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#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

#### DISTRICT OF UTAH

R. WAYNE KLEIN, the Court-Appointed Receiver of U.S. Ventures LC, Winsome Investment Trust, and the assets of Robert J. Andres and Robert L. Holloway,

Case No.

Plaintiff,

**COMPLAINT** 

vs.

DANIEL BEHLES, an individual; and BEHLES LAW FIRM, P.C, a New Mexico Professional Corporation.

Defendants.

Plaintiff R. Wayne Klein, the Court-Appointed Receiver (the "Receiver") of U.S.

Ventures LC ("US Ventures"), Winsome Investment Trust ("Winsome"), and all of the assets of

Robert J. Andres ("Andres") and Robert L. Holloway ("Holloway") (collectively the "Receivership Defendants"), by and through his undersigned counsel, states and alleges as follows:

# **NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING**

- 1. The Receivership Defendants had been operating a classic Ponzi scheme since at least 2005 by obtaining funds from investors through violation of the federal commodities laws and using the funds from investors to pay bogus returns to earlier investors. In the course of the Ponzi scheme, the Receivership Defendants made material misrepresentations and omissions, misappropriated funds, and committed fraud as a commodity pool operator, all in violation of the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA").
- 2. On January 24, 2011, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "CFTC") filed a Complaint against US Ventures, Winsome, Andres, and Holloway in United States

  District Court for the District of Utah, Case No. 2:11CV00099 BSJ (the "CFTC Action"). This suit alleges, among other things, that US Ventures, Winsome, Andres, and Holloway operated an investment program in violation of the registration, licensing, and anti-fraud requirements of the federal commodities laws. In essence, the CFTC alleges that the Receivership Defendants engaged in a Ponzi scheme whereby over \$50 million was fraudulently taken from investors.
- 3. On January 25, 2011, the Receiver was appointed to act as receiver in connection with the CFTC Action, and on September 28, 2011, the Court entered an Order Reappointing Receiver.

- 4. On October 4, 2011, the Receiver filed a Notice of Receivership with the District of New Mexico pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 754.
- 5. The instant action is brought by the Receiver as part of his continuing duty to: (i) recapture and return investor funds that were sent to US Ventures and Winsome and then diverted by the Receivership Defendants in the course of their massive Ponzi scheme, and (ii) avoid fraudulent transfers, seek a constructive trust, and obtain other provisional remedies and recover damages.

### THE DEFENDANTS

- 6. Defendant Daniel Behles ("Behles") was the attorney for one or more of the Receivership Defendants, and represented the Receivership Defendants, inter alia, in their efforts to purchase certain intellectual property (the "Intellectual Property") from the Aerospace Consulting Corporation ("Aerospace"). On information and belief, Behles is a citizen of New Mexico.
- 7. Defendant Behles Law Firm, P.C. ("Behles Law Firm") is, on information and belief, the business entity through which Behles conducts his legal practice, and, on information and belief, has its principal place of business in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 8. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this lawsuit because this lawsuit is ancillary to the CFTC Action and the appointment of the Receiver by this Court.
- 9. This Court has personal jurisdiction over the defendants in this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 754 and 28 U.S.C. § 1692.

10. Venue is proper in this Court under 28 U.S.C. § 754.

## THE RECEIVER, STANDING, AND STATUS OF THE CFTC ACTION

- 11. On January 25, 2011, in the CFTC Action, the District Court entered an Order Granting Plaintiff's [CFTC'S] *Ex Parte* Motion for Statutory Restraining Order. This Order included the appointment of a Receiver ("Order"). The Receiver was appointed as receiver of US Ventures and Winsome, together with any business entities owned by any Receivership Defendant. Pursuant to that Order, the Receiver was to take control of the funds, assets, and property of the Receivership Defendants wherever situated, and is fully authorized to pursue this action against Defendant.
- 12. Since the filing of the CFTC's action, defaults have been entered against Holloway and US Ventures; preliminary injunctions have been entered against all defendants in that action.

