DECLARATION OF JEFF ALABASO

I, Jeff Alabaso, hereby declare as follows:

- 1. I work in the Victim/Witness Assistance Program of the United States Attorney's Office, Central District of California. As part of my official responsibilities, I have performed work relating to victim assistance on the criminal case <u>United States v. Milton Retana</u>, CR 08-1433 RGK ("criminal case"), and in the related forfeiture case, <u>United States v. \$6,874,561.25 in Funds from Six Wells Fargo Bank Accounts, et al.</u>, CV 09-2398 RGK (RZx) ("forfeiture case"). I make this declaration upon my own personal knowledge, unless otherwise indicated, and if called to testify I could and would competently testify thereto.
- 2. One of the responsibilities of the Victim/Witness
 Assistance Program is to execute the government's statutory
 obligations to victims pursuant to the Crime Victims Rights Act.
 In carrying out those responsibilities, my unit possesses a
 database containing the names and addresses of the persons we
 believe to be the victims of the fraud scheme described in the
 indictment in the criminal case. It is my understanding that the
 victim data was compiled from information held by the law
 enforcement agencies who investigated the Best Diamond Funding
 ("BDF") fraud scheme. There are 2,504 individual addresses (the
 "BDF victim list") listed in the database. (A small number of
 the addresses are associated with a title for the investor,
 rather than a proper name.)
- 3. On or about December 22, 2009, I caused the letters attached as Exhibits 1 and 2 to be placed into envelopes and mailed to the persons and addresses listed on the BDF Victim

list. I have reviewed the document described as "Seal Exhibit A," which I understand will be filed under seal at the same time this declaration is filed, and I confirm that Seal Exhibit A constitutes the BDF Victim List referred to in this declaration.

- 4. In the letter attached as Exhibit 1, the USAO stated that the recipients could receive a full copy of the documents the government filed in the forfeiture case requesting the appointment of a special master ("Special Master filings"), by calling 213-894-0930 and leaving their name, address, and phone number. Beginning December 23 and continuing to today (not including federal holidays), I have frequently checked whether messages were left on the voice mail associated with that number requesting copies of the Special Master filings. As of the date I signed this declaration, there have been no requests for a copy of the Special Master filings to be mailed.
- 5. I have been informed by others in the Victim Witness unit that we received four letters regarding the Special Master motion. Three of these letters identified the sender of the letter by name. Two of these letters (from O.L., and G.R.) are attached as Exhibits 3 and 4. I have learned that the third letter (from A.C.C.) could not be located at the time I signed this declaration, but I have been informed by Georgia Hanif of my unit that she showed A.C.C.'s letter to a Spanish-speaking employee at the USAO, and he prepared a rough translation, which is attached as Exhibit 5. In all the above exhibits, personal information has been redacted. The fourth letter was anonymous and unsigned, and is attached as Exhibit 6 (a fax number on the header has been redacted).

6. In the time since I caused the initial letters to be mailed, I have received several of the letters "returned to sender" by the post office. If the post office indicated on the returned mail that there was a new address for the recipient, I promptly caused Exhibits 1 and 2 to be sent to the address identified by the post office.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 15th day of January, 2010.

JEFF ALABASO

U. S. Department of Justice



United States Attorney Central District of California

December 18, 2009

This notice relates to a motion that the government is filing with the court that relates to assets the government seized from Best Diamond Funding ("BDF") and Milton Retana. It also provides instructions on how you can obtain a copy of the government's motion on the internet or by mail.

The government seized about \$12 million from BDF and Milton Retana. The government brought a lawsuit called a "civil forfeiture action" to take away the ownership rights of Retana, his wife, and his companies in those funds. The short title of the lawsuit is <u>United States v. \$6,874,561.25 in Funds from Six Wells Fargo Bank Accounts, et al.</u>, and the case number is CV 09-2398 RGK (RZx). Retana has agreed to give up ownership of the funds.

The government currently believes the investors suffered about \$30 million in out-of-pocket losses from the scheme. Therefore, the government currently believes that there is only enough seized money to cover about one-third of the total losses to victims. The work to be done in this case is (1) calculate how much money each investor actually lost from his or her investment, (2) based on that number, calculate how much of the seized assets should be distributed to the investor based on a pro-rata share of the seized assets, and (3) hear from any investors who object to the calculation or to the distribution plan.

The current motion. The government has filed a motion asking the Court to appoint a neutral third party (a "Special Master") to perform the calculations described above, using (1) the questionnaires investors have already sent to the Postal Inspection Service, (2) BDF's internal investor records, and other documents. When the calculations are finished, the Special Master will propose a recommended loss amount for each investor victim. The government will send each investor the Special Master's calculations, and will estimate the amount of repayment back to each investor from the seized funds based on the Special Master's calculations. The investor then can either accept the Special Master's calculations and a pro-rata distribution from the seized funds, or come to court to contest the matter. The Special Master's fees and costs would be paid from the seized funds. The government will do all it can to minimize those expenses.

Reasons for appointing a Special Master: More than 2,300 people invested in BDF. If each individual investor came to court to argue their case, resolving this case will take a very long time, and will delay the distribution of funds for everyone. The government believes that more investors will be satisfied with the accuracy and fairness of the process if the loss calculations are performed by a neutral third party, such as a Special Master appointed by the court, rather than by the government. If more people are satisfied that the calculations are fair, then fewer people will come to court to challenge the calculations, and the seized assets can be distributed more quickly. The government believes that the benefit to the entire group of investors from the Special Master, including reducing the number of investors who come to court to fight the proposed calculations, outweighs the costs of having a Special Master. The government has proposed two candidates for the court to consider, both of whom have experience analyzing investors' losses in cases like this: Edythe Bronston (who has experience with BDF in connection with a separate civil case brought by some investors) and Robb Evans.

The government's motion to the Court, asking for appointment of a Special Master, is scheduled to be heard on January 25, 2010. If anyone is opposed to having a Special Master appointed, and wants to oppose the government's motion, then you must file a written opposition with the Court by January 11, 2010. (That is only the deadline to oppose having a Special Master appointed, not the deadline to submit a claim for recovery from the seized funds, or to oppose any calculations that may later be made regarding each victim's recovery. If you do not oppose the appointment of a Special Master, you do not need to file anything.) If you wish to obtain a copy of the government's motion and the proposed order, you may view a copy on the internet at http://www.justice.gov/usao/cac/HowCanWeHelp/vw/case_updates.html#best. If you prefer to receive a paper copy by mail, we will mail it to you if you call 213-894-0930 and leave your name, address, and phone number.

We know that investors have suffered tremendously from their losses in the BDF scheme. This office sincerely believes that using a Special Master is the quickest way to achieve a fair result: distribution of the seized funds to investor-victims who have verified and calculable out-of-pocket losses.



U. S. Department of Justice



United States Attorney Central District of California

18 de diciembre de 2009

Esta notificación se relaciona con una petición que el gobierno está presentando ante el tribunal respecto de los fondos que el gobierno confiscó a Best Diamond Funding ("BDF") y Milton Retana También provee instrucciones sobre cómo obtener una copia de la petición del gobierno en Internet o por correo.

El gobierno confiscó aproximadamente \$12 millones a BDF y Milton Retana. El gobierno entabló una demanda llamada "acción civil de confiscación de bienes" para quitarles los derechos de titularidad sobre dichos fondos a Retana, su esposa, y sus compañías. La carátula abreviada de la demanda es "United States v. \$6,874,561.25 in Funds from Six Wells Fargo Bank Accounts, et al." y el número del caso es CV 09-2398 RGK (RZx). Retana ha aceptado renunciar a la titularidad de los fondos.

El gobierno actualmente cree que los inversores sufrieron pérdidas personales de aproximadamente \$30 millones dentro del plan. Por lo tanto, el gobierno ahora cree que sólo hay suficientes fondos confiscados para cubrir alrededor de un tercio de las pérdidas totales de las víctimas. Lo que se debe hacer en este caso es (1) calcular cuánto dinero perdió realmente cada inversor de su inversión, (2) basándose en dicha cifra, calcular qué proporción de los fondos confiscados se le deben distribuir a cada inversor según una proporción prorrateada de los fondos confiscados, y (3) recibir objeciones de cualquier inversor al cálculo o plan de distribución.

La petición actual. El gobierno ha presentado una petición que solicita al Tribunal que nombre a un tercero neutral (un "Funcionario Especial") para realizar los cálculos mencionados anteriormente, usando (1) los cuestionarios que los inversores ya han enviado al Servicio de Inspección Postal, (2) los registros internos de inversores de BDF, y otros documentos. Una vez terminados los cálculos, el Funcionario Especial propondrá un monto recomendado de la pérdida para cada inversor víctima. El gobierno le enviará los cálculos del Funcionario Especial a cada inversor, y calculará el monto de reintegro que le corresponde a cada inversor de los fondos confiscados según los cálculos del Funcionario Especial. El inversor puede aceptar los cálculos del Funcionario Especial y una distribución prorrateada de los fondos confiscados, o cuestionar el asunto ante un tribunal. Los honorarios y gastos del Funcionario Especial serán pagados con los fondos confiscados. El gobierno hará todo lo posible por minimizar dichos desembolsos.

Razones para nombrar a un Funcionario Especial: Más de 2,300 personas invirtieron en BDF. Si cada inversor individual se presenta ante el tribunal para exponer su caso, la resolución de este caso tardará mucho tiempo y retrasará la distribución de los fondos para todos. El gobierno cree que más inversores estarán satisfechos con la exactitud e imparcialidad del proceso si los cálculos de las pérdidas son realizados por un tercero neutral, como un Funcionario Especial nombrado por el tribunal, en vez de por el gobierno. Si más personas consideran que los cálculos son justos, menos personas se presentarán ante el tribunal para cuestionar los cálculos, y los fondos confiscados se podrán distribuir más rápidamente. El gobierno cree que el beneficio que representa el Funcionario Especial para todo el grupo de inversores, que incluye reducir el número de inversores que se presentan ante el tribunal para oponerse a los cálculos propuestos, supera el costo de tenerlo. El gobierno ha propuesto dos candidatos para que el tribunal considere, ambos tienen experiencia en analizar las pérdidas de inversores en casos similares: Edythe Bronston (quien tiene experiencia con BDF en relación con una demanda civil diferente entablada por algunos inversores) y Robb Evans.

Se ha programado que la petición del gobierno al Tribunal que solicita el nombramiento de un Funcionario Especial se trate el 25 de enero de 2010. Si alguien se opone a que se nombre un Funcionario Especial, y desea oponerse a la petición del gobierno, debe presentar una oposición por escrito ante el Tribunal antes del 11 de enero de 2010 inclusive. (Este es el plazo sólo para oponerse a nombrar un Funcionario Especial, no es el plazo para entablar una demanda para obtener resarcimiento de los fondos confiscados, o para oponerse a cualquier cálculo que se pueda realizar posteriormente sobre el resarcimiento de cada víctima. Si usted no se opone al nombramiento de un Funcionario Especial, no tiene que presentar nada.) Si desea obtener una copia de la petición del gobierno y el orden propuesto, puede ver una copia en Internet en http://www.justice.gov/usao/cac/HowCanWeHelp/vw/case_updates.html#best. Si prefiere recibir una copia impresa por correo, se la enviaremos si llama al 213-894-0930 y deja su nombre, dirección y número de teléfono. Estos documentos son escritos en Inglés.

Sabemos que los inversores se han visto muy afectados por las pérdidas del plan de BDF. Esta oficina sinceramente cree que usar un Funcionario Especial será la manera más rápida de lograr un resultado justo: la distribución de fondos confiscados a inversores víctimas que han sufrido pérdidas personales verificables y calculables.

Los Angeles, CA. Enero 4 del 2010 I motivo de la presente es para comunicarles ve no estoy de acuerdo en que nombren a un incionario Especial sobretodo si el pago de este sodora e los fondos confiscados los cuales no son oficientes para devolbernos nuestros dinero y ensi-ra quieren tomar de ese dinero para afectarnos un mas todavia a nosotros los inversoves. Imí ya me afectaron demasiado, wando ustades Intervinieron esta compañía yo ya havia entregado una carta la cual era una solicited de retiro de mis bienes los cuales hubiera recibido sino hubiera sido por ustedes. Tampoco se si hicieron vien la investigación a este señor Milton Ratana) To escuche que aun tiene muchos inversiones y cosas y negocios a nombre de ofeas personas para evitat sean confiscadas Tombien fiere propiedades en supais El Salvado 2 nombre de otras personas es lo que he 'scuchado afte

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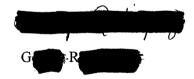
January 7, 2010

To the U.S. Department of Justice: 312 North Spring Street Los Angeles, CA. 90012 RE: Case number CV 09-2398 RGK (RZx)

I have received a letter from you in reference to the civil law suite brought from the United States vs. \$6.874,564.25 in funds six Wells Fargo Bank accounts, et al. You have recommended that a neutral third party be appointed to pro rate and distribution of the funds that are being detained.

