IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

STATE OF NEVADA, EX REL. COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE, BARBARA D. RICHARDSON, IN HE OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS RECEIVED FOR SPIRIT COMMERCIAL AUTO RISK RETENTION GROUP, INC

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v.

THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK, AND THE HONORABLE, MARK R. DENTON, DISTRICT JUDGE, DEPT. 13

Respondents,

And Concerning,

THOMAS MULLIGAN, an individual; CTC TRANSPORTATION INSURANCE SERVICES OF MISSOURI, LLC, a Missouri Limited Liability Company; CTC TRANSPORTATION INSURANCE SERVICES LLC, a California Limited Liability Company; CTC TRANSPORTATION INSURANCE SERVICES OF HAWAII LLC, Hawaii Limited Liability Company; CRITERION CLAIMS SOLUTIONS OF OMAHA, INC., a Nebraska Corporation; PAVEL KAPELNIKOV, an individual; CHELSEA FINANCIAL GROUP, INC., a California Corporation; CHELSEA FINANCIAL GROUP, INC., a Missouri Corporation; CHELSEA FINANCIAL GROUP, INC., a New Jersey Corporation d/b/a Supreme Court Case No.:

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Defendants.

After reading Plaintiff's Opposition to the Six Eleven Defendants' Motion to Stay Pending Arbitration and the joinders thereto, one might be left with the impression that each of the more than thirty defendants independently committed wrongful acts against Spirit and that each defendant's wrongful conduct has nothing to do with the wrongful conduct of any other defendant. Indeed, Plaintiff asserts as much in her Opposition: "the Receiver could have filed

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separate complaints against the Filing Defendants. . ." Opposition to Motion to Stay filed September 11, 2020, 22:8-9. Therefore, Plaintiff concludes that a stay of this litigation while the arbitrations against CTC and Criterion conclude is not warranted.

Of course, Plaintiff's characterization of independent wrongs committed by each defendant is completely contrary not only to statements she has made in various briefs filed with this Court, but also to the allegations of the Complaint themselves. The Complaint goes on at length to paint a picture of a vast fraudulent enterprise of interrelated companies and individuals who worked together to defraud Spirit of money. See generally Complaint. The story told in the Complaint is not one of thirty-plus separate fraudulent enterprises, but a single one with CTC as the "hub of the wheel" and the other defendants as the "spokes." To be sure, in her Opposition, Plaintiff alleges that "[t]he allegations in the Complaint arise from a vast fraudulent enterprise by which the defendants operated a multitude of interrelated companies in the insurance service industry for their own benefit and to the detriment of Spirit." Opposition, 2:11-13. In fact, the reason Plaintiff herself gave for not filing separate lawsuits against the defendants was because of the "interplay" between them and the claims asserted against them. *Id.*, 22:11-12.

Plaintiff's attempt to minimize and distort her own allegations should be ignored and not countenanced and do not, in any event, provide a sound basis for this Court to move forward with this litigation now. Moreover, her claim that this lawsuit must proceed now because time is of the essence for creditors of the Receivership Estate is belied by her own recent attempt to significantly extend the deadline for filing proofs of claim in that proceeding. Opposition, 5:7-9. Instead, considerations of prudence and judicial economy dictate that this Court should exercise its discretion to allow the arbitrations against CTC and Criterion to conclude before proceeding with this litigation.

A. Mulligan Did Not Waive Any Rights to Assert the Interrelated Nature of Plaintiff's Claims by Staying Neutral on the Motions to Compel Arbitration.

Throughout her Opposition, Plaintiff tries to make hay from the fact that Mulligan neither supported nor opposed CTC or Criterion's Motions to Compel Arbitration. Plaintiff contends that Mulligan somehow waived rights by failing to interject in those proceedings and

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raising issues of prejudice or harm there. Opposition, 6:9-13, 14:5-12, 22:26-27:2. Plaintiff also snarkily suggests that Mulligan should stipulate to joint and several liability with CTC and Criterion because he argued that the claims against him are inextricably intertwined with those against CTC and Criterion. Opposition, 7:15-23. Plaintiff's thesis in this regard apparently is that since CTC and Criterion argued that all claims asserted against them are subject to arbitration, the remaining defendants would have spoken up during the Motion to Compel proceedings if they truly believed that the claims asserted against them were inextricably intertwined with those heading to arbitration.

Plaintiff's purposeful misdirection misses the mark. As this Court found, CTC and Criterion have enforceable agreements to arbitrate claims with Spirit. Mulligan is not a signatory to those agreements. CTC and Criterion filed motions to enforce their arbitration rights under those agreements. Mulligan certainly cannot be found to have waived legal rights by staying neutral on the enforceability of a contract he is not a signatory to. Opposition, 14:5-12 (arguing that Mulligan waived his rights by staying silent when the motions to compel arbitration were filed).

Plaintiff further contends that the defendants cannot deny that they engaged in wrongdoing while at the same time contending that the claims against them are inextricably intertwined with those subject to arbitration. See, e.g., Opposition, 10-23-11:5. Why not? It is certainly not wrong for a defendant to acknowledge he understands the nature of the claims asserted against him, deny the wrongful conduct alleged in the claims, and also point out that the claims asserted against him is inextricably intertwined with those asserted against other defendants – including defendants who were dismissed from the case. It appears, however, that Plaintiff believes that the defendants must first accept liability before being granted the right to discuss the interrelated nature of the claims asserted against them. Not so. It is certainly possible for a party to understand the nature of the claims asserted against him and how those claims relate to claims asserted against codefendants and also deny any wrongdoing.

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B. The Claims Against All Defendants Are Inextricably Intertwined.

It cannot seriously be disputed that the central wrong in this case is Plaintiff's allegation that CTC wrongfully siphoned more than \$40 million from Spirit. Because of an agreement between Spirit and CTC, the claims against CTC must be arbitrated. The same is true of the claims against Criterion.

It also cannot seriously be disputed that the claims against the remaining defendants are that they either orchestrated the scheme by which CTC allegedly took Spirit's money, operated Spirit in a manner that allowed CTC's allegedly wrongful conduct, or were the recipients of money CTC allegedly took from Spirit. These claims certainly arise out of CTC's conduct and, as such, are inextricably intertwined with it. Plaintiff herself was forthright about this when opposing CTC's Motion to Compel:

> Nearly every fraudulent and unlawful act the Receiver has identified was transacted by or with the knowledge of CTC. Put simply, CTC is a star witness. And whether CTC remains a party to this case or becomes a third party, trying the issues in this matter, even as they relate to the Receiver's claims against the other Defendants, will require significant discovery of relevant information in CTC's possession, custody, or control.

Plaintiff's Opposition to CTC Defendants' Motion to Compel Arbitration filed June 4, 2020, 29:2-6.

This quoted language is in stark contrast to the arguments raised in Plaintiff's Opposition to the Motion to Stay wherein she claims that the notion that the claims against the remaining defendants are intertwined with or dependent upon those asserted against CTC is "false." Opposition, 22:2-4. Plaintiff even goes so far as to state that "different, not identical facts, will be explored in discovery herein" and that "the discovery here will not focus on the same conduct and the [same] operative facts" as discovery in the arbitrations. Opposition, 25:12-13, 17.

As support for this contention, Plaintiff points out the so-called "independent bases" for the claims to proceed against the remaining defendants. Of course, the issue here is not whether the claims against the remaining defendants can, as a matter of law, proceed; rather, it is a question of whether they should at this time. Nevertheless, Plaintiff outlines the independent

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bases against the remaining defendants on pages 23-24 of her Opposition. But none of those "independent bases" are independent at all (and some are not even allegations of wrongdoing).

Instead, what Plaintiff has done is attempt to show that allegedly receiving misappropriated funds can exist independent of allegations concerning the misappropriation of funds. For instance, Plaintiff references her allegations that the Six Eleven Defendants and members of the Kapelnikov Group collected Spirit's money. Opposition, 23:17-23. That, in itself, is not an allegation of any sort of wrongful conduct. Rather, what Plaintiff alleges in the Complaint (but ignores here) is the allegation that CTC wrongfully took money from Spirit and then CTC wrongfully transferred the money to the other defendants. There is no allegation that these defendants wrongfully took any money from Spirit, only that they are the recipients of money that CTC is alleged to have wrongfully taken. It stands to reason that whether CTC did, in fact, wrongfully take money from Spirit and transfer it to the remaining defendants is an integral part of the claims asserting that the remaining defendants received money that CTC wrongfully took from Spirit.

Similarly, Plaintiff claims that Mulligan was the mastermind of a scheme to loot Spirit. Opposition, 24:18. But nowhere in the Complaint is there an allegation that Mulligan himself wrongfully took money from Spirit. Instead, the allegation is that he orchestrated the scheme by which CTC allegedly took the money and that he was the recipient of money from CTC. Whether CTC did, in fact, engage in the scheme Mulligan supposedly designed and whether CTC did, in fact, transfer ill-gotten funds to Mulligan is integral to the issue of whether Mulligan could be liable for designing the scheme or receiving misappropriated funds.

Plaintiff's other contentions in her Opposition that the remaining defendants are independently liable solely because they were officers or directors of various companies, because they participated in the affairs of Spirit, because they had fiduciary duties to Spirit, or because they served as Spirit's Risk Retention Manager are not bases for liability at all. Proof of this is found in the Complaint, where Plaintiff alleges that the various defendants are liable because they either designed the scheme whereby CTC allegedly took Spirit's money, managed

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Spirit in a way that allowed CTC to take its money, or received money from CTC that it took from Spirit.

Accordingly, while the intertwined nature of the claims is not and was not a basis to disregard the contracted-for arbitration agreements between Spirit and CTC and Spirit and Criterion, it is a basis for the Court to exercise its discretion to allow those arbitrations to conclude before proceeding with this litigation.¹

C. A Stay is in the Best Interest of the Parties and Spirit's Creditors.

Plaintiff contends that a stay would result in damage to it by delaying Plaintiff's (in her role as the Receiver) ability to recover funds on behalf of Spirit's creditors. Opposition, 17:4-5. But it is Plaintiff who is seeking to delay not only payment but also the processing of creditors' claims. On November 6, 2019, orders were entered in Case No. A-19-787325-B (the "Receivership Action") placing Spirit into liquidation and setting a claims deadline of October 31, 2020 – nearly one year in the future. On August 27, 2020, the Receiver filed a motion in the Receivership Action seeking to extend that deadline a further seven months until May 31, 2021.

Despite seeking this delay, Plaintiff contends that a stay would harm Spirit's creditors by delaying the Receiver's ability to recover funds for injured parties and that many claimants "have already expressed frustration regarding the deadlines in place." Of course, it is Plaintiff who has set and sought to delay and extend those deadlines.

On the other hand, a stay will preserve resources that Plaintiff would otherwise be spending on this litigation. Indeed, it was Plaintiff herself who argued that arbitration with CTC should not be compelled because doing so would multiply Plaintiff's costs and undermine her role as conservator of Spirit's assets. See Opposition to CTC's Motion to Compel Arbitration, 29:12-24. This is especially so given that Plaintiff claims that she is trying to maximize recovery

¹ In her Opposition, Plaintiff claims that when it compelled arbitration, this Court found and determined that CTC and Criterion and potentially other defendants "acted in concert to pillage Spirit of its assets and are, or were, controlled by the same person or group." Opposition, 23:6-12. Plaintiff argues that such findings render moot any contention regarding the interrelatedness of claims.

Of course, no factual findings regarding the merits of Plaintiff's allegations have yet been made in this case and it is simply wrong for Plaintiff to suggest otherwise.

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for creditors by seeking to recoup unlawful transfers made to various Filing Defendants. Opposition to Motion to Stay, 18:23-19:7.

The unlawful transfers Plaintiff references are transfers of money CTC allegedly misappropriated from Spirit and paid to the defendants. In other words, Plaintiff believes it benefits Spirit's creditors to use Spirit's resources to first establish that the Filing Defendants received money from CTC and *later* establish that the money transferred to those defendants was wrongfully misappropriated. Nothing in Plaintiff's Complaint has yet been established as fact. Plaintiff must still not only prove that money was misappropriated from Spirit, the identity of that wrongdoer, and that the wrongdoer unlawfully transferred that money to the defendants. It makes little sense to do that in reverse order.

Moreover, Plaintiff's claim that the Filing Defendants "feign concern for the best interests of the Receiver" is simply not true. Opposition, 21:16-17. Mulligan would love nothing more than for the Receiver to be able to pay all claims without needing to look to the Defendants for funding. Accordingly, far from harming either Plaintiff or Spirit's creditors, a stay would ostensibly benefit them. RB Prod., Inc. v. Ryze Capital, LLC, No. 3:19-CV-00105-MMD-WGC, 2019 WL 5722205, at *3 (D. Nev. Nov. 4, 2019) (finding that the Plaintiff did not show how it would be prejudiced by a stay and noting that it would actually benefit from the stay).

D. Mulligan Will Suffer Hardship If A Stay Is Not Granted.

Plaintiff attempts to minimize the hardships Mulligan and the other Filing Defendants asserted, but those hardships are the exact types of hardships other courts found sufficient to impose a stay. Moreover, Plaintiff has not shown that every factor a court must weigh must be overwhelmingly found in the movant's favor. Rather, courts "must weigh competing interests and maintain an even balance." Id. (citing Landis v. N. Am. Co., 299 U.S. 248, 254, 57 S. Ct. 163, 166, 81 L. Ed. 153 (1936)).

As other courts recognize, in cases such as this, the results of the arbitration will inform this Court on matters at issue in this litigation even if those results are not binding. RB Prod., Inc., 2019 WL 5722205, at *3, Wells Fargo Clearing Servs., LLC v. Foster, No. 3:18-CV-00032-MMD-VPC, 2018 WL 1746307, at *3 (D. Nev. Apr. 11, 2018) (issuing a stay pending

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arbitration, finding that the results of the arbitration would likely "narrow if not eliminate issues before this Court.").

Proceeding with litigating claims here when that litigation could otherwise benefit from the findings of the arbitrations with CTC, Criterion, and Spirit is a hardship to all parties, including the Plaintiff. It costs nothing to wait and obtain the benefits of the results of the arbitrations. The expense of proceeding, however, will be immense.

Plaintiff's argument regarding piecemeal litigation also misses the mark. Opposition, 21:9-15. This is not an issue of whether the litigation could proceed; rather, it is whether the litigation should proceed. The case Plaintiff cited in this regard is unavailing. In Riley Mfg. Co. v. Anchor Glass Container Corp., 157 F.3d 775, 785 (10th Cir. 1998), the court was confronted with an arbitration agreement between a single plaintiff and single defendant. The court found that certain of the claims could be arbitrated and, upon remand, directed the district court to consider whether a stay should be issued on the claims that would remain to be litigated. In doing so, the court recognized that broad stay orders are appropriate if the arbitrable claims predominate the lawsuit while also recognizing that litigation could proceed in a piecemeal fashion if the parties intended that some matters, but not others, be arbitrated. Here, of course, Mulligan did not enter into any agreement with Plaintiff regarding arbitration or whether claims should be litigated in a piecemeal fashion. And there can be no serious dispute but that the claims against CTC predominate Plaintiff's Complaint.

Ε. A Stay Will Promote Judicial Economy.

Plaintiff's entire argument that a stay will not promote judicial economy is based on the false premise that the claims against CTC and Criterion are not inextricably intertwined with those against the remaining defendants. While previously referring to CTC as the hub of a wheel at the center of the scheme causing the insolvency of Spirit, Plaintiff now purports to portray the claims against CTC as wholly independent and unrelated to any of the remaining defendants' alleged conduct. As shown above and below, Plaintiff is wrong and her arguments show a lack of understanding of her own claims.

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Determining whether the claims of the parties are inextricably intertwined is as simple as asking what would be the liability of the Filing Defendants if CTC and/or Criterion had not misappropriated and transferred Spirit's money. Mulligan is alleged to have designed the scheme by which CTC misappropriated Spirit's money and transferred it to others. But if CTC did not, in fact, misappropriate money, what liability could Mulligan have based on allegations that he devised a scheme that was not, in fact, acted upon? And if CTC did not, in fact, wrongfully transfer any of Spirit's money to Mulligan or to others on his behalf, what liability could Mulligan have based on allegations that he was the unlawful recipient of that money?

The cases cited in Mulligan's joinder are on point and were not addressed or distinguished in Plaintiff's Opposition. Cases such as Bischoff v. DirectTV, Inc., 180 F.Supp.2d 1097 (C.D. Cal. 2017) and RB. Prod., Inc. v. Ryze Capital, LLC recognize the benefits to judicial economy that a stay affords in cases where the issues of fact and law addressed in the arbitration will be similar to those in the litigation.

Plaintiff's contention that the claims against each of the defendants are wholly unrelated to each other and were only brought in the same lawsuit to highlight the "interplay" between them is not based in reality. Such a contention, which flies in the face of the allegations in the Complaint as well as Plaintiff's repeated past statements regarding the interconnected nature of the claims and the parties should, at a minimum, shed doubt on all of the assertions and arguments set forth in her present Opposition.

Simply put, there can be no serious dispute that the claims and allegations against the CTC Defendants and Criterion are at the heart of this case. Every other defendant is alleged to have participated in orchestrating the CTC Defendants' and Criterion's alleged wrongdoing, failing to act to prevent it, or benefitting from the wrongdoing. Plaintiff herself acknowledges as much when she identifies the CTC Defendants as the hub of the wheel at the center of this "scheme." That being the case, considerations of judicial economy dictate that the litigation pending against the "spokes" should be stayed pending conclusion of the arbitration against the "hub."

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CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing and the Motion, Mulligan respectfully requests that this case be stayed pending conclusion of the arbitration proceedings between Plaintiff and the CTC Defendants and Plaintiff and Criterion.

DATED this 16th day of September, 2020.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I am employed in the County of Clark, State of Nevada, am over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action. My business address is Jolley Urga Woodbury & Holthus, 330 S. Rampart Boulevard, Suite 380, Las Vegas, Nevada 89145.

On this day I served the DEFENDANT THOMAS MULLIGAN'S REPLY IN SUPPORT OF JOINDER TO MOTION TO STAY ARBITRATION was served electronically using the Odyssey eFileNV Electronic Filing system and serving all parties with an email address on record, pursuant to Administrative Order 14-2 and Rule 9 of the N.E.F.C.R.

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Dated this 16th day of September, 2020.

/s/ Linda Schone An employee of Jolley Urga Woodbury & Holthus

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an individual; IGOR KAPELNIKOV, an individual;
QUOTE MY RIG LLC, a New Jersey Limited
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individual; DANIEL GEORGE, an individual;
JOHN MALONEY, an individual; JAMES MARX,
an individual; CARLOS TORRES, an individual;
VIRGINIA TORRES, an individual; SCOTT
McCRAE, an individual; BRENDA GUFFEY, an
individual; 195 GLUTEN FREE LLC, a New Jersey
Limited Liability Company, DOE INDIVIDUALS I-
X; and ROE CORPORATE ENTITIES I-X,

Defendants.

Defendants Lexicon Insurance Management LLC ("Lexicon"), ICAP Management Solutions, LLC ("ICAP"), and Daniel George ("George"), by and through their counsel, Robert S. Larsen, Esq. and Wing Yan Wong, Esq. of GORDON REES SCULLY MANSUKHANI, LLP, hereby file their Reply in support of the Motion to Stay Pending Arbitration and Joinder thereto.

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Unless Plaintiff is willing to stipulate that Lexicon, ICAP, and George 1) were not liable for any conduct related to CTC and Criterion and 2) could not be held jointly and severally liable

MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

for CTC and Criterion's conduct, this Court should stay this action against Lexicon, ICAP, and

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George pending completion of Plaintiff's arbitration proceedings. Plaintiff's Opposition to the Motion to Stay and Joinders have no arguments to explain how Lexicon, ICAP, and George can be divorced from CTC and Criterion in the story that Plaintiff has weaved in its Complaint. Plaintiff bears the burden to prove that CTC and Criterion committed any wrongful conduct. Plaintiff bears the burden to further prove that Lexicon, ICAP, and George for the wrongful conduct of CTC and Criterion. If this Court were to allow Plaintiff to proceed in this litigation, Lexicon, ICAP, and George would be forced to not only defend themselves but also the alleged conduct of CTC and Criterion—which *Plaintiff* is attempting to attribute to Lexicon, ICAP, and George. This, practically, would permit Plaintiff to bypass its arbitration agreement and this Court's Orders compelling arbitration.

Plaintiff must show that CTC and Criterion committed certain improper action before Plaintiff may input any of such conduct to Lexicon, ICAP, and George. Lexicon, ICAP, and George did not object to CTC or Criterion's motions to compel arbitration—a fact that Plaintiff harps on against each of the moving defendants seeking a stay—because arbitration is the appropriate proceeding for Plaintiff to *first* pursue. The outcome of the arbitration may substantially limit if not completely eliminate the bases of many of the claims Plaintiff is asserting against Lexicon, ICAP, and George. It would be a waste of the resources of this Court, the defendants, Spirit and its own insureds and claimants for Plaintiff to needlessly force defendants to proceed before Plaintiff's arbitration proceedings against CTC and Criterion conclude. It is illogical for Plaintiff to argue that it needs to collect against defendants to pay its claimants while nonchalantly dismisses the undoubtedly expensive discovery process in this litigation with twenty-eight defendants—on issues that could be eliminated by the arbitration.

In its last ditch effort to limit its obligation to arbitrate its claims, Plaintiff argues that indefinite delay of this action will prejudice Spirit's policyholders and claimants. First, an arbitration is not an indefinite process. Second, Plaintiff created this very problem. This Court granted CTC and Criterion's motions to compel arbitration by minute orders on July 6, 2020, more than two months ago. Yet, Plaintiff now informs the Court that she still has not commenced any arbitration proceeding against CTC or Criterion. Plaintiff should have

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submitted its claims against CTC and Criterion to arbitration long before it expended the costs to file this action, looping in dozens of individuals and entities that Plaintiff believed were in this incredible conspiracy with CTC and Criterion. Plaintiff, not any of the remaining defendants, ignored its obligation to arbitrate in the first place.

II. LEGAL ARGUMENTS

Α. Plaintiff's Opposition Shows That She Cannot Separate Her Claims against CTC and Criterion from Lexicon, ICAP, and George.

Both Plaintiff and defendants agree that this Court has discretion to stay the nonarbitrable claims pending completion of arbitration. Staying the nonarbitratable claims pending arbitration is advisable where the outcome of arbitration impacts the nonarbitratable claims. ""[W]here the factual allegations underlying the arbitrable and nonarbitrable claims are identical, a stay may be warranted by considerations of judicial economy and convenience because a plaintiff's success at arbitration may render litigation of the nonarbitrable claims unnecessary." Shepardson v. Adecco USA, Inc., 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 64754 (N.D.Calif. (quoting Gilmore v. Shearson/Am. Exp., Inc., 668 F. Supp. 314, 321 n.11 (S.D.N.Y. 1987) (referring to Leone v. Advest, Inc., 624 F. Supp. 297, 303 (S.D.N.Y. 1985), abrogated on other grounds, Rubashkin v. Philips, Appel & Waldren Inc., 722 F. Supp. 1135 (S.D.N.Y. 1989)).

Because of how Plaintiff has pled her allegations, Lexicon, ICAP, and George's liability depends on CTC and Criterion's liability. Plaintiff cites four paragraphs in her Complaint to support her position that her claims against Lexicon, ICAP, and George may proceed separately and independently from the claims against CTC and Criterion in arbitration. See Opp. at p. 11 (citing Compl. at ¶¶ 30, 32, 37, and 256). Ironically, three of those paragraphs explicitly link Lexicon, ICAP, and George to CTC:

- 32. Defendant ICAP Management Solutions, LLC is a Vermont limited liability company that upon information and belief unlawfully and fraudulently received Spirit funds from CTC, which were funneled to Defendant Daniel George.
- 37. Defendant Daniel George ("George") was a director and officer of Spirit holding the positions of Treasurer and Secretary at various relevant points in time, President of Lexicon Insurance Management LLC, and an Executive Vice President of CTC California, who also served as Spirit's Risk

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Retention Group Manager by and through Lexicon Management. Dan George presided over meetings of Spirit's Board of Directors as its Chair, despite on information and belief never holding the title of Chairman or President. George, upon information and belief, was also responsible for putting "processes" and internal controls in place at CTC, meant to ensure cash and funds received from third parties were properly accounted for, recorded, handled, and distributed when held in trust by CTC and owns 100% of Defendant ICAP Management Solutions. George actively participated in misrepresenting financials, financial transactions, whether insureds were having policies premium financed and resulting funds paid to Spirit for viable insurance, and failed to report and disclose material and improper financial transactions that contributed to substantial losses for Spirit.

256. Payments made by CTC to related parties, Mulligan affiliated entities and/or in transactions which lacked specificity and back-up support to such an extent the auditors deemed them "unusual" include:

g. More than \$1.5 million dollars was recorded as being paid by CTC to ICAP Management Solutions LLC; however, upon information and belief some of such payments were actually paid to Kapa Management Consulting, Inc.

The one paragraph which did not reference CTC or Criterion is non-substantive, identifying Lexicon as a foreign company in the introduction to the Complaint. See Compl. at ¶ 30.

Plaintiff's implication of Lexicon, ICAP, and George is by no means limited to these three paragraphs. According to Plaintiff, Lexicon failed to disclose the amount owed by CTC to Spirit. Id. at \P 85. Lexicon supposedly unduly influenced CTC to override controls. Id. at \P 132. Lexicon purportedly allowed Spirit to go into receivership after concealing "the true financial condition of Spirit" by approving withholding of "Spirit funds" by CTC. *Id.* at ¶¶ 181, 183. Lexicon allowed CTC to comingle funds of Spirit with other insurance clients. *Id.* at ¶ 184. Plaintiff is tying Lexicon's liability to CTC's conduct, meaning Plaintiff must first show that CTC is liable before Plaintiff may pursue Lexicon for any action by CTC.

Another important fact that Plaintiff completely omits and fails to acknowledge is that ICAP has no relationship with Spirit. ICAP did not enter into a contract with Spirit, and Spirit never paid ICAP. Instead, Plaintiff alleges that CTC improperly retained funds that belonged to Spirit, and CTC improperly distributed such "Spirit funds" to ICAP, which further funneled the "Spirit funds" to George. See id. at ¶ 32. ICAP and George's liability therefore is dependent on

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CTC's liability. If CTC is found to have not committed any improper conduct, then Lexicon, ICAP, and George could not have committed any improper conduct through CTC or kept any "Spirit funds" through CTC. As Plaintiff admits in Paragraph 256 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Plaintiff is merely keeping ICAP in this action because Plaintiff's investigator felt that CTC's payment to ICAP (and other individuals and entities) "lacked specificity and back-up support" and felt that they were "unusual." In other words, Plaintiff has no evidence but a "hunch" that CTC made improper payment to ICAP (and not to mention of any ability to trace such payment as "Spirit funds"). Plaintiff cannot be allowed to circumvent her obligation to first arbitrate her claims against CTC to instead pursue her suspicion against ICAP and George.

Plaintiff has a choice to make: It can stay this entire action, or it can agree to not pursue Lexicon, ICAP, and George for CTC and Criterion's alleged wrongful conduct. As a result of Plaintiff's decision to tie all defendants' conduct together, the claims subject to arbitration are not easily separable from the ones remaining in this litigation. Plaintiff's allegations against CTC and Criterion underlie all of her causes of action against Lexicon, ICAP, and George. See, e.g., id. at ¶¶ 271, 281-283, 289, 295, 305, 315, 327-337, 344-346, 354, 359, 362, 365, 373-74, 381, 386-88, 401, 412, 424, and 436-439. Plaintiff is not willing to give up CTC and Criterion's supposed connection to Lexicon, ICAP, or George, and insists that any overlap was these defendants' own doing. Opp. at 11:22-23. While Plaintiff makes conclusory statement that the claims against Lexicon, ICAP, and George are separable, Plaintiff has not explained how that could be done. Instead, Plaintiff merely ignores and refuses to acknowledge her own allegations implicating Lexicon, ICAP, and George in CTC and Criterion's conduct.

B. Defendants Should Not Be Forced to Engage in an Expensive Discovery Process When the Arbitration Will Dispose of All If Not Most of the Grounds for Liability against Defendants.

Stay of the nonarbitratable claims is proper when "the discovery and the factual issues in [the litigation] would overlap and be duplicative of the discovery necessary in the arbitration." Knights of Columbus v. Va. Trust, 2:12-cv-688-JCM-VCF, 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 39437 (D. Nev. March 21, 2013) (finding issues remaining in litigation were not easily separable from arbitration). As Plaintiff points out, Rule 1 of the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure directs this

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Court and the parties "to secure the just, speedy, and inexpensive determination of every action and proceeding." By refusing to acknowledge the nature of her own allegations and the impact the arbitration may have upon the claims in the litigation, Plaintiff is championing the opposite making this litigation as costly as possible for the remaining defendants.

Plaintiff's position that Lexicon, ICAP, and George did not articulate any harm is simply false. As stated in the Joinder, should CTC and Criterion prevail in arbitration, Plaintiff's claims against ICAP disappear because they are all derivative of CTC's conduct. Without a stay, Lexicon, ICAP, and George will practically be forced to defend parties and claims which are subject to arbitration, addressing issues including CTC and Criterion's obligations under their respective contracts with Spirit, CTC and Criterion's internal controls, and CTC and Criterion's accounting methodology and bookkeeping—all without CTC and Criterion's involvement in this litigation or any arbitration (Plaintiff admits she still has not filed for arbitration yet). Plaintiff is forcing Lexicon, ICAP, and George to defend CTC and Criterion in this action—all before Plaintiff even makes any showing that CTC or Criterion committed any wrongful conduct.

C. Plaintiff Fails to Articulate Harm or Prejudice.

In contrast, Plaintiff provides no details on the supposed hardship it will suffer as a result of a stay. Interestingly, Plaintiff provides nothing more than generalized and speculative concerns about Spirit's inability to pay claims. There is not a single statement in the Opposition stating that Spirit does not have sufficient funds to pay any approved claims. Plaintiff provides no information as to the amount of approved claims at issue. Instead, Plaintiff merely states that Spirit's insolvency proceeding and its resulting claims process have caused frustration to the policyholders and claimants. Opp. at 17:10-13. The Receiver is seeking to extend the claims deadline to May 31, 2021 to accommodate potential claimants who faced complications due to COVID-19. Opp. at 17:23-24. That means the administration of those claims can continue for at least another year. Plaintiff does not know whether those yet-to-be-filed claims will be approved, or how much they will be.

Further, if Plaintiff's allegations bear any truth, Plaintiff could recover against CTC and Criterion pending the stay. Plaintiff is seeking to recover \$40 million from CTC and over

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\$101,566 from Criterion. Compl. at ¶¶ 96 143, 250. The only reason why Plaintiff would face any difficulty recovering funds while this action is stayed is if Plaintiff loses her arbitration against CTC and Criterion. Plaintiff's complaints that a stay in this action will preclude the Receiver from obtaining funds need to pay claims speaks volume to the lack of confidence Plaintiff has in her case against CTC and Criterion. Plaintiff knows it is unlikely for her to recover against CTC given the incredulity of her allegations, so she is attempting to keep as many defendants in the case as possible. If Plaintiff cannot recover from CTC or Criterion in the arbitration, Plaintiff cannot recover from ICAP and certainly cannot hold Lexicon or George liable for CTC or Criterion's conduct. Plaintiff has not shown that a stay will create any realistic, undue hardship on Spirit.

D. Any Undue Delay Is the Result of Plaintiff's Own Dilatory Conduct.

The Receiver should have filed for arbitration against CTC and Criterion before she commenced this action. The Receiver has been reviewing and investigating Spirit's records and finances for several years. At the absolute latest, the Receiver would have known of Spirit's arbitration agreements with CTC and Criterion when Spirit was placed into receivership on February 27, 2019 and the Receiver took control over Spirit's operations. See Compl. at ¶ 9. The Receiver made no effort to file for arbitration in the year that followed before Plaintiff filed her Complaint in this case.

On May 14, 2020, CTC and Criterion moved to compel arbitration. This gave Plaintiff another notice to promptly file for arbitration. This was not the first time the Receiver has faced similar motions to compel arbitration. The Nevada Supreme Court already rejected the Receiver's effort to avoid arbitration in another action against the failed insurer's vendors. State ex. rel. Comm'r of Ins. v. Eighth Jud. Dist. Ct. of Nev., No. 77682, 2019 Nev. Unpub. LEXIS 1366 (Nev. Dec. 19, 2019). Therefore, Plaintiff knew that her opposition to arbitration in this case was untenable. Yet, Plaintiff refused to honor Spirit's arbitration agreements and opposed both motions. See Plaintiff's Oppositions filed June 4, 2020. Despite the fact that the Court entered its minute orders compelling arbitration on July 6, 2020, Plaintiff admits that she still had not filed for arbitration as of September 11, 2020. See Opposition, at 18:2-3 ("arbitration

Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani, LLP 300 S. 4th Street, Suite 1550 Las Vegas, NV 89101 proceedings have yet to be initiated relating to either the CTC Defendants and/or Criterion"). Plaintiff's purported concern for the "unknown" length of stay is a product of Plaintiff's own doing. Such delay by Plaintiff is certainly not grounds to penalize the remaining defendants.

III. **CONCLUSION**

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In sum, Plaintiff's own allegations tie the claims subject to arbitration to Lexicon, ICAP, and George. The outcome of the arbitration will necessarily impact the remaining claims in this action, and may eliminate or limit the grounds for liability against the remaining defendants. The discovery process involving the remaining twenty-eight defendants will no doubt be an expensive process. Plaintiff will suffer no undue hardship as a result of a stay pending conclusion of the arbitration. Plaintiff has already delayed the arbitration process. Lexicon, ICAP, or George should not be penalized for Plaintiff's delay. For these reasons, Defendants request that the Court stay this action as to Lexicon, ICAP, and George.

DATED this 16th day of September, 2020.

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Corporation; CHELSEA FINANCIAL GROUP,

OF HAWAII, LLC, a Hawaii Limited Liability Company; CRITERION CLAIMS SOLUTIONS

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INC., a Missouri Corporation; CHELSEA FINANCIAL GROUP, INC., a New Jersey Corporation d/b/a CHELSEA PREMIUM FINANCE CORPORATION; CHELSEA FINANCIAL GROUP, INC., a Delaware Corporation; CHELSEA HOLDING COMPANY, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company; CHELSEA HOLDINGS, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company, FOURGOREAN CAPITAL, LLC, a New Jersey Limited Liability Company; KAPA MANAGEMENT CONSULTING, INC., a New Jersey Corporation, KAPA VENTURES, INC., a New Jersey Corporation; GLOBAL FORWARDING ENTERPRISES LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, a New Jersey Limited Liability Company; GLOBAL CAPITAL GROUP, LLC, a New Jersey Limited Liability Company; GLOBAL CONSULTING; NEW TECH CAPITAL, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company; LEXICON INSURANCE MANAGEMENT LLC, a North Carolina Limited Liability Company; ICAP MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS, LLC, a Vermont Limited Liability Company; SIX ELEVEN LLC, a Missouri Limited Liability Company; 10-4 PREFERRED RISK MANAGERS INC., a Missouri Corporation; IRONJAB LLC, a New Jersey Limited Liability Company; YANINA G. KAPELNIKOV, an individual; IGOR KAPELNIKOV, an individual; QUOTE MY RIG LLC, a New Jersey Limited Liability Company; MATTHEW SIMON, an individual; DANIEL GEORGE, an individual; JOHN MALONEY, an individual; JAMES MARX, an individual; CARLOS TORRES, an individual; VIRGINIA TORRES, an individual; SCOTT McCRAE, an individual; BRENDA GUFFEY, an individual; 195 GLUTEN FREE LLC, a New Jersey Limited Liability Company, DOE INDIVIDUALS I- X; and ROE CORPORATE ENTITIES I-X.

Defendants.

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I. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

In its 31-page Opposition, Plaintiff completely fails to explain how its claims against the Six-Eleven Defendants¹ are separate and distinct from its claims against the CTC Defendants and Criterion, which have been compelled to two separate arbitration proceedings. Plaintiff's failure to parse out these claims is not surprising but telling. Plaintiff's allegations against the Six-Eleven Defendants are not only intertwined, but fundamentally dependent upon the CTC Defendants and Criterion's conduct.

Plaintiff also does not dispute that this Court has the power to stay the instant proceeding pursuant to the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. § 3 ("FAA"), the Nevada Uniform Arbitration Act ("NUAA"), and other relevant statutes and case law. Realizing that it cannot question this Court's inherent power, Plaintiff attempts to argue that a stay would prejudice the receivership and Spirit's creditors. However, Plaintiff does not actually provide any evidence of how it will be prejudiced.

To the contrary, the receivership and Spirit's creditors will be benefitted by the stay. Plaintiff will avoid having to bear the expense of conducting duplicative discovery in this case and two separate arbitration proceedings, leaving more funds for the receivership. The discovery that will be conducted in the arbitration proceedings will be identical to the discovery in this matter. Plaintiff has already conceded that its claims against the CTC Defendants and Criterion are intertwined with the other Defendants, and therefore Plaintiff is judicially estopped from attempting to argue otherwise.

As this Court may recall, Plaintiff recently argued that, "[n]early every fraudulent and unlawful act the Receiver has identified was transacted by or with the knowledge of CTC." (Pl.'s Opp. to CTC's Mot. to Compel Arb. at 29, Jun. 4, 2020, on file.) "Indeed, Criterion's role in the fraudulent scheme the Receiver seeks to unwind cannot be untangled from the scheme at large." (Pl.'s Opp. to Criterion's Mot. to Compel Arb. at 18, Jun. 4, 2020, on file.) Plaintiff cannot genuinely argue that its claims are no longer intertwined or that the discovery in the CTC

¹ Defendants Six Eleven LLC; Quote My Rig, LLC; New Tech Capital LLC; 195 Gluten Free LLC; 10-4 Preferred Risk Managers, Inc.; Ironjab, LLC; Fourgorean Capital LLC; Chelsea Holding Company, LLC; and Chelsea Financial Group, Inc. are collectively referred to as the Six-Eleven Defendants.

Howard & Howard 3800 Howard Hughes Pkwy., Suite 1000 Las Vegas, NV 89169 Defendants and Criterion's arbitrations will not be identical to the discovery in this case. Accordingly, a stay will preclude duplicative discovery and associated costs, which is in the best interests of the receivership.

Further, Plaintiff's argument that a stay will delay and harm the receivership has no merit. Plaintiff will be able to obtain discovery once it initiates the arbitration proceedings, which are more expeditious than jury trials. As this Court is aware, the current public health emergency has halted all jury trials in this jurisdiction creating a significant backlog with criminal cases receiving priority whenever jury trials resume. Therefore, contrary to Plaintiff's assertion that there is an "uncertainty relating to a timeline for completion" of the arbitrations, the uncertainty of the completion of this jury trial is much greater.

Moreover, the Six-Eleven Defendants will suffer great hardship if the stay is not granted. The Six-Eleven Defendants will have to participate in discovery and defend itself in this case and two separate arbitrations, spend an exorbitant amount of money on attorneys' fees in a proceeding that is entirely dependent on the outcome of another, and endure the risk of inconsistent results. The inherent risk of inconsistent results weighs heavily in favor of granting the stay.

Lastly, staying the case would promote judicial economy because the arbitration proceedings will simplify and streamline the main issues in the case, particularly whether the CTC Defendants misappropriated any money from Spirit and improperly transferred any funds to the Six-Eleven Defendants. Additionally, the arbitrators will determine whether there was a fraudulent scheme or a civil conspiracy orchestrated by the CTC Defendants and Criterion that the Six-Eleven Defendants were alleged a part of.

Although Plaintiff does not explain why it is prudent to proceed in three forums, it is clear that a stay is in the best interests of everyone, including this Court.

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II. THIS COURT SHOULD GRANT A STAY PENDING ARBITRATION.

A. Plaintiff Admits that this Court has the Power to Stay the Action and Does Not Dispute that the Claims Asserted Against the Six-Eleven Defendants are Dependent, Intertwined, and Premised on the Claims Subject to the Arbitration Proceedings.

Plaintiff agrees that this Court has the authority and discretion to stay the instant matter pending the resolution of the arbitrations between Plaintiff and the CTC Defendants and Criterion. "[T]he authority relied on by defendants indicates that a court has the discretionary power to choose to stay the litigation." (Pl.'s Opp. to Mot. to Stay at 15, Sep. 11, 2020, on file.) Accordingly, Plaintiff does not dispute that this Court is empowered to enter a stay in this case.

The power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to control the disposition of the cases on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for counsel, and for litigants. *Landis v. N. Am. Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936). It is within the court's sole discretion to grant and lift a stay of proceeding, and it can do so for any reason it deems appropriate. *Id.*

A trial court may, with propriety, find it is efficient for its own docket and the fairest course for the parties to enter a stay of an action before it, pending resolution of independent proceedings which bear upon the case. This rule applies whether the separate proceedings are judicial, administrative, or arbitral in character, and does not require that the issues in such proceedings are necessarily controlling of the action before the court. . . In such cases the court may order a stay of the action pursuant to its power to control its docket and calendar and to provide for a just determination of the cases before it.

Leyva v. Certified Grocers of California, Ltd., 593 F.2d 857, 863-64 (9th Cir. 1979).

There are numerous cases across various jurisdictions that support staying a case pending the conclusion of an arbitration when claims that are subject to the arbitration are inextricably intertwined with those remaining in the litigation. *See Bischoff v. DirecTV, Inc.*, 180 F.Supp.2d 1097 (C.D. Cal. 2017); *Hill v. G E Power Sys., Inc.*, 282 F.3d 343, 347 (5th Cir. 2002); *Contracting Northwest, Inc. v. City of Fredericksburg, Iowa*, 713 F.2d 382 (8th Cir.1983); *American Home Assurance Co. v. Vecco Concrete Construction Co.*, 629 F.2d 961 (4th Cir.1980). Plaintiff does not distinguish or dispute the rulings of these cases.

