

**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.

IRVING H. PICARD, Trustee for the
Substantively Consolidated SIPA Liquidation
of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities
LLC and the Chapter 7 Estate of Bernard L.
Madoff,

Plaintiff,

v.

CATHAY LIFE INSURANCE CO., LTD.,

Defendant.

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

SIPA Liquidation

(Substantively Consolidated)

Adv. Pro. No. 11-02568 (LGB)

STIPULATION AND ORDER CONCERNING MEDIATION

Plaintiff Irving H. Picard, as trustee (the “Trustee”) for the substantively consolidated liquidation of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC under the Securities Investor Protection Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78aaa-III, and the chapter 7 estate of Bernard L. Madoff individually, and defendant Cathay Life Insurance Co., Ltd. (“Cathay” and, together with the Trustee, the “Parties,” and each individually, a “Party”), by and through their respective undersigned counsel, hereby stipulate and agree as follows:

WHEREAS, on September 1, 2011, the Trustee commenced this adversary proceeding by filing a complaint (the “Complaint”) against Meritz (ECF No. 1);

WHEREAS, after the denial of a motion to dismiss, Cathay filed an Answer to the Complaint on January 9, 2023 (ECF No. 141);

WHEREAS, the Parties entered into a Second Amended Case Management Plan on January 27, 2026 (ECF No. 146) (the “CMP”);

WHEREAS, the Parties have conducted discovery, including the exchange of written discovery, document productions, and a deposition on the issue of document preservation and production;

WHEREAS, the Parties have had ongoing discussions about the potential for mediation and recently agreed upon a mediator, Honorable Henry Pitman (ret.) (the “Mediator”);

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between the undersigned counsel, and upon review by the Court it is ORDERED, as follows:

1. Cathay and the Trustee, by through their respective counsel, shall submit to mediation (the “Mediation”) consistent with the Court’s Procedures Governing Mediation of Matters and the Use of Early Neutral Evaluation and Mediation / Voluntary Arbitration in Bankruptcy Cases and Adversary Proceedings, updated on June 27, 2013, as incorporated into the Court’s Local Rule 9019-1, on the issues presented in this adversary proceeding, except as set forth in this Stipulation and Order or as the Parties may subsequently agree.
2. The Mediation shall be conducted by the Mediator in person, or in another forum or format determined by the Parties and Mediator, on a date and at a location to be determined by the Mediator and agreed upon by the Parties, and to be continued on additional day(s) to be agreed upon by the Parties and the Mediator.

3. No Party shall be bound by anything said or done during the Mediation, unless a Party voluntarily agrees to be so bound by a written and signed stipulation submitted to the Mediator and the other Parties.
4. The Mediation process shall be considered a settlement negotiation for the purpose of all federal and state rules protecting disclosures made during such negotiations from later discovery or use in evidence. The entire Mediation procedure shall be confidential, and no stenographic or other record shall be made except to memorialize a settlement record. All communications, oral or written, that a party or its employee or other agents make during the Mediation are confidential and are to be considered work product and privileged. Such communications, statements, promises, offers, views and opinions shall not be discoverable or admissible for any purpose, including impeachment, in any litigation or other proceeding involving the parties. Evidence otherwise discoverable or admissible is not excluded from discovery or admission in evidence simply as a result of having been used in connection with the Mediation process.
5. The Mediator and her/his agents shall have immunity consistent with §6.0 of the General Order # M-452, amending and reinstating General Orders M-143, M-211 and M-390, Re: Procedures Governing Mediation of Matters and the Use of Early Neutral Evaluation and Mediation/Voluntary Arbitration in Bankruptcy Cases and Adversary Proceedings, §6.0 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. June 28, 2013), and from compulsory process to testify or produce documents in connection with the Mediation.
6. The Parties: (i) shall not call or subpoena the Mediator as a witness or expert in any proceeding relating to: the Mediation, the subject matter of the Mediation, or any thoughts or impressions that the Mediator may have about the parties in the Mediation; (ii) shall not subpoena any

- notes, documents or other material prepared by the Mediator in connection with the Mediation; and (iii) shall not offer into evidence any statements, views or opinions of the Mediator.
7. The Parties shall work with the Mediator and agree on a procedure for Mediation and deadlines for the submission of mediation statements.
 8. Cathay and the Trustee must be prepared to mediate in good faith and exchange offers at the Mediation.
 9. The Parties agree to focus their attention on the Mediation until the Mediation takes place. To that end, the Parties shall pause formal discovery. The Trustee agrees to hold in abeyance the Rule 30(b)(6) deposition previously noticed until completion of the Mediation. Should the case not settle at the Mediation and fact discovery continues, the Parties agree to extend fact discovery for a commensurate amount of time from the date the deposition was scheduled to occur (January 29, 2026) until the date the mediation is concluded, to the extent either Party requests it at a later date; provided that, for the avoidance of doubt, to the extent this Stipulation and Order is inconsistent with the CMP, this Stipulation and Order shall control and govern to the extent of such inconsistency.
 10. Cathay and the Trustee each shall pay 50% of the costs of the Mediation.
 11. The Parties agree that this mediation will conclude within 120 days from the date that this Stipulation and Order is entered, unless that deadline is extended by mutual consent of the Parties and the Mediator.
 12. This Stipulation and Order may be signed by the Parties in any number of counterparts, each of which when so signed shall be an original, but all of which shall together constitute one and the same instrument. A signed facsimile, photostatic or electronic copy of this Stipulation and Order shall be deemed an original.

Date: March 12, 2026
New York, New York

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SO ORDERED.

DATED: March 13, 2026
New York, New York

/s/ Lisa G. Beckerman
HONORABLE LISA G. BECKERMAN
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE