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THIRD INTERIM FEE APPLICATION FOR ALLOWANCE OF FEES AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES

Jennifer Ecklund, the Court-appointed Receiver (the "Receiver") for Defendants Thurman P. Bryant, III ("Bryant") and Bryant United Capital Funding, Inc. ("BUCF") (Bryant and BUCF, collectively, the "Bryant Defendants") and Relief Defendant Arthur F. Wammel ("Wammel"), Relief Defendant Wammel Group, LLC (the "Wammel Group"), and Wammel Group Holdings Partnership ("WGHP") (together Wammel, Wammel Group, and WGHP, the "Wammel Defendants") receivership estates (together, the "Receivership Estate" or the "Receivership") in the above-captioned case (the "Case"), files this *Third Interim Fee*

Application for Allowance of Fees and Reimbursement of Expenses (the "Third Interim Fee Application"), and in support thereof, respectfully states as follows:

I. FEE REQUEST SUMMARY

- 1. This Third Interim Fee Application covers the period commencing on October 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 (the "Application Period") and is submitted in accordance with the Amended Order Appointing Receiver [Dkt. No. 48], the local rules of this Court, the Billing Instructions for Receivers in Civil Actions Commenced by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC Billing Instructions"), and other applicable orders of the Court.
- 2. The Third Interim Fee Application Period encompasses a time of continued progress in carrying out the Receiver's duties under the Receivership Order. As described more fully in the Receiver's Third Quarterly Report (defined below), since October 1, 2017 the Receiver and her team have been working diligently to investigate, marshal, and liquidate assets of the Receivership Estate. For example, the Receiver and her team: (i) successfully moved to liquidate and accomplished significant liquidation of the Wammel Defendants' assets in the Receiver's possession; (ii) continued liquidation of remaining Bryant Defendants' assets in the Receiver's possession; (iii) prepared for and deposed to the extent possible Relief Defendant Carlos Goodspeed; (iv) worked with a financial consultant to perform forensic accounting and related analysis regarding, among other things, the intricate, overlapping Ponzi scheme operated by the Bryant and Wammel Defendants identified as part of the Receiver's investigation; (v) satisfied on-going, ordinary course obligations of the Receivership Estate; (vi) reported on the Receiver's activities to the Court and to investors; (vii) established and implemented the claims

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process for investors; (viii) subpoenaed various individuals and entities; and (ix) prepared for and commenced litigation against Thurman P. Bryant, Jr. and Carlos Goodspeed.

3. The following tables summarize the fees and expenses the Receivership Estate, incurred for the Receiver, her counsel, and other professionals, respectively, during the Application Period:

RECEIVER

| TOTAL HOURS WORKED | HOURLY RATE ² | TOTAL FEES AT HOURLY RATE | VOLUNTARY REDUCTION ³ | TOTAL FEES AFTER VOLUNTARY REDUCTION | TOTAL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS INCURRED BY RECEIVER | TOTAL FEES AND EXPENSES |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| 49.3 | \$500.00 | \$24,650.00 | \$750.00 | \$23,900.00 | | \$23,900.00 |

RECEIVER'S COUNSEL, THOMPSON & KNIGHT LLP ("T&K")

| TOTAL HOURS WORKED | BLENDED HOURLY RATE (All Timekeepers) ⁴ | TOTAL FEES | VOLUNTARY REDUCTION ⁵ | TOTAL FEES AFTER VOLUNTARY REDUCTION | TOTAL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS | TOTAL FEES AND EXPENSES |
|--------------------------|--|---------------|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 667.3 | \$341.25 | \$218,608.00 | \$48,455.80 | \$170,152.20 | \$2,602.11 | \$172,754.31 |

VERITAS ADVISORY GROUP, INC. ("VERITAS")

| TOTAL HOURS WORKED | BLENDED HOURLY RATE ⁶ | TOTAL FEES AT HOURLY RATE | TOTAL EXPENSES | TOTAL FEES AND EXPENSES ⁷ |
|--------------------------|--|------------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| 106 | \$266.00 | \$23,122.00 | | \$23,122.00 |

¹ The fees and expenses incurred by the Receiver and her counsel, T&K, are included in this Third Interim Fee Application. The Receiver is a partner at T&K and thus any and all payment for fees and expenses to the Receiver and her counsel will be paid to T&K.

² This rate is a discounted rate from the Receiver's standard hourly rate.

³ This voluntary reduction includes the fees incurred by the Receiver for the preparation of the Third Interim Fee Application.

⁴ The rates underlying the blended rate are at a discount from T&K's standard hourly rates.

⁵ The voluntary reduction is calculated from a reduction (in addition to already reduced hourly rates) by 20% in fees attributed to paralegal services (\$5,152.80). Not reflected above is the additional reduction that T&K and the Receiver directed for certain billable time based on a consideration of the limited resources of this Receivership Estate. Additionally, this voluntary reduction includes the fees incurred by T&K for the preparation of the Third Interim Fee Application.

⁶ This rate is a discounted rate from Veritas' standard hourly rates. See Dkt. No. 51 at Exhibit A.

⁷ This amount is subject to the Hold Back (as defined herein).

- 4. As further described herein, the Receiver seeks the Court's <u>approval</u> of invoices for interim fees and expenses, incurred between October 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017, in the amount of \$219,776.31, which reflects voluntary reduction *and* a more than 20% reduction in hourly rates across all timekeepers. The Court previously approved the professional fees and expenses totaling \$765,103.11 in its Order Approving the Second Interim Fee Application.
- 5. The following tables summarize the total balance of fees and expenses the Receivership Estate incurred for the Receiver, her counsel, and other professionals, respectively:

RECEIVER

| TOTAL FEES AND EXPENSES INCURRED DURING THE APPLICATION PERIOD ⁸ | MATTER BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD ⁹ | TOTAL BALANCE DUE THIS MATTER |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| \$23,900.00 | \$41,298.21 | \$65,198.21 |

RECEIVER'S COUNSEL, THOMPSON & KNIGHT LLP ("T&K")

| TOTAL FEES AND EXPENSES INCURRED DURING THE APPLICATION PERIOD ¹⁰ | MATTER BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD ¹¹ | TOTAL BALANCE DUE THIS MATTER |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| \$172,754.31 | \$338,196.54 | \$510,950.85 |

VERITAS ADVISORY GROUP, INC. ("VERITAS")

| TOTAL FEES AND EXPENSES INCURRED DURING THE APPLICATION PERIOD | MATTER BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD | TOTAL BALANCE DUE THIS MATTER |
|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| \$23,122.00 | \$96,339.67 | \$119,461.67 |

6. Although the Receiver requests the Court's **approval** of invoices for interim fees and expenses of \$219,776.31 and the Court previously approved professional fees and expenses

⁸ Fees and expenses incurred during this Application Period are less than half of the total fees and expenses incurred during the Second Application Period, which was a time of significant activity.

⁹ This amount includes a portion of the fees incurred during the Second Application Period.

¹⁰ Fees and expenses incurred during this Application Period are less than one-third of the total fees and expenses incurred during the Second Application Period, which was a time of significant activity.

¹¹ This amount includes a portion of the fees incurred during the Second Application Period.

totaling \$765,103.11 in its Order Approving the Second Interim Fee Application, of the fees and expenses detailed herein, in recognition of the Case status and Receivership resources, at this time the Receiver is *only* seeking authority for **payment** of professional fees and expenses (as defined below) in the following amount:

| Receiver | T&K | Veritas | Total Fees |
|----------|-----|-------------|-------------|
| | | \$23,122.00 | \$23,122.00 |

The above amount of total fees requested for payment represents less than 4% of what the Receiver and her professionals have incurred in fees to-date. Although the Receiver has funds to cover a more significant portion of fees to the Receiver and her counsel, at this time, in an effort to maximize the value of the estate for a future distribution, the Receiver requests payment of only the fees of Veritas and delays her request for payment of other fees until additional liquidation and recoveries have been obtained.

7. For the reasons set forth below, the Receiver would respectfully show the following in support of the Third Interim Fee Application:

II. RELEVANT PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

A. Before the Application Period

8. On May 15, 2017, the Court entered the Order Appointing Receiver [Dkt. No. 17], appointing Jennifer Ecklund as Receiver over the estates of Thurman P. Bryant, III and Bryant United Capital Funding, Inc. On July 19, 2017, the Court entered the Amended Order Appointing Receiver [Dkt. No. 48] (the "Receivership Order"), expanding the Order Appointing Receiver to include the Bryant Defendants and the Wammel Defendants. The Receivership Order did not change the substance of the Receiver's original powers. Pursuant to

the Receivership Order, the Receiver is charged with marshaling and preserving all the assets of

the Bryant Defendants and Wammel Defendants. The Receiver is also charged with holding and

operating all of the Bryant Defendants' and Wammel Defendants' assets pending further order of

the Court. Further, the Receivership Order permits "the Receiver . . . to solicit persons and

entities ("Retained Personnel") to assist [her] in carrying out the duties and responsibilities

described in [the Receivership Order]. The Receiver shall not engage any Retained Personnel

without first obtaining an Order of the Court authorizing such engagement." Dkt. No. 48 at ¶ 56.

9. On June 13, 2017, and in accordance with the Receivership Order, the Receiver

filed an Application to Employ Thompson & Knight LLP as Counsel to the Receiver Effective as

of May 15, 2017 [Dkt. No. 31] (the "T&K Application"), attached to which was the Affidavit of

Katharine Battaia Clark.

10. On June 30, 2017, the Court entered its Order Granting Employment of

Thompson & Knight LLP as Counsel to Receiver Effective as of May 15, 2017 [Dkt. No. 38]

(the "Retention Order"), approving the T&K Application and the employment of T&K,

effective as of May 15, 2017.

11. On July 19, 2017, the Receiver filed her Ex Parte Motion to Expand the

Receivership and Asset Freeze Against the Wammel Defendants, for Temporary Restraining

Order, and for Preliminary Injunction and Brief in Support [Dkt. No. 44]. That same day the

Court entered the Ex Parte Order Granting Receiver's Ex Parte Emergency Motion to Expand

the Receivership and Asset Freeze Against the Wammel Defendants, for Temporary Restraining

Order, and for Preliminary Injunction [Dkt. No. 49].

12. On July 20, 2017, the Receiver filed her Request for Order Approving Receiver's

Employment of Veritas Advisory Group, Inc. as Financial Consultant to Receiver Effective as of

May 15, 2017 [Dkt. No. 51] (the "Veritas Application").

13. On July 25, 2017, Relief Defendants Wammel and Wammel Group filed an

Emergency Motion and Brief for Reconsideration of Ex Parte TRO, Preliminary Injunction,

Asset Freeze, and Receivership Orders (Dkt. Nos. 45-49) [Dkt. No. 53].

14. On July 28, 2017, the Receiver filed a Motion (I) for Order Authorizing

Liquidation of Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment, and Other Items and Termination of Certain

Leases, (II) to Approve Procedures to Sell Certain Personal Property, and (III) to Release Funds

from Certain Frozen Bank Accounts into the Receiver's Account [Dkt. No. 66] (the

"Liquidation Motion").

15. On July 31, 2017, the Receiver filed her Emergency Motion of Receiver for

Expedited Order Authorizing Liquidation of Certain Bryant Defendants Receivership Assets

[Dkt. No. 71] (the "Emergency Motion") and her Quarterly Report for Receivership Estates of

(A) Thurman P. Bryant, III, and (B) Bryant United Capital Funding, Inc. [Dkt. No. 72] (the

"First Quarterly Report").

16. On August 1, 2017, the Receiver filed her Response to Relief Defendants

Wammel and Wammel Group's Emergency Motion and Brief for Reconsideration and Reply in

Support of Ex Parte TRO, Preliminary Injunction, Asset Freeze, and Receivership Orders [Dkt.

No. 73]. The Receiver then prepared for the preliminary injunction hearing before this Court on

August 2, 2017, in which the Court extended the ex parte temporary restraining order against the

Wammel Defendants to provide the Court with time to issue an order granting the preliminary

injunction [Dkt. No. 75].

17. On August 15, 2017, the Court granted the Receiver's Motion for Preliminary

Injunction and denied Relief Defendants Wammel and Wammel Group's Motion for

Reconsideration [Dkt. No. 89].

18. On August 16, 2017, the Receiver filed the Amended First Interim Fee

Application of Veritas Advisory Group, Inc. [Dkt. No. 91], in which the Receiver requested

authorization of payment of \$91,133.39 for professional fees subject to the Fee Cap and Hold

Back, and the Amended First Interim Fee Application of T&K [Dkt. No. 92], in which the

Receiver requested authorization of payment of \$308,671.85 for professional fees subject to the

Fee Cap and Hold Back, covering the period from May 15, 2017 through June 30, 2017 (the

"First Application Period").

19. On August 21, 2017, the Bryant Defendants filed a Motion to Dissolve

Temporary Restraining Order and Suspend or Dissolve Order Appointing Receiver [Dkt. No. 97]

(the "Bryant Defendants' Motion to Dissolve").

20. On August 23, 2017, the Court granted the Receiver's Liquidation Motion and

Emergency Motion [Dkt. Nos. 105, 106]. That same day the Court entered its Order Granting

Employment of Veritas as Financial Consultant to Receiver as of May 15, 2017 [Dkt. No. 104],

approving the Veritas Application and the employment of Veritas, effective as of May 15, 2017.

21. On September 5, 2017, the Receiver filed her Response to the Bryant Defendants'

Motion to Dissolve, in which the Receiver explained the significant need of the temporary

restraining order and the Receivership [Dkt. No. 113].

22. On September 27, 2017, the Receiver filed her Motion to Request a Copy of the

Return on the Search Warrant [Dkt. No. 120] (the "Search Warrant Motion") for the purpose

of identifying additional Bryant Defendants' assets seized by the FBI.

23. On September 29, 2017, the Court granted the Search Warrant Motion [Dkt. No.

123].

B. During the Application Period

24. On October 4, 2017, the Court denied the Bryant Defendants' Motion to Dissolve

and ordered that the preliminary injunction and Receivership shall remain in place until the

issuance of a final decision by the Court in this case [Dkt. No. 124].

25. On October 17, 2017, the Receiver filed her Motion to Enter Agreed Order (1)

Authorizing Liquidation of Real Property, Aircraft, Vehicles, Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment,

and Other Items and Termination of Certain Leases, (II) to Approve Procedures to sell

Receivership Assets, and (III) to Release Funds from Certain Frozen Bank Accounts into the

Receiver's Account [Dkt. No. 131] (the "Motion to Enter Agreed Order").

26. On October 30, 2017, the Receiver filed her Second Quarterly Report for the

Receivership Estates [Dkt. No. 132] (the "Second Quarterly Report").

27. On November 6, 2017, the Court granted the Motion to Enter Agreed Order [Dkt.

No. 133].

28. On November 9, 2017, the Court entered its Order Granting the Plaintiff's Motion

to Compel the Deposition and Discovery Responses from Relief Defendant Carlos Goodspeed

[Dkt. No. 135]. The Receiver then prepared for the deposition of Carlos Goodspeed scheduled

for November 27, 2017.

29. On November 15, 2017, the Receiver filed her Motion for Leave to File Second

Interim Fee Application in Excess of Page Limit [Dkt. No. 136] and her Second Interim Fee

Application for Allowance of Fees and Reimbursement of Expenses [Dkt. No. 137] for

professional fees and expenses incurred by the Receiver, T&K, and Veritas, in which the

Receiver requested approval of \$765,103.11 and authorization of payment of \$475,856.22 for

professional fees and expenses subject to the Hold Back, covering the period from July 1, 2017

through September 30, 2017 (the "Second Application Period").

30. On November 20, 2017, the Court granted the Receiver's Motion for Leave to

File Second Interim Fee Application in Excess of Page Limit [Dkt. No. 138].

31. On November 27, 2017, the Receiver's counsel traveled to Fort Worth, Texas and

deposed Carlos Goodspeed. Over the Receiver's and the Plaintiff's objections, Carlos

Goodspeed prematurely terminated the deposition. The deposition of Carlos Goodspeed was

then scheduled to continue on December 4, 2017.

32. On December 1, 2017, the Receiver implemented the claims process for investors

in this Case.

33. On December 4, 2017, the Receiver's counsel again traveled to Fort Worth, Texas

to depose Carlos Goodspeed. Carlos Goodspeed never appeared, and a Certificate of Non-

Appearance was obtained.

34. On December 7, 2017, the Court entered the Order Approving the Second Interim

Fee Application for Allowance of Fees and Reimbursement of Expenses [Dkt. No. 142] (the

"Order Approving the Second Interim Fee Application"). Pursuant to the Order Approving

the Second Interim Fee Application, the Court approved the professional fees and expenses

totaling \$765,103.11 and authorized for immediate payment \$475,856.22 of the total approved

professional fees and expenses.

35. On December 14, 2017, the Receiver filed her Complaint Against Thurman P.

Bryant, Jr. and Carlos Goodspeed, in the Eastern District of Texas, Ancillary Civil Action No.

4:17-cv-00856 [Dkt. No. 1].

36. The Receivership is ongoing, and the Receiver continues to engage in efforts to

locate assets belonging to the Receivership Estate in order to realize the greatest return for

creditors.

C. After the Application Period

37. On January 30, 2018, the Receiver filed her Third Quarterly Report for the

Receivership Estates [Dkt. No. 156] (the "**Third Quarterly Report**").

III.
CASE STATUS

A. Cash and Assets on Hand

38. At or near the date the Receiver was appointed, the Receivership Estate held

almost no cash on hand. At the end of the First Application Period, the known assets of the

Receivership Estate were comprised of: (a) approximately \$30,000 cash on hand in the

Receiver's bank account (the "Receivership Account"); (b) funds totaling approximately

\$12,425 to be received by the Estate in the near future; (c) illiquid personalty; and (d) potential

(and as-yet uninvestigated) causes of action against third parties. ¹² See First Quarterly Report at

¶¶ 8, 18.

