### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO. 04-60573 CIV-MORENO Magistrate Judge Garber

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

MUTUAL BENEFITS CORP., JOEL STEINGER a/k/a JOEL STEINER, LESLIE STEINGER a/k/a LESLIE STEINER, and PETER LOMBARDI,

Defendants,

VIATICAL BENEFACTORS, LLC, VIATICAL SERVICES, INC., KENSINGTON MANAGEMENT, INC., RAINY CONSULTING CORP.
TWIN GROVES INVESTMENTS, INC., P.J.L. CONSULTING, INC., SKS CONSULTING, INC., and CAMDEN CONSULTING, INC.,

Relief Defendants.

KOZYAK TROPIN & THROCKMORTON, P.A.'S TWELFTH REQUEST FOR INTERIM COMPENSATION TO PAY ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS AND MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

(May 1, 2008 - June 30, 2008)

Pursuant to Court Order, all objections to this Twelfth Application must be filed and served within ten (10) days of this Twelfth Application.

David L. Rosendorf, a Shareholder of Kozyak Tropin & Throckmorton, P.A. ("KTT") submits this Eleventh Application for an award of interim attorney's fees and costs incurred by KTT as counsel to the Receiver, Roberto Martínez (the "Receiver") for the period May 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008 (the "Application Period").

KTT submits this Twelfth Application at the request of the Receiver. This Application reflects KTT's agreement to reduce its fees by \$645.00 based on the reduction of KTT's billing rates from the firm's normal hourly rates (which reductions were reflected in the original fee application). This reduction is without prejudice to KTT making a future application to recover the reduction based on results obtained and the success of the Receivership.

In support of this Twelfth Application, the undersigned submits the following:

- 1. Attached as Exhibit "1" is a Summary of the Fees incurred by KTT in its representation of the Receiver for the Application Period. Costs are posted through June 30, 2008.
- 2. Attached as Exhibit "2" is a summary of all KTT timekeepers, their billing rates, and the total hours that were charged by each timekeeper. All time has been billed at the reduced agreed upon rate. All partners are billed at \$350.00/hour. All non-partner timekeepers are billed at 15% below their regular hourly billing rate. As set forth above, savings to the receivership reflected in these negotiated discounts for this time period is approximately \$645.00. In certain instances, time billed to one category could have been appropriately billed to a different category or several different categories, however, in some instances it was very difficult, if not impossible, to divide the time between categories.
  - 3. Attached as Exhibit "3" is KTT's complete time records, in chronological order,

by activity code category, for the time period covered by this application. In appropriate instances, the attached time records have been redacted (with black marker) to protect confidential and privilege communications.

- 4. Attached as Exhibit "4" is the summary of costs. Total costs for which KTT seeks reimbursement are \$238.60.
  - 5. The services rendered in each major category can be summarized as follows:
- a. <u>Asset Disposition</u>. [\$7,108.25]. KTT prepared for and attended the hearing on the Receiver's Motion to Authorize Potential Sale of Viatical Services, Inc. ("VSI"). In light of the Court's approval of such Motion, KTT attended multiple meetings regarding the potential acquisition of VSI and reviewed a draft of VSI's servicing agreement.

KTT further prepared a motion to amend the engagement of Life Settlement Insights, LLC ("LSI") to include the auction sale of policies designated for sale pursuant to the disposition process directed by this Court, reviewed LSI's revised bid solicitation and worked on preparations for the LSI auction sale.

- b. <u>Business Operations</u>. [\$828.75]. KTT's efforts in this area focused on the continued assistance in the management of the operations of the Receivership Entities and resolving issues with banks.
- c. <u>Investor and Agent Communications</u>. [\$340.00]. KTT continues to assist the Receiver with investor communications.
- d. <u>Case Administration</u>. [\$1,810.50]. KTT attended a group meeting concerning several pending issues and handled administrative matters, including reviewing the proposed insurer

bar order and draft notice from MetLife regarding administration order.