I would like to express my objection to a Special Masters that has been recommended to the pro rating and distribution of the remaining funds for the reason that there is a conflict of interest that Edythe Bronston who has a separate civil case against the defendant Mr. Retana and BDF. You have also recommended Robb Evans who I also object. I don't feel that we should have to pay from the funds that are being held for the Special Masters.

Sincerely,



Tait, Monica (USACAC)

From:

Hanif, Georgia (USACAC)

Sent:

Wednesday, January 06, 2010 4:13 AM

To:

Tait, Monica (USACAC); Alabaso, Jeff (USACAC)

Subject:

Fw: Assistance

From: Martinez, Leo (USACAC)
To: Hanif, Georgia (USACAC)
Sent: Tue Jan 05 19:51:03 2010

Subject: RE: Assistance

Georgia:

Below is the translation of the letter you gave me. I laid-out the English version to the Spanish version. Absent grammar, I tried to convey as much of the meaning of the letter as possible.

Case Number CV 09-2398 RGK(RZx)

U.S. Attorney

January 4, 2010

My name is: A C C C

United States Court

This letter is in regard to convey that I am in agreement in the application of the law and its justice, in an immediate restitution, just and equitable.

But I do not agree (or not in accord) that the amounts be reduced and that the amounts of capital confiscated are small due to paying out fees (honorariums) and expenses to public officials.

I have been taking into account the news I've received information from there is a suspected (or supposed) fraud of \$62 million, you have not recovered half of it and if we are speaking of justice, it is not right that the quantity is less from the amount recovered.

Kindly

A C C

phone: 323

Court Number

08-CR-01433



January 4, 2009

Monica E. Tait

Assistant Unite 1 States Attorney

California Bar No. 157311

1400 United States Courthouse
312 North Spring Street, 14th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Ms. Tait:

We are in receipt of your letter regarding the "Special Master" Motion. We will not agree to you appointing a "Special Master" or any of your colleagues that you recommend or refer us to. You played a significant role in this debacle. You are the one that needs to act responsibly and urgently to clean up the mess you helped create. It is not our responsibility or duty.

We also want y in to address the following questions we have:

- What have you done with our investment capital over the last 14 months?
- Have you been a good steward with our funds and have you ensured that optimum interest was collected over the last 14 months that you've held them?
- Did you exercise good stewardship and keep-up payments on the assets and properties of the defen lant? Or, did you allow the assets and properties to go into default or foreclosure?

It is evident to us that you seem lack the integrity and the competence needed to handle this process. Therefore, we will ask the State Bar to oversee you as you continue to prolong this process and hold our funds.

Best Regards,
The Investors of Best Diamond Funding

cc: The State B ir of California
Interim Chi f Trial Counsel Russell Weiner
President H ward B. Miller
Judicial Wa ch



DECLARATION OF MONICA E. TAIT

- 1. I am an Assistant United States Attorney in the Central District of California. I am the attorney chiefly responsible for representing the government's interest in the action <u>United States v. \$6,874,561.25 in Funds from Six Wells Fargo Bank Accounts, et al.</u>, CV 09-2398 RGK (RZx). I have personal knowledge of the following facts unless otherwise indicated and, if called as a witness, would testify thereto under oath.
- 2. Attached as Exhibit 7 is a copy of the docket for the civil action Levya v. Best Diamond Funding, et al., CV 09-3740 R (JCx), which I printed from the court's PACER electronic docketing system on January 15, 2010. There are five named plaintiffs in the case (the "Leyva investors"), but no class has been certified in this action, nor has any attorney or firm been appointed as class counsel pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(g). Recently, an order to show cause re: dismissal has been issued (docket entry 96).
- 3. Attached as Exhibit 8 is a copy of the "[Proposed]
 Order: (1) Appointing Edythe L. Bronston as Temporary Receiver;
 and (2) for [A] Temporary Restraining Order" in the Levya v. Best
 Diamond case, which was sent to me by email by the Leyva
 investors' counsel in or about the first week of June 2009.
 Attached as Exhibit 9 is a copy of the order dated June 12, 2009
 appointing the first receiver in the Levya v. Best Diamond

¹ Although the lead plaintiff's last name is spelled "Le<u>vy</u>a" in his initial pleadings in his own action, the submission his counsel has filed in this civil forfeiture case identifies the spelling as "Leyva."

action. In both orders, the Leyva investors proposed the creation of a receivership estate from which the expenses of a receiver would be paid, and the remaining funds held for distribution to the investors on their claims in the case.

- 4. On or about January 12, 2009, I spoke by telephone with Dennis Murphy, whom the Leyva investors have nominated for the position of Special Master in place of the candidates recommended by the government. Mr. Murphy stated he has experience administering funds that have been secured for the benefit of fraud victims by governmental entities. Mr. Murphy further indicated that he never has been involved in a case in which the governmental entity has been ordered to pay his costs and expenses, and that in all instances his costs and expenses were paid from the fund from which victims were paid.
- 14, 2010. I have nominated Ms. Bronston for the Special Master position in this case. Ms. Bronston informed me she has administered victim claims in actions brought by governmental entities, and she indicated that the governmental entities have never been ordered to pay her costs and expenses in such a case, and that instead such costs and expenses have been paid from the fund preserved for the victims. I separately corresponded by email with Brick Kane, representative of Robb Evans (nominated by the government in the alternative to Edythe Bronston), who has handled numerous claims procedures involving victims in fraud cases. Mr. Kane confirmed by return email that the governmental entities involved in those cases have never been ordered to pay the costs and expenses of Robb Evans and Associates.

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- 6. During my conversation with Mr. Murphy (the Leyva investors' nominee) I asked him to state his proposed fees for the duties set forth in the proposed Order Appointing Special Master. Mr. Murphy sent me the printed material I have attached hereto as Exhibit 10, which describes certain hourly rates and a "blended rate." In response to my subsequent request for clarification regarding the meaning of the term "blended rate." Mr. Murphy's associate sent me an email illustrating the meaning of the term, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 11.
- 7. On January 14, 2010, I sent an email to Mr. Murphy and his associate, asking whether Mr. Murphy could confirm whether he would be able to execute the affidavit regarding conflicts of interest, as required for all Special Masters pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 53(a)(2) and 28 U.S.C. § 455. On January 15, 2010, Mr. Murphy and his associate responded by email, stating first, "Would the relationship with [counsel for the Leyva investors] need disclosure and approval? Other than that [Mr. Murphy] and I have discussed the affidavit and he would be able to sign," and later, "That relationship is working on the numbers and structure of business entities that are trying to reorganize. Mr Hinds does the legal work and we do the numbers work." A true and correct copy of the email string is attached hereto as Exhibit 12.
- 8. Since I filed the motion for appointment of a special master, I have spoken by telephone with one Best Diamond Funding ("BDF") victim about the motion (with the assistance of a paralegal in my office who is fluent in Spanish). This victim said he had received our mailed Notice about the Motion and

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wanted to know whether he needed to take any action. I reiterated some of the information in the Notice for him and told him he only needed to take action if he wished to oppose the appointment of the Special Master. I have received no further contact from this victim.

- In addition to mailed notice, I asked an employee of 9. the USAO who has the ability to control certain content on the USAO's public website ("D.M.") to post copies of the government's Special Master Motion, Exhibits, and Proposed Order on the USAO's website. DM advised me on or about December 21, 2009 that he had posted those documents at the Internet address described in the I asked DM whether he could determine whether the Internet address had been viewed, and how many times it was DM informed me on January 14, 2010 that as of that day there had been approximately 500 "pageviews" of the Internet address described in the Notices. On January 15, 2010, I visited the page established by DM from which the moving papers can be accessed, found it to be substantially the same as it was on or about December 21, 2009, and printed the "Pending Case Updates" portion of the screen I viewed (I was unable to print the navigation menus on the screen). A true and correct copy of the January 15, 2010 print-out is attached as Exhibit 13.
- 10. I have asked the Victim Witness Program of the USAO to approve posting a copy of this Response and its exhibits on the Internet, accessible to the public using the same address

referenced on the Notices.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 15th day of January at Los Angeles, California.

MONICA E. TAIT

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA (Western Division - Los Angeles) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 2:09-cv-03740-R-JC

Juan Carlos Leyva et al v. Best Diamond Funding Corp. et al Date Filed: 05/27/2009

Assigned to: Judge Manuel L. Real

Referred to: Magistrate Judge Jacqueline Chooljian

Demand: \$9,999,000

Case in other court: 9TH CCA, 09-56901 Cause: 18:1961 Racketeering (RICO) Act

Jury Demand: Plaintiff Nature of Suit: 470 Racketeer/Corrupt

Organization

Jurisdiction: Federal Question

Plaintiff

Juan Carlos Leyva

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V.

Defendant

Best Diamond Funding Corp. a California Corporation

Defendant

Best Diamond Realty Corp. a California Corporation

Defendant

Milton Retana an individual

Defendant

Lydia Campos an individual

Defendant

Cindy Retana an individual

Defendant

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Receiver

Theodore H Latty

Receiver

Edythe L Bronston, -Federal Court Receiver TERMINATED: 11/03/2009 represented by Edythe L Bronston

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V.

<u>Objector</u>

United States of America

Date Filed	#	Docket Text
05/27/2009	1	COMPLAINT against Defendants Best Diamond Funding Corp., Best Diamond Realty Corp., Milton Retana, Lydia Campos, Cindy Retana, Does 1 through 100 inclusive. (Filing fee \$ 350 PAID.), filed by Plaintiffs Bonnie Barraza, Rosa Anglade, Juan Carlos Leyva, Ruby Dominguez, Juventino Hernandez. (et) (Additional attachment(s) added on 5/28/2009: # 1 Exhibit, # 2 Notice of Assignment, # 3 Summons) (ds). (Additional attachment(s) added on 5/28/2009: # 4 Civil Cover Sheet) (ds). (Entered: 05/27/2009)
05/27/2009		20 DAY Summons Issued re Complaint - (Discovery) 1 as to Defendants Best Diamond Funding Corp., Best Diamond Realty Corp., Milton Retana, Lydia Campos, Cindy Retana, Does 1 through 100 inclusive. (et) (Entered: 05/27/2009)
05/27/2009	2	DEMAND for Jury Trial filed by Plaintiffs Bonnie Barraza, Rosa Anglade, Juan Carlos Leyva, Ruby Dominguez, Juventino Hernandez. (et) (ds). (Entered: 05/27/2009)
05/27/2009	<u>3</u>	CERTIFICATION AND NOTICE of Interested Parties filed by Plaintiffs Bonnie Barraza, Rosa Anglade, Juan Carlos Leyva, Ruby Dominguez, Juventino Hernandez, identifying Other Affiliate Best Diamond Funding for Bonnie Barraza, Juan Carlos Leyva, Juventino Hernandez, Rosa Anglade, Ruby Dominguez. (et) (ds). (Entered: 05/27/2009)
05/27/2009	4	PLAINTIFFS' APPLICATION for Temporary Restraining Order and Orders for (1) to Freeze Assets; (2) For the Appointment of a Temporary Receiver; (3) Requiring Accounting; (4) Prohibiting the Destruction of documents; (5) Granting Expedited Discovery and Order to Show Cause re: Preliminary Injunction and Appointment of Permeant Receiver filed by Plaintiffs Bonnie Barraza, Rosa Anglade, Juan Carlos Leyva, Ruby Dominguez, Juventino Hernandez. Lodged Proposed Order. (et) (ds). (Entered: 05/27/2009)
05/27/2009	<u>5</u>	PLAINTIFFS' MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES in Support of PLAINTIFFS' APPLICATION for Temporary Restraining Order and Orders for (1) to Freeze Assets; (2) For the Appointment of a Temporary Receiver; (3) Requiring Accounting; (4) Prohibiting the Destruction of documents; (5) Granting Expedited Discovery and Order to Show Cause re: Preliminary Injunction and Appointment of Permeant Receiver 4 filed by Plaintiffs Bonnie Barraza, Rosa Anglade, Juan Carlos Leyva, Ruby Dominguez, Juventino Hernandez. (et) (ds). (Entered: 05/27/2009)

