

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEEN  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR  
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN RE:

CASE NO.502012CP004391XXXXSB  
HON. JUDGE MARTIN H. COLIN

THE ESTATE OF SIMON BERNSTEIN,  
Deceased.

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ELIOT IVAN BERNSTEIN, PRO SE,  
Petitioner,

V.

TESCHER & SPALLINA, P.A., (AND ALL PARTNERS,  
ASSOCIATES AND OF COUNSEL);  
ROBERT L. SPALLINA, ESQ., PERSONALLY;  
ROBERT L. SPALLINA, ESQ., PROFESSIONALLY;  
DONALD R. TESCHER, ESQ., PERSONALLY;  
DONALD R. TESCHER, ESQ., PROFESSIONALLY;  
THEODORE STUART BERNSTEIN, INDIVIDUALLY;  
THEODORE STUART BERNSTEIN, AS ALLEGED PERSONAL  
REPRESENTATIVE;  
THEODORE STUART BERNSTEIN, AS ALLEGED TRUSTEE  
AND SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE PERSONALLY;  
THEODORE STUART BERNSTEIN, AS ALLEGED TRUSTEE  
AND SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE, PROFESSIONALLY;  
THEODORE STUART BERNSTEIN, AS TRUSTEE FOR HIS  
CHILDREN;  
LISA SUE FRIEDSTEIN, INDIVIDUALLY AS A BENEFICIARY;  
LISA SUE FRIEDSTEIN, AS TRUSTEE FOR HER CHILDREN;  
JILL MARLA IANTONI, INDIVIDUALLY AS A BENEFICIARY;  
JILL MARLA IANTONI, AS TRUSTEE FOR HER CHILDREN;  
PAMELA BETH SIMON, INDIVIDUALLY;  
PAMELA BETH SIMON, AS TRUSTEE FOR HER CHILDREN;  
MARK MANCERI, ESQ., PERSONALLY;  
MARK MANCERI, ESQ., PROFESSIONALLY;  
MARK R. MANCERI, P.A. (AND ALL PARTNERS,  
ASSOCIATES AND OF COUNSEL);  
JOSHUA ENNIO ZANDER BERNSTEIN (ELIOT  
MINOR CHILD);  
JACOB NOAH ARCHIE BERNSTEIN (ELIOT  
MINOR CHILD);  
DANIEL ELIJSHA ABE OTTOMO BERNSTEIN  
(ELIOT MINOR CHILD);

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ALEXANDRA BERNSTEIN (THEODORE ADULT CHILD);  
ERIC BERNSTEIN (THEODORE ADULT CHILD);  
MICHAEL BERNSTEIN (THEODORE ADULT CHILD);  
MATTHEW LOGAN (THEODORE'S SPOUSE ADULT CHILD);  
MOLLY NORAH SIMON (PAMELA ADULT CHILD);  
JULIA IANTONI – JILL MINOR CHILD;  
MAX FRIEDSTEIN – LISA MINOR CHILD;  
CARLY FRIEDSTEIN – LISA MINOR CHILD;  
PAGE, MRACHEK, FITZGERALD & ROSE, P.A.  
(AND ALL PARTNERS, ASSOCIATES AND OF COUNSEL);  
ALAN B. ROSE, ESQ. – PERSONALLY;  
ALAN B. ROSE, ESQ. – PROFESSIONALLY;  
PANKAUSKI LAW FIRM PLLC, (AND ALL PARTNERS, ASSOCIATES AND OF COUNSEL);  
JOHN J. PANKAUSKI, ESQ. – PERSONALLY;  
JOHN J. PANKAUSKI, ESQ. – PROFESSIONALLY;  
KIMBERLY FRANCIS MORAN – PERSONALLY;  
KIMBERLY FRANCIS MORAN – PROFESSIONALLY;  
LINDSAY BAXLEY AKA LINDSAY GILES – PERSONALLY;  
LINDSAY BAXLEY AKA LINDSAY GILES – PROFESSIONALLY;  
THE ALLEGED “SIMON L. BERNSTEIN AMENDED AND RESTATED TRUST AGREEMENT” DATED JULY 25, 2012;  
JOHN AND JANE DOE’S (1-5000),  
Respondents.

