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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 (LGB)

SIPA Liquidation

(Substantively Consolidated)

**TRUSTEE'S THIRTY-FIFTH INTERIM REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2025 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2026**

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**TO THE HONORABLE LISA G. BECKERMAN
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:**

Irving H. Picard, Esq. (the “Trustee”), as Trustee for the substantively consolidated liquidation proceeding of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC (“BLMIS”), under the Securities Investor Protection Act (“SIPA”),¹ 15 U.S.C. §§ 78aaa *et seq.*, and the Chapter 7 estate of Bernard L. Madoff (“Madoff,” and together with BLMIS, each a “Debtor” and collectively, the “Debtors”), respectfully submits his Thirty-Fifth Interim Report (this “Report”) pursuant to SIPA § 78fff-1(c) and this Court’s Order on Application for an Entry of an Order Approving Form and Manner of Publication and Mailing of Notices, Specifying Procedures For Filing, Determination, and Adjudication of Claims; and Providing Other Relief entered on December 23, 2008 (the “Claims Procedures Order”) (ECF No. 12).² Pursuant to the Claims Procedures Order, the Trustee shall file additional interim reports every six months. This Report covers the period between October 1, 2025 and March 31, 2026 (the “Report Period”).

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The Trustee, his various counsel and consultants have worked tirelessly for over seventeen years to recover stolen customer property and distribute it to BLMIS customers who have not fully recovered the money they deposited with BLMIS. The Trustee has successfully recovered approximately \$15.378 billion through March 31, 2026.

2. On January 21, 2026, this Court approved the Trustee’s seventeenth allocation and distribution to customers, in which the Trustee allocated nearly \$123.6 million to the Customer Fund. On February 27, 2026, the Trustee distributed nearly \$253.6 million on allowed claims relating to 768 accounts, or 1.302% of each customer’s allowed claim, unless the claim

¹ For convenience, subsequent references to SIPA will omit “15 U.S.C.”

² All ECF references refer to pleadings filed in the main adversary proceeding pending before this Court, *Sec. Investor Prot. Corp. v. Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec. LLC*, Adv. No. 08-01789 (BRL) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.), unless otherwise noted.

was fully satisfied. When combined with the prior sixteen distributions, and \$850.9 million in advances paid or committed to be paid by the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (“SIPC”), the Trustee has distributed more than \$15.377 billion to BLMIS customers through the Report Period, with 1,547 BLMIS accounts fully satisfied, or 72.848% of each customer’s allowed claim. The 1,547 fully satisfied accounts represent over 67% of accounts with allowed claims, demonstrating that the Trustee has made significant progress in returning customer property to BLMIS customers. There are 744 customers with allowed claims that have not been fully paid. All allowed customer claims up to approximately \$1.824 million have been fully satisfied.

3. The Trustee and his counsel (including, but not limited to, Baker & Hostetler LLP (“B&H”), Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf, LLP (“Windels Marx”), and various other special counsel retained by the Trustee (“Special Counsel”) (collectively, “Counsel”), continued to litigate a multitude of cases before this Court, the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (the “District Court”), the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (the “Second Circuit”), the Supreme Court, and dozens of international courts.

4. This Report is meant to provide an overview of the efforts of the Trustee and his team of professionals in unwinding the largest Ponzi scheme in history. This fraud involved many billions of dollars and thousands of people and entities located across the world. The Trustee continues to work diligently to coordinate the administration, investigation, and litigation to maximize recoveries and efficiencies and reduce costs.

5. All Interim Reports, along with a docket and substantial information about this SIPA liquidation proceeding, are located on the Trustee’s website, www.madofftrustee.com (the “Trustee Website”).

II. BACKGROUND

6. The Trustee's prior interim reports, each of which is fully incorporated herein, have detailed the circumstances surrounding the filing of this case and the events that have taken place during prior phases of this SIPA liquidation proceeding.³

III. FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE ESTATE

7. No administration costs, including the compensation of the Trustee, his counsel, and his consultants, are being, or have been, paid out of recoveries obtained by the Trustee for the benefit of BLMIS customers with allowed claims. Rather, the fees and expenses of the Trustee, his counsel and consultants, and administrative costs incurred by the Trustee are paid through administrative advances from SIPC, pursuant to the applicable provisions of SIPA. These costs are chargeable to the general estate and have no impact on recoveries that the

³ Prior reports cover the periods from December 11, 2008 to June 30, 2009 (the "First Interim Report") (ECF No. 314); July 1, 2009 to October 31, 2009 (the "Second Interim Report") (ECF No. 1011); November 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010 (the "Amended Third Interim Report") (ECF No. 2207); April 1, 2010 to September 30, 2010 (the "Fourth Interim Report") (ECF No. 3038); October 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011 (the "Fifth Interim Report") (ECF No. 4072); April 1, 2011 to September 30, 2011 (the "Sixth Interim Report") (ECF No. 4529); October 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012 (the "Seventh Interim Report") (ECF No. 4793); April 1, 2012 to September 30, 2012 (the "Eighth Interim Report") (ECF No. 5066); October 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013 (the "Ninth Interim Report") (ECF No. 5351); April 1, 2013 to September 30, 2013 (the "Tenth Interim Report") (ECF No. 5554); October 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014 (the "Eleventh Interim Report") (ECF No. 6466); April 1, 2014 to September 30, 2014 (the "Twelfth Interim Report") (ECF No. 8276); October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015 (the "Thirteenth Interim Report") (ECF No. 9895); April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015 (the "Fourteenth Interim Report") (ECF No. 11912); October 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016 (the "Fifteenth Interim Report") (ECF No. 13184); April 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016 (the "Sixteenth Interim Report") (ECF No. 14347); October 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017 (the "Seventeenth Interim Report") (ECF No. 15922); April 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017 (the "Eighteenth Interim Report") (ECF No. 16862); October 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018 (the "Nineteenth Interim Report") (ECF No. 17555); April 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018 (the "Twentieth Interim Report") (ECF No. 18146); October 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019 (the "Twenty-First Interim Report") (ECF No. 18716); April 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019 (the "Twenty-Second Interim Report") (ECF No. 19097); October 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020 (the "Twenty-Third Interim Report") (ECF No. 19502); April 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020 (the "Twenty-Fourth Interim Report") (ECF No. 19896); October 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021 (the "Twenty-Fifth Interim Report") (ECF No. 20480); April 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021 (the "Twenty-Sixth Interim Report") (ECF No. 20821); October 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022 (the "Twenty-Seventh Interim Report") (ECF No. 21473); April 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022 (the "Twenty-Eighth Interim Report") (ECF No. 22500); October 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023 (the "Twenty-Ninth Interim Report") (ECF No. 23158); April 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023 (the "Thirtieth Interim Report") (ECF No. 23725); October 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024 (the "Thirty-First Interim Report") (ECF No. 24186); April 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024 (the "Thirty-Second Interim Report") (ECF No. 24484); October 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025 (the "Thirty-Third Interim Report") (ECF No. 24828); and April 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025 (the "Thirty-Fourth Interim Report") (ECF No. 25187).

Trustee has obtained or will obtain. Thus, recoveries from litigation, settlements, and other means are available in their entirety for the satisfaction of allowed customer claims.

8. A summary of the financial condition of the estate as of March 31, 2026, is provided in Exhibit A attached hereto.

9. This summary reflects cash of \$17,434,700.43, short term investments, money market funds, savings accounts and other investments, including alternative investments of \$364,717,634, and short-term United States Treasuries in the principal amount of \$197,668,767. See Exhibit A, page 3, note (3) and page 5, notes (4) and (5).

10. As detailed in Exhibit A, as of March 31, 2026, the Trustee requested and SIPC advanced \$3,659,405,468.00, of which \$850,473,412.47 was used to pay allowed customer claims up to the maximum SIPA statutory limit of \$500,000 per account, and \$2,808,932,055.53 was used for administrative expenses. See Exhibit A, page 1.

IV. CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION

A. Claims Processing

i. Customer Claims

11. During the Report Period, the Trustee allowed \$758,819,425 in customer claims, bringing the total amount of allowed claims as of March 31, 2026 to \$20,315,073,558.27. The Trustee has paid or committed to pay \$850,868,412.47 in cash advances from SIPC through March 31, 2026. This is the largest commitment of SIPC funds of any SIPA liquidation proceeding and greatly exceeds the total aggregate payments made in all other SIPA liquidations to date.

12. As of March 31, 2026, there were 3 customer claims relating to 1 customer account that were “deemed determined,” meaning the Trustee has instituted litigation against those accountholders and related parties. The complaints filed by the Trustee in those litigations

set forth the express grounds for disallowance of customer claims under §502(d) of the Bankruptcy Code. Accordingly, such customer claims will not be allowed until the avoidance actions are resolved by settlement or otherwise and the judgments rendered against the claimants in the avoidance actions are satisfied.

B. General Creditor Claims

13. As of March 31, 2026, the Trustee had received 428 timely and 22 untimely filed secured and unsecured priority and non-priority general creditor claims totaling approximately \$1.7 billion. The claimants include vendors, taxing authorities, employees, and customers filing claims on non-customer proof of claim forms. Of these 450 claims and \$1.7 billion, the Trustee has received 95 general creditor claims and 49 broker-dealer claims totaling approximately \$265.4 million. At this time, the BLMIS estate has no funds from which to make distributions to priority/non-priority general creditors and/or broker dealers.

C. The Trustee Has Kept Claimants Informed Of The Status Of The Claims Process

14. Throughout the SIPA liquidation proceeding, the Trustee has kept claimants, general creditors, interested parties, and the public informed of his efforts by maintaining the Trustee Website, a toll-free customer hotline, conducting a Bankruptcy Code § 341(a) meeting of creditors on February 20, 2009, and responding in a timely manner to the multitude of phone calls, e-mails, and letters received on a daily basis, from both claimants and their representatives.

15. The Trustee Website (www.madofftrustee.com) allows the Trustee to share information with claimants, their representatives, and the general public regarding the ongoing recovery efforts and the overall liquidation. In addition to court filings, media statements, and weekly information on claims determinations, the Trustee Website includes up-to-date information on the status of Customer Fund recoveries, an “Ask the Trustee” page where questions of interest are answered and updated, a letter from the Trustee’s Chief Counsel on

litigation matters, a detailed distribution page, an FAQs page, and a timeline of important events. The Trustee Website is monitored and updated on a daily basis.

16. In addition, the Trustee Website allows claimants to e-mail their questions directly to the Trustee's professionals, who follow up with a return e-mail or telephone call to the claimants. As of March 31, 2026, the Trustee and his professionals had received and responded to over 7,100 e-mails via the Trustee Website from BLMIS customers and their representatives and fielded thousands of calls from claimants and their representatives.

D. Objections To Claims Determinations

17. As of March 31, 2026, 1,733 docketed objections (which exclude withdrawn objections and include duplicates, amendments, and supplements) had been filed with the Court. These objections relate to 3,253 unique customer claims and 699 customer accounts. As of March 31, 2026, 9 docketed objections (related to 9 unique customer claims and 9 customer accounts) remained.

18. The following objections, among others, have been asserted: Congress intended a broad interpretation of the term "customer" and the statute does not limit the definition to those who had a direct account with BLMIS, the Trustee should determine claims based upon the BLMIS November 30, 2008 statement as opposed to the court-approved cash in-cash out or "Net Investment Method," claimants should receive interest on deposited amounts, the Trustee must commence an adversary proceeding against each claimant in order to avoid paying gains on claimants' investments, claimants paid income taxes on distributions and their claims should be adjusted by adding all amounts they paid as income taxes on fictitious profits, each person with an interest in an account should be entitled to the SIPC advance despite sharing a single BLMIS account, and there is no legal basis for requiring the execution of a Assignment and Release prior to prompt payment of a SIPC advance.

19. The Trustee departed from past practice in SIPA liquidation proceedings and, with the prior approval of SIPC, paid or committed to pay the undisputed portion of any disputed claim in order to expedite payment of SIPC protection to customers, while preserving their right to dispute the total amount of their claim.

20. As part of his ongoing efforts to resolve pending objections, the Trustee has continued investigating and analyzing objections of claimants to the Trustee's determination of their claims. During this extensive review of the facts unique to each claimant, the Trustee has identified circumstances that require resolution by the Bankruptcy Court. Prior disputes are described in the Trustee's previous reports.

E. Settlements Of Customer Claims Disputes

21. As of March 31, 2026, the Trustee had reached agreements relating to 1,188 customer accounts and with the IRS (which did not have a BLMIS account). These litigation, pre-litigation, and avoidance action settlements allowed the Trustee to avoid the litigation costs that would have otherwise been necessary.

V. PROCEEDINGS RELATED TO THE INTERPRETATION OF SIPA

A. Net Equity Dispute

22. For purposes of determining each customer's Net Equity, as that term is defined under SIPA, the Trustee credited the amount of cash deposited by the customer into the customer's BLMIS account, less any amounts already withdrawn from that BLMIS customer account, also known as the Net Investment Method. Some claimants argued that the Trustee was required to allow customer claims in the amounts shown on the November 30, 2008 customer statements (the "Net Equity Dispute").

23. On August 16, 2011, the Second Circuit affirmed this Court's decision and the Trustee's Net Investment Method, holding that it would have been "legal error" for the Trustee

to discharge claims for securities under SIPA “upon the false premise that customers’ securities positions are what the account statements purport them to be.” *Sec. Inv’r Prot. Corp. v. Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec. LLC*, 654 F.3d 229, 241 (2d Cir. 2011) (the “Net Equity Decision”). Any calculation other than the Net Investment Method would “aggravate the injuries caused by Madoff’s fraud.” *Id.* at 235. Instead, the Net Investment Method prevents the “whim of the defrauder” from controlling the process of unwinding the fraud. *Id.*

24. Under the *Net Equity Decision*, the relative position of each BLMIS customer account must be calculated based on “unmanipulated withdrawals and deposits” from its opening date through December 2008. *Id.* at 238. If an account has a positive cash balance, that accountholder is owed money from the estate. As a corollary, if an account has a negative cash balance, the accountholder owes money to the estate. Both the recovery and distribution of customer property in this case are centered on the principle that the Trustee cannot credit “impossible transactions.” *Id.* at 241. If he did, then “those who had already withdrawn cash deriving from imaginary profits in excess of their initial investment would derive additional benefit at the expense of those customers who had not withdrawn funds before the fraud was exposed.” *Id.* at 238.

25. The Second Circuit found, “in the context of this Ponzi scheme—the Net Investment Method is . . . more harmonious with provisions of the Bankruptcy Code that allow a trustee to avoid transfers made with the intent to defraud . . . and ‘avoid[s] placing some claims unfairly ahead of others.’” *Id.* at 242 n.10 (quoting *Jackson v. Mishkin (In re Adler, Coleman Clearing Corp.)*, 263 B.R. 406, 463 (S.D.N.Y. 2001)). Thus, the Trustee is obligated to use the avoidance powers granted by SIPA and the Bankruptcy Code to prevent one class of customers—the “net winners” or those with avoidance liability—from having the benefit of

Madoff's fictitious trades at the expense of the other class of customers—the “net losers,” or those who have yet to recover their initial investment.

26. Finally, the Second Circuit explained that “notwithstanding the BLMIS customer statements, there were no securities purchased and there were no proceeds from the money entrusted to Madoff for the purpose of making investments.” *Id.* at 240. Therefore any “[c]alculations based on made-up values of fictional securities would be ‘unworkable’ and would create ‘potential absurdities.’” *Id.* at 241 (quoting *In re New Times Sec. Serv., Inc.*, 371 F.3d 68, 88 (2d Cir. 2004)). Thus, the Second Circuit rejected reliance upon the BLMIS account statements, finding that, to do otherwise, “would have the absurd effect of treating fictitious and arbitrarily assigned paper profits as real and would give legal effect to Madoff’s machinations.” *Id.* at 235.

27. A petition for panel rehearing, or, in the alternative, for rehearing en banc was denied. *Sterling Equities Assoc. v. Picard*, Adv. No. 10-2378 (2d Cir.) (ECF Nos. 505, 537, 551). Three petitions for certiorari were filed with the Supreme Court, which were denied. *Ryan v. Picard*, 133 S. Ct. 24 (2012); *Velvel v. Picard*, 133 S. Ct. 25 (2012). Certiorari was also dismissed with respect to one appeal. *Sterling Equities Assoc. v. Picard*, 132 S. Ct. 2712 (2012).

B. Time-Based Damages

28. Following the litigation regarding the Net Investment Method, the Trustee filed a motion to affirm his net equity calculations and denying requests for “time-based damages.” (ECF Nos. 5038, 5039). The Trustee took the position that customers were not entitled to an inflation-based adjustment to their allowed customer claims. This Court agreed. *Sec. Inv’r Prot. Corp. v. Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec., LLC (In re Bernard L. Madoff)*, 496 B.R. 744 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2013) (the “Time-Based Damages Decision”); *see also* ECF No. 5463.

29. On February 20, 2015, the Second Circuit affirmed the Bankruptcy Court’s decision, holding that “SIPA’s scheme disallows an inflation adjustment as a matter of law.” *See In re Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec. LLC*, 779 F.3d 74, 80, 82 (2d Cir. 2015). The Court also held that “an interest adjustment to customer net equity claims is impermissible under SIPA’s scheme.” *Id.* at 83.

30. Under the Second Circuit’s decision, a customer’s net equity claim, calculated in accordance with the *Time-Based Damages Decision*, will not be adjusted for inflation or interest. The Second Circuit explained that “an inflation adjustment goes beyond the scope of SIPA’s intended protections and is inconsistent with SIPA’s statutory framework.” *Id.* at 79. Nor does SIPA provide for compensation related to any opportunity cost of the use of such money during the pendency of the liquidation proceedings. *Id.* at 80. While SIPA operates to “facilitate the proportional distribution of customer property actually held by the broker,” *id.* at 81, “the Act . . . restores investors to what their position would have been in the absence of liquidation.” *Id.* at 79. For similar reasons, the Second Circuit rejected the request of one claimant who sought an adjustment for interest, in addition to inflation. *Id.* at 83.

31. The Supreme Court denied the petition for certiorari filed. *Peshkin v. Picard*, 136 S. Ct. 218 (2015).

C. “Customer” Definition

32. In this SIPA liquidation proceeding, the Trustee discovered that many claimants did not invest directly with BLMIS, but through an intermediary such as a “feeder fund.” The Trustee’s position consistently has been that only those claimants who maintained an account at BLMIS constitute “customers” of BLMIS, as defined in § 78III(2) of SIPA. Where it appeared that claimants did not have an account in their names at BLMIS, the Trustee denied their claims

for securities and/or a credit balance on the ground that they were not customers of BLMIS under SIPA.

33. On June 28, 2011, the Court issued a decision affirming the Trustee’s denial of these claims. (ECF Nos. 3018, 4193, 4209); *Sec. Inv’r Prot. Corp. v. Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec. LLC*, 454 B.R. 285 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2011). The Court found that the objecting claimants invested in, not through, the feeder funds, and had no individual accounts at BLMIS. It was the feeder funds who entrusted their monies with BLMIS for the purpose of trading or investing in securities—the touchstone of “customer” status—whereas the objecting claimants purchased ownership interests in the feeder funds. The Court held that, absent a direct broker-dealer relationship with BLMIS, the objecting claimants sought a definition of “customer” that stretched the term beyond its limits.

34. Judge Lifland put it succinctly: the objecting-claimants who invested in sixteen feeder funds did not qualify as “customers” because they “had no securities accounts at BLMIS, were not known to BLMIS, lacked privity and any financial relationship with BLMIS, lacked property interests in any Feeder Fund account assets at BLMIS, entrusted no cash or securities to BLMIS, had no investment discretion over Feeder Fund assets invested with BLMIS, received no account statements or other communications from BLMIS and had no transactions reflected on the books and records of BLMIS” *Id.* at 290.

35. On January 4, 2012, Judge Cote affirmed the Bankruptcy Court decision. *See Aozora Bank Ltd. v. Sec. Inv’r Prot. Corp.*, 480 B.R. 117 (S.D.N.Y. 2012). In that decision, Judge Cote determined in light of SIPA, the “most natural reading of the ‘customer’ definition excludes persons like the appellants who invest in separate third-party corporate entities like their feeder funds that in turn invest their assets with the debtor.” *Id.* at 123.

36. On February 22, 2013, the Second Circuit affirmed the decisions of the District Court and the Bankruptcy Court. *See Kruse v. Sec. Inv'r Prot. Corp., Irving H. Picard*, 708 F.3d 422 (2d Cir. 2013). No petitions for certiorari were filed.

D. Inter-Account Transfers

37. The Trustee has maintained, and the Second Circuit affirmed, that the “cash-in, cash-out” methodology is appropriate for calculating a customer’s net equity in this case. *The Net Equity Decision*, however, did not expressly address the treatment of transfers between BLMIS accounts, which the Trustee refers to as “Inter-Account Transfers.” Many customers maintained more than one BLMIS account and transferred funds between such accounts. Other customers transferred funds to the accounts of other BLMIS customers.

38. On December 8, 2014, the Bankruptcy Court issued a decision upholding the Trustee’s methodology for calculating inter-account transfers. ECF No. 8680; *see Sec. Inv'r Prot. Corp. v. Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec. LLC (In re Bernard L. Madoff)*, 522 B.R. 41 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2014). Judge Bernstein explained that if he adopted the objecting parties’ arguments, “computing the balance in the transferor’s account bloated by fictitious profits increases the transferee’s claim to the customer property pool allocable to all Madoff victims by artificially increasing the transferee’s net equity. This result aggravates the injury to those net losers who did not receive transfers of fictitious profits by diminishing the amount available for distribution from the limited pool of customer property.” *Id.* at 53. The order memorializing Judge Bernstein’s written decision was entered on December 22, 2014. (ECF No. 8857).

39. On January 14, 2016, the District Court affirmed. Judge Engelmayer held that the Inter-Account Transfer Method “properly applies the Second Circuit’s Net Equity Decision and is not otherwise prohibited by law;” in fact, he found that “the method is superior as a matter of law, and not ‘clearly inferior,’” to the alternatives proposed by the appellants. *In re BLMIS*, 2016

WL 183492 *1, at *26 (S.D.N.Y. Jan. 14, 2016) (citing *Sec. Inv'r Prot. Corp. v. Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec. LLC*, 654 F.3d at 238 n.7 (2d Cir. 2011)).

40. On June 1, 2017, the Second Circuit issued a summary order agreeing with the lower courts. Rejecting each of the appellants' arguments in turn, and citing its Net Equity Decision, the Order confirms that the Second Circuit "continue[s] to refuse . . . to 'treat[] fictitious and arbitrarily assigned paper profits as real' and to give 'legal effect to Madoff's machinations.'" *In re Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec., LLC*, 2017 WL 2376567, *3 (2d Cir. Jun. 1, 2017).

41. No petitions for certiorari were filed.

E. Profit-Withdrawal Issue

42. Several customers, including claimant Mr. Aaron Blecker, objected to the Trustee's denial of their net equity claims because they disputed whether they received funds that appear to be identified on BLMIS customer account statements as "PW," or "Profit Withdrawals."

43. Upon further review and analysis, the Trustee discovered that several hundred accounts contained "PW" transactions. Accordingly, the Trustee instituted an omnibus proceeding to resolve the question of whether the Trustee's treatment of "PW" transactions as cash withdrawals for the purposes of a customer's net equity calculation is proper. (ECF No. 10266).

44. Following extensive briefing, discovery, and motion practice, the Court held a trial on the matter on January 19, 2018. After hearing testimony from the Trustee's professionals, Mr. Blecker's son, and BLMIS employees, and consideration of the BLMIS books and records offered into evidence, the Court found that absent credible evidence to the contrary offered by a claimant related to that claimant's case, a "PW" notation appearing on a BLMIS customer

statement indicated that the customer received a cash distribution in the amount of the PW Transaction. Because claimant Mr. Blecker failed to provide any credible, contrary evidence that the “PW” Transactions on his customer statements were not received, he failed to sustain his burden of proving the amount of his customer claims. *Sec. Inv’r Prot. Corp. v. Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec. LLC*, 592 B.R. 513 (Bankr. SDNY 2018). The Court entered its Order Affirming the Trustee’s Determinations Denying Claims and Overruling the Objections of Participating Claimant Aaron Blecker on August 3, 2018. (ECF No. 17878).