05/27/2009	6	PLAINTIFFS' APPLICATION for Order Shortening Time for hearing re PLAINTIFFS' APPLICATION for Temporary Restraining Order and Orders for (1) to Freeze Assets; (2) For the Appointment of a Temporary Receiver; (3) Requiring Accounting; (4) Prohibiting the Destruction of documents; (5) Granting Expedited Discovery and Order to Show Cause re: Preliminary Injunction and Appointment of Permeant Receiver 4 filed by Plaintiffs Bonnie Barraza, Rosa Anglade, Juan Carlos Leyva, Ruby Dominguez, Juventino Hernandez. Lodged Proposed Order. (et) (Additional attachment(s) added on 5/28/2009: # 1 Proposed Order) (ds). (Entered: 05/27/2009)
05/27/2009	7	DECLARATION of HANNA B. RAANAN IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' APPLICATION for Temporary Restraining Order and Orders for (1) to Freeze Assets; (2) For the Appointment of a Temporary Receiver; (3) Requiring Accounting; (4) Prohibiting the Destruction of documents; (5) Granting Expedited Discovery and Order to Show Cause re: Preliminary Injunction and Appointment of Permeant Receiver 6 filed by Plaintiffs Bonnie Barraza, Rosa Anglade, Juan Carlos Leyva, Ruby Dominguez, Juventino Hernandez. (et) (ds). (Entered: 05/27/2009)
05/27/2009	8	DECLARATION of BEN CASTILLO IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' APPLICATION for Order Shortening Time for hearing re PLAINTIFFS' APPLICATION for Temporary Restraining Order and Orders for (1) to Freeze Assets; (2) For the Appointment of a Temporary Receiver; (3) Requiring Accounting; (4) Pro hibiting the Destruction of documents; (5) Granting Expedited Discovery and Order to Show Cause re: Preliminary Injunction and Appointment of Permeant Receiver 6 filed by Plaintiffs Bonnie Barraza, Rosa Anglade, Juan Carlos Leyva, Ruby Dominguez, Juventino Hernandez. (et) (ds). (Entered: 05/27/2009)
05/27/2009	9	CLASS PLAINTIFFS' REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE IN CONJUNCTION WITH APPLICATION FOR INJUNCTION AND FOR APPOINTMENT OF RECEIVER IN THE CASE filed by Plaintiffs Bonnie Barraza, Rosa Anglade, Juan Carlos Leyva, Ruby Dominguez, Juventino Hernandez. (et) (ds). (Entered: 05/27/2009)
05/27/2009	10	RECOMMENDATION BY CLASS PLAINTIFFS THAT EDYTHE L. BRONSTON BE APPOINTED RECEIVER filed by Plaintiffs Bonnie Barraza, Rosa Anglade, Juan Carlos Leyva, Ruby Dominguez, Juventino Hernandez. (et) (ds). (Entered: 05/27/2009)
05/27/2009	11	ORDER SHORTENING TIME FOR HEARING ON APPLICATIONFOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER AND ORDERS TO FREEZE ASSETS (2)FOR THE APPOIN NT OF ATEMPORARY RECEIVER; (3) REQUIRING ACCOUNTINGS; (4) PROHIBITING THE DESTRUCTION OF DOCUMENTS' (5) GRANTING EXPEDITED DISCOVERY; AND (6) ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE HEARING RE PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION AND APPOINTMENT OF PERMEANT RECEIVER: 6 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Class Plaintiffs' Application is 10 GRANTED.he hearing on the Class12 Plaintiffs' Application for the appointment of a receiver and for a Temporary restraining order shall be heard before Hon. Manuel Real on Friday May 29, 2009 at 10:00m (see attached order for further details) by Judge Manuel L. Real: 6 (pj) (Entered: 05/28/2009)

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05/28/2009	12	ORDER RE TRANSFER PURSUANT TO GENERAL ORDER 08-05 (Related Case) filed. Transfer of case declined by Judge R. Gary Klausner, for the reasons set forth on this order. Related Case No. CV 09-02398 RGK (RZx) (rn) (Additional attachment(s) added on 5/28/2009: # 1 completed order) (rn). (Entered: 05/28/2009)
05/28/2009	13	OF SERVICE filed by Plaintiff Juan Carlos Leyva, re Order on Application to Shorten Time for Hearing,, 11 PROOF OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS & COMPLAINT AND RELATED DOC MILTON RETANA AND THE U.S. ATTORNEYS OFFICE VIA STAN GREENBERG, DOUG MELSON, THOMAS P. O'BRIEN, AND JAMES A BOWMAN served on May 28, 2009. (Hinds, James) (Entered: 05/28/2009)
05/28/2009	14	OF SERVICE filed by Plaintiff Rosa Anglade, re Order on Application to Shorten Time for Hearing,, 11 PROOF OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS & COMPLAINT AND RELATED DOCUMENTS ON DEFENDANT CINDY RETANA served on May 28, 2009. (Hinds, James) (Entered: 05/28/2009)
05/29/2009	15	NOTICE TO FILER OF DEFICIENCIES in Electronically Filed Documents. The following error(s) was found: Incorrect event selected. Correct event to be used is: Service/Waivers of Summons and Complaint / Service of Summons and Complaint Returned Executed (20 Days); or if service is made upon a federal government agency or employee, then event to be used is: Service of Summons and Complaint Returned Executed as to USA. RE: Proof of Service (subsequent documents) 13, 14. In response to this notice the court may order: (1) an amended or corrected document to be filed, (2) the document stricken, or (3) take other action as the court deems appropriate. (mg) (Entered: 05/29/2009)
05/29/2009	<u>16</u>	MINUTES OF EX PARTE APPLICATION for Temporary Restraining Order and Orders (1) to freeze assets, (2) for the appointment of a temporary receiver, (3) requiring accountings, (4) prohibiting the destruction ofdocuments, (5) granting expedited discovery, and (6) Order to Show Cause hearing re Preliminary Injunction and appointment of permanent receiverMotion Hearing held before Judge Manuel L. Real: The Court hears from counsel. The Court states that all defendants and interested parties must be served with the moving papers, and the matter is continued for hearing on the Temporary Restraining Order to June 8, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. Court Reporter: Bridget Montero. (ake) (Entered: 05/29/2009)
05/29/2009	<u>17</u>	NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION for Hearing TRO and Appointment of Receiver, re APPLICATION for Temporary Restraining Order APPLICATION for Order for (1) to Freeze Assets; (2) For the Appointment of a Temporary Receiver; (3) Requiring Accounting; (4) Prohibiting the Destruction of documents; (5) Granting Expedited Discovery APPLICATION for Order to Show Cause re: Preliminary Injunction and Appointment of Permeant Receiver APPLICATION for Order for (1) to Freeze Assets; (2) For the Appointment of a Temporary Receiver; (3) Requiring Accounting; (4) Prohibiting the Destruction of documents; (5) Granting Expedited Discovery 4, filed by Class Plaintiff Rosa Anglade. Motion set for hearing on 6/8/2009 at 10:00 AM before Judge Manuel L. Real. (Hinds, James) (Entered: 05/29/2009)

06/04/2009	18	NOTICE OF MOTION AND Amended MOTION to Amended Memorandum in Support of Motion,, 5 PLAINTIFFS AMENDED MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT OF EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER AND ORDERS: (1) TO FREEZE ASSETS; (2) FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A TEMPORARY RECEIVER; (3) REQUIRING ACCOUNTINGS; (4) PROHIBITING THE DESTRUCTION OF DOCUMENTS; (5) GRANTING EXPEDITED DISCOVERY; AND (6) ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE HEARING RE PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION AND APPOINTMENT OF PERMANENT RECEIVER filed by Class Plaintiff Rosa Anglade. Motion set for hearing on 6/8/2009 at 10:00 AM before Judge Manuel L. Real. (Hinds, James) (Entered: 06/04/2009)
06/05/2009	<u>19</u>	Objections Of Potentially Interested Party United States Of America To Plaintiffs' Proposed Order Appointing Edythe L. Bronston As Temporary Receiver; And for A Temporary Restraining Order; Memorandum Of Points And Authorities In Support; Declarations Exhibits (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit 1, # 2 Declaration Of Mark Trachtenberg, # 3 Declaration Of Georgia Hanif, # 4 Exhibit 2, # 5 Exhibit 3)(Tait, Monica) (Entered: 06/05/2009)
06/08/2009	20	NOTICE TO FILER OF DEFICIENCIES in Electronically Filed Documents. The following error(s) was found: Incorrect event selected. Correct event to be used is (1) Notice UNDER NOTICES and (2) Memorandum in support UNDER Responses Replies and other motion related documents. (type Amended in text): RE: Amended MOTION to Amended Memorandum in Support of Motion, 5 PLAINTIFFS AMENDED MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT OF EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER AND ORDERS: (1) TO FREEZE ASSETS; (2) FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AAmended MOTION to Amended Memorandum in Support of Motion, 5 PLAINTIFFS AMENDED MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT OF EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER AND ORDERS: (1) TO FREEZE ASSETS; (2) FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AAmended MOTION to Amended Memorandum in Support of Motion, 5 PLAINTIFFS AMENDED MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT OF EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER AND ORDERS: (1) TO FREEZE ASSETS; (2) FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A 18, MOTION for Hearing TRO and Appointment of Receiver, re APPLICATION for Temporary Restraining Order APPLICATION for Order for (1) to Freeze Assets; (2) For the Appointment of a Temporary Restraining Order APPLICATION for Order for (1) to Freeze Assets; (2) For the Appointment of a Temporary Restraining Order APPLICATION for Order for (1) to Freeze Assets; (2) For the Appointment of a Temporary Restraining Order APPLICATION for Ord

		may order (1) an amended or correct document to be filed (2) the document stricken or (3) take other action as the court deems appropriate. (pj) (Entered: 06/08/2009)
06/08/2009	21	PROOF OF SERVICE Executed Bonnie Barraza, Rosa Anglade, Juan Carlos Leyva, Ruby Dominguez, Juventino Hernandez, upon Lydia Campos served on 6/1/2009, answer due 6/21/2009. Original Summons Not Returned. (Shankman, Paul) (Entered: 06/08/2009)
06/08/2009	22	PROOF OF SERVICE Executed Bonnie Barraza, Rosa Anglade, Juan Carlos Leyva, Ruby Dominguez, Juventino Hernandez, upon Milton Retana served on 5/28/2009, answer due 6/17/2009. Original Summons not returned. (Shankman, Paul) (Entered: 06/08/2009)
06/08/2009	23	PROOF OF SERVICE Executed by Plaintiff Bonnie Barraza, Rosa Anglade, Juan Carlos Leyva, Ruby Dominguez, Juventino Hernandez, upon Original Summons not returned. (Shankman, Paul) (Entered: 06/08/2009)
06/08/2009	24	PROOF OF SERVICE Executed by Plaintiff Bonnie Barraza, Rosa Anglade, Juan Carlos Leyva, Ruby Dominguez, Juventino Hernandez, upon United States of America served on 5/28/2009, answer due 6/17/2009. Original Summons not returned. (Shankman, Paul) (Entered: 06/08/2009)
06/08/2009	25	PROOF OF SERVICE Executed by Plaintiff Bonnie Barraza, Rosa Anglade, Juan Carlos Leyva, Ruby Dominguez, Juventino Hernandez, upon <i>Thomas P. O'Brien at U.S. Attorney's Office</i> Original Summons not returned. (Shankman, Paul) (Entered: 06/08/2009)
06/08/2009	26	PROOF OF SERVICE Executed by Plaintiff Bonnie Barraza, Rosa Anglade, Juan Carlos Leyva, Ruby Dominguez, Juventino Hernandez, upon Cindy Retana served on 6/1/2009, answer due 6/21/2009. Original Summons not returned. (Shankman, Paul) (Entered: 06/08/2009)
06/08/2009	27	MINUTES OF EX PARTE APPLICATION Hearing held before Judge Manuel L. Real re: plaintiff's Ex Parte Application for Temporary Restraining Order and Orders (1) to freeze assets, (2) for the appointment of a temporary receiver, (3) requiring accountings, (4) prohibiting the destruction of documents, (5) granting expedited discovery, and (6) Order to Show Cause hearing re: Preliminary Injunction and appointment of permanent receiver, 18. The Court GRANTS entry of Preliminary Injunction, with Ted H. Latty appointed the Receiver in this matter, as stated on the record. Plaintiff shall submit a proposed order. Court Reporter: Beth Zaccaro. (rj) (Entered: 06/09/2009)
06/11/2009	28	NOTICE OF LODGING filed NOTICE OF LODGMENT OF ORDER: (1) APPOINTING THEODORE H. LATTY AS RECEIVER; AND (2) FOR AND PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION and proof of service re Order on Application for TRO, Order on Application for Order to Show Cause, Motion Hearing, Link Motions to Minutes,,,,,,,,, 27 (Attachments: # 1 Proposed Order Order, # 2 Proof of Service)(Hinds, James) (Entered: 06/11/2009)
06/11/2009	30	[FINAL] REPORT OF RECEIVER THEODORE H. LATTY; REQUEST for Order Discharging Receiver; filed by Receiver Theodore H Latty, Defendants, Best Diamond Funding Corp., Best Diamond Realty Corp., Milton Retana,

