Twenty-Third Application, Windels Marx reserves the right to request additional compensation for such services and reimbursement of such expenses in a future application.

VI. WINDELS MARX'S REQUEST FOR INTERIM COMPENSATION SHOULD BE GRANTED

68. Section 78eee(b)(5)(A) of SIPA provides in pertinent part that, upon appropriate application and after a hearing, "[t]he court shall grant reasonable compensation for services rendered and reimbursement for proper costs and expenses incurred ... by a trustee ..." Section 78eee(b)(5)(C) of SIPA specifically establishes SIPC's role in connection with applications for compensation and the consideration the Court should give to SIPC's recommendation concerning fees. That section provides as follows:

In any case in which such allowances are to be paid by SIPC without reasonable expectation of recoupment thereof as provided in this Chapter and there is no difference between

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the amounts requested and the amounts recommended by SIPC, the court shall award the amounts recommended by SIPC. In determining the amount of allowances in all other cases, the court shall give due consideration to the nature, extent, and value of the services rendered, and shall place considerable reliance on the recommendations of SIPC.

- 69. To the extent the general estate is insufficient to pay such allowances as an expense of administration, section 78eee(b)(5)(E) of SIPA requires SIPC to advance the funds necessary to pay the compensation of Windels Marx (*see* section 78fff-3(b)(2) of SIPA).
- 70. Based on the allocation process set forth in SIPA, the Trustee has determined at this time that he has no reasonable expectation that the general estate will be sufficient to make any distribution to general creditors or pay any administrative expenses. That is, the Trustee believes that any assets allocated to the BLMIS general estate will be exhausted prior to his being able to reimburse SIPC fully. The Trustee has been advised by SIPC that it concurs with this belief of the Trustee. Accordingly, any fees and expenses allowed by this Court will be paid from advances by SIPC without any reasonable expectation by SIPC of recoupment thereof.
- 71. Therefore, with respect to this Twenty-Third Application, Windels Marx requests that consistent with section 78eee(b)(5)(C) of SIPA, the Court "award the amounts recommended by SIPC." *See In re Bell & Beckwith*, 112 B.R. 876 (Bankr. N.D. Ohio 1990). Windels Marx expects that SIPC will file its recommendation to the Court with respect to this Twenty-Third Application prior to the hearing, currently scheduled for August 23, 2017.
- 72. Windels Marx submits that the request for interim allowance of compensation made through this Twenty-Third Application is reasonable and complies with

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the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code governing applications for compensation and

reimbursement of expenses, pursuant to section 78eee(b)(5) of SIPA.

CONCLUSION VII.

73. Windels Marx respectfully submits that the services rendered during the

Twenty-Third Compensation Period merit the approval of the fees and disbursements

requested herein, and respectfully requests that the Court enter an Order: (i) allowing and

awarding \$2,490,019.00 (of which 80%, or \$1,992,015.20, is to be paid currently, and 20%,

or \$498,003.80 is to be deferred through the conclusion of the liquidation proceeding or

further order of the Court) as an interim payment for professional services rendered by

Windels Marx during the Twenty-Third Compensation Period, and \$32,148.05 as

reimbursement of the actual and necessary costs and expenses incurred by the Firm in

connection with the rendition of such services, plus a release of \$1,986,892.95 from the

"holdback" accrued in connection with the Firm's First through Twenty-Third fee

applications and (ii) granting such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and

proper.

Dated: New York, New York

July 19, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

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Chapter 7 Trustee of Bernard L. Madoff

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Exhibit A

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION
CORPORATION,

Plaintiff-Applicant,

v.

BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT SECURITIES LLC,

Defendant.

Deteridant

In re:

BERNARD L. MADOFF,

Debtor.

Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789 (SMB)

SIPA Liquidation

(Substantively Consolidated)

AFFIDAVIT OF HOWARD L. SIMON

STATE OF NEW YORK) ss:

COUNTY OF NEW YORK)

HOWARD L. SIMON, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am an attorney admitted to the bar of this Court and a member of the firm of Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf, LLP ("Windels Marx"). I submit this affidavit in support of the twenty-third application ("Twenty-Third Application") of Windels Marx, as special counsel to Irving H. Picard as trustee (the "Trustee") for the substantively consolidated liquidation proceeding of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC ("BLMIS") and to Alan Nisselson (the "Chapter 7 Trustee") as trustee for the chapter 7 estate of Bernard L. Madoff ("Madoff"), pursuant to the Orders of this Court dated July 16, 2009 [Docket No. 327] and November 23, 2011 [Docket No. 4547], for allowance of interim compensation for services performed and reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses incurred during the period commencing

December 1, 2016 through and including March 31, 2017 (the "Compensation Period"), plus a partial release of the "holdback" from the Firm's prior fee applications, pursuant to section 78eee(b)(5) of the Securities Investor Protection Act ("SIPA"), 15 U.S.C.§ 78eee(b)(5), sections 330 and 331 of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C.§§ 101 et seq. (the "Bankruptcy Code"), and Rule 2016(a) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules").