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**PETITION TO REMOVE TED BERNSTEIN AS  
ALLEGED SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE ALLEGED SIMON BERNSTEIN REVOCABLE  
TRUST**

COMES NOW, Eliot Ivan Bernstein ("Eliot"), beneficiary of the Estate of Simon Bernstein and Guardian to his three minor children who may also be beneficiaries of the Estate of Simon, and pursuant to §736.0706, Fla. Stat. (2013), files this Petition to Remove Theodore Stuart Bernstein (“TED”) or (“THEODORE”) as alleged Successor Trustee of the alleged Simon

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Bernstein Revocable Trust Agreement dated July 25, 2012 (the "Revocable Trust" or "Trust"), and in support states<sup>1</sup> as follows:

**I. Eliot has standing to seek removal.**

The provisions of §736.0706(1), §736.0103, and §733.707(3), Fla. Stats. (2014) govern the issue of who has standing to seek removal of a trustee. Section 736.0706(1) Fla. Stat. (2014) states:

*(1) The settlor, a cotrustee, or a **beneficiary** may request the court to remove a trustee, or a trustee may be removed by the court on the court's own initiative. (emphasis added)*

§736.0103, Fla. Stat. (2014), defines a "beneficiary":

*(4) "Beneficiary" means a person who has **a present or future beneficial interest in a trust, vested or contingent**, or who holds a power of appointment over trust property in a capacity other than that of trustee. (emphasis added)*

**II. This Court has the Authority Under Florida Law to Remove TED as Trustee of the Revocable Trust.**

Under Florida law, this Court has broad authority to affect trust administration<sup>2</sup>. Under §736.0201, Fla. Stat. (2014), the Court has the following power:

**736.0201. Role of court in trust proceedings**

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- (4) A judicial proceeding involving a trust may relate to the validity, administration, or distribution of a trust, including proceedings to:
- (a) Determine the validity of all or part of a trust;

<sup>1</sup> Eliot also states that much of this pleading has been politely borrowed from the honorable Creditor William Stansbury and his honorable counsel Peter Feaman, Esquire's filing to remove Theodore Stuart Bernstein as a Fiduciary in the Estates and Trusts of Simon and Shirley Bernstein, for good and just cause. Their Petition was not heard and denied due to lack of standing, not for the substantive issues contained therein, since Eliot has standing he will argue the pleading as a beneficiary or guardian for three beneficiaries with beneficial interests, Pro Se. Eliot has done some Pro Se editing to the prior document filed.

<sup>2</sup> Eliot has filed a pleading with the Court to Remove Theodore on the Court's own motion based on a host of reasons that disqualify Theodore at this time, including Prima Facie evidence in the Court's possession already. The filing was docketed August 28, 2014 and titled "AMENDED MOTION FOR REMOVAL OF PR AND TRUSTEE OF THE ESTATES AND TRUSTS OF SIMON AND SHIRLEY BERNSTEIN" and being all Pro Se, is hereby included by reference in entirety with all exhibits herein.

- (b) **Appoint or remove a trustee**;
- (c) Review trustees' fees;
- (d) Review and settle interim or final accounts;
- (e) Ascertain beneficiaries; determine any question arising in the administration or distribution of any trust, including questions of construction of trust instruments; instruct trustees; and determine the existence or nonexistence of any immunity, power, privilege, duty or right;
- (f) Obtain a declaration of rights;
- (g) Determine any other matters involving trustees and beneficiaries.  
(emphasis added)

### **III. Legal Standard for Removal of Trustee.**

When removal of a trustee is at issue, the following statutory provisions of §736.0706, Fla. Stat. (2014) are to be considered:

**736.0706. Removal of trustee**

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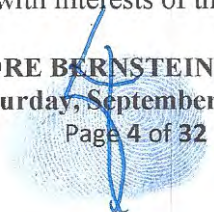
- (2) **The court may remove a trustee if:**
  - (a) **The trustee has committed a serious breach of trust;**
  - (b) The lack of cooperation among cotrustees substantially impairs the administration of the trust;
  - (c) **Due to unfitness, unwillingness, or persistent failure of the trustee to administer the trust effectively, the court determines that removal of the trustee best serves the interests of the beneficiaries;** or
  - (d) **There has been a substantial change of circumstances** or removal is requested by all of the qualified beneficiaries, the court finds that removal of the trustee best serves the interests of all of the beneficiaries and is not inconsistent with a material purpose of the trust, and a suitable cotrustee or successor trustee is available.

