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Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC
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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION
CORPORATION,

Plaintiff,

v.

BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT
SECURITIES LLC,

Defendant.

In re:

BERNARD L. MADOFF,

Debtor.

Adv. No. 08-01789 (LGB)

SIPA Liquidation

(Substantively Consolidated)

**FORTY-EIGHTH APPLICATION OF TRUSTEE AND BAKER & HOSTETLER LLP
FOR ALLOWANCE OF INTERIM COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED
AND REIMBURSEMENT OF ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED
FROM DECEMBER 1, 2024 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2025**

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

Baker & Hostetler LLP (“B&H”), as counsel to Irving H. Picard, Esq., trustee (the “Trustee”) for the substantively consolidated liquidation proceeding of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC (“BLMIS”) under the Securities Investor Protection Act (“SIPA”), 15 U.S.C. § 78aaa *et seq.*,¹ and the chapter 7 case of Bernard L. Madoff (“Madoff”), individually (collectively, the “Debtor”), respectfully submits this forty-eighth application (the “Application”) on behalf of the Trustee and itself for an order pursuant to § 78eee(b)(5) of SIPA, §§ 330 and 331 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”), Rule 2016(a) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “Bankruptcy Rules”), and the Order Pursuant to § 78eee(b)(5) of SIPA, sections 105, 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rule 2016(a), and Local Bankruptcy Rule 2016-1 Establishing Procedures Governing Interim Monthly Compensation of Trustee and Baker & Hostetler LLP, dated February 25, 2009 (ECF No. 126), as amended on December 17, 2009 and June 1, 2011 (ECF Nos. 1078, 4125) (collectively, the “Second Amended Compensation Order”), allowing and awarding (i) interim compensation for services performed by the Trustee and B&H for the period commencing December 1, 2024 through and including March 31, 2025 (the “Compensation Period”) of \$38,859,402.33, (ii) reimbursement of the Trustee’s and B&H’s actual and necessary expenses incurred during the Compensation Period of \$543,753.72, and (iii) release of \$11,707,242.16, a portion of the amount which has not been paid in connection with prior and current applications, and in support thereof, respectfully represents as follows:

¹References hereinafter to provisions of SIPA shall omit “15 U.S.C.”

I. PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

1. The work completed as counsel to the Trustee during the Compensation Period yielded significant results for BLMIS customers and this BLMIS SIPA liquidation proceeding. The Trustee has successfully recovered, or reached agreements to recover, over \$14.765 billion as of May 31, 2025, for the benefit of all customers of BLMIS with an allowed claim.²

2. The Trustee has made sixteen interim distributions of customer property to date. *See* discussion *infra* Section IV(A)(h). The Trustee has distributed approximately \$14.58 billion to BLMIS customers through May 31, 2025,³ inclusive of SIPC advances in the amount of nearly \$850.4 million.⁴ *See* discussion *infra* Section IV(A)(h).

3. No administration costs, including the compensation of the Trustee and his counsel, has been or will be paid out of any recoveries obtained by the Trustee for the benefit of BLMIS customers. Because the percentage commission schedule for trustees found in § 326(a) of the Bankruptcy Code is not applicable in a SIPA liquidation proceeding, *see* § 78eee(b)(5)(C) of SIPA, no applications filed by the Trustee have or will ever include a fee request based on recoveries made by the Trustee for the benefit of BLMIS customers. Rather, all fees, expenses, and administrative costs incurred by the Trustee and his counsel including, but not limited to, B&H, various international special counsel retained by the Trustee (collectively referred to herein as “International Counsel”), including Browne Jacobson LLP (“Brown Jacobson”), Soroker-Agmon

²In general, figures will be reported as of March 31, 2025, unless otherwise noted.

³ SIPC makes advances to satisfy customer claims before the Trustee recovers funds. Since the Trustee has recovered funds to satisfy customers up to \$1,741,000, SIPC is reimbursed for the advances to customers whose claims have been fully satisfied to date. 1,523 BLMIS accounts have been fully satisfied.

⁴ SIPC has advanced \$849,973,412.47 through the Compensation Period to the Trustee to pay allowed claims. The difference between the amount committed to pay by SIPC and the amount actually advanced to customers depends on whether the Trustee has received an executed assignment and release from the customer. Thus, the amount of SIPC advances requested by the Trustee and paid for allowed customer claims is less than the amount of SIPC advances committed by the Trustee.

(“Soroker”), various special counsel to the Trustee (collectively referred to herein as “Counsel”), including Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf, LLP (“Windels Marx”), Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP (“Young Conaway”), and consultants, are paid out of administrative advances made by SIPC, as SIPA plainly directs. As Judge Lifland affirmed: “Again, the emphasis is that these fees . . . are not coming from any of the victims, and they’re not coming from the estate.” Fifth Appl. Hr’g Tr. 32:15-17, Dec. 14, 2010.

4. As the Trustee’s and his counsels’ fees and expenses are chargeable to the general estate and not to the fund of customer property (the “Customer Fund”), the payment of the same has absolutely no impact on the Trustee’s current and future recoveries that have been and will be allocated to the Customer Fund for pro rata distribution to BLMIS customers whose claims have been allowed by the Trustee.

5. In a SIPA liquidation proceeding such as this, where the general estate is insufficient to pay trustee and counsel compensation, SIPC plays a specific role with compensation and is required to advance funds to pay the costs of administration. *See* SIPA §§ 78eee(b)(5)(C) and 78fff-3(b)(2). SIPC staff has carefully reviewed this Application, as it has all other compensation applications, and has closely analyzed the time records and services rendered. Each month, SIPC staff, the Trustee, and B&H engage in extensive discussions regarding billings, and the Trustee and B&H make reductions where appropriate and finalize the amounts that appear herein. Thus, the requested fees and expenses in this Application include (i) fees at the Trustee’s and B&H’s hourly billable rates to which a public interest discount of 10% has been applied, and (ii) actual, necessary, and reasonable expenses incurred within the Compensation Period.

6. During the hearing on the Eighth Interim Fee Application, Judge Lifland acknowledged the worldwide efforts of the Trustee and his counsel and approved the application.

Well, having heard the description and being well aware of the worldwide activities started off by Bernie Madoff and the sequelae is left for everybody else to follow all the trails and the trails do lead almost everywhere in the world. It is clear under the circumstances that a Herculean effort to follow those trails has been involved both with counsel here in the United States and counsel overseas.

Eighth Appl. Hr'g Tr. 16, Mar. 15, 2012, ECF No. 4736.

7. No single document can capture all of the tasks engaged in by the Trustee and B&H since their appointment on December 15, 2008. Hundreds of thousands of hours have been expended in support of the Trustee's efforts to liquidate the estate, determine customer claims, and advance the interests of all claimants by litigating and settling cases for the return of customer property ("Customer Property"). Moreover, the Trustee has vigorously defended the estate with respect to a number of litigations filed against it and against his protection of Customer Property. The following discussion and materials attached to this Application cover the major categories of services for which allowance of compensation is sought.

II. BACKGROUND

A. THE SIPA LIQUIDATION PROCEEDING

8. The Trustee and B&H's prior interim fee applications, 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 proceeding.

B. THE TRUSTEE, COUNSEL AND CONSULTANTS

9. The Trustee and B&H's prior interim fee applications have detailed the description of the Trustee's background and experience.

10. In rendering professional services to the Trustee, B&H has utilized a legal team comprised of professionals with extensive experience in areas such as bankruptcy, securities, tax, corporate, and litigation, permitting the Trustee to conduct this liquidation efficiently.

11. The Ponzi scheme perpetrated by Madoff through BLMIS was vast in scope, long in duration, and broad in its geographical reach. The Trustee, with the assistance of his counsel, has undertaken a comprehensive investigation of BLMIS, Madoff, and hundreds of related individuals and entities. To this end, the Trustee has engaged not only the services of counsel, but also those of forensic accountants and legal experts, including, but not limited to, AlixPartners LLP (“AlixPartners”), the Trustee’s consultant and claims agent; FTI Consulting (“FTI”); and several investigative and industry consultants (collectively referred to herein as the “Consultants”).

C. PRIOR COMPENSATION ORDERS

12. The Trustee and B&H filed applications for allowance of interim compensation for professional services rendered and reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses incurred in prior periods, and this Court approved those applications:

<u>Applications</u>	<u>Compensation Period</u>	<u>Orders Entered</u>⁵
First Application (ECF Nos. 320, 321)	December 11, 2008 to May 31, 2009	August 6, 2009 (ECF No. 363); March 7, 2013 (ECF No. 5258)
Second Application (ECF Nos. 998, 1010)	June 1, 2009 to September 30, 2009	December 17, 2009 (ECF No. 1078)
Third Application (ECF Nos. 2188, 2189)	October 1, 2009 to January 31, 2010	May 6, 2010 (ECF No. 2251)
Fourth Application (ECF No. 2883)	February 1, 2010 to May 31, 2010	September 14, 2010 (ECF No. 2981)
Fifth Application (ECF No. 3207)	June 1, 2010 to September 30, 2010	December 14, 2010 (ECF No. 3474); March 7, 2013 (ECF No. 5258)
Sixth Application (ECF No. 4022)	October 1, 2010 to January 31, 2011	June 1, 2011 (ECF No. 4125); March 7, 2013 (ECF No. 5258)
Seventh Application (ECF No. 4376)	February 1, 2011 to May 31, 2011	October 19, 2011 (ECF No. 4471); March 7, 2013 (ECF No. 5258)

⁵On March 7, 2013, this Court entered an Errata Order (ECF No. 5258) to correct errors in the First, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, and Tenth orders approving prior applications for allowance of interim compensation that were filed by the Trustee, B&H, and certain of the Counsel and International Counsel retained by the Trustee. The Errata Order did not affect the amount of compensation payable to the Trustee, B&H, or any of the Trustee’s Counsel and International Counsel other than, with respect to SCACreque, an additional \$0.60 became due and owing to that firm.

<u>Applications</u>	<u>Compensation Period</u>	<u>Orders Entered</u> ⁵
Eighth Application (ECF No. 4676)	June 1, 2011 to September 30, 2011	January 2, 2013 (ECF No. 5181); ⁶ March 7, 2013 (ECF No. 5258)
Ninth Application (ECF No. 4936)	October 1, 2012 to January 31, 2012	August 30, 2012 (ECF No. 5012); March 7, 2013 (ECF No. 5258)
Tenth Application (ECF No. 5097)	February 1, 2012 to June 30, 2012	December 19, 2012 (ECF No. 5161); March 7, 2013 (ECF No. 5258)
Eleventh Application (ECF No. 5333)	July 1, 2012 to November 30, 2012	June 5, 2013 (ECF No. 5383)
Twelfth Application (ECF No. 5490)	December 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013	October 17, 2013 (ECF No. 5547)
Thirteenth Application (ECF No. 5566)	May 1, 2013 through July 31, 2013	December 17, 2013 (ECF No. 5605)
Fourteenth Application (ECF No. 5980)	August 1, 2013 through November 30, 2013	April 18, 2014 (ECF No. 6343)
Fifteenth Application (ECF No. 7470)	December 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014	August 28, 2014 (ECF No. 7825)
Sixteenth Application (ECF No. 8549)	April 1, 2014 through July 31, 2014	December 22, 2014 (ECF No. 8867)
Seventeenth Application (ECF No. 9583)	August 1, 2014 through November 30, 2014	April 16, 2015 (ECF No. 9823)
Eighteenth Application (ECF No. 10814)	December 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015	August 27, 2015 (ECF No. 11148)
Nineteenth Application (ECF No. 12089)	April 1, 2015 through July 31, 2015	December 18, 2015 (ECF No. 12292)
Twentieth Application (ECF No. 12958)	August 1, 2015 through November 30, 2015	April 28, 2016 (ECF No. 13180)
Twenty-First Application (ECF No. 13751)	December 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016	September 8, 2016 (ECF No. 13990)
Twenty-Second Application (ECF No. 14456)	April 1, 2016 through July 31, 2016	December 23, 2016 (ECF No. 14778)
Twenty-Third Application (ECF No. 15355)	August 1, 2016 through November 30, 2016	May 10, 2017 (ECF No. 15984)
Twenty-Fourth Application (ECF No. 16367)	December 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017	August 24, 2017 (ECF No. 16562)
Twenty-Fifth Application (ECF No. 16886)	April 1, 2017 through July 31, 2017	December 21, 2017 (ECF No. 17072)

⁶This order amends and supersedes this Court’s March 19, 2012 order (ECF No. 4735), approving the Eighth Interim Fee Application.

<u>Applications</u>	<u>Compensation Period</u>	<u>Orders Entered</u>⁵
Twenty-Sixth Application (ECF No. 17337)	August 1, 2017 to November 30, 2017	April 25, 2018 (ECF No. 17524)
Twenty-Seventh Application (ECF No. 17763)	December 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018	August 30, 2018 (ECF No. 17941)
Twenty-Eighth Application (ECF No. 18180)	April 1, 2018 to July 31, 2018	December 20, 2018 (ECF No. 18324)
Twenty-Ninth Fee Application (ECF No. 18562)	August 1, 2018 to November 30, 2018	April 25, 2019 (ECF No. 18696)
Thirtieth Fee Application (ECF No. 18867)	December 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019	September 6, 2019 (ECF No. 18984)
Thirty-First Fee Application (ECF No. 19116)	April 1, 2019 to July 31, 2019	December 12, 2019 (ECF No. 19219)
Thirty-Second Fee Application (ECF No. 19383)	August 1, 2019 to November 30, 2019	May 4, 2020 (ECF No. 19516)
Thirty-Third Fee Application (ECF No. 19604)	December 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020	August 26, 2020 (ECF No. 19728)
Thirty-Fourth Fee Application (ECF No. 19918)	April 1, 2020 to July 31, 2020	December 14, 2020 (ECF No. 20093)
Thirty-Fifth Fee Application (ECF No. 20323)	August 1, 2020 to November 30, 2020	April 19, 2021 (ECF No. 20451)
Thirty-Sixth Fee Application (ECF No. 20603)	December 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021	August 10, 2021 (ECF No. 20685)
Thirty-Seventh Fee Application (ECF No. 20833)	April 1, 2021 to July 31, 2021	December 6, 2021 (ECF No. 20943)
Thirty-Eighth Fee Application (ECF No. 21212)	August 1, 2021 to November 30, 2021	April 12, 2022 (ECF No. 21365)
Thirty-Ninth Fee Application (ECF No. 21842)	December 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022	August 2, 2022 (ECF No. 22063)
Fortieth Fee Application (ECF No. 22477)	April 1, 2022 to July 31, 2022	December 6, 2022 (ECF No. 22687)
Forty-First Fee Application (ECF No. 22957)	August 1, 2022 to November 30, 2022	April 5, 2023 (ECF No. 23080)
Forty-Second Fee Application (ECF No. 23332)	December 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023	August 2, 2023 (ECF No. 23447)
Forty-Third Fee Application (ECF No. 23694)	April 1, 2023 to July 31, 2023	December 20, 2023 (ECF No. 23887)
Forty-Fourth Fee Application (ECF No. 24031)	August 1, 2023 to November 30, 2023	April 3, 2024 (ECF No. 24140)
Forty-Fifth Fee Application (ECF No. 24310)	December 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024	August 2, 2024 (ECF No. 24388)

<u>Applications</u>	<u>Compensation Period</u>	<u>Orders Entered</u> ⁵
Forty-Sixth Fee Application (ECF No. 24955)	April 1, 2024 to July 31, 2024	November 27, 2024 (ECF No. 24534); May 5, 2025 (ECF No. 24534) ⁷
Forty-Seventh Fee Application (ECF No. 24714)	August 1, 2024 to November 30, 2024	April 23, 2025 (ECF No. 24807)

III. SUMMARY OF SERVICES

13. A SIPA liquidation proceeding contemplates, *inter alia*, the processing of customer claims, the orderly liquidation of the business of a broker-dealer, and the return of Customer Property to the failed brokerage’s customers. Accordingly, the Trustee’s and B&H’s services, which are summarized in greater detail below, are comprised of specific tasks that are critical to accomplishing those objectives.