#### THE FRAUDULENT PONZI SCHEME

#### <u>U S Ventures</u>

- 13. US Ventures was a Utah limited liability company headquartered in Salt Lake
  City, Utah that was run by Holloway. US Ventures claimed to be engaged in the trading of
  commodity futures in a manner that generated high investment returns for investors, with returns
  averaging 1% per day. US Ventures claimed to have very few days with losses; many investors
  were told there had been only one day of losses since the inception of trading.
- 14. US Ventures never registered any of its investment offerings under the securities laws or commodities laws. Neither Holloway nor US Ventures was registered with the National

Futures Association during this time period, as required. Neither Holloway nor US Ventures was licensed to sell securities during this time period.<sup>1</sup>

- 15. Beginning in February 2005 and continuing through April 11, 2007, Holloway and US Ventures sold securities in the form of investment contracts, profit participation agreements, and interests in a commodity pool to investors. Holloway and US Ventures also acted as commodity pool operators and commodity trading advisers for the funds raised from investors. During this time period, Holloway and US Ventures raised over \$27 million from investors.
- 16. Holloway and US Ventures opened and maintained nine commodity futures trading accounts in the name of US Ventures with three Futures Commission Merchants ("FCM").
- 17. US Ventures was to receive 30% of the net trading profits for each day that US Ventures earned profits. However, US Ventures was responsible to cover trading losses out of its own funds on days where trading resulted in losses.
- 18. Despite representations to investors that the commodities trading rarely resulted in losses, over 40% of the trading days resulted in losses. The average losses on unprofitable trading days were significantly greater than the average gains on profitable days. As a result, the aggregate losses exceeded the aggregate profits earned.
- 19. US Ventures sent \$25.9 million to brokerage accounts at the three FCMs.

  Between February 2005 and April 2007, US Ventures lost \$10,186,494.62 in commodities

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Holloway had been licensed to sell a limited range of securities between 1981 and 2001.

trading. The remaining \$15,731,483.38 was withdrawn, almost all of it to pay distributions and returns of principal to investors.

- 20. Notwithstanding these losses, US Ventures paid itself commissions and paid distributions to investors based on reports of profits during this time period. Account statements were prepared and sent to investors reporting consistent profits. Investors were given daily reports by US Ventures showing that the trading had never incurred losses during the time the investors were in the investment pool.
- 21. Of the twenty five months in which commodity futures were traded, twenty had losses. Four of the first five months of trading resulted in losses for the month. At least as early as November 2005, US Ventures was insolvent, owing investors significantly more than the value of holdings in its brokerage accounts.
- 22. Despite incurring significant trading losses, US Ventures reported profits to investors. Many investors withdrew funds from US Ventures, either as profit distributions or withdrawals of their investments. Because US Ventures was not making a profit, these payments to investors were made from the investment principal of existing investors or from amounts that were sent to US Ventures by other investors.
- 23. This means that US Ventures was operating as a Ponzi scheme from at least November 2005.

### Winsome Investment Trust

24. Winsome described itself as a private trust, headquartered in Houston, Texas. Winsome was run by Andres, who had complete and sole authority over the trust.

- 25. Andres and Winsome solicited individuals and entities to send funds for participation in a commodity futures pool that Winsome said it managed or controlled. Some of the participants (investors) were told that US Ventures was doing the trading; others were led to understand that Winsome would be conducting the commodities trading.
- 26. Much of the money gathered by Winsome was received from third-party marketers individuals who solicited others and were paid commissions for bringing in investors or were paid a percentage of the profits the investors were reported to have earned.
- 27. Between October 2005 and April 2007, Andres and Winsome collected over \$42 million from investors either directly or through third-party marketers.
- 28. In mid-2006, Andres and Holloway reached an agreement that as Andres raised additional funds from investors, Andres would no longer send those funds to US Ventures.

  Under this arrangement, US Ventures agreed to change its accounting records to reflect the receipt of investments in the amounts reported by Andres to Holloway even though Andres was no longer sending money to US Ventures or Holloway.
- 29. Out of the more than \$42 million Winsome received from investors before April 2007, Winsome sent \$24.7 million to US Ventures. The remainder was retained by Andres and Winsome. This money was used to make distribution payments to other investors, for other investment programs being pursued by Andres and Winsome, and for the personal uses of Andres, including payments to his wife.

#### SEC Lawsuit, Asset Freeze

- 30. On April 11, 2007, the SEC filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Utah against Novus Technology and other defendants. The SEC lawsuit named US Ventures and Holloway as relief defendants. At the request of the SEC, the court entered orders freezing the assets of Holloway and US Ventures. *SEC v. Novus Techs., LLC*, No. 2:07-CV-00235 (D. Utah, filed Apr. 11, 2007).
- 31. The freeze of US Ventures assets applied to its bank accounts and FCM brokerage accounts. At that time, the bank accounts had aggregate balances of less than \$500.00 and the brokerage accounts had aggregate negative balances meaning all the money had been lost in trading, paid out to investors, or used to pay personal expenses.