39. At the end of the Second Application Period, the known assets of the

Receivership Estate were comprised of: (a) approximately \$44,000 cash on hand in the

Receivership Account; (b) funds totaling approximately \$350,000 to be received by the Estate in

the near future; (c) illiquid personalty; (d) personalty and real property seized from the Bryant

Defendants and the Wammel Defendants, including more than seven (7) motor vehicles, a 1990

¹² At this stage, the Receiver estimates the future fraudulent transfer litigation damages to be several million dollars. As is the case in most litigation, the recovery may differ from the damages sustained.

Cessna 650 Citation, and two residential properties with each being over 3,500 square feet; and

(e) potential causes of action against third parties (which the Receiver is actively investigating).

40. At the end of the current Application Period, the known assets of the Receivership

Estate include the following: (a) approximately \$214,000 cash on hand in the Receivership

Account; (b) funds totaling approximately \$3,000 to be received by the Estate in the near

future; 13 (c) illiquid personalty; (d) personalty and real property seized from the Bryant

Defendants and the Wammel Defendants, including a 1990 Cessna 650 Citation, two residential

properties with each being over 2,700 square feet, and various motor vehicles; (e) causes of

action against Thurman P. Bryant, Jr. and Carlos Goodspeed; and (f) potential causes of action

against third parties (which the Receiver is actively investigating). ¹⁴ Of note, although there is

approximately \$214,000 cash on hand in the Receivership Account at the end of the current

Application Period, the Receiver prepared three checks during the Application Period totaling

\$104,884.68, which were not deposited by the recipients during the Application Period. 15

Attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is the Standardized Fund Accounting Report (the "SFAR") for the

Application Period.

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¹³ This amount accounts for the funds that are being transferred from the Bryant Defendants' and the Wammel Defendants' bank accounts.

¹⁴ The remaining personal and real property seized by the Receiver is estimated to be valued at over \$1.1 million, collectively.

¹⁵ The three checks totaling \$104,884.68 were the following: (1) check for \$96,339.68 to Veritas pursuant to this Court's Order Approving the Second Interim Fee Application [Dkt. No. 142]; (2) check for \$8,500.00 to Wammel's prior landlord at 3 Mariners Ln., League City, Kemah, Texas 77565; and (3) check for \$45.00 for statutory fees associated with subpoena documentation.

| Summary of Present and Future Cash on Hand in the Receiver's Account | | | |
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| Cash on Hand in the Receiver's Account (at the end of the current | \$214,804.64 | | |
| Application Period) | | | |
| Checks <u>Prepared</u> by the Receiver But <u>Not Deposited</u> by Recipients | (\$104,884.68) | | |
| During the Application Period | | | |
| Estimated Future Funds to be Received by the Estate ¹⁶ | \$1,100,000.00 | | |
| Estimated Total of Future Cash on Hand in the Receiver's Account | \$1,209,919.96 | | |

B. Fees and Expenses

- 41. Ordinary Course Expenses. During the Application Period, and as detailed in the Third Quarterly Report, expenditures made from the Receivership Account were for expenses relating to the Receiver's former horse, imaging seized electronic devices, maintaining the Receiver's properties, investigations into the Receivership Defendants, production of documents from a financial institution, and banking and wire transfer fees, which totaled \$52,994.80. The Receiver also incurred expenses relating to statutory fees associated with subpoena documentation and settlement, which totaled \$8,545.00 and for which the Receiver prepared checks during the Application Period that were not deposited by the recipients during the Application Period.
- 42. Pursuant to this Court's Order Approving the Second Interim Fee Application [Dkt. No. 142], expenditures were also made from the Receivership Account for the payment of authorized professional fees and expenses to the Receiver, which totaled \$41,298.22, and T&K, which totaled \$338,196.54. The Receiver also prepared a check during the Application Period to Veritas for the payment of authorized professional fees and expenses, which totaled \$96,339.68, that was not deposited during the Application Period.
- 43. <u>Receiver and Retained Professional Fees</u>. During the Application Period, the Retained Professionals (T&K and Veritas) provided services on behalf of the Receiver and the

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 $^{^{16}}$ These assets are described in ¶¶ 40 and 50 and approximately valued at more than \$1.1 million. Further, this estimated amount does not include the Receiver's potential and ongoing causes of action against third parties.

Receivership Estate. Specifically, the fees and expenses for the services of the Receiver, T&K,

and Veritas total approximately \$219,776.31 (the "Application Period Professional Fees").

44. These Application Period Professional Fees include a voluntary reduction of at

least 20% by the Receivership Estate professionals from their standard hourly rates.

C. Work Performed for the Benefit of the Receivership Estate¹⁷

45. As further described in the Receiver's First Quarterly Report, Second Quarterly

Report, and Third Quarterly Report, the Receiver, assisted by T&K and Veritas, performed

numerous tasks in connection with her duties under the Receivership Order. During the

Application Period, the Receiver actively investigated, marshalled, and liquidated assets of the

Receivership Estate. The Receiver's tasks included (i) preserving hard and electronic data, (ii)

analyzing thousands of documents, (iii) interviewing numerous creditors and investors, and (iv)

working with various individuals and counsel in an attempt to locate and liquidate assets for

distribution to creditors.

46. The date the Case is expected to close is presently unknown. The Receiver

expects to continue her efforts to recover assets for the benefit of the Receivership Estate, which

may require protracted litigation.

47. During the Application Period, the Receiver established a claims process for

investors. Investors were notified by mail and electronic distribution. The Receiver and her

team are currently reviewing submitted claim notification forms and supporting documentation.

Currently, there are no established claims proceedings for non-investor creditors in this Case.

The Receiver will propose such procedures after the Receiver makes a full evaluation of the

¹⁷ The Receiver and T&K incorporate the Receiver's First Quarterly Report, Liquidation Plan for the Bryant Defendants, Agreed Order Granting Liquidation Against the Wammel Defendants, Second Quarterly Report, and Third Quarterly Report as if set out fully herein.

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estimated recovery to the various investors and non-investor creditors. Further, the Receiver's

Liquidation Plans for the Bryant Defendants and the Wammel Defendants provided the

Receivership Estate with additional liquid assets, and the Receiver anticipates additional funds

will come into the Receivership Estate once the remaining Receivership assets are liquidated.

With additional liquid assets available in the Receivership Estate, the Receiver will be able to

propose a distribution scheme to creditors once all creditor claims proceedings have been

established and implemented.

48. During the Application Period, Veritas performed many tasks in connection with

this Case. Specifically, Veritas finalized the net winning and net losing analysis for the BUCF

and Wammel Group investors, which included compiling and analyzing all investor funds

deposited to Bryant and Wammel, all monthly disbursements paid back to investors, and any

potential bonus and referral payments made to investors. Moreover, Veritas was instrumental in

(i) investigating specific transactions to identify potential fraudulent transfers and/or recoverable

assets, including various motor vehicles, transfers to various individuals, and real property; (ii)

identifying transactions and parties that could be further investigated for potential fraudulent

transfers and/or recoverable assets; and (iii) identifying transactions and parties that contained

high volume and/or high dollar amounts paid to entities for unknown purposes. Furthermore,

Veritas compiled a bank statement database for Bryant and Wammel accounts and worked with

the Receiver and T&K to provide financial support for filings and motion practice during the

Application Period, including the preparation of various summary exhibits related to Wammel's

assets, transfers to Carlos Goodspeed, and transfers to Thurman P. Bryant, Jr., as well as exhibits

for the Receiver's Quarterly Report. Finally, Veritas conferred with T&K and the Receiver

regarding case strategy. All of these activities were done in furtherance of the Receiver

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identifying Receivership Estate assets and liabilities so that distributions can ultimately be made

to investors and non-investor creditors.

49. Similarly, during the Application Period, the bulk of the work performed by T&K

was related to (i) successfully moving to liquidate and accomplishing significant liquidation of

the Wammel Defendants' assets in the Receiver's possession; (ii) continuing liquidation of the

remaining Bryant Defendants' assets in the Receiver's possession; (iii) preparing for, twice

attending, and deposing – to the extent possible – Relief Defendant Carlos Goodspeed; (iv)

working with a financial consultant to perform forensic accounting and related analysis

regarding, among other things, the intricate, overlapping Ponzi scheme operated by the Bryant

and Wammel Defendants identified as part of the Receiver's investigation; (v) satisfying on-

going, ordinary course obligations of the Receivership Estate; (vi) reporting on the Receiver's

activities to the Court and to investors; (vii) establishing and implementing the claims process for

investors; (viii) subpoenaing various individuals and entities; (ix) communicating with relevant

valuation consultants regarding inventoried personalty; and (x) preparing the complaint and

commencing litigation against Thurman P. Bryant, Jr. and Carlos Goodspeed.

50. Since her appointment, the Receiver and her team have been working diligently to

investigate and marshal assets of the Receivership Estate in order to bolster the amount available

for distribution to stakeholders. During the Application Period, the Receiver successfully

liquidated Receivership Assets, which resulted in approximately \$213,000 coming into the

Receivership Estate. Additionally, approximately \$254,000 of released frozen funds of the

Bryant Defendants and the Wammel Defendants were deposited into the Receiver's account

during the Application Period. At the end of the current Application Period, the known assets of

the Receivership Estate include the following: (1) a 1990 Cessna 650 Citation; (2) Defendant

Wammel's (former) secondary residence – a 2,700 square-foot home located in a gated

community near Houston; (3) Defendant Wammel Group's residential property – a 3,500 square-

foot residence near Houston; and (4) various motor vehicles. The Receiver anticipates additional

funds will come into the Receivership Estate once the remaining Receivership assets are

liquidated.

51. In addition to successfully liquidating Receivership assets, the Receiver and her

team spent considerable time and resources (1) analyzing potential claims against third parties

and (2) preparing for and deposing – to the extent possible – Relief Defendant Carlos

Goodspeed. First, during the Application Period, the Receiver and her team prepared the

Complaint and commenced litigation against Thurman P. Bryant, Jr. and Carlos Goodspeed in

the Eastern District of Texas, Ancillary Civil Action No. 4:17-cv-00856 [Dkt. No. 1]. Second,

following this Court's November 9, 2017 Order Granting the Plaintiff's Motion to Compel the

Deposition and Discovery Responses from Relief Defendant Carlos Goodspeed [Dkt. No. 135],

the Receiver and her team prepared for the deposition of Relief Defendant Carlos Goodspeed

scheduled for November 27, 2017. On November 27, 2017, the Receiver's counsel traveled to

Fort Worth, Texas and deposed Carlos Goodspeed. Over the Receiver's and the Plaintiff's

objections, Carlos Goodspeed prematurely terminated the deposition. The deposition of Carlos

Goodspeed was then scheduled to continue on December 4, 2017. On December 4, 2017, the

Receiver's counsel again traveled to Fort Worth, Texas to depose Carlos Goodspeed. Carlos

Goodspeed never appeared, and a Certificate of Non-Appearance was obtained. Carlos

Goodspeed's actions of terminating the deposition and then failing to appear at the rescheduled

deposition cost the Receiver and her team considerable time and resources.

52. As explained throughout this Third Interim Fee Application and as described more fully in the Receiver's Third Quarterly Report, the Receiver and her team continued to make significant progress in unraveling the Bryant Defendants' and Wammel Defendants' fraud and in liquidating Receivership assets in order to realize the greatest return for creditors. As a result of these efforts, the Receiver and her team substantially increased the value of the Receivership Estate during the Application Period. Between the successful liquidation of the Wammel Defendants' assets and the Bryant Defendants' assets in the Receiver's possession and the release of frozen funds of the Bryant Defendants and the Wammel Defendants into the Receiver's account, the Receiver and her team brought more than \$467,000 into the Receivership Estate during this Application Period.

| Summary of the Bryant Defendants' and | | | | |
|---|----------------|--|--|--|
| the Wammel Defendants' Receivership Assets | | | | |
| Estimated Total of the Bryant Defendants Receivership | \$100,000.00 | | | |
| Estimated Total of the Wammel Defendants | \$1,400,000.00 | | | |
| Receivership | | | | |
| Estimated Total ¹⁸ | \$1,500,000.00 | | | |

IV. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

- 53. Through this Third Interim Fee Application, the Receiver seeks interim approval of the fees and expenses of the Receiver, T&K, and Veritas subject to the Hold Back, as further described below.
- 54. As noted in the T&K Application, both the Receiver and the T&K professionals and paraprofessionals ¹⁹ assisting the Receiver on this matter agreed to a voluntary reduction of their standard hourly rates. The T&K invoices attached hereto reflect that reduction, which

¹⁸ This amount does not include the potential future litigation by the Receiver for fraudulent transfer, which accounts for damages to the Receivership of several million dollars. As is the case in most litigation, the recovery may differ from the damages sustained.

¹⁹ T&K has voluntarily further reduced its paralegals' fees by an additional twenty (20) percent.

represents a significant savings for the Receivership Estate. Further, T&K reviewed its billings,

and, in such review, exercised appropriate judgment in an effort to ensure that time and expenses

are properly billed and billing adjustments were properly made before generating invoices and

filing this Third Interim Fee Application. T&K further reduced certain entries in light of the

Receiver's limited resources, which reductions are also reflected in its invoices and total over

\$120,000 or over 38% of the total fees for the Application Period (as reflected in the Invoices

attached hereto).

55. Hold Back. Pursuant to the Receivership Order, interim fee applications also

"may be subject to a holdback in the amount of 20% of the amount of fees and expenses for each

application filed with the Court" (the "Hold Back"). Dkt. No. 48 at ¶ 60. The Receivership

Order further provides that "[t]he total amounts held back during the course of the receivership

will be paid out at the discretion of the Court as part of the final fee application submitted at the

close of the receivership." Dkt. No. 48 at ¶ 60. Thus, the amount requested in this Third Interim

Fee Application may be subject to the Hold Back.²⁰

56. In accordance with the SEC Billing Instructions, the Receiver submitted the Third

Interim Fee Application to the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC")

for review prior to submission to the Court. The SEC has reviewed the Third Interim Fee

Application and advised the Receiver concerning certain formatting issues related to its invoices,

and the Receiver has made such changes.

Α. Fees of the Receiver and T&K

> Fee Breakdown by Task. The Receiver and T&K have categorized their services 57.

 20 Moreover, at this time, due to the status of the Case and resources available to the Receiver, the amount of fees the Receiver is requesting the Court approve for payment constitutes less than 4% of the amount incurred to date, making the hold back more than 96%.

by task. The following tables summarize the respective number of hours incurred relative to each task category by the Receiver and by the T&K professionals and paraprofessionals, respectively, who performed services on behalf of the Receiver during the Application Period:

RECEIVER

| TASK DESCRIPTION | HOURS WORKED | TOTAL FEES, SUBJECT TO THE HOLD BACK |
|--|--------------|---|
| [B120] ASSET ANALYSIS AND RECOVERY. Identification and review of potential assets including causes of action and non-litigation recoveries. | 17.5 | \$8,750.00 |
| [B110] CASE ADMINISTRATION. Coordination and compliance activities, including preparation of reports to the court, investor inquiries, etc. | 19.8 | \$9,900.00 |
| [B130] ASSET DISPOSITION. Sales, leases, abandonment and related transaction work. Where extended series of sales or other disposition of assets is contemplated, a separate category should be established for each major transaction. | 8.2 | \$4,100.00 |
| [B111] TK/RECEIVER FEE APPLICATIONS. All work in preparing, supplementing or defending quarterly or final fee applications for Thompson & Knight. This includes review or revision of pro formas, invoices, application exhibits, research, or communications related to the application or application process for TK (including the Receiver). Pursuant to the SEC Billing Instructions, fees incurred for task B111 are not included in the total amount requested by the Receiver. | 1.5 | \$750.00 |
| [B310] CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION AND OBJECTIONS. Expenses in formulating, gaining approval of and administering any claims procedure. | 1.9 | \$950.00 |
| [B151] – INVESTOR COMMUNICATIONS. Written or telephone | 0.4 | \$200.00 |

| communications with investors in | | |
|----------------------------------|------|-------------|
| Bryant United Capital Funding. | | |
| TOTAL | 49.3 | \$24,650.00 |

RECEIVER'S COUNSEL

| | | TOTAL FEES, |
|--|--------------|--------------------------|
| TASK DESCRIPTION | HOURS WORKED | SUBJECT TO THE HOLD BACK |
| [B120] ASSET ANALYSIS AND | 129.7 | \$53,069.50 |
| RECOVERY. | | |
| Identification and review of | | |
| potential assets including causes of | | |
| action and non-litigation recoveries. | | |
| [B110] CASE ADMINISTRATION. | 509.1 | \$167,793.50 |
| Coordination and compliance | | |
| activities, including preparation of | | |
| reports to the court, investor | | |
| inquiries, etc. | | |
| [B151] – INVESTOR | 21.2 | \$5,450.00 |
| COMMUNICATIONS. | | |
| Written or telephone | | |
| communications with investors in | | |
| Bryant United Capital Funding. | | |
| [B195] NON-WORKING TRAVEL. | 24.5 | \$8,285.50 |
| Non-working travel where the court | | |
| reimburses at less than full hourly | | |
| rates (only for travel more than 20 | | |
| miles). | | *** |
| [B111] TK/RECEIVER FEE | 157.1 | \$42,309.00 |
| APPLICATIONS. | | |
| All work in preparing, | | |
| supplementing or defending | | |
| quarterly or final fee applications for | | |
| Thompson & Knight. This includes review or revision of pro formas, | | |
| invoices, application exhibits, | | |
| research, or communications related | | |
| to the application or application | | |
| process for TK (including the | | |
| Receiver). Pursuant to the SEC | | |
| Billing Instructions, fees incurred for | | |
| task B111 are not included in the | | |
| total amount requested by the | | |
| Receiver. | | |
| [B112] APPLICATIONS OF | 2.4 | \$966.00 |
| OTHER PROFESSIONALS. | | 4700.00 |
| All work in preparing, | | |
| supplementing or defending | | |
| quarterly or final fee applications for | | |
| non-TK professionals. This includes | | |
| review or revision of invoices, | | |
| application exhibits, research, or | | |
| communications related to the | | |
| application or application process. | | |

| Pursuant to the SEC Billing | | |
|--|-------|---|
| Instructions, fees incurred for task | | |
| B112 are not included in the total | | |
| amount requested by the Receiver. | | |
| [B130] ASSET DISPOSITION. | 4.4 | \$1,549.00 |
| Sales, leases, abandonment and | | |
| related transaction work. Where | | |
| extended series of sales or other | | |
| disposition of assets is contemplated, | | |
| a separate category should be | | |
| established for each major | | |
| transaction. | | |
| [B310] CLAIMS | 33.9 | \$11,051.00 |
| ADMINISTRATION AND | | , |
| OBJECTIONS. | | |
| Expenses in formulating, gaining | | |
| approval of and administering any | | |
| claims procedure. | | |
| TOTAL | 882.3 | \$290,473.50 |