A. HARDSHIP PROGRAM

14. After nearly 12 years, the Trustee officially terminated the Hardship Program. Statistics regarding how many customers availed themselves of the Hardship Program are detailed in prior fee applications. After reviewing the facts and circumstances presented in each application and, in many cases, requesting additional verifying information, as of March 31, 2025, the Trustee had dismissed 284 Hardship Program applicants-defendants from avoidance actions. As of March 31, 2025, all Hardship Program applicants-defendants had been reviewed and 366 applicants-defendants were resolved because they were either withdrawn by the applicant, deemed withdrawn for failure of the applicant to pursue the application, denied for lack of hardship or referred for consideration of settlement.

B. THE RECOVERY AND RETURN OF CUSTOMER PROPERTY

15. Without the need for protracted litigation, during the Compensation Period, the

⁷ This order amends and supersedes this Court’s November 27, 2024 order (ECF No. 24534).

Trustee settled 8 cases for \$58,000,000.00. Through the end of the Compensation Period, the Trustee had successfully recovered from litigation-related matters and other recoveries over \$14.753 billion.

16. The Trustee entered into settlements subsequent to the Compensation Period that will continue to bring additional funds into the Customer Fund.

17. The Trustee is also engaged in ongoing settlement negotiations with a number of parties that when completed, will result in additional recoveries for the benefit of customers without the delay and expense of protracted litigation.

18. Through the end of the Compensation Period, the Trustee recovered \$536,092,384.27 as a result of preferences and other settlements that were made pursuant to agreements subject to the net equity dispute. The United States Supreme Court (the “Supreme Court”) declined to review the net equity dispute.

IV. DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

19. Given the unprecedented fraud perpetrated by Madoff, the issues presented by this liquidation are complex, discovery is wide-ranging, and the litigation that has ensued is hotly contested. All of this requires an enormous effort by the Trustee and his counsel for the benefit of the victims. The following is a more detailed synopsis of the significant services rendered by the Trustee and B&H during the Compensation Period, organized according to internal B&H matter numbers and task codes.

20. Matter Number 01 is the general matter number used for tasks by the Trustee and B&H. Task numbers for Matter Number 01 have been assigned for specific categories of work to permit a more detailed analysis of the fees incurred.

21. Matter Numbers 03-77 (with the exception of Matter Number 05, which relates to customer claims) relate to litigation brought by the Trustee and B&H against various individuals,

feeder funds, and entities. In each of these matters, the Trustee and B&H attorneys perform several functions, including the following tasks: conduct legal research, draft internal memoranda, engage in internal meetings regarding investigation and litigation strategy and engage in discussions with counsel for defendant(s). Rather than repeat these tasks, the description of each matter will be limited to matter-specific tasks and case activity that occurred during the Compensation Period.

A. MATTER 01

22. This matter categorizes time spent by the Trustee and B&H and encompasses the below enumerated tasks.

a. Task Code 05: Internal Meetings with Staff

23. This category relates to time spent by the Trustee and B&H attorneys in internal meetings regarding the liquidation proceeding, investigation and litigation strategy, as well as training sessions for attorneys and paraprofessionals. Internal meetings and discussions have ensured the effective use of time spent on this matter and avoided duplicative efforts.

b. Task Code 07: Billing and Trustee Reports

24. This category relates to time spent by the Trustee, B&H attorneys, and paraprofessionals reviewing the monthly B&H billing statements prior to submitting the statements to SIPC to ensure that time was properly billed, correcting any errors in time entries, writing off certain time and expenses as agreed to by B&H, preparing fee applications, responding to motions for leave to appeal fee orders, preparing Trustee reports, and other related tasks.

c. Task Code 08: Case Administration

25. This category relates to time spent assisting the efficient administration of the case.

26. The Trustee filed several motions before this Court that govern the treatment of and procedures related to the efficient litigation of these actions. These procedures ensure compliance with the Bankruptcy Code and SIPA, as well as consistency and transparency.

27. On October 20, 2011, the Trustee and B&H moved for an Order Establishing Noticing Procedures in order to streamline the procedural aspects of service in the main proceeding and all related adversary proceedings. (ECF No. 4469). This Court entered the Order on December 5, 2011. (ECF No. 4560).

28. On October 28, 2011, this Court entered an Order Granting Supplemental Authority to Stipulate to Extensions of Time to Respond and Adjourn Pre-Trial Conferences to March 16, 2012. (ECF No. 4483). Supplemental Orders were entered granting authority to extend time to respond to the complaint and adjourn the pre-trial conferences through September 14, 2012 (ECF No. 4483), July 18, 2014 (ECF No. 5358), January 16, 2015 (ECF No. 7037), July 17, 2015 (ECF No. 8762), July 15, 2016 (ECF No. 12312), December 23, 2016 (ECF No. 13601), July 31, 2017 (ECF No. 14447), December 31, 2017 (ECF No. 16169), June 27, 2018 (ECF No. 16718), December 19, 2018 (ECF No. 17560), December 18, 2019 (ECF No. 18093), December 16, 2020 (ECF No. 19027), October 5, 2020 (ECF No. 19826), April 12, 2021 (ECF No. 20418), November 16, 2021 (ECF No. 20884), March 1, 2022 (ECF No. 21193), October 20, 2022 (ECF No. 22460), December 20, 2023 (ECF No. 23090), June 26, 2024 (ECF No. 23736) and December 18, 2024 (ECF No. 24226). On December 2, 2024, a supplemental Order was entered granting authority to extend time to respond to the complaint and adjourn the pre-trial conferences through June 25, 2025 (ECF No. 24540).

d. Task Code 11: Press Inquiries and Responses

29. This category relates to time spent by the Trustee, B&H attorneys, and paraprofessionals in responding to press inquiries, preparing and issuing press releases, and preparing for and holding press conferences relating to BLMIS, Madoff, customer claims, and the recovery of funds.

e. **Task Code 12: Document Review**

30. This category relates to time spent by the Trustee and B&H attorneys reviewing and analyzing BLMIS documents and documents received from parties and third parties in response to the hundreds of letters and subpoenas issued by the Trustee, in order to assess relevance to case-wide strategies and to identify and develop evidence in support of the Trustee's claims and defenses, as well as other discovery-related tasks that cross multiple cases.

f. **Task Code 13: Depositions and Document Productions by the Trustee**

31. This category generally relates to time spent by the Trustee and B&H attorneys conducting discovery that touches upon more than one matter, including team meetings, discussions and strategizing among Discovery Management Team case liaisons; research and analysis of issues with potential case-wide implications; creation and management of document databases, filing systems and related reference materials; creation and revision of discovery resources and procedural guidance; analysis and coordination of discovery affirmatively produced by the Trustee in avoidance actions; and responding to discovery propounded to the Trustee by various third parties and defendants in avoidance actions.

g. **Task Code 14: International**

32. The fraud Madoff perpetrated through BLMIS has many international implications involving foreign individuals, feeder funds, and international banking institutions. The Trustee is actively investigating and seeking to recover assets for the BLMIS estate in many different jurisdictions, including Austria, the Bahamas, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands ("BVI"), Canada, the Cayman Islands, England, France, Ireland, Israel, Luxembourg, Spain, Switzerland, Panama, Costa Rica and Singapore. These investigations utilize a combination of voluntary requests for information and the use of the Trustee's subpoena power.

33. This category relates to the ongoing investigation, the preparation and service of subpoenas against entities in many jurisdictions, service of process, and communication with International Counsel regarding the utilization of local laws to obtain necessary discovery and pursue recovery of customer property in foreign jurisdictions. The investigation is made challenging by the broad array of bank secrecy statutes and other foreign legislation designed to limit discovery.

34. In addition, time categorized by this task code relates to the participation in and monitoring of various BLMIS-related third-party actions brought in Europe and the Caribbean, as well as discussions with International Counsel on strategic and jurisprudential matters that involve multiple actions against more than one defendant.

h. Task Code 21: Allocation

35. This matter categorizes time spent by the Trustee and B&H attorneys coordinating the distribution of Customer Property.

36. The ultimate purpose of marshaling the Customer Fund is to distribute those monies, as SIPA directs, to BLMIS customers with allowed claims.

37. The Trustee filed sixteen motions seeking entry of an order approving allocations of property to the Customer Fund and authorizing pro rata interim distributions of Customer Property, and this Court entered orders approving those motions:

No. of Distribution	Date of Distribution	Amount Allocated	Amount Distributed through Compensation Period	Percentage Distributed	ECF No. for Motion	ECF No. for Order
1	10/05/2011	\$2.618 billion	\$891.1 million	4.602%	4048	4217
2	09/19/2012	\$5.501 billion	\$6.478 billion	33.556%	4930	4997
3	03/29/2013	\$1.198 billion	\$907.3 million	4.721%	5230	5271
4	05/05/2014	\$477.504 million	\$610.4 million	3.180%	6024	6340
5	02/06/2015	\$756.538 million	\$526 million	2.743%	8860	9014
6	12/04/2015	\$345.472 million	\$1.578 billion	8.262%	9807 and 11834	12066

No. of Distribution	Date of Distribution	Amount Allocated	Amount Distributed through Compensation Period	Percentage Distributed	ECF No. for Motion	ECF No. for Order
7	06/30/2016	\$247.013 million	\$248.5 million	1.305%	13405	13512
8	02/02/2017	\$342.322 million	\$328.8 million	1.729%	14662	14836
9	02/22/2018	\$1.303 billion	\$721.7 million	3.806%	17033	17195
10	02/22/2019	\$515.974 million	\$515.9 million	2.729%	18295	18398
11	02/28/2020	\$988.770 million	\$372 million	1.975%	19226	19245
12	02/26/2021	\$74.325 million	\$233.1 million	1.240%	20066	20209
13	02/25/2022	\$128.570 million	\$113.4 million	0.604%	20963	21036
14	02/24/2023	\$44.229 million	\$49.7 million	0.265%	22697	22819
15	02/23/2024	\$66.690 million	\$78.6 million	0.419%	23806	23964
16	02/28/2025	\$101.721 million	\$76.8 million	0.410%	24583	24650
TOTAL	N/A	\$ 14.709 billion	\$ 13.730 billion	71.546%	N/A	N/A

38. On February 28, 2025, the Trustee distributed over \$76.8 million, or 0.410% of each BLMIS allowed claim through the completion of the Sixteenth Interim Distribution, unless the claim had been fully satisfied. This represents a significant milestone in this litigation, with 1,523 BLMIS accounts fully satisfied through March 31, 2025.⁸ The 1,523 fully satisfied accounts represent over 66% of accounts with allowed claims. When combined with the prior fifteen distributions, and the approximately \$850.4 million in advances paid or committed to be paid by the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (“SIPC”),⁹ the Trustee has distributed approximately \$14.58 billion to BLMIS customers through March 31, 2025, or 71.546% of each BLMIS allowed customer claim.

⁸Any customer with an allowed claim of \$1,741,000 has been fully satisfied.

⁹ SIPC has advanced \$849,973,412.47 through the Compensation Period to the Trustee to pay allowed claims. The difference between the amount committed to pay by SIPC and the amount actually advanced to customers depends on whether the Trustee has received an executed assignment and release from the customer. Thus, the amount of SIPC advances requested by the Trustee and paid for allowed customer claims is less than the amount of SIPC advances committed by the Trustee.

B. MATTER 05 – CUSTOMER CLAIMS

a. Customer Claims

39. As of March 31, 2025, the total amount of allowed claims is \$19,556,254,133.27, and the Trustee has paid or committed to pay \$850,368,412.47 in cash advances from SIPC. 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 liquidation proceedings to date.

40. As of March 31, 2025, 6 customer claims relating to 2 BLMIS customer accounts remain “deemed determined,” meaning that the Trustee has instituted litigation against those account holders 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

41. As of March 31, 2025, 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 million. At this time, the BLMIS general estate has no funds from which to make distributions to priority/non-priority general creditors and/or broker dealers. 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). 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.

c. **The Trustee Has Kept Customers Informed Of The Status Of The Claims Process**

42. 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 (www.madofftrustee.com), 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, both from claimants and their representatives.

43. The Trustee Website allows the Trustee to share information with claimants, their representatives, and the general public with regard to 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.

44. In addition, the Trustee Website allows claimants and third parties 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, 2025, the Trustee and his professionals had received and responded to thousands of e-mails via the Trustee Website from BLMIS customers and their representatives and fielded thousands of calls from claimants and their representatives.

45. In sum, the Trustee and his team have endeavored to respond in a timely manner to every customer inquiry and ensure that the customers are as informed as possible about various aspects of the BLMIS proceeding.

C. MATTER 09 – FAIRFIELD GREENWICH

46. This matter categorizes time spent by the Trustee and B&H attorneys pursuing the avoidance and recovery actions 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 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) (the “*Fairfield* 09-01239 action”). This matter also categorizes time spent by the Trustee and B&H attorneys pursuing breach of contract and equitable claims against other Fairfield Greenwich Group affiliates, including the founding partners, management entities and officers, seeking over \$919 million in management and performance fees wrongfully paid to the defendants. *Picard v. Fairfield Greenwich Group (In re Fairfield Sentry Limited)*, Case No. 10-13164 (JPM), Adv. Pro. No. 10-03800 (JPM) (the “*Fairfield* 10-03800 action”).

47. 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).

48. As part of the Fairfield Funds settlement, Sentry agreed to permanently reduce its net equity claim in the SIPA liquidation proceeding 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"), including claims asserted against the Management Defendants in the *Fairfield* 10-03800 action seeking the return of \$919 million in management and performance fees; 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.

49. 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. *Picard v. Fairfield Sentry*, Adv. No. 09-01239 (LGB) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.) (ECF No. 107). In the settlement, the Greenwich Funds agreed to permanently reduce their net equity claim in the SIPA liquidation proceeding 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.

50. 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. As of July 31, 2014, the District Court had issued decisions on all issues subject to common briefing and remanded the cases to this Court for further findings based on the legal standards set forth in the District Court's decisions.

51. 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 (LGB) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.), and *Picard v. Alix Toub*, Adv. No. 12-01703 (LGB) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.). The parties in the *Toub* action entered into a stipulated stay as permitted by this Court. None of the defendants in these actions have responded to the Trustee's complaints.

52. On November 22, 2016, this Court issued its decision on the extraterritoriality motion to dismiss. *See* Forty-Sixth Application of Trustee and Baker & Hostetler LLP, ¶¶ 326-331 (ECF No. 24455). 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. 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 reversed this Court's November 22, 2016 ruling. *See* Forty-Sixth Application of Trustee and Baker & Hostetler LLP, ¶¶ 326-331 (ECF No. 24455).

53. On January 24, 2019, in the *Fairfield* 10-03800 action, 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).

54. 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, and Selecta Financial Corporation. *Sec. Inv'r Prot. Corp. v. Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec. LLC*, No. 08-01789, (S.D.N.Y., March 25, 2019) ("Main SIPA Action") (Main SIPA Action ECF Nos. 18606 and 18607, and *Fairfield* 09-1239 action ECF No. 270). The Trustee's claims against the remaining Management Defendants remain pending.

55. On June 18, 2019, the Trustee and the remaining defendants informed this Court they had agreed to enter mediation. (ECF No. 272). As a result, at the parties' request, this Court ordered the June 26, 2019 pretrial conference to be continued to December 18, 2019. (ECF No. 273).

