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

STATE OF TEXAS, IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF § § § § § Plaintiff, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS v. § RETIREMENT VALUE, LLC, et al, § 126<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT Defendants.

#### RECEIVER'S TWENTY-FOURTH MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF PROFESSIONALS

Eduardo S. Espinosa, court-appointed receiver for Retirement Value, LLC, moves this Court for approval of his planned payment of fees for various professionals other than himself and his counsel.

#### BACKGROUND

In its order appointing the Receiver (the Agreed TI), the Court authorized the Receiver to retain professionals to assist him in fulfilling his duties to the Court. In addition to his counsel at Akerman LLP, the Receiver has retained the following professionals to assist in the management of the estate:

- The Asset Servicing Group (ASG) to (i) act as portfolio managers; (ii) advise the Receiver as to the policies' value and viability; and (iii) provide industry and asset management expertise.
- BKD, LLP to act as accountants; maintain and analyze the books and records of Retirement Value and of the Receiver; provide tax advice and return preparation services; and advice regarding accounting standards, practices and procedures.
- Lewis & Ellis, Inc. (L&E) to act as actuarial consultants and provide actuarial analyses of the estate's policies.

The assistance of these professionals is necessary to the effective management of the receivership estate and to maximize the recovery available for the investor victims.

Pursuant to the Agreed TI, the Receiver is to submit to the Court and the parties of record a request for payment of expenses related to professionals. If no objection is filed with the Court within 10 days of filing, then the Receiver can pay the expenses without further order of the Court. Agreed TI at 15.

#### APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT

By this application, the Receiver seeks authority to pay ASG for services rendered in January 2017, and between August 2017 and March, 2018 ("ASG Application Period"), and for BKD for services rendered between April 2017 and September 2017 ("BKD Application Period").

#### I. Asset Servicing Group

The Receiver retained ASG to act as portfolio manager for the estate's 44 (originally 54) policies of life insurance. ASG's fees represent ASG's monthly servicing fee as well as fees and expenses related to optimization of premiums, and the collection of the insureds' updated health information. In addition, ASG provided expert and consulting services in connection with the due diligence efforts associated with evaluating alternative plans of distribution. ASG's fee for services rendered during ASG Application Period is \$22,862.50, net of credits. Copies of ASG's invoices numbers 2163, 2319, 2349, 2372, 2378, 2412, 2426, 2467 and 2495, in the amounts of \$3,878.90, \$3,812.24, \$3,757.74, \$3,692.10, \$3,683.22 \$3,683.22, \$3,758.20, \$3,758.20, and \$4,850.29, respectively, are attached as **Exhibit A.** Copies of ASG's credit memos numbers 1516CR and 1697CR, in the amounts of \$3,932.50, and \$3,951.85, respectively, are attached as **Exhibit B.** ASG further acknowledges and the estate will deduct an additional credit of \$4,127.26 for which a credit memo has not been issued.

The services that ASG provides include Policy Administration (payment of premiums, correspondence with insurers), Death Tracking, Claims Processing, Verification of Policies, Premium Optimization and Policy Valuation. These services are essential to the proper maintenance and management of the portfolio.

#### II. BKD, LLP

The Receiver has retained BKD to provide accounting services for the estate. BKD maintains the receivership's books, and restated Retirement Value's books to more accurately reflect the company's true financial condition. This requires reconciliation of multiple accounts (policy account, balance sheet account, accounts receivable account and customer and vendor accounts) and payment of monthly accounts payable. The Receiver has also entered into a separate agreement with BKD to provide the estate with tax services. BKD's hourly rates for tax services range from \$130/hour for staff to \$365/hour for partner time. In this instance BKD has agreed to (i) cap its partners' billing rate at \$325/hour; and (ii) set a target-blended rate of \$225. In addition to fulfilling the estate's bookkeeping function (administering accounts payable, accounts receivable and bank reconciliations), prepared the cash use and source report, and maintains and updates investor contact information. BKD's fee for services rendered during BKD Application Period is \$4,385.00. A copy of BKD's invoice number BKD00821623 is attached as Exhibit C.

#### **ARGUMENT**

The Receiver has broad authority to hire consultants and experts to assist him in the fulfillment of his duties. Pursuant to the Agreed TI, the Receiver is authorized to "hire employees, contractors, consultants ... or other assistants under terms to be determined by the Receiver, whose services, in the sole discretion of the Receiver, are necessary for the efficient

and accurate administration of the receivership estate." Agreed TI at 14, ¶ 8. The services provided by ASG and BKD are required for the administration of the estate and can be performed by these providers more efficiently and at lower cost than the Receiver or his counsel can perform them. The fees charged by each vendor are reasonable and necessary.