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Although Plaintiff does attempt to unsuccessfully distinguish some cases cited by the Defendants, Plaintiff completely fails to address the actual substantive merits of the Six-Eleven Defendants' Motion to Stay that Plaintiff's claims are intertwined and fundamentally dependent upon Plaintiff's claims against the CTC Defendants and Criterion that have been ordered to arbitration proceedings. While Plaintiff repeatedly maintains that "it is possible to parse out the claims against the Filing Defendants" and there are "distinct issues and wrongdoings relating to each of the Filing Defendants," Plaintiff does not explain these supposed distinct issues in its Opposition. (Pl.'s Opp. to Mot. to Stay at 4, 16, Sep. 11, 2020, on file.)

Rather, Plaintiff confirms that its allegations against the Six-Eleven Defendants are intertwined and premised upon its claims against the CTC Defendants and Criterion. Specifically, Plaintiff claims that "the Six Eleven Defendants appear to have primarily been created for the purpose of simply collecting Spirit funds or acting as 'piggy banks' for Spirit funds to be deposited into." (Pl.'s Opp. to Mot. to Stay at 8, Sep. 11, 2020, on file.) "[Six-Eleven Defendants] each entity received substantial payments of funds that should have been sent to Spirit..." (Id.) "[T]he Six Eleven Defendants collectively siphoned and collected Spirit's funds." (*Id.* at 23.)

Plaintiff also notes that "[t]wo of the Six Eleven Defendants include Chelsea Holding and Chelsea Financial MO" who are referred to as part of the "Chelsea Defendants." (Id. at 9.) Although Plaintiff lumps Chelsea Holding Company, LLC and Chelsea Financial Group, Inc. (Missouri) with the other Chelsea entities, Plaintiff does not attempt to separate the Chelsea Defendants from the CTC Defendants and Criterion. Plaintiff merely asserts that "large premium balances were collected by the Chelsea Defendants and never paid to Spirit."² (*Id.* at 9, 23.)

Aside from these short statements, Plaintiff's Opposition to Six-Eleven Defendants' Motion to Stay Pending Arbitration does not contain any explanation regarding the Six-Eleven

² In its Complaint, Plaintiff asserts that Chelsea Financial financed many of Spirit's insured's premiums and was to pay those premiums to CTC, but Chelsea failed to do so and/or CTC failed to track funds received from Chelsea. (Pl.'s Compl., ¶¶ 58-60, Feb. 6, 2020, on file.) This allegedly wrongful conduct was done at the direction of CTC and its management. (Id., ¶ 60.)

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Defendants' specific roles in this litigation. As such, Plaintiff fails to explain how its claims against the Six-Eleven Defendant are distinct from the CTC Defendants and Criterion.

This Court has recently denied Plaintiff's Motions for Reconsideration of the CTC Defendants' and Criterion's Motions to Compel Arbitration confirming that all of Plaintiff's claims against the CTC Defendants and Criterion are subject to arbitration. (Min. Order, Sep. 4, 2020, on file; Min. Order, Sep. 14, 2020, on file.) Plaintiff is fully aware that all of its claims against the Six-Eleven Defendants also include the CTC Defendants and Criterion. (See Plaintiff's Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth, and Eighteenth Causes of Action³, Compl., Feb 6, 2020, on file.)

Given that Six-Eleven Defendants' involvement and liability in this case is inherently dependent upon and intertwined with Plaintiff's claims against the CTC Defendants and Criterion which have been ordered to arbitrations, this Court should stay the instant proceeding pending the outcome of the arbitrations.

Spirit Creditors and the Receivership Will Not Be Damaged but Will Benefit В. from the Stay.

In deciding whether to stay an action, the Court must weigh the competing interests including: (1) possible damage resulting from granting a stay; (2) hardship or inequity which a party may suffer in being required to go forward; and (3) the orderly course of justice measured in terms of the simplifying or complicating of issues, proof, and questions of law which could be expected to result from a stay. CMAX, Inc. v. Hall, 300 F.2d 265, 268 (9th Cir. 1962). Here, the competing interests weigh in favor of granting the stay.

In its Opposition, Plaintiff claims that a stay will delay its ability to recover funds from the remaining Defendants. However, as explained above given the current public health emergency, it is uncertain when this Court will resume jury trials. Conversely, Plaintiff can initiate the arbitration proceedings and promptly resolve the main issues of this dispute, whether

³ Plaintiff's Tenth Cause of action for Nevada RICO is not asserted against the Six-Eleven Defendants. (See Title of Tenth Cause of Action.) However, Plaintiff mentions the Six-Eleventh Defendants in the allegations of this claim. To the extent Plaintiff asserted a Nevada RICO claim against the Six-Eleven Defendants, such claim is also intertwined and premised upon the CTC Defendants and Criterion's conduct.

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the CTC Defendants owe Spirit \$40 million dollars and whether the CTC Defendants made any improper transfers to the Defendants in this case. Courts recognize arbitrations as more expeditious than litigation. See U.S. for Use & Benefit of Newton v. Neumann Caribbean Int'l, Ltd., 750 F.2d 1422, 1427 (9th Cir. 1985) ("It does not seem to us erroneous for the District Court to have preferred to allow the arbitration to take place first, particularly since the type of controversy here involved seems one well-suited to the informal, and often expeditious, proceedings which generally characterize arbitration.") Therefore, Plaintiff and third parties will not be damages by a stay, but instead will have the benefit of a quicker discovery process and resolution of paramount issues.

Further, Plaintiff's argument that its "goal is to recover as much as possible in order to maximize payments of claims" is contradicted by its own actions of attempting to arbitrate and litigate in three forums and continue to incur significant and unnecessary costs to the detriment of the receivership and its creditors. A stay will benefit the receivership, and Plaintiff will have the benefit from an expeditious determination of its claims by first having the main issues determined in the arbitrations. Plaintiff's resources will be preserved by waiting until that issue is determined rather than litigating identical issues in this forum. See Rupracht v. Union Sec. Ins. Co., No. 3:07-CV-00231-BES-RAM, 2007 WL 9700737, at *7 (D. Nev. Dec. 20, 2007) (staying litigation against non-arbitrating defendants because the arbitration might resolve similar questions facing both defendants and may eliminate further litigation and, at a minimum, the arbitration was likely to streamline subsequent proceedings before the court). Similarly, it is not in the best interests of Plaintiff to force its opponents to spend money in three different forums to decide the same issues because such costs reduce the amount of money Plaintiff may be ultimately entitled to, if any.

Lastly, Plaintiff's first-time discussion of "800 current claimants" does not change the outcome or demonstrate any harm to the receivership. Plaintiff has never identified these claimants in its Complaint nor provided any evidence regarding the same. There is simply no proof to support Plaintiff's statements regarding these claimants. Nevertheless, these 800 unknown and unidentified claimants do not undermine the benefits of the stay. It is clear that a (702) 257-1483

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stay will allow the Plaintiff to conduct discovery, preserve the receivership funds by not expending attorney's fees on duplicative discovery in numerous forums, and resolve its claims more expeditiously. For these reasons, Plaintiff and the receivership will not be damages but will be benefitted by the stay. As such, the balance of competing interests weighs in favor of the stay.

C. The Six-Eleven Defendants Will Suffer Great Hardship Without a Stay.

The Six-Eleven Defendants will suffer immense hardship by having to participate in discovery in three separate forums, spend an exorbitant amount of money on attorneys' fees in a proceeding that is entirely dependent on the outcome of another, and endure the risk of inconsistent results. These facts clearly establish hardship and inequity to justify a stay.

The Nevada Supreme Court has held that avoidance of multiple lawsuits is a justifiable basis for a mandatory injunction. Memory Gardens of Las Vegas, Inc. v. Pet Ponderosa Mem'l Gardens, Inc., 88 Nev. 1, 5, 492 P.2d 123, 125 (1972); See also Home Fin. Co. v. Balcom, 61 Nev. 301, 127 P.2d 389, 396 (1942). In Memory Gardens of Las Vegas, Inc., the Nevada Supreme Court affirmed the trial court's finding that the possibility of multitudinous litigation constituted an irreparable injury. 88 Nev. at 4, 492 P.2d at 125. Such principles and safeguard should apply here.

Six-Eleven Defendants are faced with three separate proceedings, which entail unnecessary attorney's fees for duplicative issues and inherent risk of inconsistent outcomes. Absent a stay, the Six-Eleven Defendants will be forced to defend itself and conduct discovery in this lawsuit, in the CTC Defendants' arbitration in Washington, D.C., and in Criterion's arbitration in Nebraska. This situation demonstrates significant hardship to the Six-Eleven Defendants.

Although Plaintiff claims that a stay "would have a devastating impact on [its] ability to pay claims and Spirit claimants." (Pl.'s Opp. to Mot. to Stay at 19, Sep. 11, 2020, on file.) Plaintiff does not identify such impact. This statement is simply an unsupported conclusion. Plaintiff also claims that its unidentified "devasting impact" is not outweighed by any purported hardship. (Id.) To the contrary, the Six-Eleven Defendants have clearly demonstrated their particularized hardships, which outweigh Plaintiff's speculative and unknown hardship.

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D. A Stay Would Promote Judicial Economy.

After admitting to this Court that "[n]early every fraudulent and unlawful act the Receiver has identified was transacted by or with the knowledge of CTC" and that, "[i]ndeed, Criterion's role in the fraudulent scheme the Receiver seeks to unwind cannot be untangled from the scheme at large," Plaintiff reverses course and attempts to argue that its claims against the CTC Defendants and Criterion are not inextricably intertwined with its claims against the Six-Eleven Defendants. (Pl.'s Opp. to CTC's Mot. to Compel Arb. at 29, Jun. 4, 2020, on file.; Pl.'s Opp. to Criterion's Mot. to Compel Arb. at 18, Jun. 4, 2020, on file.) Although Plaintiff is judicially estopped from taking this position⁴, Plaintiff's new arguments do not explain how its claims against the Six-Eleven Defendants are not intertwined and fundamentally dependent upon the CTC Defendants and Criterion's actions.

As mentioned above, Plaintiff attempts to provide "independent bases" against the Six-Eleven Defendants are limited to statements that the Six-Eleven Defendants "collectively siphoned and collected Spirit's funds;" and that the Chelsea Defendants "failed to pay Spirit the amounts collected." (Pl.'s Opp. to Mot. to Stay at 23, Sep. 11, 2020, on file.) However, these statements do not provide an independent bases for the claims to proceed against the Six-Eleven Defendants. In its Complaint, Plaintiff specifically alleges that the CTC Defendants improperly transferred funds to the Six-Eleven Defendants and allegedly participated in conspiracy and fraud with Criterion and the Six-Eleven Defendants. (Pl.'s Compl., Feb. 6, 2020, on file.) Although the Six-Eleven Defendants deny such wrongdoing, they identify for this Court the fact that Plaintiff has intertwined its allegations against the CTC Defendants and Criterion with the Six-Eleven Defendants.

Plaintiff's argument that this issue is now moot because the Six-Eleven Defendants did not raise it at the time the CTC Defendants and Criterion moved to compel arbitrations has no merit. The Six-Eleven Defendants were not parties to the arbitration agreements and could not

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⁴ *Marcuse v. Del Webb Communities, Inc.*, 123 Nev. 278, 288, 163 P.3d 462, 469 (2007) ("The central purpose of judicial estoppel is to guard the judiciary's integrity, and thus a court may invoke the doctrine at its own discretion. Nonetheless, we have stated that judicial estoppel should be applied only when "a party's inconsistent position [arises] from intentional wrongdoing or an attempt to obtain an unfair advantage.")

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assert a position prior to the Court's ruling on the Motion to Compel Arbitrations. Simply put, there was no reason to seek a stay until the Court ordered the CTC Defendants and Criterion to proceed with arbitration proceedings. Plaintiff's position that the Six-Eleven Defendants should have sought it previously is a red herring. If Plaintiff is not agreeable to a stay at this juncture, it certainly would not have agreed to it at the time the CTC Defendants and Criterion sought arbitrations.

Lastly, Plaintiff's characterization of the risk of inconsistent results under the same set of identical facts as a farce is disingenuous. To the extent Plaintiff's claims proceed against the Six-Eleven Defendants in this forum while the exact same claims proceed in arbitrations against the CTC Defendants and Criterion, the danger of inconsistent results is inherent. The claims against the CTC Defendants and Criterion in their arbitration proceedings are identical to Plaintiff's claims against the Six-Eleven Defendants in this proceeding.

> It would waste judicial resources and be burdensome upon the parties if the district court in a case such as this were mandated to permit discovery, and upon completion of pretrial proceedings, to take evidence and determine the merits of the case at the same time as the arbitrator is going through a substantially parallel process.

Leyva v. Certified Grocers of California, Ltd., 593 F.2d 857, 863-64 (9th Cir. 1979).

It is clear that a stay is in the best interest of judicial economy. The arbitration discovery and the arbitrators' determination whether the CTC Defendants owe Spirit \$40 million dollars and whether the CTC Defendants made any improper transfers to the Defendants in this case will significantly streamline and simplify the issues. Similarly, the arbitrator's decision in the Criterion arbitration will aid and simplify this proceeding. Plaintiff cannot dispute that these are the main issues of this case. Accordingly, it is in the best interests of orderly course of justice and judicial economy to stay this proceeding.

III. **CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing reasons, the Six-Eleven Defendants respectfully request this Court to stay all proceedings against the Six Eleven Defendants because (1) the claims asserted against them are entirely dependent, intertwined, and premised on the claims subject to arbitrations between Plaintiff, the CTC Defendants, and Criterion, (2) a stay is in the best interests of the **Howard & Howard**3800 Howard Hughes Pkwy., Suite 1000
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parties and the receivership, (3) the Six-Eleven Defendants will suffer hardship if a stay is not granted, and (4) the stay will promote judicial economy.

DATED this 16th day of September, 2020.

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COMES NOW, Defendant Brenda Guffey, by and through her attorneys of record, ALVERSON TAYLOR & SANDERS, and hereby joins in, adopts, and affirms, the legal argument in subsections A-E (excluding the argument from subsection B found on page 6, lines 15-21) of Defendant Thomas Mulligan's Reply in Support of Joinder Motion to Stay Pending Arbitration ("Motion"), and affirms and declares that the same are equally applicable to her.

Additionally this Substantive Joinder is based on the attached Memorandum of Points and Authorities, the pleadings and papers on file herein, and any oral argument the Court may entertain at the time of the hearing of this matter.

DATED this 18th day of September, 2020.

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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I.

LEGAL ARGUMENT

A. Receiver Incorrectly States That Brenda Guffey Would Not Experience Hardship If These Proceedings Are Not Stayed.

Receiver Alleges Brenda Guffey as President of Spirit, was intimately involved in, actively participated in, and was knowledgeable of the management and affairs of Spirit,

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reserving of claims, payment of claims on policies with outstanding delinquent premiums, unauthorized writing of cross-border insurance business by Spirit to cover Mexican insureds and drivers that led to large Spirit losses, and material misstatements to Spirit's policyholders, auditors, and the Nevada Division of Insurance. Complaint ¶ 43. If, as Receiver alleges, Guffey was "intimately involved," then it is very likely that Receiver will call upon Guffey as witness in the CTC and Criterion arbitrations. Should these legal proceeding be allowed to proceed concurrently with the arbitrations Guffey will be forced to incur (unnecessarily) an exuberant amount of attorney fees and costs. Indeed, her time will be consumed with litigation matters that will significantly burden her financially as well as emotionally. The stay in this matter will allow the arbitration proceedings to flesh out the details of this case and expose if these claims from the Receiver have merit or not.

including its failure to collect premiums due to the company, unrealistic and material under-

Finally, Receiver continues to argue, without support that this Court already held claims for fraud conspiracy, unjust enrichment, and the RICO claims could proceed in different forums. Receiver failed to cite to any statement by this Court or any written order issued by this Court in support of this position.

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CONCLUSION

Based upon the foregoing, Brenda Guffey respectfully requests that this Honorable

Court grant a stay of these pending the outcome of the Arbitration proceedings between Plaintiff

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	Thomas Mu	ılligan, Defendant(s)	
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THOMAS MULLIGAN, et al., Defendants.

vs.

BEFORE THE HONORABLE MARK R. DENTON, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2020

RECORDER'S TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING: ALL PENDING MOTIONS

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1 LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2020 2 (Case called at 10:40 a.m.) 3 THE COURT: All right. Reconvening the motions 4 calendar, calling the case of Barbara Richardson versus Thomas 5 Mulligan, et al. Appearances, I believe, were previously noted. Do we have everybody on? 6 7 MR. ROSE: Your Honor, this is Chris Rose. I'm on. 8 I believe everyone should be on. 9 THE COURT: Right. 10 THE COURT RECORDER: Judge, I do need everyone to 11 state their appearance. 12 THE COURT: Okay. 13 MR. ROSE: Your Honor, Christopher Rose, the Six Eleven Defendants. 14 15 THE COURT: All right. 16 MR. LARSON: Bob Larsen for Dan George, ICAP and 17 Lexicon. 18 THE COURT: Hello. 19 MR. McGRATH: Your Honor, Tom McGrath for defendants Pavel Kapelnikov; Chelsea Financial Group, Inc., New Jersey; 2.0 21 Chelsea Financial Group, Inc., California; Global Forwarding 22 Enterprises, LLC; Capital Management Consulting, Inc.; and 23 Kapa Ventures, Inc. 24 MR. URGA: Your Honor, William Urga on behalf of Tom 25 Mulligan.

1	THE COURT: All right.		
2	MR. WAITE: Trevor Waite on behalf of Brenda Guffey.		
3	MR. FERRARIO: Good morning, Your Honor. Mark		
4	Ferrario and Kara Hendricks for the plaintiff.		
5	THE COURT: Good morning.		
6	MS. PETERSON: Good morning, Your Honor. Tammy		
7	Peterson for Matthew Simon and Scott McCrae.		
8	THE COURT: Good morning. Do we have everybody?		
9	THE COURT RECORDER: I think Ms. Wise is on.		
10	MS. WISE: Good morning. Good morning. This is		
11	Rachel Wise for James Marx, John Maloney, Virginia Torres, and		
12	2 Carlos Torres.		
13	THE COURT: Good morning.		
14	Are we ready to proceed then? Are we missing		
15	anybody?		
16	MR. ROSE: Yes, Your Honor.		
17	THE COURT: Go ahead.		
18	MR. ROSE: I'm sorry, Your Honor. This is		
19	Christopher Rose. It's our motion. I'll proceed, if you'd		
20	like.		
21	THE COURT: Okay. This is Defendants' Motion to		
22	Stay Pending Arbitration with several Joinders.		
23	Okay. Go ahead.		
24	MR. ROSE: Thank you, Your Honor.		
25	So we are asking to Stay the District Court		

proceedings pending the results of the arbitrations that were compelled [inaudible] CTC and Criterion.

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Your Honor, I want to highlight a few of the points that there really isn't any dispute over, because I think those really carried the day regarding the stay issue.

The first is that the claims in this case all arise out of the contracts between the plaintiff, or Spirit, and CTC and Criterion. And as the Court knows, this Court has ordered the claims against CTC and Criterion to go to arbitration.

That's under Section 17 of the CTC Agreement, and Section 13 of the Criterion Agreement. Those claims are all in their own arbitration and that's the first point.

The second point, Your Honor, no dispute by anyone, in fact, it's conceded, that this Court has the power and the ability to stay this matter pending the conclusion of those — those arbitrations. And that — that powers not only from case law, it's also set forth in Section 3 of the Federal Arbitration Act which is what governs this matter.

We cited the <u>Hill v. G E Power</u> case. That's from the Fifth Circuit. You've also seen the <u>Leyva</u> case from the 9th Circuit. No question about this Court's ability to stay this matter.

And then the third matter, Your Honor, and I believe this really is the key, is that the claims against all of my clients -- my clients are nine different entities. All of

those claims are dependent and intertwined with the claims that the plaintiff has alleged against CTC and Criterion.

In fact, the plaintiff doesn't even really allege any wrongdoing by my client. They really just name my clients as relief defendants. Their allegation -- and I'm referring to paragraph 256 of the Complaint -- their allegation is that the payments my clients received seem, open quote, "unusual", close quote. And those are payments that they received -- alleged to have received CTC.

Your Honor, everything that the plaintiff alleges against my client is completely dependent upon the outcome of the claims that the plaintiff has alleged against CTC and Criterion. And again, the key issue -- and there's no dispute about that -- the plaintiff does not dispute that.

In fact, the plaintiff called my clients the piggy banks for CTC and Criterion. So the plaintiff acknowledges, Your Honor, that the claims are not only intertwined, but they are dependent upon whether the plaintiff can prove its claims against CTC and Criterion.

So, Your Honor, based on those undisputed facts and those undisputed legal principles, it just makes no sense for this case to proceed in District Court. It would be extremely prejudicial for my clients to have to engage in what would be essentially duplicate discovery, but also to face the risk of these potential inconsistent results.

And that's the reason why, Your Honor, and you can see in those cases, that's why the Arbitration Act allows for a stay. It's to prevent prejudice. It's to promote efficiency and in this case, Your Honor, it does both of those things, not only for the parties, but also for the Court.

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Your Honor, just a couple of points that the plaintiff raises. The one thing they argue is that we should have typed up and objected or -- or made some argument at the time that CTC and Criterion moved to compel arbitration.

And, Your Honor, as we -- we put forth in our briefing, there was really no reason for us to do it at that time. We weren't seeking to go to arbitration, we weren't taking a position for or against arbitration at that time. There was no basis or reason for us to raise this issue, unless this Court decided that the claims against CTC and Criterion were going to go to arbitration.