56. On June 19, 2019, again at the parties' request, this Court entered an order consolidating the actions *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, No. 09-01239 and *Picard*

v. Fairfield Greenwich Capital Partners, No. 12-01702. The consolidated action is proceeding under *Picard v. Fairfield Investment Fund Limited*, No. 09-01239. (ECF No. 274).

57. On June 25, 2019, the Trustee filed a voluntary notice of dismissal, dismissing the adversary proceeding *Picard v. Alix Toub*, Adv. No. 12-01703 (LGB) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.) without prejudice. (ECF No. 60).

58. On September 25, 2019, this Court held a hearing with the Trustee and the remaining Management Defendants in the consolidated actions regarding a future case schedule. At the hearing, the Trustee and the remaining defendants 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).

59. On November 20, 2019, the Court entered the Second Order on Mediation in which the Court ordered the parties to report on the progress of the mediation in writing by February 19, 2020 and further ordered all matters held in abeyance until March 31, 2020. (ECF No. 276).

60. On February 19, 2020, the Court entered the Third Order on Mediation in which the Court ordered the parties to report on the progress of the mediation in writing by May 19, 2020 and further ordered all matters held in abeyance until June 30, 2020. (ECF No. 279).

61. On May 19, 2020, the Court entered the Fourth Order on Mediation in which the Court ordered the parties to report on the progress of the mediation in writing by August 19, 2020 and further ordered all matters held in abeyance until July 31, 2020. (ECF No. 282).

62. On August 20, 2020, the Court entered the Fifth Order on Mediation in which the Court lifted the order holding the matters in abeyance, ordered the Trustee to file his Second Amended Complaint in the *Fairfield* 09-01239 action by August 31, 2020, ordered the

Management Defendants in the *Fairfield* 10-03800 action to file their Reply Memorandum in Support of the Motion To Dismiss by October 2, 2020, and adjourned the status conference to October 26, 2020. (ECF No. 285).

63. On August 28, 2020, the Trustee filed his Second Amended Complaint in the *Fairfield* 09-01239 action. (ECF No. 286).

64. On October 2, 2020, the Management Defendants filed their Reply Memorandum of Law in Support of Motion to Dismiss in the *Fairfield* 10-03800 action. (ECF No. 129). In addition, the Defendants submitted a letter to the Court on the Foreign Authorities applicable to the *Fairfield* 10-03800 action. (ECF No. 130).

65. On October 20, 2020, the *Fairfield* actions were reassigned from Judge Stuart Bernstein to Chief Judge Cecelia G. Morris. (*Fairfield* 09-01239 ECF No. 288 and *Fairfield* 10-03800 ECF No. 133). On June 29, 2023, the *Fairfield* 10-03800 action was reassigned from Judge Cecelia G. Morris to Judge John P. Mastando III. (ECF No. 191).

66. On October 21, 2020, this Court issued a scheduling order in the *Fairfield* 09-01239 action regarding the Defendants' request to file a Motion to Dismiss in which the Defendants' Opening Brief was to be filed by January 15, 2021, the Trustee's Opposition Brief was to be filed by April 15, 2021, and the Defendants' Reply Brief was to be filed by May 31, 2021. (ECF No. 289).

67. On October 26, 2020, this Court scheduled a pretrial conference in these matters for January 13, 2021 and requested the Parties to make a submission to the Court as to what substantive law applies in the *Fairfield* 10-03800 action. (ECF No. 290).

68. On November 18, 2020, this Court entered an order in the *Fairfield* 10-03800 action ordering the Trustee to file a Supplemental Brief in Opposition to the Defendants' Motion to

Dismiss by November 25, 2020 and the Defendants to file a Supplemental Reply Brief in Support of the Motion to Dismiss by December 11, 2020. (ECF No. 137).

69. On November 25, 2020, the Trustee filed his Supplemental Opposition to the Defendants' Motion to Dismiss in the *Fairfield* 10-03800 action. (ECF No. 141).

70. On November 25, 2020, the Trustee filed a letter as to the Foreign Authorities applicable to the *Fairfield* 10-03800 action. (ECF No. 142). On the same day, the Trustee submitted a letter to the Court on the claims and conflicts of law involved in the *Fairfield* 10-03800 action. (ECF No. 143). On November 25, 2020, in the *Fairfield* 10-03800 action, the Trustee filed a Supplemental Memorandum in Opposition to the Defendants' Motion to Dismiss. (ECF No. 141).

71. On December 11, 2020, the *Fairfield* 10-03800 parties 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 in the *Fairfield* 10-3800 action. (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 in the *Fairfield* 10-03800 action. (ECF No. 149). On January 13, 2021, the Court held a hearing on Defendants' Motion to Dismiss in the *Fairfield* 10-03800 action.

72. On March 25, 2021, the Court issued its Memorandum Decision Granting in Part and Denying in Part Defendants' Motion to Dismiss in the *Fairfield* 10-03800 action. (ECF No. 161). On April 8, 2021, the Court issued its order Granting in Part and Denying in Part Defendants' Motion to Dismiss in the *Fairfield* 10-03800 action. (ECF No. 162).

73. On January 15, 2021, the Defendants filed their Opening Brief in Support of their Motion to Dismiss in the *Fairfield* 09-01239 action. (ECF No. 305). On April 15, 2021, the Trustee filed a Memorandum of Law in Opposition to Defendants' Motion to Dismiss in the *Fairfield* 09-01239 action. (ECF No. 311). The Defendants' Reply in Support of the Motion to Dismiss in the *Fairfield* 09-01239 action was filed on May 31, 2021. (ECF No. 313).

74. On May 6, 2021, Defendants Walter Noel, Jeffrey Tucker, Philip Toub, Andres Piedrahita, Corina Noel Piedrahita, Amit Vijayvergiya, Fairfield Greenwich Bermuda Limited, Fairfield Greenwich Limited, Fairfield Greenwich Advisors and Fairfield International Managers filed their Answers to the Second Amended Complaint in the *Fairfield* 10-03800 action. (ECF Nos. 164 -168 and 170).

75. On May 28, 2021, Defendant Fairfield Greenwich Advisors LLC filed its Answer to the Second Amended Complaint in the *Fairfield* 10-03800 action on behalf of Defendant Fairfield Greenwich Group. (ECF No. 173).

76. On June 16, 2021, the Court held a hearing on Defendants' Motion to Dismiss in the *Fairfield* 09-01239 action.

77. On August 2, 2021, the Court entered the Stipulated Case Management Order previously agreed upon and submitted by the parties on July 30, 2021 in the *Fairfield* 10-03800 action. (ECF No. 174).

78. Also on August 2, 2021, the Court entered the Stipulation and Order previously agreed upon and submitted by the parties on July 30, 2021, providing that (i) the Litigation Protective Order entered in the Main SIPA Action on June 6, 2011, as modified (ECF Nos. 4137, 5474), which governs the disclosure of confidential information in the Main SIPA Action and related adversary proceedings, including the *Fairfield* 09-01239 action, shall govern the disclosure

of confidential information to the same extent in the *Fairfield* 10-03800 action; and (ii) the Order Establishing Procedures for Third-Party Data Rooms (Main SIPA Action, ECF No. 5475), which governs the contents of, and access to, data rooms maintained by the Trustee in the Main SIPA Action and related adversary proceedings, including the *Fairfield* 09-01239 action, shall govern to the same extent in the *Fairfield* 10-03800 action.

79. On August 6, 2021, the Court issued its Memorandum Decision Denying Defendants' Motion to Dismiss As to All Claims Except Those Made Against Corina Noel Piedrahita in her Individual Capacity Decision in the *Fairfield* 09-01239 action. (ECF No. 336). On September 14, 2021, the Court issued its Order Denying Defendants' Motion to Dismiss as to All Claims Except Those Against Corina Noel Piedrahita in her Individual Capacity in the *Fairfield* 09-01239 action. (ECF No. 339).

80. On November 22, 2021, the Court entered the Stipulation and Order Appointing Discovery Arbitrator previously agreed upon and submitted by the parties in the *Fairfield* 10-03800 action on November 18, 2021, providing that the Order Appointing a Discovery Arbitrator Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019(c) and General Order M-390, entered in the Main SIPA Action on October 4, 2016 (ECF No. 14227), appointing the Honorable Frank Maas (ret.), c/o JAMS, Inc., as Discovery Arbitrator to resolve discovery disputes that may arise and which have been specifically referred to him by the Court with consent of the parties to the dispute, shall apply and govern the resolution of discovery disputes to the same extent in the *Fairfield* 10-03800 action as in the Main SIPA Action and related adversary proceedings, including the *Fairfield* 09-01239 action. (ECF No. 176).

81. On September 30, 2021, Defendants Walter Noel, Jeffrey Tucker, Philip Toub, Andres Piedrahita, Corina Noel Piedrahita, Amit Vijayvergiya, Fairfield Investment Fund Limited,

Stable Fund, Share Management, Fairfield Greenwich Capital Partners, Fairfield Greenwich Bermuda Limited, Fairfield Greenwich Limited, Fairfield Greenwich Advisors and Fairfield International Managers filed their Answers to the Second Amended Complaint in the *Fairfield* 09-01239 action. (ECF Nos. 342 – 347 and 349).

82. On December 21, 2021, the Trustee served his First Set of Interrogatories to Defendants in the *Fairfield* 10-03800 action and has engaged in several meet and confers with Defendants' counsel since January 2022 concerning the Defendants' responses. Between June 16, 2021 and March 31, 2022, the Defendants produced documents in response to the Trustee's document requests, including in response to the Trustee's First Requests to the Defendants for the Production of Documents which the Trustee served in the *Fairfield* 10-03800 action on August 20, 2021. Between December 1, 2021 and March 31, 2022, the Joint Liquidators produced documents to the Trustee in the *Fairfield* 10-03800 action.

83. In February 2022, the Defendants were given access to the Trustee's electronic data rooms containing millions of documents, including nonconfidential documents produced to the Trustee by third parties. In June 2022, the Trustee produced documents in response to the Defendants' First Request for Production of Documents to the Trustee which the Defendants served in the *Fairfield* 09-01239 action on April 22, 2022.

84. On November 17, 2022, B&H attorneys participated in a meeting with counsel for the Defendants to explore possible alternate resolution of the proceedings.

85. 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 and/or work product protection. On January 30, 2023, the Trustee served his First Request for Production of Documents in the *Fairfield* 09-01239.

86. The Trustee participated in a meet and confer with the Defendants in January 2023, and on January 30, 2023 and February 10, 2023, the Trustee produced documents to the Defendants in response to the Defendants' First Request for Production of Documents to the Trustee. 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 the *Fairfield* 10-03800 action.

87. 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 also participated in a meet and confer with the Defendants in May 2023. The Trustee and the Defendants resolved issues relating to the Logs 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.

88. 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 August 10, 2023, Sitrick Group LLC produced documents to the Trustee; and on August 25, 2023, GlobeOp Financial Services produced documents to the Trustee.

89. Between May 10, 2023 and July 27, 2023, the Defendants produced documents to the Trustee including financial records responsive to the Trustee's First Request for Production of Documents in the *Fairfield* 09-01239 action; discovery produced by parties in the *Anwar* litigation, in response to the Trustee's First Requests for Production of Documents in the *Fairfield* 10-03800 action; and unredacted versions of documents withheld or redacted in the *Anwar* litigation, pursuant to the Disclosure Stipulation.

90. On July 19, 2023, the Trustee served his Second Request to the Defendants for the Production of Documents in the *Fairfield* 09-01239 action. Between August 17, 2023 and November 30, 2023, the Defendants produced documents to the Trustee including (i) documents responsive to the Trustee's Second Request for Production; (ii) documents responsive to deponent-specific search terms negotiated by the Trustee and the Defendants; (iii) and documents that were previously redacted or withheld that were produced in full pursuant to the Disclosure Stipulation entered between the parties.

91. The Trustee participated in meet and confers in September 2023 and October 2023 to discuss pending discovery issues, including the admissibility of prior testimony, the number and scope of anticipated depositions, proposed search terms for the Trustee's Second Request for Documents, financial information requested by the Trustee in connection with the Trustee's First Request for Production of Documents, and the Trustee's request for an extension of fact discovery.

92. Through these discussions, the parties made considerable progress in resolving a number of the outstanding discovery issues, including reaching an agreement in principle on the need to negotiate and finalize agreements on the admissibility of prior testimony, means of obtaining Rule 30(b)(6) testimony, and authentication of records. However, substantial disagreement remained as to the length of time reasonably necessary to accomplish these goals

and complete pending document discovery to enable for the Trustee to determine the scope of remaining fact discovery and prepare for depositions. In addition, as a condition to consenting to the requested extension of fact discovery, the Fairfield Defendants requested certain unreasonable concessions from the Trustee as a quid pro quo for the extension of fact discovery deadlines, including: (i) approval of the Fairfield Defendants' Greenwich Emerald Fund SIPC customer claim (the "Greenwich Emerald Claim") and (ii) dismissal of the Trustee's 6-year claims in the *Fairfield* 09-01239 action.

93. On October 5, 2023, the Trustee submitted letter requests and supporting information to Judge Morris in the *Fairfield* 09-01239 action and Judge Mastando in the *Fairfield* 10-0380 action, detailing the discovery issues and requesting an informal discovery conference on the Trustee's request for an extension of fact discovery deadlines. On October 20, 2023, Judge Mastando held a conference in connection with the Trustee's request, granted a six month extension of fact discovery deadlines and scheduled a status conference for January 29, 2024. As a result of Judge Mastando's decision and order in the *Fairfield* 10-03800 action, the parties agreed to submit a stipulated amended case management order with a corresponding extension in the *Fairfield* 09-01239 action and to withdraw the request for a discovery conference in the *Fairfield* 09-01239 action. On November 2, 2023, the stipulated amended case management order and case management order were entered in the *Fairfield* 09-01239 action and the *Fairfield* 10-03800 action, respectively. (ECF No. 372 and ECF No. 202).

94. Between December 8, 2023 and February 27, 2024, the Defendants produced documents to the Trustee including (i) documents responsive to the Trustee's First Request for Production in the *Fairfield* 09-01239 action; and (ii) documents responsive to deponent-specific search terms negotiated by the Trustee and the Defendants.

95. Between January 9, 2024 and March 22, 2024, the Trustee conducted the depositions of former Fairfield Greenwich Group employees Harold Greisman, Jennifer Keeney and Andrew Ludwig.

96. On January 25, 2024, the Court entered a Suggestion of Death submitted by former counsel for Walter Noel Jr. in the *Fairfield* 10-03800 action, providing notice of Mr. Noel's death on or about December 16, 2023. (ECF No. 205) A Suggestion of Death concerning Mr. Noel was entered in the *Fairfield* 09-1239 action on February 9, 2024 (ECF No. 379). The parties met and conferred concerning the substitution of appropriate estate representatives for the deceased defendant.

97. 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 (ECF No. 206). On January 29, 2024, a notice of adjournment was filed in the *Fairfield* 10-03800 action, adjourning the status conference to April 17, 2024. (ECF No. 210).

98. On February 15, 2024, in response to the Defendants' First Request for Production of Documents to the Trustee, the Trustee produced documents to the defendants consisting of claims correspondence and related documents concerning SIPA customer claims filed by BBHF Emerald Ltd. and Greenwich Emerald LLC ("Greenwich Emerald"). On February 20, 2024, the Trustee participated in a meet and confer with counsel for the Defendants, concerning the Defendants' request for allowance of the Greenwich Emerald Claim.

99. On February 22, 2024, the Trustee served his Third Request to the Defendants for the Production of Documents in the *Fairfield* 09-01239 action, in connection with the Trustee's ongoing requests to the Defendants for custodian-specific searches of documents in the

Defendants' possession, including archived documents not previously searched in response to the Trustee's document requests.

100. On April 10, 2024, in response to the Trustee's Second Request to the Defendants for the Production of Documents in the *Fairfield* 09-01239 action, 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.

