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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF UTAH
CENTRAL DIVISION**

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| <p>R. WAYNE KLEIN, as Receiver, Plaintiff, v. JIM KELLER, a Nevada resident, and JOHN DOES NOS. 1-5, Defendants.</p> | <p>COMPLAINT (Ancillary to Case No. 2:12-cv-00591) Civil No. _____</p> |
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R. Wayne Klein, the Court-Appointed Receiver (the “Receiver” or “Plaintiff”) of National Note of Utah, LC (“National Note”), its subsidiaries and affiliates (collectively, unless otherwise stated, National Note and all subsidiaries and affiliated entities are referred to herein as “NNU”), and the assets of Wayne LaMar Palmer (“Palmer”), in the case styled as *Securities and Exchange Commission v. National Note of Utah, LC et al.*, Case No. 2:12-cv-00591 (D. Utah) (Jenkins, J.) (the “SEC Civil Enforcement Case”), hereby files this Complaint against Jim Keller (“Keller”) and John Does Nos. 1-5 (“Defendant Does”) (collectively, “Defendants”) and states,

alleges and avers as follows:

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

1. NNU was operated as an enterprise with all of the characteristics of a Ponzi scheme through which money was solicited from investors.¹ Upon information and belief, Keller was given a gift and/or paid by NNU for successfully soliciting others to invest in NNU. The Receiver seeks to avoid the gift and the commission payments and/or recover the value of the gift and commission payments from Defendants for the benefit of the receivership estate established in the SEC Civil Enforcement Case discussed in greater detail below.

PARTIES

2. Pursuant to an Order Appointing Receiver and Staying Litigation entered on June 25, 2012 in the SEC Civil Enforcement Case (the “Receivership Order”),² Plaintiff is the duly-appointed Receiver for National Note and Palmer “together with any and all subsidiaries and affiliated entities of National Note and Palmer. . . .”³

3. Upon information and belief, Jim Keller is a resident of or is domiciled in in the State of Nevada.

4. Upon information and belief, Defendant Does are currently unknown parties who have received commissions or remuneration for bringing investors to NNU, or are persons to whom Keller has transferred monies received from NNU.

¹ See SEC Civil Enforcement Case, Docket No. 1 (Complaint).

² SEC Civil Enforcement Case, Docket No. 9.

³ *Id.* (Receivership Order, pp. 1-2).

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

5. Subject matter jurisdiction is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1367.
6. The Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants.
7. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 754.

FACTS

The Ponzi Scheme

8. Since at least 1994 until the commencement of the SEC Civil Enforcement Case, NNU raised capital by soliciting investors to purchase promissory notes, which typically promised to pay interest at a rate of interest above market rates.

9. Upon information and belief, investors understood that they were investing in an enterprise that, among other things, bought and sold mortgage notes, underwrote and made loans, or bought and sold real estate assets through National Note, or one of many affiliated entities subject to the Receivership Order, all of which are referred to herein collectively as “NNU.”

10. Typically, investment funds were deposited in a commingled bank account controlled by NNU. NNU would then transfer such investor funds to another bank account (the “Investor Account”).

11. Monies on deposit in the Investor Account were commingled, and transfers to investors by NNU were made from the commingled funds on deposit in that Investor Account.

12. NNU paid monies to persons for bringing investors to NNU.

13. At all times relevant hereto, NNU was insolvent.

The Commission Payments to the Defendant

14. NNU transferred a total of \$10,000 to Keller, which, upon information and belief, were commissions or remuneration for bringing investors to NNU or a gift (the “Transfers”).