- 2. I submit this affidavit pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2016(a) in support of Windels Marx's Application for allowance of compensation in the amount of \$2,490,019.00 for professional services rendered during the Compensation Period (of which 20%, or \$498,003.80 is to be deferred through the conclusion of the liquidation proceeding or further order of the Court) and reimbursement in the amount of \$32,148.05 for necessary expenses incurred during the Compensation Period, and a release of \$1,986,892.95 from the "holdback" accrued in connection with the Firm's First through Twenty-Third fee applications.
- 3. As the supervising attorney in charge of the attorneys and paraprofessionals staffed on this matter, I am familiar with such services and with these proceedings. These statements are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, based upon conversations I have conducted with attorneys at Windels Marx, the Trustee, and his counsel Baker & Hostetler, LLP, and upon records kept by Windels Marx in the normal course of business.
- 4. I hereby certify that (i) I have read the Twenty-Third Application and (ii) to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, formed after reasonable inquiry, the Twenty-Third Application substantially complies with the guidelines for fee applications under Bankruptcy Rule 2016(a).
- 5. Windels Marx's fees in this case reflect a 10% public interest discount from Windels Marx's standard rates. Windels Marx has also voluntarily written-off an additional \$59,330.00 in fees and \$111,514.80 in unbilled time. These discounts and write-offs have

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resulted in a voluntary reduction of \$447,513.57. Windels Marx's fees are reasonable based on

the customary compensation charged by comparably skilled practitioners in comparable

bankruptcy and non-bankruptcy cases in a competitive national legal market.

6. I hereby certify that members of SIPC have been provided with a copy of this

Twenty-Second Application.

7. I hereby certify that members of SIPC have been provided with monthly

statements of fees and disbursements accrued during the Compensation Period.

8. I hereby certify that (i) in providing reimbursable nonlegal services to the estate,

Windels Marx does not make a profit on such services; and (ii) in seeking reimbursement for a

service which Windels Marx justifiably purchased or contracted from a third party, Windels

Marx requests reimbursement only for the amount billed to Windels Marx by the third-party

vendors and paid by Windels Marx to such vendors.

9. Windels Marx has not made any previous application for allowance of fees for

professional services rendered during the Compensation Period.

10. There is no agreement or understanding between the Trustee, Windels Marx and

any other person, other than members of Windels Marx, for sharing of compensation to be

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perceived for services rendered in this case.

11. No agreement or understanding prohibited by 18 U.S.C. §155 has been made or

shall be made by Windels Marx.

/s/ Howard L. Simon

Howard L. Simon

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th day of July 2017.

/s/ Maritza Segarra

Maritza Segarra

Notary Public, State of New York

No. 03-4652865

Qualified in Westchester County

Commission Expires December 31, 2017

SUMMARY OF TWENTY-THIRD INTERIM FEE APPLICATION OF WINDELS MARX LANE & MITTENDORF, LLP FOR SERVICES RENDERED FROM DECEMBER 1, 2016 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2017