45. An appeal was taken to the District Court and was fully briefed by January 18, 2019. (ECF Nos. 18, 19, 20, 23, 24). Appellants challenged this Court’s application of the Federal Rules of Evidence in admitting and relying on the BLMIS books and records in finding that the profit withdrawal transactions were properly treated as debits under the Net Investment Method. On August 16, 2019, the District Court affirmed the Bankruptcy Court’s decision. *Blecker v. Picard*, 2019 WL 3886721 (Aug. 16, 2019) 18 Civ. 7449 (PAE). The District Court found no abuse of discretion in the decision; specifically, it found that this Court rigorously and properly applied the Federal Rules of Evidence and its admission of BLMIS’s books and records as business records was proper. The District Court further held that the burden to overcome the Trustee’s claim determination was Mr. Blecker’s and he failed to do so.

46. On September 13, 2019, an appeal of the District Court’s decision was taken to the Second Circuit. *Blecker v. Picard*, Docket No. 19-2988. On December 27, 2019, appellants filed their opening brief repeating their claims that this Court failed to apply the Federal Rules of Evidence, improperly shifted the burden of proof to Mr. Blecker, and that Mr. Blecker could not have ratified the transactions in his BLMIS account that occurred before 1992.

47. The Trustee and SIPC's opposition briefs were filed on April 17, 2020. Appellants filed their reply on May 27, 2020, and oral argument was held on September 21, 2020.

48. On October 6, 2020, the Second Circuit issued its Summary Order upholding the District Court's judgment affirming this Court's decision that the Trustee properly treated PW transactions as debits to BLMIS customer accounts. Summary Order, *In re: Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC*, 830 Fed.Appx. 669 (2020). The Second Circuit found that the District Court properly upheld this Court's admission of the BLMIS books and records as within the "permissible bounds of its discretion." *Id.* at 4. Further, the Second Circuit found no clear error as to this Court's factual determination that Blecker "ratified the PW Transactions whether as a result of the 10-day clause in the 1992 customer agreements (for PW Transactions postdating those agreements), or through his 23 years-long, knowing acceptance of the PW Transactions and the corresponding reductions to his BLMIS accounts" prior to the 1992 customer agreements. *Id.* The Second Circuit found all other arguments by Mr. Blecker without merit and rejected them without discussion. *Id.* at 5.

49. No petitions for certiorari were filed.

VI. LITIGATION

50. The Trustee is actively involved in dozens of litigations and appeals. This Report does not discuss each of them in detail but instead summarizes those matters with the most activity during the Report Period.

A. The District Court—Motions to Dismiss Heard by Judge Rakoff

51. Upon the motions of hundreds of defendants, the District Court withdrew the reference in numerous cases and heard numerous motions to dismiss. A total of 485 motions to withdraw and 424 joinders were filed, altogether implicating a total of 807 adversary

proceedings. The District Court (Rakoff, J.) consolidated briefing and argument on certain common issues raised in the motions to withdraw (the “Common Briefing”). *See* Trustee’s Twentieth Interim Report, ECF No. 18146. The District Court has since decided the Common Briefing issues and returned all proceedings to the Bankruptcy Court.

B. Good Faith Actions

52. At the beginning of the Report Period, there was one active subsequent transfer action—*Picard v. Sage*, Adv. Pro. No. 23-01099 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.), related to good faith avoidance adversary proceedings where the Trustee previously obtained judgments.

53. On December 1, 2020, counsel for Defendants Sage Associates, Sage Realty, Malcolm Sage, Ann Passer Sage, and Martin Sage moved for permissive withdrawal of the reference. *See* Nos. 20-cv-10057 (lead case) & 20-cv-10109, ECF No. 1.

54. On May 18, 2021, Judge Nathan granted Defendants’ motion to withdraw the reference to the Bankruptcy Court. *See* No. 20-cv-10057, ECF No. 19. Judge Nathan directed the parties to submit a joint letter by June 14, 2021 on the status of discovery and next steps. *Id.*

55. On November 2, 2021, the actions were reassigned to District Judge John F. Keenan.

56. On January 19, 2022, trial in the consolidated actions began before Judge Keenan. Trial continued on January 21, 24, and 25, in addition to February 2, 2022.

57. On April 15, 2022, the Court entered judgment in favor of the Trustee in the amount of \$16,880,000 against all Defendants, jointly and severally. *Id.*, ECF No. 111

58. On April 19, 2022, the Court modified the April 15, 2022 judgment to enter judgment in favor of the Trustee (1) in the amount of \$13,510,000 against Defendants Sage Associates, Malcolm Sage, Martin Sage, and Ann Sage Passer, jointly and severally, and (2) in

the amount of \$3,370,000 against Defendants Sage Realty, Malcolm Sage, Martin Sage, and Ann Sage Passer, jointly and severally. *Id.*, ECF No. 113.

59. On May 20, 2022, Malcolm Sage filed a Notice of Appeal of the District Court's judgment in both actions. *See* No. 20-cv-10057, ECF No. 118; No. 20-cv-10109, ECF No. 74. On June 3, 2022, the Trustee filed the Notice of Cross-Appeal of the District Court's judgment. *See* No. 20-cv-10057, ECF No. 120. On September 16, 2022, Defendants filed their opening brief before the Second Circuit. *See* No. 22-1107 (lead case), ECF Nos. 81, 83. On December 2, 2022, the Trustee withdrew its Cross-Appeal of the District Court's judgment. *Id.*, ECF Nos. 101–02. On December 16, 2022, the Trustee and SIPC filed their briefs in response to Defendants' opening brief. *Id.*, ECF Nos. 115–16. On January 16, 2023, Defendants filed their reply brief. *Id.*, ECF No. 150. Oral arguments took place on May 31, 2023. *Id.*, ECF Nos. 181, 185

60. On August 10, 2023, the Second Circuit issued a summary order affirming the order of the District Court in favor of the Trustee. *Id.*, ECF No. 193. On April 24, 2024, Malcolm Sage filed a writ of certiorari on behalf of both actions, and it was docketed with the Supreme Court as Case No. 23-1175. On June 3, 2024, the United States Supreme Court denied the petition for writ of certiorari.

61. On April 19, 2023, the Trustee filed three separate subsequent transfer actions against Ann Passer (Adv. Pro. No. 23-01097), Martin Sage, Sybil Sage (Adv. Pro. No. 23-01098), and Malcolm Sage, Lynne Florio (Adv. Pro. No. 23-01099) to recover subsequent transfers received from Defendants Sage Associates and Sage Realty.

62. In the Ann Passer matter, the Trustee filed a notice of voluntary dismissal without prejudice on June 20, 2024,. *Id.*, ECF No. 27. The adversary proceeding was closed on June 24, 2024.

63. In the Martin Sage, Sybil Sage matter, the parties entered into a settlement and release agreement on August 26, 2025. On September 5, 2025, the Court entered a So Ordered Stipulation of Voluntary Dismissal of Adversary Proceeding Without Prejudice. *Id.*, ECF No. 78. The adversary proceeding was closed on September 5, 2025.

64. In the Malcolm Sage, Lynne Florio matter—*Picard v. Sage*, Adv. Pro. No. 23-01099 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.), Defendants filed their motion to dismiss on June 30, 2023. *See* Adv. Pro. No. 23-01099, ECF No. 26. The Trustee opposed on August 16, 2023. *Id.*, ECF Nos. 32–33. The Defendants filed their reply on September 13, 2023. *Id.*, ECF No. 35. Oral arguments were held on September 20, 2023. *Id.*, ECF No. 43. The Court denied in part and granted in part the Defendants’ motion to dismiss on October 3, 2023. *Id.*, ECF No. 44.

65. On February 12, 2024, Defendants each filed their Answer to the Complaint. *Id.*, ECF Nos. 73–74. On April 18, 2024, the parties submitted—and the Bankruptcy Court signed—an agreed-upon Case Management Plan pursuant to Rules 16 and 26 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, applicable under Rules 7016 and 7026 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure. *Id.*, ECF No. 78.

66. On June 21, 2024, Defendants’ counsel filed a Notice and Motion to Withdraw as Attorney to Defendants. *Id.*, ECF Nos. 81–82. On July 19, 2024, the Trustee filed a response to counsel’s Notice of Withdrawal. *Id.*, ECF No. 89. On July 24, 2024, Defendants filed under seal a response and objection to their counsel’s Motion to Withdraw. *Id.*, ECF No. 93. On July 26, 2024, Defendants’ counsel filed a reply in further support of the Motion to Withdraw. *Id.*, ECF

No. 95. On August 1, 2024, the Court held a hearing on the Motion to Withdraw. *Id.*, ECF No. 102. On August 1, 2024, the Court granted counsel's Motion to Withdraw and stayed discovery until December 2, 2024 to allow Defendants time to seek new counsel. *Id.*, ECF No. 98. The Court also amended the Case Management Plan extending the fact discovery deadline from March 31, 2025 to July 31, 2025. *Id.*, ECF No. 99.

67. On December 2, 2024, defendant Lynne Florio filed a letter requesting an extension of Defendants' time to seek new counsel to March 3, 2025, and requested that the Trustee be precluded from filing any motions with respect to discovery until March 10, 2025. *Id.*, ECF No. 103. On December 6, 2024, defendant Lynne Florio filed an additional letter requesting that the status and pretrial conference set for December 18, 2024 be extended and held in person. *Id.*, ECF No. 104. The Bankruptcy Court adjourned the status and pretrial conference to January 29, 2025. *Id.*, ECF No. 105. On January 16, 2024, the Trustee filed a letter responding to defendant Lynne Florio's request to extend Defendants' time to seek new counsel. *Id.*, ECF No. 107.

68. At the January 29, 2025 status and pretrial conference, Defendants requested a further extension of time to seek new counsel to May 1, 2025 and requested that the Trustee be precluded from filing any motions with respect to discovery until May 8, 2025. *Id.*, ECF No. 111. The Bankruptcy Court granted Defendants' request for an extension to May 1, 2025 and stayed discovery until May 8, 2025 to allow Defendants time to seek new counsel. *Id.*, ECF No. 109. The Court also amended the Case Management Plan extending the fact discovery deadline from July 31, 2025 to April 30, 2026. *Id.* On May 1, 2025, Defendants informed the Bankruptcy Court that they were unable to secure new counsel and would be proceeding pro se.

69. On July 1, 2025, Defendants filed a Notice of Motion and Motion for Relief Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 60(d)(3) requesting an order setting aside the Judgment entered on April 19, 2022. *See* No. 20-cv-10057, ECF No. 125. On October 16, 2025, District Judge Denise L. Cote denied Defendants' Motion for Relief Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 60(d)(3). *Id.*, ECF No. 155.

70. On October 30, 2025, Defendants filed a Motion for Reconsideration and Relief from Judgment. *Id.*, ECF Nos. 158–60. On November 4, 2025, the District Court denied Defendants' Motion for Reconsideration. *Id.*, ECF No. 163.

71. On November 24, 2025, Defendants filed a Notice of Appeal to the Second Circuit appealing the District Court's denial of Defendants' Motion for Relief Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 60(d)(3) and Defendants' Motion for Reconsideration. *Id.*, ECF No. 164. On January 30, 2026, the Trustee filed a Motion for Summary Affirmance to Dismiss Defendants' Appeal in the Second Circuit. *See* No. 25-3036, Dkt. No. 28. Briefing on Defendants' appeal is currently stayed pending the Second Circuit's decision on the Trustee's Motion. *See id.*, Dkt. No. 37.

72. Meanwhile, the Trustee filed a letter in Bankruptcy Court on July 16, 2025 requesting a Local Rule 7037-1(a) discovery conference regarding Defendants' responses and objections to the Trustee's discovery requests. *See* Adv. Pro. No. 23-01099, ECF No. 120. Defendants responded on August 19, 2025. *Id.*, ECF No. 122. The Bankruptcy Court held a hearing on October 30, 2025. *Id.*, ECF No. 128. Thereafter, Defendants requested an extension of their deadline to respond to the discovery requests and provided updates to the Bankruptcy Court. *See, e.g., id.* ECF Nos. 133–34, 137.

73. On January 14, 2026, the Trustee requested another discovery conference with a hearing held on February 3, 2026. *See id.*, ECF Nos. 138, 145. At the February 3, 2026 hearing, the Trustee indicated that he intended to file a motion for leave to amend his complaint and he did so on February 25, 2026. *See id.*, ECF Nos. 147–48.

74. Defendants requested extensions of their time to respond to the Trustee’s motion, *see, e.g., id.* ECF Nos. 150, 154–55, 159, and filed a response to the Trustee’s motion on April 15, 2026. *See id.*, ECF No. 163. The Trustee filed his reply in further support of his motion on April 22, 2026. ECF No. 164. On April 24, 2026, Defendants moved for an adjournment of the hearing on the Trustee’s motion. ECF No. 166. Briefing on the motion is complete. The Bankruptcy Court denied Defendants’ motion for adjournment on April 27, 2026. ECF No. 167.

C. Appeals Relating to BLMIS Feeder Funds and Subsequent Transferees

i. Good Faith Appeal

(a) Procedural Background on Good Faith Defense Under Sections 548(c) and 550

75. When the Trustee brought his intentional fraudulent transfer claims under section 548(a)(1)(A), he met his pleading burden under governing case law by alleging that BLMIS was a Ponzi scheme and that the defendants received transfers from BLMIS. *See Picard v. Merkin (In re Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec. LLC)*, 440 B.R. 243, 255–56 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2010) (citing *Bear, Stearns Sec. Corp. v. Gredd (In re Manhattan Inv. Fund Ltd.)*, 397 B.R. 1, 8 (S.D.N.Y. 2007)); *see also Bayou Superfund, LLC v. WAM Long/Short Fund II L.P., (In re Bayou Grp., LLC)*, 362 B.R. 624, 639 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2007). The burden then shifted to defendants to prove their affirmative defense, as set forth in section 548(c), that they received the transfers for value and in good faith. *See Merkin*, 440 B.R. at 256 (citing *Gredd v. Bear, Stearns Sec. Corp. (In re Manhattan Inv. Fund Ltd.)*, 310 B.R. 500, 508 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2002)).

76. From 2009 through 2011, bad faith defendants brought motions to dismiss the Trustee's complaints under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6), claiming, *inter alia*, that the Trustee had not adequately pled a lack of good faith on the part of the defendant. *See, e.g., Merkin*, 440 B.R. at 255–56; *Picard v. Cohmad Sec. Corp. (In re Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec. LLC)*, 454 B.R. 317, 331 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2011); *Picard v. Estate of Chais (In re Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec. LLC)*, 445 B.R. 206, 220–21 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2011).

77. As to this argument, the Bankruptcy Court (Lifland, J.) denied the motions. *See Merkin*, 440 B.R. at 273; *Cohmad*, 454 B.R. at 342; *Chais*, 445 B.R. at 221. The Bankruptcy Court found that “a trustee need not dispute a transferee’s good faith defense upon the face of the Complaint. Rather, the transferee bears the burden of establishing its good faith under section 548(c) of the Code as an *affirmative defense* that ‘may be raised and proved by the transferee at trial.’” *Merkin*, 440 B.R. at 256 (citation omitted) (quoting *Bayou Superfund*, 362 B.R. at 639); *see also Cohmad*, 454 B.R. at 331; *Chais*, 445 B.R. at 220–21. Accordingly, the Bankruptcy Court found defendants’ arguments regarding section 548(c) of the Code irrelevant to the Trustee’s pleading burden.

78. Beginning in 2011, hundreds of defendants moved the District Court to withdraw its reference to the Bankruptcy Court.⁴ The District Court withdrew the reference on numerous issues, including whether SIPA or the securities laws alter the standards for determining good faith under either §§ 548(c) or 550(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. *See Order, No. 12 MC 0115 (JSR) (S.D.N.Y. June 23, 2012), ECF No. 197.*

79. With regard to the pleading burden, although good faith is an element of the affirmative defense to actions under sections 548 and 550, the District Court held that, in SIPA cases, a SIPA trustee must *plead* the absence of good faith, with particularized allegations, as

⁴ *See Common Briefing discussion supra Section (VI)(A) and Trustee’s Twentieth Interim Report, ECF No. 18146.*

part of his *prima facie* case to avoid and recover transfers under the Bankruptcy Code (the “Good Faith Decision”). *SIPC v. BLMIS*, 516 B.R. 18, 23–24 (S.D.N.Y. 2014). The Court reasoned that the usual rule that a defendant bears the burden of pleading an affirmative defense “would totally undercut SIPA’s twin goals of maintaining marketplace stability and encouraging investor confidence.” *Id.* at 24.

80. With regard to the standard used to evaluate a transferee’s lack of good faith, the District Court discarded the objective “inquiry notice” standard that governed the good faith affirmative defense for over a century. In its place, the District Court held that for purposes of SIPA recovery actions, “‘good faith’ means that the transferee neither had actual knowledge of the . . . fraud nor willfully blinded himself to circumstances indicating a high probability of such fraud.” *Id.* at 23. The District Court reasoned that because a securities investor has no inherent duty to inquire about his stockbroker, the inquiry notice standard that usually applied to avoidance actions was “unfair and unworkable.” *Id.* at 22. The District Court then returned the withdrawn actions to the Bankruptcy Court for further proceedings consistent with its ruling. *Id.* at 24.

81. The Trustee moved for certification of an interlocutory appeal, and numerous defendants opposed. *SIPC v. BLMIS (In re Madoff Sec.)*, No. 12-mc-00115, ECF Nos. 544, 550 (S.D.N.Y. June 23 & July 2, 2014). The District Court denied certification, holding that the Second Circuit should review the Good Faith Decision only after the Bankruptcy Court determined, in individual cases, whether the Trustee sufficiently pleaded a given defendant’s willful blindness. *SIPC v. BLMIS*, 516 B.R. at 25–26 (S.D.N.Y. July 21, 2014).

82. Two months later, the District Court issued the District Court ET Decision, concluding that because section 550(b) does not apply extraterritorially, the Trustee must plead

certain facts to establish that the subsequent transfers he seeks to recover are “domestic” transfers.⁵ *SIPC v. BLMIS (In re Madoff)*, 513 B.R. 222, 232 n.4 (S.D.N.Y. 2014). Alternatively, the District Court held that recovery of subsequent transfers received from an entity in foreign liquidation proceedings would violate principles of international comity. *Id.* at 231–32. Following these decisions, the District Court returned the cases to this Court. Order Entered July 10, 2014, *In re Madoff Sec.*, No. 12-mc-115 (JSR) (S.D.N.Y.), ECF No. 552.

83. In view of the altered pleading standards, the Trustee filed an Omnibus Motion for Leave to Replead Pursuant to Federal Rule Civil Procedure 15(a) and Court Order Authorizing Limited Discovery Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(d)(1) (the “Omnibus Motion”) in August 2014. Mem. of Law on Omnibus Mot., *SIPC v. BLMIS*, Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789 (LGB), ECF No. 7827. In this motion, the Trustee sought leave to file amended complaints with allegations sufficient to meet the new standards articulated by the District Court and leave to take limited discovery.

84. In September 2014, at a status conference on the Omnibus Motion, defense counsel argued that pending motions to dismiss based on extraterritoriality should be addressed prior to the Trustee’s request for discovery. Hr’g Tr. of Sept. 17, 2014 at 16:14–17, Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789 (LGB) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Nov. 11, 2014), ECF No. 8636. In December 2014, this Court agreed, and stayed proceedings on the Omnibus Motion until after the extraterritoriality proceedings concluded. *See* Order at ¶ 14, Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789 (LGB) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.), ECF No. 8800 (the “December 10 Scheduling Order”) (staying proceedings on the Trustee’s

⁵ *See* Trustee’s Thirty-Second Interim Report ¶¶ 97-104 (ECF No. 24484).

request for discovery and to replead based on good faith until after the Court ruled on the Defendants' motion to dismiss based on extraterritoriality).⁶

85. In November 2016, this Court issued its ruling on extraterritoriality.⁷ See *SIPC v. BLMIS (In re Madoff)*, Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789 (LGB), 2016 WL 6900689, at *36 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Nov. 22, 2016). The Bankruptcy Court ET Decision resulted in partial dismissals of the Trustee's claims in approximately 20 actions and a complete dismissal of approximately 70 actions. The Trustee appealed that ruling to the Second Circuit, which reversed the decisions of the District Court and Bankruptcy Court. *In re Picard*, 917 F.3d 85 (2d Cir. 2019). In June 2020, the Supreme Court denied certiorari. *HSBC Holdings PLC v. Picard*, 140 S. Ct. 2824 (2020). See Trustee's Thirty-Second Interim Report ¶¶ 97-104 (ECF No. 24484).

86. While the Trustee's appeal on extraterritoriality was pending before the Second Circuit, in July 2017, this Court ordered proceedings "solely on the Good Faith Limited Discovery Issue" of the Omnibus Motion for those actions that remained pending. Order at ¶¶ 1, 4, Adv. Pro. No. 08-1789 (LGB) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. July 24, 2017), (ECF No. 16428). That order deferred proceedings on the issue of leave to replead concerning the Good Faith Issue in the Omnibus Motion until after the Court's disposition on the Trustee's request for limited discovery. In June 2018, the Court denied the Trustee's request for limited discovery concerning good faith. *SIPC v. BLMIS*, 2018 WL 2734825 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. June 5, 2018).

87. Thereafter, the Trustee moved for leave to amend his complaints to comport with the new standard articulated in the Good Faith Decision without any additional discovery on that issue. Judge Bernstein denied leave to amend in three separate cases against *Citibank*, *Fortis*, and

⁶ The December 10 Scheduling Order was subsequently modified three times. See 08-1789, ECF Nos. 8990, 9350, 9720. None of the subsequent orders modified the original paragraph 14 of the December 10 Order concerning discovery and repleading as to good faith. See also Hr'g Tr. of Sept. 17, 2014 at 27:17–25, 08-1789 (Nov. 11, 2014), ECF No. 8636.

⁷ See Trustee's Thirty-Second Interim Report ¶¶ 97-104 (ECF No. 24484).

RBS, finding that the Trustee did not plead sufficient facts to meet the willful blindness standard. See *Picard v. Citibank, N.A.*, 608 B.R. 181 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2019); *Picard v. ABN Amro Bank (Ireland) Ltd (f/k/a Fortis Prime Fund Solutions Bank (Ireland) Limited)*, Adv. Pro. No. 10-05355 (SMB), 2020 WL 401822 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Jan. 23, 2020); *Picard v. ABN AMRO Bank N.A.*, Adv. Pro. No. 10-05354 (SMB), 2020 WL 1584491 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. March 31, 2020). Because the *Citibank* decision was the first to result in a final judgment, the Trustee was finally able to appeal Judge Rakoff's 2014 ruling on good faith to the Second Circuit.

88. Proceeding on a slightly different track was the Trustee's case against Legacy Capital and Khronos.⁸ Following the return of the cases from Judge Rakoff in 2014, the Trustee filed an amended complaint in the Bankruptcy Court and defendants Legacy and Khronos moved to dismiss, arguing that the Trustee had not adequately alleged willful blindness on the face of his complaint. The Bankruptcy Court agreed, dismissing those counts of the Trustee's complaint for which lack of good faith was an element of the affirmative defense under section 548(c) for initial transferee Legacy and under section 550(b) for subsequent transferee Khronos. *Picard v. Legacy Capital Ltd. (In re Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec. LLC)*, 548 B.R. 13 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2016). The Court did not dismiss counts relating to transfers of fictitious profits to defendants. See *Picard v. Legacy Capital Ltd. (In re Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec. LLC)*, 548 B.R. 13, 35 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2016). After the parties engaged in discovery, in December 2018, the Trustee moved for summary judgment,⁹ which was granted in part.¹⁰ Thereafter, the parties stipulated to

⁸ While the issues against Legacy Capital and Khronos were on appeal, the Trustee continued to litigate against other subsequent transferees in the *Legacy Capital* action. See Trustee's Thirty-Fourth Interim Report ¶¶ 282–95 (ECF No. 25187).

⁹ *Picard v. Legacy Capital Ltd.*, Adv. Pro. No. 10-5286, ECF No. 192.

¹⁰ *Picard v. Legacy Capital Ltd. (In re Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec. LLC)*, 603 B.R. 682 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2019).

judgment concerning the transfers of fictitious profits, and a final judgment was entered on November 12, 2019.¹¹ See Trustee’s Thirty-Fourth Interim Report ¶¶ 282–95 (ECF No. 25187).