And so, after this Court granted the Motions to Compel Arbitration, we appropriately filed this Motion to Stay for all the reasons that we've set forth.

And, Your Honor, the other issue that the plaintiff raises is that the plaintiff is going to suffer some type of harm or damage if the case is stayed. Your Honor, there's a few reasons why that doesn't really carry any weight.

One is that the plaintiff agreed to arbitration.

And so, the plaintiff has these binding Arbitration Agreements

with CTC and Criterion, and now can't be heard to complain that the facts, the allegations, the claims that it has brought against CTC and Criterion, that those take place there, and that the claims they've brought against the other parties need to be stayed while that happens.

In other words, they can't get around the Arbitration Agreements by naming the numerous other parties that they have in this case who are not part of the arbitration. All of the claims they've alleged in this case, Your Honor, depend on the claims that they've alleged against CTC and Criterion, so it's really not much of an argument to say, were going to be prejudiced if we have to go prove our case against CTC and Criterion.

And then they mention, Your Honor, some argument about hundreds of unpaid claims. This is really the first time we've heard about that. They don't present any proof of that. It's not contained in any allegations of the Complaint. So we don't think that's a basis to even consider -- should be a factor in this analysis.

But even if there were unknown, unnamed claimants out there, the question still remains -- and they don't dispute this -- are the claims that they've alleged against my clients intertwined with and dependent on the claims that they've alleged against CTC and Criterion. That is undisputed.

And nothing that the plaintiff has presented, Your Honor, overcomes that. There's just no reason at all, legally or factually, for this matter to proceed in District Court until the plaintiff has completed arbitration against CTC and Criterion. So, Your Honor, that's the basis for our -
THE COURT: Okay.

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MR. ROSE: -- request to stay this matter, pending the outcome of the arbitrations and we'd ask that a stay be granted as to our clients.

THE COURT: I just have a [inaudible] questions.

First of all, is it fair for me to ask you what your contention is relative to the effect of an arbitration determination on the other defendants who are not in arbitration? In other words, let's say that the plaintiffs go to arbitration and win, what -- what would the contention be at that point, if any?

MR. ROSE: Sure. Yes, Your Honor, I think that's a fair question. If the plaintiff goes to arbitration and wins, I think they've established their case against the CTC and Criterion parties. The question is, does that mean that they've automatically established their case against our clients, and the answer is, no, because my clients are still entitled to their day in court. And they're entitled to present their defense, to have the evidence heard.

And so if the CTC and the Criterion defendants don't

do a very good job -- and I'm not saying they won't. They are well-represented and I'm sure they will present their best case. But whatever the CTC or Criterion defendants do or don't do in that case, isn't necessarily going to be binding on my client, because my clients still have the chance to prove their defenses.

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They don't have that chance in the arbitration, but they would have that chance in this District Court proceeding in the event the plaintiffs first overcome that initial hurdle of proving their claims against CTC and Criterion.

So, Your Honor, there's -- our position is that there's no effect if they -- if they prove their claims against CTC and Criterion, no effect as to our ability to raise our defenses. We still have that chance.

But the reverse is not true. In other words, if the plaintiff goes to arbitration and they can't prove their claims against CTC and Criterion, then they do not get to come and proceed against my clients because -- and again, this is undisputed -- everything that's alleged against my clients depends and hinges upon them first prevailing as to CTC and Criterion.

Your Honor, I -- hopefully that answered your question.

THE COURT: That was one question.

Okay. The second one has to do with what procedures

would the arbitrator be able to implement relative to discovery that would be applicable to the defendants who are not in arbitration. Would you -- I'd like to get your thinking about that.

MR. ROSE: Sure. Your Honor, I -- I don't believe the arbitrators gould recessarily make a -- impose a procedure.

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MR. ROSE: Sure. Your Honor, I -- I don't believe the arbitrators could necessarily make a -- impose a procedure against my clients since they're not a party to the arbitration.

Now, that said, could an Arbitrator allow for a third-party discovery against -- against parties or entities who are not part of that arbitration? Your Honor, I think the answer to that would be, yes.

And so, if -- if the Arbitrator allowed, or someone in the arbitration proceeding requested a deposition of one of my clients, or a subpoena, a third-party subpoena of documents, or something of that nature, I believe that discovery would be allowed to proceed, Your Honor, depending on what the arbitration procedures are.

So, I do think the arbitration, assuming that's allowed and provided for and contracted for between the plaintiff and CTC and Criterion, I do believe, Your Honor, as in most arbitrations, that some third-party discovery would be allowed, and that would include discovery from my clients.

Did that answer your question?

THE COURT: Yes. Thank you, (indiscernible) yes.

Anything else, Mr. Rose?

MR. ROSE: No, Your Honor. I think I've covered it. Thank you.

THE COURT: Okay. Anybody want to speak in support of the joinders?

MR. LARSEN: Good morning, Your Honor. Rob Larsen on behalf of Dan George, Lexicon and ICAP Defendants.

I will make this very brief. I agree with everything that Mr. Rose said in his portion of the argument. And I don't want to recap the -- what's in our motion -- or the joinder, which is the substantive joinder, and then also the reply, but rather just to highlight just a couple of very specific points which relate to -- to my clients and then also I'd like to address those two questions that Your Honor has.

Number one, it's in the opposition, there were five paragraphs that were referenced as -- by the plaintiff on why the claims against Dan George, ICAP and Lexicon are separate claims that are -- that are unrelated or to be maintained separately from the CTC/Criterion arbitrations.

The problem is, is if you go and look at those specific allegations that they -- they -- they reference, one of them is a non-substantive allegation just talking about the formation. The other four explicitly, on the face of the allegation by the claim to wrongdoing that happened at CTC.

So what Mr. Rose said is absolutely correct. If CTC

wins in the arbitration, those claims are going to be very difficult to come back into Court and maintain. And that's based on the specific language in the allegations.

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This is addressed in pages 4 and 5 of our reply. I don't necessarily, unless you -- you want me to go through the -- the specific -- the four specific allegations and the language. But every one of them is tied directly to the allegations against primarily CTC with respect to my clients.

So turning to the two questions that you asked -you asked about. So what is the effect of the arbitration on
the non-participating defendants, those who are not in
arbitration. There is some effect. There are certain factual
issues related to CTC and Criterion that will be established
as a result of that arbitration. And those will likely be
brought back into the Court and there is a good chance that
the Court will give great weight to those determinations, not
necessarily fully finding, but certainly Your Honor, could
give significant weight to them.

What's different though is -- and -- and I agree with Mr. Rose, is they still have to come back and prove the wrongdoing by the various defendants. So it's not just CTC's wrongdoing, but then they have to make the next step of each specific defendant with respect to the -- the transactions that are at issue with respect to that defendant, are also improper.

So there -- so the arbitration does not -- if -- if -- if the plaintiff were to win in the arbitration it does not eliminate the case. However, it would streamline down certain issues, and perhaps make the case a much narrower case than what it is currently.

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If you -- in the converse, though, as Mr. Rose explained, if the plaintiff loses in the arbitration it's going to be very difficult to maintain the separate allegations because they're going to have to prove that all these people did something improper through -- in our case, through CTC, but what CTC did was okay. That would be the end result of the arbitration.

So it's -- it's -- any argument they would make would be somewhat circular and I -- I think would -- would fail on its face. But as Mr. Rose said, the reverse is -- is not true.

The second question was, what about the procedure with respect to the discovery responses, and discovery that would potentially bind or affect those defendants which are not on arbitration. Mr. Rose discussed the third party discovery. Absolutely, all of that would be applicable.

And I think most importantly is to the extent there is discovery against the third party defendants, and in this case, my clients, if there's a definition allowed and taken in the arbitration, or testimony during the arbitral proceeding,

that testimony is under oath. That means it will have an effect on -- and bind my clients in what they were to testify later on in this case. And again, that helps -- that potentially could streamline discovery efforts in this case, so there would not need -- need to be necessarily separate proceedings.

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In contrast, if there -- you know, if the Court were to allow the arbitration to continue, as well as a -- this lawsuit to continue against defendants, my clients, as well as most of the other defendants, are going to be subjected to two sets of discovery, obligations that will run, you know, at the same time, where the claims would be much narrower after the arbitration.

The judicial economy here is quite stark, and the efficiency that would be gained is -- is significant, I think, for all the defendants. We're talking, you know, a large case, admittedly millions of dollars that the plaintiffs have conceded, you know, are at issue here.

So you're not talking a small -- small number of -- of issues and a small amount of discovery. It will be invasive. It will be expensive. A lot of ESI type -- type discovery is -- is expected.

In the meantime, if the arbitration proceeds separately, we are far less likely to incur needless expenses if, indeed, CTC and Criterion are successful.

And then finally, I just -- one other point that I wanted to make with respect to the -- the plaintiff's argument that we didn't -- meaning my clients didn't step in and say anything during the briefing on the Motion to Compel Arbitration. Had we done so, the first thing that would have been said for whichever side that felt that they wanted to challenge us, is that we had enough standing to oppose or to that argument.

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We are not a party to the Arbitration Agreement. We weren't. And so we really didn't have a ground to raise those challenges at that time. However, once the Court granted the arbitration and it reaffirmed that on the reconsideration, it is right for us to identify to the Court the effect that that ruling has on -- on my clients.

And lastly, to the argument about harm and that the -- the plaintiff says that they're suffering harm. Claims can't be -- can't be paid, etcetera.

Number one, the plaintiffs had an -- had an obligation to bring this arbitration against CTC and the Criterion defendants from the beginning. They didn't. They chose to lump it all together, file a lawsuit first. They should have arbitrated the case first.

So the harm is their own making. It's not the defendants. It was their -- it was their choice to proceed in this manner and now they need to live with the consequences of

that decision. 1 2 And then, second, and this is the last point unless Your Honor has any questions, is that they have extended the 3 claim deadline to accommodate, you know, various payments 4 until May 31st of 2021. So we're talking several more months 5 before they're even going to be paying out any claims. And so 7 for them to say that there is harm now, that just simply isn't true. There -- there may be some -- some small amount of 9 harm, but its not the -- the level that they --10 THE COURT: [Inaudible]. 11 MR. LARSEN: -- are claiming in their briefing. 12 discuss that on page 7 in our reply. 13 Unless Your Honor has any other questions for me, 14 I'll submit the rest on our briefing. 15 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. 16 Any other -- anybody else want to speak in support 17 of joinder? 18 All right. Apparently, not so --19 MR. URGA: Your Honor, this is Bill Urga. I'll I'll -- I didn't hear anybody else speak up, so I'll take my 2.0 21 turn at it if the Court okay's it. 22 THE COURT: Yeah, go ahead. 23 MR. URGA: All right. Thank you. 24 First of all, and the Court's aware of this, but you 25 know, there's a 79-page Complaint in this matter with 441

paragraphs, 19 claims for relief, over 30 defendants, and now in seeking their opposition to the Motion to Stay, the plaintiff now claims that these cases are against defendants that are totally independent and not intertwined at all.

In essence, the receiver basically is saying that the 30 plus defendants independently committed the wrongs against Spirit. So the conduct of each defendant had nothing to do with the conduct of any other defendant, but yet the plaintiff claims that there's no basis for a stay of the litigation while the arbitration proceeds. And then when they filed their Opposition to the stay they have an absolutely 180 degree contrary position.

When they -- when they opposed the Motion to Compel Arbitration they indicated that there were 30 plus separate fraudulent enterprises with one single alleged enterprise. And I've done this several times in our opposition and our joinder. They have alleged that the hub of the wheel is CTC, and obviously that means all the other defendants are the spokes.

But when you look at the Complaint and you look at their opposition to the Motion to Compel, it is obvious what they have said. They've said that its alleged harm to Spirit was caused, if at all -- and we're denying it -- by CTC and Criterion. The liability of the defendants is premised on the basis of alleged misconduct that is done by CTC and Criterion.

That's the hub of the action, not the spokes.

My client, Mr. Mulligan, has 12 claims against him. Eight of those claims specifically are alleged to be with CTC. And I don't want to go through the claims, because we've laid them out in our Reply. But in addition to those eight claims, there's two of them that argue a breach of -- of contract and breach of fiduciary duty of the Spirit directors and they've alleged somehow that my client is a director, which we deny. There's another claim for alter ego which, again, all circulates and focuses on CTC.

So, Your Honor, the bottom line is almost every claim in this Complaint involves CTC and/or Criterion. Now, the plaintiff is asking you to believe that, no, no, all these claims against these defendants are independent of each other. The conduct of one defendant is -- has nothing to do with the alleged wrongful conduct of the other defendant.

They even allege they could have filed separate Complaints. They absolutely say that the Complaints and the position the receiver takes are just exactly opposite to what they said in opposing the arbitration.

It's very unusual, to say the least, if you can say in one motion that it's X, and now all of a sudden say, no, not X, it's Y. The claims of the receiver in the Complaint are not that 30 plus defendants separately had fraudulent enterprises and actions against Spirit; it's a single one.

CTC was the hub and the rest of them all fall after that.

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You know, and even if the receiver has acknowledged in its opposition that there is a vast fraudulent enterprise, multiple interrelated companies, interplay between them and the claims asserted against them. Well, they've now said, oh, there is this fraudulent enterprise and multiple interrelated companies, and the interplay is -- is obvious.

Of course, we dispute that, because the real dispute, as it's alleged in the 441 paragraph Complaint, is against CTC and Criterion, because they're at the heart of the case. As I've said, they're the hub of the wheel, the rest of the defendants technically are the spokes.

And it's our position that the spokes should not -- should be stayed until the conclusion of the action against the hub, which is the -- the arbitration provisions.

Now, turning to the points that the receiver made, and I agree with Mr. Larsen, and I think Mr. Rose raised it, too. Somehow there's some allegation that because my client didn't say anything when there was Motions to Compel Arbitration that somehow there's a waiver of our right to seek a stay. Frankly, I think that's rather confusing, because I'm not sure I understand exactly how that happens. But they cite no authority for that proposition, yet they make that allegation.

Criterion and CTC has alleged, and as the Court

knows, had contracts to arbitrate. My client cannot be held to waive something that they stood neutral -- he stood neutral on, because he was not a party to the -- the contract.

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Likewise, I think the receiver's made some claims that somehow because we are denying engaging in wrongful conduct, yet at the same time, claiming they're intertwined, that somehow we have now waived our rights to object, which doesn't make sense to me.

Well, the next claim that they had is that -- that somehow they -- this case and the claims they have are not inexplicably intertwined. What they have done is made the argument that all the plaintiff's claims are against individual defendants, not against CTC as the hub of the wheel.

But as we've alleged and has been set out, these in fact are all based on what CTC did. So that these claims, I don't understand how they now can make the allegations that they are all independent. They could have filed independent claims against all of these defendants, when there is the exact same -- they've admitted, the receiver claims, they are not -- somehow not intertwined, different and not separate individual facts, discovery will not focus on the same conduct and the same operative facts. That's what they have alleged in opposing the stay, yet you go up and look in their motion to oppose arbitration, it was exactly the opposite. It was

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             MS. WISE: [Inaudible] Your Honor, [inaudible].
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             MS. WISE: Rachel Wise.
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So we have briefed this. I just want to touch on it briefly while we're here, that we identified plaintiff's claims against our director defendants have to do with breach of fiduciary duty and fraud. However, the breach of fiduciary duty and the majority of their claims arise from the theory that they -- our director defendants failed to exercise due care or institute appropriate safeguards in their oversight of the entity, which is Spirit.

So when this goes to arbitration, this review of these contracts and review of CTC, as well as Criterion, is going to be investigated. So these direct -- these contracts which are our director defendants allegedly didn't have the proper oversight of, are going to be central to this investigation in the arbitration, whichever arbitration there is.

These claims and allegations will be reviewed below. Therefore, dependent on how the arbitration reaches a decision will directly affect our litigation before you in the District Court. So, for example, if an arbitrator finds that CTC acted fraudulently below, then there is a less -- we'll still have to litigate at the Court, I agree with my co-defendants with that. However, there is a less of a chance that the director defendants acted fraudulently or acted within a breach of the fiduciary duty because they were misled, or that they -- they

[inaudible] fiduciary duty.

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So those two examples, to answer your first question about the affect of arbitration on our director defendants.

Regarding the arbitrator procedure, again, I agree with my codefendants. They have laid out all of this pretty efficiently.

The third-party discovery, the witness testimony, this will happen over and over again, but the big point is on the depositions. It's not necessary the fact that these depositions are testimony, the sheer cost of depositions alone is going to be insurmountable to the majority of these defendants.

They're going to either be video depositions. They may or may not be in the same location (indiscernible) or not occurring in Nevada. So whether or not we have to travel, whether or not counsel must travel is a consideration that we must take when we consider how much is going to be spent on this.

And then finally, the -- the testimony regarding the implementation of these contracts, again, is going to come out during the discovery. Our director defendants, we expect to receive subpoenas, we expect them to be deposed. We expect this to occur as a portion of this arbitration process.

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             MR. FERRARIO: Thank you, Your Honor. Boy, there
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   was a lot said there. [Inaudible] if I can address this --
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             MR. URGA: Your Honor, this Bill Urga. He's very
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             THE COURT: Yes, your sound quality is pretty bad,
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   Mr. Ferrario.
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             MR. FERRARIO: Is that bad?
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             THE COURT: It's really bad.
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             THE COURT: That's good. That's good. Yeah.
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Is that better? I'm sorry. 1 MR. FERRARIO: 2 THE COURT: Okay. I've been having issues all morning. 3 MR. FERRARIO: THE COURT: Very good. 4 5 MR. FERRARIO: And I will mute the video because I'm not dressed for -- I'm just not dressed for Court. This is my 6 7 -- this is my worst Bluejeans moment here. Here you go. 8 All right. Okay. Well, that was funny. 9 there's nothing funny about the motion that's being made by 10 the defendants. And there was a lot packed into the statements that were made today, but a few things really 11 12 jumped out at me. 13 And it started with your question of Mr. Rose right 14 at the beginning, which I think was really the right place to 15 start, asking him, well, what happens if Criterion loses? what happens if the arbitrations go in favor of the plaintiff? 16 17 Well, we want our day in court. That's not going to 18 be the end of anything. And then what happens after that? We 19 engage in a bunch of speculation about, well, if we have an arbitration we might get discovery, we may not get discovery. 2.0 21 It could have an impact, it may not have an impact, it won't 22 be binding, it could be binding, it could narrow things. 23 You don't stay a case based on speculation. You 24 don't stay a case and deprive my client of their day in court

based on the rampant speculation of the defendants. Oh, and

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what I heard just a little bit ago, the costs will be overwhelming and they won't be able to pay. Where's the proof of that?

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So what we have here, Your Honor, is something that really is an extraordinary request and -- and that's what the law says. And I would call your attention to pages 19 and 20 of our motion. And these defendants don't even come close, don't even come close to meeting the standards on a stay.

I'm going to quote from page 19 of our motion: "A party seeking a stay must make out a clear case of hardship or inequity in being required to go forward if there is even a fair possibility that the stay for which he prays will work damage to someone else. Only in rare circumstances will a litigant in one case be compelled to stand aside while a litigant in another settles the rule of law that will define the rights of both."

Then, we continue on, and the Court then -- and which we cite, it's a Florida court, Due to the potential for damage to the non-moving party in the rare circumstances under which a stay should be granted, Landis -- which everybody referred to -- requires the movant to establish a hardship or inequity, not merely saying that the stay will reduce its burden.

The defendants haven't even come close to that, Your Honor.

Now, we have addressed in our pleading why we have an independent right to pursue all these claims. But I -- I think it might be beneficial for the -- for us to go back in time, because what's gotten lost here is, I represent the receiver. We're here because an insurance company failed. We're here because the folks on the other side cannot account for now what is \$40 million that have been taken, that were -- that \$40 million that was taken from this insurance company.

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Now, we didn't come into this case cavalierly or lightly. We had a fight in front of Judge Allf to even get the receivership started. And then there was an audit conducted. And then we moved to filing the case.

Now, Your Honor has ruled that we have to go to arbitration against two of the defendants. I have to respect that ruling. I disagree with it, but I have to respect it. So that's what we will have to do.

But someone said, we signed these Arbitration

Agreements. My client signed no Arbitration Agreement. The

enterprise entered into Arbitration Agreements with itself.

But Your Honor has said you want us to go to arbitration, then

we're going to have to respect that.

So we didn't agree to that. That's not what we wanted to do. We wanted to try all the claims in one forum. What we have now is the defendants are all piggybacking on contracts to which they're not a party. If we're successful

in both of those arbitrations, we still have the fight we have now.

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So we don't delay that, Your Honor. We -- you don't delay us from moving forward and going after what is approximately \$18 million that was wrongfully obtained by these remaining defendants. Now, it would be a different story and it would be like some of the cases that they cite where they -- they said, well, if that arbitration goes against the receiver, we're off the hook. They were candid enough not to stay that.

But in the cases that they cite, that would have been exactly the result, and that's why stays were implemented.

And something else that -- that has really kind of gotten lost in this. And they say, well, there's no harm to people. We've laid out who the claimants are here, Your Honor. There are numerous claimants, numerous claimants with severe injuries. Any delay in adjusting these claims is a delay to a number of people.