- 58. <u>T&K's and Receiver's Invoice Summaries</u>. Attached hereto as <u>Exhibit B-1</u> is the Invoice Summary of the Receiver for the Application Period and as <u>Exhibit B-2</u> is the Invoice Summary for T&K for the Application Period. Both invoice summaries include a breakdown of actual and necessary expenses incurred during the Application Period. The Receiver has reviewed and approved T&K's time records and invoices and has also undertaken a review of her own fees and expenses. Based on the complexity of the Case, the Receiver respectfully submits that the requested compensation is reasonable.
- 59. All legal services performed by T&K were performed for and on behalf of the Receiver and not on behalf of any other individual or entity. No agreement or understanding exists between T&K and any other entity for the sharing of compensation to be received for services rendered in connection with this Case. The Receiver and T&K's services have been substantial, necessary, and beneficial to the Receivership Estate.

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²¹ Unredacted invoices for the Application Period for the Receiver and for T&K were submitted to the Court and the SEC for in camera review.

B. Fees of Veritas

- 60. <u>Fee Breakdown by Activity</u>. Veritas has maintained the Veritas Fees by activity and by individual professional during the Application Period. Attached hereto as <u>Exhibit C</u> is a copy of the Veritas invoices, which summarizes the respective number of hours incurred relative to each task by Veritas professionals who performed services on behalf of the Receiver during the Application Period.
- 61. The following table summarizes the task description for the services that Veritas rendered during the Application Period:

| TASK DESCRIPTION | HOURS WORKED | TOTAL FEES, SUBJECT TO THE HOLD BACK |
|----------------------------|--------------|---|
| [F170] Forensic Accounting | 106 | \$23,122.00 |

- 62. <u>Expense Breakdown</u>. Further, Veritas has maintained a description of the Veritas Expenses incurred during the Application Period. Also included in <u>Exhibit C</u> is a summary of all Veritas Expenses incurred during the Application Period.
- 63. All services performed by Veritas were performed for and on behalf of the Receiver and not on behalf of any other individual or entity. No agreement or understanding exists between Veritas and any other entity for the sharing of compensation to be received for services rendered in connection with this Case. The Receiver and Veritas' services have been substantial, necessary, and beneficial to the Receivership Estate. Based upon the total time expended and the complexity of this Case, the Receiver believes the Veritas Fees and Expenses sought herein to be reasonable and appropriate.

V. <u>MEMORANDUM OF LAW IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST</u>

64. Under governing law, following a determination that services were rendered and costs expended in furtherance of the Receivership, the Court may award compensation for the

presented fees and costs. When determining an award of attorneys' fees, the Court should use

the lodestar method of multiplying the number of hours reasonably expended by the reasonable

hourly rate. See, e.g., Louisiana Power & Light Co. v. Kellstrom, 50 F.3d 319, 323-24 (5th Cir.

1995) (citing Blum v. Stenson, 465 U.S. 886, 888 (1984)). A reasonable hourly rate is the

ordinary fee for similar work in the community. Johnson v. Georgia Highway Express, Inc., 488

F.2d 714, 718 (5th Cir. 1974).

65. As set out in more detail in the First Quarterly Report, the Second Quarterly

Report, and the Third Quarterly Report, the Receiver, assisted by T&K and Veritas, has made

significant progress in unraveling the Bryant Defendants' and Wammel Defendants' fraud

through her seizure, inventory, and investigation of the documents, data, assets, and liabilities of

the Receivership Estate. Further, the T&K lead attorneys in this Case have expended significant

amounts of time and energy in order to stabilize this Case, such as successfully moving to

liquidate the Bryant Defendants' assets and the Wammel Defendants' assets to provide the

Receivership Estate with additional assets in order to propose a distribution plan to creditors.

66. Further, the fees and expenses requested in this Third Interim Fee Application in

connection with, among other things, locating, securing, and liquidating assets of the

Receivership Estate in order to propose a distribution scheme to creditors are reasonable

compared to the no less than \$23,000,000 investor funds at risk.

67. Other factors support this Court awarding the requested fees and expenses in this

Third Interim Fee Application. For instance, the fraud is alleged to have been ongoing since at

least 2011, which requires extensive review of records and assessment of transfers and alleged

business activities. In addition, Defendant Bryant is proceeding pro se, which has required

additional conferences and investigation than is often needed when a defendant is represented by

counsel. Also, the assets of the Receivership consist largely of personalty from the former residences of Defendant Bryant and Defendant Wammel as well as real property seized from the Wammel Defendants. Further, Defendant Bryant is involved in multiple businesses, all of which have required often tedious investigation across multiple cities.

- 68. For the reasons set forth above, the Receiver, T&K, and Veritas have incurred reasonable fees and costs consistent with the Receivership Order, and approval of these fees on an interim basis, subject to the Hold Back, is appropriate and warranted in consideration of the above-described services in this Case during the Application Period.
- 69. The Receiver notes that the liquid assets of the Receivership Estate are, at the time of the filing of this Third Interim Fee Application, insufficient to satisfy the request for payment in this Third Interim Fee Application. Therefore, the Receiver requests the authority to pay only \$23,122.00 and shall seek authority to pay any additional approved interim fees and expenses for the Application Period at the appropriate time in the future. The below amount of total fees requested for payment requests less than 4% of what the Receiver and her professionals have incurred in fees to-date. The tables below show a breakdown of the fees incurred by the Receiver, T&K, and Veritas during the Application Period:

FEES REQUESTED FOR APPROVAL (October 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017)

| Receiver | T&K | Veritas | <u>Total Fees</u> |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------------|
| \$23,900.00 | \$172,754.31 | \$23,122.00 | \$219,776.31 |

FEES REQUESTED FOR PAYMENT

| Receiver | T&K | Veritas | Total Fees |
|----------|-----|-------------|-------------|
| | | \$23,122.00 | \$23,122.00 |

WHEREFORE, the Receiver respectfully requests that this Court enter an order (i) <u>approving and authorizing</u>, on an interim basis, the Application Period Professional Fees, totaling \$219,776.31; (ii) <u>authorizing payment</u> of professional fees and expenses, totaling \$23,122.00; and (iii) awarding such other and further relief that this Court deems just and proper. DATED: February 14, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMPSON & KNIGHT LLP

By: <u>/s/ Mackenzie S. Wallace</u>

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COUNSEL TO RECEIVER

CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to the SEC Billing Instructions, T&K (the "Applicant") hereby certifies as

follows:

1. The Applicant has read the Third Interim Fee Application;

2. To the best of the Applicant's knowledge, information, and belief formed after

reasonable inquiry, the Third Interim Fee Application and all fees and expenses herein are true

and accurate and comply with the SEC Billing Instructions;

3. All fees contained in the Third Interim Fee Application are based on the rates

listed in the Applicant's fee schedules attached hereto and such fees are reasonable, necessary,

and commensurate with the skill and experience required for the activity performed;

4. The Applicant has not included in the amount for which reimbursement is sought

the amortization of the cost of any investment, equipment, or capital outlay (except to the extent

that any such amortization is included within the permitted allowable amounts set forth herein

for photocopies and facsimile transmission); and

5. In seeking reimbursement for a service which the Applicant justifiably purchased

or contracted for from a third-party (such as copying, imaging, bulk mail, messenger service,

overnight courier, computerized research, or title and lien searches), the Applicant requests

reimbursement only for the amount billed to the Applicant by the third-party vendor and paid by

the Applicant to such vendor. The Applicant certifies that the Receiver is not making a profit on

such expenses.

/s/ Mackenzie S. Wallace

Mackenzie S. Wallace

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on February 14, 2018, I electronically filed the foregoing document with the Clerk for the United States District Court, Eastern District of Texas. The electronic case filing system (ECF) will send a Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF) to the attorneys of record who have consented in writing to accept this Notice as service of this document by electronic means. The foregoing document will also be sent to all counsel of record via the method identified below.

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CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE

Mackenzie M. Salenger, counsel for the Receiver, and counsel for Plaintiff, conferred on February 13, 2018, in compliance with the meet and confer requirement in Local Rule CV-7(h). Counsel for Plaintiff is unopposed to the relief sought in this Motion.

Mackenzie M. Salenger, counsel for the Receiver, and counsel for Certain Relief Defendants conferred on February 14, 2018, in compliance with the meet and confer requirement in Local Rule CV-7(h). Counsel for the Wammel Defendants did not respond regarding whether they are opposed or unopposed to the relief sought in this Motion.