101. 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 the *Fairfield* 09-01239 action and the *Fairfield* 10-03800 action 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 the *Fairfield* 09-01239 action and the *Fairfield* 10-03800 action on April 12, 2024 and April 19, 2024, respectively. (ECF No. 385 and ECF No. 214).

102. On April 26, 2024, the stipulated amended case management order was entered in the *Fairfield* 09-01239 action. (ECF No. 392).

103. On May 1, 2024, the Defendants produced approximately 31,834 documents to the Trustee in response to the Trustee's Third Request for Production in the *Fairfield* 09-01239 action. 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.

104. 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 the *Fairfield* 10-03800 action. (ECF No. 221).

105. On May 2, 2024 in the *Fairfield* 10-03800 action, 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).

106. 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 the Main SIPA Action (ECF No. 24226), the pretrial conference in the *Fairfield* 09-01239 action, 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 the *Fairfield* 10-03800 action, also previously scheduled for June 26, 2024, was adjourned to July 24, 2024. (ECF No. 227).

107. 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.

108. 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 the *Fairfield* 10-03800 action (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 the *Fairfield* 10-03800 action in parallel with the pre-trial conference in the *Fairfield* 09-01239 action, to December 18, 2024.

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

110. On August 22, 2024, as a result of the parties' meet and confers concerning documents available in the Trustee's data rooms and the BLMIS database, the Trustee produced documents from the BLMIS SQL database to the Defendants, in response to the Defendants' First Request for Production of Documents to the Trustee.

111. On August 29, 2024, the Trustee proposed custodian-specific search terms to the Defendants, to address deficiencies identified by the Trustee in the Defendants' responses to the Trustee's Requests for Document Production. On August 30, 2024, the Trustee made a production to the Defendants in response to the Defendants' First Request for Production of Documents to the Trustee.

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

113. 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.

114. 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.

115. On October 11, 2024, Greenwich Emerald filed a Motion to Enforce Court Order, 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 withdrew its Motion to Enforce Court Order (ECF No. 24453).

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

117. On November 1, 2024, the Trustee produced 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.

118. 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 the *Fairfield 10-03800* action (ECF No. 236) and the *Fairfield 09-01239* action (ECF No. 397). An Amended Case Management Order was subsequently entered in the *Fairfield 09-01239* action on November 19, 2024 and in the *Fairfield 10-03800* action on December 12, 2024 (ECF No. 244).

119. On November 21, 2024, Greenwich Emerald filed its Objection to the Trustee's Determination of Claim (ECF No. 24520).

120. On December 16, 2024, the defendants submitted a letter to Judge Beckerman requesting an informal status conference in the *Fairfield 09-01239* action 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. (ECF No. 406).

121. On December 18, 2024, Judge Beckerman held a conference in the *Fairfield* 09-01239 action 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.

122. 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* 11-02569 action, seeking to depose Mr. Amit Vijayvergiya on the same date and time as the Trustee's scheduled deposition of Mr. Vijayvergiya in the *Fairfield* 09-01239 action. On January 28, 2025, Judge Maas entered a written order confirming instructions as to how Mr. Vijayvergiya's deposition should proceed. (*Fairfield* 09-01239 action ECF No. 411).

123. On January 15, 2025, Greenwich Emerald served a Notice of Hearing re: Objection to Trustee's Determination of Claim in the Main SIPA Action. (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 the *Fairfield* 09-01239 action 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. (Main SIPA Action 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. (Main SIPA Action ECF 24659).

124. On January 29, 2025, the parties appeared before Judge Beckerman for a conference concerning Greenwich Emerald's objection to the Trustee's denial of the Greenwich Emerald Claim, and Greenwich Emerald's purported notice of hearing on the claim objection. Judge Beckerman denied Greenwich Emerald'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 the Main SIPA Action on March 26, 2025, for the parties to discuss resolution of the Greenwich Emerald Claim.

125. 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 execution of a stipulation concerning the admission of prior sworn testimony.

126. On March 14, 2025, the parties submitted a joint status update letter to Judge Beckerman in the Main SIPA Action, 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 the *Fairfield* 09-01239 action 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. (Main SIPA Action 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 the *Fairfield* 09-01239 action, which were 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 the Main SIPA Action, to April 30, 2025.

127. On March 19, 2025, the Trustee served a notice of adjournment in the Main SIPA Action, adjourning the March 26, 2025 conference to April 30, 2025. (ECF 24776).

128. 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* 12-01693 action and the *Fullerton Capital PTE Limited* 12-01004 action.

129. The parties continue to meet and confer regarding expert discovery and scheduling issues, and continue to work in good faith to coordinate discovery in these actions, as well as any related discovery in other actions brought by the Trustee.

D. MATTER 21 – AVOIDANCE ACTION LITIGATION and MATTER 75 – GOOD FAITH/5A COHMAD REFERRED ACCOUNTS

130. This matter categorizes time spent litigating avoidance actions filed by the Trustee and the enforcement of related judgments and settlements obtained, coordinating service of process, discovery requests related to judgment enforcement, and reviewing produced documents, communicating formally and informally with counsel for various defendants, implementing internal processes to track and manage the settlements of avoidance actions and enforce such settlements, developing legal strategies and witnesses that will be relevant to all actions, and researching various issues relating to and raised in such avoidance actions, related subsequent transfer actions, and enforcement of related judgments and settlements.

a. Resolution of Good Faith Avoidance Actions

131. At the beginning and end of the Compensation Period, there were no active good faith avoidance actions and three active subsequent transfer actions related to previously adjudicated good faith avoidance actions.

b. Subsequent Transfer Actions Related to Good Faith Avoidance Actions

1. Sage Actions

132. 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.

133. 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.*

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

135. 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.

136. 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.

137. 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.

138. 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.

139. 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.

140. 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.

141. In the *Ann Passer* matter, Defendant's extended deadline to answer or otherwise respond to the Trustee's Complaint was set for December 5, 2023. *See* Adv. Pro. No. 23-01097, ECF No. 21. Defendant has not responded to date. On June 20, 2024, the Trustee filed a notice of voluntary dismissal without prejudice. *Id.*, ECF No. 27.

142. In the *Martin Sage, Sybil Sage* matter, Defendants filed their motion to dismiss on May 24, 2023. *See* Adv. Pro. No. 23-01098, ECF Nos. 4–5. The Trustee filed his opposition on August 16, 2023. *Id.*, ECF Nos. 16–17. The Defendants filed their reply on September 13, 2023. *Id.*, ECF Nos. 21–22. Oral arguments were held on September 20, 2023. *Id.*, ECF Nos. 14, 30. The Bankruptcy Court denied the Defendants' motion to dismiss in its entirety on October 3, 2023. *Id.*, ECF No. 31. On November 3, 2023, the Defendants filed their Answer to the Complaint. *Id.*, ECF No. 34. On January 12, 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. 38.

143. On November 19, 2024, the Trustee filed a letter requesting a discovery conference concerning Defendants' refusal to produce documents responsive to the Trustee's document requests. *Id.*, ECF No. 46. On November 20, 2024, Defendants filed a letter responding to the Trustee's request for a discovery conference. *Id.*, ECF No. 48. The Bankruptcy Court held a discovery conference on December 11, 2024, where the Court directed the parties to confer regarding a schedule to file motions to amend the parties' pleadings and/or stipulation for submission of amended pleadings and the extension of all discovery deadlines, including extending fact discovery until April 30, 2025. *Id.*, ECF No. 54. On December 20, 2024, the Bankruptcy Court entered an amended case management plan extending fact discovery until April 30, 2025. *Id.*, ECF No. 55.

144. On March 12, 2025, the Bankruptcy Court entered a second amended case management plan extending fact discovery until September 30, 2025. *Id.*, ECF No. 56. The second amended case management plan also allowed defendants to file an amended answer and entered a proposed briefing schedule on the Trustee's motion to compel. *Id.*

145. In the *Malcolm Sage, Lynne Florio* matter, 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 argument was held on September 20, 2023. *Id.*, ECF No. 43. The Bankruptcy Court denied in part and granted in part the Defendants' motion to dismiss on October 3, 2023. *Id.*, ECF No. 44.

146. 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.

147. 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 Bankruptcy Court held a hearing on the Motion to Withdraw. *Id.*, ECF No. 102. On August 1, 2024, the Bankruptcy 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 Bankruptcy Court also amended the Case Management Plan extending the fact discovery deadline from March 31, 2025 to July 31, 2025. *Id.*, ECF No. 99.

148. 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.

149. 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.*

2. Oasis Action

150. On January 31, 2020, counsel for Defendant RAR Entrepreneurial Fund Ltd. moved for permissive withdrawal of the reference. *See* No. 20-cv-01029, ECF No. 1.

151. On February 18, 2020, the Trustee filed a letter with the Court consenting to the withdrawal of the reference and proposing a briefing schedule for summary judgment, which Defendants' counsel agreed to, and the Court so ordered on March 5, 2020. *Id.*, ECF Nos. 5, 7.

152. On April 1, 2020, the Trustee filed his motion for summary judgment. *Id.*, ECF Nos. 12–20. On June 5, 2020, Defendant filed its memorandum of law in opposition to the Trustee's motion for summary judgment and in support of its cross-motion for summary judgment dismissing the case in its entirety. On June 9, 2020, Defendant filed its notice of cross-motion for summary judgment. *Id.*, ECF Nos. 25–29. On June 23, 2020, the Trustee filed his brief in reply to Defendant's cross-motion and Defendant's opposition to his motion for summary judgment. *Id.*, ECF Nos. 33–35. Defendant filed its reply brief in support of its cross-motion on June 30, 2020. *Id.*, ECF No. 36.

153. On March 3, 2021, District Judge Jesse M. Furman granted in part and denied the Trustee's motion for summary judgment and denied in full Defendant's cross-motion, finding that the Trustee had standing to pursue the Two-Year Transfers, and established the elements of his claim except that there were issues of fact with respect to whether the transfers were made by the LLC or Madoff personally, despite finding "RAR faces an uphill battle and that the Trustee is

ultimately likely to prevail on its claim.” No. 20-cv-01029, 2021 WL 827195, at *10 (S.D.N.Y. Mar. 3, 2021).

154. On May 6, 2021, the Court held a telephonic conference with the parties, during which the trial was scheduled to begin on July 19, 2021. *See* No. 20-cv-01029, ECF No. 49.

155. On May 11, 2021, the Trustee filed a letter motion seeking to stay the trial pending a decision from the Second Circuit in the similarly situated avoidance action, *Picard v. JABA Assocs. LP*, No. 21-872 (2d Cir.), which Defendant opposed in a letter response dated May 13, 2021. *See* No. 20-cv-01029, ECF Nos. 54–55. The District Court denied the motion. *Id.*, ECF No. 56.

156. On June 2, 2021, the Court issued an order rescheduling the trial to begin on July 20, 2021. *Id.*, ECF No. 59.

157. On July 16, 2021, the trial was adjourned. *Id.*, ECF No. 98.

158. On August 27, 2021, the Court issued an order rescheduling the trial to begin on October 18, 2021. *Id.*, ECF No. 104.

159. On September 17, 2021, the Court instructed the parties it would notify them on October 13, 2021 whether the trial would be adjourned. *Id.*, ECF No. 107.

160. On October 13, 2021, the trial was adjourned and subsequently rescheduled for March 3, 2022. *Id.*, ECF Nos. 110, 115.

161. On February 28, 2022, the final pretrial conference was held and the trial began three days later on March 3, 2022. *Id.*, ECF Nos. 121, 134–35, 137. On March 7, 2022, after closing statements were made, the jury deliberated and reached a verdict in favor of the Trustee, finding that the investment advisory business of Madoff's sole proprietorship was transferred to the limited liability company before December 11, 2006 (two years prior to the filing of the SIPA

liquidation), and awarding the Trustee \$12,800,065 (the total amount in fraudulent transfers received by Defendants between December 11, 2006 and December 11, 2008). *Id.*, ECF No. 132.

162. On March 22, 2022, the parties filed their supplemental memoranda of law as to whether prejudgment interest should be awarded to the Trustee. *Id.*, ECF Nos. 141–42.

163. On September 20, 2022, the District Court granted the Trustee prejudgment interest from the date of the complaint against the defendant through the date of entry of judgment, at a rate of 4% per annum. *Id.*, ECF No. 149.

164. On September 23, 2022, the District Court entered its final judgment in favor of the Trustee in the total amount of \$18,867,295.81, which includes prejudgment interest at a rate of 4% from November 12, 2010 through the date of entry of judgment. *Id.*, ECF No. 151.

165. On November 23, 2022, RAR Entrepreneurial Fund, Ltd. filed a Notice of Appeal of the District Court’s judgment. *Id.*, ECF No. 159. RAR Entrepreneurial Fund, Ltd. filed its opening brief on March 16, 2023. *See* No. 22-3006 (lead case), ECF Nos. 40, 44. The Trustee and SIPC filed their briefs on June 15, 2023. *Id.*, ECF Nos. 67–66. On August 3, 2023, RAR Entrepreneurial Fund Ltd. filed its reply brief in further support of its appeal. *Id.*, ECF No. 102. On December 8, 2023, oral arguments were held and on December 19, 2023, the Second Circuit issued a summary order affirming the District Court’s judgment in favor of the Trustee. *Id.*, ECF Nos. 121, 124.

166. On September 20, 2023, the Trustee filed a separate subsequent transfer action against Russell Oasis to recover subsequent transfers he received from Defendant RAR Entrepreneurial Fund Ltd. *See* Adv. Pro. No. 23-01181, ECF No. 1. On November 27, 2023, Defendant filed his Answer to the Complaint. *Id.*, ECF No. 12. On January 1, 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. 13.

167. On October 9, 2024, the Bankruptcy Court entered an Amended Case Management Plan extending the fact discovery deadline to May 30, 2025. *Id.*, ECF No. 23.

E. MATTER 29 – RYE/TREMONT

168. This matter categorizes time spent by the Trustee and B&H attorneys following the settled avoidance action filed on December 7, 2010, against Tremont Group Holdings, Inc., Tremont Partners, Inc., Tremont (Bermuda) Ltd., Rye Select Broad Market Fund, and numerous related investment funds, entities and individuals (collectively, the “Tremont Funds”) in which the Trustee sought the return of approximately \$2.1 billion 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 (the “Tremont Litigation”). *Picard v. Tremont Group Holdings, Inc.*, Adv. Proc. No. 10-05310 (CGM) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Dec. 7, 2010).

169. After the court filing, the parties entered into substantive settlement negotiations, which resulted in a significant settlement approved by the Court on September 22, 2011. The settlement between the Trustee, the Tremont Funds and the former chief executive of Tremont Group Holdings, Inc. resulted in the cash payment amount of \$1.025 billion. *Picard v. Tremont Group Holdings, Inc.*, Adv. Proc. No. 10-05310 (CGM) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Dec. 7, 2010), (ECF No. 38). This is the largest cash settlement to date in any case brought by the Trustee against any feeder or investment fund.

170. Two objections to the settlement agreement were filed by non-BLMIS customers, both of which were overruled by this Court. There were two non-settling defendants at the time, Sandra Manzke (“Manzke”) and Rye Select Broad Market XL Portfolio Limited (“XL Portfolio”).

171. Certain objectors filed an appeal of the Tremont settlement on October 18, 2011. *See Picard v. Tremont Group Holdings, Inc.*, Adv. Proc. No. 11-7330 (GBD) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Oct. 18, 2011). On June 27, 2012, United States District Judge George B. Daniels granted the Trustee's motion to dismiss the appeal, and judgment was entered on June 28, 2012. (ECF Nos. 35, 36).

172. On July 27, 2012, an appeal of the judgment was filed with the Second Circuit. (ECF No. 37). Prior to submitting any briefing, however, the parties submitted a joint stipulation of dismissal, and the appeal was dismissed on October 25, 2012. (ECF No. 39). Accordingly, Tremont delivered \$1.025 billion into an escrow account on November 6, 2012, and the settlement payment was released from escrow to the Trustee on February 8, 2013. Thereupon, the Trustee allowed certain customer claims related to Tremont.

173. On February 10, 2012, defendant XL Portfolio settled with the Trustee in connection with the Tremont Litigation, as well as two other actions commenced on December 8, 2010, by the Trustee against XL Portfolio and other defendants. These other actions are captioned *Picard v. ABN AMRO Bank, N.V. et al.*, Adv. Proc. No. 10-05354 (CGM) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Dec. 8, 2010) and *Picard v. ABN AMRO (Ireland) Ltd., et al.*, Adv. Proc. No. 10-05355 (CGM) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Dec. 8, 2010).

174. On September 17, 2013, the remaining defendant in the Tremont Litigation, Manzke, who was also a defendant in the captioned action, *Picard v. Maxam Absolute Return Fund Ltd., et al.*, Adv. Proc. No. 10-05342 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Dec. 8, 2010), settled both actions against her. After the Maxam settlement, Manzke was dismissed from the Tremont Litigation, and that case closed.

175. During the Compensation Period, B&H attorneys assisted in preparing for depositions and obtaining necessary discovery in support of the Trustee's avoidance actions against the recipients of customer property that was subsequently transferred from Tremont. In addition, strategy and investigation in support of actions against subsequent transferees has continued, including work involving issues related to establishing and supporting elements of actual knowledge or willful blindness of some of the defendants, analysis consistent with recent court rulings, and preparation for proving at trial the underlying allegations against Tremont itself in support of several of the Trustee's avoidance actions against the recipients of subsequent transfers.

F. MATTER 30 – HSBC

176. This matter categorizes time spent by the Trustee and B&H attorneys pursuing claims against HSBC Bank plc, HSBC Securities Services (Luxembourg) S.A., eleven other HSBC entities (collectively, the "HSBC Defendants"), as well as affiliated feeder funds including Thema International Ltd., Thema Wise Investments Ltd., Lagoon Investment, Geo Currencies Ltd., and Alpha Prime Fund, as well as management companies affiliated with those funds, seeking the return of approximately \$1.73 billion under SIPA, the Bankruptcy Code, the New York Fraudulent Conveyance Act, and other applicable law for preferences and fraudulent conveyances. *Picard v. HSBC Bank plc*, Adv. No. 09-01364 (CGM) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Nov. 30, 2012).

177. 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).

178. 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).

179. 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).

180. On October 20, 2017, this Court approved a settlement between the Trustee and Thema International Fund plc. *Picard v. HSBC Bank PLC, et al.*, Adv. Pro. No. 09-01364, ECF No. 482. Under the settlement, Thema International paid approximately \$687 million to the BLMIS Customer Fund.

181. 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. *Picard v. HSBC Bank PLC, et al.*, Adv. Pro. No. 09-01364, ECF No. 497. The Trustee's litigation with Alpha Prime is ongoing.

182. On July 27, 2019, Alpha Prime moved for judgment on the pleadings. *Picard v. HSBC Bank PLC, et al.*, Adv. Pro. No. 09-01364, ECF No. 545. On August 27, 2019, the Trustee opposed that motion and cross-moved to amend the complaint. *Picard v. HSBC Bank PLC, et al.*, Adv. Pro. No. 09-01364, 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. *Picard v. HSBC Bank PLC, et al.*, Adv. Pro. No. 09-01364, ECF No. 566.

183. On September 24, 2019, the Trustee filed his amended complaint against Alpha Prime. *Picard v. HSBC Bank PLC, et al.*, Adv. Pro. No. 09-01364, ECF No. 567.

184. On June 20, 2022, this Court approved a partial settlement between the Trustee and Alpha Prime Fund, Ltd., which resulted in resolution of all but one remaining outstanding issue. *Picard v. HSBC Bank PLC, et al.*, Adv. Pro. No. 09-01364, ECF No. 715.

185. The Trustee's litigation with HSBC is ongoing. On November 21, 2022, certain individuals sought to resist discovery. *Picard v. HSBC Bank PLC, et al.*, Adv. Pro. No. 09-01364, ECF No. 720. The Trustee opposed that application, and the Court denied the motion and allowed discovery to continue. *Id.*, ECF No. 735.

186. On December 26, 2023, the Trustee and the HSBC defendants entered into a stipulation for the Trustee to file an amended complaint and for the HSBC defendants to file an answer. This represented the culmination of the parties' negotiations concerning claims and transfers, and a consolidation with the case against SICO Limited, Adv. Pro. No. 12-01005 (CGM).

187. The Trustee filed his Second Amended Complaint on December 27, 2023. *Picard v. HSBC Bank PLC, et al.*, Adv. Pro. No. 09-01364, ECF No. 745. HSBC Bank plc, HSBC Bank USA, N.A., HSBC Private Bank (Suisse) S.A., HSBC USA, Inc. and SICO Limited answered the Second Amended Complaint on February 2, 2024. *Id.*, ECF No. 753-57.

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

189. On March 12, 2025, HSBC moved for judgment on the pleadings to dismiss certain of the Trustee's claims.

190. During the Compensation Period, the parties were engaged in discovery and HSBC's motion.

G. MATTER 32 – UBS/LUXALPHA/LIF

191. This matter categorizes time spent by the Trustee and B&H attorneys pursuing claims against UBS AG, UBS (Luxembourg) SA, UBS Fund Services (Luxembourg) SA, and numerous other entities and individuals (collectively, the "Luxalpha Defendants") seeking 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 (the “Luxalpha Action”). *Picard v. UBS AG*, Adv. No. 10-04285 (CGM) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Oct. 22, 2012).

192. This matter also incorporates time spent by the Trustee and B&H attorneys pursuing the avoidance action against Luxembourg Investment Fund, UBS entities, and other defendants (the “LIF Defendants”) seeking 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 (the “LIF Action”). *Picard v. UBS AG*, Adv. No. 10-05311 (CGM) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Oct. 22, 2012).

193. In connection with the Luxalpha Action, on March 2, 2020, the Trustee filed his Motion for Leave to File a Second Amended Complaint and Proposed Second Amended Complaint. On April 3, 2020, the Luxalpha Liquidators filed their Memorandum in Opposition to the Trustee’s Motion for Leave to File a Second Amended Complaint and in Support of Luxalpha’s Cross-Motion for Claim Determination and Allowance. Subsequently, 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 Luxalpha’s Cross-Motion for Claim Determination and Allowance on May 4, 2020. On May 18, 2020, the Luxalpha Liquidators filed their Reply Memorandum of Law in Support of Luxalpha’s Cross-Motion for Claim Determination and Allowance.

194. On June 18, 2020, the Bankruptcy Court held a telephonic conference with counsel for the Trustee and the Luxalpha Liquidators regarding the Trustee’s Motion and Luxalpha’s Cross-Motion, during which the Bankruptcy Court stated that hearing on the motions will be

adjourned *sine die* pending the 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. See discussion *infra* Sections IV(I) and IV(Q). On June 22, 2020, the Trustee and the Luxalpha Liquidators filed a joint notice adjourning the hearing on the motions accordingly.

195. With respect to the LIF Action, on October 27, 2020, the Trustee filed a Motion for Entry of Order Approving a Settlement By And Between the Trustee and AA (Alternative Advantage) PLC on Behalf of its Sub-Fund Landmark Investment Fund Ireland (“Landmark”). On November 16, 2020, the Bankruptcy Court entered an order approving the settlement agreement. Pursuant to the terms of the settlement agreement, Landmark is to pay approximately \$3 million and make available to B&H attorneys relevant documents and information that will assist the Trustee in prosecuting other actions to avoid and recover customer property.

196. 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. *In re Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec. LLC*, 12 F.4th 171, 185-200 (2d Cir. 2021).

197. On January 20, 2022, the 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. On February 28, 2022, the Trustee filed the Second Amended Complaint.

198. On April 19, 2022, the Court entered a so-ordered stipulation between the Trustee and Luxalpha SICAV withdrawing Luxalpha SICAV's Cross-Motion without prejudice to it being refiled at a future date. On April 22, 2022, Luxalpha SICAV filed its Answer to the Second Amended Complaint. Also on April 22, 2022, the moving defendants in the Luxalpha Action filed their motions to dismiss. The Trustee's opposition to the motions to dismiss was filed on June 17, 2022. The moving defendants' reply briefs were filed on July 29, 2022.

199. On September 14, 2022, the Court held oral argument on all of the defendants' motions to dismiss in the Luxalpha Action.

200. On November 18, 2022, the Court issued a decision denying the Access Defendants'¹⁰ motions to dismiss in their entirety in the Luxalpha Action. 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'¹¹ 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, and on January 24, 2023, the Court denied 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.

¹⁰ The Access Defendants are Access International Advisors LLC, Access International Advisors Ltd., Access Management Luxembourg SA (f/k/a Access International Advisors Luxembourg) SA) as represented by its Liquidator Maitre Ferdinand Entringer, Access Partners SA as represented by its Liquidator Maitre Ferdinand Entringer, Claudine Magon de la Villehuchet (a/k/a Claudine de la Villehuchet) in her capacity as Executrix under the Will of Thierry Magon de la Villehuchet (a/k/a Rene Thierry de la Villehuchet), Claudine Magon de la Villehuchet (a/k/a Claudine de la Villehuchet) individually as the sole beneficiary under the Will of Thierry Magon de la Villehuchet (a/k/a Rene Thierry de la Villehuchet), Groupement Financier Ltd., and Patrick Littaye.

¹¹ The UBS Defendants are UBS AG, UBS (Luxembourg) S.A., UBS Fund Services (Luxembourg) S.A., and UBS Third Party Management Company S.A.

201. In the LIF Action, the Trustee filed his Second Amended Complaint on February 24, 2023.

202. 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.

203. On May 9, 2023, 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.

204. On July 14, 2023, in the LIF Action, the Trustee filed the opposition to the defendants’ motions to dismiss.

205. On August 18, 2023, in the LIF Action, 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, adjourned the hearing on the defendants' motions to dismiss to October 17, 2023, for record purposes only, and indicated a written decision on the motions would be forthcoming. The Bankruptcy Court denied each of the defendants' motion to dismiss in their entirety by decisions dated October 10 and October 16, 2023.

206. On September 25, 2023, in the Luxalpha Action, counsel for the Access Defendants filed a Motion to Withdraw as Attorney. On November 3, 2023, counsel for the Access Defendants filed a letter with the Bankruptcy Court adjourning the presentment date of their motion until January 18, 2024. On November 13, 2023, Defendant Patrick Littaye filed a letter with the Bankruptcy Court in opposition to the motion to withdraw by counsel for the Access Defendants.

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

208. On December 19, 2023, the Trustee filed a Declaration in Support of Trustee's Request for a Conference Regarding Proposed Case Management Plan. On December 20, 2023, Defendant Luxalpha SICAV filed a letter in support of the draft Case Management Plan.

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

210. On January 16, 2024, in the Luxalpha Action, the Trustee filed an Opposition to the Access Defendants' Motion to Withdraw as Attorney. Also on January 16, 2024, Defendant Patrick Littaye filed another letter with the Bankruptcy Court in opposition to the motion to withdraw by counsel for the Access Defendants. On February 9, 2024, the Access Defendants filed

their Reply in Further Support of their Motion to Withdraw as Attorney. On February 14, 2024, the Bankruptcy Court held hearings on both the Trustee's Request for a Conference Regarding Proposed Case Management Plan and the Access Defendants' Motion to Withdraw as Attorney. The hearing on the Proposed Case Management Plan was subsequently adjourned until July 31, 2024.

211. On February 26, 2024, the Bankruptcy Court issued a memorandum decision denying the motion to withdraw by counsel for the Access Defendants, and on March 12, 2024, entered the Order denying that motion.

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

213. 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.

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

215. 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.

216. 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.

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

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

219. 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.

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

221. During the Compensation Period, in the Luxalpha Action, B&H attorneys, on behalf of the Trustee, continued discovery planning, including review of the defendants' initial disclosures, preparation and research related to anticipated depositions, and the review and analysis of the defendants' responses and objections to the Trustee's requests for production. B&H attorneys also continued discussions with counsel for several of the defendants regarding potential settlements and cooperation agreements. B&H attorneys also reviewed and analyzed the second Motion to Withdraw by counsel for the Access defendants, and prepared and filed the opposition to the second Motion to Withdraw. B&H attorneys also engaged in discussions with opposing counsel regarding a potential resolution to that motion and the deposition of Patrick Littaye. B&H attorneys also continued planning and analysis related to the Trustee's participation in foreign criminal proceedings in France and Luxembourg.

222. During the Compensation Period, in the LIF Action, B&H attorneys continued negotiations and analysis relating to potential settlements and cooperation agreements with some of the defendants. B&H attorneys also continued discovery planning, including meetings and planning relating to foreign discovery in Luxembourg, Spain and Switzerland, as well as the Trustee's participation in foreign criminal proceedings. B&H attorneys also served discovery

demands on all of the defendants, and reviewed and analyzed the defendants' initial disclosures and their responses and objections to the Trustee's requests for production.

223. 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.

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

225. 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.

226. 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.

227. 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.

228. 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.

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

230. 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.

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

232. 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.

233. On March 21, 2025, the hearing on the Motion to Withdraw in the Luxalpha Action was adjourned to April 23, 2025. Subsequent to the Compensation Period, on April 17, 2025, the hearing on the Motion to Withdraw was adjourned to May 21, 2025.

234. Subsequent to the Compensation Period, in the LIF Action, on June 4, 2025, 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.

H. MATTER 33 – NOMURA INTERNATIONAL PLC

235. This matter categorizes time spent by the Trustee and B&H attorneys pursuing the avoidance 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 (CGM) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Dec. 8, 2010).

236. 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. Investor Prot. Corp. v. Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec. LLC*, No. 12-mc-0115 (JSR), ECF Nos. 97 and 167.

237. 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. Investor Prot. Corp. v. Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec. LLC*, No. 12-mc-0115 (JSR), ECF Nos. 551 and 556.

238. 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”).

239. 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. Investor Prot. Corp. v. Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec. LLC*, Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789 (CGM), 2016 WL 6900689 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Nov. 22, 2016). *See* Forty-Sixth Application of Trustee and Baker & Hostetler LLP, ¶¶ 326-331 (ECF No. 24455).

240. 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 (CGM), ECF No. 108.

241. 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.

242. 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* Forty-Sixth Application of Trustee and Baker & Hostetler LLP, ¶¶ 326-331 (ECF No. 24455).

243. 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* Forty-Sixth Application of Trustee and Baker & Hostetler LLP, ¶¶ 326-331 (ECF No. 24455).

244. 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 proceeding 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. *In re Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec. LLC*, 12 F.4th 171, 185-200 (2d Cir. 2021). The Second Circuit's decision governs the Trustee's actions against other subsequent transferee defendants, including Nomura.

245. On August 4, 2022, the parties submitted revised stipulated scheduling orders governing Defendant's motions to dismiss the amended complaints in the instant Nomura Action and a separate adversary proceeding captioned as *Picard v. Nomura Int'l plc*, Adv. Pro. No. 11-02759 (CGM) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Oct. 6, 2011). *Picard v. Nomura Int'l plc*, Adv. Pro. No. 10-05348 (CGM), ECF No. 123; *Picard v. Nomura Int'l plc*, Adv. Pro. No. 11-02759 (CGM), ECF No. 93. On August 26, 2022, Defendant filed its motions to dismiss the Trustee's amended complaints. *Picard v. Nomura Int'l plc*, Adv. Pro. No. 10-05348 (CGM), ECF No. 124-5; *Picard v. Nomura Int'l plc*, Adv. Pro. No. 11-02759 (CGM), ECF No. 94-95. The Trustee's filed his oppositions to the motions to dismiss on November 8, 2022. *Picard v. Nomura Int'l plc*, Adv. Pro. No. 10-05348 (CGM), ECF No. 127; *Picard v. Nomura Int'l plc*, Adv. Pro. No. 11-02759 (CGM), ECF. 97.