But there's something else here that needs to be said. The money that we're fighting over doesn't belong to Mr. Mulligan, it doesn't belong to any of these people that are defendants in the case. If there's a surplus, the money goes back to the policyholders. That was the nature of this venture. And that is one of the aspects of this case that's

kind of gotten lost.

So my client, pursuant to the insurance laws in the State of Nevada, had to step in and pursue this receivership action, to protect those that have been victimized by the pilfering of over \$40 million, that they can't account for.

You know, if I was the defendant, and I was confident in my case, I would welcome the opportunity to go to Court and justify how the \$18 million that we're talking about was appropriately obtained, so I could get out of this mess.

I wouldn't want to delay it and wait down the road a year, or two or three if I was confident in my position. And again, Your Honor, we don't have arbitration proceedings pending. We may actually challenge Your Honor's ruling, quite frankly, with a Writ, because we -- we disagree with it. But absent some relief from the Supreme Court, we're going to have to go forward with that.

But what -- what has crystalized during this hearing is the defendants want nothing more than to delay. And that's when you -- what you do when you have no defense. You delay.

Mr. Rose -- and it's come up a couple of times; people want their day in court, after a bunch of other stuff happens. I want my day in court now. And I'm entitled to that under the rules and under the applicable case law.

So if you look -- and -- and -- and we've talked a lot about inextricably intertwined and all the rest of that.

The fact is, Your Honor's broken the case up. We have to live with that. And the fact is, we have separate and independent claims as all these folks have acknowledged, because if they weren't separate and independent, they'd be bound by what happened in the arbitration.

So we have separate and independent claims for \$18 million that we should be allowed to pursue now. And you asked questions about what -- what's the discovery obligations in the arbitration and all the rest of that. We don't even know that yet. We don't even know if discovery is going to be allowed. That's up to whim and caprice of the arbitrators.

I'm dealing with that in an arbitration right now in California, where they're just arbitrarily limiting the number of depositions we can take. So we don't know how these are going to proceed. And you don't stay a case where you have speculation. And that's all you're getting from the defendants. Speculation. What we have are claims that we can pursue now, and we have a right to pursue now.

With that, Your Honor, I'll answer any questions you may have.

THE COURT: No, that -- that's fine. Okay.

Mr. Rose?

MR. ROSE: Yes. Thank you, Your Honor.

I'm going to start where Mr. Ferrario began, which is about the affect of the arbitration on the District Court

proceeding. His suggestion that if the plaintiff prevails in arbitration, that we don't get our day in court. I've never heard of anything like that. That's not an argument they make in their brief. It's certainly not supported by case law, due process. So, Your Honor, that's not a basis. That's argument, but it's certainly not a basis to stay, and doesn't address the -- the elements that the -- the Court is to consider.

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Let me bring up the next point he mentions about discovery. And again, that's based on the question that this Court mentioned earlier, which is what -- what can the Arbitrator do in discovery. And Mr. Ferrario says, hey, it's all just speculation. We have no idea what kind of discovery we can get there.

And, Your Honor, I've got to tell you, I'm surprised by that. These are contracts that the plaintiff is bound by.

They stepped into the shoes, meaning that Spirit negotiated and agreed to these contractual arbitration provisions.

And so for the plaintiff now to show up and say, we don't know what discovery we're entitled to, under the very contracts that we're bound by, Your Honor, it's not an argument that is even relevant, certainly cannot defeat the case law, and Section 3 of the Federal Arbitration Act that governs the decision here.

So the argument that the discovery, we don't know

what we're going to get, and it's speculation as to what discovery we can get, again, not an argument that they made in their briefing. And those are answers that they could have gone to find out, Your Honor. And if they didn't like the discovery, then Spirit's going to have to contract for that.

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You know, their argument is, hey, we're the receiver. But the fact is, the receiver -- or the State is aware of those contracts that Spirit enters. And so it didn't have to allow those contracts to be negotiated and agreed upon and entered if it didn't like the arbitration provisions.

The -- the notion that [inaudible] and that they've been precluded from trying to find out what discovery is allowed, Your Honor, just doesn't carry any weight.

Let me go to the next point. Mr. Ferrario quoted from page 19 of their Opposition brief. He read it, the block quote that they put at the bottom of page 19 of their brief, and this goes over to page 20. I'm glad he brought that up.

What Mr. Ferrario didn't mention is that that's a case that he was quoting from the -- from the 9th Circuit.

It's the Lockyer case, Your Honor.

And so, while Mr. Ferrario quoted a paragraph from that case, what [inaudible] is that the Court's decision in that case had nothing to do with parties, some who were compelled to go to arbitration and some who were not. That case had nothing to do with an analysis about whether claims

were intertwined or dependent on each other.

The -- the decision in that case was not based on Section 3 of their Arbitration Act. That case dealt with a stay under the Bankruptcy Act and whether the Court acted appropriately in how it handled that stay, completely different fact scenario, Your Honor, that has [inaudible] to do with what we're talking about here.

And so, I think that's important to point out, because the plaintiff is relying on a case that factually is night and day from the scenario that we're talking about here. That's the second point.

Your Honor, the next point is the argument that Mr. Ferrario makes about the defendants not being able to account for \$40 million in funds. And he says they can't account for it, they can't explain for it. But, Your Honor, what Mr. Ferrario leaves out is who is the "they"? The "they" is not my clients, which he's claiming about. It's the parties that were responsible for running Spirit. That's Criterion and that's CTC. And they were compelled to go to arbitration.

We understand the plaintiff feels very strongly about their claims. They're going to get their chance to prove their claims against CTC and Criterion in arbitration.

But, Your Honor, Mr. Ferrario's argument proves the point that we're trying to make. They want to sit here and argue that, hey, you spent \$40 million that you can't account

for. Well, that's my not my clients. [Inaudible] do is [inaudible] first against the people you're complaining about, the entities that you're claiming can't account for this \$40 million, and after you do that, then we can take a look at the claims that the plaintiff has alleged against us.

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So, Your Honor, Mr. Ferrario's proving our point by the argument about the inability to [inaudible] that [inaudible] prove and establish against the -- the parties plaintiff admits are responsible and that's CTC [inaudible].

And then, Your Honor, with all due respect -- and I have a great deal of respect for Mr. Ferrario, but [inaudible] speculation when it comes to their argument that they don't know what kind of discovery they can get in arbitration.

But they're right to rely on speculation when they want to argue that there are multiple people, but we don't know who they are, we don't know how they've been injured.

But their argument is there has been claimants with severe injuries and they're not going to be able [inaudible].

Your Honor, that is the definition of speculation. There has been nothing put before this Court that anyone has brought claims, claims that cannot be readdressed or that -- that are going to be harmed or prejudiced in any way if this Court [inaudible] the principles under Section 3 of the Federal Arbitration Act and stays this case.

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             MR. ROSE: Your Honor, was that a question for --
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             MR. ROSE: Your Honor, I -- I don't think I'm
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             MR. ROSE: Yeah, I would imagine that the plaintiffs
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having been compelled, they're the ones who need to file the 1 2 arbitration proceedings. But I'll let Mr. Ferrario talk to 3 that. 4 THE COURT: Yeah. Mr. Ferrario, what's -- you 5 mentioned a Writ possibility. I understand that. But where are we in terms of getting arbitrations set up? In other 6 7 words, selecting arbitrators, etcetera? MR. FERRARIO: Your Honor, can -- give me a second. 8 9 Ms. Hendricks is handling that and she's [inaudible] --10 MS. HENDRICKS: I can address that, if you want. I'm online. Can I hear me okay? 11 MR. FERRARIO: -- [inaudible] Your Honor. 12 13 THE COURT: Okay. 14 MR. FERRARIO: Yes. 15 THE COURT: Um-h'm. 16 MS. HENDRICKS: So, Your Honor, as you know, we filed motions for reconsideration. One of the motion -- the 18 order was issued on the Motion for Reconsideration in the last 19 week or so. I received the other draft order last week and we'll respond to that. 2.0 21 So those arbitrations have not been initiated. 22 are just getting through the briefing and the orders related to the motions that -- for reconsider that have been filed. 23 24 So neither one of the arbitrations have been initiated by 25 either party at this point.

THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.

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Now, back to Mr. Rose. Not staying a case doesn't mean that it has to go to trial at a certain point or that dispositive motions are due. I mean, the case could be partially stayed, right, relative to dispositive motions or setting of trial, but not stayed relative to discovery and things like that, isn't that a possibility?

MR. ROSE: Your Honor, I -- I don't know how that would work, honestly, with a case as large as this, and that's as dependent on the claims against CTC and Criterion as this case is. I'm not -- I'm not sure how efficiently or economically we could piecemeal stay it, staying certain things and not staying other things.

And more importantly, again, I think it's just going to be prejudicial to the parties to do anything other than a stay that, you know, a stay other than the whole case. And here's why. Because any discovery that the plaintiffs want, they should be able to get in arbitration.

Now, I know Mr. Ferrario's disputing that. But by his own admission, he doesn't know. And they're the plaintiffs. They have the obligation. Those arbitration proceedings should have been initiated already.

I understand that they don't like your ruling and maybe they're going to challenge that. But that doesn't mean that they haven't had the ability to initiate arbitration.

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THE COURT: No stay? Right.

MR. FERRARIO: -- be entered. But -- but certainly, if -- if -- you know, if you're going to manage the case that way, then we -- we think we should be able to engage in discovery. And again, the problem here is just -- the -- the arbitration hasn't commenced. And, you know, with all due respect to Mr. Rose, and anybody that's been in arbitration, and -- and, Your Honor, fortunately hasn't, because you're on the bench but --

THE COURT: Well, it's been a long time.

MR. FERRARIO: -- it's been a long time. But I can tell you there is wide variation. I've got a number of them going right now and -- and there's wide variation in terms of what you're allowed to get in discovery.

So it -- it -- and again, the -- we have separate and distinct claims against the remaining folks. And those claims should be allowed to proceed. That's the -- that's the problem that the defendants are having. They're saying, well, let's just wait and see.

All we're doing is kicking this can down the road, so we should manage the case appropriately so that we're not starting over, or starting anew, a year or two from now when the arbitrations are concluded, or if we get a ruling from the Court, we're back here and everybody's in the same pot again.

So we should move forward with the claims that can

go forward. These are separate and distinct claims. And the
-- they have conceded, Your Honor, all of them, that the
arbitration isn't going to resolve these claims. The
arbitration's not going to resolve the claims.

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So we have every right to proceed. And so if Your Honor's inclined to issue a partial stay, we'll all figure that out. We -- we've all -- are all veterans for them most part of complex cases. So figuring out how we can move forward efficiently and move this case along isn't that difficult.

And I would just -- you know, this idea that we have claimants that are speculative, on the other side, over in -- in Judge Allf's courtroom, where -- where the -- where the receivership estate is being managed, I'll be happy to -- to -- or I'll -- I'll be happy to let anybody on here come and look at the claims that we have from the people that have been injured around the country. That's not something I'm making up. There's no speculation there.

So that's part of being a receiver. That's what we're doing. This is not an academic exercise. We're marshaling assets to pay policyholders and to pay claimants. If we had no claimants or we had no policyholders, I wouldn't be here.

THE COURT: Okay. All right. Thank you.

Mr. Rose, I always let the moving party have the

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last word. Mr. Rose?

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MR. ROSE: All right. Thank you, Your Honor.

So what Mr. Ferrario mentioned there, as far as still not being aware of what they're allowed to get in arbitration, Your Honor, that's -- that's something that my client does not control. That's something they control. And they've had the agreements. They've had the ability to start arbitration or to look at the rules that would govern that arbitration procedure. That's not a reason to not stay this case.

And, Your Honor, if this case is stayed, as it should be, and the plaintiff gets down the road to arbitration, and they can't get the discovery that they want if they can't do a subpoena or take a deposition of one of the other co-defendants, this Court can come back and -- and -- and amend its decision.

The plaintiff can come back and report to this Court and say, you know what, we need such and such discovery from -- some of the clients or parties in this case, and we can't get that. We are barred in arbitration from getting that. If they come back to this Court, Your Honor, with that kind of presentation, this Court can decide then whether to limit the stay, or to reopen it, reopen the case for a limited purpose.

But now, right now, just based on the speculation that the plaintiff is not sure what discovery they're going to

get, that's not a reason to deny a stay. That's the first point.

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The second point, Your Honor, is, is Mr. Ferrario raises an argument right now that contradicts what they argued in their 28-page opposition and certainly contradicts the -- the claims in their Complaint.

He just argued right now that we have separate and distinct claims against the defendants. As it pertains to my clients, Your Honor, that is not true, and they know it and they conceded it.

And in their Opposition, not once did they argue or try to argue that they have separate and standalone claims against my client. And they can't do that, Your Honor.

If you look at the Complaint, they alleged I don't know how many claims for relief, 19 or so. They don't mention my clients until the 11th claim for relief. And you know what the claim is? It's for unjust enrichment by claiming that CTC or Criterion made payments to my clients that should not have been made.

I won't go through the other claims and allegations, Your Honor. But this case is not a case that alleges separate and distinct claims. Every single allegation, every single claim against my client, and against most of the other defendants, Your Honor, are all dependent on the plaintiff first proving their claims against CTC and Criterion. And,

you know, that's based on the pleadings, that's based on the 1 2 plaintiff's own argument. And in those circumstances, Your Honor, much different than the case law that -- that the 3 plaintiff was trying to rely on, in those circumstances, that 4 5 is a classic case for a stay of the proceedings until the arbitration concludes. Thank you. 6 7 THE COURT: All right. Thank you, counsel. 8 matter stands submitted. I need to review it a bit further 9 before I can issue my ruling on this and I'll do so as quickly 10 as I can. Thank you very much. 11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you, Your Honor. 12 THE COURT: I'd like my staff to remain on, please. 13 MR. ROSE: Thank you, Your Honor. 14 THE COURT: Thank you. Thank you. 15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 16 (Court recessed at 11:45 a.m.) 17

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Omaha, Inc.'s Motion to Compel Arbitration was entered on the 29th day of September, 2020. A true and correct copy of which is attached hereto. DATED this 29th day of September, 2020. **BAILEY * KENNEDY** By: /s/ Joshua M. Dickey JOHN R. BAILEY JOSHUA M. DICKEY REBECCA L. CROOKER Attorneys for Defendant Criterion Claim Solutions of Omaha, Inc. Page 3 of 5

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

1 2 I certify that I am an employee of BAILEY KENNEDY and that on the 29th day of 3 September, 2020, service of the foregoing NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER DENYING 4 PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION AND/OR CLARIFICATION OF THE 5 COURT'S JULY 22, 2020 ORDER REGARDING CRITERION CLAIM SOLUTIONS OF 6 OMAHA, INC.'S MOTION TO COMPEL ARBITRATION was made by mandatory electronic 7 service through the Eighth Judicial District Court's electronic filing system and/or by depositing a 8 true and correct copy in the U.S. Mail, first class postage prepaid, and addressed to the following at 9 their last known address: 10 MARK E. FERRARIO, ESQ. Email: ferrariom@gtlaw.com hendricksk@gtlaw.com KARA B. HENDRICKS, ESQ. 11 KYLE A. EWING, ESQ. ewingk@gtlaw.com GREENBERG TRAURIG, LLP 12 10845 Griffith Peak Drive Attorneys for Plaintiff Barbara D. Suite 600 Richardson in Her Capacity as Statutory 13 Las Vegas, Nevada 89135 Receiver for Spirit Commercial Auto Risk Retention Group, Inc. 14 15 KURT R. BONDS, ESQ. Email: kbonds@alversontaylor.com ALVERSON TAYLOR & SANDERS efile@alversontaylor.com 16 6605 Grand Montecito Parkway Suite 200 Attorneys for Defendant Brenda Guffey 17 Las Vegas, Nevada 89149 18 ROBERT S. LARSEN, ESO. Email: rlarsen@grsm.com 19 WING YAN WONG, ESQ. wwong@grsm.com GORDON REES SCULLY 20 MANSUKHANI, LLP Attorneys for Defendants Lexicon 300 South Fourth Street Insurance Management LLC; Daniel 21 George; and ICAP Management **Suite 1550** Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 Solutions, LLC 22 23 THOMAS E. McGrath, Esq. Email: tmcgrath@tysonmendes.com CHRISTOPHER A. LUND, ESQ. clund@tysonmendes.com 24 TYSON & MENDES LLP 3960 Howard Hughes Parkway Attorneys for Defendants Pavel 25 Kapelnikov; Igor Kapelnikov; Yanina Suite 600 Kapelnikov; Chelsea Financial Group, Las Vegas, Nevada 89169 26 Inc.; Global Forwarding Enterprises, LLC; Kapa Management Consulting, Inc.; 27 and Kapa Ventures, Inc. 28

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Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration and/or Clarification of the Court's July 22, 2020 Order regarding Criterion Claim Solutions of Omaha, Inc.'s Motion to Compel Arbitration ("Motion") having been presented to the Court and taken under advisement; the Court, after having reviewed and considered the papers submitted by the parties, being fully apprised of the premises, and for good cause appearing, hereby makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

On May 14, 2020, Criterion Claim Solutions of Omaha, Inc. ("Criterion") filed a Motion to Compel Arbitration with respect to all claims asserted against it by the Plaintiff. On July 20, 2020, this Court entered an Order granting Criterion's Motion to Compel Arbitration in its entirety and dismissing Criterion from this case without prejudice. Subsequently, on August 5, 2020, the Plaintiff filed the Motion.

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1 To move for reconsideration, a party must have "sufficient cause." Trail v. Faretto, 91 Nev. 2 401, 403, 536 P.2d 1026, 1027 (1975). A court may only "reconsider a previously decided issue if 3 substantially different evidence is subsequently introduced or the decision is clearly erroneous." 4 Masonry & Tile Contrs. v. Jolley, Urga & Wirth Ass'n, 113 Nev. 737, 741, 941 P.2d 486, 489 5 (1997). "Only in very rare instances in which new issues of fact or law are raised supporting a 6 ruling contrary to the ruling already reached should a motion for rehearing be granted." *Moore v*. 7 City of Las Vegas, 92 Nev. 402, 405, 551 P.2d 244, 246 (1976) (emphasis added). 8 Here, the Plaintiff fails to meet the standard for reconsideration, as she raises no new issues 9 of facts or law, provides no new evidence, and provides no compelling arguments that this Court's 10 granting of Criterion's Motion to Compel was clearly erroneous. 11 **ORDER** 12 Based on the foregoing findings of fact and conclusions of law, and for good cause 13 appearing, 14 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Motion shall be, and hereby is, DENIED. 15 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Criterion's request for attorneys' fees shall be, and hereby 16 is, DENIED. 17 DATED this day of 18 2020. ______, ZUZU.

Dated this 29th day of September, 2020 19 20 HONORABLE MARK R. DENTON 21 Mark R. Denton 22 Respectfully prepared and submitted by: **District Court Judge**

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HAVING further reviewed and considered the parties' filings and the argument of counsel pertaining to the Motion to Stay Pending Arbitration filed by Defendants Six Eleven LLC et al. on August 28, 2020 and the Joinders thereto, heard and taken under advisement on September 28, 2020, and being now fully advised in the premises, and without, at this time, intending to intimate any opinion regarding the ultimate effect of the arbitration determinations, but being persuaded by the Motion/Joinders that Plaintiff's claims against the Defendants are so intertwined with those against the parties subject to arbitration that a stay is warranted for the reasons advanced by Defendants, the Court GRANTS the Motion/Joinders.

Counsel for moving Defendants is directed to submit a proposed order consistent herewith and with briefing and argument supportive of the same after providing it to all counsel for signification of approval/disapproval. Instead of seeking to clarify or litigate meaning or any disapproval through correspondence to the Court or to counsel with copies to the Court, any such clarification or disapproval should be the subject of appropriate motion practice.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

BARBARA D. RICHARDSON IN HER
CAPACITY AS THE STATUTORY RECEIVER
FOR SPIRIT COMMERCIAL AUTO
RETENTION GROUP, INC.,

Plaintiff,

VS.

THOMAS MULLIGAN, an individual; et al.,

Defendants.

CASE NO.: A-20-809963-B

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ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO STAY PENDING ARBITRATION AND JOINDERS THERETO

Hearing Date: September 28, 2020 Hearing Time: 9:00 a.m.

Defendants Six Eleven, LLC, Quote My Rig, LLC, New Tech Capital, LLC, 195 Gluten Free, LLC, 10-4 Preferred Risk Managers, Inc., Ironjab, LLC, Fourgorean Capital, LLC, Chelsea Holding Company, LLC, and Chelsea Financial Group, Inc. (Missouri) (herein collectively referred to as "Six-Eleven Defendants") filed their Motion to Stay Pending Arbitration (the "Motion to Stay") on August 28, 2020.

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Defendants Brenda Guffey, James Marx, John Maloney, Virginia Torres, Carlos Torres, Lexicon Insurance Management, LLC, Daniel George, ICAP Management Solutions, LLC, Matthew Simon, Jr., Scott McCrae, Pavel Kapelnikov, Chelsea Financial Group, Inc. (New Jersey), Chelsea Financial Group, Inc. (California), Global Forwarding Enterprises, LLC, Kapa Management Consulting, Inc., Kapa Ventures, Inc., Igor Kapelnikov, Yanina Kapelnikov, and Thomas Mulligan (collectively "Defendants")¹ filed substantive Joinders to the Six-Eleven Defendants' Motion to Stay on September 2 and 3, 2020 ("Joinders").