Mackenzie M. Salenger, counsel for the Receiver, and Thurman P. Bryant, Jr. conferred on February 13, 2018, despite the fact that the meet and confer requirement is not applicable to *pro se* defendants pursuant to Local Rule CV-7. Mr. Bryant, Jr. did not respond regarding whether he is opposed or unopposed to the relief sought in this Motion.

Mackenzie M. Salenger, counsel for the Receiver, and Defendant Thurman P. Bryant, III conferred on February 13, 2018, despite the fact that the meet and confer requirement is not applicable to *pro se* defendants pursuant to Local Rule CV-7. Defendant Thurman P. Bryant, III is opposed to the relief sought in this Motion.

Mackenzie M. Salenger, counsel for the Receiver, and Carlos Goodspeed conferred on February 13, 2018, despite the fact that the meet and confer requirement is not applicable to *pro se* defendants pursuant to Local Rule CV-7. Mr. Goodspeed did not respond regarding whether he is opposed or unopposed to the relief sought in this Motion.

/s/ Mackenzie S. Wallace
Mackenzie S. Wallace

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS **SHERMAN DIVISION**

| SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE | § | |
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| COMMISSION | § | |
| Plaintiff, | § | |
| | § | |
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| v. | § | Case 04:17-CV-00336-ALM |
| | § | |
| THURMAN P. BRYANT, III and | § | |
| BRYANT UNITED CAPITAL FUNDING, | § | |
| INC. | § | |
| | § | |
| Defendants, | § | |
| , | § | |
| and | § | |
| | § | |
| ARTHUR F. WAMMEL, WAMMEL | § | |
| GROUP, LLC, THURMAN P. BRYANT, | § | |
| JR., CARLOS GOODSPEED a/k/a SEAN | § | |
| PHILLIPS d/b/a TOP AGENT | § | |
| ENTERTAINMENT d/b/a/ MR. TOP | § | |
| AGENT ENTERTAINMENT | § | |
| | \$ § | |
| Relief Defendants. | \$ § | |

ORDER APPROVING THIRD INTERIM FEE APPLICATION FOR ALLOWANCE OF FEES AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES

On this date, the Court considered the Receiver's *Third Interim Fee Application for* Allowance of Fees and Reimbursement of Expenses (the "Third Interim Fee Application"). The Court, having considering the relief requested in the Third Interim Fee Application, the invoices submitted in support, and the Certification included therein, finds that proper and adequate notice of the Third Interim Fee Application has been given and that no other or further notice is necessary and that the Application Period Professional Fees, totaling \$219,776.31 (the

ORDER APPROVING THE THIRD INTERIM FEE APPLICATION – PAGE 1 524662 000002 20360070.1

¹ All capitalized terms not defined herein shall be given the meanings ascribed to them in the Second Interim Fee Application.

"Fees and Expenses"), are reasonable and appropriate for the work performed and the expenses incurred.

The Court further finds that during the time period covered by the Third Interim Fee Application, the time spent, services performed, hourly rates charged, and expenses incurred by the Receiver and her retained professionals, Thompson & Knight LLP and Veritas Advisory Group, Inc., were reasonable and necessary for the Receiver to perform her Court-ordered duties.

Therefore, the Court is of the opinion that the relief requested in the Third Interim Fee Application should be **GRANTED**.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED THAT:

- The Fees and Expenses, totaling \$219,776.31, are approved, on an interim basis (the "Approved Fees and Expenses").
- The Court authorizes immediate payment of \$23,122.00 of the total Approved Fees and Expenses.
- The Receiver shall apply to the Court for permission to pay any remaining portion of the Approved Fees and Expenses at such time as the Receiver, in her discretion, believes there to be sufficient funds in the Receivership Estate to pay the requested portion of the remaining Approved Fees and Expenses.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS SHERMAN DIVISION

| SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE | § | |
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| THURMAN P. BRYANT, III and | § | |
| BRYANT UNITED CAPITAL FUNDING, | § | |
| INC. | § | |
| | § | |
| Defendants, | § | |
| | § | |
| and | § | |
| | § | |
| ARTHUR F. WAMMEL, WAMMEL | § | |
| GROUP, LLC, THURMAN P. BRYANT, | § | |
| JR., CARLOS GOODSPEED a/k/a SEAN | § | |
| PHILLIPS d/b/a TOP AGENT | § | |
| ENTERTAINMENT d/b/a/ MR. TOP | § | |
| AGENT ENTERTAINMENT | § | |
| | § | |
| Relief Defendants. | § | |

| Exhibit | Description | Citation |
|---------|--|--------------|
| A | Standardized Fund Accounting Report | App. 002-005 |
| B-1 | Invoice Summary of the Receiver for the Application Period | App. 006-010 |
| B-2 | Invoice Summary for Thompson & Knight LLP for the Application Period | App. 011-015 |
| С | Veritas Invoices | App. 016-024 |

EXHIBIT A

EXHIBIT ASTANDARDIZED FUND ACCOUNTING REPORT

Receivership in SEC v. Thurman P. Bryant III, et al. Civil Court Docket No. 04:17-CV-00336-ALM

Third Quarterly Reporting Period - 10/01/2017 to 12/31/2017

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| | D : : D /0 (40/047) | | Subtotal Prior Periods | Grand Total |
| Line 1 | Beginning Balance (As of 10/01/2017) | \$44,510.45 | \$30,948.95 | \$0.00 |
| | Increases in Fund Balance: | | | |
| Line 2 | Business Income | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Line 3 | Cash and Securities | \$342,069.02 | \$19,845.37 | \$361,914.39 |
| Line 4 | Interest/Dividends Income | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 |
| Line 5 | Business Asset Liquidation | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Line 6 | Personal Asset Liquidation | \$213,264.73 | • | |
| Line 7 | Third-Party Litigation Income | \$0.00 | 1 | \$0.00 |
| Line 8 | Miscellaneous - Other | \$47,450.00 | | |
| Line 8a | Total Funds Available (Lines 1 -8): | \$647,294.20 | | |
| | Decreases in Fund Balance: | | | |
| 0 | | 40.00 | 40.00 | †0.0 5 |
| Line 9 | Disbursements to Investors | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Line 10 | Disbursements for Receivership Operations | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Line 10a | Disbursements to Receiver or Other Professionals | \$56,541.46 | \$0.00 | \$56,541.46 |
| Line 10b | Business Asset Expenses | \$0.00 | \$2,976.87 | \$2,976.87 |
| Line 10c | Personal Asset Expenses | \$37,591.06 | \$2,022.00 | \$39,613.06 |
| Line 10d | Investment Expenses | \$160.50 | \$207.61 | \$368.11 |
| Line 10e | Third-Party Litigation Expenses | | | |
| | 1. Attorney Fees | \$338,196.54 | \$0.00 | \$338,196.54 |
| | 2. Litigation Expenses | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| | Total Third-Party Litigation Expenses | \$338,196.54 | \$0.00 | \$338,196.54 |
| Line 10f | Tax Administrator Fees and Bonds | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Line 10g | Federal and State Tax Payments | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| J | Total Disbursements for Receivership Operations | \$432,489.56 | \$5,206.48 | \$437,696.04 |
| Line 11 | Disbursements for Distribution Expenses Paid by the Fund: | | | |
| Line 11a | Distribution Plan Development Expenses: | | | |
| 20 220 | 1. Fees: | | | |
| | Fund Administration | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| | Independent Distribution Co | | · · | \$0.00 |
| | Distribution Agent | \$0.00 | = - | \$0.00 |
| | Consultants | \$0.00 | · · | \$0.00 |
| | Legal Advisers | \$0.00 | • | \$0.00 |
| | Tax Advisers | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 |
| | 2. Administrative Expenses | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 |
| | 3. Miscellaneous | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 |
| | Total Plan Development Expenses | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 |
| Line 11b | Distribution Plan Implementation Expenses | | | |
| | 1. Fees | | | _ |
| | Fund Administration | \$0.00 | · · | \$0.00 |
| | Independent Distribution Co | • | | \$0.00 |
| | Distribution Agent | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 |
| i | Consultants | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |

| | Total Ending Balance of Fund - Net Assets | \$218,298.79 | \$392,211.92 | \$218,298.79 |
|----------|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Line 14c | Other Assets or Uncleared Funds (Frozen Accounts) | \$1,440.28 | \$359,199.09 | . , |
| Line 14b | Investments | \$2,053.87 | \$2,053.87 | \$2,053.87 |
| Line 14a | Cash & Cash Equivalents | \$214,804.64 | \$30,958.96 | \$214,804.64 |
| Line 14 | Ending Balance of Fund - Net Assets: | | | |
| Line 13 | Ending Balance (As of 12/31/2017): | \$214,804.64 | \$75,459.40 | \$214,804.64 |
| | Total Funds Disburses (Line 9 - 11): | \$432,489.56 | \$5,206.48 | \$437,696.04 |
| | Total Disbursement to Court/Other: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Line 12b | Federal Tax Payments | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| | System (CRIS) Fees | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Line 12a | Investment Expenses/Court Registry Investment | | | |
| Line 12 | Disbursements to Court/Other | | | |
| | Total Disbursements for Distribution Expenses Paid by the Fund | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| | Total Plan Implementation Expenses | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| | (FAIR) Reporting Expenses | | | 4 |
| | 6. Federal Account for Investor Restitution | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| | 5. Miscellaneous | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | · |
| | 4. Fund Administrator Bond | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| | Claims Processing | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| | Claimant Identification | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| | Notice/Publishing Approved Plan | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| | 3. Investor Identification: | | | |
| | 2. Administrative Expenses | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| | Tax Advisers | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| | Legal Advisers | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |

| OTHER S | UPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION | l: | Reporting Period | Subtotal Prior Periods | Grand Total |
|----------|--|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| | Report of Items NOT To Be Paid | l by the Fund | | | |
| Line 15 | Disbursements for Plan Administration Expenses Not Paid by the Fund: | | | | |
| Line 15 | Plan Development Expenses Not Paid by the Fund: | | | | |
| Line 13a | 1. Fees | Tala by the Fulla. | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.0 |
| | 1.1663 | Fund Administrator | \$0.00 | | |
| | | IDC | \$0.00 | | |
| | | Distribution Agent | \$0.00 | | |
| | | Consultants | \$0.00 | | |
| | | Legal Advisers | \$0.00 | | |
| | | Tax Advisers | \$0.00 | | |
| | 2. Administrative Expenses | | \$0.00 | | |
| | 3. Miscellaneous | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.0 |
| | Total Plan Development Expense | es Not Paid by the Fund | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.0 |
| Line 15b | · | | | · | |
| | 1. Fees | • | | | |
| | | Fund Administrator | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.0 |
| | | IDC | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.0 |
| | | Distribution Agent | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.0 |
| | | Consultants | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.0 |
| | | Legal Advisers | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.0 |
| | | Tax Advisers | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.0 |
| | 2. Administrative Expenses | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.0 |
| | 3. Investor Identification: | | | | |
| | | Notice/Publishing Approved Plan | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.0 |
| | | Claimant Identification | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.0 |
| | | Claims Processing | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.0 |
| | | Web Site Maintenance/Call Center | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.0 |
| | 4. Fund Administrator Bond | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.0 |
| | 5. Miscellaneous | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.0 |
| | 6. FAIR Reporting Expenses | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.0 |
| | Total Plan Implementation Expe | nses Not Paid by the Fund | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.0 |

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| Line 15c | Tax Administrator Fees & Bonds Not Paid by the Fund | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
|----------|--|--------|--------|--------|
| | Total Disbursements for Plan Administration Expenses Not Paid by the | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Line 16 | Disbursements to Court/Other Not Paid by the Fund | | | |
| Line 16a | Investment Expenses/CRIS Fees | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Line 16b | Federal Tax Payments | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| | Total Disbursements to Court/Other Not Paid by Fund: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Line 17 | DC & State Tax Payments | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Line 18 | No. of Claims: | | | |
| Line 18a | # of Claims Received This Reporting Period | 84 | 0 | 0 |
| Line 18b | # of Claims Received Since Inception of Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Line 19 | No of Claimants/Investors | | | |
| Line 19a | # of Claimants/Investors Paid This Reporting Period | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Line 19b | # of Claimants/Investors Paid Since Inception of Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 |

EXHIBIT B-1

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February 14, 2018

SEC v. Thurman P. Bryant, III, et al. Jennifer Ecklund, Receiver Thompson & Knight LLP 1722 Routh Street, Suite 1500 Dallas, Texas 75201

INVOICE SUMMARY

For Services Rendered During The Application Period October 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017

Our Matter # 524661.000002 RECEIVERSHIP

| Matter Balance Brought Forward | | \$ | 41,298.21 |
|---|-----------|-----|-----------|
| Total Fees for Professional Services*\$ | 24,650.00 | | |
| Voluntary Reduction (Travel) | | | |
| Voluntary Reduction (Applications) | (750.00) | | |
| Net Fees for Professional Services ** | 23,900.00 | | |
| Reimbursable Costs | | | |
| Net Current Billing For This Matter ** | | .\$ | 23,900.00 |
| Total Balance Due This Matter | | \$ | 65,198,21 |

^{*}Reflects 20% discount on gross fees for professional services.

^{**}Net of time recorded, but not billed, for preparation of Fee Application.

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SUMMARY OF WORK PERFORMED

Securing Receivership Assets

- Oversaw and directed securing of the Bryant Defendants' and Wammel Defendants' assets
- Coordinated with local law enforcement in Texas
- Oversaw and directed the release of frozen assets of the Bryant Defendants and the Wammel Defendants into the Receivership
- Oversaw analysis of Receivership records and equipment
- Fielded and responded to communications with owners and/or landlords of leased premises
- Oversaw a thorough search of assets owned and/or leased by the Wammel Defendants

Interactions with Vendors, Investors, and Creditors

- Fielded and responded to communications from investors, creditors, media, United States Attorneys, and other interested parties regarding case status and access to records
- Worked with forensic accountants to develop plan for handling and review of data
- Oversaw the establishment of a line of communication with investors by updating the Receiver's website (http://bucfreceivership.tklaw.com)

Liquidation of the Bryant Defendants' and the Wammel Defendants' Assets

- Oversaw coordination with appraisers and auctioneers
- Oversaw cataloguing of property seized from the Bryant Defendants and the Wammel Defendants
- Obtained Court authority regarding liquidation of assets
- Accomplished liquidation of the Bryant Defendants' and the Wammel Defendants' assets in the Receiver's possession
- Oversaw preparation of motion for agreed order authorizing liquidation of the Wammel Defendants' assets

Miscellaneous

- Analyzed strategy and options for proceeding with third party lawsuits including claw backs, fraudulent transfers, and disgorgement
- Oversaw and directed the preparation of the Complaint Against Thurman P. Bryant, Jr. and Carlos Goodspeed
- Oversaw discovery, including subpoenaing records pertinent to the Bryant Defendants and the Wammel Defendants and their business and personal and corporate finances
- Oversaw preparation for the deposition of Carlos Goodspeed
- Oversaw investigation and asset search and recovery efforts
- Oversaw and directed negotiations and settlement

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- Communicated with counsel for Defendants and Relief Defendants
- Analyzed and implemented case management strategy
- Communicated with investors and reviewed correspondence and materials submitted by investors
- Provided extensive cooperation to various government authorities and agencies, including the SEC
- Oversaw work of forensic accountants and analysis of results
- Provided periodic reports to the Court and investors
- Oversaw the establishment and implementation of the claims process for investors

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SUMMARY OF FEES

| | | | Discounted | |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| <u>Name</u> | <u>Title</u> | <u>Hours</u> | <u>Rate/Hr</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
| Jennifer Ecklund | Receiver | 49.3 | \$500.00 | \$24,650.00 |

Reimbursable Costs

Air fare, lodging, ground transportation, and other vendors (*e.g.*, locksmiths, utility providers, vehicle storage) to complete work performed:

| Total Reimbursable Costs | \$ |
|---|-----------------|
| TOTAL VOLUNTARY REDUCTIONS | \$ (750.00) |
| NET CURRENT BILLINGS FOR THIS MATTER*** | \$ 23,900.00 |
| TOTAL BALANCE DUE THIS MATTER | \$ 65.198.21 |

^{*}Reflects 20% discount on gross fees for professional services.

^{**}Net of time recorded, but not billed, for preparation of Fee Application.

EXHIBIT B-2

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INVOICE SUMMARY

For Services Rendered During The Application Period October 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017

Our Matter # 524662.000002 REPRESENTATION OF RECEIVER

| Matter Balance Brought Forward | | \$ | 338,196.54 |
|---|-------------|-----|------------|
| Total Fees for Professional Services*\$ | 290,473.50 | | |
| Voluntary Reduction (Travel) | (910.00) | | |
| Voluntary Reduction (Applications) | (42,393.00) | | |
| Voluntary Reduction (Additional 20% Paralegal Time) | (5,152.80) | | |
| Voluntary Reduction (Time Under 25 Hours Held Back) | (71,865.50) | | |
| Net Fees for Professional Services ** | 170,152.20 | | |
| Reimbursable Costs | 2,602.11 | | |
| | | | |
| Net Current Billing For This Matter ** | | .\$ | 172,754.31 |

Total Balance Due This Matter

510,950.85

^{*}Reflects 20% discount on gross fees for professional services.

^{**}Net of time recorded, but not billed, for preparation of Fee Application, and certain paralegal time.