		Lydia Campos, Cindy Retana. (mg) (Entered: 06/17/2009)
06/12/2009	29	ORDER by Judge Manuel L. Real: 1) Appointing Theodore H. Latty as Receiver; and 2) for Preliminary Injunction. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Class Plaintiffs' request for the appointment of a receiver is hereby GRANTED. The receiver shall file with the Clerk of the Court a receiver's oath and bond as required by California Code of Civil Procedure Section 567 in the amount of \$7,500.00, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the receiver's duties. The Class Plaintiffs are not required to post a bond under California Code of Civil Procedure Section 516(b). (See document for further details). Re: 4 Application for Order. (mg) (Entered: 06/15/2009)
06/22/2009	31	MINUTES OF granting 30 Request for Order; Motion Hearing held before Judge Manuel L. Real: The Court GRANTS the Request for Order Discharging Receiver, as stated on the record, and signs the proposed order discharging Mr. Latty as Receiver and appointing Edythe L. Bronston as Substitute Receiver. Court Reporter: Margaret Babykin. (pj) (Entered: 06/22/2009)
06/22/2009	32	ORDER: (1) APPOINTING SUBSTITUTE RECEIVER; AND (2) DISCHARGING THEODORE H. LATTY FINAL REPORT OF RECEIVER THEODORE H. LATTY; REQUEST FOR ORDER DISCHARGING RECEIVER FILED CONCURRENTLY HEREWITH by Judge Manuel L. Real, (pj) Modified on 6/22/2009 (pj). (Entered: 06/22/2009)
06/23/2009	33	PROOF OF SERVICE Executed by Class Plaintiff Rosa Anglade, upon Milton Retana served on 6/12/2009, answer due 7/2/2009. The Summons and Complaint were served by By Mail service, by Code of Civil Procedure statute, upon Milton Retana. Due Dilligence declaration N/A. Original Summons Not. (Hinds, James) (Entered: 06/23/2009)
06/23/2009	34	PROOF OF SERVICE Executed by Class Plaintiff Rosa Anglade, upon Best Diamond Funding Corp. served on 6/12/2009, answer due 7/2/2009. The Summons and Complaint were served by By Mail service, by Code of Civil procedure statute, upon Milton Retana,owner.officer. Due Dilligence declaration N/A. Original Summons Not. (Hinds, James) (Entered: 06/23/2009)
06/23/2009	35	PROOF OF SERVICE Executed by Class Plaintiff Rosa Anglade, upon Best Diamond Realty Corp. served on 6/12/2009, answer due 7/2/2009. The Summons and Complaint were served by By Mail service, by Code of Civil Procedure statute, upon Milton Retana, Owner/Officer. Due Dilligence declaration N/A. Original Summons Not. (Hinds, James) (Entered: 06/23/2009)
06/23/2009	36	Oath of Receiver filed by Receiver Edythe L Bronston re: Order, <u>32</u> (Bronston, Edythe) (Entered: 06/23/2009)
06/24/2009	39	NOTICE of Filing Civil Bond [Pursuant to Local rule 65-5] filed by Receiver Edythe L Bronston. (mg) (Entered: 07/06/2009)
06/26/2009	37	PROOF OF SERVICE filed by Receiver Edythe L Bronston, of Notice of Filing Civil Bond [Pursuant to Local Rule 65-5] served on 06/26/2009. (Bronston, Edythe) (Entered: 06/26/2009)
07/01/2009	38	NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION for Reconsideration re Order, <u>32</u>

		MOTION FOR ORDER FOR RECONSIDERATION AND/OR MODIFICATION OF THE COURTS ORDER ENTERED ON JUNE 22, 2009; MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES AND DECLARATION IN SUPPORT THEREOF and proof of service filed by Class Plaintiff Rosa Anglade. Motion set for hearing on 8/3/2009 at 10:00 AM before Judge Manuel L. Real. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit and proof of service)(Hinds, James) (Entered: 07/01/2009)
07/07/2009	40	RESPONSE IN SUPPORT of MOTION for Reconsideration re Order, 32 MOTION FOR ORDER FOR RECONSIDERATION AND/OR MODIFICATION OF THE COURTS ORDER ENTERED ON JUNE 22, 2009; MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES AND DECLARATION IN SUPPORT THEREOF and proof of service MOTION for Reconsideration re Order, 32 MOTION FOR ORDER FOR RECONSIDERATION AND/OR MODIFICATION OF THE COURTS ORDER ENTERED ON JUNE 22, 2009; MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES AND DECLARATION IN SUPPORT THEREOF and proof of service 38 filed by Receiver Edythe L Bronston. (Bronston, Edythe) (Entered: 07/07/2009)
07/17/2009	41	Proof of Service OF SERVICE filed by Class Plaintiff Rosa Anglade, <i>Plaintiffs' Proof of Service of Order Re: Notice to Counsel</i> served on 7/17/09. (Hinds, James) (Entered: 07/17/2009)
07/20/2009	42	RESPONSE re MOTION for Reconsideration re Order, <u>32</u> MOTION FOR ORDER FOR RECONSIDERATION AND/OR MODIFICATION OF THE COURTS ORDER ENTERED ON JUNE 22, 2009; MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES AND DECLARATION IN SUPPORT THEREOF and proof of service MOTION for Reconsideration re Order, <u>32</u> MOTION FOR ORDER FOR RECONSIDERATION AND/OR MODIFICATION OF THE COURTS ORDER ENTERED ON JUNE 22, 2009; MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES AND DECLARATION IN SUPPORT THEREOF and proof of service <u>38</u> filed by Former Receiver Theodore H Latty. (pj) (Entered: 07/27/2009)
07/27/2009	43	NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION for Order for Instructions filed by Receiver Edythe L Bronston. Motion set for hearing on 8/31/2009 at 10:00 AM before Judge Manuel L. Real. (Attachments: # 1 Declaration of Edythe L. Bronston Supporting Petition for Instructions)(Bronston, Edythe) (Entered: 07/27/2009)
07/27/2009	44	REQUEST for Entry of Default against Defendants Cindy Retana and Lydia Campos, Declaration of Hanna B. Raana in Support and Proof of service filed by Class Plaintiff Rosa Anglade. Request set for hearing on 8/24/2009 at 10:00 AM before Judge Manuel L. Real. (Hinds, James) (Entered: 07/27/2009)
07/27/2009	45	NOTICE OF MOTION AND Motion for Entry of Default against DefendantsLydia Campos and Cindy Retana, and Proof of Service filed by Class Plaintiff Rosa Anglade. Motion set for hearing on 8/24/2009 at 10:00 AM before Judge Manuel L. Real. (Hinds, James) (Entered: 07/27/2009)
07/27/2009	48	OBJECTION BY FORMER RECEIVER TO PLAINTIFFS PROPOSED ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR ORDER <u>32</u> filed by Receiver Theodore

		H Latty. (pj) (Entered: 07/30/2009)
07/28/2009	46	DEFAULT BY CLERK ENTERED as to *Defendants Lydia Campos, Cindy Retana* (pj) (Entered: 07/28/2009)
07/28/2009	47	NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to Withdraw Motion for Entry of Defaults Motion for Entry of Default against DefendantsLydia Campos and Cindy Retana, and Proof of Service 45, MOTION to Withdraw Motion for Entry of Default against DefendantsLydia Campos and Cindy Retana, and Proof of Service 45 (Motion set for hearing on 8/24/2009 at 10:00 AM before Judge Manuel L. Real.) filed by Class Plaintiff Rosa Anglade. (Hinds, James) (Entered: 07/28/2009)
07/31/2009	49	NOTICE OF ERRATA filed by Plaintiff Rosa Anglade. correcting MOTION to Withdraw Motion for Entry of Defaults Motion for Entry of Default against DefendantsLydia Campos and Cindy Retana, and Proof of Service 45 MOTION to Withdraw Motion for Entry of Default against DefendantsLydia Campos and Cindy Retana, and Proof of Service 45 MOTION to Withdraw Motion for Entry of Defaults Motion for Entry of Default against DefendantsLydia Campos and Cindy Retana, and Proof of Service 45 MOTION to Withdraw Motion for Entry of Default against DefendantsLydia Campos and Cindy Retana, and Proof of Service 45 47 Errata and Withdrawal of Class Plaintiffs' Notice of Motion and Motion for Entry of Defaults Against Defendants Lydia Campos and Cindy Retana and proof of service (Hinds, James) (Entered: 07/31/2009)
08/01/2009	50	NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to Certify Class filed by Class Plaintiff Rosa Anglade. Motion set for hearing on 9/14/2009 at 10:00 AM before Judge Manuel L. Real. (Attachments: # 1 Part 2)(Hinds, James) (Entered: 08/01/2009)
08/01/2009	51	REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE re MOTION to Certify Class <u>50</u> filed by Class Plaintiff Rosa Anglade. (Attachments: # 1 Part 2)(Hinds, James) (Entered: 08/01/2009)
08/01/2009	52	DECLARATION of James Andrew Hinds, Jr. In Support MOTION to Certify Class <u>50</u> filed by Plaintiff Rosa Anglade. (Hinds, James) (Entered: 08/01/2009)
08/01/2009	53	DECLARATION of Hanna B. Raanan In Support MOTION to Certify Class 50 filed by Plaintiff Rosa Anglade. (Hinds, James) (Entered: 08/01/2009)
08/01/2009	54	DECLARATION of Juan Carlos Leyva In Support MOTION to Certify Class 50 filed by Plaintiff Rosa Anglade. (Hinds, James) (Entered: 08/01/2009)
08/01/2009	55	DECLARATION of Bonnie Barraza In Support MOTION to Certify Class <u>50</u> filed by Plaintiff Rosa Anglade. (Hinds, James) (Entered: 08/01/2009)
08/01/2009	<u>56</u>	DECLARATION of Juventino Hernandez In Support MOTION to Certify Class 50 filed by Plaintiff Rosa Anglade. (Hinds, James) (Entered: 08/01/2009)
08/01/2009	57	DECLARATION of Rosa Anglade In Support MOTION to Certify Class <u>50</u> filed by Plaintiff Rosa Anglade. (Hinds, James) (Entered: 08/01/2009)
08/01/2009	58	OF SERVICE filed by Class Plaintiff Rosa Anglade, re Request for Judicial Notice, Request for Relief <u>51</u> , Declaration (Motion related) <u>56</u> , MOTION to

		Certify Class <u>50</u> , Declaration (Motion related) <u>55</u> , Declaration (Motion related) <u>57</u> , Declaration (Motion related) <u>54</u> , Declaration (Motion related) <u>52</u> , Declaration (Motion related) <u>53</u> served on 8/3/09. (Hinds, James) (Entered: 08/01/2009)
08/03/2009	<u>59</u>	MINUTES OF Motion for Reconsideration; Motion Hearing held before Judge Manuel L. Real <u>38</u> : The Court notes that the Former Receiver has stated he will waiveany fees due him, and the Courts Order of June 22, 2009 shall be amended accordingly. Plaintiff shall submit the amended order. Court Reporter: Sheri Kleeger. (pj) (Entered: 08/04/2009)
08/04/2009	<u>60</u>	Amendment to MOTION to Certify Class <u>50</u> filed by Plaintiffs Bonnie Barraza, Rosa Anglade, Juan Carlos Leyva, Ruby Dominguez, Juventino Hernandez. (Raanan, Hanna) (Entered: 08/04/2009)
08/04/2009	61	[PROPOSED] ORDER re MOTION for Reconsideration re Order, <u>32</u> MOTION FOR ORDER FOR RECONSIDERATION AND/OR MODIFICATION OF THE COURTS ORDER ENTERED ON JUNE 22, 2009; MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES AND DECLARATION IN SUPPORT THEREOF and proof of service MOTION for Reconsideration re Order, <u>32</u> MOTION FOR ORDER FOR RECONSIDERATION AND/OR MODIFICATION OF THE COURTS ORDER ENTERED ON JUNE 22, 2009; MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES AND DECLARATION IN SUPPORT THEREOF and proof of service <u>38</u> filed by Plaintiffs Bonnie Barraza, Rosa Anglade, Juan Carlos Leyva, Ruby Dominguez, Juventino Hernandez. (Raanan, Hanna) (Entered: 08/04/2009)
08/04/2009	62	PROOF OF SERVICE filed by plaintiffs Bonnie Barraza, Rosa Anglade, Juan Carlos Leyva, Ruby Dominguez, Juventino Hernandez, re Amendment (Motion related) <u>60</u> served on 8/4/09. (Raanan, Hanna) (Entered: 08/04/2009)
08/04/2009	63	PROOF OF SERVICE filed by Plaintiffs Bonnie Barraza, Rosa Anglade, Juan Carlos Leyva, Ruby Dominguez, Juventino Hernandez, re Motion Related Document,, 61 served on 8/4/09. (Raanan, Hanna) (Entered: 08/04/2009)
08/04/2009	64	REQUEST for Clerk to Enter Default against Defendants Best Diamond Funding Corp., Best Diamond Realty Corp., Milton Retana filed by Plaintiffs Bonnie Barraza, Rosa Anglade, Juan Carlos Leyva, Ruby Dominguez, Juventino Hernandez. (Raanan, Hanna) (Entered: 08/04/2009)
08/04/2009	65	ORDER ON MOTION FOR ORDER FOR RECONSIDERATION AND/OR MODIFICATION OF THECOURTS ORDER ENTERED ON JUNE 22, 2009 by Judge Manuel L. Real: IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the June-22 Order is MODIFIED and that the request for fees and costs incurred by Mr. Latty and his Law Firm are withdrawn and in all other respects the June-22 Order shall remain in effect. 32 61 (ake) (Entered: 08/05/2009)
08/05/2009	<u>67</u>	CORRECTED ORDER ON MOTION FOR ORDER FOR RECONSIDERATION AND/OR MODIFICATION OF THE COURT'S ORDER ENTERED ON JUNE 22, 2009: IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the June-22 Order is MODIFIED and that the request for fees and costs incurred by Mr. Latty as special master only is withdrawn and in all other respects the June-22 Order shall remain in effect.by Judge Manuel L.