Plaintiff Barbara D. Richardson, in her capacity as the Statutory Receiver for Spirit Commercial Auto Risk Retention Group, Inc. ("Plaintiff") filed her Opposition to the Motion to Stay and Joinders Thereto on September 11, 2020 ("Opposition").

Defendants Thomas Mulligan, James Marx, John Maloney, Virginia Torres, Carlos Torres, Lexicon Insurance Management, LLC, Daniel George, ICAP Management Solutions, LLC, Brenda Guffey, and the Six Eleven Defendants filed Replies in Support of Motion to Stay on September 16, 2020 ("Replies").

On September 28, 2020, 9:00 a.m., the Six-Eleven Defendants' Motion to Stay and Defendants' Joinders thereto came on for hearing before the Honorable Mark R. Denton. L. Christopher Rose, Esq. of Howard & Howard Attorneys, PLLC appeared on behalf of the Six-Eleven Defendants; Mark E. Ferrario, Esq. and Kara B. Hendricks, Esq. of Greenberg Traurig, LLP appeared on behalf of Plaintiff; William R. Urga, Esq. of Jolley, Urga, Woodbury & Holthus appeared on behalf of Defendant Thomas Mulligan; Thomas E. McGrath, Esq. of Tyson & Mendes, LLP appeared on behalf of Defendants Pavel Kapelnikov, Chelsea Financial Group, Inc. (New Jersey), Chelsea Financial Group, Inc. (California), Global Forwarding Enterprises, LLC, Kapa Management Consulting, Inc., Kapa Ventures, Inc., Igor Kapelnikov and Yanina Kapelnikov; Tamara Beatty Peterson, Esq. of Peterson Baker, LLC appeared on behalf of Defendants Matthew Simon Jr. and Scott McCrae; Robert S. Larsen, Esq. of Gordon, Rees, Scully, Mansukhani, LLP appeared on behalf of Defendants Lexicon Insurance Management,

¹ The term Defendants refers to and includes the Six-Eleven Defendants in the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

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LLC, Daniel George and ICAP Management Solutions, LLC; Trevor R. Waite, Esq. of Alverson, Taylor & Sanders appeared on behalf of Defendant Brenda Guffey; and Rachel L. Wise, Esq. of Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker, LLP appeared on behalf of Defendants James Marx, John Maloney, Virginia Torres and Carlos Torres.

Following the parties' extensive oral arguments, the Court took the Motion to Stay and Joinders thereto under advisement. Having further reviewed and considered the parties' filings and the argument of counsel pertaining to the Motion to Stay filed by the Six-Eleven Defendants on August 28, 2020 and the Defendants' Joinders thereto, and being now fully advised in the premises, and without, at this time, intending to intimate any opinion regarding the ultimate effect of the arbitration determinations, but being persuaded by the Motion to Stay and the Joinders that Plaintiff's claims against all of the Defendants are so intertwined with those against the parties subject to arbitration that a stay is warranted for the reasons advanced by Defendants, hereby finds and concludes as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Spirit Commercial Auto Risk Retention Group, Inc. ("Spirit") is an insurance company formed to transact commercial auto liability insurance, which specialized in insuring commercial truck owners.
- On January 11, 2019, the Nevada Insurance Commissioner (the "Commissioner") filed a Petition for Appointment of Commissioner as Receiver in the Eighth Judicial District Court of Nevada, case no.: A-19-787325-B (the "Petition"). On February 27, 2019, the Honorable Nancy J. Allf granted the Petition and appointed the Commissioner as Spirit's Permanent Receiver.
- 3. On February 6, 2020, the Commissioner in her capacity as the Permanent Receiver for Spirit initiated the present action by filing a 79-page Complaint asserting 19 causes of action against CTC Transportation Insurance Services of Missouri, LLC, CTC Transportation Insurance Services, LLC, and CTC Transportation Insurance Services of Hawaii, LLC (collectively "CTC") and Criterion Claim Solutions of Omaha, Inc. ("Criterion") and the Defendants.

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4. Plaintiff alleges the following causes of action in her Complaint: (1) Breach of Contract against CTC; (2) Breach of Contract against Lexicon; (3) Breach of Contract against Criterion; (4) Breach of Contract against the Spirit Director Defendants; (5) Breach of Fiduciary Duty against CTC and Lexicon; (6) Breach of Fiduciary Duty against the Spirit Director Defendants; (7) Breach of Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing - Tortious against CTC and Lexicon; (8) Breach of Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing - Contract against CTC and Lexicon; (9) Breach of Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing -Contract against Criterion; (10) Nevada RICO Claims against Mulligan, George, Simon, Guffey, McCrae, Kapelnikovs, CTC, Lexicon, and Criterion; (11) Unjust Enrichment against all Defendants; (12) Frauds against all Defendants²; (13) Civil Conspiracy against all Defendants; (14) Alter Ego against Mulligan, George, Guffey, Simon³, and Pavel Kapelnikov; (15) NRS 112 - Avoidance of Transfers against CTC and its Transferees; (16) NRS 696B - Voidable Transfers against CTC and its Transferees; (17) NRS 696B - Recovery of Distributions and Payments against CTC and its Transferees; (18) NRS 692C.402 - Recovery of Distributions and Payments against CTC and its Transferees; and (19) NRS 78.300 - Recovery of Unlawful Distribution against the Spirit Director Defendants. (Complaint, Feb. 6, 2020, on file.)

- 5. In her Complaint, Plaintiff alleges that CTC served as the Program Administrator for Spirit and was responsible for a multitude of responsibilities concerning Spirit's insurance business, including collecting premiums from insureds and holding the collected money in a trust account for the benefit of Spirit.
- 6. Moreover, Plaintiff alleges that Criterion was a Third-Party Administrator that provided claims administration services to Spirit and was responsible for establishing loss reserves, settling claims, and issuing loss payments.
- 7. In her Complaint, Plaintiff asserts that CTC and Criterion mismanaged the funds, assets, and dues owed to Spirit by improperly using said funds to enrich other entities and

² The Twelfth Claim for Relief for Fraud as to Defendants Scott McCrae and Matthew Simon, Jr. was dismissed by Order filed August 10, 2020.

³ The Fourteenth Claim for Relief for Alter Ego as to Defendant Matthew Simon, Jr. was dismissed with prejudice by Order filed August 10, 2020.

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individuals, who Plaintiff has named as Defendants in this matter. As a result of this alleged conduct, Plaintiff alleges that Spirit became insolvent and placed it into Receivership and liquidation.

- 8. Plaintiff alleges that CTC has misappropriated in excess of \$43 million from Spirit and has characterized CTC as the "hub of a wheel, [which] was at the center of the scheme that caused the insolvency of Spirit..."
- 9. On May 14, 2020, CTC and Criterion filed Motions to Compel Arbitration pursuant to the applicable arbitration provisions in their respective agreements with Spirit.
- 10. The Court granted CTC and Criterion's Motions to Compel Arbitration, finding among other things that the arbitration provisions were enforceable and encompassed all of Plaintiff's claims against CTC and Criterion.
- 11. Plaintiff's claims as alleged against the Six Eleven Defendants are fundamentally dependent on, intertwined with, and premised on Plaintiff's claims alleged against CTC and Criterion, which claims will be determined in arbitration.
- 12. Plaintiff's claims against the remaining Defendants are likewise fundamentally dependent on, intertwined with, and premised on Plaintiff's claims against CTC and Criterion that will be determined in arbitration.
- The threshold questions of whether CTC and/or Criterion engaged in wrongful 13. conduct to misappropriate Spirit's money or otherwise breached any obligations to Spirit will be answered in the arbitrations. These threshold questions must be determined before the liability of the Defendants, if any, for allegedly participating in or benefitting from any misconduct of CTC or Criterion may be determined. Because the remaining matters to be decided in this case against Defendants are so inextricably intertwined with and dependent upon the result of those arbitrations, justice demands that this case be stayed pending the conclusion of the arbitration proceedings against the CTC and Criterion.
- 14. If any findings of fact are properly conclusions of law, they shall be treated as if appropriately identified and designated.

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 15. The power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to control the disposition of the cases on its docket with consideration of economy of time and effort for itself, for counsel, and for litigants. Landis v. N. Am. Co., 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936). It is within the court's sole discretion to grant and lift a stay of proceeding, and it can do so for any reason it deems appropriate. Id.
- 16. A district court may stay proceedings "pending resolution of independent proceedings which bear upon the case." Leyva v. Certified Grocers of California, Ltd., 593 F.2d 857, 863-64 (9th Cir. 1979).
- Courts have repeatedly found that when claims not subject to an arbitration 17. agreement arise out of the same conduct as claims subject to an arbitration agreement, staying the former claims pending the conclusion of the arbitration is in the best interest of judicial economy. See Hill v. GE Power Sys., Inc., 282 F.3d 343, 347 (5th Cir. 2002); RB Prod., Inc. v. Ryze Capital, LLC, No. 3:19-CV-00105-MMD-WGC, 2019 WL 5722205, at *2 (D. Nev. Nov. 4, 2019); Bischoff v. DirecTV, Inc., 180 F.Supp.2d 1097 (C.D. Cal. 2017), Hansen v. Musk, 319CV00413LRHWGC, 2020 WL 4004800, at *1 (D. Nev. July 15, 2020); Sharp Corp. v. Hisense USA Corp., 17-CV-03341-YGR, 2017 WL 6017897, at *4 (N.D. Cal. Dec. 5, 2017); CPB Contractors Pty Ltd. v. Chevron Corp., C 16-5344 CW, 2017 WL 7310776, at *5 (N.D. Cal. Jan. 17, 2017); Amisil Holdings Ltd. v. Clarium Capital Mgmt., 622 F. Supp. 2d 825, 842 (N.D. Cal. 2007).
- 18. The Federal Arbitration Act (the "FAA") states that a court is to stay a proceeding pending resolution of the issues that have been referred to arbitration. Specifically, Section Three of the FAA states: "If any suit or proceeding be brought in any of the courts of the United States upon any issue referable to arbitration under an agreement in writing for such arbitration, the court in which such suit is pending, upon being satisfied that the issue involved in such suit or proceeding is referable to arbitration under such an agreement, shall on application of one of the parties stay the trial of the action until such arbitration has been had in accordance with the terms of the agreement, providing the applicant for the stay is not in default in proceeding with such

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arbitration." 9 U.S.C.A. § 3; See also Hill, 282 F.3d at 347 (relying on Section 3 of the FAA to stay case against non-signatories to arbitration agreement pending arbitration between signatories).

- 19. Nevada's Uniform Arbitration Act (the "NUAA"), codified in NRS Chapter 38, also explicitly allows this Court to stay any judicial proceeding pending resolution of claims subject to arbitration. NRS 38.221(6)-(7) states: "If a party makes a motion to the court to order arbitration, the court on just terms shall stay any judicial proceeding that involves a claim alleged to be subject to the arbitration until the court renders a final decision under this section. If the court orders arbitration, the court on just terms shall stay any judicial proceeding that involves a claim subject to the arbitration. If a claim subject to the arbitration is severable, the court may limit the stay to that claim."
- 20. In determining whether a stay is appropriate, a court "must weigh competing interests and maintain an even balance." Landis, 299 U.S. at 254-55. These competing interests include: (1) possible damage resulting from granting a stay; (2) hardship or inequity to a party if the proceedings go forward; and (3) simplification or complication of issues, proof and questions of law from a stay. CMAX, Inc. v. Hall, 300 F.2d 265, 268 (9th Cir. 1962).
- 21. "It would waste judicial resources and be burdensome upon the parties if the district court in a case such as this were mandated to permit discovery, and upon completion of pretrial proceedings, to take evidence and determine the merits of the case at the same time as the arbitrator is going through a substantially parallel process." Leyva, 593 F.2d at 863-64.
- 22. Plaintiff's claims against the Defendants are inextricably intertwined with and dependent upon the claims asserted against CTC and Criterion, and those claims will be decided in separate arbitration proceedings.
- 23. Plaintiff has not shown how a stay of proceedings against the Defendants would prejudice or harm Plaintiff. In fact, Plaintiff would ostensibly benefit from such a stay. Plaintiff's claims against CTC and Criterion overlap with its claims against the Defendants because both sets of claims rest on the same alleged conduct and involve the same issues and facts.

- 24. Moreover, Plaintiff's claims against the Defendants will likely involve the same witnesses and evidence as that in the CTC and Criterion arbitrations.
- 25. Absent a stay, Plaintiff and the Defendants will expend unnecessary resources, including a substantial amount of attorney's fees and costs, on duplicative litigation that will involve nearly identical evidence to prove overlapping and intertwined claims. The Defendants will suffer great hardship they would not only have to actively litigate this case, but they would potentially be subjected to duplicative third party discovery in arbitrations in Washington, D.C. involving CTC and in Nebraska involving Criterion.
 - 26. A stay would further increase judicial economy and simplify the issues.
- 27. If the instant proceeding is not stayed pending the resolution of the arbitrations, there is a risk of inconsistent results under the same set of identical facts.
- 28. A stay is in the best interests of this Court, the parties to the litigation, and judicial economy.
- 29. If any conclusions of law are properly findings of fact, they shall be treated as if appropriately identified and designated.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing, and based on the other reasons raised in briefing in support of the Six-Eleven Defendants' Motion to Stay and the Defendants' Joinders thereto,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendants' Motion to Stay and the Defendants' Joinders thereto are hereby **GRANTED** and this entire case is stayed pending conclusion of the arbitrations.

DATED this 17 day of November 2020.

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Good Afternoon Kara,

We respectfully disagree and believe that our proposed Order reflects the Court's ruling and its directive to submit an order consistent with the briefing and argument supportive of its decision that the claims against the Defendants are intertwined with those against the parties subject to arbitration. In order to expedite the resolution of this matter, we will submit our Order to the Court tomorrow indicating that you did not approve unless we hear otherwise.

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We can not agree to the proposed draft order. Not only do the "findings of fact" and " conclusions of law" go way beyond anything in minute order, but the fact that no reference is made to the harm that is being caused to Spirit's insureds is problematic. Moreover, the purported benefits to plaintiff in the draft order are not accurate nor are the representations in the order regarding to the similarities between the arbitrations and remaining claims/parties. Please let us know if you will consider alternate language and/or proposed revisions and we can provide the same in short order.

Best, Kara

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DATED this 17th day of November, 2020.

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DISTRICT COURT

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BARBARA D. RICHARDSON IN HER
CAPACITY AS THE STATUTORY RECEIVER
FOR SPIRIT COMMERCIAL AUTO
RETENTION GROUP, INC.,

Plaintiff,

VS.

THOMAS MULLIGAN, an individual; et al.,

Defendants.

CASE NO.: A-20-809963-B DEPT NO.: 13

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO STAY PENDING ARBITRATION AND JOINDERS THERETO

Hearing Date: September 28, 2020 Hearing Time: 9:00 a.m.

Defendants Six Eleven, LLC, Quote My Rig, LLC, New Tech Capital, LLC, 195 Gluten Free, LLC, 10-4 Preferred Risk Managers, Inc., Ironjab, LLC, Fourgorean Capital, LLC, Chelsea Holding Company, LLC, and Chelsea Financial Group, Inc. (Missouri) (herein collectively referred to as "Six-Eleven Defendants") filed their Motion to Stay Pending Arbitration (the "Motion to Stay") on August 28, 2020.

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Defendants Brenda Guffey, James Marx, John Maloney, Virginia Torres, Carlos Torres, Lexicon Insurance Management, LLC, Daniel George, ICAP Management Solutions, LLC, Matthew Simon, Jr., Scott McCrae, Pavel Kapelnikov, Chelsea Financial Group, Inc. (New Jersey), Chelsea Financial Group, Inc. (California), Global Forwarding Enterprises, LLC, Kapa Management Consulting, Inc., Kapa Ventures, Inc., Igor Kapelnikov, Yanina Kapelnikov, and Thomas Mulligan (collectively "Defendants")¹ filed substantive Joinders to the Six-Eleven Defendants' Motion to Stay on September 2 and 3, 2020 ("Joinders").

Plaintiff Barbara D. Richardson, in her capacity as the Statutory Receiver for Spirit Commercial Auto Risk Retention Group, Inc. ("Plaintiff") filed her Opposition to the Motion to Stay and Joinders Thereto on September 11, 2020 ("Opposition").

Defendants Thomas Mulligan, James Marx, John Maloney, Virginia Torres, Carlos Torres, Lexicon Insurance Management, LLC, Daniel George, ICAP Management Solutions, LLC, Brenda Guffey, and the Six Eleven Defendants filed Replies in Support of Motion to Stay on September 16, 2020 ("Replies").

On September 28, 2020, 9:00 a.m., the Six-Eleven Defendants' Motion to Stay and Defendants' Joinders thereto came on for hearing before the Honorable Mark R. Denton. L. Christopher Rose, Esq. of Howard & Howard Attorneys, PLLC appeared on behalf of the Six-Eleven Defendants; Mark E. Ferrario, Esq. and Kara B. Hendricks, Esq. of Greenberg Traurig, LLP appeared on behalf of Plaintiff; William R. Urga, Esq. of Jolley, Urga, Woodbury & Holthus appeared on behalf of Defendant Thomas Mulligan; Thomas E. McGrath, Esq. of Tyson & Mendes, LLP appeared on behalf of Defendants Pavel Kapelnikov, Chelsea Financial Group, Inc. (New Jersey), Chelsea Financial Group, Inc. (California), Global Forwarding Enterprises, LLC, Kapa Management Consulting, Inc., Kapa Ventures, Inc., Igor Kapelnikov and Yanina Kapelnikov; Tamara Beatty Peterson, Esq. of Peterson Baker, LLC appeared on behalf of Defendants Matthew Simon Jr. and Scott McCrae; Robert S. Larsen, Esq. of Gordon, Rees, Scully, Mansukhani, LLP appeared on behalf of Defendants Lexicon Insurance Management,

28 ¹ The term Defendants refers to and includes the Six-Eleven Defendants in the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

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LLC, Daniel George and ICAP Management Solutions, LLC; Trevor R. Waite, Esq. of Alverson, Taylor & Sanders appeared on behalf of Defendant Brenda Guffey; and Rachel L. Wise, Esq. of Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker, LLP appeared on behalf of Defendants James Marx, John Maloney, Virginia Torres and Carlos Torres.

Following the parties' extensive oral arguments, the Court took the Motion to Stay and Joinders thereto under advisement. Having further reviewed and considered the parties' filings and the argument of counsel pertaining to the Motion to Stay filed by the Six-Eleven Defendants on August 28, 2020 and the Defendants' Joinders thereto, and being now fully advised in the premises, and without, at this time, intending to intimate any opinion regarding the ultimate effect of the arbitration determinations, but being persuaded by the Motion to Stay and the Joinders that Plaintiff's claims against all of the Defendants are so intertwined with those against the parties subject to arbitration that a stay is warranted for the reasons advanced by Defendants, hereby finds and concludes as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Spirit Commercial Auto Risk Retention Group, Inc. ("Spirit") is an insurance company formed to transact commercial auto liability insurance, which specialized in insuring commercial truck owners.
- On January 11, 2019, the Nevada Insurance Commissioner (the "Commissioner") filed a Petition for Appointment of Commissioner as Receiver in the Eighth Judicial District Court of Nevada, case no.: A-19-787325-B (the "Petition"). On February 27, 2019, the Honorable Nancy J. Allf granted the Petition and appointed the Commissioner as Spirit's Permanent Receiver.
- 3. On February 6, 2020, the Commissioner in her capacity as the Permanent Receiver for Spirit initiated the present action by filing a 79-page Complaint asserting 19 causes of action against CTC Transportation Insurance Services of Missouri, LLC, CTC Transportation Insurance Services, LLC, and CTC Transportation Insurance Services of Hawaii, LLC (collectively "CTC") and Criterion Claim Solutions of Omaha, Inc. ("Criterion") and the Defendants.

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4. Plaintiff alleges the following causes of action in her Complaint: (1) Breach of Contract against CTC; (2) Breach of Contract against Lexicon; (3) Breach of Contract against Criterion; (4) Breach of Contract against the Spirit Director Defendants; (5) Breach of Fiduciary Duty against CTC and Lexicon; (6) Breach of Fiduciary Duty against the Spirit Director Defendants; (7) Breach of Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing - Tortious against CTC and Lexicon; (8) Breach of Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing - Contract against CTC and Lexicon; (9) Breach of Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing -Contract against Criterion; (10) Nevada RICO Claims against Mulligan, George, Simon, Guffey, McCrae, Kapelnikovs, CTC, Lexicon, and Criterion; (11) Unjust Enrichment against all Defendants; (12) Frauds against all Defendants²; (13) Civil Conspiracy against all Defendants; (14) Alter Ego against Mulligan, George, Guffey, Simon³, and Pavel Kapelnikov; (15) NRS 112 - Avoidance of Transfers against CTC and its Transferees; (16) NRS 696B - Voidable Transfers against CTC and its Transferees; (17) NRS 696B - Recovery of Distributions and Payments against CTC and its Transferees; (18) NRS 692C.402 - Recovery of Distributions and Payments against CTC and its Transferees; and (19) NRS 78.300 - Recovery of Unlawful Distribution against the Spirit Director Defendants. (Complaint, Feb. 6, 2020, on file.)