ACCORDINGLY the Receiver respectfully requests that this Court approve the proposed payments requested herein.

#### Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Michael D. Napoli
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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.

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# **EXHIBIT A**



SERVICE INVOICE

Invoice Number: 2163

Invoice Date:

Jan 1, 2017

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521 West Wilshire Suite 200

Oklahoma City, OK 73116

Voice:

(405) 753-9100

Fax:

(405) 753-9397

#### Bill To:

Retirement Value LLC ATTN: Eduardo S. Espinosa 1201 Elm Street, Suite 3300

Dallas, TX 75270

#### Ship to:

Retirement Value LLC ATTN: Eduardo S. Espinosa 1201 Elm Street, Suite 3300

Dallas, TX 75270

Customer ID	Customer PO	Payment Terms	
Retirement Value Contact		Net 15 Days	
Contact		Due Date	
		1/16/17	

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Quantity	Description		Unit Price	Amount
47.00	ASG Policy Management Fee- January Premium Checks		78.78 176.24	3,702.6 176.2
	Subtotal			3 878 9

Thank you for your business!

Subtotal	3,878.90
Sales Tax	
Total Invoice Amount	3,878.90
Payment/Credit Applied	
TOTAL	\$ 3,878.90



**SERVICE INVOICE** 

Invoice Number: 2319

Invoice Date: Aug 10, 2017

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521 West Wilshire Suite 200

Oklahoma City, OK 73116 Voice: (405) 753-9100 Fax: (405) 753-9397

#### Bill To:

Retirement Value LLC ATTN: Eduardo S. Espinosa 1201 Elm Street, Suite 3300 Dallas, TX 75270

#### Ship to:

Retirement Value LLC ATTN: Eduardo S. Espinosa 1201 Elm Street, Suite 3300 Dallas, TX 75270

	Customer ID	Customer PO	Payment Terms	
-[	Retirement Value		Net 15	Days
	Contact			Due Date
				8/25/17

	Quantity	Description	Unit	Price	Amount
Ī	46.00	ASG Policy Management Fee- August		80.07	3,683.22
		UPS/Postage			17.02
		PO Box			112.00
L		Cubtotal			2 912 24

Thank you for your business!

Subtotal	3,812.24
Sales Tax	
Total Invoice Amount	3,812.24
Payment/Credit Applied	
TOTAL	\$ 3,812.24



## RETIREMENT VALUE Job Ledger Report

#### For the Period From Jul 1, 2017 to Jul 31, 2017

Job ID	GL Acct ID	GL Acct Description	Trx Date	Trans Description	ASG Cost	ASG Fee	Amount Due
rtv	70720	UPS/Postage	7/13/17	Postage - INSURED UPDATE	17.02		
					17.02		17.02
	73500	Misc Expense	7/6/17	Postmaster - RV PO Box Renewal	112.00		
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					112.00		112.00
rtv				Expenses 7/1 - 7/31	129.02		129.02

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**SERVICE INVOICE** 

Invoice Number: 2349

Invoice Date: Sep 14, 2017

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521 West Wilshire Suite 200

Oklahoma City, OK 73116 Voice: (405) 753-9100 Fax: (405) 753-9397

#### Bill To:

Retirement Value LLC ATTN: Eduardo S. Espinosa 1201 Elm Street, Suite 3300 Dallas, TX 75270

#### Ship to:

Retirement Value LLC ATTN: Eduardo S. Espinosa 1201 Elm Street, Suite 3300 Dallas, TX 75270

	CustomerID	Customer PO	Payment Terms	
-	Retirement Value		Net 15	Days
	Contact			Due Date
				9/29/17

Quantity		Description	Unit F		Amount
46.00	ASG Policy Management Fee- S	September		80.07	3,683.22
	UPS/Postage				74.52
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		Subtotal			3 757 74

Thank you for your business!

TOTAL	\$ 3,757.74
Payment/Credit Applied	
Total Invoice Amount	3,757.74
Sales Tax	
Subtotal	3,757.74



# Retirement Value Job Ledger Report For the Period From Aug 1, 2017 to Aug 31, 2017

Job ID	GL Acct ID	GL Acct Description	Trx Date	Trans Description	ASG Cost	ASG Fee	Amount Due
rtv	70720	Postage	8/31/17	Postage - INSURED UPDATES	74.52		
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				_	74.52		74.52
rtv					74.52		74.52

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Invoice Number: 2372

Invoice Date: Oct 18, 2017

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521 W. Wilshire #200 Oklahoma City, OK 73116

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#### Bill To:

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Retirement Value LLC ATTN: Eduardo S. Espinosa 1201 Elm Street, Suite 3300 Dallas, TX 75270

#### Ship to:

Retirement Value LLC ATTN: Eduardo S. Espinosa 1201 Elm Street, Suite 3300 Dallas, TX 75270

	CustomerID	Customer PO	Paymen	t Terms
-[	Retirement Value		Net 15	Days
	Contact			Due Date
				11/1/17

Quantity		Description	Unit Price	Amount
46.00	ASG Policy Management Fee-	October	80.07	3,683.22
	UPS/Postage			8.88
		Subtotal		3,692.10
		Sales Tax		
Thank you f	or your business!	Total Invoice Amount		3,692.10
		Paymont/Crodit Applied		

TOTAL	3,692.10
Payment/Credit Applied	
Total Invoice Amount	3,692.10
Sales Tax	
Subtotal	3,692.10



#### **RETIREMENT VALUE**

#### Job Ledger Report

### For the Period From Sep 1, 2017 to Sep 30, 2017

Job ID	GL Acct ID	GL Acct Description	Trx Date	Trans Description	ASG Cost	ASG Fee	Amount Due
rtv	70720	Postage	9/30/17	Postage - Mailer	8.88		
					8.88		8.88
rtv				Expenses 9/1 - 9/30	8.88		8.88

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Invoice Number: 2378

Nov 7, 2017 Invoice Date:

3,683.22

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521 W. Wilshire #200 Oklahoma City, OK 73116

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Retirement Value LLC ATTN: Eduardo S. Espinosa 1201 Elm Street, Suite 3300 Dallas, TX 75270

#### Ship to:

Retirement Value LLC ATTN: Eduardo S. Espinosa 1201 Elm Street, Suite 3300

Dallas, TX 75270

Customer ID	Customer PO	Payment Terms	
Retirement Value		Net 15	Days
Contact			Due Date
			11/22/17

			Unit Price	Amount	
	46.00	ASG Policy Management Fee-	November	80.07	3,683.22
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L			Subtotal		3,683.22
			Sales Tax		3,333.22
	Thank you f	or your business!	Total Invoice Amount		3,683.22
	Thank you for your business:		Payment/Credit Applied		

**TOTAL** 



Invoice Number: 2412

Dec 12, 2017 Invoice Date:

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521 W. Wilshire #200 Oklahoma City, OK 73116

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#### Bill To:

Retirement Value LLC ATTN: Eduardo S. Espinosa 1201 Elm Street, Suite 3300 Dallas, TX 75270

#### Ship to:

Retirement Value LLC ATTN: Eduardo S. Espinosa 1201 Elm Street, Suite 3300 Dallas, TX 75270

	Customer ID	Customer PO	Paymen	t Terms
-[	Retirement Value		Net 15	Days
	Contact			Due Date
				12/27/17

Quantity	Description	Unit Price	Amount
46.00 ASG Policy Manageme	nt Fee- December	80.07	3,683.2
	Subtotal		3,683.
	Sales Tax		
Thank you for your business!	Total Invoice Amount		3,683.
	Payment/Credit Applied		

TOTAL	3,683.22
Payment/Credit Applied	
Total Invoice Amount	3,683.22
Sales Tax	
Subtotal	3,683.22



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Unit Price

Amount

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#### Bill To:

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#### Ship to:

Retirement Value LLC ATTN: Eduardo S. Espinosa 1201 Elm Street, Suite 3300 Dallas, TX 75270

	<b>Customer ID</b>	Customer PO	Paymen	t Terms
-[	Retirement Value		Net 15	Days
	Contact			Due Date
				1/24/18

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46.00 A	SG Policy Management Fee-	January (CPI Increase per contract)	81.70	3,758.20
		Subtotal		3,758.20
		Sales Tax		1,100.20
Thank you for your business!		Total Invoice Amount		3,758.20
	,	Payment/Credit Applied		· ·
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TOTAL	3,758.20
Payment/Credit Applied	
Total Invoice Amount	3,758.20
Sales Tax	
Subtotal	3,758.20



Invoice Number: 2467

Invoice Date: Feb 13, 2018

3,758.20

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#### Ship to:

Retirement Value LLC ATTN: Eduardo S. Espinosa 1201 Elm Street, Suite 3300 Dallas, TX 75270

	CustomerID	Customer PO	Payment Terms	
-[	Retirement Value		Net 15 Days	
	Contact			Due Date
				2/28/18

Quantity		Description	Unit Price	Amount
46.00	ASG Policy Managemen	nt Fee- February	81.70	3,758.20
		Subtotal		3,758.20
		Sales Tax		
Thank you fo	or your business!	Total Invoice Amount		3,758.20

Payment/Credit Applied

**TOTAL** 



Invoice Number: 2495

Invoice Date: Mar 14, 2018

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Retirement Value LLC ATTN: Eduardo S. Espinosa 1201 Elm Street, Suite 3300 Dallas, TX 75270

#### Ship to:

Retirement Value LLC ATTN: Eduardo S. Espinosa 1201 Elm Street, Suite 3300 Dallas, TX 75270

	CustomerID	Customer PO	Payment Terms	
-	Retirement Value		Net 15 Days	
	Contact			Due Date
				3/29/18

	Quantity		Description	Unit Price	Amount
	44.00	ASG Policy Management Fee- Ma	arch	81.70	3,594.80
		UPS Charges			90.63
		Death Certificate Reimbursement	:		21.00
		Death Processing RV033			571.93
		Death Processing Fee RV015			571.93
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		S	ubtotal	1	4,850.29

Thank you for your business!

TOTAL	4,850.29
Payment/Credit Applied	
Total Invoice Amount	4,850.29
Sales Tax	
Subtotal	4,850.29



# Retirement Value Job Ledger Report For the Period From Feb 1, 2018 to Feb 28, 2018

Job ID	GL Acct ID	GL Acct Description	Trx Date	Trans Description	ASG Cost	ASG Fee	Amount Due
rtv	70720	Shipping/Postage	2/10/18	UPS - RV	40.71		
			2/17/18	UPS - RV	49.92		
					90.63		90.63
	70760	Death Certificates	2/27/18	Orange County Clerk-Recorder - RV015	21.00		
					21.00		21.00
rtv				Expenses 2/1 - 2/28	111.63		111.63

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## **EXHIBIT B**

## **02** - Asset Servicing Group, L.L.C. 521 W. Wilshire #200

Oklahoma City, OK 73116

Fax:

Voice: (405) 753-9100 (405) 753-9397

## **CREDIT MEMO**

Credit Memo Number: 1516CR

Credit Date:

Mar 8, 2017

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Retirement Value LLC ATTN: Eduardo S. Espinosa 1201 Elm Street, Suite 3300 Dallas, TX 75270

Customer ID	Customer PO	Sales Rep ID
Retirement Value		

Quantity	Item	Description	Unit Price	Amount
		Overpayment of invoice #1516		-3,932.50
		Subtotal		-3,932.50
		Sales Tax		
		Freight		
Invoice No:		TOTAL		-3,932.50

## **02** - Asset Servicing Group, L.L.C. 521 W. Wilshire #200

Oklahoma City, OK 73116

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**CREDIT MEMO** 

Credit Memo Number: 1697CR

Credit Date:

Mar 8, 2017

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Retirement Value LLC ATTN: Eduardo S. Espinosa 1201 Elm Street, Suite 3300

Dallas, TX 75270

Customer ID	Customer PO	Sales Rep ID
Retirement Value		

Quantity	Item	Description	Unit Price	Amount
-1.00		Overpayment of Invoice 1697	3,951.85	-3,951.85
		Subtotal		-3,951.8
		Sales Tax		
		Freight		
nvoice No:		TOTAL		-3,951.8

# **EXHIBIT C**



Two Warren Place 6120 S. Yale Avenue, Suite 1400 Tulsa, OK 74136-4223 918.584.2900 Fax: 918.584.2931

BKD Tax ID#: 44-0160260

**INVOICE** 

Retirement Value LLC, Receiver 1717 Main Street Suite 4200 Dallas TX 75201

#### **AMOUNT ENCLOSED**

\$

Date: 12/15/17

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Client#: 0065995 - Invoice#: BK00821623

#### Please return top portion with payment

Client#: 0065995 - Invoice#: BK00821623

Professional Services provided in connection with the preparation of the 2016 income tax return and Texas Franchise return.

2,500.00

Professional services provided in connection with: Accounting service for 2nd & 3rd quarter 2017, which includeds monthly accounts payable and cash receipts, reconcile bank accounts and AJEs to reconcile the balance sheet accounts. This also includes changing investor addresses, updating investor accounts, researching and reprinting investor distribution checks.

1,885.00

14.5 hrs @ \$130 (agreed upon amount)

Invoice Total

\$4,385.00

Invoices are due upon receipt unless detailed in engagement letter.