SUMMARY OF WORK PERFORMED

Case Administration

- Successfully released frozen assets of the Bryant Defendants and the Wammel Defendants into the Receivership
- Commenced review of produced documentation pertinent to the Bryant Defendants and the Wammel Defendants and their business and personal and corporate finances
- Successfully moved to liquidate and accomplished liquidation of the Wammel Defendants' assets in the Receiver's possession
- Established and implemented the claims process for investors
- Researched and analyzed options regarding pursuit by Receiver of potential claims against third-parties
- Subpoenaed records pertinent to the Bryant Defendants and the Wammel Defendants as well as their business and personal and corporate finances
- Drafted motion for agreed order authorizing liquidation of the Wammel Defendants' assets
- Conducted research as to persons and entities of interest, including the Relief Defendants and companies
 owned (beneficially or otherwise) or operated by Defendant Wammel, based on the Receiver's
 investigation
- Conducted research as to persons and entities of interest, including the Relief Defendants and companies owned or operated by Defendant Bryant, based on the Receiver's investigation
- Sought and/or reviewed information from named Relief Defendants and other persons and entities of interest based on the Receiver's investigation
- Drafted various third-party lawsuits in effort to recover funds for Receivership Estate
- Commenced litigation against Thurman P. Bryant, Jr. and Carlos Goodspeed
- Communicated with pro se Defendant Bryant regarding his obligations and duties during the Receivership
- Conferred with Defendant Wammel's counsel to discuss going-forward issues
- Maintained the Receiver's bank account in accordance with the Receivership Order
- Satisfied on-going, ordinary course obligations of the Receivership Estate in order to maintain the status quo
- Prepared for and took deposition of Carlos Goodspeed
- Prepared periodic reports to the Court on the status of the Receivership
- Prepared periodic reports to investors on the work of the Receiver and information pertinent to investors' claims
- Cooperated with various government agencies to assist in their investigation
- Maintained database of investor claims

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Developed information pertinent to the possible location of additional Receivership assets

Securing of the Wammel Defendants' Receivership Assets

- Prepared detailed written and photographic inventories of assets
- Coordinated with owners and/or landlords of leased premises
- Conducted search of assets owned and/or leased by the Wammel Defendants
- Analyzed Receivership records and compiled preliminary list of accounts, players, and company structures

Interactions with Vendors, Investors, and Creditors

- Worked with Veritas to perform forensic accounting and coordinated appropriate follow-up with respect to
 various identified accounts and/or persons or entities of interest discovered, as well as to investigate and
 determine identifying information as to the BUCF Investors and Wammel Group Investors, including
 amounts invested
- Worked with Veritas to perform forensic accounting and related analysis regarding, among other things, the
 intricate, overlapping Ponzi scheme operated by the Bryant and Wammel Defendants identified as part of
 the Receiver's investigation
- Communicated with and directed the work of forensic accounting firm for specific purposes in ascertaining the location of Receivership monies
- Supervised and analyzed forensic accounting results
- Determined the location of monies transferred by the Bryant Defendants and the Wammel Defendants that may be recoverable by the Receivership Estate
- Performed extensive analysis of forensic accounting to develop complete picture of cash flow through the Bryant Defendants' and the Wammel Defendants' accounts
- Fielded and responded to communications from investors
- Reviewed information submitted by investors in furtherance of the Receiver's duties pursuant to the Receivership Order
- Established a line of communication with investors by updating the Receiver's website (http://bucfreceivership.tklaw.com)

<u>Liquidation of the Bryant Defendants' Assets and the Wammel Defendants' Assets</u>

- Coordinated with relevant valuation consultants regarding inventoried personalty, including on-line auction house and gun consultant
- Coordinated with appraisers and auctioneers
- Catalogued property seized from the Bryant Defendants and the Wammel Defendants
- Obtained Court authority regarding liquidation of assets
- Accomplished liquidation of the Bryant Defendants' and the Wammel Defendants' assets in the Receiver's possession

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SUMMARY OF FEES*

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Title</u> | Hours | Rate/Hr | <u>Amount</u> |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|---------|---------------|
| Timothy Hudson | Partner | 126.4 | 475.00 | 60,040.00 |
| Mackenzie Wallace | Associate | 130.0 | 420.00 | 57,960.00 |
| Mackenzie Salenger | Associate | 267.3 | 280.00 | 74,844.00 |
| Eduardo Sanchez | Paralegal | 135.6 | 190.00 | 25,764.00 |
| TOTAL FEES | | 667.3 | | \$218,608.00 |

Reimbursable Costs

Air fare, lodging, ground transportation, and other vendors (*e.g.*, locksmiths, utility providers, vehicle storage) to complete work performed:

| Total Reimbursable Costs | \$ | 2,602.11 |
|---------------------------------------|------|-------------|
| TOTAL VOLUNTARY REDUCTIONS | \$ | (48,455.80) |
| NET CURRENT BILLING FOR THIS MATTER** | \$ | 172,754.31 |
| TOTAL BALANCE DUE THIS MATTER | . \$ | 510.950.85 |

^{*}Net of time for timekeepers with time under 25 hours per month.

^{**}Reflects 20% discount on gross fees for professional services and netting out of fees for preparation of the Application.

EXHIBIT C



Jennifer R. Ecklund, Esq. Thompson & Knight LLP One Arts Plaza 1722 Routh Street, Suite 1500 Dallas, Texas 75201

Re: Securities Exchange Commission v. Bryant United Capital Funding, Inc., et al.

Dear Ms. Ecklund:

Enclosed is our billing for professional assistance in the above-referenced matter for the period of October 1, 2017 through November 30, 2017 for your review and payment.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

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Sincerely,

Brandi N. Kleinman Tax ID #68-0530157

Enclosure

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Jennifer R. Ecklund, Esq. Thompson & Knight LLP One Arts Plaza 1722 Routh Street, Suite 1500 Dallas, Texas 75201

Re: Securities Exchange Commission v. Bryant United Capital Funding, Inc., et al.

Professional fees and expenses in connection with the above-referenced matter for the period of October 1, 2017 through November 30, 2017:

Professional Fees:

| Name | Staff Level | Hours | | Rate | Total | |
|--------------------|-------------------|------------|---|-------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Brandi N. Kleinman | Vice President | 10.00 hrs. | @ | \$325 | \$ 3,250.00 | |
| Paul A. Forbes | Senior Consultant | 91.00 hrs. | @ | \$207 | \$ 18,837.00 | |
| Total Professional | Fees* | | | | | \$ 22,087.00 |

^{*}As of the date of this invoice, the outstanding balance of prior invoices is \$135,478.92.



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Description of Activities for Task Code F170 Forensic Accounting (October 1, 2017 through November 30, 2017)

| Date | Activity | Kleinman | Forbes |
|-------|--|----------|--------|
| | Review investor statements and compile investor | | |
| 10/2 | returns. | | 7.50 |
| 10/3 | Investor Analysis | 2.00 | |
| | Review investor statements and compile investor | | |
| 10/3 | returns. | | 3.75 |
| 10/4 | Investor Analysis | 2.00 | |
| | Review investor statements and compile investor | | |
| 10/4 | returns. | | 2.00 |
| 10/4 | Review and analyze bank statements. | | 4.00 |
| | Preparation for and call with Counsel to discuss | | |
| 10/18 | remaining action items | 2.00 | |
| 10/18 | Call with Counsel to review action items | 0.50 | 0.50 |
| 10/19 | Review and analyze bank statements. | | 2.50 |
| 10/20 | Review and analyze bank statements. | | 6.50 |
| 10/24 | Review and analyze bank statements. | | 7.75 |
| 10/25 | Review and analyze bank statements. | | 7.25 |
| 10/26 | Review and analyze bank statements. | | 6.50 |
| 10/27 | Review and analyze bank statements. | | 6.75 |
| 10/30 | Preparation for and conference call with Counsel | 2.00 | |
| | Preparation for and call with Counsel to discuss | | |
| 10/30 | investor analysis | 1.50 | 1.50 |
| 10/31 | Review and analyze bank statements. | | 6.75 |
| 11/1 | Review and analyze bank statements. | | 8.00 |
| 11/2 | Review and analyze bank statements. | | 9.75 |
| 11/3 | Review and analyze bank statements. | | 5.50 |
| | Review and analyze bank statements. | | 2.00 |
| 11/8 | Review and analyze bank statements. | | 2.50 |
| | Total | 10.00 | 91.00 |



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********PLEASE RETURN WITH PAYMENT********

Remitted By:

Jennifer R. Ecklund, Esq. Thompson & Knight LLP One Arts Plaza 1722 Routh Street, Suite 1500 Dallas, Texas 75201

Current Invoice Total:

\$ 22,087.00

Balance prior to this invoice:

\$ 135.478.92

If previous balance is unpaid as of receipt of this invoice, please pay: \$ 157.565.92

Please make check payable to:

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Mailing address:

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Re: Securities Exchange Commission v. Bryant United Capital Funding, Inc., et al.

Dear Ms. Ecklund:

Enclosed is our billing for professional assistance in the above-referenced matter for the period of December 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 for your review and payment.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

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Sincerely,

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Professional fees and expenses in connection with the above-referenced matter for the period of December 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017:

Professional Fees:

| Name | Staff Level | Hours | Rate | Total | |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------|----------------|----------------|
| Paul A. Forbes | Senior Consultant | 5.00 hrs. @ | \$207 | \$ 1,035.00 | |
| Total Profession | al Fees* | | | | \$ 1,035.00 |



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Description of Activities for Task Code F170 Forensic Accounting (December 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017)

| Date | Activity | Forbes |
|------|-------------------------------------|--------|
| 12/7 | Prepare exhibit of money transfers. | 3.50 |
| 12/8 | Prepare exhibit of money transfers. | 1.50 |
| | Total | 5.00 |



December 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017

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