TED's removal is warranted by Subsections (2) (a), (c) and/or (d). Additionally, §736.0802, Fla. Stat. (2014) describes the primary duty of a trustee:

**736.0802. Duty of loyalty**

- (1) As between a trustee and the beneficiaries, a trustee shall administer the trust **solely** in interests of the beneficiaries.
- (2) Subject to the rights of persons dealing with or assisting the trustee as provided ins. 736.1016 a ... transaction ... which is otherwise affected by a conflict between the trustee's fiduciary and personal interests is voidable by a beneficiary affected by the transaction ... (emphasis added)

*See Aiello v. Hyland*, 793 So. 2d 1150, 1152 (Fla. 4th DCA 2001) (removal of trustee was required where trustee had a conflict of interest with interests of the trust; the conflict of interest made the



trustee unable to properly carry out his duty of loyalty to the trust). Therefore, the only remedy is removal and a non-conflicted independent trustee appointed.

**IV. Theodore Stuart Bernstein Should Be Removed as Trustee of the alleged Revocable Trust by the Terms of the Trust and his Conflict of Interest.**

**A. Theodore Bernstein is Not Eligible to Serve as a Successor Trustee under the very terms of the alleged Revocable Trust, which means he is "unfit" under §736.0706(2)(c).**

**1. Ted Bernstein is a "related party" and therefore not eligible to serve.**

The previous co-trustees of the alleged Revocable Trust were Donald Tescher, Esq. ("TESCHER") and Robert Spallina, Esq. ("SPALLINA") by virtue of the Successor Trustee provision set forth in Article IV, Section C of the alleged Revocable Trust. A copy of the alleged Trust<sup>3</sup> is attached hereto as Exhibit "A." By letter dated January 14, 2014 addressed to the five children of Simon Bernstein, TESCHER and SPALLINA, resigned as co-trustees of Simon's Revocable Trust, co-personal representatives/executors to the Estate of Simon, SPALLINA resigned as counsel to TED as alleged Trustee (for irreconcilable differences) in the Shirley Trust and as counsel to TED as Personal Representative of the Shirley Estate and both resigned in all other fiducial and legal capacities they were acting in for any Bernstein family related matters. Upon resignation TESCHER stating, "If the majority of the Bernstein family is in agreement, I would propose to exercise the power to designate a successor trustee by appointing Ted Bernstein in that capacity." TESCHER made the appointment of TED after claiming he learned that his law firm and SPALLINA had fraudulently altered a Shirley trust document to change beneficiaries illegally and then make illegal distributions under a fraudulent scheme. The alleged successorship was done without sending notice to beneficiaries that they had done this transfer and the document transferring

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<sup>3</sup> This alleged Revocable Trust of Simon's has been found to have improper notarization affixed by the Governor Rick Scott's Notary Public Division. The two witnesses to the document have already confessed to fraudulent alteration of other documents in the Shirley Bernstein and Simon Bernstein Estates and Trusts, including admitted forgery and fraudulent notarizations.

notarized by the already convicted Felon for fraudulent notarizations, Kimberly Moran. TED accepted the alleged successorship without sending notice to beneficiaries and neither TESCHER, SPALLINA or TED provided an accounting of the trust upon the transfer, all in violation of Probate and Trust Rules and Statutes. A copy of the resignation letter is attached hereto as Exhibit "B."

If TED has become successor trustee of the Revocable Trust, he should be removed. He is ineligible under the very terms of the Revocable Trust to serve as successor trustee. Article IV, Section C.(3) (Page 16) of the Revocable Trust states:

C. Appointment of Successor Trustee  
3. ... A successor Trustee appointed under this subparagraph shall **not** be a Related or Subordinate Party of the trust. (**emphasis added**)

Under Article III, Subsection E(7), A "Related or Subordinate Party" is defined in the Trust as follows:

#### ARTICLE III. GENERAL

**E. Definitions.** In this Agreement,

7. Related or Subordinate Party. A "*Related or Subordinate Party*" to a trust describes a beneficiary of the subject trust or a related or subordinate party to a beneficiary of the trust as the terms "related or subordinate party" are defined under Code Section 672( c ).

The "Code" is defined as "the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 ... "

A "Related or subordinate party" under the Code means any nonadverse party who is " ... (2) any one of the following: The Grantor's father, mother, issue, brother or sister ... "

TED is the son, or an "issue" of the Grantor, SIMON BERNSTEIN, and a related party (father) to alleged beneficiaries, TED's sons, SIMON's grandsons. Therefore, TED is ineligible as a Related or Subordinate Party and is therefore again unfit to serve as a successor trustee under §736.0706(2)( c ).

**2. Ted Bernstein was specifically disqualified to be a Successor Trustee by the terms of the Trust.**

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Another provision of the Trust also disqualifies TED.

Article III E (1) states:

Notwithstanding the foregoing, **for all purposes of this Trust and the dispositions made hereunder**, my children, TED S. BERNSTEIN, PAMELA B. SIMON, ELIOT BERNSTEIN, JILL IANTONI and LISA S. FRIEDSTEIN, shall be deemed to have predeceased me ... " **(emphasis added)**

The prior Simon revocable trust done in 2008 that was alleged to be amended by Simon 48 days prior to his sudden and unexpected death reads from Article III E (1),

E. **Definitions.** In this Agreement,

1. **Children. Lineal Descendants.** The terms "child," "children" and "lineal descendants mean only persons whose relationship to the ancestor designated is created entirely by or through (a) legitimate births occurring during the marriage of the joint biological parents to each other, (b) children and their lineal descendants arising from surrogate births and/or third party donors when (i) the child is raised from or near the time of birth by a married couple (other than a same sex married couple) through the pendency of such marriage, (ii) one of such couple is the designated ancestor, and (iii) to the best knowledge of the Trustee both members of such couple participated in the decision to have such child, and (c) lawful adoptions of minors under the age of twelve years. No such child or lineal descendant loses his or her status as such through adoption by another person. **Notwithstanding the foregoing, as I have adequately provided for them during my lifetime, for purposes of the dispositions made under this Trust, my children, TED S. BERNSTEIN ("TED") and PAMELA B. SIMON ("PAM"), and their respective lineal descendants shall be deemed to have predeceased the survivor of my spouse and me,** provided, however, if my children, ELIOT BERNSTEIN, JILL IANTONI and LISA S. FRIEDSTEIN, and their lineal descendants all predecease the survivor of my spouse and me, then TED and PAM, and their respective lineal descendants shall not be deemed to have predeceased me and shall be eligible beneficiaries for purposes of the dispositions made hereunder. **(emphasis added)**

Therefore, by the very language of the Trust and the prior pre alleged Amended and Restated Simon trust done with Shirley in 2008<sup>4</sup>, Ted Bernstein, in either beneficiary scenario is wholly disinherited, predeceased and disqualified by these provisions to serve as a Successor Trustee as TED is considered DEAD for all purposes of the disposition and distributions of the trust. This is Prima Facie evidence for this Court to act on its own motion and instantly remove TED to protect the interests of the beneficiaries and others from an unqualified and possibly fraudulent successorship.

SPALLINA and TESCHER allegedly appointed TED as they parted in disgrace despite this language that disqualifies him, the language **that they wrote**. This transfer fraudulent transfer of fiduciary power and trusteeship was to retain the illegal Dominion and Control of the Estates and Trusts that TED, TESCHER and SPALLINA gained through the fraudulent documents, a criminal succession of trusteeship. TED, should have been removed with TESCHER and SPALLINA with his counsel Alan B. Rose, as they are centrally involved in the fraudulent schemes and illegal distributions made and TED and his minion of attorneys at law have benefited the most from the crimes committed by his former counsel TESCHER and SPALLINA. TESCHER and SPALLINA are also TED's close personal friends and business associates and TED brought them in to the Bemstein family. This illegal transfer assured TESCHER and SPALLINA a successor that would continue to aid and abet their crimes and attempt to cover them up in the Court and prevent the beneficiaries access to the estate and trust information. This continuation of breaches is alleged to be exactly what is taking place since TED has claimed these fiduciary roles, in what appears yet another Fraud on this Court by now the unfit and unqualified alleged successor TED and his last remaining lawyer Rose, after four have already abandoned him. In Shirley's Estate this Court appointed TED as PR after reopening the Estate due to TESCHER, SPALLINA and others frauds. TED, since the

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<sup>4</sup> The original Simon Trust done in 2008 with Shirley was not turned over to beneficiaries until TESCHER and SPALLINA were ordered by the Court to turn over their records upon their removal in 2014 to the Curator Benjamin Brown, Esq.



time of appointment in October 2013, has failed to provide, a full copy of the Shirley Will and Trusts with all Schedules and Addendums (as required by statute to account for the Trust Corpus/Trust Res) and has provided no statutorily required accountings. These intentional violations of Probate and Trust Rules and Statutes by TED since your honor found him fit in October 2013, and again this is a serious enough breach of fiduciary duties for this Court to instantly remove Theodore on its own motion as unfit, unqualified and for egregious breaches of fiduciary duties in failure to accountant.