89. With two final judgments in hand, the Trustee sought and obtained direct appeals to the Second Circuit on the issues of the good faith defense presented by the *Citibank* and *Legacy* cases. The appeals presented two common issues:

- Whether the District and Bankruptcy Courts erred by holding that transferees on inquiry notice of a broker-dealer’s fraud nevertheless are protected by the statutory “good faith” defense so long as they do not willfully blind themselves to the fraud.
- Whether the District and Bankruptcy Courts erred by holding that SIPA shifts the burden of pleading a transferee’s affirmative defense of good faith to the plaintiff-trustee.

See Appellant Brief at 2, *Picard v. Citibank, N.A.*, No. 20-1333 (2d Cir. Aug. 6, 2020), ECF No. 78; Appellant Brief at 2, *Picard v. Legacy Capital Ltd.*, No. 20-1334 (2d Cir. Aug. 6, 2020), ECF No. 73.

90. Each appeal also presented the issue of whether, if the District Court did not err with respect to the standard for good faith or the pleading burden, whether the Bankruptcy Court therefore erred by either denying the Trustee leave to amend his complaint (*Citibank*) or dismissing certain claims in the Trustee’s amended complaint (*Legacy*) where the Trustee had plausibly pleaded defendants’ willful blindness to fraud at BLMIS. *Id.* The Second Circuit heard the appeals in tandem on March 12, 2021 before Circuit Judges Wesley, Sullivan, and Menashi.

91. On August 30, 2021, the Second Circuit issued a decision, holding that in a SIPA liquidation proceeding the good faith defense provided in 11 U.S.C. §§ 548(c) and 550(b) is governed by an inquiry notice standard and that a SIPA trustee does not bear the burden of pleading a transferee’s lack of good faith. See *Picard v. Citibank (In re Bernard L. Madoff Inv.*

¹¹ *Picard v. Legacy Capital Ltd.*, Adv. Pro. No. 10-5286, ECF No. 231.

Sec. LLC), 12 F.4th 171 (2d. Cir. 2021)) (the “Decision”). The Decision vacated Judge Rakoff’s 2014 consolidated good faith decision holding that in a SIPA liquidation proceeding good faith is governed by a willful blindness standard and that a SIPA trustee bears the burden of pleading the transferee’s lack of good faith.¹² The Decision also vacated Judge Bernstein’s decisions in the Trustee’s actions against Citibank, N.A. and Legacy Capital applying Judge Rakoff’s good faith decision. *See Picard v. Citibank, N.A.*, 601 B.R. 181 (S.D.N.Y. 2019); *Picard v. Legacy Capital Ltd.*, 548 B.R. 13 (S.D.N.Y. 2016).

92. On October 13, 2021, the Second Circuit issued the mandate, vacating the judgment of the District Court. *Picard v. Citibank, N.A.*, 20-1333 (2d Cir. 2020), ECF No. 197; *Picard v. Legacy Capital Ltd.*, 20-1334 (2d Cir. 2020), ECF No. 187. On January 27, 2022, Defendants Citibank, N.A. and Citicorp North America, Inc. petitioned the Supreme Court for a writ of certiorari to review the Second Circuit’s judgment. The Trustee and SIPC declined to submit an opposition. On February 28, 2022, the Supreme Court denied the petition for writ of certiorari.

D. BLMIS Feeder Fund Actions

93. There are five active feeder fund cases, as set forth on the attached Exhibit B. A few of those with activity during the Report Period are discussed herein.

i. Picard v. Fairfield Greenwich

94. On May 18, 2009, the Trustee commenced an action against Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (“Sentry”), Fairfield Sigma Ltd. (“Sigma”), Fairfield Lambda Ltd. (“Lambda”) (collectively, the “Fairfield Funds”), Greenwich Sentry, L.P. (“Greenwich Sentry”), Greenwich Sentry Partners, L.P. (“Greenwich Sentry Partners”, and together with Greenwich Sentry, the “Greenwich Funds”), and other defendants seeking the return of approximately \$3.5 billion under SIPA, the

¹² *See SIPC v. BLMIS*, 516 B.R. 18 (S.D.N.Y. 2014).

Bankruptcy Code, the New York Fraudulent Conveyance Act, and other applicable law for preferences, fraudulent conveyances, and damages in connection with certain transfers of property by BLMIS to or for the benefit of the Fairfield Funds and the Greenwich Funds. *Picard v. Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation)*, Adv. No. 09-01239 (LGB) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. May 18, 2009). On July 20, 2010, the Trustee filed an Amended Complaint in the action adding as defendants individuals and entities associated with Fairfield Greenwich Group, a de facto New York partnership, that formed, managed, and marketed Sentry, Sigma, Lambda, Greenwich Sentry, and Greenwich Sentry Partners.

95. On June 7, 2011, this Court conditionally approved a settlement agreement between the Trustee and the Joint Liquidators for the Fairfield Funds (the “Joint Liquidators”). (ECF No. 95). On June 24, 2011, the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the High Court of Justice of the Virgin Islands approved the settlement agreement between the Trustee and the Joint Liquidators. On July 13, 2011, this Court entered consent judgments between the Trustee and Lambda in the amount of \$52.9 million (ECF No. 108), Sentry in the amount of \$3.054 billion (ECF No. 109), and Sigma in the amount of \$752.3 million (ECF No. 110).

96. As part of the Fairfield Funds settlement, Sentry agreed to permanently reduce its net equity claim from approximately \$960 million to \$230 million. Additionally, the Joint Liquidators agreed to make a \$70 million payment to the Customer Fund. The Joint Liquidators also agreed to assign to the Trustee all of the Fairfield Funds’ claims against Fairfield Greenwich Group, Fairfield Greenwich (Bermuda) Limited, Fairfield Greenwich Advisors, LLC, Fairfield Risk Services Limited, Fairfield Greenwich Limited, Fairfield International Managers, Inc., Walter M. Noel, Jr., Jeffrey Tucker and all of their individual and entity affiliates, employees, officers, and partners (the “Management Defendants”), and the Trustee retained his own claims

against the Management Defendants. Further, the Trustee and the Joint Liquidators agreed to share future recoveries in varying amounts, depending on the nature of the claims.

97. On July 7, 2011, this Court approved a settlement between the Trustee and the Greenwich Funds, wherein this Court entered judgment against Greenwich Sentry in an amount over \$206 million and against Greenwich Sentry Partners in an amount over \$5.9 million. (ECF No. 107). In the settlement, the Greenwich Funds agreed to permanently reduce their net equity claim from approximately \$143 million to approximately \$37 million, for a combined reduction of over \$105.9 million. Additionally, the Greenwich Funds assigned to the Trustee all of their claims against the Management Defendants and agreed to share with the Trustee any recoveries they receive against service providers.

98. On April 2, 2012, the remaining defendants in the Fairfield Sentry action filed motions to withdraw the reference on a number of issues that later became subject to Common Briefing and hearings before Judge Rakoff of the District Court. The Trustee briefed and presented argument at the hearings on these issues before the District Court. The District Court has issued its opinions providing guidance to this Court and remanded the cases for further findings applying the standards set forth in the District Court's opinions. *See discussion supra* Section (VI)(A) and Trustee's Twentieth Interim Report, ECF No. 18146.

99. On June 6, 2012, the Trustee filed additional recovery actions against entities or persons related to Fairfield Greenwich Group employees or partners entitled *Picard v. RD Trust*, Adv. No. 12-01701 (LGB) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.), *Picard v. Barreneche Inc.*, Adv. No. 12-01702 (SMB) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.), and *Picard v. Alix Toub*, Adv. No. 12-01703 (SMB) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.). The parties in the *RD Trust* action have entered into a stipulated stay as permitted by

this Court. None of the defendants in the three actions have responded yet to the Trustee's complaints.

100. On November 22, 2016, this Court issued its decision on the extraterritoriality motion to dismiss. *See* Trustee's Thirty-Second Interim Report ¶¶ 97-104 (ECF No. 24484). Under the decision, some of the claims against the moving defendants in the Fairfield, Barreneche, and RD Trust actions were dismissed. Following the extraterritoriality decision, the Trustee and defendants agreed to the joinder of certain non-moving defendants to the extraterritoriality motion to dismiss. The parties agreed to consent to the entry of final judgments on the Court's extraterritoriality decision. Finally, the parties consented to direct appeal of the extraterritoriality decision to the Second Circuit.

101. On March 16, 2017, the Trustee filed his notice of appeal in the Fairfield, Barreneche, and RD Trust actions. (ECF Nos. 229, 97, 93). On September 27, 2017, the Second Circuit issued an order granting the parties' request for certification for direct appeal of the appeal of the extraterritoriality decision. *Picard v. Banque Lombard Odier & Cie SA.*, No. 17-1294 (2d Cir.), (ECF No. 388). On February 25, 2019, the Second Circuit vacated the judgment of the Bankruptcy Court and remanded the cases. *In re Picard, Tr. for Liquidation of Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec. LLC*, No. 17-2992 (L), 2019 WL 903978 (2d Cir. Feb. 25, 2019). After denying Defendants' petition for rehearing and rehearing en banc, on April 23, 2019, the Second Circuit granted Defendants' motion for a stay of the issuance of the mandate pending Defendants' filing of a petition for a writ of certiorari.

102. On January 24, 2019, in the action filed by the Joint Liquidators against the Management Defendants, *In re Fairfield Sentry Limited, et al.*, Case No. 10-13164 (JPM), Adv. No. 10-03800 (JPM), the parties entered a stipulation substituting the Trustee as the plaintiff.

(ECF No. 87). On February 22, 2019, the Trustee filed a motion to amend the complaint with an attached proffered Amended Complaint. (ECF No. 90).

103. On March 25, 2019, this Court approved a settlement between the Trustee and certain Management Defendants, Lourdes Barreneche, Robert Blum, Cornelius Boele, Gregory Bowes, Howard Griesman, Jacqueline Harary, Richard Landsberger, Daniel Lipton, Mark McKeefry, Gordon McKenzie, Santiago Reyes, Andrew Smith, Barreneche, Inc., Dove Hill Trust, Fortuna Asset Management, Selecta Financial Corporation. *Sec. Inv'r Prot. Corp. v. Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec. LLC*, No. 08-01789 (LGB) (S.D.N.Y., March 25, 2019). (ECF No. 270). The Trustee's claims against the remaining Management Defendants remain pending.

104. On June 19, 2019, this Court entered a stipulated order consolidating the Fairfield, Barreneche, and RD Trust actions. (ECF No. 274).

105. On June 25, 2019, the Trustee filed a Voluntary Notice of Dismissal Without Prejudice in the Toub action. (ECF No. 60).

106. On September 25, 2019, this Court held a hearing with the Trustee and the remaining Management Defendants in the consolidated actions. At the hearing, the parties informed this Court they had agreed to enter mediation with Richard Davis as the mediator. The Court ordered the parties to report on the progress of the mediation at a hearing to be held on November 26, 2019 and further ordered all matters held in abeyance until December 31, 2019. (ECF No. 275). Similar orders were entered through May 2020. (ECF Nos. 276, 279, 282).

107. On August 20, 2020, the Court entered the Fifth Order on Mediation in which the Court lifted the stay in actions consolidated under *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Ltd., et al.*, Adv. No. 09-01239. (ECF No. 285). The Court further ordered the Management Defendants to file their Reply Brief in Support of their Motion to Dismiss in *Picard v. Fairfield Greenwich*

Group, Adv. No. 10-03800 on or before October 2, 2020. The Court also ordered the Trustee to file an Amended Complaint on or before August 31, 2020 with the parties to provide a proposed briefing schedule in response to the Amended Complaint on or before October 15, 2020.

108. On August 28, 2020, the Trustee filed a Second Amended Complaint in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Ltd., et al.*, Adv No. 09-01239. (ECF No. 286).

109. On October 2, 2020, the Management Defendants filed their Reply Brief in Support of their Motion to Dismiss in *Picard v. Fairfield Greenwich Group*, Adv. No. 10-03800 (ECF No. 129) with a letter regarding foreign authorities. (ECF No. 130). On October 20, 2020, this adversary proceeding was reassigned to Chief Judge Cecelia G. Morris. (ECF No. 138). On November 18, 2020, Chief Judge Morris held a joint conference with the parties in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Ltd., et al.* and *Picard v. Fairfield Greenwich Group*. Also on November 18, 2020, the Court entered a stipulated order providing for supplemental briefing in response to the Defendants' Motion to Dismiss in *Picard v. Fairfield Greenwich Group*, Adv. No. 10-03800, whereby the Trustee was to file his Supplemental Memorandum in Opposition to the Motion to Dismiss by November 25, 2020 and the Defendants were to file their Supplemental Memorandum in Support of the Motion to Dismiss by December 11, 2020. (ECF No. 137).

110. On October 20, 2020, *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-01239, was reassigned to Chief Judge Cecelia G. Morris. (ECF No. 288). On October 21, 2020, a scheduling order was entered in this adversary proceeding whereby Defendants were to file a Motion to Dismiss in response to the Second Amended Complaint by January 15, 2021, the Trustee was to file his Opposition to the Motion to Dismiss by April 15, 2021, and the Defendants were to file their Reply in Support of the Motion to Dismiss by May 31, 2021. (ECF No. 289).

111. On November 25, 2020, in *Picard v. Fairfield Greenwich Group*, Adv. No. 10-03800, the Trustee filed a Supplemental Memorandum in Opposition to the Motion to Dismiss. (ECF No. 141). On December 11, 2020, the parties in this action submitted a letter to the Court regarding the parties' position on conflicts of law concerning the Defendants' Motion to Dismiss. (ECF No. 145). On December 11, 2020, the Defendants filed their Supplemental Memorandum in Support of the Motion to Dismiss. (ECF No. 146). On December 18, 2020, the parties submitted a letter to the Court regarding the choice of law issues involved in the Motion to Dismiss. (ECF No. 149). On January 13, 2021, the Court held a hearing on Defendants' Motion to Dismiss in *Picard v. Fairfield Greenwich Group*, Adv. No. 10-03800.

112. On January 15, 2021, in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-01239, the Defendants filed a Motion to Dismiss Adversary Proceeding (the Second Amended Complaint). (ECF No. 305). On April 15, 2021, the Trustee filed his Memorandum of Law in Opposition to Defendants' Motion to Dismiss. (ECF No. 311). On May 28, 2021, Defendants filed their Reply to the Motion to Dismiss. (ECF No. 313). On June 16, 2021, the Court held a hearing on the Motion to Dismiss.

113. On March 25, 2021, in *Picard v. Fairfield Greenwich Group*, Adv. No. 10-03800, the Court issued its Memorandum Decision Granting in Part and Denying in Part Defendants' Motion to Dismiss. (ECF No. 161). On April 8, 2021, the Court issued its order Granting in Part and Denying in Part Defendants' Motion to Dismiss. (ECF No. 162). Under the Court's order, the Defendants' Motion to Dismiss count one for breach of contract against defendant Fairfield Greenwich Limited, counts two and three for breach of contract against defendant Fairfield Greenwich Bermuda, and count five for constructive trust against all defendants, were denied. Under the Court's order, Defendants Fairfield Greenwich Limited and Fairfield Greenwich

Bermuda's Motion to Dismiss count four for unjust enrichment was granted and was denied for all other Defendants. The Court further ordered that the Trustee could proceed with discovery with respect to Defendant Andres Piedrahita to determine the issue of general personal jurisdiction. (ECF No. 162).

114. On May 6, 2021 and May 28, 2021, in *Picard v. Fairfield Greenwich Group*, Adv. No. 10-03800, the Defendants filed Answers to the Second Amended Complaint. (ECF Nos. 164 – 168, 170 and 173).

115. On June 22, 2021, in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-01239, Defendants submitted a letter to the Court seeking leave to file 121 pages of documents, consisting of selected exhibits to the Trustee's First Amended Complaint. On June 23, 2021, the Trustee submitted a letter to the Court responding and objecting to Defendants' submission. (ECF No. 326). On June 24, 2021, the Court denied the relief requested in the Defendants' letter, without prejudice to Defendants' submission of a motion formally requesting the relief sought. (ECF No. 329). On June 25, 2021, Defendants filed a Motion for Leave to File Copies of Documents Incorporated in the Trustee's Pleadings. (ECF No. 330). On June 28, 2021, the Court denied Defendants' Motion for Leave. (ECF No. 331).

116. On August 6, 2021, *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-01239, the Court issued its Memorandum Decision Denying Motion to Dismiss as to All Claims Except Those Made Against Corina Noel Piedrahita in her Individual Capacity. (ECF No. 336). On September 14, 2021, the Court entered its Order Denying Defendants' Motion to Dismiss as to All Claims Except Those Against Corina Noel Piedrahita in her Individual Capacity. (ECF No. 339). Under the Court's Order, Defendants' motion was denied, except that it was granted with respect to Counts Eight and Fourteen to the extent those counts assert individual claims

against Corina Noel Piedrahita, which claims were dismissed without prejudice. With respect to Counts Eight and Fourteen, Defendants' motion was denied to the extent those counts assert claims against Corina Noel Piedrahita as an alleged partner of Fairfield Greenwich Group. (ECF No. 339).

117. On September 30, 2021, Defendants filed Answers to the Second Amended Complaint in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-01239. (ECF Nos. 342 – 347 and 349).

118. On November 2, 2021, in *Picard v. Fairfield Greenwich Group*, Adv. No. 10-03800, the Court entered an order stipulated by the parties, appointing a discovery arbitrator. (ECF No. 176).

119. In February 2022, the Defendants were given access to the Trustee's electronic data rooms containing millions of documents, including non-confidential documents produced to the Trustee by third parties. On February 3, 2022, Third-Party Defendant Fairfield Sentry produced documents to the Trustee in *Picard v. Fairfield Greenwich Group*, Adv. No. 10-03800. The Defendants have continued to produce documents to the Trustee on a rolling basis. In accordance with the parties' agreement in the respective Case Management Orders, productions in *Picard v. Fairfield Greenwich Group*, Adv. No. 10-03800, are also deemed produced in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-01239, and vice versa.

120. On April 22, 2022, the Defendants served Defendants' First Request for Production of Documents to the Trustee in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-01239.

121. On November 17, 2022, the Trustee’s counsel met and conferred with counsel for the Defendants and the former general counsel of Fairfield Greenwich Group to discuss the Trustee’s claims and explore possible alternate resolution of the proceedings.

122. On January 30, 2023, the Trustee served his First Request for Production of Documents in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-01239.

123. On January 26, 2023, the Trustee’s counsel met and conferred with counsel for the Defendants to discuss and attempt to resolve issues raised by the Trustee regarding documents redacted and/or withheld from production by the Defendants on the basis of assertions of attorney-client privilege.

124. On January 30, 2023 and February 10, 2023, the Trustee made a production to the Defendants, in response to the Defendants’ First Request for Production of Documents to the Trustee.

125. On February 28, 2023 and March 22, 2023, the Defendants produced documents to the Trustee, in response to the Trustee’s First Requests for Production of Documents in *Picard v. Fairfield Greenwich Group*, Adv. No. 10-03800.

126. On May 1, 2023, the Trustee sent a letter to the Defendants concerning the Trustee’s request for certain documents listed in the Defendants’ logs of documents withheld or redacted in the Anwar litigation and various regulatory productions (“Logs”), including a detailed chart of deficiencies the Trustee identified in the Logs. The Trustee and the Defendants resolved those issues by entering into a stipulation on June 22, 2023 (the “Disclosure Stipulation”), in which the parties agreed, among other things, that the Defendants’ production of unredacted versions of documents contained on the Logs would not constitute a waiver of any otherwise applicable privilege or protection.

127. On May 4, 2023, the Trustee served third-party subpoenas on three of the Defendants' service providers: GlobeOp Financial Services, Sitrick Group LLC and RiskMetrics Group ("MSCI Inc."), and thereafter negotiated with counsel for these third parties concerning their compliance with the subpoenas. On July 13, 2023, MSCI Inc. produced documents to the Trustee. On July 19, 2023, the Trustee served his Second Request to the Defendants for the Production of Documents in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-01239.

128. Between May 1, 2023 and September 30, 2023, the Defendants made an additional 14 productions to the Trustee. The productions included financial records responsive to the Trustee's First Request for Production of Documents in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-01239; discovery produced by parties in the Anwar litigation, in response to the Trustee's First Requests for Production of Documents in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-01239; and unredacted versions of documents withheld or redacted in the Anwar litigation, pursuant to the Disclosure Stipulation.

129. On June 29, 2023, *Picard v. Fairfield Greenwich Group*, Adv. No. 10-03800 was reassigned to Judge John P. Mastando III.

130. The parties negotiated formally and informally regarding the Trustee's outstanding document requests, including participating in meet and confers on June 13, 2023, August 9, 2023 and September 15, 2023. On September 15, 2023, in light of the substantial volume of documents produced, and the fact that defendants had yet to produce any documents responsive to search terms and queries agreed upon by the parties in connection with the Trustee's Second Request for Production of Documents in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-01239, the Trustee requested the defendants' agreement to a 1-year

extension of fact discovery deadlines in both *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-01239 and *Picard v. Fairfield Greenwich Group*, Adv. No. 10-03800.

131. At the defendants' request, the Trustee sent a letter to the defendants on September 27, 2023, providing additional detail concerning fact discovery the Trustee would seek to complete during the extension, to enable the defendants to respond to the Trustee's request.

132. The parties did not reach agreement, and on October 5, 2023, the Trustee submitted letter requests in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-01239 (ECF 366) and *Picard v Fairfield Greenwich Group*, Adv. No. 10-03800 (ECF 193) seeking informal discovery conferences in connection with the Trustee's request for an extension of discovery deadlines in both actions.

133. On October 20, 2023, Judge Mastando held a hearing on the Trustee's request in *Picard v Fairfield Greenwich Group*, Adv. No. 10-03800 and granted a six-month extension of discovery deadlines. In addition, Judge Mastando scheduled a status conference for January 29, 2024, with the opportunity to consider a further six month extension dependent on the progress of discovery and a showing of good cause.

134. On November 2, 2023, a Case Management Order was entered in *Picard v Fairfield Greenwich Group*, Adv. No. 10-03800 (ECF 202), extending applicable discovery deadlines by six months. The parties agreed to a Stipulated Amended Case Management Order in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-01239, which was also entered on November 2, 2023 (ECF 372).

135. On November 22, 2023, the Trustee served notice of the deposition of former Fairfield Greenwich Group employee Harold Greisman for December 6, 2023. In an effort to

coordinate discovery with the defendants in other pending SIPA recovery actions brought by the Trustee, the deposition was subsequently re-noticed on December 20, 2023 and was conducted on January 9, 2024. The Trustee also conducted the depositions of former Fairfield Greenwich Group employees Jennifer Keeney and Andrew Ludwig and noticed the deposition of former Fairfield Greenwich Group employee Robert Blum.

136. Between October 27, 2023 and February 27, 2024, the defendants made five productions to the Trustee.

137. The parties continued to negotiate concerning a number of discovery issues, including the production of two large data sets – the defendants’ SalesLogix database and archived Fairfield Greenwich Group employee user folders and custodial emails. On January 26, 2024, the parties submitted a Joint Status Update letter to Judge Mastando to apprise the Court of the status of the case in advance of the scheduled status conference.

138. On January 25, 2024, the Court entered a Suggestion of Death submitted by former counsel for Walter Noel Jr. in *Picard v Fairfield Greenwich Group*, Adv. No. 10-03800, providing notice of Mr. Noel’s death on or about December 16, 2023. (ECF 205). The Suggestion of Death was entered in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-01239 on February 9, 2024 (ECF 379). The parties met and conferred concerning the substitution of appropriate estate representatives for the deceased defendant.

139. On January 29, 2024, a notice of adjournment was filed in *Picard v Fairfield Greenwich Group*, Adv. No. 10-03800, adjourning the status conference to April 17, 2024 (ECF 210).

140. On February 15, 2024, in response to the Defendants’ First Request for Production of Documents to the Trustee, the Trustee made a production of documents to the

defendants, consisting of claims correspondence and related documents concerning SIPA customer claims filed by BBHF Emerald Ltd. and Greenwich Emerald LLC.

141. On February 22, 2024, the Trustee served the Third Set of Document Requests for Production of Documents in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-01239.

142. The parties continued to meet and confer formally and informally concerning discovery issues, including the designation of documents and deposition testimony as “Confidential Material” pursuant to the Litigation Protective Order (ECF No. 4137) (the “LPO”) entered in *Sec. Inv. Prot. Corp. v. Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec. LLC (In re Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec., LLC)*, Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789 on June 6, 2011; defendants’ requests for payment of the SIPA customer claim filed by the defendants on behalf of Greenwich Emerald LLC (the “Greenwich Emerald Claim”); the negotiation of search terms in connection with searches conducted by the defendants for documents responsive to the Trustee’s document requests; production of relevant documents from the defendants’ archived user folders and custodial emails; and production of the defendants’ SalesLogix database.

143. On April 10, 2024, in response to the Trustee’s Second Request to the Defendants for the Production of Documents in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Ltd., et al.*, Adv No. 09-01239, the Defendants produced a data file to the Trustee containing the contents of the SalesLogix database which was utilized by Fairfield sales employees to organize and track information concerning the due diligence conducted on Fairfield’s investment managers.

144. The parties continued to meet and confer concerning substitution of the appropriate estate representatives for deceased defendant Walter M. Noel, Jr., and submitted stipulations in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Ltd., et al.*, Adv No. 09-01239 and *Picard v. Fairfield Greenwich Group*, Adv. No. 10-03800 to substitute the estate of Walter M. Noel, Jr.

(the “Noel Estate”) and Monica Noel, in her capacity as executor of the Noel estate, in each action in place of Walter M. Noel, Jr. and to amend the case captions accordingly. The stipulations were so ordered and entered in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Ltd., et al.*, Adv No. 09-01239 and *Picard v. Fairfield Greenwich Group*, Adv. No. 10-03800, respectively, on April 12 and April 19, 2024. (ECF No. 385 and ECF No. 214).

145. On April 26, 2024, the stipulated amended case management order was entered in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Ltd., et al.*, Adv No. 09-01239. (ECF No. 392).

146. On May 1, 2024, the Defendants produced documents to the Trustee in response to the Trustee’s Third Request for Production in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Ltd., et al.*, Adv No. 09-01239. This production consisted of documents responsive to custodian-specific searches of archived custodial emails which had not previously been searched in response to the Trustee’s document requests.

147. Also on May 1, 2024, the parties submitted a Joint Status Update Letter to Judge Mastando to apprise the Court of the status of the case in advance of the scheduled status conference in *Picard v. Fairfield Greenwich Group*, Adv. No. 10-03800. (ECF No. 221).

148. On May 2, 2024 in *Picard v. Fairfield Greenwich Group*, Adv. No. 10-03800, a notice of adjournment was filed adjourning the status conference to July 24, 2024 (ECF No. 223) and the stipulated amended case management order was entered (ECF No. 225).

149. On June 11, 2024, pursuant to the Order Granting Supplemental Authority to Stipulate to Extensions of Time to Respond and Adjourn Pre-Trial Conferences in *Sec. Inv. Prot. Corp. v. Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec., LLC (In re Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec., LLC)*, Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789 (ECF No. 24226), the pretrial conference in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Ltd., et al.*, Adv No. 09-01239, which was previously scheduled for June 26, 2024, was

adjourned to December 18, 2024. (ECF No. 393). On June 21, 2024, the pre-trial conference in *Picard v. Fairfield Greenwich Group*, Adv. No. 10-03800, also previously scheduled for June 26, 2024, was adjourned to July 24, 2024. (ECF No. 227).

150. On July 1, 2024, the Trustee conducted the deposition of Gil Berman, a former professional options trader who was paid by Fairfield Greenwich Group to provide written summaries of BLMIS's monthly statements between 1995 - 2008.

151. On July 22, 2024, the parties submitted a Joint Status Update Letter to Judge Mastando to apprise the Court of the status of the case in advance of the scheduled status conference in *Picard v. Fairfield Greenwich Group*, Adv. No. 10-03800 (ECF No. 229). In light of the procedural status and the ongoing coordination of discovery in both Fairfield cases, the parties consented to adjournment of the pre-trial conference in *Picard v. Fairfield Greenwich Group*, Adv. No. 10-03800 in parallel with the pre-trial conference in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Ltd., et al.*, Adv No. 09-01239, to December 18, 2024.

152. On July 31, 2024, the parties met and conferred regarding the Trustee's outstanding document production request for archived emails and custodial documents relating to certain defendants and search terms provided to defendants by the Trustee in May 2024.

153. The Trustee made two productions to the defendants in August 2024 in connection with the Defendants' First Request for Production of Documents to the Trustee, consisting of documents from the BLMIS database in response to search terms provided by the defendants, and the BLMIS SQL database.

154. On August 30, 2024, the Trustee filed a claim against the Noel Estate in Greenwich Probate Court (District No. PD54), Case No. 24-00053.

155. On August 30, 2024 and September 20, 2024, the defendants produced documents to the Trustee, consisting of archived Fairfield employee emails responsive to the Trustee's search terms. On September 26, 2024, the defendants produced a replacement copy of Fairfield's SalesLogix database, with attorney communications deleted.

156. On October 2, 2024, the parties met and conferred regarding a number of discovery items, including deposition scheduling, extending the deadline to complete certain fact witness depositions, and applying targeted search terms proposed by the Defendants across the Trustee's BLMIS database.

157. On October 11, 2024 and October 14, 2024, the Trustee produced additional documents to the Defendants, in response to the Defendants' targeted search terms and First Request for Production of Documents to the Trustee in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-01239.

158. On October 11, 2024, Greenwich Emerald LLC filed a Motion to Enforce Court Order in *Sec. Inv. Prot. Corp. v. Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec., LLC (In re Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec., LLC)*, Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789, seeking to compel the Trustee to issue a determination on the Greenwich Emerald Claim. (ECF Nos. 24447 – 24449). On October 22, 2024, the Trustee issued a Notice of Determination denying the Greenwich Emerald Claim. On October 23, 2024, Greenwich Emerald LLC withdrew its Motion to Enforce Court Order. *Sec. Inv. Prot. Corp. v. Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec., LLC (In re Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec., LLC)*, Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789. (ECF No. 24453).

159. Between October 23, 2024 and February 7, 2025, the Trustee conducted the depositions of former Fairfield employees Gregory Bowes, Andres Piedrahita, Daniel Lipton, Jeffrey Tucker, Amit Vijayvergiya and Mark McKeefry, in their individual capacities, and the

deposition of entity defendants Fairfield Greenwich (Bermuda) Ltd., Fairfield Greenwich Limited and Fairfield Greenwich Advisors through their corporate designee, Mark McKeefry.

160. On October 24, 2024, the parties met and conferred regarding discovery issues, including deposition scheduling.

161. On November 1, 2024, the Trustee made a production of documents to the Defendants from the Trustee's Electronic Data Room 1, in response to the Defendants' First Request for Production of Documents to the Trustee in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-01239.

162. The parties met and conferred concerning submission of a proposed amended case management order, and on November 7, 2024, the Trustee submitted a Notice of Presentment of Amended Case Management Order in *Picard v Fairfield Greenwich Group*, Adv. No. 10-03800 (ECF No. 236) and *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-01239 (ECF No. 397). An Amended Case Management Order was subsequently entered in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-01239 on November 19, 2024 (ECF No. 399) and in *Picard v Fairfield Greenwich Group*, Adv. No. 10-03800 on December 12, 2024 (ECF No. 244).

163. On November 21, 2024, Greenwich Emerald LLC filed its Objection to the Trustee's Determination of Claim in *Sec. Inv. Prot. Corp. v. Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec. LLC (In re Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec. LLC)*, Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789. (ECF No. 24520).

164. On December 16, 2024, the defendants submitted a letter to Judge Beckerman requesting an informal status conference in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-01239 for the Court to consider the defendants' request to file a partial summary judgment motion solely on the issue of actual knowledge, prior to the parties engaging in expert discovery. (ECF No. 405). On December 17, 2024, the Trustee submitted a letter to Judge

Beckerman objecting to the defendants' request on several grounds, including the necessity of expert disclosures to assist the trier of fact, the prematurity of the defendants' request under the Amended Case Management Order agreed upon by the parties, and the inefficiency that would result from multiple rounds of summary judgment motions on the same facts. (ECF No. 406).

165. On December 18, 2024, Judge Beckerman held a conference in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-01239 on the Fairfield defendants' request. Judge Beckerman denied the defendants' request and scheduled a conference for April 30, 2025, to permit re-consideration of the defendants' request after the conclusion of fact discovery.

166. On January 24, 2025, the parties participated in oral arguments before the Honorable Frank Maas (Ret.) in connection with a cross-notice of deposition served by the defendants in the Barclays Bank proceeding, (Adv. Pro. No. 11-02569 (LGB)), seeking to depose Mr. Amit Vijayvergiya on the same date and time as the Trustee's scheduled deposition of Mr. Vijayvergiya in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-01239. Upon the conclusion of oral arguments, Judge Maas issued instructions as to how Mr. Vijayvergiya's deposition should proceed, including a limitation on the Trustee's direct examination to 10 hours of questioning over the course of Mr. Vijayvergiya's two-day deposition, with the remaining time allotted for questioning pursuant to the cross-notice. On January 28, 2025, Judge Maas entered a written order confirming the instructions provided at the conclusion of oral arguments as to how Mr. Vijayvergiya's deposition should proceed. (ECF No. 411).

167. On January 15, 2025, Greenwich Emerald LLC served a Notice of Hearing re: Objection to Trustee's Determination of Claim in *Sec. Inv. Prot. Corp. v. Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec., LLC (In re Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec., LLC)*, Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789. (ECF 24641). On January 17, 2025, the Trustee submitted a letter to Judge Beckerman, requesting removal of the

procedurally improper notice of hearing from the docket until the avoidance claims in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-01239 have been fully resolved, so that the Court is able to finally adjudicate the Trustee's denial of the Greenwich Emerald Claim and the related objection. (ECF 24648). On January 22, 2025, the defendants submitted a letter to Judge Beckerman reiterating their request for a January 29, 2025 hearing on the Greenwich Emerald Claim. (ECF 24659).

168. On January 29, 2025, the parties appeared before Judge Beckerman for a conference concerning Greenwich Emerald LLC's objection to the Trustee's denial of the Greenwich Emerald Claim, and Greenwich Emerald LLC's purported notice of hearing on the claim objection. Judge Beckerman denied Greenwich Emerald LLC's request for a hearing on the objection and directed the parties to meet and confer regarding the scope of additional fact discovery, if any, to be sought by the Trustee concerning the Greenwich Emerald Claim. Judge Beckerman also scheduled a conference to be held in *Sec. Inv. Prot. Corp. v. Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec. LLC (In re Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec., LLC)*, Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789 on March 26, 2025, for the parties to discuss resolution of the Greenwich Emerald Claim.

169. On March 11, 2025, the parties met and conferred regarding a number of open items, including expert discovery, the defendants' proposed schedule for bifurcated summary judgment motions, a plan for final resolution of the Greenwich Emerald Claim, and finalizing a stipulation concerning the admission of prior sworn testimony.

170. On March 14, 2025, the parties submitted a joint status update letter to Judge Beckerman in *Sec. Inv. Prot. Corp. v. Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec. LLC (In re Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec., LLC)*, Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789, to apprise the Court of the parties' agreement that (i) the Trustee will not conduct additional discovery relating to the Greenwich Emerald Claim and

(ii) the Trustee will rely on the ultimate disposition of avoidance liability in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-01239 to support his decision with respect to the Greenwich Emerald Claim, based on the equitable authority granted to the Trustee pursuant to the Claims Procedures Order. (ECF 24759). In light of the overlapping issues, and to conserve judicial efficiency and minimize costs, the parties also agreed that any further discussion regarding the Greenwich Emerald Claim should be considered in the context of discussions related to scheduling summary judgment motions in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-01239, which are scheduled to be heard during a status conference on April 30, 2025. As a result, the parties' joint letter also requested adjournment of the March 26, 2025 conference date in *Sec. Inv. Prot. Corp. v. Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec. LLC (In re Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec., LLC)*, Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789, to April 30, 2026.

171. On March 19, 2025, the Trustee served a notice of adjournment in *Sec. Inv. Prot. Corp. v. Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec. LLC (In re Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec., LLC)*, Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789, adjourning the March 26, 2025 conference to April 30, 2025. (ECF 24776).

172. On March 19, 2025 and March 20, 2025, the Trustee participated in the depositions of former Fairfield employees Gordon McKenzie and Daniel Lipton, respectively, which were noticed by defendants in the Banque Lombard Odier & Cie proceeding (Adv. Pro. No 12-01693 (LGB)) and the Fullerton Capital PTE Limited proceeding (Adv. Pro. No. 12-01004 (LGB)).

173. The parties continued to meet and confer regarding the Trustee's objection to the defendants' request to file a partial summary judgment motion solely on the issue of actual knowledge and applicability of the Bankruptcy Code section 546(e) safe harbor defense (the "Actual Knowledge Issue") prior to the parties engaging in expert discovery, and reached a

resolution in advance of the scheduled April 30, 2025 status conferences before Judge Beckerman in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-01239 and *Sec. Inv. Prot. Corp. v. Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec. LLC (In re Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec., LLC)*, Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789.

174. On April 29, 2025, the parties submitted a joint status update letter to Judge Beckerman to apprise the Court that, in light of the agreement previously communicated to the Court by the parties in their March 14, 2025 letter, there were no outstanding issues at that time concerning the Greenwich Emerald Claim that required the Court's intervention. The parties also informed the Court of the parties' agreement to conduct expert discovery prior to the defendants' partial summary judgment motion on the Actual Knowledge Issue (the "Actual Knowledge Motion"). Finally, the parties informed Judge Beckerman of a scheduled status conference in *Picard v. Fairfield Greenwich Group*, Adv. No. 10-03800 and of the parties' intent to continue coordinating proceedings in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-01239 and *Picard v. Fairfield Greenwich Group*, Adv. No. 10-03800 to the extent practicable. (*Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-01239 ECF 412).

175. On April 30, 2025, the parties appeared before Judge Beckerman for a conference to discuss the scheduling of expert disclosures and briefing on the Actual Knowledge Issue, as well as the anticipated timing of expert disclosures and summary judgment briefing on all issues remaining in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-01239 after determination of the Actual Knowledge Motion.

176. On May 5, 2025, a Stipulation and Order Regarding Admissibility and Use of Prior Sworn Testimony was entered in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-01239 concerning admissibility in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-

01239 and *Picard v. Fairfield Greenwich Group*, Adv. No. 10-03800 of the testimony of 71 witnesses who were deposed under oath or gave sworn testimony in connection with (i) In the Matter of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities, Mass. Sec. Div. Docket No. 2008-0087; (ii) In the Matter of Entities and Individuals Related To Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities, LLC, SEC File No. NY-8052; and (iii) Anwar v. Fairfield Greenwich Limited, Case No. 09-cv-118 (VM). (*Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-01239 ECF 415).

177. Also on May 5, 2025, an Order Modifying the Expert Discovery Schedule and Establishing a Briefing Schedule for Partial Summary Judgment was entered in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-01239 (the “Actual Knowledge Scheduling Order”). (ECF 416).

178. On June 6, 2025, the parties submitted a joint status update letter to Judge Mastando in *Picard v. Fairfield Greenwich Group*, Adv. No. 10-03800, in advance of the scheduled June 11, 2025 status conference, to apprise the Court of the status of coordinated fact discovery in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-01239 and *Picard v. Fairfield Greenwich Group*, Adv. No. 10-03800, and to provide an update concerning developments in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-01239 relating to the Actual Knowledge Motion. The parties also informed Judge Mastando of the Actual Knowledge Scheduling Order entered by Judge Beckerman in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-01239. In light of the coordination of fact discovery in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-01239 and *Picard v. Fairfield Greenwich Group*, Adv. No. 10-03800 and the parties’ intent to coordinate expert discovery in both actions to the extent practicable, the parties requested that Judge Mastando hold prospective expert disclosure deadlines in *Picard v. Fairfield Greenwich Group*, Adv. No. 10-03800 in abeyance until after

Judge Beckerman's determination of the Actual Knowledge Motion, to allow expert discovery and summary judgment briefing in *Picard v. Fairfield Greenwich Group*, Adv. No. 10-03800 to occur in parallel with expert discovery and summary judgment briefing on all issues remaining in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-01239 after determination of the Actual Knowledge Motion. Finally, the parties submitted a proposed order modifying the amended case management order in *Picard v. Fairfield Greenwich Group*, Adv. No. 10-03800, to conform to the Actual Knowledge Scheduling Order previously entered by Judge Beckerman in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-01239. (*Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-01239 ECF 251).

179. On June 10, 2025 in *Picard v. Fairfield Greenwich Group*, Adv. No. 10-03800, a notice of adjournment was filed adjourning the status conference to September 24, 2025 (ECF No. 253) and the Order Modifying the Amended Case Management Order was entered (ECF No. 256).

180. The Trustee's professionals continued to analyze discovery obtained from the defendants and third parties and identified documents supporting expert analyses and disclosures relating to the Actual Knowledge issue, in connection with preparing for expert disclosures pursuant to the Actual Knowledge Scheduling Order.

181. On August 22, 2025, pursuant to the Actual Knowledge Scheduling Order, the Trustee's professionals served the Expert Report of Bruce G. Dubinsky dated October 23, 2024; the Expert Report of Bruce G. Dubinsky For The Fairfield Greenwich Group Actions dated August 22, 2025; and the Expert Report of Amy B. Hirsch dated August 22, 2025 on the defendants in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-01239.

182. On September 22, 2025, at the joint request of the parties in *Picard v. Fairfield Greenwich Group*, Adv. No. 10-03800, a notice of adjournment was filed adjourning the status conference in *Picard v. Fairfield Greenwich Group*, Adv. No. 10-03800 to January 7, 2026 (ECF No. 257), pending rebuttal expert disclosures and determination of the Actual Knowledge Motion pursuant to the Actual Knowledge Scheduling Order and the Order Modifying the Amended Case Management Order entered in *Picard v. Fairfield Greenwich Group*, Adv. No. 10-03800 (ECF No. 256).

183. On October 15, 2025, pursuant to the Actual Knowledge Scheduling Order, the Trustee's professionals served the Rebuttal Expert Report of Amy B. Hirsch dated October 15, 2025 on the defendants in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-01239. On the same date, the defendants served the Reply Report of Cameron K. Funkhouser dated October 15, 2025 on the Trustee.

184. The Trustee's professionals continued to analyze discovery obtained from the defendants and third parties as well as the defendants' expert analyses, disclosures and rebuttal relating to the Actual Knowledge issue, in connection with preparing opposition to the defendants' Actual Knowledge Motion.

185. On December 5, 2025, in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-01239, the defendants filed a Memorandum of Law, Declaration of Fletcher W. Strong, Declaration of Amit Vijayvergiya, Declaration of Cameron K. Funkhouser and Statement of Material Facts in Support of Defendants' Motion for Partial Summary Judgment on the Actual Knowledge Issue. (ECF Nos. 419 - 424).

186. On January 2, 2026, at the joint request of the parties in *Picard v. Fairfield Greenwich Group*, Adv. No. 10-03800, notices of adjournment were filed adjourning the pre-

trial conference and status conference in *Picard v. Fairfield Greenwich Group*, Adv. No. 10-03800 to March 26, 2026 (ECF Nos. 260 - 261), pending determination of the Actual Knowledge Motion pursuant to the Actual Knowledge Scheduling Order and the Order Modifying the Amended Case Management Order entered in *Picard v. Fairfield Greenwich Group*, Adv. No. 10-03800 (ECF No. 256).

187. On January 26, 2026, in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-01239, the Trustee's professionals filed the Declaration of Bruce G. Dubinsky, Declaration of Amy B. Hirsch, Declaration of Erika K. Thomas, Trustee's Memorandum of Law, Trustee's Counter-Statement of Material Facts, and Responses to Defendants' Statement of Material Facts in Opposition to Defendants' Motion for Partial Summary Judgment. (ECF Nos. 427 - 432).

188. On March 3, 2026, in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-01239, the defendants filed Defendants' Responses to Trustee's Counter-Statement of Material Facts, Reply Memorandum of Law, and Declaration of Fletcher W. Strong in Further Support of Defendants' Motion for Partial Summary Judgment. (ECF Nos. 434 - 436).

189. On March 23, 2026, at the joint request of the parties in *Picard v. Fairfield Greenwich Group*, Adv. No. 10-03800, notices of adjournment were filed adjourning the pre-trial conference and status conference in *Picard v. Fairfield Greenwich Group*, Adv. No. 10-03800 to June 23, 2026 (ECF Nos. 263 - 264), pending determination of the Actual Knowledge Motion pursuant to the Actual Knowledge Scheduling Order and the Order Modifying the Amended Case Management Order entered in *Picard v. Fairfield Greenwich Group*, Adv. No. 10-03800 (ECF No. 256).

190. On March 25, 2026, in *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, Adv. No. 09-01239, the parties participated in oral arguments before the Honorable Lisa G. Beckerman in connection with the Actual Knowledge Motion.

ii. The HSBC Action

191. On July 15, 2009, the Trustee commenced an adversary proceeding against a handful of HSBC entities and international feeder funds in the financial services industry that transferred funds to and from BLMIS. *Picard v. HSBC Bank plc*, Adv. No. 09-01364 (LGB) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.) (the “HSBC Action”). After further investigation, the Trustee filed an amended complaint on December 5, 2010, expanding the pool of defendants to thirteen HSBC entities and forty-eight individuals and entities, and alleging that over 33% of all monies invested in Madoff’s Ponzi scheme were funneled by and through these defendants into BLMIS. (ECF No. 35).

192. On December 17, 2014, the Trustee, with the Court’s approval, settled his claims against Herald Fund SpC, Herald (Lux) SICAV, Primeo Fund and Senator Fund, which resulted in over \$600 million in consideration to the Estate. (ECF Nos. 338, 339, 349, 350, 352, 363).

193. On July 24, 2017, the Trustee, with the Court’s approval, settled his claims against Lagoon Investment Limited and Hermes International Fund Limited, which resulted in over \$240 million in consideration to the Estate. (ECF No. 16430).

194. On July 26, 2017, the Trustee, with the Court’s approval, settled his claims against Thema Wise Investments Limited and Thema Fund Limited, which resulted in over \$130 million in consideration to the Estate. (ECF No. 16431).

195. On October 20, 2017, this Court approved a settlement between the Trustee and Thema International Fund plc. (ECF No. 482). Under the settlement, Thema International paid approximately \$687 million to the BLMIS Customer Fund.

196. On March 27, 2018, this Court approved a partial settlement between the Trustee and Alpha Prime Fund, Ltd., which resulted in over \$76 million in consideration to the Estate. (ECF No. 497).

197. On July 27, 2019, Alpha Prime moved for judgment on the pleadings. (ECF No. 545). On August 27, 2019, the Trustee opposed that motion and cross-moved to amend the complaint. (ECF No. 548). Oral argument was heard on September 19, 2019, and on September 23, 2019, the Court denied Alpha Prime's motion to dismiss and granted the Trustee's motion to amend. (ECF No. 566).

198. On September 24, 2019, the Trustee filed his amended complaint against Alpha Prime. (ECF No. 567). Litigation is ongoing.

199. On June 20, 2022, this Court approved a partial settlement between the Trustee and Alpha Prime Fund, Ltd., which narrowed most of the issues between those parties. (ECF No. 715).

200. On December 26, 2023, after negotiations, the remaining parties entered into a stipulation consolidating this adversary proceeding with Adversary Proceeding No. 12-01005. (ECF No. 744).

201. On December 27, 2023, the Trustee filed an amended complaint in the action, as consolidated. (ECF No. 745).

202. On February 2, 2024, the various defendants filed answers to the Trustee's amended complaint. (ECF Nos. 753, 754, 755, 756, and 757).

203. On February 22, 2024, the parties entered into a case management plan. (ECF No. 758).

204. On March 11, 2025, HSBC moved for judgment on the pleadings on a portion of the amounts sought by the Trustee's claims. After full briefing, oral argument occurred on May 29, 2025. On September 30, 2025, the Court granted HSBC's motion.

205. During the Report Period, the parties were engaged in discovery.

iii. The UBS Actions

206. On November 23, 2010, the Trustee commenced an adversary proceeding against UBS AG along with several of its affiliated entities, Access International Advisors LLC along with several of its affiliated entities and individuals, Groupement Financier Ltd., and Luxalpha SICAV (collectively, the "Luxalpha Defendants"). The proceeding seeks the return of approximately \$1 billion under SIPA, the Bankruptcy Code, the New York Fraudulent Conveyance Act, and other applicable law for preferences, fraudulent conveyances, and damages in connection with certain transfers of property by BLMIS to or for the benefit of the Luxalpha Defendants, as well as other relief (the "Luxalpha Action"). *Picard v. UBS AG*, Adv. No. 10-04285 (LGB) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Oct. 22, 2012).

207. On December 7, 2010, the Trustee commenced an adversary proceeding against UBS AG along with several of its affiliated entities, M&B Capital Advisors Sociedad de Valores S.A. along with several of its affiliated entities and individuals (the "M&B Defendants"), Reliance International Research LLC along with several of its affiliated entities and individuals, Landmark Investment Fund Ireland, and Luxembourg Investment Fund along with its affiliated funds (collectively, the "LIF Defendants"). The proceeding seeks the return of approximately \$555 million under SIPA, the Bankruptcy Code, the New York Fraudulent Conveyance Act, and other applicable law for fraudulent conveyances and damages in connection with certain transfers of property by BLMIS to or for the benefit of the LIF Defendants, as well as other relief

(the “LIF Action”). *Picard v. UBS AG*, Adv. No. 10-05311 (LGB) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Oct. 22, 2012).

208. On February 12, 2020, the Trustee filed a Motion for Order Issuing Letter Rogatory to AA Alternative Investment PLC on Behalf of Landmark Investment Fund Ireland in the LIF Action, which the Bankruptcy Court granted by Order dated February 25, 2020.

209. On March 2, 2020, the Trustee filed a Motion for Leave to File a Second Amended Complaint in the Luxalpha Action. On April 3, 2020, Luxalpha filed its Memorandum Of Law In Opposition To Trustee’s Motion For Leave To File A Second Amended Complaint And In Support Of Cross Motion For Claim Determination And Allowance. On May 4, 2020, the Trustee filed his Reply Memorandum of Law in Further Support of the Trustee's Motion for Leave to File a Second Amended Complaint and Opposition to Cross Motion for Claim Determination and Allowance. On May 18, 2020, Luxalpha filed its Reply Memorandum of Law in Support of its Cross-Motion for Claim Determination and Allowance.

210. On June 18, 2020, the Bankruptcy Court held a telephonic conference with the Trustee and Luxalpha regarding the Trustee’s Motion and Luxalpha’s Cross-Motion, during which the Bankruptcy Court directed that hearings on the motions will be adjourned sine die pending issuance of orders from the Second Circuit in the appeals of *Picard v. Citibank, N.A.*, Case No. 20-1333 and *Picard v. Legacy Capital Ltd.*, Case No. 20-1334. On June 22, 2020, the Trustee and Luxalpha filed a joint notice adjourning the hearing on the motions accordingly.

211. The Trustee and Luxalpha Liquidators subsequently signed a stipulation agreeing to proceed with discovery and the appointment of a discovery arbitrator, which the court so-ordered on October 27, 2020, as amended by order dated November 24, 2020.

212. With respect to the LIF Action, in October 2020, B&H attorneys, on behalf of the Trustee, finalized settlement terms with Landmark Investment Fund Ireland, and on October 27, 2020 filed a Rule 9019 motion seeking approval of the settlement from the Bankruptcy Court. By order dated November 16, 2020, the Bankruptcy Court approved the motion, authorized the settlement agreement between the Trustee and Landmark Investment Fund Ireland, and ordered that the transfers from BLMIS to Landmark Investment Fund Ireland set forth in Exhibit C of the Complaint filed on December 7, 2010 [ECF No.1] are deemed avoided.

213. On August 30, 2021, the Second Circuit vacated the Bankruptcy Court's dismissal of the Trustee's actions against Citibank, N.A. and Legacy Capital, holding that in a SIPA liquidation the good faith defense is governed by an inquiry notice standard and that a SIPA trustee need not plead a transferee's lack of good faith. *See In re Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Secs. LLC*, --- F.4th ---, Adv. Pro. Nos. 20-1333 & 20-1334, 2021 WL 3854761, at **18-19 (2d Cir. Aug. 30, 2021). The Second Circuit's decision governs the Trustee's actions against other defendants, including the Luxalpha Defendants and LIF Defendants.

214. On January 19, 2022, the Bankruptcy Court held a status conference with the parties in the Luxalpha and LIF actions. On January 20, 2022, the Bankruptcy Court entered a so-ordered stipulation between the Parties in the Luxalpha Action regarding the filing of the Trustee's Second Amended Complaint. Pursuant to the stipulation, on February 7, 2022 the Trustee provided Defendants with the Proposed Second Amended Complaint. On February 18, 2022, Defendants consented to the Trustee filing the Proposed Second Amended Complaint, which was filed by the Trustee on February 28, 2022.

215. On April 22, 2022, Luxalpha SICAV filed its Answer to the Second Amended Complaint in the Luxalpha Action. Also on April 22, 2022, the remaining Defendants, including

the UBS Defendants, the Access Defendants, Groupement Financier Ltd. and certain individual defendants (the “Moving Defendants”), filed motions to dismiss the Second Amended Complaint. On June 17, 2022, the Trustee filed oppositions to the Moving Defendants’ motions to dismiss. On July 29, 2022, the Moving Defendants filed their reply briefs in support of their motions to dismiss. On September 14, 2022, the Court heard oral argument on the Moving Defendants’ motions to dismiss.

216. On November 18, 2022, in the Luxalpha Action, the Court issued a decision denying the Access Defendants’ motions to dismiss in their entirety. On December 1, 2022, the Court issued a decision denying Theodore Dumbauld’s motion to dismiss in its entirety. On December 27, 2022, the Court issued a decision denying the UBS Defendants’ motions to dismiss in their entirety. On January 19, 2023, the UBS Defendants moved for Partial Reargument or Reconsideration of the Order Denying Their Motion to Dismiss the Second Amended Complaint. On January 24, 2023, the Court issued an order sua sponte denying the UBS Defendants’ Motion to Reargue. On February 28, 2023, the UBS Defendants, the Access Defendants and Claudine Villehuchet filed their Answers to the Second Amended Complaint. On March 3, 2023, Theodore Dumbauld filed his Answer to the Second Amended Complaint.

217. In the LIF Action, by a Stipulation and Order dated February 23, 2023, the defendants in the LIF Action consented to the filing of the Trustee’s Second Amended Complaint, which was filed by the Trustee on February 24, 2023.

218. On May 9, 2023, in the Luxalpha Action, the Trustee made an application to the Bankruptcy Court seeking the withdrawal of Letters of Request for the Taking of Evidence Abroad in Civil or Commercial Matters (“Letters of Request”) that had been issued in the Luxalpha matter seeking discovery in Luxembourg from the UBS Defendants. The Trustee

made his application because the UBS Defendants are indisputably subject to discovery as parties following the denial of their motions to dismiss in the Luxalpha matter. On May 15, 2023, the UBS Defendants filed a letter with the Bankruptcy Court in opposition to the Trustee's application. On May 17 and 24, 2023, the Bankruptcy Court held discovery conferences to discuss the Trustee's application. During the May 24, 2023 conference, counsel for the Trustee stated that the application should be expanded to also include Letters of Request that had been issued to the same UBS Defendants in the Luxembourg Investment Fund matter, and the Bankruptcy Court agreed that the Letters of Request should be withdrawn in both matters. On June 1, 2023, the Bankruptcy Court entered an order withdrawing the Letters of Request in both the Luxalpha matter and the Luxembourg Investment Fund matter.

219. On May 23, 2023, in the Luxalpha Action, counsel for the Parties participated in a Rule 26(f) conference. On September 25, 2023, Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP ("Katten"), as counsel for the Access Defendants and Groupement Financier Ltd., moved to withdraw as counsel for those parties.

220. On May 5, 2023, in the LIF Action, the UBS Defendants, Reliance Research International LLC and M&B Capital Advisers Sociedad de Valores S.A., filed their motions to dismiss the Second Amended Complaint. On July 14, 2023, in the LIF Action, the Trustee filed his opposition to the defendants' motions to dismiss. On August 18, 2023, the reply briefs of the UBS Defendants and M&B Capital Advisers Sociedad de Valores S.A. were filed. On September 11, 2023, the parties entered into and filed a stipulation and proposed order to waive oral argument on the defendants' motions to dismiss. On September 13, 2023, the Bankruptcy Court granted the parties' request to waive oral argument.

221. On October 10, 2023, the Bankruptcy Court issued a decision in the LIF Action denying the motions to dismiss by the UBS Defendants and M&B Capital Advisers Sociedad de Valores S.A. in their entirety. On October 16, 2023, the Bankruptcy Court issued a decision denying the motion to dismiss by the Reliance Research International LLC in its entirety. On October 23, 2023, the Bankruptcy Court entered the orders denying each of the defendants' motions to dismiss.

222. On November 3, 2023, in the Luxalpha Action, Katten filed a letter with the Bankruptcy Court adjourning the presentment date for their motion to withdraw as counsel from November 9, 2023 to January 18, 2024.

223. On December 13, 2023, in the Luxalpha Action, the Trustee filed a Notice of Voluntary Dismissal with Prejudice of Claims Against Defendant Pierre Delandmeter.

224. On December 19, 2023, in the Luxalpha Action, the Trustee filed the Declaration of Oren J. Warshavsky in Support of Trustee's Request for a Conference Regarding Proposed Case Management Plan. On December 20, 2023, counsel for Defendant Luxalpha filed a letter in support of entry of the draft case management plan. On February 14, 2024, the Bankruptcy Court held a hearing on the Trustee's request for entry of a case management plan and adjourned that hearing until April 17, 2024.

225. On December 22, 2023, in the LIF Action, the UBS Defendants and M&B Capital Advisers Sociedad de Valores S.A. filed their Answers to the Amended Complaint.

226. On January 16, 2024, in the Luxalpha Action, the Trustee filed an Opposition to Katten's Motion to Withdraw as Counsel for the Access Defendants, and Defendant Patrick Littaye also filed a Letter in Opposition to Katten's Motion to Withdraw as Counsel. Defendant Littaye subsequently filed similar letters on January 18 and 20, 2024. On February 9, 2024,

Katten filed its Reply in Further Support of its Motion to Withdraw as counsel to the Access Defendants. On February 14, 2024, the Bankruptcy Court held a hearing and oral argument on Katten's Motion to Withdraw as Counsel. On February 26, 2024, the Bankruptcy Court issued a decision denying the Motion to Withdraw as Counsel, and on March 12, 2024 entered an Order denying that motion.

227. On January 31, 2024, in the LIF Action, the Bankruptcy Court entered a Stipulation and Order for Voluntary Dismissal with Prejudice as to Defendant Reliance International Research LLC.

228. On April 1, 2024, both the Luxalpha and LIF Actions were reassigned from Judge Cecelia G. Morris to Judge Lisa G Beckerman.

229. On July 26, 2024, in the Luxalpha Action, the Trustee filed a letter to Judge Beckerman along with a Proposed Case Management Plan. On July 31, 2024, the Bankruptcy Court held a status conference and hearing on the Proposed Case Management Plan in both the Luxalpha and LIF Actions.

230. On August 1, 2024, the Bankruptcy Court so-ordered the Case Management Plan in the Luxalpha Action.

231. On August 1, 2024, in the LIF Action, the Trustee submitted a Case Management Plan, which was so-ordered by the Bankruptcy Court on the same day. Also on August 1, 2024, the Trustee's initial disclosures in the LIF Action were served.

232. On September 5, 2024, in the Luxalpha Action, the Trustee served his First Set of Requests for Production on Luxalpha SICAV, Groupement Financier Ltd., the Access Defendants, the UBS Defendants, Theodore Dumbauld, and Patrick Littaye. On September 9, 2024, the Trustee served his First Set of Requests for Production on Claudine Villehuchet.

233. On October 15, 2024, Luxalpha SICAV and the UBS Defendants served their initial disclosures.

234. On October 15, 2024, in the LIF Action, Luxembourg Investment Fund, M&B Capital Advisers and the UBS Defendants served their initial disclosures.

235. On October 28, 2024, in the Luxalpha Action, the UBS Defendants served their responses and objections to the Trustee's First Set of Requests for Production.

236. On November 15, 2024, Claudine Villehuchet served her initial disclosures.

237. On December 6, 2024, in the Luxalpha Action, the Access Defendants, Claudine Villehuchet, Groupement Financier Ltd. and Patrick Litatye served their responses and objections to the Trustee's First Set of Requests for Production.

238. On December 9, 2024, counsel for the Access Defendants filed their second Motion to Withdraw as Attorney to the Access Defendants.

239. On December 20, 2024, in the LIF Action, the Trustee served his First Set of Requests for Production on Luxembourg Investment Fund, M&B Capital Advisers and the UBS Defendants.

240. On January 10, 2025, in the Luxalpha Action, the Trustee filed his opposition to the second Motion to Withdraw as Attorney to the Access Defendants.

241. On January 21, 2025, in the LIF Action, the UBS Defendants served their responses and objections to the Trustee's First Set of Requests for Production.

242. On January 27, 2025, Luxalpha SICAV served its responses and objections to the Trustee's First set of Requests for Production and served its first production of documents on January 31, 2025.

243. On January 28, 2025, the hearing on the Motion to Withdraw in the Luxalpha Action was adjourned to February 26, 2025.

244. On February 11, 2025, in the LIF Action, M&B Capital Advisers served its responses and objections to the Trustee's First Set of Requests for Production.

245. On February 24, 2025, the hearing on the Motion to Withdraw in the Luxalpha Action was adjourned to March 26, 2025.

246. On February 27, 2025, in the LIF Action, Luxembourg Investment Fund served its responses and objections to the Trustee's First Set of Requests for Production.

247. On March 21, 2025, the hearing on the Motion to Withdraw in the Luxalpha Action was adjourned to April 23, 2025.

248. On April 17, 2025, the hearing on the Motion to Withdraw in the Luxalpha Action was adjourned to May 21, 2025.

249. On May 15, 2025, the hearing on the Motion to Withdraw in the Luxalpha Action was adjourned to June 25, 2025.

250. On June 4, 2025, in the LIF Action, the Trustee filed a motion pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019 for the entry of an order approving a settlement between the Trustee and Luxembourg Investment Fund, Luxembourg Investment Fund U.S. Equity Plus and the funds' Liquidators, which will benefit the customer property fund by approximately \$498,300,000.

251. On June 20, 2025, in the Luxalpha Action, The Trustee and the Access Defendants filed a Stipulation and proposed Order of Mediation, providing for mediation between the Trustee and the Access Defendants and adjourning the hearing on the Motion to Withdraw *sine die*, which was so-ordered by the Bankruptcy Court on the same day.

252. On June 23, 2025, in the LIF Action, the Bankruptcy Court issued an order approving the Settlement Agreement.

253. On February 20, 2026, in the Luxalpha Action, the Trustee and the Access Defendants filed a Stipulation and proposed Order of Mediation, providing that the mediation between the Trustee and the Access Defendants be extended for 90 days from the date of the stipulation, and also that the deadline for the mediation may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties, which was so-ordered by the Bankruptcy Court on February 23, 2026.

254. In the Luxalpha Action, B&H attorneys, on behalf of the Trustee, continued discovery planning, including further analysis of the responses and objections by defendants to the Trustee's requests for production; work on deficiency letters regarding those responses and the identification of issues to meet and confer on with opposing counsel; analysis of evidentiary and expert issues; analysis of imputation issues; witness and deposition planning; and review of document productions. B&H attorneys also continued negotiations with counsel for the Access Defendants regarding a potential resolution to their Motion to Withdraw. B&H attorneys also coordinated the discovery in this matter with discovery issues in related matters involving common entities. B&H attorneys also continued planning and analysis related to the Trustee's participation in foreign criminal proceedings in France and Luxembourg.

255. In the LIF Action, B&H attorneys continued work related to the approval and implementation of the settlement in Luxembourg, including work with Luxembourg counsel regarding the approval by the Luxembourg court of the settlement with Luxembourg Investment Fund and work related to obtaining cooperation on foreign discovery. The Luxembourg court approved the LIF settlement on November 27, 2025.

E. Subsequent Transfer Actions

256. The Trustee and B&H attorneys continue to pursue recovery actions against entities that received subsequent transfers of customer property from BLMIS through primarily the Fairfield Funds, the Tremont Funds, and Harley.

257. The Trustee settled his claims against the Fairfield Funds in 2011. *Picard v. Fairfield Inv. Fund Ltd., et al.*, Adv. Pro. No. 09-1239 (LGB), ECF No. 107. As part of the settlement, the Bankruptcy Court entered a consent judgment in the amount of approximately \$3 billion, and the Fairfield Funds repaid \$70 million to the Trustee. The Trustee then commenced numerous cases to recover the subsequent transfers of customer property that defendants received from the Fairfield Funds.

258. In 2011, the Trustee also settled his claims against the Tremont Funds in 2011. *Picard v. Tremont Group Holdings, Inc., et al.*, Adv. Pro. No. 10-05310 (SMB), ECF No. 38. As part of this settlement, the Tremont Funds repaid the Trustee \$1.025 billion out of \$2.1 billion of fraudulent transfers received from BLMIS. The Trustee has several actions against defendants who received subsequent transfers from the Tremont Funds. These actions seek to recover the \$1 billion in transfers that were not recovered as part of the settlement with the Tremont Funds.

259. The Trustee has several actions against defendants who received subsequent transfers from Harley. In 2009, the Trustee filed an adversary proceeding against Harley that sought to avoid and recover approximately \$1 billion in initial transfers received from BLMIS. *Picard v. Harley International (Cayman) Limited, Inc.*, Adv. Pro. No. 09-01187 (LGB), ECF No. 1. Harley never responded to the complaint, and on November 10, 2010, the Bankruptcy Court entered a default judgment and summary judgment against Harley. The Trustee's actions seek to recover all of the avoided transfers that defendants received from Harley.

260. The parties are actively litigating the subsequent transfer cases in the Bankruptcy Court. In 29 cases, the Trustee filed an amended complaint. In 72 cases, defendants filed motions to dismiss the Trustee's operative complaints. The Bankruptcy Court has resolved defendants' motions to dismiss in 71 cases, with 1 motion to dismiss still pending. Following the Bankruptcy Court's denial of their motions to dismiss, defendants in 15 cases filed motions to appeal the Bankruptcy Court's decisions. There are currently no appeals pending in the District Court. The Bankruptcy Court has entered case management plans in 67 cases, with fact discovery for the respective cases scheduled to close in 2026.

261. As of today, following certain settlements and dismissals, the Trustee has 50 subsequent transfer actions pending, as set forth in the attached Exhibit C.

i. Picard v. Citibank, N.A., et al.

262. On December 8, 2010, the Trustee commenced an action against Citibank, N.A., Citicorp North America, Inc., and Citigroup Global Markets Ltd. (collectively, "Citibank") seeking the return of approximately \$430 million under SIPA, the Bankruptcy Code, the New York Fraudulent Conveyance Act, and other applicable law for preferences and fraudulent transfers in connection with certain transfers of property by BLMIS to or for the benefit of Citibank (the "Citibank Action"). *Picard v. Citibank*, Adv. No. 10-05345 (LGB) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Dec. 8, 2010).

263. On October 18, 2019, the Bankruptcy Court denied the Trustee's motion for leave to file an amended complaint. (ECF No. 170).

264. On November 27, 2019, the Trustee filed a notice of appeal to the Second Circuit (ECF No. 177) in connection with the following prior rulings: (i) Memorandum Decision Denying Trustee's Motion for Leave to File Amended Complaint. *Picard v. Citibank, N.A.*, Adv. Pro. No. 10-05345 (LGB) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Oct. 18, 2019), ECF No. 140;

(ii) Memorandum Decision Denying Trustee’s Motion for Discovery Pursuant to Rule 26(d), *Picard v. Citibank*, 590 B.R. 200 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2018) (Adv. Pro. No. 10-05345 (LGB)), ECF No. 140; (iii) Order of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (Bernstein, S.), dated June 18, 2018, denying the Trustee’s motion for limited discovery pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 26(d), *Picard v. Citibank, N.A.*, Adv. Pro. No. 10-05345 (LGB) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. June 18, 2018), ECF No. 143; and (iv) Opinion and Order of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (Rakoff, J.), dated April 28, 2014, *Sec. Inv. Prot. Corp. v. Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec. LLC (In re Madoff Sec.)*, 516 B.R. 18 (S.D.N.Y. 2014) (No. 12-mc-115 (JSR)), ECF No. 524 (the “2014 Rakoff Good Faith Decision”).

265. On June 8, 2020, the Second Circuit accepted the direct appeal. *Picard v. Citibank, N.A.*, 20-1333 (2d Cir. 2019), ECF No. 45.

266. On August 6, 2020, the Trustee filed his appellate brief and appendices. On August 13, professors of bankruptcy law, the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees, and professors of civil procedure filed their respective briefs in support of the Trustee as *amici curiae*. On November 5, 2020, Defendants-Appellees filed their opposition brief, ECF No. 134. On November 12, 2020, (i) the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association and the American Bankers Association; (ii) ABN AMRO Bank N.V.; and (iii) ABN AMRO Retained Custodial Services (Ireland) Limited and ABN AMRO Custodial Services (Ireland) Ltd. filed their respective briefs in support of the Defendants-Appellees’ opposition as *amici curiae*, ECF Nos. 136, 139, 140. On November 25, 2020, the Trustee and SIPC filed their respective reply briefs, ECF Nos. 166, 167.

267. Oral argument was heard on March 12, 2021, before the Second Circuit. On March 23, 2021 and June 11, 2021, the Trustee filed notices to adjourn the pre-trial conference while awaiting the Second Circuit judgment, which was issued on August 31, 2021. The Second Circuit judgment vacated the judgments of the bankruptcy court and the 2014 Rakoff Good Faith Decision and remanded the case for proceedings consistent with the Second Circuit's opinion.

268. On February 11, 2022, the Trustee filed an amended complaint against Defendants. On April 22, 2022, Defendants filed a motion to dismiss the amended complaint.

269. On July 1, 2022, the Trustee filed his opposition to Defendants' motion to dismiss and argued the motion before Judge Cecelia M. Morris on September 14, 2022. On September 27, 2022, Judge Morris denied Defendants' motion to dismiss in its entirety.

270. On November 9, 2022, Defendants filed a motion for interlocutory appeal of the Bankruptcy Court's decision, challenging its application of the "Ponzi scheme presumption" and the avoidability of a \$300 million transfer from BLMIS to Rye Select Broad Market Prime Fund, which Defendants assert did not deplete the BLMIS estate. On November 16, 2022, B&H attorneys filed the Trustee's opposition to Defendants' motion for interlocutory appeal, and on November 30, 2022, Defendants filed their reply in support of their motion for interlocutory appeal. On March 2, 2023, the Trustee filed a Case Management Plan. On March 24, 2023, the Trustee served Defendants with his first set of requests for production. On March 31, 2023, the Trustee served Defendants with his initial disclosures.

271. On March 14, 2024, the District Court denied Defendants' motion for interlocutory appeal.

272. During the Report Period, the parties continued to engage in fact discovery pursuant to the case management plan filed on August 22, 2023. The parties engaged the Hon.

James C. Francis IV (ret.) to serve as a discovery arbitrator to resolve various discovery issues which are pending. The parties continued to exchange documents responsive to their respective discovery requests and participated in written discovery.

ii. Picard v. Natixis, et al.

273. On December 8, 2010, the Trustee commenced an action against Natixis, Natixis Corporate & Investment Bank (f/k/a Ixis Corporate & Investment Bank), Natixis Financial Products, Inc., Bloom Asset Holdings Fund, and Tensyr Ltd. (collectively, the “Natixis Defendants”) seeking the recovery of approximately \$430 million under SIPA, the Bankruptcy Code, the New York Fraudulent Conveyance Act, and other applicable law for preferences, fraudulent transfers and fraudulent conveyances in connection with certain transfers of property by BLMIS to or for the benefit of the Natixis Defendants (the “Original Natixis Action”). *Picard v. Natixis*, Adv. No. 10-05353 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Dec. 8, 2010).

274. In an effort to streamline proceedings, B&H attorneys determined to dismiss Natixis FP and Bloom Asset Holdings Fund from the Original Natixis Action in favor of a separate proceeding against them. The Trustee filed an amended complaint in the Original Natixis Action against Natixis S.A. and Tensyr Limited on January 31, 2023 (ECF No. 193) and filed a new action against Natixis FP and Bloom Asset Holdings Fund in Adv. Pro. No. 23-01017 (the “Severed Natixis Action” and, with the Original Natixis Action, the “Natixis Actions”) on March 1, 2023.

275. The Natixis Defendants’ respective motions to dismiss were denied in their entirety on November 2, 2023, November 3, 2023, and November 9, 2023. Original Natixis Action, ECF Nos. 228 & 233; Severed Natixis Action, ECF No. 31. The Natixis Defendants filed their answers on January 12, 2024 and January 26, 2024. Original Natixis Action, ECF Nos. 253 & 254; Severed Natixis Action, ECF No. 44.

276. During the Report Period, B&H attorneys drafted letters and met and conferred with counsel for the defendants in the Natixis Actions regarding the Trustee's and the defendants' document requests. B&H attorneys reviewed documents produced by defendants in the Natixis Actions and in other adversary proceedings relevant to this matter in connection with producing documents in response to the document requests and to develop the Trustee's factual and legal strategy in the Natixis Actions. B&H attorneys assessed defendants' document productions for production issues and gaps in the productions, and drafted correspondence to defendants regarding same. B&H attorneys also conducted legal and factual research in anticipation of motion practice regarding the parties' discovery requests and responses, including drafting correspondence to the Court and motion papers and appearing in Court. B&H attorneys conducted research regarding potential third-party subpoenas, including to identify relevant entities and potential legal issues with obtaining documents. B&H attorneys met and conferred and corresponded with counsel for a third-party rating agency possessing documents relevant to the Original Natixis Action.

iii. Picard v. Nomura International PLC

277. On December 8, 2010, the Trustee commenced an action against Nomura International plc ("Nomura") seeking the return of approximately \$35 million under SIPA, the Bankruptcy Code, the New York Fraudulent Conveyance Act, and other applicable law for preferences, fraudulent conveyances, and damages in connection with certain transfers of property by BLMIS to or for the benefit of Nomura (the "Nomura Action"). *Picard v. Nomura Int'l plc*, Adv. Pro. No. 10-05348 (LGB) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Dec. 8, 2010). On June 6, 2012, the Trustee filed an Amended Complaint in the Nomura Action.

278. By orders dated May 15, 2012, and June 7, 2012, the District Court entered orders withdrawing the reference in the Nomura Action to determine whether SIPA and/or the

Bankruptcy Code apply extraterritorially, permitting the Trustee to avoid initial transfers that were received abroad or to recover from initial, immediate, or mediate foreign transferees (the “Extraterritoriality Issue”). *See Sec. Inv’r Prot. Corp. v. Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec. LLC*, No. 12-mc-0115 (JSR), ECF Nos. 97 and 167.

279. On July 7 and 28, 2014, the District Court entered an opinion and order, and a supplemental opinion and order, and returned the Nomura Action to the Bankruptcy Court for further proceedings. *See Sec. Inv’r Prot. Corp. v. Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec. LLC*, No. 12-mc-0115 (JSR), ECF Nos. 551 and 556.

280. On December 31, 2014, Nomura filed a consolidated memorandum of law in support of a motion to dismiss concerning the Extraterritoriality Issue (the “Extraterritoriality Motion to Dismiss”).

281. On November 22, 2016, the Bankruptcy Court issued a Memorandum Decision Regarding Claims to Recover Foreign Subsequent Transfers that granted the Extraterritoriality Motion to Dismiss as to Nomura. *See Sec. Inv’r Prot. Corp. v. Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Inv. Sec. LLC*, Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789 (SMB), 2016 WL 6900689 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Nov. 22, 2016). *See Trustee’s Thirty-Second Interim Report ¶¶ 97-104* (ECF No. 24484).

282. On March 3, 2017, the Bankruptcy Court entered an order granting the Extraterritoriality Motion to Dismiss. *Picard v. Nomura Int’l plc*, Adv. Pro. No. 10-05348 (SMB), ECF No. 108.

283. On April 4, 2017, the Trustee and Nomura filed a Certification to the Court of Appeals by All Parties. *Id.*, ECF No. 113. The Second Circuit subsequently authorized a direct appeal on October 13, 2017.

284. On February 25, 2019, the Second Circuit issued a decision that vacated the Bankruptcy Court's order. *In re Picard, Trustee for the Liquidation of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Secs. LLC*, 917 F.3d 85 (2d Cir. 2019). See Trustee's Thirty-Second Interim Report ¶¶ 97-104 (ECF No. 24484).

285. On August 29, 2019, Nomura filed a petition for writ of certiorari in the United States Supreme Court. On June 1, 2020, the United States Supreme Court denied the petition for writ of certiorari. See Trustee's Thirty-Second Interim Report ¶¶ 97-104 (ECF No. 24484). Also on June 1, 2020, the Second Circuit issued the mandate, returning the Nomura Action to the Bankruptcy Court.

286. On August 30, 2021, the Second Circuit vacated the Bankruptcy Court's dismissal of the Trustee's actions against Citibank, N.A. and Legacy Capital, holding that in a SIPA liquidation the good faith defense is governed by an inquiry notice standard and that a SIPA trustee need not plead a transferee's lack of good faith. See *In re Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Secs. LLC*, 12 F.4th 171, 185-200 (2d Cir. 2021). See Trustee's Thirty-Second Interim Report ¶¶ 97-104 (ECF No. 24484). The Second Circuit's decision governs the Trustee's actions against other subsequent transferee defendants, including Nomura.

287. On April 4, 2022, Trustee filed stipulated scheduling orders governing briefing schedules for the Trustee's motions for leave to file amended complaints or, alternatively, for Nomura's motions to dismiss the amended complaints. *Picard v. Nomura Int'l plc*, Adv. Pro. No. 10-05348 (LGB), ECF No. 120; *Picard v. Nomura Int'l plc*, Adv. Pro. No. 11-02759 (LGB), ECF No. 90. B&H attorneys subsequently met and conferred with Nomura's counsel to obtain Nomura's consent to file the amended complaints. On June 13, 2022, B&H attorneys filed the amended complaints. *Picard v. Nomura Int'l plc*, Adv. Pro. No. 10-05348 (LGB), ECF No. 121;

Picard v. Nomura Int'l plc, Adv. Pro. No. 11-02759 (LGB), ECF No. 91. On August 4, 2022, the Trustee filed an amended stipulated scheduling order governing Defendant's motion to dismiss the amended complaints. *Picard v. Nomura Int'l plc*, Adv. Pro. No. 10-05348 (LGB), ECF No. 123; *Picard v. Nomura Int'l plc*, Adv. Pro. No. 11-02759 (LGB), ECF No. 93. On August 26, 2022, Nomura filed motions to dismiss the Trustee's proceedings.

288. On November 8, 2022, the Trustee filed oppositions to Nomura's motions to dismiss. *Picard v. Nomura Int'l plc*, Adv. Pro. No. 10-05348 (LGB), ECF No. 127; *Picard v. Nomura Int'l plc*, Adv. Pro. No. 11-02759 (LGB), ECF No. 97. On December 19, 2022, Nomura filed its reply memorandums in further support of its motions to dismiss. *Picard v. Nomura Int'l plc*, Adv. Pro. No. 10-05348 (LGB), ECF No. 129; *Picard v. Nomura Int'l plc*, Adv. Pro. No. 11-02759 (LGB), ECF No. 99. On January 27, 2023, the Trustee filed stipulations and orders waiving Nomura's oral argument on the motions to dismiss. *Picard v. Nomura Int'l plc*, Adv. Pro. No. 10-05348 (LGB), ECF No. 130; *Picard v. Nomura Int'l plc*, Adv. Pro. No. 11-02759 (LGB), ECF No. 100.

289. On April 19 and 26, 2023, Judge Morris issued memorandum decisions denying Nomura's motion to dismiss in their entirety. *Picard v. Nomura Int'l plc*, Adv. Pro. No. 10-05348 (LGB), ECF No. 137; *Picard v. Nomura Int'l plc*, Adv. Pro. No. 11-02759 (LGB), ECF No. 109. On June 19, 2023, Defendants filed answers to the Trustee's Amended Complaints. *Picard v. Nomura Int'l plc*, Adv. Pro. No. 10-05348 (LGB), ECF No. 140; *Picard v. Nomura Int'l plc*, Adv. Pro. No. 11-02759 (LGB), ECF. 112. On July 18, 2023, the Trustee and Defendants participated in their Rule 26(f) conference. On August 22, 2023, the Trustee filed Case Management Plans. *Picard v. Nomura Int'l plc*, Adv. Pro. No. 10-05348 (LGB), ECF No. 140; *Picard v. Nomura Int'l plc*, Adv. Pro. No. 11-02759 (LGB), ECF. 112.

290. During the Report Period, the parties continued to engage in fact discovery pursuant to the case management plan filed on August 22, 2023. The parties engaged a discovery arbitrator to resolve various discovery issues which are pending. The parties continued to exchange documents responsive to their respective discovery requests and participated in written discovery.

iv. Picard v. Merrill Lynch International.

291. On December 8, 2010, the Trustee commenced an action against Merrill Lynch International (“MLI”) seeking the return of at least \$16 million under SIPA, the Bankruptcy Code, the New York Fraudulent Conveyance Act, and other applicable law for preferences and fraudulent transfers in connection with certain transfers of property by BLMIS to or for the benefit of MLI (the “MLI Action”). *Picard v. Merrill Lynch Int’l*, Adv. No. 10-05346 (LGB) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Dec. 8, 2010).

292. On August 30, 2021, the Second Circuit issued the Citibank Decision, 12 F.4th 171 (2d. Cir. 2021), holding that in a SIPA liquidation the good faith defense provided in 11 U.S.C. §§ 548(c) and 550(b) is governed by an inquiry notice standard and that a SIPA trustee does not bear the burden of pleading a transferee’s lack of good faith. The Citibank Decision vacated a prior decision from the district court, which held that in a SIPA liquidation good faith is governed by a willful blindness standard and that a SIPA trustee bears the burden of pleading the transferee’s lack of good faith.

293. On May 22, 2023, MLI filed its Answer to the Trustee’s Amended Complaint. *Picard v. Merrill Lynch Int’l*, Adv. No. 10-05346 (LGB), ECF No. 161. On June 21, 2023, the Trustee and MLI participated in their Rule 26(f) conference and the Bankruptcy Court entered the parties’ agreed upon case management plan on September 18, 2023.

294. On November 21, 2023, the Trustee served MLI with his first set of requests for production. MLI served its Responses and Objections to the Trustee's First Set of Document Requests on February 12, 2024.

295. On October 17, 2024, MLI made its first production of documents to the Trustee.

296. The Trustee served MLI with his first set of interrogatories on November 15, 2024. MLI served its Responses and Objections to the Trustee's First Set of Interrogatories on December 16, 2024 and amended responses and objections on March 27, 2025.

297. On March 7, 2025, the Trustee made a voluntary production of documents to MLI.

298. MLI produced additional documents to the Trustee in February, March, April, May, July, August, September, October, and December 2025, and made a final production on January 30, 2026.

299. During the Report Period, the parties continued to engage in communications relating to MLI's responses and objections to the first set of requests for production and interrogatories. The Trustee's counsel has been reviewing and analyzing the documents produced by MLI. The Trustee also made a supplemental voluntary production to MLI on January 14, 2026.

300. On January 9, 2026, the Trustee and MLI stipulated to, and secured the Bankruptcy Court's appointment of, the Hon. Henry Pitman (Ret.) of JAMS as Mediator to mediate this action and engage in a settlement negotiation during the Report Period.

v. **Picard v. ABN AMRO Bank N.V. (presently known as NatWest Markets N.V.)**

301. This matter categorizes time spent by the Trustee and B&H attorneys pursuing two now-consolidated avoidance actions against ABN AMRO Bank N.V. (presently known as NatWest Markets N.V.) (“ABN”).

302. In the first action, the Trustee seeks the return of approximately \$286 million under SIPA, the Bankruptcy Code, the New York Fraudulent Conveyance Act, and other applicable law for preferences and fraudulent transfers in connection with certain subsequent transfers of BLMIS customer property ABN received from Rye Select Broad Market XL Portfolio, Ltd., Rye Select Broad Market Portfolio Limited, Rye Select Broad Market XL Fund L.P., and Rye Select Broad Market Fund L.P. *Picard v. ABN AMRO Bank N.V.* (presently known as NatWest Markets N.V.), Adv. No. 10-05354 (LGB) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Dec. 8, 2010) (the “ABN Tremont Bankruptcy Court Action”).

303. On March 31, 2020, the Bankruptcy Court denied the Trustee’s motion for leave to file a second amended complaint in the ABN Tremont Bankruptcy Court Action. *Id.*, ECF No. 200. On April 23, 2020, the Trustee appealed the Bankruptcy Court’s judgment to the District Court. *Id.*, ECF No. 202. On May 12, 2020, the Record of Appeal was transmitted to the District Court and the appeal was assigned to Judge Valerie E. Caproni. *Picard v. ABN AMRO Bank N.V.*, No. 20-cv-3684 (VEC) (S.D.N.Y. May 12, 2020) (“ABN District Court Appeal”), ECF No. 1.

304. On May 28, 2020, the Trustee moved the District Court for a stay of his appeal pending a decision by the Second Circuit in two similarly situated actions: *Picard v. Citibank, N.A.*, No. 20-1333 (2d Cir.), and *Picard v. Legacy Capital Ltd.*, No. 20-1334 (2d Cir.) (collectively, the “Good Faith Appeals”). ABN District Court Appeal, ECF Nos. 3-4. On June 8,

2020, the District Court granted the Trustee's motion and stayed his appeal, with exception to permit a motion by ABN for certification of the appeal for direct appeal to the Second Circuit. Id., ECF No. 12.

305. On June 9, 2020, ABN moved the District Court to certify the Trustee's appeal for direct appeal to the Second Circuit, which the District Court granted on July 16, 2020. Id., ECF Nos. 17-18, 22.

306. On July 21, 2020, ABN moved the Second Circuit to authorize the direct appeal, for expedited consideration of its motion, and for the resulting appeal to proceed in tandem with the Related Appeals. *Picard v. ABN AMRO Bank, N.V.*, No. 20-2291 (2d Cir. July 21, 2020) ("ABN Second Circuit Appeal"), ECF Nos. 1-2. On August 4, 2020, the Second Circuit denied ABN's motion to expedite consideration of its motion for leave to appeal and to have the resulting appeal proceed in tandem with the Good Faith Appeals. Id., ECF No. 37. On October 6, 2020, the Second Circuit issued an order deferring its decision on ABN's motion for leave to appeal pending resolution of the Good Faith Appeals. Id., ECF No. 48.

307. On August 30, 2021, the Second Circuit entered its decision in the Good Faith Appeals. *Picard v. Citibank, N.A.*, 20-1333 (2d Cir. Aug. 30, 2021), ECF No. 182-1.

308. On October 26, 2021, the parties filed a Stipulation in the Second Circuit to withdraw the ABN Second Circuit Appeal with prejudice pursuant to Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 42(b). ABN Second Circuit Appeal, ECF No. 51. On October 27, 2021, the Second Circuit "so-ordered" the Stipulation and issued the mandate. Id., ECF Nos. 57-58.

309. On November 12, 2021, the parties requested the District Court to so order a Stipulation vacating the Bankruptcy Court's Final Judgment in the ABN Tremont Bankruptcy Court Action and remanding the case to the Bankruptcy Court for further proceedings. ABN

District Court Appeal, ECF No. 25. On November 12, 2021, the District Court “so-ordered” the Stipulation, vacated the Bankruptcy Court’s Final Judgment, and remanded the ABN Tremont Bankruptcy Court Action to the Bankruptcy Court for further proceedings. *Id.*, ECF No. 26.

310. On November 16, 2021, the ABN Tremont Bankruptcy Court Action was formally reopened in the Bankruptcy Court. ABN Tremont Bankruptcy Court Action, ECF No. 214.

311. On October 6, 2011, the Trustee commenced his second action against ABN in the adversary proceeding *Picard v. ABN AMRO Bank N.V.* (presently known as NatWest Markets, N.V.), Adv. Pro. 11-02760 (LGB), seeking the return of approximately \$21 million under SIPA, the Bankruptcy Code, the New York Fraudulent Conveyance Act, and other applicable law for preferences and fraudulent transfers in connection with subsequent transfers of BLMIS customer property ABN received from Harley International (Cayman) Limited (the “ABN Harley Bankruptcy Court Action”).

312. On July 6, 2014, the District Court entered an Opinion and Order ruling on extraterritoriality and international comity issues (the “District Court ET Decision”) and returned certain matters to the Bankruptcy Court for further proceedings consistent with the District Court ET Decision, *see SIPC v. BLMIS (In re Madoff)*, 513 B.R. 222 (S.D.N.Y. 2014).

313. On November 22, 2016, the Bankruptcy Court issued a Memorandum Decision Regarding Claims to Recover Foreign Subsequent Transfers (the “Bankruptcy Court ET Decision”) dismissing certain claims to recover subsequent transfers on grounds of international comity resulting in the dismissal of all claims against ABN in the ABN Harley Bankruptcy Court Action. ABN Harley Bankruptcy Court Action, ECF No. 74; *see Picard v. Bureau of Labor Ins.*

(*SIPC v. BLMIS*), Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789 (SMB), 2016 WL 6900689 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Nov. 22, 2016).

314. On February 25, 2019, the Second Circuit issued an order, *In re Picard*, 917 F.3d 85 (2d Cir. 2019), which, inter alia, vacated the Bankruptcy Court ET Decision.

315. On March 22, 2022, on consent, the Trustee filed a Consolidated Second Amended Complaint seeking \$308,113,826. ABN Tremont Bankruptcy Court Action, ECF No. 220; ABN Harley Bankruptcy Court Action, ECF No. 111. On April 20, 2022, the Court “so-ordered” a Stipulation and Order for Consolidation, consolidating the ABN Tremont Bankruptcy Court Action and the ABN Harley Bankruptcy Court Action under the ABN Tremont Bankruptcy Court Action. ABN Tremont Bankruptcy Court Action, ECF No. 222; ABN Harley Bankruptcy Court Action, ECF No. 113.

316. On May 23, 2022, ABN filed a motion to dismiss the Consolidated Second Amended Complaint. ABN Tremont Bankruptcy Court Action, ECF No. 224. On March 3, 2023, the Court issued a Memorandum Decision Denying Defendant’s Motion to Dismiss in its entirety. *Id.*, ECF No. 262. On March 15, 2023, the Court issued the corresponding Order Denying Defendant’s Motion to Dismiss, which also ordered ABN to file an answer to the Consolidated Second Amended Complaint. *Id.*, ECF No. 266.

317. On May 15, 2023, ABN filed an Answer and Affirmative Defenses to the Consolidated Second Amended Complaint. *Id.*, ECF No. 268. ABN also asserted Counterclaims against the Trustee. *Id.*

318. On July 17, 2023, the Trustee moved to dismiss ABN’s Counterclaims. *Id.*, ECF Nos. 271 – 273.

319. On August 24, 2023, in lieu of opposing ABN's motion to dismiss the Counterclaims, ABN filed Amended Counterclaims and also moved to amend its Affirmative Defenses. *Id.*, ECF Nos. 276, 278, 279.

320. On September 13, 2023, the Trustee opposed ABN's motion to amend its Affirmative Defenses. *Id.*, ECF No. 282. ABN's motion to amend was fully briefed, and the Court held oral argument on September 20, 2023. *Id.*, ECF Nos. 279, 282, 285, 287.

321. While ABN's motion to amend its Affirmative Defenses was pending before the Court, on September 27, 2023, the Trustee moved to dismiss the Amended Counterclaims. *Id.*, ECF Nos. 281, 286.

322. On October 4, 2023, the Court issued a Memorandum Decision Granting in Part and Denying in Part ABN's Motion to Amend Affirmative Defenses. *Id.*, ECF No. 293. On October 17, 2023, the Court issued the corresponding Order Granting In Part and Denying In Part ABN's Motion to Amend Affirmative Defenses. *Id.*, ECF No. 295.

323. On October 26, 2023, ABN filed a Notice of Voluntary Dismissal Pursuant to F.R.C.P. 41(c)(1), dismissing its Amended Counterclaims and rendering the Trustee's motion to dismiss the Amended Counterclaims moot. *Id.*, ECF Nos. 297, 299.

324. Pursuant to a Stipulation and Order entered on November 1, 2023, on November 29, 2023, ABN filed an Amended Answer and Affirmative Defenses. *Id.*, ECF Nos. 299, 301.

325. On May 25, 2023, the Trustee and ABN participated in their Rule 26(f) conference. On July 18, 2023, the Court ordered the parties' Case Management Plan. *Id.*, ECF No. 274. Pursuant to the Case Management Plan, on September 18, 2023, the parties exchanged Initial Disclosures. On November 6, 2023, the Trustee produced his Initial Disclosures document production to ABN. On December 19, 2023, the Trustee served his First Set of Requests for

Production of Documents (“Document Requests”) on ABN. On February 20, 2024, ABN served its Objections and Responses to the Trustee’s Document Requests. ABN also began, and continues to, produce documents in response to the Trustee’s Document Requests.

326. On August 1, 2024, the Trustee served his First Set of Interrogatories (“Interrogatories”) on ABN. On September 17, 2024, ABN served Responses and Objections to the Trustee’s Interrogatories. On April 4, 2025, ABN served Amended Responses and Objections to the Trustee’s Interrogatories.

327. On July 25, 2025, ABN served its First Set of Requests for Production and its First Set of Requests for Admission. On August 25, 2025, the Trustee served Responses and Objections to ABN’s First Set of Requests for Production. That same day, the Court ordered the parties’ First Amended Case Management Plan, which extended all fact discovery by six months. Id., ECF No. 306.

328. During the Report Period, the parties continued to engage in fact discovery. On October 5, 2025, the Trustee served Responses and Objections to ABN’s First Set of Requests for Admission.

329. The Trustee continued to analyze document productions received from ABN and the parties continued to meet and confer on various discovery matters. In addition, the Trustee took two fact depositions in the case. The Trustee continues to pursue third-party discovery in the matter as well.

330. On April 6, 2026, the Court ordered the parties’ Second Amended Case Management Plan, which extended all fact discovery deadlines by a further two months.

vi. **Picard v. ABN AMRO Bank (Ireland) Ltd., et al.**

331. On December 8, 2010, the Trustee commenced an action against ABN AMRO Bank (Ireland) Ltd. (f/k/a Fortis Prime Fund Solutions Bank (Ireland) Ltd.), ABN AMRO

Custodial Services (Ireland) Ltd. (f/k/a Fortis Prime Fund Solutions Custodial Services (Ireland) Ltd.) (collectively, the “Fortis Defendants”), Rye Select Broad Market XL Fund, LP, and Rye Select Broad Market XL Portfolio Ltd. seeking the return of approximately \$747 million under SIPA, the Bankruptcy Code, the New York Fraudulent Conveyance Act, and other applicable law for preferences and fraudulent conveyances in connection with certain transfers of property by BLMIS to or for the benefit of the Fortis Defendants (the “Fortis Action”). *Picard v. ABN AMRO Bank (Ireland) Ltd.*, Adv. No. 10-05355 (SMB) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Dec. 8, 2010).

332. On January 11, 2019, the Bankruptcy Court so ordered the Stipulation and Order Concerning the Trustee’s Motion for Leave to File an Amended Complaint. (ECF No. 162). On February 22, 2019, the Trustee filed the Motion for Leave to File an Amended Complaint. (ECF No. 165). On April 23, 2019, the Fortis Defendants filed the Opposition to the Trustee’s Motion for Leave to File an Amended Complaint. (ECF No. 169). On May 23, 2019, the Trustee filed the Reply in Further Support of the Motion for Leave to File an Amended Complaint. (ECF No. 179). Oral argument in this matter was held on September 25, 2019. On January 23, 2020, the Bankruptcy Court issued its Memorandum Decision Denying Motion for Leave to File Second Amended Complaint. (ECF No. 188). On February 6, 2020, the Bankruptcy Court entered the Stipulated Order Denying the Trustee’s Motion for Leave to Amend and Entering Final Judgment. (ECF No. 189).

333. On February 19, 2020, the Trustee filed his Notice of Appeal. (ECF No. 189). On March 4, 2020, the Trustee filed his Designation of Items to be Included in the Record on Appeal and Statement of Issues to Presented. (ECF No. 192). On March 18, 2020, the Fortis Defendants filed a Counter-Designation of Additional Items to be Included in the Record on Appeal. (ECF No. 194). On March 27, 2020, the Record of Appeal was transmitted to the United States

District Court of Appeal and assigned to Judge Colleen McMahon. *Picard v. ABN AMRO Bank (Ireland) Ltd.*, No. 20-cv-2586-cm (S.D.N.Y. Mar. 27, 2020) (ECF Nos. 1, 3).

334. On April 6, 2020, the Fortis Defendants moved for Leave to Appeal directly to the Second Circuit pursuant to § 158(d)(2)(A). (ECF Nos. 8-10). On April 10, 2020, the Trustee filed a joint letter motion for an Extension of Time to Complete Merits Briefing and Trustee's Response and Consent to Defendants' Motion Requesting Permission to Appeal to the Second Circuit. (ECF No. 14). On May 7, 2020, the Trustee filed a Letter Motion for an Extension of Time of Briefing Schedule beyond May 15, 2020. (ECF No. 17). On May 8, 2020, Judge McMahon granted the Trustee's Letter Motion. (ECF Nos. 18, 19). On June 11, 2020, Judge McMahon granted the Fortis Defendants' motion for Leave to Appeal and stayed merits briefing pending resolution of the motion. (ECF No. 24).

335. On June 18, 2020, the Fortis Defendants filed a motion for Leave to Appeal to the Second Circuit. *Picard v. ABN AMRO Bank (Ireland) Ltd.*, No. 20-1898 (2d Cir. Jun 18, 2020) (ECF Nos. 1-2). The Fortis Defendants also filed a motion to expedite so that the Fortis Defendants' briefing could be heard in tandem with the related appeals of *Picard v. Citibank, N.A.*, No. 20-1333 (2d. Cir.) and *Picard v. Legacy Capital Ltd.*, No. 20-1334 (2d Cir.) (together, the "Related Appeals"). (ECF No. 2). On August 4, 2020, the Second Circuit denied the Fortis Defendants' motion to expedite and for hearing in tandem. (ECF No. 42). On October 6, 2020, the Second Circuit deferred a decision on the motion for leave to appeal to the Second Circuit until the resolution of the Related Appeals. (ECF No. 48).

336. On August 30, 2021, the Second Circuit rendered its decision in the Related Appeals, overturning the District Court's standard for pleading good faith, vacating the judgments of the Bankruptcy Court, and remanding for further proceedings consistent with the

opinion. *Picard v. Citibank, N.A.*, No. 20-1333 (2d. Cir. Aug. 30, 2021) (ECF No. 182); *Picard v. Legacy Capital Ltd.*, No. 20-1334 (2d Cir. Aug. 30, 2021) (ECF No. 177). See Trustee's Thirty-Fourth Interim Report ¶¶ 282–95 (ECF No. 25187).

337. On October 1, 2021, the Fortis Defendants filed an updated petition requesting permission to appeal to the Second Circuit. *Picard v. ABN AMRO Bank (Ireland) Ltd.*, No. 20-1898 (2d Cir. Oct. 1, 2021) (ECF No.50). On October 12, 2021, the Trustee filed an opposition to this motion. (ECF No. 67). The matter was heard on February 1, 2022, and the Second Circuit denied the request for direct appeal on February 3, 2022. (ECF No. 84). The Trustee filed his merits brief on March 7, 2022. *Picard v. ABN AMRO Bank (Ireland) Ltd.*, No. 20-cv-2586-cm (S.D.N.Y. Mar. 7, 2022) (ECF No. 27). The Fortis Defendants filed their opposition on April 6, 2022. *Picard v. ABN AMRO Bank (Ireland) Ltd.*, No. 20-cv-2586-cm (S.D.N.Y. Apr. 6, 2022) (ECF No. 32). The Trustee replied on April 21, 2022.

338. Judge McMahon rendered her decision for the Trustee and vacated the Bankruptcy Court's 2020 decision and remanded the matter back to the Bankruptcy Court. *Picard v. ABN AMRO Bank (Ireland) Ltd.*, No. 20-cv-2586-cm (S.D.N.Y. May 2, 2022) (ECF No. 35).

339. The Trustee and the Fortis Defendants conferred and agreed upon a briefing schedule that allowed for the Trustee to file his second amended complaint. The Fortis Action, Adv. No. 10-05355 (LGB)(ECF No. 203). The Trustee filed his second amended complaint on consent on June 17, 2022. (ECF No. 205). The Fortis Defendants filed a motion to dismiss on August 19, 2022. (ECF No. 209). The Trustee filed his opposition on October 18, 2022. (ECF No. 214). The Fortis Defendants filed a reply on Dec. 2, 2022. (ECF No. 230). Oral argument was held in the matter on February 15, 2023. (ECF No. 236). On March 28, 2023, Judge Morris

issued a decision denying the motion to dismiss. (ECF No. 237). The Fortis Defendants' answer was served on May 26, 2023. (ECF No. 249).

340. On December 26, 2023, the Case Management Order (ECF No. 251) was approved by Judge Morris.

341. Fact discovery is underway. The Parties exchanged initial disclosures on March 11, 2024, and the Trustee made an initial voluntary production of documents on April 10, 2024.

342. The Trustee served a First Set of Requests for the Production of Documents (the "Document Requests") on September 30, 2024. The Defendants served their Responses and Objections to the Trustee's Document Requests on October 30, 2024.

343. On March 10, 2025, the Trustee made a supplemental voluntary production of documents to Defendants.

344. On April 28, 2025, Defendants served their First Set of Requests for Production to the Trustee. The Trustee served his Responses and Objections to the Defendants' Requests for Production on May 28, 2025.

345. On June 11, 2025, the Trustee made a further supplemental voluntary production of documents to Defendants.

346. On June 16, 2025, the Defendants made a production of documents to the Trustee.

347. The Trustee served his First Set of Interrogatories on October 1, 2025. The Defendants served their response on November 7, 2025.

348. The parties have continued to engage in meet and confers to resolve Defendants' objections to the Trustee's Document Requests.

349. The Defendants produced additional documents to the Trustee in July, October, and November 2025, and in January 2026.

350. On January 7, 2026, the Trustee and the Defendants stipulated to, and secured the Bankruptcy Court’s appointment of, the Hon. James C. Francis IV (Ret.) of JAMS as Discovery Arbitrator to resolve various discovery disputes between the parties.

351. On March 20, 2026, the Trustee made a further supplemental voluntary production of documents to Defendants.

352. On March 30, 2026, the Defendants served their Second Set of Requests for the Production of Documents and their First Set of Interrogatories.

353. The Trustee continues to engage in fact and expert discovery, including preparing for fact witness depositions.

vii. Picard v. BNP Paribas S.A. Ltd., et al.

354. The Trustee and B&H attorneys filed separate adversary proceedings that collectively seek the recovery of approximately \$1 billion under SIPA, the Bankruptcy Code, and the New York Fraudulent Conveyance Act from BNP Paribas S.A. and its subsidiaries—BNP Paribas Arbitrage SNC, BNP Paribas Bank & Trust (Cayman) Limited, BNP Paribas Securities Services S.C.A., BNP Paribas Securities Services – Succursale de Luxembourg, BNP Paribas (Suisse) S.A., and BGL BNP Paribas S.A., (collectively, the “BNP Paribas Defendants”)—who redeemed money from feeder funds that invested with BLMIS. *See Picard v. BNP Paribas Arbitrage, SNC*, Adv. No. 11-02796 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Nov. 3, 2011) (the “BNP Paribas Harley Action”); *Picard v. BNP Paribas S.A.*, Adv. No. 12-01576 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. May 4, 2012) (the “BNP Paribas Tremont Action”); and *Picard v. BNP Paribas Arbitrage SNC*, Adv. No. 25-01085 (Bank. S.D.N.Y. Apr. 10, 2025) (the “BNP Paribas Equity Trading Action,” and collectively, the “BNP Paribas Proceedings”). The Trustee also filed a complaint seeking to recover from BNP Paribas - Dublin Branch (“BNPP Dublin”) pursuant to Section 550 of the Bankruptcy Code, initial transfers in the amount of \$49.5 million made from BLMIS to BNP

Paribas from Legacy Capital's BLMIS account. *See Picard v. BNP Paribas – Dublin Branch*, Adv. No. 2201087 (LGB) (the "BNP Paribas Dublin Action").

355. In the BNP Paribas Harley Action, on December 28, 2023, the Bankruptcy Court denied BNP Paribas Arbitrage SNC's motion to dismiss. ECF No. 117. BNP Paribas Arbitrage SNC filed its answer to the Trustee's amended complaint on March 11, 2024, ECF No. 119, and amended its answer on May 1, 2024. ECF No. 124.

356. In the BNP Paribas Tremont Action, on June 4, 2024, the Bankruptcy Court denied in part and granted in part the BNP Paribas Defendants' motion to dismiss. ECF No. 226. The remaining BNP Paribas Defendants filed their answer to the Trustee's second amended complaint on September 4, 2024. ECF No. 235.

357. In the BNP Paribas Dublin Action, on December 28, 2023, the Bankruptcy Court denied BNPP Dublin's motion to dismiss. ECF No. 40. BNPP Dublin filed its answer to the Trustee's complaint on March 11, 2024. ECF No. 46.

358. Prior to the commencement of the BNP Paribas Equity Trading Action, the Bankruptcy Court had entered a consent judgment that avoided the initial transfers from BLMIS to the initial transferee Equity Trading Portfolio. On April 10, 2025, the Trustee commenced the BNP Paribas Equity Trading Action and filed a complaint to recover the avoided initial transfer from BNP Paribas Arbitrage SNC. ECF No. 1. BNP Paribas Arbitrage SNC moved to dismiss the complaint on August 13, 2025. ECF No. 9. That motion remains pending.

359. During the Report Period, B&H attorneys met and conferred with counsel for BNP Paribas Arbitrage SNC regarding the Trustee's and BNP Paribas Arbitrage SNC's document requests, including potential foreign law issues. B&H attorneys drafted discovery-related correspondence, conducted factual and legal research concerning discovery disputes, and

analyzed documents produced by BNP Paribas entities in other proceedings and in the BNP Paribas Harley Action that could be relevant to the BNP Paribas Harley Action. B&H attorneys also analyzed and produced BLMIS documents responsive to BNP Paribas Arbitrage SNC's document requests.

360. During the Report Period, B&H attorneys met and conferred with counsel for the BNP Paribas Defendants regarding the Trustee's and the BNP Paribas Defendants' document requests. B&H attorneys drafted discovery responses and related correspondence, conducted factual and legal research concerning discovery disputes, and analyzed documents produced by BNP Paribas entities in other proceedings and in the BNP Paribas Tremont Action that could be relevant to the BNP Paribas Tremont Action. B&H attorneys also analyzed and produced BLMIS documents responsive to the BNP Paribas Defendants' document requests.

361. During the Report Period, B&H attorneys prepared and filed opposition papers in response to BNP Paribas Arbitrage SNC's motion to dismiss in the BNP Paribas Equity Trading Action. ECF No. 13. The motion is fully briefed and the parties are awaiting the Court's decision.

362. During the Report Period, B&H attorneys met and conferred with counsel for BNPP Dublin regarding the Trustee's and BNPP Dublin's document requests, including potential foreign law issues involving documents located in Ireland. Counsel for the Trustee thereafter worked with BNPP Dublin's counsel over the ensuing months to reach an agreement on the scope of document discovery and electronic search terms. B&H attorneys drafted discovery-related correspondence, conducted factual and legal research concerning discovery disputes, and analyzed documents produced by BNP Paribas entities in other proceedings and in the BNP Paribas Dublin Action that could be relevant to the BNP Paribas Dublin Action.

363. During the Report Period, B&H attorneys prepared an Amended Complaint in the BNP Paribas Dublin Branch Action to reflect settlement of the Trustee's claims against Legacy Capital. The settlement provided, *inter alia*, that the Trustee would enter a final judgment in the adversary proceeding against Legacy Capital, avoiding \$174 million of transfers. On October 14, 2025, the Bankruptcy Court entered final judgment (the "Final Judgment"). As a result of the Final Judgment, the Trustee sought to amend his complaint to include all transfers BNPP Dublin received. The Amended Complaint seeks to recover from BNPP Dublin pursuant to Section 550 of the Bankruptcy Code, initial transfers in the amount of \$87 million made from BLMIS to BNPP Dublin from Legacy Capital's BLMIS account. B&H Attorneys sought BNPP Dublin's consent to the Trustee filing the Amended Complaint. The Trustee anticipates that the parties will soon enter a stipulated order concerning BNPP's Dublin consent to the filing of the Amended Answer and a deadline for its answer.

viii. Picard v. Platinum All Weather Fund Ltd., et al.

364. This matter categorizes time spent by the Trustee and B&H attorneys pursuing the avoidance action against Platinum All Weather Fund Limited ("PAWFL") and ABN AMRO Retained Nominees (IOM) Limited, formerly known as ABN AMRO Fund Services (Isle of Man) Nominees Limited and Fortis (Isle of Man) Nominees Limited ("Fortis IOM") (collectively, the "Platinum Defendants") seeking the return of approximately \$104 million under SIPA, the Bankruptcy Code, the New York Fraudulent Conveyance Act, and other applicable law for preferences, fraudulent transfers, and fraudulent conveyances in connection with certain transfers of property by BLMIS to or for the benefit of the Platinum Defendants (the "Platinum Action"). *Picard v. Platinum All Weather Fund Ltd.*, Adv. Pro. No. 12-01697 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Jun. 6, 2012), ECF No. 1.

365. Following the Second Circuit's decision in *Picard v. Citibank N.A. (In re Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC)*, 12 F.4th 171 (2d Cir. 2021), B&H attorneys filed an Amended Complaint in the Platinum Action on November 3, 2022. *Picard v. Platinum All Weather Fund Ltd.*, Adv. Pro. No. 12-01697 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Nov. 3, 2022), ECF No. 141.

366. Motion to dismiss briefing ensued. The Bankruptcy Court rendered its Memorandum Decision denying PAWFL's Motion to Dismiss the Amended Complaint on May 17, 2023. *Id.*, ECF No. 166. The Bankruptcy Court rendered its Memorandum Decision denying Fortis IOM's Motion to Dismiss the Amended Complaint on June 12, 2023. *Id.*, ECF No. 173. On August 25, 2023, the Platinum Defendants filed their Answers to the Trustee's Amended Complaint. *Id.*, ECF Nos. 179, 181. After several Rule 26(f) conferences, a Case Management Order was entered in this case on January 10, 2024. *Id.*, ECF No. 183.

367. During the Report Period, B&H attorneys reviewed the document productions produced by both Platinum defendants. B&H attorneys also met and conferred with both PAWFL and Fortis IOM individually multiple times to discuss the Platinum Defendants' discovery deficiencies from their document productions. B&H attorneys prepared responses and objections to Fortis IOM's Requests for Production, including reviewing documents responsive to the discovery requests. B&H attorneys also prepared for mediation with PAWFL.

VII. INTERNATIONAL INVESTIGATION AND LITIGATION

368. The Trustee's international investigation and recovery of BLMIS estate assets involves, among other things: (i) identifying the location and movement of estate assets abroad, (ii) becoming involved in litigation brought by third parties in foreign courts, by appearance or otherwise, to prevent the dissipation of funds properly belonging to the estate, (iii) bringing actions before United States and foreign courts and government agencies to recover customer property for the benefit of the customers and creditors of the BLMIS estate, and (iv) retaining

international counsel to assist the Trustee in these efforts, when necessary. More than seventy of the actions filed in this Court have involved international defendants, and the Trustee is involved in actions and investigations in several jurisdictions, including Austria, the British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, France, Israel, and the United Kingdom, among others.

369. The following summarizes key litigation involving foreign defendants in the Bankruptcy Court and in foreign courts.

A. Austria

370. The Trustee and his counsel continue to actively investigate certain banks, institutions, and individuals located in this jurisdiction. In addition, the Trustee and his counsel are actively engaged in discovery involving Austrian documents and witnesses.

B. Bermuda

371. The Trustee and his counsel are actively engaged in third-party discovery involving Bermudian documents and witnesses.

C. Brazil

372. The Trustee and his counsel are actively engaged in discovery involving Brazilian documents and witnesses.

D. BVI

373. The Trustee and his counsel are actively investigating the involvement of several BVI-based feeder funds that funneled money into the Ponzi scheme.

E. Cayman Islands

374. The Trustee and his counsel are actively monitoring certain third-party BLMIS and HSBC-related proceedings currently pending in the Cayman Islands.

F. England

375. The Trustee and his counsel currently have protective claims pending in England against HSBC and related entities. In addition, the Trustee and his counsel are actively engaged in discovery involving English documents and witnesses.

G. France

376. The Trustee and his counsel are actively monitoring certain third-party and other proceedings relating to BLMIS currently pending in France. In addition, the Trustee and his counsel are actively engaged in discovery involving French documents and witnesses.

H. Hong Kong

377. The Trustee and his counsel are actively engaged in third-party discovery involving documents and witnesses in Hong Kong.

I. Ireland

378. The Trustee and his counsel continue to investigate BLMIS-related third-party litigation currently pending in Ireland. In addition, the Trustee and his counsel are actively engaged in discovery involving Irish documents and witnesses.

J. Isle of Man

379. The Trustee and his counsel are engaged in third-party discovery involving documents and witnesses in the Isle of Man.

K. Israel

380. The Trustee and his counsel are currently involved in a litigation in Israel on his claims brought in 2015 seeking to recover funds transferred to individuals and entities through Magnify-related BLMIS accounts, including the Yeshaya Horowitz Association account. The trial was held in District Court in Tel Aviv across multiple weeks from February through July 2024. Following the trial, the Trustee resolved claims against seventeen of the secondary

defendants. The Trustee filed his comprehensive post-trial brief, and the remaining eight primary defendants are currently working on their required post-trial briefs. A ruling by the Israeli court is expected to follow the close of all briefing.

L. Japan

381. The Trustee and his counsel are actively engaged in discovery involving Japanese documents and witnesses.

M. Korea

382. The Trustee and his counsel are actively engaged in discovery involving Korean documents and witnesses.

N. Kuwait

383. The Trustee and his counsel are actively engaged in discovery involving Kuwaiti documents and witnesses.

O. Liechtenstein

384. The Trustee and his counsel are actively monitoring certain third-party proceedings relating to BLMIS currently pending in Liechtenstein.

P. Luxembourg

385. The Trustee and his counsel continue to monitor certain BLMIS-related third-party actions currently pending in this jurisdiction. In addition, the Trustee and his counsel are actively engaged in discovery involving Luxembourg documents and witnesses.

Q. Netherlands

386. The Trustee and his counsel are actively engaged in discovery involving Dutch documents and witnesses.

R. Singapore

387. The Trustee and his counsel are actively engaged in discovery involving Singaporean documents and witnesses.

S. Spain

388. The Trustee and his counsel are actively engaged in discovery involving Spanish documents and witnesses

T. Switzerland

389. The Trustee and his counsel continue to monitor certain BLMIS-related third-party actions currently pending in these jurisdictions. In addition, the Trustee and his counsel are actively engaged in discovery involving Swiss documents and witnesses.

U. Taiwan

390. The Trustee and his counsel are actively engaged in discovery involving Taiwanese documents and witnesses.

VIII. RECOVERIES AND CONTINGENCIES

A. Recoveries Accomplished During Prior Report Periods

391. In the Sixth through Thirty-Fourth Interim Reports, the Trustee reviewed the significant settlements entered into during those periods and prior report periods. Prior to this Report Period, the Trustee had recovered or reached agreements to recover approximately \$14.829 billion for the benefit of BLMIS customers.

B. Recoveries Accomplished During This Report Period

392. During the Report Period, the Trustee settled 13 cases. Additionally, the Trustee received recoveries in connection with settlements totaling \$535,402,327.26. As of the end of the Report Period, the Trustee has successfully recovered or reached agreements to recover nearly \$15.378 billion.

393. The Trustee has identified claims in at least eight shareholder class action suits that BLMIS filed before the Trustee's appointment arising out of its proprietary and market making desk's ownership of securities. During the Report Period, the Trustee had received distributions from seven of these class action settlements totaling over \$91,000. The Trustee has not and will not receive any distributions from the eighth class action settlement.

394. In addition, the Trustee has identified claims that BLMIS may have in 201 other class action suits also arising out of its proprietary and market making activities. The Trustee has filed proofs of claim in 128 of these cases and, based on a review of relevant records, has declined to pursue claims in 73 additional cases. As of March 31, 2026, the Trustee has recovered \$2,655,599.48 from settlements relating to 62 of the 128 claims filed directly by the Trustee during the Report Period, of which \$0 was recovered during the Report Period.

IX. THE TRUSTEE'S ALLOCATION OF FUNDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS TO CUSTOMERS

A. The Customer Fund

395. In order to protect customers of an insolvent broker-dealer such as BLMIS, Congress established a statutory framework pursuant to which customers of a debtor in a SIPA liquidation are entitled to preferential treatment in the distribution of assets from the debtor's estate. The mechanism by which customers receive preferred treatment is through the creation of a Customer Fund, as defined in SIPA § 78lll(4), which is distinct from a debtor's general estate. Customers holding allowable claims are entitled to share in the Customer Fund based on each customer's net equity as of the filing date, to the exclusion of general creditors. SIPA § 78fff-2(c).

396. In order to make interim distributions from the Customer Fund, the Trustee must determine or be able to sufficiently estimate: (a) the total value of customer property available

for distribution (including reserves for disputed recoveries), and (b) the total net equity of all allowed claims (including reserves for disputed claims). Each element of the equation—the customer property numerator and the net equity claims denominator—is inherently complex in a liquidation of this magnitude.

397. There are unresolved issues in this liquidation proceeding that require the maintenance of substantial reserves. Nonetheless, the liquidation proceeding progressed to a stage at which it was possible for the Trustee, on an interim basis, to determine: (a) the allocation of property to the Customer Fund, or the “numerator” (taking reserves into account), (b) the amount of allowable net equity claims, or the “denominator” (also taking reserves into account), and (c) the calculation of each customer’s minimum ratable share of the Customer Fund.

398. The Trustee previously filed seventeen motions seeking entry of orders approving allocations of property to the Customer Fund and authorizing pro rata interim distributions of Customer Property. This Court entered orders approving those motions:

No. of Distribution	Date of Distribution	Amount Allocated	Amount Distributed Through 3/31/26	Percentage Distributed	ECF No. for Motion	ECF No. for Order
1	10/05/2011	\$2.618 billion	\$926.0 million	4.602%	4048	4217
2	09/19/2012	\$5.501 billion	\$6.733 billion	33.556%	4930	4997
3	03/29/2013	\$1.198 billion	\$943.1 million	4.721%	5230	5271
4	05/05/2014	\$477.504 million	\$634.5 million	3.180%	6024	6340
5	02/06/2015	\$756.538 million	\$546.8 million	2.743%	8860	9014
6	12/04/15	\$345.472 million ¹³	\$1.641 billion	8.262%	9807 and	12066

¹³ This represents the amount allocated to the Customer Fund in the Supplemental Sixth Allocation and Sixth Interim Distribution Motion filed on October 20, 2015. The original Sixth Allocation and Sixth Interim Motion filed on April 15, 2015 did not allocate any additional recoveries to the Customer Fund; the Trustee simply re-allocated

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7	06/30/16	\$247.013 million	\$258.4 million	1.305%	13405	13512
8	02/02/17	\$342.322 million	\$341.9 million	1.729%	14662	14836
9	02/22/18	\$1.303 billion	\$750.6 million	3.806%	17033	17195
10	02/22/19	\$515.974 million	\$536.6 million	2.729%	18295	18398
11	02/28/20	\$988.770 million	\$387.0 million	1.975%	19226	19245
12	2/26/21	\$74.325 million	\$242.6 million	1.240%	20066	20209
13	2/25/2022	\$128.570 million	\$118.0 million	0.604%	20963	21036
14	2/24/2023	\$44.229 million	\$51.7 million	0.265%	22697	22819
15	2/23/2024	\$66.690 million	\$81.7 million	0.419%	23806	23964
16	2/28/2025	\$101.721 million	\$80.0 million	0.410%	24583	24650
17	2/27/2026	\$123.563 million	\$253.6 million	1.302%	25240	25289

B. The General Estate

399. If the Trustee is able to fully satisfy the net equity claims of the BLMIS customers, any funds remaining will be allocated to the general estate and distributed in the order of priority established in Bankruptcy Code § 726 and SIPA § 78fff(e).

