

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND MUTUAL RELEASE

This Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2012, at Chicago, Illinois by and between each of the following defined entities and individuals.

PARTIES DEFINED

"TED", as defined herein, refers to and means Ted S. Bernstein an individual residing in Boca Raton, Florida, his heirs, successors and/or assigns.

"PAM", as defined herein, refers to and means Pamela B. Simon an individual residing in Chicago, Illinois, her heirs, successors and/or assigns.

"ELIOT" as defined herein, refers to and means Eliot I. Bernstein, an individual residing in Boca Raton, Florida, his heirs, successors and/or assigns.

"JILL" as defined herein, refers to and means Jill M. Iantoni, an individual residing in Highland Park, Illinois, her heirs, successors and/or assigns.

"LISA" as defined herein, refers to and means Lisa S. Friedstein residing in Highland Park, Illinois, an individual, her heirs, successors and/or assigns.

"ALLY" as defined herein, refers to and means Alexandra L. Bernstein residing in White Plains, New York, an individual, her heirs, successors and/or assigns.

"ERIC" as defined herein, refers to and means Eric D. Bernstein residing in Boca Raton, Florida, an individual, his heirs, successors and/or assigns.

"MICHAEL" as defined herein, refers to and means Michael A. Bernstein residing in Boca Raton, Florida, an individual, his heirs, successors and/or assigns.

“MOLLY” as defined herein, refers to and means Molly N. Simon residing in Chicago Illinois, an individual, her heirs, successors and/or assigns.

“THE ELIOT CHILDREN” as defined herein, refers to and means Joshua, Jacob and Daniel Bernstein residing in Boca Raton, Florida, all individual(s), their heirs, successors and/or assigns.

“THE JILL CHILD” as defined herein, refers to and means Julia Iantoni residing in Highland Park, Illinois, an individual, her heirs, successors and/or assigns.

“THE LISA CHILDREN” as defined herein, refers to and means Max and Carley Friedstein residing in Highland Park, Illinois, an individual(s), both heirs, successors and/or assigns.

DEFINITIONS

"Agreement", as defined herein, refers to and means, this Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release.

“Party” or “Parties”, shall refer to and mean an individual defined above whom shall sign on and be bound by this Settlement Agreement, and Parties shall refer to the individuals collectively.

“Trust”, as defined herein refers to and means the Simon L. Bernstein Irrevocable Insurance Trust dtd 6/21/95.

RECITAL'S

WHEREAS, the Parties are all of the children and grandchildren of the marriage of Simon L. Bernstein and Shirley Bernstein;

WHEREAS, Simon L. Bernstein established the Trust in 1995 for the benefit of his wife,

Shirley Bernstein, and their children, the Parties;

WHEREAS, Shirley Bernstein predeceased Simon L. Bernstein, and Simon L. Bernstein passed away on September 13, 2012;

WHEREAS, after a diligent search by the Parties, an executed copy of the Trust can not be found;

WHEREAS, the Trust is the beneficiary of life insurance policy number 1009208 issued by Heritage Union Life Insurance Company (the “Insurer”) on the life of Simon L. Bernstein (the “Policy”);

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to achieve the intent of Simon L. Bernstein on or about the date of the Trust and resolve any and all disputes and controversies that have arisen or may arise regarding the distribution of the death benefit proceeds of the Policy.

WITNESSETH

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the following covenants, promises and obligations, as well as other good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged; it is agreed by and between the Parties as follows:

COVENANTS

1. TED is appointed and hereby accepts the appointment to act as Trustee of the Trust.
2. That TED, as Trustee, shall open a bank account in the name of the Trust (the “Trust Account”).
3. That TED, as Trustee shall deposit or direct the Insurer to deposit the death benefit proceeds of the Policy into the Trust Account.
4. That TED, as Trustee, shall pay expenses of the Trust including the cost of filing a tax return from the proceeds in the Trust Account.
5. That TED, as Trustee, shall distribute all remaining proceeds in the Trust Account equally (in 20% shares) to each of TED, PAM, ELIOT, JILL and LISA.