246. On December 19, 2022, Nomura filed its reply memorandums in support of its motions to dismiss. *Picard v. Nomura Int'l plc*, Adv. Pro. No. 10-05348 (CGM), ECF No. 129;

Picard v. Nomura Int'l plc, Adv. Pro. No. 11-02759 (CGM), ECF. 99. On January 27, 2023, Nomura agreed to waive oral argument and the Trustee filed stipulated orders waiving oral argument. *Picard v. Nomura Int'l plc*, Adv. Pro. No. 10-05348 (CGM), ECF No. 130; *Picard v. Nomura Int'l plc*, Adv. Pro. No. 11-02759 (CGM), ECF No. 100. On April 19 and 26, 2023, Judge Morris issued memorandum decisions denying Nomura's motions to dismiss in their entirety. *Picard v. Nomura Int'l plc*, Adv. Pro. No. 10-05348 (CGM), ECF No. 137; *Picard v. Nomura Int'l plc*, Adv. Pro. No. 11-02759 (CGM), ECF No. 109.

247. On June 19, 2023, Defendant filed Answers to the Trustee's Amended Complaints. *Picard v. Nomura Int'l plc*, Adv. Pro. No. 10-05348 (CGM), ECF No. 140; *Picard v. Nomura Int'l plc*, Adv. Pro. No. 11-02759 (CGM), ECF. 112. On July 18, 2023, the Trustee and Defendant 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 (CGM), ECF No. 141; *Picard v. Nomura Int'l plc*, Adv. Pro. No. 11-02759 (CGM), ECF. 113. On October 20, 2023, the parties served their initial disclosures.

248. During the Compensation Period, the parties continued to engage in fact discovery pursuant to the case management plans filed on August 22, 2023, including exchanging documents responsive to requests for production of documents and responding to interrogatories served on the Trustee.

I. MATTER 34 – CITIBANK

249. This matter categorizes time spent by the Trustee and B&H attorneys pursuing the avoidance action against Citibank, N.A., Citicorp North America, Inc., and Citigroup Global Markets Ltd. (collectively, "Defendants") 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 (CGM) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Dec. 8, 2010).

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

251. From October through November 2019, B&H attorneys analyzed the Court’s ruling denying the Trustee’s motion for leave to file an amended complaint and began preparing a motion for entry of final judgment.

252. On November 19, 2019, the Bankruptcy Court granted the Trustee’s motion on consent for entry of final judgment (ECF No. 174) and issued an order denying the Trustee’s motion for leave to amend and entering partial final judgment. (ECF No. 176).

253. 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 (CGM) (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 (CGM)), 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 (CGM) (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.

254. On December 3, 2019, the Parties filed a joint certification to the Bankruptcy Court under 28 U.S.C. § 158(d)(2)(A) for direct appeal to the Second Circuit.

255. On December 20, 2019, B&H attorneys, on behalf of the Trustee, filed an Unopposed Petition for Permission to Appeal Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 158(d)(2)(A) with the Second Circuit. *Picard v. Citibank, N.A.*, 19-4282 (2d Cir. 2019), ECF No. 1.

256. On April 23, 2020, the Second Circuit granted the Trustee's Unopposed Petition for Permission to Appeal Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 158(d)(2)(A) with the Second Circuit. *Picard v. Citibank, N.A.*, 19-4282 (2d Cir. 2019), ECF No. 23.

257. On May 28, 2020, the Trustee filed a motion for the appeals in *Picard v. Citibank, N.A.*, 20-1333 (2d Cir. 2020), and *Picard v. Legacy Capital Ltd.*, 20-1334 (2d Cir. 2020), to proceed in tandem and to therefore be heard before the same panel. *Picard v. Citibank, N.A.*, 20-1333 (2d Cir. 2020), ECF No. 28.

258. On June 2, 2020, Defendants filed their opposition to the Trustee's motion. *Picard v. Citibank, N.A.*, 20-1333 (2d Cir. 2020), ECF No. 31.

259. On June 8, 2020, the Trustee filed a Reply in support of his motion for *Picard v. Citibank, N.A.*, 20-1333 (2d Cir. 2019), and *Picard v. Legacy Capital Ltd.*, 20-1334 (2d Cir. 2020), to proceed in tandem, and on that same day, the Second Circuit granted the Trustee's motion. *Picard v. Citibank, N.A.*, 20-1333 (2d Cir. 2019), ECF No. 45. See discussion *infra* Section IV(I).

260. 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*.

261. On November 5, 2020, Defendants-Appellees filed their opposition brief, ECF No. 134.

262. 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.

263. On November 25, 2020, the Trustee and SIPC filed their respective reply briefs, ECF Nos. 166, 167.

264. 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 remanded the case for proceedings consistent with the Second Circuit's opinion.

265. 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. *Citibank N.A. v. Picard*, No. 21-1059 (2021). The Trustee declined to submit an opposition. On February 28, 2022, the Supreme Court denied the petition for writ of certiorari. *Citibank N.A. v. Picard*, No. 21-1059 (2021).

266. 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. On July 1, 2022, the Trustee filed his opposition to Defendants' motion to dismiss.

267. On September 14, 2022, the Trustee argued Defendants' motion to dismiss the amended complaint before Judge Cecelia M. Morris. On September 27, 2022, Judge Morris denied Defendants' motion to dismiss in its entirety. On November 2, 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. On November 30, 2022, Defendants filed their reply in support of their motion for interlocutory appeal.

268. In January 2023, the Trustee and Defendants participated in their Rule 26(f) conference. 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. On April 4, 2023, Defendants served the Trustee with their initial disclosures. On April 26, 2023, Defendants responded to the Trustee’s first set of document requests. On May 10, 2023, the Trustee filed a Notice of Adjournment adjourning the pre-trial conference, previously scheduled for May 17, 2023, to December 20, 2023.

269. On March 14, 2024, Judge Gardephe denied Defendants’ motion for interlocutory appeal of the Bankruptcy Court’s denial of their motion to dismiss the Amended Complaint.

270. During the Compensation Period, the parties continued to engage in fact discovery pursuant to the case management plan filed on March 2, 2023, including exchanging documents responsive to requests for production, serving responses to interrogatories, and preparing for depositions.

J. MATTER 35 – NATIXIS

271. This categorizes time spent the Trustee and B&H attorneys pursuing the avoidance action against Natixis S.A., 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 return 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).

272. 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 analyzed the filed complaint in the Original Natixis Action, and in an effort to streamline proceedings, determined to dismiss Natixis FP and Bloom Asset Holdings Fund from the Original Natixis Action in favor of a separate proceeding against them. On January 31, 2023, the Trustee filed the Amended Complaint in the Original Natixis Action. ECF No. 193.

273. The Trustee filed a new action against Natixis FP and Bloom Asset Holdings Fund in Adv. Pro. No. 23-01017 (the “Severed Natixis Action”) on March 1, 2023. ECF No. 1.

274. The Bankruptcy Court issued memorandum decisions denying motions to dismiss filed by the Natixis Defendants in both actions in November 2023. Original Natixis Action, ECF Nos. 228, 233; Severed Natixis Action, ECF No. 31.

275. On January 12, 2024, Natixis S.A. filed its Answer to the Trustee’s Amended Complaint in the Original Natixis Action. ECF No. 253. Tensyr Limited filed its Answer to the Amended Complaint in the Original Natixis Action on January 26, 2024. ECF No. 254. Natixis FP and Bloom Asset Holdings Fund filed their Answer in the Severed Natixis Action on January 12, 2024. ECF No. 44. The Court entered a case management plan in the Original Natixis Action on May 17, 2024, ECF No. 260, and in the Severed Natixis Action on June 3, 2024, ECF No. 48.

276. During the Compensation Period, B&H attorneys drafted letters and met and conferred with counsel for the defendants in the Original Natixis Action and in the Severed Natixis

Action regarding the Trustee's and the defendants' document requests and interrogatories. 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 also conducted legal and factual research in anticipation of potential motion practice regarding the parties' discovery requests. B&H attorneys reviewed documents produced by defendants in other adversary proceedings relevant to this matter in connection with producing documents in response to the document requests. B&H attorneys also conducted research on and analyzed foreign law and its impact on discovery.

K. MATTER 36 – MERRILL LYNCH

277. This matter categorizes time spent by the Trustee and B&H attorneys pursuing the avoidance 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 (CGM) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Dec. 8, 2010).

278. On August 30, 2021, the Second Circuit issued the *Citibank Decision*, 12 F.4th 171 (2d. Cir. 2021), 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. The *Citibank Decision* vacated a prior decision from the district court, which held 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.

279. On May 22, 2023, MLI filed its Answer to the Trustee's Amended Complaint. *Picard v. Merrill Lynch Int'l*, Adv. No. 10-05346 (CGM), 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. On November 17, 2023, the Trustee and MLI exchanged initial disclosures. 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. On November 15, 2024, the Trustee served MLI with his first set of interrogatories.

280. During the Compensation Period, the parties continued to engage in fact discovery. MLI served its Responses and Objections to the Trustee's First Set of Interrogatories on December 16, 2024. The parties were also engaged in communications relating to MLI's responses and objections to the first sets of requests for production and interrogatories. MLI served its Amended Responses and Objections to the Trustee's First Set of Interrogatories on March 27, 2025.

L. MATTER 37 – ABN AMRO

281. 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").

282. 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").

283. 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.

284. 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.

285. 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.

286. 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.

287. 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.

288. 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.

289. 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.

290. 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.

291. 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").

292. 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).

293. 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).

294. 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.

295. On March 22, 2022, on consent, the Trustee filed a Consolidated Second Amended Complaint. 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.

296. 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.

297. 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.*

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

299. 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.

300. 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.

301. 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.

302. 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.

303. 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. ECF Nos. 297, 299.

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

305. The parties are now engaged in fact discovery. 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.

306. On August 1, 2024, the Trustee served his First Set of Interrogatories ("Interrogatories") on ABN. On September 17, 2024, ABN served its Responses and Objections to the Trustee's Interrogatories.

307. During the Compensation Period, the parties continued to engage in fact discovery pursuant to the Case Management Plan. The Trustee continues to analyze document productions received from ABN. On April 4, 2025, ABN served Amended Responses and Objections to the Trustee's Interrogatories. The parties also continue to meet and confer on various discovery matters. The Trustee continues to pursue third-party discovery in the matter as well.

M. MATTER 39 – FORTIS

308. This matter categorizes time spent by the Trustee and B&H attorneys pursuing the avoidance 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 \$235 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 (CGM) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Dec. 8, 2010).

309. 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).

310. 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).

311. 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).

312. 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).

313. 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).

314. 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), returning the matter to the District Court.

315. The Trustee filed his merits brief in the District Court before Judge McMahon on March 7, 2022, requesting vacatur and remand to the Bankruptcy Court. *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 opposed. *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, reiterating the need for vacatur and remand. *Picard v. ABN AMRO Bank (Ireland) Ltd.*, No. 20-cv-2586-cm (S.D.N.Y. Apr. 21, 2022) (ECF No. 33). 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).

316. The Trustee and the Fortis Defendants conferred and agreed upon a briefing schedule that allowed for the Trustee to file his second amended complaint. *Picard v. ABN AMRO Bank (Ireland) Ltd.*, Adv. No. 10-05355 (CGM) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Jun. 13, 2022) (ECF No. 203). The Trustee filed his second amended complaint on consent on June 17, 2022. *Picard v. ABN AMRO Bank (Ireland) Ltd.*, Adv. No. 10-05355 (CGM) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Jun. 17, 2022) (ECF No. 205). The Fortis Defendants filed a motion to dismiss on August 19, 2022. *Picard v. ABN*

AMRO Bank (Ireland) Ltd., Adv. No. 10-05355 (CGM) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Aug. 19, 2022) (ECF No. 209). The Trustee filed his opposition on October 18, 2022. *Picard v. ABN AMRO Bank (Ireland) Ltd.*, Adv. No. 10-05355 (CGM) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Oct. 18, 2022) (ECF No. 214). The Fortis Defendants filed their reply brief on December 2, 2022. *Picard v. ABN AMRO Bank (Ireland) Ltd.*, Adv. No. 10-05355 (CGM) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Dec. 2, 2022) (ECF No. 230). Oral argument took place on February 15, 2023. *Picard v. ABN AMRO Bank (Ireland) Ltd.*, Adv. No. 10-05355 (CGM) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Nov. 23, 2022) (ECF No. 229).

317. Judge Morris rendered her decision for the Trustee, denying the Fortis Defendants' motion to dismiss on March 28, 2023. *Picard v. ABN AMRO Bank (Ireland) Ltd.*, Adv. No. 10-05355 (CGM) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Mar. 28, 2023) (ECF No. 237). The settle order was entered on April 3, 2023 (ECF No. 244), and the Fortis Defendants answered the Trustee's second amended complaint on May 26, 2023 (ECF No. 249).

318. On December 26, 2023, the Case Management Order (ECF No. 251) was approved by Judge Morris. Fact discovery has begun, and the Parties exchanged initial disclosures on March 11, 2024. The Trustee made an initial voluntary production of documents on April 10, 2024, and continues to prepare for fact discovery.

319. The Trustee served his First Set of Requests for Production of Documents on Defendants on September 30, 2024, and the Defendants served their Responses and Objections thereto on October 30, 2024. Since that time, the Parties have been engaged in the process of meeting and conferring in an attempt to resolve the disputes relating to the Trustee's First Set of Requests for Production of Documents.

320. The Trustee has continued to prepare for fact and expert discovery, and on March 10, 2025, made a supplemental voluntary production of documents to Defendants.

321. During the Compensation Period, the Parties continued to meet and confer to resolve Defendants' responses and objections to the Trustee's First Set of Requests for Production of Documents.

N. **MATTER 53 – MAGNIFY**

322. This matter categorizes time spent by the Trustee and B&H attorneys concerning litigation related to the avoidance action *Picard v. Magnify Inc., et.al.*, Adv. No. 10-05279 (CGM) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Dec. 6, 2010). It includes the following lawsuits that the Trustee brought, filed in both Israel and the United States: (i) an initial transferee action against Magnify Inc., Premero Investments Ltd., Strand International Investments Ltd., The Yeshaya Horowitz Association, Yair Green and Express Enterprises Inc. (collectively, the "Magnify Defendants"); (ii) an action in Israel against five individuals (the "Direct Defendants") and approximately 30 entities (the "Indirect Defendants"), commenced in 2015, on the basis of Israeli unjust enrichment law ("Israeli Action"); and (iii) the Trustee's action in the U.S. brought to recover subsequent transfers of customer property received by certain Defendants located in Israel (the "Subsequent Transfer Defendants"), *Picard v. Hebrew University of Jerusalem et al.*, Adv. No. 21-01190 (CGM) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Sept. 27, 2021).

323. The parties engaged in a mediation from September 12-14, 2019 to consider a settlement framework that would involve both the action against the Magnify Defendants and the action against the Direct Defendants. Following the mediation session, the Trustee entered into a settlement agreement with the Magnify Defendants, which was approved by the Bankruptcy Court on September 28, 2020 (ECF No. 197), and also with the Direct Defendants in Israel.