#### Winsome Investments After April 2007

- 32. After the assets of US Ventures were frozen by the Court in April 2007, US Ventures ceased conducting any commodities trading. Winsome, however, continued to solicit and accept funds from investors (directly and through third-party marketers). Investors were told a variety of stories, including representations that commodities trading was still taking place and that Winsome had other investment projects it was pursuing.
- 33. Between April 11, 2007 and December 10, 2010, Winsome collected an additional \$33,752,843.91 from investors.
- 34. When the CFTC filed suit against Andres, Winsome, Holloway, and US Ventures on January 24, 2011, the bank and brokerage accounts for the defendants had aggregate account values of less than \$1,000.00.

- 35. At the time that the US Ventures commodities trading program was halted by the asset freeze, US Ventures owed more than \$30 million to Winsome. Winsome owed at least this amount to its investors. Because US Ventures had no assets and its commodities brokerage accounts had net negative values, Winsome's share of the value of the US Ventures trading account was zero. This means US Ventures had liabilities of more than \$30 million and zero assets.
- 36. Because the vast majority of Winsome's assets during the period from October 2005 to April 2007 consisted of a derivative interest in the value of the US Ventures commodities trading accounts and because the net value of these accounts declined steadily, culminating in a complete loss of all account value by April 2007, Winsome owed more to its investors than the value of Winsome's interest in US Ventures. This resulted in Winsome's US Ventures investment having negative equity at least as early as November 2005.
- 37. As noted above, Winsome took from investors at least another \$33,752,843.91 after April 2007. Winsome owed returns of principal to these investors as well as the interest or profit participations reported to investors in periodic account statements.
- 38. To the extent the investor funds were used to make distribution payments or returns of principal to other investors or were used by Andres for personal uses, these expenditures did not result in Winsome acquiring or holding any assets.
- 39. To the extent the investor funds were used in other investment projects pursued by Andres and Winsome, those investment projects did not result in tangible assets or payments

to Winsome, meaning the expenditures resulted in decreases in the net worth of Winsome, rather than increases. For example:

- a. Andres caused Winsome and related companies to spend at least \$6.4 million in an effort to purchase several companies related to Aerospace. After paying more than \$4.2 million directly for the purchase of Aerospace, Winsome was found in default and declared to have forfeited any interest in the company. Behles, or the law firm with which he is associated, received approximately \$155,000.00 to negotiate this failed transaction.
- b. More than \$2.3 million was spent for a privately-funded project in Mexico called National Infrastructure Development Master Plan and for efforts to receive approval to build an oil refinery in Guatemala. These projects were being pursued in conjunction with RIO Systems, a company controlled by Clayton Lynn Ballard. Winsome has not received any of the \$20.2 million Ballard and RIO Systems Inc. promised it relating to these projects.
- c. Over \$3 million was spent to free up an inheritance for Cindy Moore, which supposedly was being improperly withheld. Moore promised Winsome \$24.8 million for its help in securing the release of the large inheritance. Winsome has received no benefit from these payments.
- d. In an August 2006 balance sheet, Winsome claimed an ownership interest in 100,000 acres of land in the Bahamas, precious metals, collections of coins and stamps, and 500 metric tons of gold. Winsome and Andres expended investor funds to acquire interests in these assets, but has none of these assets and has demonstrated no rights to these assets to the extent they even exist.

- e. Winsome and Andres paid over \$1.1 million of investor funds to companies that promised licensing rights and access to contracts valued at \$100 million. Winsome has no assets to show for these expenditures.
- f. At least \$140,000.00 was spent by Winsome trying to claim \$500 million in "U.S. Treasury Checks" that the Federal Reserve Bank of New York was supposedly holding for a Wilfredo Saurin. An interest in these funds was supposedly transferred from Saurin to another individual named Antonio Yu, and from Yu to Winsome. There is no reasonable basis to believe this money is being held by the Federal Reserve and Winsome has no demonstrable claim to the funds.
- g. Winsome paid more than \$680,000.00 at the request of Jerome Carter and for a Mexican company named Grupo Corporativo. Winsome was promised a 1/6th interest in a 1% commission on an €800 million transaction and possibly other benefits. No commission was received and no assets are owned or possessed by Winsome resulting from these expenditures.
- h. More than \$800,000.00 was spent trying to secure a loan through a company named Magna Pinpoint. The loan was variously described as resulting in Winsome receiving \$10 million, \$50 million, or \$200 million. None of these funds ever came to Winsome.
- i. Over \$4.7 million of investor funds was spent trying to secure the release
   of \$550 million supposedly impounded by British and European Commission authorities.
   Winsome was to have been the custodian of these funds when they were released from impound.
   No funds were ever delivered to Winsome from this endeavor.