6. That TED, as Trustee, upon completing the distribution in ¶5 above and the filing of the tax return contemplated in ¶4 above shall close the Trust Account.
7. Upon receipt of the Settlement Agreement executed by all Parties and upon fulfillment of all of the covenants and obligations contained in ¶1 through ¶6 above, TED, PAM, ELIOT, JILL, AND LISA, ALLY, ERIC, MICHAEL, MOLLY, THE ELIOT CHILDREN, THE JILL CHILD AND THE LISA CHILDREN and each of them in their own individual capacity, shall respectively acquit, release, and forever discharge TED, both individually and as Trustee, and each and every other Party from any and all claims, demands, liabilities, obligations, causes and causes of action of whatever kind or nature, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected by each of them, which each of them now owns or holds or at any time heretofore owned or held as against each other arising out of any matter related to or associated with the Policy and/or the Trust, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, all claims, demands, liabilities, obligations, causes and causes of action arising out of or in any way connected with: a) the receipt of the death benefit proceeds of the Policy by the Trust; b) arising out of or in any way connected to the operation and management of the Trust, or the actual terms of the Trust in the event it should be located subsequent to the date of this Agreement regardless as to whether all of the covenants and obligations of this Agreement have been executed to completion.
8. All demands and notices given hereunder shall be sent by mail addressed to the respective Parties with a copy to David B. Simon, The Simon Law Firm, 303 E. Wacker Dr., Suite 210, Chicago, IL 60601-5210.
9. The Parties hereby represent to one another that they have full power and authority to enter into this Settlement Agreement and carry out their obligations hereunder. All Parties further represent that this Settlement Agreement has been duly executed and delivered.
10. This Settlement Agreement embodies the entire understanding of the Parties. All prior correspondence, conversations, memoranda and agreements have been merged into and replaced by this Settlement Agreement.
11. If a Party breaches this Settlement Agreement, the breaching Party shall reimburse the non-breaching Parties for all reasonable costs, attorney's fees, and expenses incurred by them in enforcing the terms and provisions of the Settlement Agreement.
12. This Settlement Agreement shall (i) be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois and all claims or controversies arising out of this Settlement Agreement shall be brought within the exclusive jurisdiction of the State of Illinois; (ii) inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Parties themselves, as well as their respective heirs, executors, predecessors, successors and assigns.
13. All Parties have been represented by counsel, or have had the opportunity to seek the advice of counsel, and if they have sought counsel then such counsel has reviewed this Settlement Agreement and recommended that their respective clients enter into it.
14. This Settlement Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, all of which, when taken together, shall constitute an original. Facsimile signatures of the Parties shall as valid and binding as original signatures.

15. Should any provision contained in this Agreement be deemed illegal or unenforceable as a matter of law, the remainder of this Agreement shall remain binding and continue in full force and effect.
16. The signatories state that they have read and understand this Settlement Agreement and that they intend to be legally bound by the same.

Agreed and accepted this date and year first written above.

TED S. BERNSTEIN

Witness: _____
Address:

PAMELA B. SIMON

Witness: _____
Address:

LISA S. FRIEDSTEIN

Witness: _____
Address:

ERIC BERNSTEIN

Witness: _____
Address:

MOLLY N. SIMON

Witness: _____
Address:

THE JILL CHILD

Jill Iantoni, Parent

Guy Iantoni, Parent

Address:

ELIOT I. BERNSTEIN

Witness: _____
Address:

JILL M. IANTONI

Witness: _____
Address:

ALEXANDRA L. BERNSTEIN

Witness: _____
Address: _____

MICHAEL BERNSTEIN

Witness: _____
Address:

THE ELIOT CHILDREN

Eliot I. Bernstein, Parent

Candace Bernstein, Parent

Address:

THE LISA CHILDREN

Lisa Frenstein, Parent

Jeffrey Friedstein, Parent

Address:

