### CAUSE NO. D-1-GV-10-000454

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STATE OF TEXAS, Plaintiff, v. RETIREMENT VALUE, LLC, et al,

Defendants.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF

TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

126<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FOR FEES BY THE RECEIVER AND RECEIVER'S COUNSEL

Eduardo S. Espinosa, court-appointed receiver for Retirement Value, LLC, files his supplemental application for fees incurred by the Receiver and Dykema Cox Smith (Dykema) for the months October 2015 through March 2016. In his Twenty-Eighth Fee Application, the Receiver inadvertently failed to include two invoices from Dykema relating to the Scott Schroeder bankruptcy.

These invoices – totaling \$2,157.01 – include both the Receiver's time and that of his counsel. As has been standard in this case, the fees charged by the Receiver and his counsel represent a significant discount from the usual and customary fees charged by Dykema. As a general matter, the charge for the services provided by Dykema are determined by multiplying the total number of hours worked by each timekeeper by that timekeeper's billing rate. In this case, the billing rate of each timekeeper was discounted from the usual and customary rates charged by Dykema. The Receiver is charging \$320/hour, which represents a 29% discount from his usual and customary rate of \$450/hour for 2015. In addition, Dykema has discounted its rates by 9.5%. Copies of these invoices are attached as Exhibit A. The Receiver certifies that the estate has sufficient cash reserves from which to pay this Application after taking into account the estate's receipts and expenditures since the last actuarial analysis of the portfolio in January 2016.

In support of this supplemental application, the Receiver incorporates by reference his Twenty-Eighth Application for Fees by the Receiver and Receiver's Counsel.

ACCORDINGLY, the Receiver requests that this Supplemental Application be granted in its entirety and that he be authorized to pay the fees requested by him and his counsel from the funds available to the estate.

Respectfully submitted,

By: <u>/s/ Michael D. Napoli</u> Michael D. Napoli State Bar No. 14803400

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#### **<u>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</u>**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been forwarded to all counsel of record listed below, through the electronic filing manager if that counsel's e-mail address is on file or via e-mail, if not, on this \_\_\_\_\_th day of May, 2016.

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# EXHIBIT "A"

RETIREMENT VALUE, LLC EDUARDO S. ESPINOSA, RECEIVER COX SMITH MATTHEWS INCORPORATED 1201 ELM STREET, SUITE 3300 DALLAS, TX 75270

December 15, 2015 Invoice No.3029278

Legal Services Through 11/30/2015 in Connection With

#### SCOTT D. SCHROEDER BANKRUPTCY

#### Matter 734617-000002

11/05/15	A. KAUFMAN	0.50	165.17	OFFICE CONFERENCE WITH E. ESPINOSA ON STATUS OF SCHROEDER BANKRUPTCY CASE AND RECEIVER'S LAWSUIT; REVIEW DOCKET IN UST'S LAWSUIT TO DETERMINE TRIAL DATES AND DISCOVERY DEADLINES, AND CALL TO UST TO OBTAIN A STATUS REPORT.
11/06/15	A. KAUFMAN	2.80	924.92	CORRESPOND WITH L. BATTISTI, UST IN OHIO, REGARDING STATUS OF SCHROEDER DISCHARGE. PREPARE AND SEND E-MAIL TO E. ESPINOSA AND M. NAPOLI UPDATING ON DISCHARGE WAIVER AND IMPACT. DISCUSS NEXT STEPS WITH E. ESPINOSA AND CONTACT J. THOMAS REGARDING ASSISTANCE.
11/06/15	E. ESPINOSA	1.20	384.00	CONFER WITH A. KAUFMAN REGARDING SCHROEDER BANKRUPTCY, DENIAL OF DISCHARGE AND NEXT STEPS (1.2).
11/12/15	D. ANDREACCHI	0.30	51.59	RECEIPT AND REVIEW OF ECF NOTICES AND UPDATE CASE DOCKET RE SAME; REVIEW ADVERSARY DOCKET AND EMAIL A. KAUFMAN RE SAME.
11/13/15	D. ANDREACCHI	0.30	51.59	TELEPHONE CALL WITH COURT CLERK RE PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE; EMAIL A. KAUFMAN RE SAME.

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11/17/15	A. KAUFMAN	0.50 165.17 CORRESPOND WITH C DETERMINE BEST MET DISPOSING OF LAWSU JOINT STIPULATION O AND SEND TO OPPOSI FOR REVIEW			THOD FOR UIT; DRAFT OF DISMISSAL	-
11/17/15	D. ANDREACCHI	0.30	51.59 PREPARE JOINT STIPULATION OF DISMISSAL OF ADVERSARY PROCEE FOR ELECTRONIC FILING, FILE WITH THE COURT AND SERVE SAME.			
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	Total Fees			\$ 1,794.03		
	Professional Summary					
_	Professional	Title	Hours Wor	ked Rate	Total Fees	
_	A. KAUFMAN E. ESPINOSA D. ANDREACCHI	Particip Member Particip Member Paralegal	-	.80 330.33 .20 320.00 .90 171.97	1,255.26 384.00 154.77	

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Total All Professionals		5.90	\$ 304.07	\$ 1,794.03

Total This Invoice \$1,794.03

RETIREMENT VALUE, LLC EDUARDO S. ESPINOSA, RECEIVER COX SMITH MATTHEWS INCORPORATED 1201 ELM STREET, SUITE 3300 DALLAS, TX 75270

January 12, 2016 Invoice No.3032703

Legal Services Through 12/31/2015 in Connection With

### SCOTT D. SCHROEDER BANKRUPTCY

#### Matter 734617-000002

12/01/15 A. KAUFMAN		0.60	198.20	IN SCHRC (0.1); CALI ATTORNE REGARDII BANKRUP FUTURE A DRAFT AN	EDER BANK WITH TRUY Y B. SCHRANG STATUS	DER OF AND PLAN FOI TION (0.3); DATE TO E.	ε
12/10/15	E. ESPINOSA 0.30 96.00 CORRESPONDENCE V GARNETT RE SCHROE BANKRUPTCY (0.3).						
12/15/15	D. ANDREACCHI	0.40	0.40 68.78 TELEPHONE CALL WITH COURT UPLOAD ORDER ON JOINT MOT TO DISMISS (0.4).				
	Total Hours				1.30		
	Total Fees				\$ 362	2.98	
	Professional Summary						
. <u> </u>	Professional	Title	Hour	s Worked	Rate	Total Fees	_
_	A. KAUFMAN E. ESPINOSA D. ANDREACCHI	Particip Member Particip Member Paralegal		.60 .30 .40	330.33 320.00 171.95	198.20 96.00 68.78	_
٦	Fotal All Professionals			1.30	\$ 279.22	\$ 362.98	

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**Total This Invoice** 

\$ 362.98