Name	Year Admitted	December 2016 Standard Hourly Rate	December Total Hours Billed		ember Total mpensation	January- March 2017 Standard Hourly Rate	January- March 2017 Total Hours Billed	January-March Total Compensation	Total Hours Billed Dec- March	Total ompensation Dec-March
Partners										
Howard L. Simon	1977	590.00	183.50	\$	108,265.00	610.00	413.00	\$251,930.00	596.50	\$ 360,195.00
Kim M. Longo	2002	465.00	175.10	\$	81,421.50	480.00	521.30	\$250,224.00	696.40	\$ 331,645.50
Antonio J. Casas	1992	465.00	132.20	\$	61,473.00	480.00	218.00	\$104,640.00	350.20	\$ 166,113.00
Total Partners			490.80	\$	251,159.50		1,152.30	\$606,794.00	1,643.10	\$ 857,953.50
Special Counsel										
Brian W. Kreutter	2003	385.00	133.50	\$	51,397.50	390.00	440.30	\$171,717.00	573.80	\$ 223,114.50
John J. Tepedino	2005	385.00	160.70	\$	61,869.50	390.00	412.60	\$160,914.00	573.30	\$ 222,783.50
Total Special Counsel			294.20	\$	113,267.00	\$ 780.00	\$ 852.90	\$ 332,631.00	\$ 1,147.10	\$ 445,898.00
					Associa	ates				
Karen M. Cullen	1981	430.00	143.90	\$	61,877.00	440.00	520.10	\$228,844.00	664.00	\$ 290,721.00
Carol LaFond	2000	410.00	141.70	\$	58,097.00	410.00	381.70	\$156,497.00	523.40	\$ 214,594.00
Edmund B. Troya	2003	380.00	-	\$	-	380.00	3.40	\$1,292.00	3.40	\$ 1,292.00
Lindsay H. Sklar	2014	360.00	171.60	\$	61,776.00	370.00	331.40	\$122,618.00	503.00	\$ 184,394.00
Alan D. Lawn	2009	350.00	164.30	\$	57,505.00	365.00	481.30	\$175,674.50	645.60	\$ 233,179.50
Alex Jonatowski	2007	345.00	113.50	\$	39,157.50	355.00	461.50	\$163,832.50	575.00	\$ 202,990.00
Total Associates			735.00	\$	278,412.50		2,179.40	\$848,758.00	2,914.40	\$ 1,127,170.50
Paraprofessionals										
Matthew Corwin		230.00	68.10	\$	15,663.00	235.00	184.40	\$43,334.00	252.50	\$ 58,997.00
Total Paraprofessionals			68.10	\$	15,663.00		184.40	\$43,334.00	252.50	\$ 58,997.00

		Hours	Tot	tal Fees
Partners		1,643.10	\$	857,953.50
Special Counsel		1,147.10	\$	445,898.00
Associates		2,914.40	\$	1,127,170.50
Paraprofessionals		252.50	\$	58,997.00
Blended Attorney				
Rate	426.15			
GRAND TOTAL	-	5,957.10	\$	2,490,019.00

Exhibit C

SUMMARY OF TWENTY-THIRD INTERIM FEE APPLICATION OF WINDELS MARX LANE & MITTENDORF, LLP FOR EXPENSES INCURRED FROM

DECEMBER 1, 2016 THROUGH AND INCLUDING MARCH 31, 2017

Code Description	Amount
Copying	\$ 2.29
Telephone	\$ 19.03
Postage	\$ 13.09
Air Courier/Messenger	\$ 517.44
Online Research	\$ 24,790.18
Service of Process/Subpoena	\$ 149.99
Search Fees	\$ 838.60
Professional Services	\$ 5,817.43
TOTAL	\$ 32,148.05

Exhibit D

COMPENSATION BY MATTER AND TASK CODE FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY WINDELS MARX LANE & MITTENDORF, LLP FOR THE TWENTY-THIRD INTERIM PERIOD OF DECEMBER 1, 2016 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2017

Matter		Task				
Number	Matter Name	Code	Task Code Description	Hours	Amount	
2	Attorneys for Trustee	004	Case Administration	33.70	\$ 15,143.50	
		007	Fee Application	58.30	25,090.50	
		020	Internal Office Meeting	8.00	3,188.00	
			Discovery, Document			
			Review, Document			
		041	Production	95.80	41,138.00	
	Good Faith Avoidance					
7	Actions	010	Litigation	527.70	211,177.00	
8	Madoff Family Entities	010	Litigation	62.40	21,381.00	
12	Credit Suisse	010	Litigation	145.00	58,987.00	
13	Solon Capital	010	Litigation	23.90	8,046.50	
14	Zephyros	010	Litigation	512.70	196,159.00	
15	Mistral	010	Litigation	386.60	160,077.00	
16	Societe Generale	010	Litigation	47.30	16,269.50	
17	Royal Bank of Canada	010	Litigation	1,025.50	406,802.50	
18	Clariden Leu	010	Litigation	16.80	5,670.50	
19	Trincastar Corp.	010	Litigation	11.60	3,936.00	
20	Coordinated Cases	010	Litigation	671.40	291,552.50	
	Case-Wide Subsequent					
23	Transfer Litigation	010	Litigation	2,330.40	1,025,400.50	
			TOTALS	5,957.10	\$ 2,490,019.00	