400. All BLMIS customers who filed claims—whether their net equity customer claims were allowed or denied—are deemed to be general creditors of the BLMIS estate. The Trustee is working diligently on behalf of all creditors and will seek to satisfy all creditor claims.

\$1,448,717,625.26 of funds that had previously been allocated to the Customer Fund for the Time-Based Damages Reserve.

X. FEE APPLICATIONS AND RELATED APPEALS

A. Objections to Prior Fee Applications

401. Objections were filed to six of the fifty fee applications submitted by the Trustee and B&H. Discussions of the objections to the first through sixth fee applications, and related motions for leave to appeal the Court's orders granting the Trustee's and B&H's fee applications and overruling those objections, are discussed more fully in the Trustee's Amended Third Interim Report ¶¶ 186–90 (ECF No. 2207); the Trustee's Fourth Interim Report ¶¶ 163–66 (ECF No. 3083); the Trustee's Fifth Interim Report ¶¶ 134–43 (ECF No. 4072); and the Trustee's Sixth Interim Report ¶¶ 131–42 (ECF No. 4529). No decision has been entered on the motion for leave to appeal the Second Interim Fee Order, No. M47-b (DAB) (S.D.N.Y.). The motion for leave to appeal the Sixth Interim Fee Order was withdrawn on September 10, 2014. *Sec. Investor Prot. Corp. v. Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec. LLC*, Case No. 11 MC 00265 (PGG) (S.D.N.Y.), (ECF No. 9).

B. Forty-Ninth Fee Application

402. On October 20, 2025, the Trustee and his counsel filed the Forty-Ninth Application for Interim Compensation for Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Actual and Necessary Expenses incurred from April 1, 2025 through and including July 31, 2025 with the Bankruptcy Court. (ECF No. 25143). Special counsel and international special counsel also filed applications for Interim Professional Compensation. (ECF Nos. 25144 - 25163). A Certificate of No Objection was filed on December 8, 2025, and an Order was entered granting the Applications on December 9, 2025. (ECF No. 25239).

C. Fiftieth Fee Application

403. On February 13, 2026, the Trustee and his counsel filed the Fiftieth Application for Interim Compensation for Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Actual and Necessary

Expenses incurred from August 1, 2025 through and including November 30, 2025 with the Bankruptcy Court. (ECF No. 25327). Special counsel and international special counsel also filed applications for Interim Professional Compensation. (ECF Nos. 25328 - 25346). A Certificate of No Objection was filed on April 17, 2026, and an Order was entered granting the Applications on April 21, 2026. (ECF No. 25512).

XI. CONCLUSION

The foregoing report represents a summary of the status of this proceeding and the material events that have occurred through March 31, 2026, unless otherwise indicated. This Report will be supplemented and updated with further interim reports.

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CASH RECEIPTS:

	Net Change			Cumulative Detail			Code
	for Period	Prior Period Cumulative	Total Received	Customer Fund	General Estate	SIPC	
Beginning Cash Balance	\$35,263,196.89						
Transfer from Debtor's Estate - Securities	0.00	289,841,911.70	289,841,911.70	289,841,911.70			4011
Transfers from Debtor's Estate - BNY Account	0.00	336,660,934.06	336,660,934.06	336,660,934.06			4014
Transfers from Debtor's Estate - Chase Account	0.00	235,156,309.36	235,156,309.36	235,156,309.36			4016
Transfers from Debtor's Estate - Other	0.00	4,036,145.08	4,036,145.08	4,036,145.08			4018
Interest and Dividends	0.00	1,843,180.59	1,843,180.59	1,843,180.59			4040
Closeout Proceeds - Broker Dealers	0.00	37,316,297.78	37,316,297.78	37,316,297.78			4030
Closeout Proceeds - NSCC	0.00	22,014,345.58	22,014,345.58	22,014,345.58			4031
Closeout Proceeds - DTCC	0.00	18,171,250.49	18,171,250.49	18,171,250.49			4032
Sale of Debtor's Assets	0.00	47.26	47.26				4070
- Sports Tickets	0.00	91,037.20	91,037.20	91,037.20			4071
- Bank Debt Participations	0.00	7,959,450.94	7,959,450.94	7,959,450.94			4072
- DTCC Shares	0.00	204,170.51	204,170.51	204,170.51			4073
- Market Making Business	0.00	1,419,801.63	1,419,801.63	1,419,801.63			4075
- Abtech	0.00	795,000.00	795,000.00	795,000.00			4076
- NSX Shares	0.00	100,734.60	100,734.60	100,734.60			4077
- BLM Air Charter	0.00	6,494,631.95	6,494,631.95	6,494,631.95			4074
- Auction Sales	0.00	644,579.15	644,579.15	644,579.15			4078
- Other	0.00	11,428.57	11,428.57	11,428.57			4079
Administrative Subtenant Rent Revenue	0.00	531,078.49	531,078.49	531,078.49			4111
Adjusting Administrative Subtenant Rent Revenue	0.00	(531,078.49)	(531,078.49)	(531,078.49)			4111a
Refunds - Deposits	0.00	9,841.45	9,841.45	9,841.45			4091
- Dues/Subscriptions	0.00	177,247.15	177,247.15	177,247.15			4092
- Car Registrations	0.00	157.00	157.00	157.00			4093
- Vendors	0.00	62,451.27	62,451.27	62,451.27			4094
- Transit Cards	0.00	833.61	833.61	833.61			4095
- Insurance/Workers Comp	0.00	442,311.56	442,311.56	442,311.56			4096
- Ref. - Political Contributions	0.00	144,500.00	144,500.00	144,500.00			4097
- Refunds Other	0.00	50.84	50.84	50.84			4099
Recoveries - Customer Avoidances	0.00	112,392,379.79	112,392,379.79	112,392,379.79			4020
- Pre-Litigation Settlements	0.00	1,903,783,597.98	1,903,783,597.98	1,903,783,597.98			4021
- Litigation Settlements	7,267,115.33	12,151,729,481.65	12,158,996,596.98	12,158,996,596.98			4022
- Donation Settlements	0.00	875,000.00	875,000.00	875,000.00			4023
- Vendor Preferences	0.00	809,850.39	809,850.39	809,850.39			4024
- MSIL Liquidation	0.00	1,034,311.82	1,034,311.82	1,034,311.82			4025
- Employees	0.00	10,674.74	10,674.74	10,674.74			4102
- Taxing Authorities	0.00	12,777.56	12,777.56	12,777.56			4103
- Class Actions	0.00	2,747,542.17	2,747,542.17	2,747,542.17			4104
- NASDAQ	0.00	308,948.49	308,948.49	308,948.49			4105
- NYSE	0.00	183,683.79	183,683.79	183,683.79			4106
- Transaction Fees	0.00	96,816.23	96,816.23	96,816.23			4107
- Other	0.00	806,530.35	806,530.35	806,530.35			4109
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.36	0.36	0.36			4110
Earnings on Trustee's Investments	266.64	174,438,862.30	174,439,128.94	174,439,128.94			4120
Interest on Trustee's Savings Accounts	866,925.91	56,592,294.14	57,459,220.05	57,459,220.05			4140
	\$8,134,307.88	\$15,369,421,401.09	\$15,377,555,708.97	\$15,377,555,708.97			
Administration - Advances	10,302,474.03	2,798,629,581.50	2,808,932,055.53			2,808,932,055.53	2901
Securities - Paid Bank Loans		0.00	0.00			0.00	2921
- Cash in Lieu	0.00	850,473,412.47	850,473,412.47			850,473,412.47	2922
Sub-total SIPC Advances	\$10,302,474.03	\$3,649,102,993.97	\$3,659,405,468.00			\$3,659,405,468.00	
Funds Transferred from Investment Accounts *See Note (2) on Page 3	0.00	13,006,816,435.76	13,006,816,435.76				1901
Total Cash Receipts	\$18,436,781.91	\$32,025,340,830.82	\$32,043,777,612.73	\$15,377,555,708.97	\$0.00	\$3,659,405,468.00	

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CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Administrative Disbursements

General Administrative Disbursements

	Net Change for Period	Prior Period Cumulative	Cumulative Total Paid	Code
Computer - Rental	0.00	11,121.59	11,121.59	5011
- Software Support	0.00	55,159.20	55,159.20	5012
- Equipment Leases	0.00	204,159.01	204,159.01	5013
Employee Related - Salaries-Net	0.00	4,361,844.80	4,361,844.80	5020
- FICA-Employer	0.00	318,550.60	318,550.60	5021
- Fed. & St. Unemploy.	0.00	4,296.08	4,296.08	5023
- Temporary Help	0.00	29,612.50	29,612.50	5024
- Employee Medical Plan	0.00	830,103.99	830,103.99	5025
- Employee LTD	0.00	6,887.03	6,887.03	5026
- Employee Expense Reimbursement	0.00	1,125.87	1,125.87	5027
- Employee Life/AD&D	0.00	9,006.83	9,006.83	5028
- Other	0.00	1,622.90	1,622.90	5029
Insurance - Trustee Bond	0.00	10,200.00	10,200.00	5030
Insurance - Surety & Fidelity Bonds	0.00	37,400.00	37,400.00	5031
Insurance - Workers Comp	0.00	12,578.00	12,578.00	5032
Insurance - Other	0.00	99,031.12	99,031.12	5039
Fees - Payroll Processing	0.00	8,195.96	8,195.96	5045
Fees - Escrow	0.00	1,221,698.85	1,221,698.85	5046
- Other	0.00	24,168.64	24,168.64	5047
Expenses for Asset Sales	0.00	48,429.09	48,429.09	5048
Rent - Office	0.00	3,987,347.17	3,987,347.17	5050
- Adjustment for Administrative Subtenant Rent Revenue	0.00	(531,078.49)	(531,078.49)	5050a
- Equipment	0.00	1,695.89	1,695.89	5051
- Warehouse	22,537.51	3,652,255.30	3,674,792.81	5052
- Bulova	0.00	310,130.75	310,130.75	5053
- Other	0.00	69,725.61	69,725.61	5059
Costs - Vacating 885 Third Avenue	0.00	20,179.46	20,179.46	5111
Telephone and Telegraph	0.00	360,456.68	360,456.68	5060
Communication Fees	0.00	670,057.02	670,057.02	5061
Utilities - Electricity	575.76	74,586.04	75,161.80	5070
Office Supplies & Expense - Maint. & Repairs	0.00	79,815.73	79,815.73	5080
- Moving & Storage	0.00	683,202.36	683,202.36	5081
- Postage/Handling/Preparation	0.00	40,961.12	40,961.12	5082
- Reproduction	0.00	183,889.65	183,889.65	5083
- Locksmith	0.00	5,811.39	5,811.39	5084
- Security	0.00	249,897.70	249,897.70	5085
- Supplies	0.00	3,679.80	3,679.80	5086
- Temporary Help	0.00	4,588,642.69	4,588,642.69	5087
- Process Server - Complaint	0.00	244,026.52	244,026.52	5088
- Other	0.00	36,250.63	36,250.63	5089
Taxes	0.00	555.51	555.51	5090
NYC Commercial Rent Tax	0.00	154,269.47	154,269.47	5091
Claims Related Costs - Mailing Costs	0.00	23,053.28	23,053.28	5101
- Publication	0.00	163,961.13	163,961.13	5102
- Supplies	0.00	16,244.58	16,244.58	5103
- Printing	0.00	2,207.42	2,207.42	5104
Court Related Noticing - Postage/Handling/Preparation *See Note (1) Below	0.00	0.00	0.00	5106
- Reproduction	0.00	0.00	0.00	5107
- Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	5108
Scanning - Investigation	0.00	5,189,846.75	5,189,846.75	5110
Foreign Research	0.00	38,975.00	38,975.00	5112
Miscellaneous	0.00	666.91	666.91	5115
Hosting Expense	489,115.13	91,574,900.00	92,064,015.13	5244
Sub-total General Admin. Disbursements	\$512,228.40	\$119,191,405.13	\$119,703,633.53	
<u>Professional Fees and Expenses</u>				
Trustee Fees	0.00	4,377,662.10	4,377,662.10	5200
Trustee Expenses	0.00	2,549.25	2,549.25	5201
Trustee Counsel Fees (Baker)	8,648,798.90	1,826,336,462.52	1,834,985,261.42	5210
Trustee Counsel Expenses (Baker)	45,528.37	25,257,161.88	25,302,690.25	5211
Trustee Counsel Fees (Windels)	0.00	131,535,139.91	131,535,139.91	5212
Trustee Counsel Expenses (Windels)	0.00	891,550.59	891,550.59	5213
Special Counsel Fees	0.00	120,501,864.15	120,501,864.15	5220
Special Counsel Expenses	0.00	16,779,902.83	16,779,902.83	5221
Accountant Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	5230
Accountant Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	5231
Consultant Fees	1,039,686.82	522,558,946.89	523,598,633.71	5240
Consultant Expenses *See Note (1) Below	0.00	21,491,065.66	21,491,065.66	5241
Investment Banker Fees	0.00	1,050,000.00	1,050,000.00	5242
Sales Tax	0.00	1,885,425.07	1,885,425.07	5243
Mediator Fees	23,469.35	6,061,035.54	6,084,504.89	5245
Mediator Expenses	0.00	26,746.28	26,746.28	5246
Receiver Counsel Fees	0.00	300,000.00	300,000.00	5260
Receiver Counsel Expenses	0.00	6,449.08	6,449.08	5261
Receiver's Consultants Fees	0.00	316,000.00	316,000.00	5262
Receiver's Consultants Expenses	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	5263
Sub-total Professional Fees and Expenses	\$9,757,483.44	\$2,679,392,961.75	\$2,689,150,445.19	
Total Administrative Disbursements	\$10,269,711.84	\$2,798,584,366.88	\$2,808,854,078.72	

* Note (1) See Supporting Schedule on Page 6

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CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Claim Related Disbursements	Net Change for Period	Prior Period Cumulative	Total Paid	Cumulative Totals			Code
				Customer Fund	General Estate	SIPC	
Customer - Paid Bank Loan							6021
- Securities - Cash in Lieu	128,373.98	15,376,810,526.04	15,376,938,900.02	14,526,465,487.55		850,473,412.47	6022
- Securities - Purchases							6023
- Indemnification							6031
- Cash Balance							6041
Customer -							6050
Customer -							6060
Customer - Trustee Journal Entry							
per Allocation							6000
Other - Contractual Commitments							6111
- Pd. Bank Loan							6121
- Indemnification							6131
Other -							6140
Other -							6150
Other -							6160
Other - Trustee Journal Entry							
per Allocation							6100
General Creditor							6200
Sub-total Claim Disbursements	\$128,373.98	\$15,376,810,526.04	\$15,376,938,900.02	\$14,526,465,487.55	\$0.00	\$850,473,412.47	
Other Disbursements (except investments)							
SIPC - Refunds - Recoupment							6301
- Indemnification							6310
- Contr. Commitments							6311
- Paid Bank Loan							6321
- Subrogation	0.00	272,366,595.26	272,366,595.26	272,366,595.26			6322
Other -							6400
Other -							6401
Other -							6402
Other -							6403
Other -							6404
Sub-total Other Disbursements	\$0.00	\$272,366,595.26	\$272,366,595.26	\$272,366,595.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Investments by Trustee - Purchases *See Note (2) Below	\$25,867,192.55	\$13,542,316,145.75	\$13,568,183,338.30				1900
Sub-total Administrative Disb. - page 2	\$10,269,711.84	\$2,798,584,366.88	\$2,808,854,078.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,808,854,078.72	
Total Disbursements	\$36,265,278.37	\$31,990,077,633.93	\$32,026,342,912.30	\$14,798,832,082.81	\$0.00	\$3,659,327,491.19	
Total Receipts less Disbursements	(\$17,828,496.46)	\$35,263,196.89	\$17,434,700.43	\$578,723,626.16	\$0.00	\$77,976.81	
Ending Cash Balance *See Note (3) Below	\$17,434,700.43						

* Note (2) Two preferred custody accounts and an insured money market account have been established at Citibank for investment purposes and additional investment accounts are maintained at JP Morgan Chase and Goldman Sachs. The Goldman Sachs Account was established in December 2016 in connection with the Chais Settlement. A Broker's account, which was previously established at Morgan Joseph, was closed in January 2012. Since January 20, 2009, \$13,568,183,338.30 of recovered funds have been transferred into these investment accounts and \$13,006,816,435.76 of these funds have subsequently been used for interim distributions to customers with allowed claims and for operations. (See Page 5 for more details).

* Note (3) The ending cash balance includes a \$15,490,660.49 balance in the Citibank Business Checking Account and \$1,944,039.94 in the Citibank Distribution Account.

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SUMMARY INFORMATION ON STATUS OF LIQUIDATION

	<u>Customer Claimants</u>	<u>Broker/Dealer Claimants</u>	<u>General Estate Claimants</u>
Claims received	16,521	49	95
Claims satisfied by distribution of cash and/or securities:			
a. As part of the transfer in bulk			
b. On an account by account basis-Fully Satisfied	1,783		
c. On an account by account basis-Partially Satisfied	875		
	<u>2,658</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Claims Determined - no claims	12		
Claims Deemed Determined - pending litigation	3		
Claims Determined - withdrawn	420		
Claims Determined but not yet satisfied	1		
Claims under review	-	49	95
Claims Denied:			
a. Other Denials for which no objections were filed	10,338		
b. Denials for which objections were filed:			
- Trustee's Determinations Affirmed	3,081		
- Hearing not yet set	8		
- Set for Hearing			
	<u>13,863</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>95</u>

Filing Date Value

Customer name securities distributed	
Customer fund securities distributed	
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Irving H Picard

(Trustee's Signature)

4/17/2026

William C Kingsford

(Accountant's Signature)

4/17/2026

(Date)

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IRVING H. PICARD, TRUSTEE FOR THE LIQUIDATION OF BLMIS, LLC
Investment Accounts

	Citibank Preferred Custody Account				Citibank IMMA Account	Citibank Certificate of Deposits	Total Citibank
	Cash Assets/Mutual Funds (5)	U.S. Treasury Bills (4)	Accrued Interest (4)	Account Balance	Account Balance (5)	Account Balance (5)	
Balance February 28, 2026	5,215	197,075,822	155	197,081,192	52,609,102	-	249,690,294
Maturing of U.S. Treasury Bills				-			-
Purchase of U.S. Treasury Bills				-			-
Purchase of Certificate of Deposit				-			-
Realized Gains (Losses)				-			-
Unrealized Gain or (Loss)		592,929		592,929			592,929
Interest and Dividends Earned							
Interest	155		(139)	16	16,488		16,504
Dividends				-			-
Transfer of Funds from the Citibank Operations Account				-	25,000,000		25,000,000
Balance March 31, 2026	<u>5,370</u>	<u>197,668,751</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>197,674,137</u>	<u>77,625,590</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>275,299,727</u>

	JP Morgan Chase				Goldman Sachs		
	Cash Assets (5)	Savings/Commercial (5)	U.S. Treasury Bills (4)	Account Balance	Cash Assets/Mutual Funds (5)	Alternative Investments (5)	Account Balance
Balance February 28, 2026	-	286,093,064	-	286,093,064	37,157	107,769	144,926
Maturing of U.S. Treasury Bills				-			-
Purchase of U.S. Treasury Bills				-			-
Annual Bank Fee							-
Distributions Received							-
Proceeds of Tender Offer for Securities							-
Unrealized Gain or (Loss)				-		(1,866)	(1,866)
Interest and Dividends Earned		850,438		850,438	112		112
Transfer to the Citibank Distribution Account				-			-
Balance March 31, 2026	<u>-</u>	<u>286,943,502</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>286,943,502</u>	<u>37,269</u>	<u>105,903</u>	<u>143,172</u>

* Note (4) The summation of U.S. Treasury Bills is \$197,668,767.

* Note (5) The summation of these short-term investments, money market funds, savings accounts, certificate of deposit, mutual fund accounts and other investments, including alternative investments is \$364,717,634.

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IRVING H. PICARD, TRUSTEE FOR THE LIQUIDATION OF BLMIS, LLC
Consultant Expenses for Court Related Noticing and Interim Distributions

	Net Change for Period	Prior Period Cumulative	Cumulative Total Paid
Postage / Handling / Preparation	0.00	552,896.91	552,896.91
Printing	0.00	44,945.40	44,945.40
Reproduction Costs	0.00	762,418.30	762,418.30
Supplies	0.00	102,557.05	102,557.05
Total *See Note Below	<u>0.00</u>	<u>\$1,462,817.66</u>	<u>\$1,462,817.66</u>

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*Note: All of the expenses above were incurred by consultants in connection with court related noticing procedures and Interim Distributions, which are included in the Consultant Expenses line (Account #5241) on Page 2 of the SIPC Form 17.

EXHIBIT B

SIPC v. BLMIS

Case No. 08-01789 (LGB)

ACTIVE BAD FAITH/FEEDER FUND CASES¹

APN	DEFENDANT(S)	TYPE
10-03800	Fairfield Greenwich Group, et al.	Bad Faith
09-01239	Fairfield Investment Fund Ltd., et al.	Feeder Fund
09-01364	HSBC Bank PLC, et al.	Feeder Fund
10-04285	UBS AG, et al.	Feeder Fund
10-05311	UBS AG, et al.	Feeder Fund
Total 5		

¹ One case was resolved by dismissal during the Report Period.
No. 10-04330.

EXHIBIT C

SIPC v. BLMIS

Case No. 08-01789 (LGB)

ACTIVE SUBSEQUENT TRANSFEREE CASES¹

APN	DEFENDANT(S)
10-05345	Citibank, N.A., et al.
10-05346	Merrill Lynch International
10-05348	Nomura International PLC
10-05351	Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria, S.A.
10-05353	Natixis, et al.
10-05354	ABN AMRO Bank, N.V.
10-05355	ABN AMRO Bank (Ireland) Ltd, et al.
11-02493	Abu Dhabi Investment Authority
11-02538	Quilvest Finance Ltd.
11-02539	Meritz Fire & Insurance Co. Ltd.
11-02540	Lion Global Investors Limited
11-02554	National Bank of Kuwait S.A.K.
11-02568	Cathay Life Insurance Co. LTD.
11-02569	Barclays Bank (Suisse) S.A. et al.
11-02570	Banca Carige S.P.A.
11-02572	Korea Exchange Bank
11-02573	The Sumitomo Trust and Banking Co., Ltd.
11-02733	Naidot & Co.
11-02758	Caceis Bank Luxembourg, et al.
11-02759	Nomura International PLC
11-02761	KBC Investments Limited
11-02784	Somers Dublin Limited et al.
11-02796	BNP Paribas Arbitrage SNC
11-02910	Merrill Lynch Bank (Suisse) SA
11-02922	Bank Julius Baer & Co. Ltd.
11-02925	Credit Suisse AG et al.
12-01019	Banco Itau Europa Luxembourg S.A., et al.
12-01022	Credit Agricole (Suisse) SA

¹ Five cases were resolved by either dismissal and/or settlement during the Report Period.

, Adv. Pro. No. 11-02553,

Adv. Pro. No. 11-02542,

, Adv. Pro. No. 12-01047,

Adv. Pro. No. 12-01693 and

Adv. Pro. No. 12-01669. Three cases were resolved by either dismissal and/or settlement, outside of the Report Period, included for accuracy.

Adv. Pro. No. 12-01677,

, Adv. Pro. No. 12-01699, and

, Adv. Pro. No. 11-02732.

APN	DEFENDANT(S)
12-01194	Kookmin Bank
12-01195	Six Sis AG
12-01202	Bank Vontobel AG et. al.
12-01209	BSI AG
12-01210	Schroder & Co.
12-01211	Union Securities Investment Trust Co., Ltd., et al.
12-01216	Bank Hapoalim B.M.
12-01273	Mistral (SPC)
12-01278	ephyros Limited
12-01565	Standard Chartered Financial Services (Luxembourg) SA, et al.
12-01576	BNP Paribas S.A. et al
12-01577	UBS Deutschland AG, et al.
12-01670	Credit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank et al.
12-01676	Clariden Leu AG
12-01690	EFG Bank S.A., et al.
12-01697	ABN AMRO Fund Services (Isle of Man) Nominees Limited, et al.
12-01698	Banque International a Luxembourg SA, et al.
12-01701	RD Trust, et al. (Piedrahita)
22-01087	BNP Paribas – Dublin Branch
23-01017	Natixis Financial Products LLC, et al.
23-01099	Malcolm Sage and Lynne Florio
25-01085	BNP Paribas Arbitrage SNC
Total	50