		Real, (pj) (Entered: 08/07/2009)
08/05/2009	<u>68</u>	OBJECTION BY FORMER RECEIVER TO PLAINTIFFS PROPOSED ORDER ON MOTION FOR ORDER FOR RECONSIDERATION AND OR MODIFICATION OF THE COURT ORDER ENTERED ON JUNE 2, 2009 filed by Receiver Theodore H Latty. (pj) (Entered: 08/07/2009)
08/06/2009	66	NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY Re: REQUEST for Clerk to Enter Default against Defendants Best Diamond Funding Corp., Best Diamond Realty Corp., Milton Retana 64. The Clerk cannot enter the requested relief as The proof of service of summons and complaint attached to the request for default filed on 8/4/2009 has three defendants on one proof of service. G Proof of Service is lacking required information. On the certified return receipt it does not indicate recipients capacity to accept service on behalf of defendant. Also, signature illegible. Requesting party shall file a new Request/Application with noted deficiencies corrected in order to have default reconsidered. (pj) (Entered: 08/06/2009)
08/10/2009	69	NOTICE OF MOTION AND Motion for Entry of Default against DefendantsBest Diamond Funding Corp., Best Diamond Realty Corp., Milton Retana with Proof of Service filed by Plaintiffs Bonnie Barraza, Rosa Anglade, Juan Carlos Leyva, Ruby Dominguez, Juventino Hernandez. Motion set for hearing on 9/21/2009 at 10:00 AM before Judge Manuel L. Real. (Raanan, Hanna) (Entered: 08/10/2009)
08/10/2009	70	DECLARATION of Hanna B. Raanan In Support Of Motion for Entry of Default against DefendantsBest Diamond Funding Corp., Best Diamond Realty Corp., Milton Retana with Proof of Service 69 with Proof of Service filed by Plaintiffs Bonnie Barraza, Rosa Anglade, Juan Carlos Leyva, Ruby Dominguez, Juventino Hernandez. (Raanan, Hanna) (Entered: 08/10/2009)
08/26/2009	71	COMMENT OF THE CLASS PLAINTIFFS TO THE RECEIVER'S PETITION FOR INSTRUCTIONS re MOTION for Order for Instructions 43 with Proof of Service filed by Plaintiffs Bonnie Barraza, Rosa Anglade, Juan Carlos Leyva, Ruby Dominguez, Juventino Hernandez. (Raanan, Hanna) (Entered: 08/26/2009)
08/26/2009	72	REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE re MOTION for Order for Instructions 43 in Conjunction with Class Plaintiffs' Comment to Receiver's Petition For Instructions filed by Class Plaintiffs Bonnie Barraza, Rosa Anglade, Juan Carlos Leyva, Ruby Dominguez, Juventino Hernandez. (Raanan, Hanna) (Entered: 08/26/2009)
08/31/2009	73	MINUTES OF Receiver's Petition for Instructions held before Judge Manuel L. Real: The Court discusses the matter with counsel and the Receiver. The Court finds that it has no jurisdiction to provide the Instructions requested by the Receiver. 43 Court Reporter: Sheri Kleeger. (ake) (Entered: 08/31/2009)
09/01/2009	74	DECLARATION of Receiver In support of MOTION for Order for Instructions 43 filed by Receiver Edythe L Bronston. (Bronston, Edythe) (Entered: 09/01/2009)
09/01/2009	75	NOTICE of Abandonment of Receiver's Interests in Real Property filed by

		Receiver Edythe L Bronston. (Bronston, Edythe) (Entered: 09/01/2009)
09/04/2009	76	MINUTES (IN CHAMBERS) by Judge Manuel L. Real: Counsel are notified that on the Court's own motion, 1) Plaintiffs' Motion for Entry of Default against Defendants Milton Retana, Best Diamond Funding Corp., Best Diamond Realty Corp. 69; and Plaintiffs' MOTION for Order for Class Certification 50 are hereby ORDERED CONTINUED from 9/21/09 at 10:00 a.m. to 9/28/09 at 10:00 a.m. Opposition papers remain due on 9/8/2009, and the Reply papers remain due on 9/14/2009. The continuation of the hearing date DOES NOT move the due dates of those filings. (mg) (Entered: 09/04/2009)
09/28/2009	79	MINUTES: 1) Plaintiffs motion for entry of default judgment against defendants Milton Retana, Best Diamond Funding Corp, and Best Diamond Realty Corp 69. 2) Plaintiffs' motion for order for class certification (fld 8-1-09) 50 Hearing held before Judge Manuel L. Real: Plaintiff submits on the papers as filed. The Court denies item # 1 as listed above without prejudice, for reasons as stated on the record. The Court denies item # 2 as listed above. Plaintiff shall submit proposed orders. Court Reporter: Sheri Kleeger. (jp) (Entered: 10/01/2009)
10/01/2009	77	NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION for Order for Terminating Receivership; Approving Final Report and Account filed by Receiver Edythe L Bronston. Motion set for hearing on 11/2/2009 at 10:00 AM before Judge Manuel L. Real. (Attachments: # 1 Declaration of Edythe L. Bronston in Support of Motion To Be Relieved As Receiver; Final Report and Account, # 2 Exhibit A Through D in Support of Motion To Be Relieved As Receiver; Final Report and Account)(Bronston, Edythe) (Entered: 10/01/2009)
10/01/2009	78	NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION for Order for Terminating Receivership; Approving Final Report and Account (<i>Linked to #77</i>) filed by Receiver Edythe L Bronston. Motion set for hearing on 11/2/2009 at 10:00 AM before Judge Manuel L. Real. (Bronston, Edythe) (Entered: 10/01/2009)
10/05/2009	80	NOTICE TO FILER OF DEFICIENCIES in Electronically Filed Documents. The following error(s) was found: Incorrect event selected. Correct event to be used is Notice of Lodging under NOTICES RE: MOTION for Order for Terminating Receivership; Approving Final Report and Account (<i>Linked to #77</i>) MOTION for Order for Terminating Receivership; Approving Final Report and Account (<i>Linked to #77</i>) 78. In response to this notice the court may order (1) an amended or correct document to be filed (2) the document stricken or (3) take other action as the court deems appropriate. (pj) (Entered: 10/05/2009)
10/07/2009	81	ORDER by Judge Manuel L. Real, re IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Class Plaintiffs Class CertificationMotion is denied [50] (pj) (Entered: 10/07/2009)
10/07/2009	82	ORDER DENYING, WITHOUT PREJUDICE, CLASS PLAINTIFFS MOTION FOR ENTRY OF DEFAULTS AGAINST DEFENDANTS MILTON RETANA, BEST DIAMOND FUNDING CORPORATION AND BEST DIAMOND REALTY CORPORATION by Judge Manuel L. Real, re, 79, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Class Plaintiffs Default Motion

		isdenied, without prejudice 69 (pj) (Entered: 10/07/2009)
10/15/2009	83	NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION for Reconsideration re Order 81; Memorandum of Points and Authorities and Declaration in Support Thereof; with Proof of Service filed by Plaintiff Bonnie Barraza, Rosa Anglade, Juan Carlos Leyva, Ruby Dominguez, Juventino Hernandez. Motion set for hearing on 11/16/2009 at 10:00 AM before Judge Manuel L. Real. (Raanan, Hanna) (Entered: 10/15/2009)
10/16/2009	84	REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE re MOTION for Reconsideration re Order 81; Memorandum of Points and Authorities and Declaration in Support Thereof; with Proof of Service MOTION for Reconsideration re Order 81; Memorandum of Points and Authorities and Declaration in Support Thereof; with Proof of Service 83 with Proof of Service filed by Class Plaintiffs Bonnie Barraza, Rosa Anglade, Juan Carlos Leyva, Ruby Dominguez, Juventino Hernandez. (Raanan, Hanna) (Entered: 10/16/2009)
10/16/2009	85	REQUEST for Clerk to Enter Default against Defendants Best Diamond Funding Corp., Best Diamond Realty Corp., Milton Retana filed by Class Plaintiffs Bonnie Barraza, Rosa Anglade, Juan Carlos Leyva, Ruby Dominguez, Juventino Hernandez. (Attachments: # 1 Declaration)(Raanan, Hanna) (Entered: 10/16/2009)
10/16/2009	86	NOTICE OF MOTION AND Corrected Motion for Entry of Default against DefendantsBest Diamond Funding Corp., Best Diamond Realty Corp., Milton Retana filed by Class Plaintiffs Bonnie Barraza, Rosa Anglade, Juan Carlos Leyva, Ruby Dominguez, Juventino Hernandez. Motion set for hearing on 11/16/2009 at 10:00 AM before Judge Manuel L. Real. (Attachments: # 1 Declaration)(Raanan, Hanna) (Entered: 10/16/2009)
10/19/2009	87	OF SERVICE filed by Class Plaintiffs Bonnie Barraza, Rosa Anglade, Juan Carlos Leyva, Ruby Dominguez, Juventino Hernandez, re Corrected Motion for Entry of Default against DefendantsBest Diamond Funding Corp., Best Diamond Realty Corp., Milton Retana 86, REQUEST for Clerk to Enter Default against Defendants Best Diamond Funding Corp., Best Diamond Realty Corp., Milton Retana 85 served on 10/19/2009. (Raanan, Hanna) (Entered: 10/19/2009)
11/02/2009	88	MINUTES OF Receiver's Motion to be relieved as Receiver; Final Report and Account (fld 10-1-09): Motion Hearing held before Judge Manuel L. Real: The Court GRANTS the Receivers motion to be relieved as Receiver. 78 Court Reporter: Sheri Kleeger. (pj) (Entered: 11/04/2009)
11/03/2009	89	ORDER by Judge Manuel L. Real,, ORDERED, that the Receiver is hereby discharged from all further duties, liabilities, and responsibilities as Receiver herein; and it is further ORDERED, that upon faithful completion of any final acts ordered by thisCourt, the Receiver is hereby discharged, and the Receivership is terminated, the Receiver's bond is exonerated and the preliminary injunction is terminated; and it is further ORDERED, that this Court retains jurisdiction over any issues arising from the Receivership. Receiver Edythe L Bronston terminated. (pj) (Entered: 11/04/2009)
11/13/2009	90	REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE re MOTION for Reconsideration re

		Order <u>81</u> ; Memorandum of Points and Authorities and Declaration in Support Thereof; with Proof of Service MOTION for Reconsideration re Order <u>81</u> ; Memorandum of Points and Authorities and Declaration in Support Thereof; with Proof of Service <u>83</u> with Proof of Service filed by Class Plaintiffs' Bonnie Barraza, Rosa Anglade, Juan Carlos Leyva, Ruby Dominguez, Juventino Hernandez. (Raanan, Hanna) (Entered: 11/13/2009)	
11/16/2009	91	MINUTES (IN CHAMBERS): 1) Plaintiffs' motion for reconsideration of order denying class certification (fld 10-19-09) 2) Class Plaintiffs' Motion for Entry of Defaults (fld 10-16-09) by Judge Manuel L. Real: Plaintiff submits on their papers as filed. The Court DENIES each of the above-listed motions. 83 85, 86 (pj) (Entered: 11/23/2009)	
11/27/2009	92	NOTICE OF APPEAL to the 9th CCA filed by Class Plaintiff Rosa Anglade. (Hinds, James) (Entered: 11/27/2009)	
11/27/2009	94	NOTIFICATION by Circuit Court of Appellate Docket Number 09-56901, 9TH CCA regarding Notice of Appeal to 9th Circuit Court of Appeals 92 as to PLAINTIFF Rosa Anglade. (lra) (Entered: 12/01/2009)	
11/30/2009	95	APPEAL FEE PAID: re Notice of Appeal to 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, 92 as to Plaintiff Rosa Anglade; Receipt Number: 127097 in the amount of \$455. (dmap) (Entered: 12/02/2009)	
12/01/2009	93	FILING FEE LETTER issued as to Plaintiff Rosa Anglade, re Notice of Appeal to 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, 92. (dmap) (Entered: 12/01/2009)	
12/30/2009	96	MINUTES OF IN CHAMBERS ORDER held before Judge Manuel L. Real: THIS MATTER IS SET ON CALENDAR ON JAN. 19, 2010 AT 11:00 A.M. FOR HEARING ON AN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE RE DISMISSAL FOR LACK OF PROSECUTION, FOR FAILURE OF PLAINTIFFS TO PROPERLY SERVE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT ON DEFENDANTS, OR OF DEFENDANTS TO ANSWER IF SERVED, OR OF PLAINTIFFS TO OBTAIN ENTRY OF DEFAULT OF DEFENDANTS WHO WERE PROPERLY SERVED. PRESENCE OF COUNSEL AT THE HEARING IS MANDATORY; FAILURE TO APPEAR WILL RESULTIN DISMISSAL OF THE ACTION, (pj) (Entered: 12/30/2009)	
01/12/2010	97	REQUEST for Clerk to Enter Default against Defendants Best Diamond Funding Corp., Best Diamond Realty Corp., Milton Retana filed by Plaintiffs Bonnie Barraza, Rosa Anglade, Juan Carlos Leyva, Ruby Dominguez, Juventino Hernandez. (Raanan, Hanna) (Entered: 01/12/2010)	
01/13/2010	98	DECLARATION of Plaintiffs re Minutes of In Chambers Order/Directive - no proceeding held, Set Deadlines/Hearings,,,, 96 Declaration in Response to Order to Show Cause re Dismissal For Lack of Prosecution or of Defendants to Answer or of Plaintiffs to Obtain Entry of Default filed by Plaintiffs Bonnie Barraza, Rosa Anglade, Juan Carlos Leyva, Ruby Dominguez, Juventino Hernandez. (Raanan, Hanna) (Entered: 01/13/2010)	
01/14/2010	99	DEFAULT BY CLERK ENTERED as to *Defendants Best Diamond Funding Corp a California Corporation., Best Diamond Realty Corp. a California Corporation, Milton Retana an individual * (pj) (Entered: 01/14/2010)	