- e. <u>Claims Administration and Objections</u> [\$280.00]. Minimal time was charged to this category regarding claims administration process.
- f. <u>Fee/Employment Applications (Professionals)</u>. [\$637.50]. KTT reviewed and finalized its Eleventh Interim Fee Application during this application period.
- g. <u>General Litigation</u>. [\$1,785.00]. KTT continuously reviews and monitors incoming pleadings.
- 6. For the Application Period, KTT seeks reimbursement for 45.7 hours of attorney and paraprofessional time. The total amount of fees sought during the application period is \$12,790.00, reflecting the negotiated discounts totaling approximately \$645.00. Total expenses sought by KTT for the application period are \$238.60.
- 7. I have carefully reviewed the attached exhibits and I am responsible for supervising all of the attorneys in my firm on the case. I certify that the hours expended and the costs incurred were necessary and reasonable to represent the Receiver during the Application Period.

#### MEMORANDUM OF LAW

When determining the award of attorneys' fees, the Court should give consideration to the factors for compensation that the Eleventh Circuit articulated in Norman v. Housing Authority of City of Montgomery, 836 F.2d 1292 (11th Cir. 1988) - (1) the time and labor properly employed by the attorneys in processing the case; (2) the quality of services rendered; (3) the scope of the activity and conspiracy under attack; (4) the financial risk involved; (5) the magnitude, complexity and novelty of the issues involved; (6) the beneficial results obtained; and (6) the degree to which, if any,

effort were supported by prior governmental action. KTT respectfully suggests that its application meets all of the criteria for this interim request for compensation. The Receiver, with the assistance of KTT, has stabilized operations, secured assets, sought to reduce expenses, and begin the disposition process, which is a critical condition precedent to distributing assets to the investors.

WHEREFORE, KOZYAK, TROPIN & THROCKMORTON, P.A., by and through undersigned counsel, respectfully requests that this Court enter an Order Authorizing the Payment of \$12,790.00 in fees and reimbursement of \$238.60 in costs for the Application Period. A proposed form of Order is attached.

Dated: October 16, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2008, I electronically filed the foregoing document with the Clerk of the Court using CM/ECF. I also certify that the foregoing document is being served this day on all counsel of record or pro se parties identified on the attached Service List in the manner specified, either via transmission of Notices of Electronic Filing generated by CM/ECF or in some other authorized manner for those counsel of parties who are not authorized to receive electronically Notices of Electronic Filing.

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#### SUMMARY OF TWELFTH REQUEST FOR INTERIM COMPENSATION OF FEES AND COSTS OF KOZYAK TROPIN & THROCKMORTON, P. A.

1	Name of Applicant	Kozyak Tropin & Throckmorton, P. A.
2	Role of Applicant	Co-Counsel for Receiver
3	Name of certifying professional	David L. Rosendorf
4	Date Receiver appointed	May 4, 2004
5	Date of application for employment	May 26, 2004
6	Date of Order approving employment	June 3, 2004
7	Dates of services rendered	May 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008
8	Total fees requested for this period	\$12,790.00
9	Total expenses requested for this period	\$238.60
10	Total fees and expenses requested to be awarded	\$13,028.60

#### **HISTORY OF FEE APPLICATIONS**

Application	Application Period	Date	Amount	Amount	Date
Number		Submitted	Requested	Awarded	Awarded
1	5/4/04 - 6/18/04	07/08/04	\$ 376,040.99	\$376,065.00	10/27/04;
(as amended)			<u> </u>		12/16/04
2	6/19/04 - 9/30/04	12/07/04	\$ 225,468.06	\$200,000.00	06/01/05
3	10/1/04 - 1/31/05	03/11/05	\$ 112,200.17	\$100,000.00	06/01/05
4	2/1/05 - 6/30/05	07/15/05	\$ 157,848.67	\$111,383,00	08/18/05
5	7/1/05 - 9/30/05	11/14/05	\$ 73,100.98	\$ 52,887.23	02/08/06
6	10/1/05 - 12/31/05	03/08/06	\$ 65,833,05	\$ 50,000.00	05/03/06

7	1/31/06 - 5/31/06	08/02/06	\$	93,088.85	\$ 83,659.00	10/25/06
8	6/1/06 12/31/06	02/13/07	\$	111,734.17	\$105,782.67	05/07/07
9	1/1/07 - 10/31/07	12/12/07	\$	215,300.55	\$186,231.55	12/19/07
10	11/1/07 - 2/29/08	03/17/08	\$	76,724.19	Pending	Pending
11	3/1/08 - 4/30/08	7/21/08	\$	47,495.06	\$ 47,495.06	08/27/08
12	5/1/08 - 6/30/08	9/ /08	\$	13,028.60	Pending	Pending
TOTAL			\$1	,567,863.34	\$1,313,503.5	1