- 5. In her Complaint, Plaintiff alleges that CTC served as the Program Administrator for Spirit and was responsible for a multitude of responsibilities concerning Spirit's insurance business, including collecting premiums from insureds and holding the collected money in a trust account for the benefit of Spirit.
- 6. Moreover, Plaintiff alleges that Criterion was a Third-Party Administrator that provided claims administration services to Spirit and was responsible for establishing loss reserves, settling claims, and issuing loss payments.
- 7. In her Complaint, Plaintiff asserts that CTC and Criterion mismanaged the funds, assets, and dues owed to Spirit by improperly using said funds to enrich other entities and

² The Twelfth Claim for Relief for Fraud as to Defendants Scott McCrae and Matthew Simon, Jr. was dismissed by Order filed August 10, 2020.

³ The Fourteenth Claim for Relief for Alter Ego as to Defendant Matthew Simon, Jr. was dismissed with prejudice by Order filed August 10, 2020.

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individuals, who Plaintiff has named as Defendants in this matter. As a result of this alleged conduct, Plaintiff alleges that Spirit became insolvent and placed it into Receivership and liquidation.

- 8. Plaintiff alleges that CTC has misappropriated in excess of \$43 million from Spirit and has characterized CTC as the "hub of a wheel, [which] was at the center of the scheme that caused the insolvency of Spirit..."
- 9. On May 14, 2020, CTC and Criterion filed Motions to Compel Arbitration pursuant to the applicable arbitration provisions in their respective agreements with Spirit.
- 10. The Court granted CTC and Criterion's Motions to Compel Arbitration, finding among other things that the arbitration provisions were enforceable and encompassed all of Plaintiff's claims against CTC and Criterion.
- 11. Plaintiff's claims as alleged against the Six Eleven Defendants are fundamentally dependent on, intertwined with, and premised on Plaintiff's claims alleged against CTC and Criterion, which claims will be determined in arbitration.
- 12. Plaintiff's claims against the remaining Defendants are likewise fundamentally dependent on, intertwined with, and premised on Plaintiff's claims against CTC and Criterion that will be determined in arbitration.
- The threshold questions of whether CTC and/or Criterion engaged in wrongful 13. conduct to misappropriate Spirit's money or otherwise breached any obligations to Spirit will be answered in the arbitrations. These threshold questions must be determined before the liability of the Defendants, if any, for allegedly participating in or benefitting from any misconduct of CTC or Criterion may be determined. Because the remaining matters to be decided in this case against Defendants are so inextricably intertwined with and dependent upon the result of those arbitrations, justice demands that this case be stayed pending the conclusion of the arbitration proceedings against the CTC and Criterion.
- 14. If any findings of fact are properly conclusions of law, they shall be treated as if appropriately identified and designated.

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 15. The power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to control the disposition of the cases on its docket with consideration of economy of time and effort for itself, for counsel, and for litigants. Landis v. N. Am. Co., 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936). It is within the court's sole discretion to grant and lift a stay of proceeding, and it can do so for any reason it deems appropriate. Id.
- 16. A district court may stay proceedings "pending resolution of independent proceedings which bear upon the case." Leyva v. Certified Grocers of California, Ltd., 593 F.2d 857, 863-64 (9th Cir. 1979).
- Courts have repeatedly found that when claims not subject to an arbitration 17. agreement arise out of the same conduct as claims subject to an arbitration agreement, staying the former claims pending the conclusion of the arbitration is in the best interest of judicial economy. See Hill v. GE Power Sys., Inc., 282 F.3d 343, 347 (5th Cir. 2002); RB Prod., Inc. v. Ryze Capital, LLC, No. 3:19-CV-00105-MMD-WGC, 2019 WL 5722205, at *2 (D. Nev. Nov. 4, 2019); Bischoff v. DirecTV, Inc., 180 F.Supp.2d 1097 (C.D. Cal. 2017), Hansen v. Musk, 319CV00413LRHWGC, 2020 WL 4004800, at *1 (D. Nev. July 15, 2020); Sharp Corp. v. Hisense USA Corp., 17-CV-03341-YGR, 2017 WL 6017897, at *4 (N.D. Cal. Dec. 5, 2017); CPB Contractors Pty Ltd. v. Chevron Corp., C 16-5344 CW, 2017 WL 7310776, at *5 (N.D. Cal. Jan. 17, 2017); Amisil Holdings Ltd. v. Clarium Capital Mgmt., 622 F. Supp. 2d 825, 842 (N.D. Cal. 2007).
- 18. The Federal Arbitration Act (the "FAA") states that a court is to stay a proceeding pending resolution of the issues that have been referred to arbitration. Specifically, Section Three of the FAA states: "If any suit or proceeding be brought in any of the courts of the United States upon any issue referable to arbitration under an agreement in writing for such arbitration, the court in which such suit is pending, upon being satisfied that the issue involved in such suit or proceeding is referable to arbitration under such an agreement, shall on application of one of the parties stay the trial of the action until such arbitration has been had in accordance with the terms of the agreement, providing the applicant for the stay is not in default in proceeding with such

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arbitration." 9 U.S.C.A. § 3; See also Hill, 282 F.3d at 347 (relying on Section 3 of the FAA to stay case against non-signatories to arbitration agreement pending arbitration between signatories).

- 19. Nevada's Uniform Arbitration Act (the "NUAA"), codified in NRS Chapter 38, also explicitly allows this Court to stay any judicial proceeding pending resolution of claims subject to arbitration. NRS 38.221(6)-(7) states: "If a party makes a motion to the court to order arbitration, the court on just terms shall stay any judicial proceeding that involves a claim alleged to be subject to the arbitration until the court renders a final decision under this section. If the court orders arbitration, the court on just terms shall stay any judicial proceeding that involves a claim subject to the arbitration. If a claim subject to the arbitration is severable, the court may limit the stay to that claim."
- 20. In determining whether a stay is appropriate, a court "must weigh competing interests and maintain an even balance." Landis, 299 U.S. at 254-55. These competing interests include: (1) possible damage resulting from granting a stay; (2) hardship or inequity to a party if the proceedings go forward; and (3) simplification or complication of issues, proof and questions of law from a stay. CMAX, Inc. v. Hall, 300 F.2d 265, 268 (9th Cir. 1962).
- 21. "It would waste judicial resources and be burdensome upon the parties if the district court in a case such as this were mandated to permit discovery, and upon completion of pretrial proceedings, to take evidence and determine the merits of the case at the same time as the arbitrator is going through a substantially parallel process." Leyva, 593 F.2d at 863-64.
- 22. Plaintiff's claims against the Defendants are inextricably intertwined with and dependent upon the claims asserted against CTC and Criterion, and those claims will be decided in separate arbitration proceedings.
- 23. Plaintiff has not shown how a stay of proceedings against the Defendants would prejudice or harm Plaintiff. In fact, Plaintiff would ostensibly benefit from such a stay. Plaintiff's claims against CTC and Criterion overlap with its claims against the Defendants because both sets of claims rest on the same alleged conduct and involve the same issues and facts.

- 24. Moreover, Plaintiff's claims against the Defendants will likely involve the same witnesses and evidence as that in the CTC and Criterion arbitrations.
- 25. Absent a stay, Plaintiff and the Defendants will expend unnecessary resources, including a substantial amount of attorney's fees and costs, on duplicative litigation that will involve nearly identical evidence to prove overlapping and intertwined claims. The Defendants will suffer great hardship they would not only have to actively litigate this case, but they would potentially be subjected to duplicative third party discovery in arbitrations in Washington, D.C. involving CTC and in Nebraska involving Criterion.
 - 26. A stay would further increase judicial economy and simplify the issues.
- 27. If the instant proceeding is not stayed pending the resolution of the arbitrations, there is a risk of inconsistent results under the same set of identical facts.
- 28. A stay is in the best interests of this Court, the parties to the litigation, and judicial economy.
- 29. If any conclusions of law are properly findings of fact, they shall be treated as if appropriately identified and designated.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing, and based on the other reasons raised in briefing in support of the Six-Eleven Defendants' Motion to Stay and the Defendants' Joinders thereto,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendants' Motion to Stay and the Defendants' Joinders thereto are hereby **GRANTED** and this entire case is stayed pending conclusion of the arbitrations.

DATED this 17 day of November 2020.

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

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Ciao,

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Good Afternoon Kara,

We respectfully disagree and believe that our proposed Order reflects the Court's ruling and its directive to submit an order consistent with the briefing and argument supportive of its decision that the claims against the Defendants are intertwined with those against the parties subject to arbitration. In order to expedite the resolution of this matter, we will submit our Order to the Court tomorrow indicating that you did not approve unless we hear otherwise.

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Kirill,

We can not agree to the proposed draft order. Not only do the "findings of fact" and " conclusions of law" go way beyond anything in minute order, but the fact that no reference is made to the harm that is being caused to Spirit's insureds is problematic. Moreover, the purported benefits to plaintiff in the draft order are not accurate nor are the representations in the order regarding to the similarities between the arbitrations and remaining claims/parties. Please let us know if you will consider alternate language and/or proposed revisions and we can provide the same in short order.

Best, Kara

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Barbara Richardson, Plaintiff(s) vs. Thomas Mulligan, Defendant(s)

Case Type: Other Business Court Matters
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Cross-Reference Case Number: A809963

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EVENTS & ORDERS OF THE COURT

DISPOSITIONS

04/27/2020 Dismissal Pursuant to NRCP 41 (Judicial Officer: Denton, Mark R.)

Debtors: Chelsea Financial Group, Inc (Defendant) Creditors: Barbara D Richardson (Plaintiff) Judgment: 04/27/2020, Docketed: 05/04/2020

07/16/2020 Order of Dismissal With Prejudice (Judicial Officer: Denton, Mark R.)

Debtors: Barbara D Richardson (Plaintiff)

Creditors: CTC Transportation Insurance Services of Missouri, LLC (Defendant), CTC Transportation Insurance Services (Defendant), CTC

Tranportation Insurance Services of Hawaii (Defendant)

Judgment: 07/16/2020, Docketed: 07/20/2020

07/22/2020 Order of Dismissal Without Prejudice (Judicial Officer: Denton, Mark R.)

Debtors: Barbara D Richardson (Plaintiff)

Creditors: Criterion Claims Solutions of Omaha, Inc. (Defendant)

Judgment: 07/22/2020, Docketed: 07/24/2020

08/10/2020 Order of Dismissal Without Prejudice (Judicial Officer: Denton, Mark R.)

Debtors: Matthew Simon (Defendant), Scott McCrae (Defendant)

Creditors: Barbara D Richardson (Plaintiff) Judgment: 08/10/2020, Docketed: 08/11/2020

Comment: Certain Claims

12/21/2020 Dismissal Pursuant to NRCP 41 (Judicial Officer: Denton, Mark R.)
Debtors: Chelsea Holdings, LLC (Defendant)
Creditors: Barbara D Richardson (Plaintiff)

Judgment: 12/21/2020, Docketed: 12/30/2020

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02/06/2020	Summons - Daniel George Summons Electronically Issued - Service Pending
02/06/2020	Summons - Fourgorean Capital, LLC Summons Electronically Issued - Service Pending
02/06/2020	Summons - Global Capital Group, LLC Summons Electronically Issued - Service Pending Summons - Global Consulting
02/06/2020	Summons Electronically Issued - Service Pending Summons - Global Forwarding Enterprises LLC
02/06/2020	
02/06/2020	Summons Electronically Issued - Service Pending Summons - Igor Kapelnikov
02/06/2020	Summons Electronically Issued - Service Pending Summons - IronJab LLC
02/06/2020	Summons Electronically Issued - Service Pending Summons - James Gelsin Marx
02/06/2020	Summons - John S. Maloney
	Summons Electronically Issued - Service Pending Summons - Kapa Management Consulting, Inc.
	Summons Electronically Issued - Service Pending Summons - Kapa Ventures, Inc.
	Summons Electronically Issued - Service Pending Summons - Lexicon Insurance Management LLC
	Summons Electronically Issued - Service Pending Summons - Matthew Simon
02/06/2020	Summons - New Tech Capital
	Summons Electronically Issued - Service Pending Summons - Pavel Kapelnikov
02/06/2020	Summons Electronically Issued - Service Pending Summons - Quote My Rig LLC Summons Electronically Issued - Service Pending
	Summons - Scott A. McCrae Summons - Scott A. McCrae Summons Electronically Issued - Service Pending
	Summons - Six Eleven LLC Summons Electronically Issued - Service Pending
02/06/2020	Summons - Thomas A. Mulligan
	Summons - Virginia Torres Summons Electronically Issued - Service Pending
	Summons - Yanina G. Kapelnikov Summons Electronically Issued - Service Pending
02/24/2020	Affidavit of Service Affidavit of Service - 195 Gluten Free LLC
	Affidavit of Service Affidavit of Service - Carlos Torres
	Affidavit of Service Affidavit of Service - Chelsea Financial Group (NJ)
	Affidavit of Service - Chelsea Financial Group, Inc.
	Affidavit of Service - Chelsea Holding Company LLC
	Affidavit of Service - CTC Transportation Insurance Services of Missouri LLC
	Affidavit of Service Affidavit of Service - CTC Transportation Insurance Services Affidavit of Service
	Affidavit of Service - Fourgorean Capital, LLC Affidavit of Service
	Affidavit of Service - Global Capital Group Affidavit of Service
	Affidavit of Service - Global Forwarding Enterprises Affidavit of Service
	Affidavit of Service - Igor Kapelnikov Affidavit of Service
02/24/2020	Affidavit of Service - Inronjab, LLC Affidavit of Service
02/24/2020	Affidavit of Service Kapa Management Consulting, Inc. Affidavit of Service
02/24/2020	Affidavit of Service Kapa Ventures, Inc. Affidavit of Service
02/24/2020	Affidavit of Service - New Tech Capital, LLC Affidavit of Service
02/24/2020	Affidavit of Service - Pavel Kapelnikov Affidavit of Service
02/24/2020	Affidavit of Service - Quote My Rig LLC Affidavit of Service
02/24/2020	Affidavit of Service - Six Eleven LLC Acceptance of Service Affidavit of Service Affidavit of Service Affidavit of Service
	Affidavit of Service - Virginia Torres

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 02/24/2020 Affidavit of Service
                AffIdavit of Service - Yanina Kapelnikov
 02/28/2020
              Affidavit of Service
                Affidavit of Service
              Affidavit of Service
 02/28/2020
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                Affidavit of Service - James Gelsin Marx
 02/28/2020
              Affidavit of Service
                Affidavit of Service
              Affidavit of Service
 03/06/2020
                Affidavit of Service - Chelsea Financial Group, Inc. (DE)
              Affidavit of Service
 03/06/2020
                Affidavit of Service - Daniel George
              Affidavit of Service
 03/06/2020
                Affidavit of Service - Criterion Claims Solutions of Omaha Inc.
 03/06/2020
              Affidavit of Service
                Affidavit of Service CTC Transportation Insurance Service of Hawaii, LLC
              Affidavit of Service
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                Affidavit of Service Icap Management Solutions, LLC
 03/06/2020
              Affidavit of Service
                Affidavit of Service - Matthew Simon
 03/06/2020
              Affidavit of Service
                Affidavit of Service - Scott McCrae
 03/16/2020
              Affidavit of Service
                Affidavit of Service - Chelsea Financial Group, Inc.
 03/19/2020
              Affidavit of Service
                Affidavit of Service - John S. Maloney
              Affidavit of Service
 03/23/2020
                Affidavit of Service - Brenda Guffey
              Answer (Business Court)
 03/27/2020
                Defendants Pavel Kapelnikov s: Chelsea Financial Group, Inc., A New Jersey Corporation s: Chelsea Financial Group, Inc., A California
                Corporation s; Global Forwarding Enterprises, LLC s; Kapa Management Consulting, Inc. s And Kapa Ventures, Inc. s Answer To Plaintiff s
                Complaint
 03/27/2020 Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure
                Defendants Pavel Kapelnikov s; Chelsea Financial Group, Inc., A New Jersey Corporation s; Chelsea Financial Group, Inc., A California
                Corporation s; Global Forwarding Enterprises, LLC s; Kapa Management Consulting, Inc. s And Kapa Ventures, Inc. s Initial Appearance Fee
                Disclosure
 03/27/2020 Demand for Jury Trial
               Defendants Pavel Kapelnikov s; Chelsea Financial Group, Inc., A New Jersey Corporation s; Chelsea Financial Group, Inc., A California Corporation s; Global Forwarding Enterprises, LLC s; Kapa Management Consulting, Inc. s And Kapa Ventures, Inc. s Demand For Jury Trial
 03/30/2020
              Acknowledgment
             Notice and Acknolwedgment for Service by Mail
Minute Order (9:41 AM) (Judicial Officer Gonzalez, Elizabeth)
 03/31/2020
                Minute Order Suspending Requirements
               Minutes
              Result: Minute Order - No Hearing Held
 04/01/2020
              Answer (Business Court)
               Brenda Guffey Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint
 04/01/2020
             Three Day Notice of Intent to Default
                Three Day Notice of Intent to Take Default Upon Defendant 10-4 Preferred Risk Managers, Inc.
 04/01/2020
              Three Day Notice of Intent to Default
                Three Day Notice of Intent to Take Default Upon Defendant 195 Gluten Free LLC
 04/01/2020
              Three Day Notice of Intent to Default
                Three Day Notice of Intent to Take Default Upon Defendant Fourgorean Capital, LLC
              Three Day Notice of Intent to Default
 04/01/2020
                Three Day Notice of Intent to Take Default Upon Defendant Global Capital Group, LLC
              Three Day Notice of Intent to Default
 04/01/2020
                Three Day Notice of Intent to Take Default Upon Defendant Ironjab LLC
 04/01/2020
              Three Day Notice of Intent to Default
                Three Day Notice of Intent to Take Default Upon Defendant New Tech Capital, LLC
 04/01/2020
              Three Day Notice of Intent to Default
                Three Day Notice of Intent to Take Default Upon Defendant Quote My Rig LLC
              Three Day Notice of Intent to Default
 04/01/2020
                Three Day Notice of Intent to Take Default Upon Defendant Six Eleven LLC
 04/02/2020
              Answer to Complaint
               Defendant James Marx's Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint
 04/02/2020
              Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure
               Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure (NRS Chapter 19)
 04/02/2020
              Peremptory Challenge
               Notice of Peremptory Challenge
 04/02/2020
              Answer to Complaint
               Defendant ICAP Management Solutions, LLC's Answer to Complaint
 04/02/2020
              Answer to Complaint
               Defendant Lexicon Insurance Management LLC's Answer to Complaint
              Answer to Complaint
 04/02/2020
               Defendant Daniel George's Answer to Complaint
 04/02/2020
              Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure
               Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure
              Filing Fee Remittance
 04/02/2020
               Filing Fee Remittance for Notice of Peremptory Challenge
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(Set Aside 06/04/2020) Default - Chelsea Financial Group, Inc. a Missouri Corp. 05/18/2020 Clerk's Notice of Hearing Notice of Hearing 05/21/2020 **Disclosure Statement** Six Eleven LLC. Quote My Rig LLC, New Tech Capital LLC, 195 Gluten Free LLC, 10-4 Preferred Risk Managers Inc., Ironjab LLC, Fourgorean Capital LLC, and Chelsea Holding Company LLC's Rule 7.1 Disclosure Statement Notice of Entry of Default 05/21/2020 Notice of Entry of Default - Chelsea Holdings, LLC Notice of Entry of Default 05/21/2020 Notice of Entry of Default- Chelsea Financial Group, Inc. MO 05/28/2020 Stipulation and Order Stipulation and Order to Continue Deadline to File Opposition to the CTC Defendants' Motion to Compel Arbitration Stipulation and Order 05/28/2020 Stipulation and Order to Continue Deadline to File Opposition to Defendants Scott McCrae and Matthew Simon, Jr's Motion to Dismiss 06/04/2020 Opposition to Motion to Dismiss Opposition to Defendants Scott McCrae and Matthew Simon, Jr.'s Motion to Dismiss Opposition to Motion to Compel 06/04/2020 Plaintiff's Opposition to Criterion Claim Solutions of Omaha Inc.'s Motion to Compel Arbitration 06/04/2020 **Opposition to Motion to Compel** Plaintiff's Opposition to CTC Defendants' Motion to Compel Arbitration Appendix 06/04/2020 Appendix of Exhibits in Support of Plaintiff's Opposition to CTC Defendants' Motion to Compel Arbitration 06/04/2020 Stipulation and Order Stipulation and Order to Set Aside Default Against Chelsea Financial Group Inc., A Missouri Corporation 06/04/2020 Redacted Version PER ORDER 9/22/20 Redacted version of Appendix 06/05/2020 Notice of Entry of Order Notice of Entry of Stipulation and Order to Set Aside Default Against Chelsea Financial Group 06/05/2020 Ex Parte Ex Parte Motion to Seal Redact or Deem Protected Exhibits 4-7 to the Appendix of Exhibits Filed in Support of Plaintiff's Opposition to CTC Defendants Motion to Compel Arbitration 06/08/2020 Stipulation and Order Stipulation and Order to Continue Deadline to File Opposition to Criterion Claim Solutions of Omaha, Inc.'s Motion to Compel Arbitration Notice of Entry of Stipulation and Order

Notice of Entry of Stipulation and Order to Extend Time to Submit Opposition to Motion to Compel Arbitration 06/09/2020 Answer to Complaint 06/10/2020 Defendant Chelsea Financial Group, Inc., A Missouri Corporation's Answer To Complaint 06/10/2020 Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure Reply in Support 06/11/2020 Defendants CTC Transportation Insurance Services of Missouri, LLC; CTC Transportation Insurance Services LLC; and CTC Transportation Insurance Services of Hawaii LLC's Reply in Support of Motion to Compel Arbitration Reply in Support 06/11/2020 Defendants Scott McCrae and Matthew Simon Jr.'s Reply in Support of Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint Reply in Support 06/11/2020 Defendant Criterion Claim Solutions of Omaha, Inc.'s Reply in Support of Its Motion to Compel Arbitration Minute Order (1:00 PM) (Judicial Officer Denton, Mark R.)