The SEC Civil Case and the Receiver’s Appointment

15. On June 25, 2012, the SEC Civil Enforcement Case was filed, alleging that NNU is a Ponzi scheme, and seeking, among other things, orders (a) restraining and enjoining NNU and Palmer from continuing to violate federal securities laws, (b) freezing assets and prohibiting NNU from transferring, changing, wasting, dissipating, converting, concealing, or otherwise disposing of assets, (c) prohibiting NNU from destroying, mutilating, concealing, transferring, altering, or otherwise disposing of NNU’s books and records, (d) imposing civil money penalties against NNU and Palmer, and (e) requiring the disgorgement by NNU and Palmer of all ill-gotten gains received by them pursuant to the scheme.⁴

16. Also on June 25, 2012, as a result of the filing of the SEC Civil Enforcement Action, the Court entered a Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause against the defendants⁵ and the Receivership Order appointing the Receiver.⁶ Since that time, both National Note and Palmer have stipulated to a Preliminary Injunction Order that prohibits National Note and Palmer from committing any further acts in furtherance of the Ponzi scheme and that prohibits National Note and Palmer from withdrawing, transferring, selling, buying, pledging,

⁴ SEC Civil Enforcement Case, Docket No. 1 (Complaint).

⁵ *Id.*, Docket No. 7.

⁶ *Id.*, Docket No. 9.

encumbering, assigning, dissipating, concealing, or otherwise disposing of any of their assets.⁷

17. On or about May 21, 2013, the Court entered an Order authorizing the Receiver to commence legal proceedings for the benefit of and on behalf of the receivership estate.⁸

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Avoidance of Fraudulent Transfers Under Utah Code Ann. §§ 25-6-5(1)(a) and 25-6-8)

18. The Receiver realleges and incorporates herein by reference each of the preceding allegations as if set forth completely herein.

19. NNU was engaged in an enterprise with all of the characteristics of a Ponzi scheme.

20. NNU paid the Transfers to Keller in furtherance of the Ponzi scheme.

21. At all relevant times hereto, NNU had at least one creditor.

22. The Transfers were made and any obligations to Keller incurred with actual intent to hinder, delay or defraud a creditor of NNU.

23. Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §§ 25-6-5(1)(a) and 25-6-8, the Receiver may avoid and recover the Transfers made to Keller or, in the event such Transfers were transferred, from the Defendant Does.

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Avoidance of Fraudulent Transfers Under Utah Code Ann. §§ 25-6-5(1)(b) and 25-6-8)

24. The Receiver realleges and incorporates herein by reference each of the preceding allegations as if set forth completely herein.

25. NNU was engaged in an enterprise that has all of the characteristics of a Ponzi

⁷ *Id.*, Docket Nos. 45 and 46.

⁸ *Id.*, Docket No. 315 .

scheme.

26. NNU made the Transfers to Keller in furtherance of the Ponzi scheme.

27. At all relevant times hereto, NNU had at least one creditor.

28. The Transfers were made or the obligations to Keller were incurred by NNU without receiving a reasonably equivalent value in exchange for the Commissions or obligations.

29. At the time the Transfers were made, NNU (a) was engaged or was about to be engaged in a business or transaction for which the remaining assets of NNU were unreasonably small in relation to the business or transaction; or (b) intended to incur, or believed or reasonably should have believed that it would incur, debts beyond its ability to pay as such debts became due.

30. Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §§ 25-6-5(1)(b) and 25-6-8, the Receiver may avoid and recover the Transfers made to Keller or, in the event such Transfers were transferred, from the Defendant Does.

THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Avoidance of Fraudulent Transfers Under Utah Code Ann. §§ 25-6-6(1) and 25-6-8)

31. The Receiver realleges and incorporates herein by reference each of the preceding allegations as if set forth completely herein.

32. NNU was engaged in a Ponzi scheme.

33. NNU made the Transfers to Keller in furtherance of the Ponzi scheme.

34. NNU had at least one creditor at the time that the Transfers were made or the obligations to Keller were incurred.

35. The Transfers were made or the obligation to Keller was incurred by NNU

without NNU receiving a reasonably equivalent value in exchange for the Commissions or obligation.

36. NNU was insolvent at the time the Transfers were made or the obligation was incurred, or became insolvent as a result of the Transfers or the obligation incurred.

37. Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §§ 25-6-6(1) and 25-6-8, the Receiver may avoid and recover the Transfers made to Keller or, in the event such Transfers were transferred, from the Defendant Does.

FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
(Constructive Trust)

38. The Receiver re-alleges and incorporates herein by reference each of the preceding allegations as if set forth completely herein.

39. The Transfers were comprised of property of NNU and were made by NNU in furtherance of the Ponzi scheme.

40. Allowing Defendants to retain the Transfers would unjustly enrich Defendants and would be inequitable.

41. The Transfers can be traced to wrongful behavior.

42. An injustice would result if Defendants were allowed to keep the Transfers.

43. A constructive trust for the benefit of the receivership estate must be imposed for the benefit of the receivership estate in the amount of the Transfers made by NNU to Defendants.

FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
(Unjust Enrichment)

44. The Receiver re-alleges and incorporates herein by reference each of the preceding allegations as if set forth completely herein.

45. The Transfers were comprised of property of NNU and were made by NNU in furtherance of the Ponzi scheme.

46. The Transfers conferred a benefit upon Defendants.

47. The Defendants knowingly benefitted from the Transfers.

48. Allowing Defendants to retain the Transfers would unjustly enrich Defendants and would be inequitable.

49. Absent return of the Transfers, the receivership estate will be damaged by Defendants' unjust enrichment and may have no adequate remedy at law.

50. Defendants must disgorge the amount of the Transfers.

SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Disgorgement)

51. The Receiver re-alleges and incorporates herein by reference each of the preceding allegations as if set forth completely herein.

52. The Transfers were paid as part of and in furtherance of a Ponzi scheme.

53. The Transfers were ill-gotten by Defendants.

54. Defendants have no claim to the Transfers made by NNU, or derivatively, from NNU's investors.

55. All Transfers should be disgorged to the Receiver for the benefit of the receivership estate.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

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

A. Pursuant to the Receiver's First Claim for Relief, judgment against Defendants

avoiding the Commissions under Utah Code Ann. §§ 25-6-5(a)(1) and 25-6-8, and permitting Plaintiff's recovery of the value of the Transfers in the total amount of \$10,000.00.

B. Pursuant to the Receiver's Second Claim for Relief, judgment against Defendants avoiding the Commissions under Utah Code Ann. §§ 25-6-5(a)(2) and 25-6-8, and permitting Plaintiff's recovery of the value of the Transfers in the total amount of \$10,000.00.

C. Pursuant to the Receiver's Third Claim for Relief, judgment against Defendants avoiding the Commissions under Utah Code Ann. §§ 25-6-6(1) and 25-6-8, and permitting Plaintiff's recovery of the value of the Transfers in the total amount of \$10,000.00.

D. Pursuant to the Receiver's Fourth Claim for Relief, judgment against Defendants imposing a constructive trust for the benefit of the receivership estate on any and all Commissions.

E. Pursuant to the Receiver's Fifth Claim for Relief, judgment against Defendants for unjust enrichment, and requiring Defendant to disgorge the Transfers in the total amount of \$10,000.00.

F. Pursuant to the Receiver's Sixth Claim for Relief, entry of an Order requiring Defendants to disgorge the Transfers in the total amount of \$10,000.00.

G. Judgment for pre-judgment interest, costs, and fees, including reasonable attorney's fees, as may be allowed by law.

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H. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

DATED this 7th day of June, 2013.

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/s/ Peggy Hunt

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Attorneys for Receiver

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CIVIL COVER SHEET

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V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

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VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):
28 U.S.C. § 754

Brief description of cause:
Recovery of the value of transfers from Defendant for the benefit of the receivership estate.

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P. **DEMAND \$** 10,000.00 CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:
JURY DEMAND: Yes No

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY (See instructions): JUDGE Jenkins DOCKET NUMBER 2:12-cv-00591

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