- j. Winsome paid \$250,000.00 as an advance fee to a supposed wealthy businessman from Dubai, to secure a \$20 million loan to Winsome. Winsome never received any funds from the advance fee it paid.
- k. Andres expended over \$160,000.00 of investor funds to open a restaurant in Las Vegas. The restaurant was never opened and these expenditures yielded no assets for Winsome.
- 40. In total, Winsome spent over \$35 million of investor monies for commodities trading at US Ventures or for investment projects (like those described in the prior paragraph) that were being pursued separately by Andres. None of the \$35 million spent by Andres and Winsome resulted in any assets for Winsome.
- 41. Notwithstanding that these projects resulted in the loss of \$35 million, Andres and Winsome continued to issue account statements to investor showing that their account values were increasing. Thus, Winsome was liable to investors for the more than \$35 million in investor funds that were lost in these investment projects and for interest and accumulated profits on those investment funds.
- 42. Because expenditures for these investment programs yielded no assets or tangible benefit, these expenditures exacerbated Winsome's negative equity position. The insolvency that began in November 2005 as a result of losses by US Ventures was significantly worsened by these investment projects.

43. As a result, Winsome initially became insolvent at least as early as November 2005 and its insolvency significantly worsened as time passed. At every point after November 2005, Winsome's liabilities exceeded its assets.

# Winsome Operated as a Ponzi Scheme

- 44. As described above, Winsome received significant amounts of money from investors. It did not send all the investor money to USV or use the funds for other investment projects.<sup>2</sup>
- 45. At least as early as December 5, 2005, Winsome began making distribution payments to investors.
- 46. Many of these distribution payments were not paid out of funds that Winsome received from US Ventures and were not paid with profits that Winsome had earned from other investment projects. As a result, these distributions could have been paid only with funds given to Winsome by other investors.
- 47. US Ventures lost money in its commodities trading activity every month between October 2005 and April 2006. Despite this, US Ventures and Winsome paid distributions to investors during this time period. Because US Ventures had lost money, these distributions could have come only from the principal investment amounts of investors or from funds provided by new investors.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Substantial amounts were converted by Andres or diverted to other uses.

48. Between March 2006 and July 2008, there were more than one hundred instances in which Winsome paid funds to investors where the monies used for those payments could have come only from other investors.

# RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DEFENDANTS AND WINSOME

- 49. During the period between April 16, 2007 and February 7, 2008, Winsome paid to Defendants \$690,000.00, which amounts were deposited into Behles' trust account. Of this amount, \$650,000 was then forwarded on by Behles to Aerospace.
- 50. During the period between March 31, 2007 and August 14, 2008, Defendants received from Winsome payments totaling \$155,000.00, as follows:
- a. On February 28, 2007, a \$10,000.00 retainer fee in the form of a check (#1069) from the account of Winsome at Bank of America, which retainer was drawn down on April 16, 2007 (\$7,000.00), and November 15, 2007 (\$3,000.00).
- b. On December 3, 2007, Behles transferred out of his trust account and paid to himself \$10,000 of the funds he had received from Winsome
- c. On January 2, 2008, Behles transferred out of his trust account and paid to himself \$10,000 of the funds he had received from Winsome.
- d. On February 7, 2008, Behles transferred out of his trust account and paid to himself \$20,000 of the funds he had received from Winsome.
  - e. On July 10, 2008, \$5,000.00 from interest earned on funds held in trust.
- f. On August 14, 2008, \$100,000.00 received from William F. Davis as an over-payment of amounts owing on a contract between Winsome and Aerospace.