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JAMES ANDREW HINDS, JR. (SBN 71222) 1 jhinds@jhindslaw.com PAUL R. SHANKMAN (SBN 113608) 2 pshankman@jhindslaw.com HANNA B. RAANAN (SBN 261014) 3 hraanan@jhindslaw.com LAW OFFICES OF JAMES ANDREW HINDS, JR. 21515 Hawthorne Blvd. Suite 1150 5 Torrance, California 90503 Telephone: (310) 316-0500 Fax: (310) 792-5977 6 7 Attorneys for Plaintiffs 8 9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 10 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 11 **WEST DISTRICT** 12 13 Case No. CV-09-3740 R (JCx) JUAN CARLOS LEVYA, an 14 individual, RUBY DOMINGUEZ, an individual, JUVENTINO HERNANDEZ, an individual, BONNIE BARRAZA, an individual, and ROSA ANGLADE, an individual, 15 [PROPOSED] ORDER: (1) APPOINTING EDYTHE L. 16 BRONSTON AS TEMPORARY RECEIVER; AND (2) FOR AND TEMPORARY RESTRAINING 17 on behalf of themselves and on behalf of others similarly situated, ORDER 18 Plaintiffs. 19 June 8, 2009 DATE: 20 BEST DIAMOND FUNDING CORP., TIME: 10:00 A.M. a California Corporation; BEST DIAMOND REALTY CORP., a California Corporation; MILTON Courtroom of the Hon. PACE: 21 Manual Real 22 RETANA, an individual: LYDIA CAMPOS, an individual; CINDY 23 RETANA, an individual; DOES 1 through 100 inclusive, 24 25 Defendants. 26 /// 27 l 28 1.

This matter came to be heard upon the Class Plaintiffs' Application for A Temporary Restraining Order and Orders: (1) Freezing Assets; (2) Appointing a Temporary Receiver (3) Requiring Accountings; (4) Prohibiting The Destruction Of Documents, (5) Granting Expedited Discovery; and (6) Order To Show Cause Re Preliminary Injunction and Appointment of A Permanent Receiver (hereinafter referred to as the "Application").

The Court, having considered the Class Plaintiffs' Complaint, the Application, the supporting Memorandum of Points and Authorities, Declarations and Exhibits, the Request to Take Judicial Notice of the matters in Case No. 2:09-CV 09-02398-GW (Rzx) and Case No. No.: 2:08-CR-01433-PJW, the Response, if any, from the Defendants, and all other evidence and argument presented regarding the Application, finds that:

- A. This Court has jurisdiction over the parties to, and the subject matter of, this action;
- B. Good cause exists to believe that Defendants Best Diamond Funding Corp., Best Diamond Realty Corp., Milton Retana, Lydia Campos, and Cindy Retana, and each of them, have engaged in, are engaging in, and are about to engage in transactions, acts, practices and courses of business which constitute violations of Sections 5(a) and 5(c) of the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act") (15 U.S.C. §§ 77e(a), 77e(c)), Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") (15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)), Rule 10b-51(9C.F.R. § 240), and provisions of the Racketeer Influence and Corrupt Organizations Act §§ 1962(a), 1962(c), 1962(d), and related state and common law;
- C. Good cause exists to believe that Defendants Best Diamond Funding Corp., Best Diamond Realty Corp., Milton Retana, Lydia Campos, and Cindy Retana, and each of them, have engaged in, are engaging in, and

are about to engage in transactions, acts, practices and courses of business which constitute violations of Section 17(a) of the Securities Act (15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)), and Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)) and Rule 10b-5 thereunder (17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5);

- D. The Class Plaintiffs have demonstrated a probability of success on the merits in this case and the possibility of dissipation of assets belonging to the Class members;
- E. Good cause exists to believe that an appointment of a temporary receiver for Defendants Best Diamond Funding Corp., Best Diamond Realty Corp., and Milton Retana, and each of them is necessary to identify, preserve and maintain their assets, as well as to manage their affairs pending a final trial on the merits in this matter.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Class Plaintiffs' request for the appointment of a temporary receiver is hereby **GRANTED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Edythe L. Bronston is appointed as temporary receiver of defendants Best Diamond Funding Corp., Best Diamond Realty Corp., and Milton Retana, and their subsidiaries and affiliates (collectively, the "entities in receivership"), with full powers of an equity receiver, including, but not limited to, full power over all funds, assets, collateral, premises (whether owned, leased, occupied, or otherwise controlled), choses in action, books, records, papers and other property belonging to, being managed by or in the possession of or control of any of the entities in receivership and that such receiver is immediately authorized, empowered and directed:

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- A. To have access to and to collect and take custody, control, possession, and charge of all funds, assets, collateral premises (whether owned, leased, occupied, or otherwise controlled), choses in action, books, records, papers and other real or personal property, wherever located, of or managed by any of the entities in receivership with full power to sue, foreclose, marshal, collect, receive, and take into possession all such property;
- B. To have control of, and to be added as the sole authorized signatory for, all accounts of the entities in receivership, and all accounts over which any of their employees or agents have signatory authority, at any bank, title company, escrow agent, financial institution or brokerage firm which has possession, custody or control of any assets or funds of any of the entities in receivership or which maintains any accounts over which any of the entities in receivership or which maintains any accounts over which any of the entities in receivership and/or any of their officers, employees or agents have signatory authority.
- C. To conduct such investigation and discovery as may be necessary to located, account for, and recover all of the assets of or managed by (and to account for and pursue recovery of the losses of) any of the entities in receivership and to engage and employ attorneys, accountants and other persons to assist in such investigation and discovery;
- D. To take such action as is necessary and appropriate to preserve and take control of and to prevent the dissipation, concealment, or disposition of any assets of or managed by any of the entities in receivership;

- E. To make an accounting, as soon as practicable, to this Court and to the Class Plaintiffs of the assets and financial condition of the entities in receivership and the assets under their management, and to file the accounting with the Court and deliver copies thereof to all parties;
- F. To make such payments and disbursements from the funds and assets taken into custody, control and possession or thereafter received by her, and to incur, or authorize the making of, such agreements as may be necessary and advisable in discharging her duties as temporary receiver;
- G. Within 30-days after qualifying, the receiver shall file an inventory of all property possessed under this Order;
- H. Upon taking possession of the Collateral, the receiver shall determine whether or not there is sufficient insurance coverage on the Collateral. If sufficient insurance does exist, the receiver shall arrange to be named as an additional insured on the insurance policy(ies) for the period that the receivership estate shall be in possession of the Collateral. If there is insufficient insurance coverage, it is hereby ordered that the receiver shall have (30) working days to procure said insurance on the Collateral which is not abandoned, provided the receiver has funds available to do so, and during said period said receiver shall not be personally responsible for claims arising or for the procurement of insurance.
- I. Upon the receiver's taking possession of the Receivership Estate the receiver shall determine whether or not there is workers compensation insurance in effect and sufficient insurance coverage on the Collateral. If sufficient insurance does exist,

receiver shall arrange to be named as an additional insured on the insurance policy(ies) for the period that the receivership estate shall be in the possession of the Collateral. If there is insufficient insurance coverage, it is hereby ordered that the receiver shall have authority to procure workers compensation insurance as soon as possible, and any insurance necessary for the Collateral which is not abandoned, with premiums for said insurance being paid from either the Receivership Estate, or from a receiver's Certificate. During said period of procurement, the receiver shall not be personally responsible for any claims arising.

- J. To employ attorneys, accountants, and others to investigate and, where appropriate, to institute, pursue, and prosecute all claims and causes of action of whatever kind and nature which may now or hereafter exist as a result of the activities of the entities in receivership;
- K. To have access to, monitor, and redirect all mail (including e-mail and facsimile) of the entities in receivership in order to review such mail which she deems relates to their business and the discharging of her duties as temporary receiver, and
- L. To employ servants, agents, employees, appraisers, guards, clerks, accountants, and management consultants as necessary to protect and liquidate the Receivership estate and to protect the aforesaid books, records and collateral, as she shall deem the same necessary to protect and liquidate the collateral; to pay the reasonable value of said services out of proceeds of the estate, and that no risk or obligation incurred by said receiver shall be at

- personal risk or obligation of the receiver, but shall be at the risk or obligation of the Receivership estate.
- M. The monies coming into the possession of the Receivership estate and not used for the purposes herein permitted shall be held by the receiver for the payment of the Investor's claims sued upon in the Complaint, subject to such Orders as this Court may hereafter issue as to its disposition.
- N. The receiver is empowered to establish bank accounts at any bank the receiver deems appropriate for the deposit of monies and funds collected and received in connection with his liquidation of the Receivership estate.
- O. The receiver is authorized to institute ancillary proceedings in this state or other states as is necessary to liquidate the Collateral and other assets. Said authority shall include the authority to deal with any international business dealings or operations of the entities in receivership, including collecting income, dealing with letters of credit, or paying expenses as the receiver deems necessary subject to available funds in the estate.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the temporary receiver will disclose to all parties any financial relationship between the receiver and any company she hires to assist in the management of the Receivership estate.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the temporary receiver shall take possession and control of all of the Receivership estate, including, without limitation and assets books, records, or other collateral under the control of or in the possession of the U.S. Attorneys' Office, the FBI, the U.S. Postal

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Inspectors, and/or any other governmental agency affecting the property of entities in receivership.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants Best Diamond Funding Corp., Best Diamond Realty Corp., and Milton Retana, and their subsidiaries and affiliates, and their officers, employees and attorneys, and any other persons who are in custody, possession or control of any assets, collateral, books, records, papers, or other property of or managed by defendants Best Diamond Funding Corp., Best Diamond Realty Corp., and Milton Retana, shall forthwith turn over to the temporary receiver control over all property of

Defendants Best Diamond Funding Corp., Best Diamond Realty Corp., and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no officer agent, servant, employee, or attorney of Best Diamond Funding Corp., Best Diamond Realty Corp., and Milton Retana or their subsidiaries or affiliates shall take any action or purport to take any action, in the name of on behalf of Best Diamond Funding Corp. and/or Best Diamond Realty Corp., or any of their subsidiaries or affiliates, without the written consent of the temporary receiver or further Order of this Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, except by leave of this Court, during the pendency of this receivership, all clients, investors, trust beneficiaries, note holders, creditors, claimants, lessors, and all other persons or entities seeking relief of any kind, in law or in equity from Best Diamond Funding Corp., Best Diamond Realty Corp., and Milton Retana or their subsidiaries or affiliates, and all persons acting on behalf of any such investor, trust

beneficiary, note holder, creditor, claimant, lessor, or other persons, including sheriffs, marshals, servants, agents, employees, and attorneys, are hereby restrained and enjoined from, directly or indirectly, with respect to any of these entities:

- A. commencing, prosecuting, continuing or enforcing any sit or proceeding (other than the present actions by the United States and/or the Class Plaintiffs) against any of them;
- B. using self-help or executing or issuing or causing the execution or issuance of any court attachment, subpoena, replevin, execution or other process for the purpose of impounding or taking possession of or interfering with or creating or enforcing a lien upon any property or property interests owned by or in the possession of any of the entities, wherever situated;
- C. doing any act or thing whatsoever to interfere with taking control, possession or management by the temporary receiver appointed hereunder of the property and assets owned, controlled or managed by or in the possession of any of the entities in receivership, or in any way to interfere with or harass the temporary or her attorneys, accountants, employees or agents or to interfere in any manner with the discharge of the temporary receiver's duties and responsibilities hereunder;
- D. speaking with or attempting to intimidate any of the Class Plaintiffs, their counsel, or those working with or for the Class Plaintiffs and their counsel.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants Best Diamond Funding Corp., Best Diamond Realty Corp., and Milton Retana and their subsidiaries,

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affiliates, officers, agents, servants, employees and attorneys, shall cooperate with and assist the temporary receiver in the marshaling and collection and/or management of the funds, assets, collateral, premises, and chooses in action described above.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all applications for costs, fees and expenses for services rendered in connection with the receivership other than routine and necessary business expenses in conducting the receivership, such as salaries, rent and any and all reasonable operating expenses, shall be made by application setting forth in reasonable detail the nature of the services and shall be heard by this Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the receiver shall file with the Clerk of the Court a receiver's oath and bond as required by California Code of Civil Procedure Section 567 in the amount of \$7,500.00, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the receiver's duties. In addition, the Class Plaintiffs shall file a California Code of Civil Procedure Section 516(b) bond with the Clerk of the Court, with surety thereon, approved by this Court, in the sum of \$

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that representatives of the U.S. Attorney's Office and/or the Class Plaintiffs and their counsel are authorized to have continuing access to inspect or copy and or all of the corporate books and records and other documents entities in receivership, and their subsidiaries and affiliates, and continuing access to inspect their funds, property, assets, negotiable instruments, and collateral, wherever located.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Court retains jurisdiction over the parties and the action for the purpose of implementing and carrying out the terms of all orders and decrees which maybe be entered herein and to entertain any suitable application or motion for additional relief within the jurisdiction of this Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the temporary receiver shall prepare periodic interim statements reflecting the receiver's fees and administrative costs and expenses incurred for said period in the operation and administration of the receivership estate. Upon completion of an interim statement, and the mailing of said statement to the parties' respective attorneys of record or any other designated person or agent, the receiver shall pay from the estate funds, if any, the amount of said statement. Despite the periodic statement of receiver's fees and administrative expenses, such fees and expenses shall be submitted to the Court for its approval and confirmation, in the form of either a noticed interim request for fees, stipulation

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the temporary receiver, or any party to this action, may from time to time, and on due notice to all parties, make application to this Court for further Orders instructing the temporary receiver.