Re: June 18, 2020 Motions 06/15/2020 Minutes Result: Minute Order - No Hearing Held Filing Fee Remittance 06/16/2020 Filing Fee Remittance 06/16/2020 Filing Fee Remittance Filing Fee Rremittance - Transfer to Business Court 06/18/2020 CANCELED Motion to Compel (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer Denton, Mark R.) Defendants CTC Transportation Insurance Services of Missouri, LLC; CTC Transportation Insurance Services LLC; and CTC Transportation Insurance Services of Hawaii LLC's Motion to Compel Arbitration CANCELED Motion to Dismiss (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer Denton, Mark R.) 06/18/2020 Vacated Defendants Scott McCrea and Matthew Simon Jr.'s Motion to Dismiss 06/18/2020 CANCELED Motion to Compel (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer Denton, Mark R.) Defendant Criterion Claim Solutions of Omaha Inc.'s Motion to Compel Arbitration Notice of Entry of Stipulation and Order 06/18/2020 Notice of Entry of Stipulation and Order to Continue Deadline to File Opposition to Scott McCrae and Matthew Simon Jr. s Motion to Dismiss Notice of Entry of Stipulation and Order 06/18/2020 Notice of Entry of Stipulation and Order to Continue Deadline to File Opposition to CTC Defendants' Motion to Compel Arbitration Minute Order (11:45 AM) (Judicial Officer Denton, Mark R.) 07/06/2020 Re: CTC Defendants' Motion to Compel Arbitration Result: Minute Order - No Hearing Held Minute Order (11:45 AM) (Judicial Officer Denton, Mark R.) 07/06/2020 Re: Defendant Criterion Claim Solutions of Omaha, Inc. s Motion to Compel Arbitration Minutes Result: Minute Order - No Hearing Held Minute Order (11:45 AM) (Judicial Officer Denton, Mark R.) Re: Defendants Scott McCrae and Matthew Simon, Jr. s Motion to Dismiss Result: Minute Order - No Hearing Held

Order Granting Motion

07/16/2020

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Order Granting Defendants CTC Transportation Insurance Services of Missouri, LLC; CTC Transportation Insurance Services, LLC; and CTC Transportation Insurance Services of Hawaii, LLC's Motion to Compel Arbitration

07/17/2020 Notice of Entry of Order

Notice of Entry of Order Granting Defendants CTC Transportation Insurance Services of Missouri, LLC; CT Transportation Insurance Services

LLC; and CTC Transportation Insurance Services of Hawaii LLC's Motion to Compel Arbitration

07/22/2020 Order Granting Motion

Order Granting Criterion Claim Solutions of Omaha, Inc.'s Motion to Compel Arbitration Notice of Entry

07/23/2020

Notice of Entry of Order Granting Criterion Claim Solutions of Omaha, Inc.'s Motion to Compel Arbitration Motion to Reconsider

07/30/2020

Plaintiffs' Motion for Reconsideration and/or Clarification of the Court's July 17, 2020 Order Regarding CTC Defendants' Motion to Compel Arbitration

Clerk's Notice of Hearing 07/31/2020

Notice of Hearing

Motion to Reconsider 08/05/2020

Plaintiff s Motion for Reconsideration and/or Clarification of the Court s July 22, 2020 Order Regarding Criterion Claim Solutions of Omaha Inc. s

Motion to Compel Arbitration Clerk's Notice of Hearing

Notice of Hearing

08/10/2020 Order

08/06/2020

Order Granting In Part and Denying in Part Defendants Scott McCrae and Matthew Simon, Jr.'s Motion to Dismiss

Notice of Entry of Order 08/11/2020

Notie of Entry of Order

Opposition to Motion 08/13/2020

Defendants CTC Transportation Insurance Services of Missouri, LLC; CTC Transportation Insurance Services LLC; and CTC Transportation Insurance Services of Hawaii LLC's Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration and/or Clarification of the Court's July 17, 2020 Order Regarding the CTC Defendants' Motion to Compel Arbitration

08/19/2020 Opposition to Motion

Defendant Criterion Claim Solutions of Omaha. Inc.'s Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion For Reconsideration and/or Clarification of the Court's July 22, 2020 Order Regarding Criterion Claim Solutions of Omaha, Inc.'s Motion to Compel Arbitration

Business Court Order 08/21/2020

Business Court Order

Motion to Seal/Redact Records 08/21/2020

Plaintiff's Ex Parte Motion to Seal, Redact, or Deem Protected Exhibits 4-7 to the Appendix of Exhibits filed in Support of Plaintiff's Opposition to CTC Defendants' Motion to Compel Arbitration

08/24/2020 Clerk's Notice of Hearing Notice of Hearing

08/24/2020

Reply in Support
Reply in Support of Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration and/or Clarification of the Court's July 17, 2020 Order Regarding CTC Defendants Motion to Compel Arbitration

08/25/2020 Answer to Complaint

Matthew Simon Jr.'s Answer to Complaint

Answer to Complaint 08/25/2020

Scott McCrae's Answer to Complaint

Minute Order (4:20 PM) (Judicial Officer Denton, Mark R.) 08/26/2020

Re: Plaintiffs' Motion for Reconsideration and/or Clarification of the Court's July 17, 2020 Order Regarding CTC Defendants' Motion to Compel Arbitration

Minutes

Result: Minute Order - No Hearing Held

08/28/2020 Minute Order (3:00 AM) (Judicial Officer Denton, Mark R.)

Minute Order: BlueJean's Appearance

Minutes

Result: Minute Order - No Hearing Held

08/28/2020

Motion to Stay
Motion to Stay Pending Arbitration
Clerk's Notice of Hearing

08/28/2020

Notice of Hearing
CANCELED Motion For Reconsideration (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer Denton, Mark R.) 08/31/2020

Vacated

Plaintiffs' Motion for Reconsideration and/or Clarification of the Court's July 17, 2020 Order Regarding CTC Defendants' Motion to Compel

Arbitration

08/31/2020 Mandatory Rule 16 Conference (2:00 PM) (Judicial Officer Denton, Mark R.)

Parties Present

Minutes

Result: Matter Heard

09/01/2020 Reply in Support

Reply in Support of Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration and/or Clarification of Court's July 22, 2020 Order Regarding Criterion Claim Solutions of

Omaha, Inc.'s Motion to Compel Arbitration

09/02/2020 Joinder To Motion

Defendant Brenda Guffey's Joinder to the "Six Eleven Defendants" Motion to Stay Pending Arbitration

Joinder To Motion 09/02/2020

Joinder to Motion to Stay Pending Arbitration

09/03/2020 Joinder To Motion

Defendants Pavel Kapelnikov's; Chelsea Financial Group, Inc., a New Jersey Corporation's; Chelsea Financial Group, Inc. a California Corporation's; Global Forwarding Enterprises, LLC's; Kapa Management Consulting, Inc.'s; Kapa Ventures, Inc.'s; and Igor and Yanina Kapelnikov's Joinder to Motion to Stay Pending Arbitration

09/03/2020 Minute Order (1:45 PM) (Judicial Officer Denton, Mark R.)

Re: Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration and/or Clarification of the Court's July 22, 2020 Order Regarding Criterion Claim Solutions of Omaha Inc. s Motion to Compel Arbitration

Minutes

Result: Minute Order - No Hearing Held

09/03/2020 Joinder To Motion

Defendant Thomas Mulligan's Joinder to Motion to Stay Pending Arbitration

09/03/2020 Joinder To Motion

Lexicon Insurance Management LLC, Daniel George, and ICAP Management Solutions, LLC's Joinder to Motion to Stay Pending Arbitration

Joinder To Motion 09/03/2020

Defendants Matthew Simon Jr. and Scott McCrae's Joinder to Motion to Stay Pending Arbitration

09/04/2020 Minute Order (11:30 AM) (Judicial Officer Denton, Mark R.)

Re: Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration and/or Clarification of the Court's July 17, 2020 Order Regarding CTC Defendants' Motion to Compel Arbitration

Minutes

Result: Minute Order - No Hearing Held

09/08/2020 CANCELED Motion For Reconsideration (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer Denton, Mark R.)

Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration and/or Clarification of the Court's July 22, 2020 Order Regarding Criterion Claim Solutions of Omaha Inc. s

Motion to Compel Arbitration

09/11/2020 Opposition

Plaintiff's Opposition to Motion to Stay Pending Arbitration and Joinders Thereto

09/14/2020 Minute Order (7:15 AM) (Judicial Officer Denton, Mark R.)

Re: Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration and/or Clarification of the Court's July 22, 2020 Order Regarding Criterion Claim Solutions of Omaha,

Inc.'s Motion to Compel Arbitration

Minutes

Result: Minute Order - No Hearing Held

Reply in Support 09/16/2020

Defendant Thomas Mulligan's Reply in Support of Joinder to Motion to Stay Pending Arbitration

09/16/2020 **Order Denying Motion**

Order Denying Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration and or Clarification of the Court's July 17, 2020 Order Regarding the CTC Defendants' Motion to Compel Arbitration

Reply in Support 09/16/2020

Defendants James Marx, John Maloney, Virginia Torres, And Carlos Torres Reply In Support Of Joinder To Motion To Stay Pending Arbitration

09/16/2020 Reply in Support

Lexicon Insurance Management LLC, ICAP Management Solutions, LLC, and Daniel George's Reply in Support of Motion to Stay Pending Arbitration and Joinder Thereto

09/16/2020

Notice of Entry of Order

Notice of Entry of Order Denying Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration and/or Clarification of the Court's July 17, 2020 Order Regarding the CTC Defendants' Motion to Compel Arbitration

09/16/2020

Reply in Support

Reply in Support of Motion to Stay Pending Arbitration

Minute Order (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer Denton, Mark R.) 09/17/2020

Re: BlueJean's Appearance

Minutes

Result: Minute Order - No Hearing Held

09/18/2020 Minute Order (7:15 AM) (Judicial Officer Denton, Mark R.)

Re: Plaintiff's Ex Parte Motion to Seal, Redact, or Deem Protected Exhibits 4-7 to the Appendix of Exhibits filed in Support of Plaintiff's Opposition

to CTC Defendants' Motion to Compel Arbitration and Notice of Motion

Minutes

Result: Minute Order - No Hearing Held

Stipulation and Order 09/18/2020

Stipulation and Order to Continue Hearing

09/18/2020 Joinder

Defendant Brenda Guffey's Substantive Joinder to the Defendant Thomas Mulligan's Reply in Support of Joinder Motion to Stay Pending

Arbitration

Order Granting Motion 09/22/2020

Order Granting Ex Parte Motion to Seal Redact or Deem Protected Exhibits 4-7 to the Appendix of Exhibits Filed in Support of Plaintiff's

Opposition to CTC Defendants' Motion to Compel Arbitration

09/24/2020 CANCELED Motion to Seal/Redact Records (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer Denton, Mark R.)

Vacated

Plaintiff's Ex Parte Motion to Seal, Redact, or Deem Protected Exhibits 4-7 to the Appendix of Exhibits filed in Support of Plaintiff's Opposition to

CTC Defendants' Motion to Compel Arbitration and Notice of Motion 09/24/2020 Minute Order (3:00 PM) (Judicial Officer Denton, Mark R.)

Re: BlueJeans Appearance

Minutes

Result: Minute Order - No Hearing Held

Motion For Stay (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer Denton, Mark R.) 09/28/2020

Defendants' Motion to Stay Pending Arbitration 09/21/2020 Reset by Court to 09/28/2020

09/28/2020 Reset by Court to 09/21/2020

Result: Granted

09/28/2020

Joinder (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer Denton, Mark R.)

Defendant Brenda Guffey's Joinder to the "Six Eleven Defendants" Motion to Stay Pending Arbitration

09/21/2020 Reset by Court to 09/28/2020

Result: Granted

09/28/2020 Joinder (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer Denton, Mark R.)

Defendant's Joinder to Motion to Stay Pending Arbitration

09/21/2020 Reset by Court to 09/28/2020

Result: Granted

09/28/2020 Joinder (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer Denton, Mark R.)

Defendants Pavél Kapelnikov's; Chelsea Financial Group, Inc., a New Jersey Corporation's; Chelsea Financial Group, Inc. a California Corporation's; Global Forwarding Enterprises, LLC's; Kapa Management Consulting, Inc.'s; Kapa Ventures, Inc.'s; and Igor and Yanina

Kapelnikov's Joinder to Motion to Stay Pending Arbitration

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09/21/2020 Reset by Court to 09/28/2020

Result: Granted

09/28/2020 Joinder (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer Denton, Mark R.)

Lexicon Insurance Management LLC, Daniel George, and ICAP Management Solutions, LLC's Joinder to Motion to Stay Pending Arbitration

09/21/2020 Reset by Court to 09/28/2020

Result: Granted

09/28/2020 Joinder (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer Denton, Mark R.)

Defendant Thomas Mulligan's Joinder to Motion to Stay Pending Arbitration

09/21/2020 Reset by Court to 09/28/2020

Result: Granted

09/28/2020 Joinder (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer Denton, Mark R.)

Defendants Matthew Simon Jr. and Scott McCrae's Joinder to Motion to Stay Pending Arbitration

09/21/2020 Reset by Court to 09/28/2020

Result: Granted

09/28/2020 All Pending Motions (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer Denton, Mark R.)

Parties Present

Minutes

Result: Matter Heard

09/29/2020 Order Denying Motion

Order Denying Plaintiff's Motion For Reconsideration and or Clarification of the Court's July 22, 2020 Order Regarding Criterion Claim Solutions of

Omaha, Inc.'s Motion to Compel Arbitration

09/29/2020 Notice of Entry of Order

Notice of Entry of Order Denying Plaintiff's Motion For Reconsideration and/or Clarification of the Court's July 22, 2020 Order Regarding Criterion

Claim Solutions of Omaha, Inc.'s Motion to Compel Arbitration Minute Order (1:30 PM) (Judicial Officer Denton, Mark R.)

Re: Motion to Stay Pending Arbitration and Joinders

Minutes

10/02/2020

Result: Minute Order - No Hearing Held

11/06/2020 Recorders Transcript of Hearing

Recorder's Transcript of Hearing Re: All Pending Motions - September 28, 2020

11/17/2020 Order Granting Motion

Order Granting Motion to Stay Pending Arbitration and Joinders Thereto

11/17/2020 Notice of Entry of Order

Notice of Entry of Order Granting Motion to Stay Pending Arbitration and Joinders Thereto

12/09/2020 Notice of Change of Address

Notice of Change of Firm Address

12/21/2020 Notice of Voluntary Dismissal
Notice of Voluntary Dismissal

12/22/2020 Certificate of Service

Certificate of Service re Notice of Voluntary Dismissal - Chelsea Holdings, LLC

03/18/2021 Notice of Change of Address

Notice of Change of Address

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Defendant Criterion Claims Solutions of Omaha, Inc.
Total Financial Assessment

 Total Financial Assessment
 1,483.00

 Total Payments and Credits
 1,483.00

 Balance Due as of 03/31/2021
 0.00

 05/14/2020
 Transaction Assessment
 1,483.00

 05/14/2020
 Efile Payment
 Receipt # 2020-26295-CCCLK
 Criterion Claims Solutions of Omaha, Inc.
 (1,483.00)

Defendant CTC Transportation Insurance Services of Missouri, LLC

 Total Financial Assessment
 1,543.00

 Total Payments and Credits
 1,543.00

 Balance Due as of 03/31/2021
 0.00

05/14/2020 Transaction Assessment 1,543.00

05/14/2020 Efile Payment Receipt # 2020-26126-CCCLK CTC Transportation Insurance Services of Missouri, (1,543.00)

Defendant George, Daniel
Total Financial Assessment
Total Payments and Credits
Balance Due as of 03/31/2021
0.00

Defendant Guffey, Brenda
Total Financial Assessment
Total Payments and Credits
Balance Due as of 03/31/2021
1,483.00
0.00

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04/01/2020 04/01/2020	Transaction Assessment Efile Payment	Receipt # 2020-18701-CCCLK	Guffey, Brenda	1,483.00 (1,483.00)
	Defendant ICAP Manager Total Financial Assessmer Total Payments and Credit Balance Due as of 03/31/	S		0.00 0.00 0.00
	Defendant Kapelnikov, Igo Total Financial Assessmer Total Payments and Credit Balance Due as of 03/31/	nt es		1,513.00 1,513.00 0.00
04/15/2020 04/15/2020	Transaction Assessment Efile Payment	Receipt # 2020-20596-CCCLK	Kapelnikov, Igor	1,513.00 (1,513.00)
03/27/2020	Defendant Kapelnikov, Pa Total Financial Assessmer Total Payments and Credit Balance Due as of 03/31/ Transaction Assessment	nt es		1,633.00 1,633.00 0.00 1,633.00
03/27/2020		Receipt # 2020-18089-CCCLK	Kapelnikov, Pavel	(1,633.00)
	Defendant Lexicon Insura Total Financial Assessmer Total Payments and Credit Balance Due as of 03/31/	S		2,007.00 2,007.00 0.00
04/03/2020	Efile Payment	Receipt # 2020-18978-CCCLK	Lexicon Insurance Management LLC, a North Carolina LLC	(676.50)
04/03/2020 06/16/2020 06/16/2020	Transaction Assessment Transaction Assessment Efile Payment	Receipt # 2020-32037-CCCLK	Lexicon Insurance Management LLC, a North Carolina LLC	453.50 1,323.50 (1,323.50)
09/03/2020 09/03/2020 09/03/2020	Transaction Assessment Transaction Assessment	D 1 1 1 1 2000 10070 00011	Lexicon Insurance Management LLC, a North	223.00 3.50
09/16/2020	Efile Payment Transaction Assessment	Receipt # 2020-49353-CCCLK	Carolina LLC	(3.50)
09/16/2020	Efile Payment	Receipt # 2020-51845-CCCLK	Lexicon Insurance Management LLC, a North Carolina LLC	(3.50)
Defendant Maloney, John Total Financial Assessment Total Payments and Credits Balance Due as of 03/31/2021				
05/13/2020 05/13/2020	Transaction Assessment Efile Payment	Receipt # 2020-25956-CCCLK	Maloney, John	1,483.00 (1,483.00)
	Defendant Marx, James Total Financial Assessmer Total Payments and Credit Balance Due as of 03/31/	S		1,483.00 1,483.00 0.00
04/02/2020 04/02/2020	Transaction Assessment Efile Payment	Receipt # 2020-18868-CCCLK	Marx, James	1,483.00 (1,483.00)
	Defendant Mulligan, Thon Total Financial Assessmer Total Payments and Credit Balance Due as of 03/31/	nt is		1,483.00 1,483.00 0.00
05/14/2020 05/14/2020	Transaction Assessment Efile Payment	Receipt # 2020-26243-CCCLK	Mulligan, Thomas	1,483.00 (1,483.00)

	Defendant Simon, Matthew Total Financial Assessment Total Payments and Credits Balance Due as of 03/31/2021					
05/14/2020 05/14/2020	Transaction Assessment Efile Payment	Receipt # 2020-26322-CCCLK	Simon, Matthew	1,513.00 (1,513.00)		
	Defendant Six Eleven, LL Total Financial Assessmer Total Payments and Credit Balance Due as of 03/31/	nt ts		656.00 656.00 0.00		
05/14/2020 05/14/2020 06/10/2020 06/10/2020	Transaction Assessment Efile Payment Transaction Assessment Efile Payment	Receipt # 2020-26321-CCCLK Receipt # 2020-30855-CCCLK	Six Eleven, LLC Six Eleven, LLC	433.00 (433.00) 223.00 (223.00)		
	Defendant Torres, Carlos Total Financial Assessmer Total Payments and Credit Balance Due as of 03/31/	ts		1,513.00 1,513.00 0.00		
04/17/2020 04/17/2020	Transaction Assessment Efile Payment	Receipt # 2020-20981-CCCLK	Torres, Carlos	1,513.00 (1,513.00)		
	Plaintiff Richardson, Barbara D Total Financial Assessment Total Payments and Credits Balance Due as of 03/31/2021					
02/07/2020 02/07/2020	Transaction Assessment Efile Payment	Receipt # 2020-07930-CCCLK	Barbara D. Richardson in her Capacity as the Statutory Receiver for Spirit Comm.	1,530.00 (1,530.00)		
09/02/2020 09/02/2020	Transaction Assessment Payment (Phone)	Receipt # 2020-15027-FAM	COUNTER TRANSACTION	6.00 (6.00)		