- 51. In addition to the payments described above, the Receiver believes that Defendants received other amounts in excess of those amounts described above.
- 52. Defendants did not provide reasonably equivalent value to Winsome in exchange for the transfers they received.
- 53. For example, Defendants, acting as the Receivership Defendants' attorney and pursuant to an attorney-client relationship between them, negotiated a number of extensions concerning a document entitled "Sale Agreement and Releases" (the "Contract") between Winsome and Aerospace under which Winsome was to purchase the Intellectual Property from Aerospace. The Intellectual Property constituted two patents for a technology dubbed the "Vulcan," which was purportedly a transportable machine that used plasma to destroy biological and chemical waste by burning it at extremely high temperatures.
- 54. Each time Behles negotiated one of these extensions, he charged Winsome \$10,000.00, an exorbitant legal fee for the amount of work performed.
- 55. In total, Defendants received upwards of \$100,000.00 or more in these "extension fees," which charges were not clearly explained to Winsome at the time they were billed.
- 56. Defendants charged Winsome these "extension fees" at a time when Winsome was extremely vulnerable. Pursuant to the extensions negotiated by Defendants, Winsome paid Aerospace millions of dollars but had not paid the full purchase price and was not yet entitled to receive the Intellectual Property. The arrangement negotiated by Behles caused Winsome to risk losing all of the money paid to Aerospace because the extension agreements negotiated by

Behles provided that all amounts paid became Aerospace's property should Winsome fail to perform fully its obligations under the Contract.

- 57. In other words, Defendants knew Winsome had no choice but to accede to their excessive legal fees or risk losing the millions of dollars already paid to obtain the Intellectual Property.
- 58. Upon information and belief, Winsome paid Defendants these "extension fees" in addition to paying Behles' hourly rate for negotiating the Contract extensions.
- 59. In addition to being charged excessive legal fees to negotiate the Contract extensions, Defendants were negligent in negotiating the extensions' terms and in recommending to Winsome that it accept the extensions.
- 60. For example, Winsome was required to make a payment to Aerospace along with each extension negotiated. The terms of the extensions provided that these extension payments would become non-refundable should Winsome fail to complete the transaction with Aerospace.
- 61. Through the series of non-refundable extension payments, the amount Winsome lost as a result of its failure to complete the transaction increased from \$600,000.00, the liquidated damages amount stated in the original Contract, to approximately \$4.2 million dollars, after all of the payments in exchange for extensions had been made.
- 62. The result of Defendants' faulty advice was that millions of dollars in extension payments were permanently forfeited to Aerospace when Winsome was unable to complete the transaction with Aerospace. Absent Defendants' negligent legal advice, Winsome would not have forfeited its right to these funds.

- 63. Upon information and belief, Defendants recommended Winsome accept the terms of the extension agreements, and the corresponding legal fees and increased forfeiture amounts, with the knowledge that Winsome would not be able to complete the transaction to purchase the Intellectual Property but encouraged Winsome to accept the extension agreements so that Defendants could charge Winsome present and future \$10,000.00 "extension fees." The Defendants knew, or should have known, of Winsome's precarious financial condition, in part, because it was unable to perform its obligations under the Contract and because Defendants' legal bills were not always paid in a timely manner.
- 64. As each extension agreement increased the amount of money Winsome would forfeit if it could not complete the transaction, Winsome became more and more dependent on future extensions. This gave Defendants substantial power over Winsome, and allowed them to continue charging the excessive "extension fees," which were not in Winsome's best interest.
- 65. Charging Winsome such unreasonable and unjustifiable legal fees for the extensions, which were not in Winsome's best interest, is a breach of the contract for legal services between Winsome and Defendants as well as a breach of Defendants' fiduciary duties to Winsome.
- 66. Defendants' negligent legal representation and excessive legal fees are the actual and proximate cause of Winsome's damages totaling at least \$3.755 million for without the negligent advice and fees, the Contract's liquidated damages amount would not have been increased, the extra payments would not have been made, and Winsome would not have incurred the fees charged by Defendants.