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EXHIBIT 2
Summary of Professionals And Paraprofessional Time

Attorney Name CONTRERAS-MARTINEZ, CARMEN	Associate	Licensed 1996	Hours 13.60	Rate . 212.50	Fee 2,890.00
ROSENDORF, DAVID L.	Pärtner	1994	26.10	350.00	9,135.00
YAMILE C. CASTRO	Paralegal	n/a	6.00	127.50	765.00
Total Hours by Professionals and Parag	professionals:				45.70
"Blended" Hourly Rate:				•	279.87
Total Professionals and Paraprofession	als Fees:				12,790.00

<sup>\*</sup> Indicate any changes in hourly rates during this Application and the date of such change

<sup>\*\*</sup> Indicate "blended" hourly rate.

#### Summary of Professional And Paraprofessional Time by Activity Code Category

Attorney Name	Licensed	Hours	Rate	Fee
ROSENDORF, DAVID L.	1994	20.20	350.00	7,070.00
YAMILE C. CASTRO	n/a	0.30	127.50	38,25
Total for Category ASSET DISPOSITION		20,50	346.74	7,108.25
CONTRERAS-MARTINEZ, CARMEN	1996	3,90	212.50	828,75
Total for Category BUSINESS OPERATIONS		3.90	212,50	828.75
- CONTRERAS-MARTINEZ, CARMEN	1996	1.60	212,50	340.00
Total for Category INVESTOR AND AGENT COMMUNICATION	ATIONS	1.60	212.50	340.00
- ROSENDORF, DAVID L.	1994	5,10	350.00	1,785.00
YAMILE C. CASTRO	n/a	0.20	127.50	25.50
Total for Category CASE ADMINISTRATION		5.30	341.60	1,810,50
ROSENDORF, DAVID L.	1994	0.80	350.00	280.00
Total for Category CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION AND OBJ	ECTIONS	08.0	350.00	280,00

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YAMILE C. CASTRO	. n/a	5.00	127.50	637.50
Total for Category		5.00	127.50	637,50
FEE/EMPLOYMENT APPLICAT	TONS (PROFESSION)	ALS)		
- CONTRERAS-MARTINEZ, CAR	:MEN 1996	8.10	212.50	1,721.25
YAMILE C. CASTRO	n/a	0,50	127.50	63.75
Total for Category LITIGATION		8.60	207.56	1,785,00
Grand Total		45.70	279.87	12,790.00

## Summary of Requested Reimbursement Of Expenses for this Time Period Only

1,	Filing Fees \$0.00
2.	Process Service Fees \$0.00
3.	Witness Fees \$0.00
4.	Court Reporter & Transcripts \$0.00
5.	Lien and Title Searches \$0,00
6.	Photocopies
7.	Postage \$0,00
8.	Overnight Delivery Charges
9,	Outside Courier/Messenger Service \$72.40
10.	Long Distance Telephone Charges
11,	Fax Transmissions \$0.00
12.	Computerized Research
13.	Travel Expenses
14,	Other
тот	AL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT REQUESTED \$238.60

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# PROPOSED ORDER

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

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Defendants,

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TWIN GROVES INVESTMENTS, INC., P.J.L. CONSULTING, INC., SKS CONSULTING, INC., and CAMDEN CONSULTING, INC.,

Relief Defendants.

#### <u>ORDER</u>

THIS CAUSE came before the Court on Kozyak Tropin and Throckmorton, P.A.'s Twelfth Request for Interim Compensation to Pay Attorneys' Fees and Costs (D.E. No. \_\_\_\_\_), filed on October 16, 2008.

THE COURT has considered the motion and the pertinent portions of the record, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, it is

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ORDERED and ADJUDGED that the motion is GRANTED and Receiver, Roberto

Martinez is hereby authorized to pay Kozyak Tropin & Throckmorton, P.A. (i) Attorneys' Fees in the

amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_\_ which represents reasonable fees and costs incurred during the

Application Period, and (ii) reimbursement for the costs in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_\_.

DONE and ORDERED in Chambers at Miami-Dade County, Florida on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of
\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2008. .

HON. FEDERICO A. MORENO
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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