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Hon. MANUAL REAL UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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3	Presented by:
4	By:/s/ James Andrew Hinds, Jr
5	JAMES ANDREW HINDS, JR.
6	HANNA B. RAANAN LAW OFFICES OF JAMES ANDREW HINDS, JR. Attorneys for the Plaintiffs
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PROOF OF SERVICE

I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action. My business address is 21515 Hawthorne Blvd., Suite 1150, Torrance, California 90503.

On the date referenced below, I served the following document described as:

[PROPOSED] ORDER: (1) APPOINTING EDYTHE L. BRONSTON AS TEMPORARY RECEIVER; AND (2) FOR AND TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER

on all other parties to this action by placing a true copy of the above document enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed as follows:

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- /XX/ BY MAIL I placed each such sealed envelope, postage thereon fully prepaid for first-class mail, for collection and mailing at 21515 Hawthorne Blvd., Suite 1150, Torrance, California 90503, following ordinary business practices. I am familiar with the practice of the Law Office of JAMES ANDREW HINDS, JR. for collection and processing of correspondence, said practice being that in the ordinary course of business, correspondence is deposited in the United States Postal Service the same day as it is placed for collection.
- /_/ BY FEDERAL EXPRESS For each person marked with [*] I placed each such sealed Federal Express package in a Federal Express repository for collection located at 21515 Hawthorne Blvd., Suite 1150, Torrance, California 90503.
- I_/ BY FAX For each person marked with [***] I caused a true and correct copy of the document described above to be transmitted by facsimile transmission to the telephone numbers set forth on the attached sheet for the persons names and marked for facsimile transmission.

I declare under penalty of perjury and the laws of the United States of America that the above is true and correct.

Executed on May 29, 2009, at Torrance, California.

/s/ Rodaba Sadozai Rodaba Sadozai

This matter came to be heard upon the Class Plaintiffs' Application for A Preliminary Junction and Orders: (1) Freezing Assets; (2) Appointing a Temporary Receiver (3) Requiring Accountings; (4) Prohibiting The Destruction Of Documents, and (5) Granting Expedited Discovery (hereinafter referred to as the "Application"). The Class Plaintiffs were represented by James Andrew Hinds, Jr. of the Law Offices of James Andrew Hinds, Jr.; the United States was represented by Monica Tait, Assistant U.S. Attorney; no other appearances were noted on the record.

The Court, having considered the Class Plaintiffs' Complaint, the Application, the supporting Memorandum of Points and Authorities, as amended, the Declarations and Exhibits, the Request to Take Judicial Notice of the matters in Case No. 2:09-CV 09-02398-GW (Rzx) and Case No. No.: 2:08-CR-01433-PJW, the Response of the United States, and all other evidence and argument presented regarding the Application, finds that:

- A. This Court has jurisdiction over the parties to, and the subject matter of, this action;
- B. Good cause exists to believe that Defendants Best Diamond Funding Corp., Best Diamond Realty Corp., Milton Retana, Lydia Campos, and Cindy Retana, and each of them, have engaged in, are engaging in, and are about to engage in transactions, acts, practices and courses of business which constitute violations of Sections 5(a) and 5(c) of the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act") (15 U.S.C. §§ 77e(a), 77e(c)), Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") (15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)), Rule 10b-51(9C.F.R. § 240), and provisions of the Racketeer Influence and Corrupt Organizations Act §§ 1962(a), 1962(c), 1962(d), and related state and common law;

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- D. The Class Plaintiffs have demonstrated a probability of success on the merits in this case and the possibility of dissipation of assets belonging to the Class members;
- E. Good cause exists to believe that an appointment of a receiver for Defendants Best Diamond Funding Corp., Best Diamond Realty Corp., Milton Retana, Lydia Campos, and Cindy Retana, and each of them is necessary to identify, preserve and maintain their assets, as well as to manage their affairs pending a final trial on the merits in this matter.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Class Plaintiffs' request for the appointment of a receiver is hereby **GRANTED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Theodore H. Latty is appointed as receiver of defendants Best Diamond Funding Corp., Best Diamond Realty Corp., Milton Retana, Lydia Campos, and Cindy Retana, and each of them, and their subsidiaries and affiliates (collectively, the "entities in receivership"), with full powers of an equity receiver, including, but not limited to, full power over all funds, assets, collateral, premises (whether owned, leased, occupied, or otherwise controlled), choses in action, books, records, papers and other property belonging to, being managed by or in the possession of or control of

any of the entities in receivership and that such receiver is immediately authorized, empowered and directed:

- A. To have access to and to collect and take custody, control, possession, and charge of all funds, assets, collateral premises (whether owned, leased, occupied, or otherwise controlled), choses in action, books, records, papers and other real or personal property, wherever located, of or managed by any of the entities in receivership with full power to sue, foreclose, marshal, collect, receive, and take into possession all such property;
- B. To have control of, and to be added as the sole authorized signatory for, all accounts of the entities in receivership, and all accounts over which any of their employees or agents have signatory authority, at any bank, title company, escrow agent, financial institution or brokerage firm which has possession, custody or control of any assets or funds of any of the entities in receivership or which maintains any accounts over which any of the entities in receivership or which maintains any accounts over which any of the entities in receivership and/or any of their officers, employees or agents have signatory authority.
- C. To conduct such investigation and discovery as may be necessary to located, account for, and recover all of the assets of or managed by (and to account for and pursue recovery of the losses of) any of the entities in receivership and to engage and employ attorneys, accountants and other persons to assist in such investigation and discovery;
- D. To take such action as is necessary and appropriate to preserve and take control of and to prevent the dissipation, concealment, or

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disposition of any assets of or managed by any of the entities in receivership;

- E. To make an accounting, as soon as practicable, to this Court and to the Class Plaintiffs of the assets and financial condition of the entities in receivership and the assets under their management. and to file the accounting with the Court and deliver copies thereof to all parties;
- F. To make such payments and disbursements from the funds and assets taken into custody, control and possession or thereafter received by him, and to incur, or authorize the making of, such agreements as may be necessary and advisable in discharging his duties as receiver;**
- G. Within 30-days after qualifying, the receiver shall file an inventory of all property possessed under this Order;
- Н. Upon taking possession of the Collateral, the receiver shall determine whether or not there is sufficient insurance coverage on the Collateral. If sufficient insurance does exist, the receiver shall arrange to be named as an additional insured on the insurance policy(ies) for the period that the receivership estate shall be in possession of the Collateral. If there is insufficient insurance coverage, it is hereby ordered that the receiver shall have (30) working days to procure said insurance on the Collateral which is not abandoned, provided the receiver has funds available to do so, and during said period said receiver shall not be personally responsible for claims arising or for the procurement of insurance.
- 1. Upon the receiver's taking possession of the Receivership Estate the receiver shall determine whether or not there is workers

compensation insurance in effect and sufficient insurance coverage on the Collateral. If sufficient insurance does exist, receiver shall arrange to be named as an additional insured on the insurance policy(ies) for the period that the receivership estate shall be in the possession of the Collateral. If there is insufficient insurance coverage, it is hereby ordered that the receiver shall have authority to procure workers compensation insurance as soon as possible, and any insurance necessary for the Collateral which is not abandoned, with premiums for said insurance being paid from either the Receivership Estate, or from a receiver's Certificate. During said period of procurement, the receiver shall not be personally responsible for any claims arising.

- J. To employ attorneys, accountants, and others to investigate and, where appropriate, to institute, pursue, and prosecute all claims and causes of action of whatever kind and nature which may now or hereafter exist as a result of the activities of the entities in receivership;
- K. To have access to, monitor, and redirect all mail (including e-mail and facsimile) of the entities in receivership in order to review such mail which she deems relates to their business and the discharging of his duties as receiver, and
- L. To employ servants, agents, employees, appraisers, guards, clerks, accountants, and management consultants as necessary to protect and liquidate the Receivership estate and to protect the aforesaid books, records and collateral, as she shall deem the same necessary to protect and liquidate the collateral; to pay the reasonable value of said services out of proceeds of the estate,

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and that no risk or obligation incurred by said receiver shall be at personal risk or obligation of the receiver, but shall be at the risk or obligation of the Receivership estate.

- The monies coming into the possession of the Receivership estate M. and not used for the purposes herein permitted shall be held by the receiver for the payment of the Investor's claims sued upon in the Complaint, subject to such Orders as this Court may hereafter issue as to its disposition.
- The receiver is empowered to establish bank accounts at any N. bank the receiver deems appropriate for the deposit of monies and funds collected and received in connection with his liquidation of the Receivership estate.
- The receiver is authorized to institute ancillary proceedings in this Ο. state or other states as is necessary to liquidate the Collateral and other assets. Said authority shall include the authority to deal with any international business dealings or operations of the entities in receivership, including collecting income, dealing with letters of credit, or paying expenses as the receiver deems necessary subject to available funds in the estate.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the receiver will disclose to all parties any financial relationship between the receiver and any company he hires to assist in the management of the Receivership estate.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the receiver shall take possession and control of all of the Receivership estate.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants Best Diamond Funding Corp., Best Diamond Realty Corp., Milton Retana, Lydia Campos, and Cindy Retana, and each of them, and their subsidiaries and affiliates, and their officers, employees and attorneys, and any other persons who are in custody, possession or control of any assets, collateral, books, records, papers, or other property of or managed by defendants Best Diamond Funding Corp., Best Diamond Realty Corp., and Milton Retana, shall forthwith turn over to the receiver control over all property of Defendants Best Diamond Funding Corp., Best Diamond Realty Corp., Milton Retana, Lydia Campos, and Cindy Retana, and each of them.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that nothing in this order shall grant the receiver greater powers or rights to assets or documents (1) in the custody or control of the United States, its officers, or agents, acting in their official capacities, or (2) named as defendants in rem in any civil forfeiture proceeding filed prior to the time plaintiffs' complaint was filed, than those powers and rights possessed by the receivership entities themselves prior to creation of the receivership.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no officer agent, servant, employee, or attorney of Best Diamond Funding Corp., Best Diamond Realty Corp., Milton Retana, Lydia Campos, and Cindy Retana, and each of them, or their subsidiaries or affiliates shall take any action or purport to take any action, in the name of on behalf of Best Diamond Funding Corp. and/or Best Diamond Realty Corp., Milton Retana, Lydia Campos, and Cindy Retana, and each of them, or any of their subsidiaries or affiliates, without the written consent of the receiver or further Order of this Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, except by leave of this Court, during the pendency of this receivership, all clients, investors, trust beneficiaries, note holders, creditors, claimants, lessors, and all other persons or entities seeking relief of any kind, in law or in equity from Best Diamond Funding Corp., Best Diamond Realty Corp., Milton Retana, Lydia Campos, and Cindy Retana, and each of them, or their subsidiaries or affiliates, and all persons acting on behalf of any such investor, trust beneficiary, note holder, creditor, claimant, lessor, or other persons, including sheriffs, marshals, servants, agents, employees, and attorneys, are hereby restrained and enjoined from, directly or indirectly, with respect to any of these entities:

- A. commencing, prosecuting, continuing or enforcing any sit or proceeding (other than the present actions by the United States and/or the Class Plaintiffs) against any of them;
- B. using self-help or executing or issuing or causing the execution or issuance of any court attachment, subpoena, replevin, execution or other process for the purpose of impounding or taking possession of or interfering with or creating or enforcing a lien upon any property or property interests owned by or in the possession of any of the entities, wherever situated;
- C. doing any act or thing whatsoever to interfere with taking control, possession or management by the receiver appointed hereunder of the property and assets owned, controlled or managed by or in the possession of any of the entities in receivership, or in any way to interfere with or harass the receivership or his attorneys, accountants, employees or agents or to interfere in any manner with the discharge of the receiver's duties and responsibilities hereunder;