### **FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

# (For Avoidance and Recovery of Fraudulent Transfers Against Defendants)

- 67. The Receiver restates and incorporates by this reference paragraphs 1 through 66 above, as though set forth herein in full.
- 68. The payments made by Winsome to Defendants during the period March 31, 2007 and August 14, 2008, which are more particularly described in Paragraphs 49 to 58 above, were made by Winsome with actual intent to hinder, delay, or defraud its investors. These investors mostly consist of innocent investors who gave money to Winsome and Andres believing the money was being invested profitably on their behalf. Those transfers to Defendants were made without Winsome receiving reasonably equivalent value in exchange, when Winsome was either insolvent or had become insolvent as a result of such transfers.
- 69. The payments made by Winsome to Defendants are avoidable by the Receiver under applicable law, including Utah Code §§ 25-6-5, 25-6-6, and 25-6-8.
- 70. The Receiver is entitled to damages from Defendants in the amount of \$155,000.00, with interest as provided by Utah law from the date of each payment, plus any additional amounts proven at the trial of this case.

# SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF (For Constructive Trust and Other Provisional Remedies Against Defendants)

71. The Receiver restates and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 70 above, as though set forth herein in full.

- 72. By reason of the facts set forth above, Defendants were the recipient of monies wrongfully and fraudulently obtained by Andres, Winsome, and related companies, thereby diminishing the amounts available to pay the creditors of Winsome.
- 73. Defendants have been unjustly enriched as a result of the wrongful and fraudulent acts, to the detriment of the creditors of Winsome.
- 74. Accordingly, in equity, a constructive trust should be impressed upon the assets acquired by the Defendants with the monies transferred to them by Andres, Winsome, and related companies.
- 75. The Receiver also is entitled to one or more of the additional remedies provided for pursuant to Utah Code § 25-6-8(1)(b) and (c).

# THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Breach of Contract Against Defendants)

- 76. The Receiver restates and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 75 above, as though set forth herein in full.
- 77. A valid contract existed between Defendants and Winsome concerning Behles' provision of legal services to Winsome.
- 78. An essential term of that contract was that Defendants would charge Winsome a reasonable amount for the services Defendants provided.
  - 79. Defendants breached that contract by charging Winsome excessive legal fees.
- 80. Neither Winsome nor the Receiver have breached any of the terms of the contract with Defendants.

- 81. The Receiver has been damaged in the amount no less than \$155,000.00 as a direct consequence of Defendants' breach of its valid and existing contract with Winsome
- 82. The Receiver has suffered consequential damages resulting from Defendants' breach of contract, in an amount to be determined at trial.

# FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION (Legal Malpractice Against Defendants)

- 83. The Receiver restates and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 82 above, as though set forth herein in full.
- 84. An attorney-client relationship was established between Winsome and Defendants.
- 85. That relationship created in Defendants certain fiduciary duties owed to Winsome, including the duties to charge Winsome a reasonable fee for services provided and to act in Winsome's best interest.
- 86. Defendants breached those duties by charging Winsome unjustifiable and unreasonable legal fees at a time when it was financially vulnerable and forced to accede to those fees based on the massive potential losses Winsome would have suffered if it had declined Defendants' services, which losses were negligently built into the extension agreements negotiated by Defendants.
- 87. Furthermore, Defendants' advice to accept the terms of the extension agreements was negligent, and placed Defendants' interests in continuing to charge extension fees above Winsome's best interests.

- 88. The dependence created upon Defendants by the terms of the extension agreements as described herein was maliciously intentional, fraudulent or committed with a wanton disregard of Winsome's rights.
- 89. Winsome suffered damages of at least \$3.755 million as a result of Defendants' legal malpractice.

#### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, the Receiver prays for judgment against Defendants as follows:

- 1. On the first cause of action, for judgment against Defendants for an amount equal to all payments received by them from Andres, Winsome, and related companies, which total is not less than \$155,000.00, plus interest on each payment at the statutory rate from the date of such payment until judgment is entered.
- 2. On the second cause of action, a judgment imposing a constructive trust in favor of the Receiver over all monies and assets obtained with those monies that Defendants received from Andres, Winsome, and related companies.
- 3. On the third cause of action, for damages in an amount not less than \$155,000.00 for Defendants' breach of the contract for legal services between Winsome and Defendants, and all consequential damages flowing therefrom in an amount to be proven at trial.
- 4. On the fourth cause of action, for actual damages in an amount not less than \$3.755 million, for all consequential damages in an amount to be proven at trial, and for punitive damages on the Receiver's legal malpractice claim because Defendants' malpractice was maliciously intentional, fraudulent or committed with a wanton disregard of Winsome's rights.

- 5. For post-judgment interest as allowed by law.
- 6. For costs of suit, including reasonable attorney fees.
- 7. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

DATED this 11th day of January, 2012.

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