324. In addition to a settlement payment of \$3.5 million, which exceeded the two-year fictitious profits alleged against certain defendants, the settlement avoided the full life-to-date amount of the initial transfers as fictitious profits pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code. The settlement

resulted in consent judgments against Defendants Magnify, Premero, Strand, and YHA for the full amount of the unrecovered liability alleged by the Trustee, among other benefits. YHA has no assets and did not contribute to the settlement payment. The consent judgments were entered by the Court on October 22, 2020 (ECF Nos. 198-202). Those cases are resolved.

325. Following the settlement, the Trustee filed his action in the U.S. against the Subsequent Transfer Defendants. On February 10, 2022, the Subsequent Transfer Defendants filed a motion to dismiss the Trustee's complaint (ECF Nos. 16-27). On March 29, 2023, the Bankruptcy Court issued a decision in favor of the Defendants, dismissing the action on lack of personal jurisdiction and implicit forum non-conveniens grounds. As part of the decision, however, the Court expressly agreed with the Trustee regarding his Bankruptcy Code section 550 arguments and denied the Defendants' motion to dismiss arguments on that point.

326. Trial commenced in February 2024 in the Israeli Action before Judge Gershon Gontovnik of the District Court of Tel Aviv and concluded in August 2024. During this period, the Trustee's counsel and his Israeli counsel were deeply involved with conducting the trial in Israel against approximately 30 institutional defendants that received transfers indirectly from the Magnify Defendants' account. In addition to members of the team attending and participating in trial in Tel Aviv, the Trustee's attorneys also continued working on trial preparation and strategy meetings to prepare for the many witnesses that were subject to cross-examination.

327. The work during this Compensation Period included: (i) analysis and assessment of key legal issues and arguments addressed during the trial; (ii) strategy sessions among the Israeli and U.S. trial teams to address the preparation of a comprehensive summation brief to be submitted to the Court presenting the Trustee's case and supporting evidence; (iii) work on trial transcript

analyses for multiple witnesses and the preparation of chronologies of key people, events and dates; and (iv) discussing and negotiating settlement with several smaller defendants.

O. MATTER 60 – AVELLINO & BIENES

328. This matter categorizes time spent by the Trustee and B&H attorneys pursuing the avoidance action against the remaining defendants Frank J. Avellino, Nancy C. Avellino, and 23 of their related trusts and entities (collectively, the “A&B Defendants”) seeking the return of over \$850 million (\$85 million of which occurred since 2001) under SIPA, the Bankruptcy Code, the New York Fraudulent Conveyance Act, and other applicable law for preferences, fraudulent transfers, fraudulent conveyances and damages in connection with certain transfers of property by BLMIS to or for the benefit of the A&B Defendants. *Picard v. Avellino*, Adv. No. 10-05421 (CGM) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Dec. 10, 2010).

329. During the Compensation Period, B&H attorneys, on behalf of the Trustee, worked on negotiating a global settlement to resolve the matter with all 25 remaining defendants, which included, among other things, working on issues of asset collection, protection, and preservation, which involved strategic considerations and creative thinking for solutions to various obstacles, and conferring with defendants’ counsel concerning settlement terms and the sales of certain of defendants’ assets, including artwork.

330. B&H attorneys also prepared for and appeared at a pretrial court conference before the Hon. Lisa G. Beckerman on December 18, 2024.

331. In addition, B&H attorneys drafted a complex global settlement and release agreement (“Settlement Agreement”), which the parties executed on January 14, 2025. In addition, B&H attorneys drafted and filed a motion to approve the Settlement Agreement, which the Court approved on January 31, 2025.

332. B&H attorneys also drafted a stipulation and order for voluntarily dismissal of the adversary proceeding, which the Court executed on February 25, 2025, thereby resolving the proceeding in its entirety.

333. B&H attorneys continued to confer with defendants' counsel and certain defendants regarding the sale of certain assets and other reporting requirements in accordance with the terms of the parties' settlement agreements.

P. MATTER 62 – SUBSEQUENT TRANSFERS

334. This matter categorizes time spent by the Trustee and B&H attorneys pursuing recovery actions against entities that received subsequent transfers of Customer Property from BLMIS.

335. The Trustee has approximately 60 cases that seek to recover subsequent transfers of customer property, totaling approximately \$3.8 billion, that defendants received from various BLMIS feeder funds, including the “Fairfield Funds” managed by the Fairfield Greenwich Group, the “Tremont Funds” managed by Tremont Partners, Inc., and/or Harley International (Cayman) Limited.

336. Prior to the Compensation Period, defendants in various adversary proceedings filed motions to dismiss the Trustee's complaints, which the Trustee opposed. The Bankruptcy Court denied, or denied in part, defendants' motion to dismiss in dozens of cases. During this Compensation Period, one motion to dismiss remains pending in the Bankruptcy Court.¹²

¹² See *Picard v. Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria, S.A.*, Adv. Pro. No. 10-05351.

337. During the Compensation Period, the Trustee continued to litigate subsequent transfer cases in active discovery. The Bankruptcy Court has entered Case Management Plans in each of the subsequent transfer cases in discovery.¹³

338. Upon entry of the Case Management Plans, the Trustee served discovery demands, including requests for production of documents and interrogatories. The Trustee's counsel met and conferred with defendants' counsel and drafted deficiency letters concerning defendants' responses and objections. The Trustee's counsel responded to discovery demands served by defendants on the Trustee. In addition, counsel reviewed documents produced by defendants and third parties relevant to the asserted claims and defenses. Counsel also continued to prosecute

¹³ See *Picard v. Banca Carige S.P.A.*, Adv. Pro. No. 11-02570; *Picard v. Banque Lombard Odier & Cie SA*, Adv. Pro. No. 12-01693; *Picard v. Barclays Bank (Suisse) S.A., et al.*, Adv. Pro. No. 11-02569; *Picard v. Parson Finance Panama*, Adv. Pro. No. 11-02542; *Picard v. Meritz Fire & Insurance Co. Ltd.*, Adv. Pro. No. 11-02539; *Picard v. Union Securities Investment*, Adv. Pro. No. 12-01211; *Picard v. Korea Exchange Bank*, Adv. Pro. No. 11-02572; *Picard v. The Sumitomo Trust and Banking Co., Ltd.*, Adv. Pro. No. 11-02573; *Picard v. Bank Hapoalim*, Adv. Pro. No. 12-01216; *Picard v. Schroder & Co.*, Adv. Pro. No. 12-01210; *Picard v. Citibank, N.A., et al.*, Adv. Pro. No. 10-05345; *Picard v. Quilvest Finance Ltd.*, Adv. Pro. No. 11-02538; *Picard v. Barfield Nominees Limited*, Adv. Pro. No. 12-01669; *Picard v. Abu Dhabi Investment Authority*, Adv. Pro. No. 11-02493; *Picard v. Fullerton Capital PTE Ltd.*, Adv. Pro. No. 12-01004; *Picard v. Cathay Life Insurance Co. Ltd.*, Adv. Pro. No. 11-02568; *Picard v. Credit Suisse AG, et al.*, Adv. Pro. No. 11-02925; *Picard v. Banco Itaú Europa Luxembourg S.A. et al.*, Adv. Pro. No. 12-01019; *Picard v. Credit Suisse AG*, Adv. Pro. No. 12-01676; *Picard v. Grosvenor Investment Management Limited et al.*, Adv. Pro. No. 12-01021; *Picard v. BSI AG*, Adv. Pro. No. 12-01209; *Picard v. Koch Industries Inc.*, Adv. Pro. No. 12-01047; *Picard v. Bank Vontobel AG et al.*, Adv. Pro. No. 12-01202; *Picard v. Kookmin Bank*, Adv. Pro. No. 12-01194; *Picard v. Bank Julius Baer & Co.*, Adv. Pro. No. 11-02922; *Picard v. Standard Chartered Financial Services (Luxembourg) SA, et al.*, Adv. Pro. No. 12-01565; *Picard v. Credit Agricole (Suisse) SA*, Adv. Pro. No. 12-01022; *Picard v. Mistral (SPC)*, Adv. Pro. No. 12-01273; *Picard v. Zephyros Limited*, Adv. Pro. No. 12-01278; *Picard v. Credit Agricole Corporate & Investment Bank, et al.*, Adv. Pro. No. 12-01670; *Picard v. National Bank of Kuwait S.A.K., et al.*, Adv. Pro. No. 11-02554; *Picard v. UBS Europe SE*, Adv. Pro. No. 12-01577; *Picard v. NatWest Markets N.V.*, Adv. Pro. No. 10-05354; *Picard v. Bank International a Luxembourg SA, et al.*, Adv. Pro. No. 12-01698; *Picard v. Merrill Lynch International*, Adv. Pro. No. 10-05346; *Picard v. Banco General, SA*, Adv. Pro. No. 12-01048; *Picard v. ABN AMRO Bank (Ireland) Ltd, et al.*, Adv. Pro. No. 10-05355; *Picard v. Royal Bank of Canada.*, Adv. Pro. No. 12-01699; See *Picard v. Six Sis AG.*, Adv. Pro. No. 12-01195; *Picard v. Nomura International PLC*, Adv. Pro. No. 10-05348; *Picard v. Naidot & Co.*, Adv. Pro. No. 11-02733; *Picard v. Nomura International PLC*, Adv. Pro. No. 11-02759; *Picard v. KBC Investments Limited*, Adv. Pro. No. 11-02761; *Picard v. Merrill Lynch Bank (Suisse) SA*, Adv. Pro. No. 11-02910; *Picard v. EFG Bank SA, et al.*, Adv. Pro. No. 12-01690; *Picard v. Platinum All Weather Fund*, Adv. Pro. No. 12-01697; *Picard v. Natixis S.A., et al.*, Adv. Pro. No. 10-05353; *Picard v. Natixis Financial Products, et al.*, Adv. Pro. No. 23-01017; *Picard v. BNP Paribas Arbitrage SNC*, Adv. Pro. No. 11-02796; and *Picard v. Caceis Bank Luxembourg, et al.*, Adv. Pro. No. 11-02758.

discovery disputes in the Bankruptcy Court and before the Discover Arbitrator, Magistrate Judge Maas.

Q. MATTER 65 – LEGACY

339. This matter categorizes time spent by the Trustee and B&H attorneys pursuing the avoidance action against Legacy Capital Ltd. (“Legacy”) seeking the return of over \$218 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 Legacy. *Picard v. Legacy Capital Ltd.*, Adv. No. 10-05286 (CGM) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Dec. 6, 2010) (the “Initial Transfer Action”).

340. As background, on November 12, 2019, the Bankruptcy Court entered a Stipulation and Order for Entry of Final Judgment (“Stipulated Order”), that included, among other things: (i) the Trustee’s and Legacy’s consent to the Bankruptcy Court’s entry of a final order and judgment in connection with the Trustee’s avoidance claim for fictitious profits, and (ii) entry of the final order and judgment against Legacy in the amount of \$79,125,781.00. The Stipulated Order further provided that “the Legacy Transfers are avoidable and avoided under § 548(a)(1)(A) and recoverable from Legacy under §550(a) of the Bankruptcy Code.”

341. On November 11, 2020, and within the time period set forth in §550(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Trustee filed a recovery complaint against Rafael Mayer, David Mayer, Montpellier International, Ltd. (“Montpellier”), Prince Assets LDC (“Prince”), Khronos Group, Ltd., Montpellier USA Holdings, LLC, Prince Resources LDC, Prince Capital Partners LLC, and Khronos Liquid Opportunities Fund Ltd. (collectively, the “Subsequent Transfer Defendants”). The complaint sought recovery of approximately \$49,505,850 in subsequent transfers of BLMIS customer property originally made to Montpellier and Prince by Legacy. *See Picard v. Mayer et al.*, Adv. No. 20-01316 (CGM) (the “Subsequent Transfer Action”). Among the claims were

claims for vicarious liability including alter ego liability and piercing the corporate veil concerning the individual defendants. Pursuant to a February 20, 2024 Order, discovery in the Subsequent Transfer Action is stayed until the determination of the Initial Transfer Action in the Bankruptcy Court.

342. On August 30, 2021, the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit issued a decision concerning an appeal in *Picard v. Citibank, N.A. and Picard v. Legacy Capital, Ltd.*, 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 (the "Good Faith Decision"). The Good Faith 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. The Good Faith Decision also vacated Judge Bernstein's 2016 motion to dismiss decision in the Trustee's action against Legacy applying Judge Rakoff's good faith decision, which had dismissed all claims in that action except for Count I to the extent it related to avoidance of fictitious profits. The Second Circuit remanded the Initial Transfer Action to the Bankruptcy Court for the proceedings to continue consistent with the appellate decision.

343. On April 27, 2022, the Trustee 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's BLMIS account. *See Picard v. BNP Paribas – Dublin Branch*, Adv. No. 2201087 (CGM) (the "BNP Paribas Recovery Action"). These transfers sought were avoided in the November 12, 2019 Final Judgment and Stipulated Order as fictitious profits transferred from BLMIS to, or for the benefit

of Legacy. BNPP Dublin filed a motion to dismiss the Trustee's complaint on July 23, 2023, and that motion was denied on December 28, 2023.

344. During the Compensation Period, the Trustee's attorneys continued to engage in expert discovery in the Initial Transfer Action and prepared for mediation that took place on April 1, 2025.

345. The Trustee's attorneys worked with experts in submitting the Trustee's affirmative expert report on the issues related to Legacy's good faith defense and the red flags associated with BLMIS.

346. The Trustee's attorneys also reviewed and analyzed Legacy's affirmative expert reports, including beginning preparations for expert depositions and potential motion practice, as well as working with experts in submitting a rebuttal report. On January 16, 2025, the Trustee and Legacy served their respective rebuttal expert reports. The Trustee also conducted research relating to expert discovery and the "good faith" standard as articulated by the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in *Picard v. Citibank, N.A.*

347. The Trustee's attorneys also prepared expert discovery requests and responded to expert discovery requests served by Legacy. More specifically, on December 26, 2024, the Trustee served responses and objections to Legacy's expert document requests and made a production of documents responsive to the requests. On December 10, 2024 and January 24, 2025, the Trustee served Legacy with requests for the production of documents concerning Legacy's retained experts. On January 9, 2025 and March 11, 2025, Legacy served its responses and objections to the Trustee's requests and made productions of documents responsive to the requests.

348. The Trustee's attorneys and counsel for the defendants in the Initial Transfer Action and the Subsequent Transfer Action also discussed mediation of all claims and eventually agreed

to participate in a private mediation before the Hon. Henry Pitman (Ret.) on April 1, 2025. As a result, on March 18, 2025, a stipulated order was entered which extended the deadline to complete all expert depositions in the Initial Transfer Action from March 31, 2025 to May 27, 2025.

349. During the Compensation Period, the Trustee's attorneys prepared for mediation, including the preparation of a confidential mediation statement that was submitted on March 21, 2025. On April 1, 2025, all parties participated in a full day mediation session with Judge Pitman.

350. The Trustee's attorneys prepared for discovery in the BNP Paribas Recovery Action and drafted Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a) initial disclosures that were exchanged with BNPP Dublin on September 30, 2024. On December 13, 2024, the Trustee made a production of documents that was related to his initial disclosures.

351. The Trustee's attorneys also prepared discovery requests in the BNP Paribas Recovery Action. On November 15, 2024, the Trustee served BNPP Dublin with his first set of requests for the production of documents. On January 15, 2025, BNPP Dublin served its responses and objections to the Trustee's requests for production. The Trustee's attorneys analyzed these responses, including highlighting potential deficiencies. On March 13, 2025, the Trustee's attorneys and counsel for BNPP Dublin participated in a meet and confer to discuss the scope of document discovery in the BNP Paribas Recovery Action, the potential deficiencies in written discovery responses, and sources of documents for BNPP Dublin's expected productions.