D. speaking with or attempting to intimidate any of the Class Plaintiffs, their counsel, or those working with or for the Class Plaintiffs and their counsel.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants Best Diamond Funding Corp., Best Diamond Realty Corp., Milton Retana, Lydia Campos, and Cindy Retana, and each of them, and their subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, agents, servants, employees and attorneys, shall cooperate with and assist the receiver in the marshaling and collection and/or management of the funds, assets, collateral, premises, and chooses in action described above.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all applications for costs, fees and expenses for services rendered in connection with the receivership other than routine and necessary business expenses in conducting the receivership, such as salaries, rent and any and all reasonable operating expenses, shall be made by application setting forth in reasonable detail the nature of the services and shall be heard by this Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the receiver shall file with the Clerk of the Court a receiver's oath and bond as required by California Code of Civil Procedure Section 567 in the amount of \$7,500.00, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the receiver's duties. The Class Plaintiffs are not required to post a bond under California Code of Civil Procedure Section 516(b).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that representatives of the U.S. Attorney's Office and/or the Class Plaintiffs and their counsel are authorized to have

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continuing access to inspect or copy and or all of the corporate books and records and other documents entities in receivership, and their subsidiaries and affiliates, and continuing access to inspect their funds, property, assets, negotiable instruments, and collateral, wherever located.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Court retains jurisdiction over the parties and the action for the purpose of implementing and carrying out the terms of all orders and decrees which maybe be entered herein and to entertain any suitable application or motion for additional relief within the jurisdiction of this Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the receiver shall prepare periodic interim statements reflecting the receiver's fees and administrative costs and expenses incurred for said period in the operation and administration of the receivership estate. Upon completion of an interim statement, and the mailing of said statement to the parties' respective attorneys of record or any other designated person or agent, the receiver shall pay from the estate funds, if any, the amount of said statement. Despite the periodic statement of receiver's fees and administrative expenses, such fees and expenses shall be submitted to the Court for its approval and confirmation, in the form of either a noticed interim request for fees, stipulation among the parties, or receiver's final account and report.

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action. My business address is 21515 Hawthorne Blvd. Suite 1150, Torrance, California 90503.

On the date referenced below, I served the following document described as:

ORDER: (1) APPOINTING THEODORE H. LATTY AS RECEIVER; AND (2) FOR AND PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

on all other parties to this action by placing a true copy of the above document enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed as follows:

James A. Bowman, Esq. Assistant United States Attorney 1100 United States Courthouse 312 North Spring Street Los Angles, CA 90012 james.bowman@usdoj.gov (f): (213) 894-6269

Stanley I. Greenberg Stanley I. Greenberg Law Offices 6080 Center Drive, Suite 800 Los Angeles, CA 90045-1574 Stanmanlaw@aol.com (f): (310) 215-7736

Theodore H. Latty, Esq. Highes Hubbard & Reeed LLP 350 South Grand Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90071-3442 latty@higheshubbard.com

Milton Retana - 55601-112 Metropolitan Detention Center, LA 535 N Alameda St. Los Angeles, CA 90012

Monica Tait, Esq. Assistant United States Attorney Monica.Tait@usdoj.gov

- /XX/ BY MAIL I placed each such sealed envelope, postage thereon fully prepaid for first-class mail, for collection and mailing at 21515 Hawthorne Blvd., Suite 1150, Torrance, California 90503, following ordinary business practices. I am familiar with the practice of the Law Office of JAMES ANDREW HINDS, JR. for collection and processing of correspondence, said practice being that in the ordinary course of business, correspondence is deposited in the United States Postal Service the same day as it is placed for collection. collection.
- BY FEDERAL EXPRESS For each person marked with [*] I placed each such sealed Federal Express package in a Federal Express repository for collection located at 21515 Hawthorne Blvd., Suite 1150, Torrance, California 90503.
- /_/ BY FAX For each person marked with [***] I caused a true and correct copy of the document described above to be transmitted by facsimile transmission to the telephone numbers set forth on the attached sheet for the persons names and marked for facsimile transmission.

I declare under penalty of perjury and the laws of the United States of America that the above is true and correct.

Executed on June 12, 2009, at Torrance, California.

<u>/s/ Rodaba S</u>adozai Rodaba Sadozai

Tait, Monica (USACAC)

From:

Nathan Wiebe [nwiebe@CaseScience.com]

Sent:

Tuesday, January 12, 2010 5:22 PM

To: Cc: Tait, Monica (USACAC)

Dennis Murphy

Subject:

Special Master

Attachments:

DMM 2010 Fees.pdf

Ms. Tait,

It was a pleasure speaking with you today.

I have attached our billing rates for 2010. We agree to cap our rate at a blended figure of \$190/hr.

Thanks,

Nathan Wiebe Dennis Murphy, CPA 626-794-0288

DENNIS M. MURPHY, CPA, CIRA 2010 PROFESSIONAL HOURLY BILLING RATES

• Principal: Dennis M. Murphy	\$400.00
• Senior Manager: Stephen J. Baumgartner	\$350.00
• Senior Analyst/Manager: Nathan Wiebe	\$260.00
• Senior Accountant: Dickson Hung, CPA	\$260.00
• Senior Accountant: Adele R. Warner	\$220.00
• Senior Accountant: Chris Yau, CPA	\$200.00
• Accountant: Sheldon Chan, CPA	\$140.00
• Analyst: Bonnie Huang	\$140.00
Paraprofessional: Ed Cantrell	\$140.00

Tait, Monica (USACAC)

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Sent:

Wednesday, January 13, 2010 10:30 AM

To:

Tait, Monica (USACAC)

Cc:

Dennis Murphy

Subject:

RE: Special Master

Sure thing. I wrote up this small example for you:

In this fictitious case we billed a total of 20 hours, with Bonnie and Dennis doing equal amounts of work.

Bonnie Huang Dennis Murphy

Hourly	Billable	Billed
Rate	Hours	Amount
140	10	1400
400	10	4000

20	\$ 5,400
Hourly Rate	
(5400/20)	\$ 270

Since billable hourly rate exceeds \$190, we would recalculate as follows:

Hourly	Billable	Billed
Rate	Hours	Amount
190	20	3800

Thus, resulting in a savings of \$1,600.

One of our firm's main objectives when working a case is to get the job done at the best cost for those who have been defrauded. This works out well for parties we serve, as if 100% of the work has to be done by Dennis, you would not be billed his \$400/hr rate.

Additionally, if the hourly rate is lower than \$190, then no adjustments are made (we will not raise our rates if the average is lower than \$190).

I hope illustration clarifies the issue.

Talk to you soon.

-Nathan

From: Tait, Monica (USACAC) [mailto:Monica.Tait@usdoj.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2010 9:00 AM

To: Nathan Wiebe Cc: Dennis Murphy

Subject: RE: Special Master

Nathan,

Thank you. Could you please clarify once more how the "blended" figure works?

Thanks again,

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Sent:

Friday, January 15, 2010 11:36 AM

To: Subject: Nathan Wiebe; Tait, Monica (USACAC) RE: affidavit; Best Diamond Funding

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Dennis M. Murphy, CPA & CIRA

(626) 794-0288 / 7298 (Fax) www.DennisMurphyCPA.com

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Nathan

From: Tait, Monica (USACAC) [mailto:Monica.Tait@usdoj.gov]

Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2010 3:13 PM

To: Dennis Murphy; Nathan Wiebe

Subject: affidavit; Best Diamond Funding

Dennis,

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Thank you,

Monica Tait

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The United States Attorney's Office

Central District of California

Pending Case Updates

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Best Diamond Funding

The government seized approximately \$12 million from Best Diamond Funding and Milton Retana. Retana has agreed to give up ownership of the funds. The government has filed a motion asking the Court to appoint a neutral third party (a "Special Master") to perform loss calculations for victim investors. The items below are copies of the government's motion and related filings (Click on them to view and print).

Notice of Motion And Motion For Appointment of A Special Master

Exhibits

Proposed Order Appointing Special Master

US v. Siddigi and Rebollo

These defendants were former employees of Countrywide Mortgage Loans. They obtained personal data of Countrywide mortgage holders and sold that data to others outside the company. It is unknown if your information was sold, therefore, you may want to check your credit rating with all three credit reporting bureaus to ensure there is no fraudulent activity on your accounts. The three credit reporting bureaus are: Experian, www.experian..com; 888-397-3742; Equifax, www.equifax.com; 800-685-1111 and Trans Union, www.tuc.com; 800-916-8800.

To learn about court events, please call 888-228-0315 and listen for the updates for US v Rebolo and US v Siddiqi.

In addition, the link below from Countrywide provides information.

http://mycountrywide.com/media/securityalert.html

Siddiqi Indictment

Rebollo Indictment

EXHIBIT

US v. James Michael McGary

US v. James Michael McGary is a mail/wire fraud case involving 10,000 plus victims. The defendant used credit card numbers of other individuals to purchase items from the Internet from www.wherehouse.com, www.nejewelry.com, www.buy.com, www.crunkgrillz.com and www.csn.com.

As the individual victims cannot be fully identified, we suggest if you use the Internet to order products, you may wish to check your credit reports to ensure you have no fraudulent activity. You may request your credit report using www.freecreditreport.com or, www.equifax.com, www.experian.com or www.tuc.com.

US v. Henry Walther, et al; CR 07-153

This mail fraud, lottery scam case solicited approximately 6,000 victims to participate in an international lottery. The involved fraudulent business names used were, Shamrock Agency, German Swiss Group, World Expert Fund, Mutual Medical Insurance Co., Old Amsterdam Trust Co., Euro American Fax Co., European Union Commission, EU American Payment Co., Global Search Network, North American Foreign Payments Services, Worldwide Verification Service, collectively known as "Fraudulent Lottery and Pension Companies".

It is anticipated trial will be in November, 2007.

US v. Gerald Sullivan CR 07-153

Sentencing on 3/13/08

US v. Kristine Eubanks CR 07-154

Status Hearing on 3/13/08

Status Conference on 9/24/08 at 3:00 regarding sentencing. Sentencing continued to 2/23/09 @ 2:30 PM

If you wish to submit an informal victim impact statement detailing the impact of the crime upon you and the money you lost to the defendant, you may fax your statement to Victim Unit, 213-534-7375, RE: US v Kristine Eubanks, or, you can mail to Victim Unit, 312 N. Spring St., 17th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

US v. James Moblev

Solicited funds to operate an auction program on DirectTV and Dish Network that offered genuine artwork/jewelry. Items were not genuine.

10,000+ victims nationally

DBA's: Fine Arts Treasures; Fine Arts Gallery, International Giclee Print, Inc., Finer Image giclee Ltd. Finer Image Printers & Publishers, Fine Art Printmaker, Stellas Sales, good Imaging Printing, Image Editions Marketing, Fine Art Network, Morei, Inc. and Finer Images Editions.

Both defendants have pled guilty and are scheduled for sentencing 09/24/07 @ 11:30 before Judge Alicemarie Stotler.

US v. Marc Wilson et al CR 04-476

Sold credit card protection plans

30,000+ victims nationally - many elderly

DBA's: OPCO International Inc., American Fraud Watch Services and Debt Service International.

Defendants are in Canadian custody awaiting extradition.

US v. Scott Walther et al CR 07-134

Fraudulent Lottery Scam - solicited fees to enter international lotteries

7,000+ victims nationally

DBA's: Shamrock Agency, German Swiss Group, World Expert Fund, Mutual Medical Insurance Co., Old Amsterdam Trust Co., Euro American Fax Co., European Union Commission, EU American Payment Co., Global Search Network, North American Foreign Payments Services, Worldwide Verification Service.

Charges were filed 02/28/07; defendants are in various stages of incarceration.

PROOF OF SERVICE BY MAIL

I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action. I am employed by the Office of the United States
Attorney, Central District of California. My business address is
312 North Spring Street, Suite 1400, Los Angeles, California
90012.

On January 15, 2010, I served a PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSE TO
"STATEMENT OF POSITION" FILED BY JUAN CARLOS LEYVA AND FOUR OTHER
VICTIMS (DOCKET NO. 27) REGARDING MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF A
SPECIAL MASTER; DECLARATIONS AND EXHIBITS IN SUPPORT on each
person or entity named below by enclosing a copy in an envelope
addressed as shown below and placing the envelope for collection
and mailing on the date and at the place shown below following
our ordinary office practices.

TO: See Attached Service List

X I am readily familiar with the practice of this office for collection and processing correspondence for mailing. On the same day that correspondence is placed for collection and mailing, it is deposited in the ordinary course of business with the United States Postal Service in a sealed envelope with postage fully prepaid.

___ Via fax

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

I declare that I am employed in the office of a member of the bar of this court at whose direction the service was made.

Executed on: January 15, 2010 at Los Angeles, California.

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Responses, Replies and Other Motion Related Documents

2:09-cv-02398-RGK-RZ United States of America v. \$6,874,561.25 in Funds From Six Wells Fargo Bank Accounts et al

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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2:09-cv-2398 Notice has been electronically mailed to:

Monica E Tait USACAC.Criminal@usdoj.gov, monica.tait@usdoj.gov

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Juan Carlos Leyva

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