R. MATTER 71 – SQUARE ONE

352. This matter categorizes time spent by the Trustee and B&H attorneys pursuing the avoidance and recovery action against Square One Fund Ltd. ("Square One") seeking the return of approximately \$26 million under SIPA, the Bankruptcy Code, and the New York Debtor and Creditor Law, in connection with certain transfers of property by BLMIS to or for the benefit of

Square One. *Picard v. Square One Fund Ltd.*, Adv. Pro. No. 10-04330 (CGM) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Nov. 29, 2010).

353. Prior to the Compensation Period, the Trustee filed and served the Amended Complaint on December 21, 2018. (ECF Nos. 167–69). After Square One filed a motion to dismiss on February 14, 2019 (ECF No. 170), the Court granted in part and denied in part the motion to dismiss at a hearing on May 29, 2019. On June 13, 2019, the Court entered an order granting in part and denying in part Square One’s motion to dismiss. (ECF No. 177). The Court so-ordered a Case Management Plan on July 16, 2019 (ECF No. 178).

354. Pursuant to the Fourth Amended Case Management Plan, entered on December 29, 2022 (ECF No. 260), fact discovery closed on March 31, 2023.

355. On June 22, 2023, the Trustee submitted to Discovery Arbitrator Hon. Frank Maas (ret.) a motion for sanctions due to spoliation of evidence under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 37(e). On July 20, 2023, Square One submitted its opposition, and on July 27, 2023, the Trustee submitted his reply. On September 14, 2023, Judge Maas held a hearing regarding the Trustee’s motion for sanctions.

356. Pursuant to the Sixth Amended Case Management Plan, entered on July 13, 2023, expert discovery was stayed until Judge Maas issued a decision on the Trustee’s motion for sanctions and any appeals of that decision are completed.

357. On October 28, 2024, the Trustee submitted an application to recover reasonable fees and costs incurred following the Trustee’s motion for sanctions (the “Trustee’s Fee Application”) to the discovery arbitrator, Judge Maas.

358. After Square One did not oppose the Trustee's Fee Application, Judge Maas granted the Trustee's Fee Application on December 3, 2024. The Order was entered on the docket on December 12, 2024. (ECF No. 315).

359. On March 3, 2025, Square One filed a Statement of Determination to Cease Actively Defending Adversary Proceeding. (ECF No. 318).

360. On March 27, 2025, the Trustee submitted a letter requesting sanctions against Defendant Square One due to its ongoing failure to comply with the December 3, 2024 Order from Judge Maas awarding the Trustee attorneys' fees and costs.

361. During the Compensation Period, the status conference was adjourned to March 26, 2025. (ECF No. 313). The status conference was subsequently adjourned to May 28, 2025. (ECF No. 321).

362. During the Compensation Period, the pre-trial conference was adjourned to June 25, 2025. (ECF No. 314).

S. MATTER 73 – BNP PARIBAS

363. This matter categorizes time spent by the Trustee and B&H attorneys in three separate adversary proceedings that collectively seek the return 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, and BNP Paribas S.A. (as successor in interest to BNP Paribas Securities Services S.C.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”).

364. In the BNP Paribas Harley Action, the Bankruptcy Court denied BNP Paribas Arbitrage SNC’s motion to dismiss on December 28, 2023. ECF No. 117. BNP Paribas Arbitrage SNC answered the Trustee’s amended complaint on March 11, 2024, ECF No. 119, and amended its answer on May 1, 2024. ECF No. 124. The Bankruptcy Court entered the parties’ case management plan on May 8, 2024. ECF No. 125. During the Compensation 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 and interrogatories. B&H attorneys drafted discovery deficiency letters, conducted factual and legal research concerning potential discovery disputes, and analyzed documents produced by BNP Paribas entities in other proceedings that could be relevant to the BNP Paribas Harley Action. B&H attorneys also conducted research on and analyzed foreign law and its impact on discovery.

365. In the BNP Paribas Tremont Action, on June 4, 2024, the Bankruptcy Court granted in part and denied in part the BNP Paribas Defendants’ motion to dismiss. ECF No. 226. The BNP Paribas Defendants answered the Trustee’s amended complaint on September 24, 2024. ECF No. 235. The Bankruptcy Court entered the parties’ case management plan on November 1, 2024. ECF No. 236. During the Compensation Period, B&H attorneys met and conferred with counsel for the BNP Paribas Defendants regarding the Trustee’s document requests. B&H attorneys drafted discovery deficiency letters, conducted factual and legal research concerning potential discovery disputes, and analyzed documents produced by BNP Paribas entities in other proceedings that could be relevant to the BNP Paribas Tremont Action. B&H attorneys also conducted research on and analyzed foreign law and its impact on discovery.

366. 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. During the Compensation Period, B&H attorneys drafted a complaint to recover the avoided initial transfer from BNP Paribas Arbitrage SNC, which was filed on April 10, 2025. ECF No. 1.

T. MATTER 79 – PLATINUM

367. 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”).¹⁴ *Picard v. Platinum All Weather Fund Ltd.*, Adv. Pro. No. 12-01697 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Jun. 6, 2012), ECF No. 1.

368. 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.

¹⁴ A third defendant, Odyssey, is named in the original complaint. The Trustee has since settled with Odyssey. See Order, *Picard v. Platinum All Weather Fund Ltd.*, Adv. Pro. No. 12-01697 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Sept. 27, 2021), ECF No. 136.

369. 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.

370. During the Compensation Period, B&H attorneys served interrogatories on PAWFL and met and conferred with counsel for PAWFL to reach resolution on certain discovery protocols. B&H attorneys also met and conferred with counsel for Fortis IOM to discuss discovery protocols and such discussions remain ongoing. B&H attorneys received a production of documents from Fortis IOM and reviewed this production. B&H attorneys continued their investigation of the Platinum Defendants and prepared for the next stage of discovery as document production began to come in. B&H attorneys also conducted research on foreign law (including that of the U.K., the Isle of Man, and the Cayman Islands) and its impact on discovery.

V. COMPENSATION REQUESTED

371. This Application has been prepared in accordance with the Amended Guidelines for Fees and Disbursements for Professionals in Southern District of New York Bankruptcy Cases adopted by the Court on April 19, 1995, as amended on August 1, 2013 (the "Local Guidelines") and the Second Amended Compensation Order. Pursuant to the Local Guidelines, the declaration of David J. Sheehan, Esq., regarding compliance with the same is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

372. The Trustee, and B&H, as counsel to the Trustee, expended 67,471.40 hours in the rendition of professional and paraprofessional services during the Compensation Period, resulting

in an average hourly discounted rate of \$575.94 for fees incurred. The blended attorney rate is \$669.39.

373. Prior to filing this Application, in accordance with the Second Amended Compensation Order, the Trustee, and B&H, as counsel to the Trustee, provided to SIPC: (i) monthly fee statements setting forth the Trustee's and B&H's fees for services rendered and expenses incurred during the Compensation Period, and (ii) a draft of this Application. In connection with the four monthly statements, the Trustee and B&H voluntarily adjusted their fees by writing off \$2,677,506.90 (not including the 10% public interest discount, as discussed below), and wrote off expenses customarily charged to other clients in the amount of \$95,192.29.

374. At SIPC's request, the Trustee's and B&H's fees in this case reflect a 10% public interest discount from their standard rates. This discount has resulted in an additional voluntary reduction during the Compensation Period of \$4,317,711.37. The requested fees are reasonable based on the customary compensation charged by comparably skilled practitioners in comparable bankruptcy and non-bankruptcy cases in a competitive national legal market.

375. Pursuant to the Second Amended Compensation Order, on January 21, 2025, the Trustee, and B&H, as counsel to the Trustee, provided SIPC with their statements of fees and expenses incurred in connection with this case regarding the period from December 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 (the "December Fee Statement"). The December Fee Statement reflected fees of \$9,394,839.70 and expenses of \$292,065.43. SIPC's staff requested certain adjustments and made suggestions, which were adopted by the Trustee and B&H. After such adjustments, the December Fee Statement reflected fees of \$8,455,355.73 and expenses of \$292,065.43. After subtracting the Court-ordered 10% holdback, SIPC advanced \$7,609,820.16 for services rendered and \$292,065.43 for expenses incurred by the Trustee and B&H.

376. Pursuant to the Second Amended Compensation Order, on February 19, 2025, the Trustee, and B&H, as counsel to the Trustee, provided SIPC with their statements of fees and expenses incurred in connection with this case regarding the period from January 1, 2025 through January 31, 2025 (the “January Fee Statement”). The January Fee Statement reflected fees of \$12,517,388.10 and expenses of \$44,564.41. SIPC’s staff requested certain adjustments and made suggestions, which were adopted by the Trustee and B&H. After such adjustments, the January Fee Statement reflected fees of \$11,265,649.29 and expenses of \$44,564.41. After subtracting the Court-ordered 10% holdback, SIPC advanced \$10,139,084.36 for services rendered and \$44,564.41 for expenses incurred by the Trustee and B&H.

377. Pursuant to the Second Amended Compensation Order, on March 19, 2025, the Trustee, and B&H, as counsel to the Trustee, provided SIPC with their statements of fees and expenses incurred in connection with this case regarding the period from February 1, 2025 through February 28, 2025 (the “February Fee Statement”). The February Fee Statement reflected fees of \$10,183,424.20 and expenses of \$113,084.10. SIPC’s staff requested certain adjustments and made suggestions, which were adopted by the Trustee and B&H. After such adjustments, the February Fee Statement reflected fees of \$9,165,081.78 and expenses of \$113,084.10. After subtracting the Court-ordered 10% holdback, SIPC advanced \$8,248,573.60 for services rendered and \$113,084.10 for expenses incurred by the Trustee and B&H.

378. Pursuant to the Second Amended Compensation Order, on April 16, 2025, the Trustee, and B&H, as counsel to the Trustee, provided SIPC with their statements of fees and expenses incurred in connection with this case regarding the period from March 1, 2025 through March 31, 2025 (the “March Fee Statement”). The March Fee Statement reflected fees of \$11,081,461.70 and expenses of \$94,245.00. SIPC’s staff requested certain adjustments and made

suggestions, which were adopted by the Trustee and B&H. After such adjustments, the March Fee Statement reflected fees of \$9,973,315.53 and expenses of \$94,039.78. After subtracting the Court-ordered 10% holdback, SIPC advanced \$8,975,983.98 for services rendered and \$94,039.78 for expenses incurred by the Trustee and B&H.

379. Exhibit B annexed hereto is a schedule of the B&H professionals, including the Trustee, and B&H paraprofessionals who have provided services for the Trustee during the Compensation Period, the capacity in which each individual is employed by B&H, the year in which each attorney was licensed to practice law, the hourly billing rate charged by B&H for services provided by each individual, the aggregate number of hours billed by each individual, and the total compensation requested for each individual, prior to the 10% discount.

380. Exhibit C annexed hereto is a summary of compensation by work task code and matter number for total number of hours expended and total fees for services rendered by B&H professionals and paraprofessionals. The 10% discount is taken off the total cumulative amount billed, as reflected on Exhibit C.

381. Exhibit D annexed hereto provides a schedule of the expenses for which reimbursement is requested by B&H.

382. Exhibit E annexed hereto is a calculation of the Holdback amounts and the release sought, as explained below in Section VI.

383. There is no agreement or understanding among the Trustee, B&H, and any other person, other than members of B&H, for sharing of compensation to be received for services rendered in this case. No agreement or understanding prohibited by 18 U.S.C. § 155 has been made or will be made by the Trustee or B&H.

384. To the extent that time or disbursement charges for services rendered or disbursements incurred relate to the Compensation Period but were not classified or processed prior to the preparation of this Application, the Trustee and B&H reserve the right to request additional compensation for such services and reimbursement of such expenses in a future application.

VI. RELEASE OF THE HOLDBACK

385. The Compensation Order established an orderly, regular process for the allowance and payment of interim monthly compensation and reimbursement to the Trustee and payment of interim monthly compensation and reimbursement to the Trustee and B&H. (ECF Nos. 126, 1078, 4125). Pursuant to the Compensation Order, payment of a percentage of the approved compensation – initially twenty percent (20%), subsequently reduced to fifteen percent (15%), and thereafter reduced to ten percent (10%) – is deferred through the conclusion of the liquidation period or until further order of the Court (the “Holdback”).

386. For this and prior Compensation Periods, the amount of the Holdback for B&H’s fees is \$23,414,484.33, which includes \$3,885,940.23 held back in connection with this Application. The Trustee and B&H seek a release of the Holdback in the amount of \$11,707,242.16, upon the consent and approval of SIPC.

387. SIPC has advised that it will file a recommendation in support of the fees and expenses requested in this Application and the release of the Holdback in the amount of \$11,707,242.16 for the Applicants.

VII. REQUEST FOR INTERIM COMPENSATION SHOULD BE GRANTED

388. Section 78eee(b)(5)(A) of SIPA provides in pertinent part that, upon appropriate application and after a hearing, “[t]he court shall grant reasonable compensation for services rendered and reimbursement for proper costs and expenses incurred . . . by a trustee, and by the

attorney for such a trustee” Section 78eee(b)(5)(C) of SIPA specifically establishes SIPC’s role in connection with applications for compensation and the consideration the Court should give to SIPC’s recommendation concerning fees. That section provides as follows:

In any case in which such allowances are to be paid by SIPC without reasonable expectation of recoupment thereof as provided in this chapter and there is no difference between the amounts requested and the amounts recommended by SIPC, the court shall award the amounts recommended by SIPC. In determining the amount of allowances in all other cases, the court shall give due consideration to the nature, extent, and value of the services rendered, and shall place considerable reliance on the recommendation of SIPC. SIPA § 78eee(b)(5)(C).

389. To the extent the general estate is insufficient to pay such allowances as an expense of administration, § 78eee(b)(5)(E) of SIPA requires SIPC to advance the funds necessary to pay the compensation of the Trustee and B&H. *See* SIPA § 78fff-3(b)(2).

390. While the Trustee has recovered, or entered into agreements to recover, over \$14.765 billion as of May 31, 2025, a significant portion of these funds must be held in reserve pending final resolution of several appeals and disputes.

391. Accordingly, the Trustee has determined that, at this time, he has no reasonable expectation that the general estate will be sufficient to make a distribution to general creditors or pay administrative expenses. The Trustee has been advised by SIPC that it concurs in this belief. Any fees and expenses allowed by this Court will be paid from advances by SIPC without any reasonable expectation by SIPC of recoupment thereof.

392. Therefore, with respect to this Application, the Trustee, and B&H, as counsel to the Trustee, request that consistent with § 78eee(b)(5)(C) of SIPA, the Court “shall award the amounts recommended by SIPC.” *See In re Bell & Beckwith*, 112 B.R. 876 (Bankr. N.D. Ohio 1990). SIPC will file its recommendation to the Court with respect to this Application prior to the hearing scheduled to be held on August 27, 2025.

393. The Trustee, and B&H, as counsel to the Trustee, submit that the request for interim allowance of compensation and expenses made by this Application is reasonable and complies with the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code governing applications for compensation and reimbursement of expenses, pursuant to § 78eee(b)(5) of SIPA.

VIII. CONCLUSION

The Trustee, and B&H, as counsel to the Trustee, respectfully submit that the services rendered during the Compensation Period and accomplishments to date merit the approval of the fees and disbursements requested herein, and respectfully requests that the Court enter Orders as follows: (i) allowing and awarding \$38,859,402.33 (of which \$34,973,462.10 is to be paid currently and \$3,885,940.23 is to be held back through the conclusion of the liquidation period or until further order of the Court) as an interim payment for professional services rendered by the Trustee and B&H during the Compensation Period, and \$543,753.72 as reimbursement of the actual and necessary costs and expenses incurred by the Trustee and B&H in connection with the rendition of such services; (ii) releasing \$11,707,242.16 to the Trustee and B&H from the Holdback; and (iii) granting such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

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