**B. Ted Bernstein, as Trustee of the Revocable Trust, has a Conflict of Interest with the Estate of Simon Bernstein.**

At the time of SIMON'S death, it was determined that there existed a life insurance policy issued by Heritage Union Insurance Company ("Heritage") allegedly payable to the Simon Bernstein Irrevocable Insurance Trust dated June 1, 1995 (the "Insurance Trust")<sup>5</sup> as beneficiary.

Shortly after SIMON's death in 2012, Robert Spallina, one of the, resigning Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Simon Bemstein, resigning Co-Trustees of Simon's Revocable Trust, resigning counsel to the Co-Personal Representatives and Co-Trustees TESCHER and SPALLINA, resigning counsel to TED as Personal Representative of the Shirley Estate and resigning counsel to TED as alleged Trustee in the Shirley Irrevocable Trusts, submitted a claim form to Heritage Union Life on behalf of the Simon Bernstein Irrevocable Insurance Trust dated June 1, 1995 that he signed as "Trustee", for the benefit of the grown children of Simon Bernstein. SPALLINA did not tender the 2000 Proskauer Trust in his possession, instead intentionally secreting that. SPALLINA submitted this death benefit claim despite having informed Heritage by letter shortly thereafter that he was "unable to locate the Simon Bemstein Irrevocable Insurance Trust dated

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<sup>5</sup> The Court should note that in TESCHER and SPALLINA's production documents Ordered by this Court to be turned over to the appointed Curator, Benjamin Brown, Esq., turned up a 2000 insurance trust done by Proskauer Rose, LLP. This Proskauer insurance trust specifically mentioned the insurance policy as part of the trust corpus. This trust was discovered with correspondences indicating that it was intentionally secreted from this Court, a US Federal Court and the true and proper beneficiaries with intent and scienter and replaced with a scheme to use a "lost" and "missing" 1995 Insurance Trust that no executed copies exist for or have been produced. See Exhibit F.

June 1, 1995." (See Exhibit "C" attached.) Under Florida law, if it is determined that no Simon Bernstein Irrevocable Insurance Trust dated June 1, 1995 existed at the time of SIMON' s death, the insurance proceeds would be payable to the personal representative of the Estate. They would then after satisfying possibly any Creditors flow into a pour over trust for either Eliot, Lisa and Jill or the ten grandchildren of Simon, which will be determined by this Court in the future due to the frauds committed in the dispositive documents. In no scenario would TED or PAMELA receive any proceeds if they flowed into the Estate and thus have conflicting interests with their children that they allege to be beneficiaries of Simon's Estate and Trusts and other beneficiaries.

Because no executed insurance trust instrument was produced, Heritage refused to pay the life insurance proceeds to anyone without a court order and so DENIED the claim<sup>6</sup>. To this date, almost two years later, no executed trust instrument has been tendered in the Federal Illinois Insurance Litigation. That Ted Bernstein acting as "Trustee" on behalf of the legally nonexistent Insurance Trust then sued Heritage in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois (the "Life Insurance Litigation") for Breach of Contract for Heritage's failure to pay the claim to the legally nonexistent trust. The case has since been removed to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois in Chicago under the tutelage of the Honorable Amy St. Eve.

The Estate of Simon Bernstein filed a Motion to Intervene in the Life Insurance Litigation to assert the Estate's interest in the life insurance proceeds. The Plaintiffs, including TED acting as "Trustee", after SPALLINA initially filed the death benefit claim as the "Trustee"

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<sup>6</sup> The Court should note that SPALLINA filed the claim acting as the trustee of the lost trust that he claims never to have seen or possessed and attempted to have the monies converted and comingled with his law firm Tescher & Spallina P.A. account.

The Court should further note that when the Illinois Life Insurance Litigation was filed shortly after SPALLINA's claim was denied, TED filed the lawsuit as trustee to the lost trust that he too claims never to have seen or possessed an executed copy of, replacing SPALLINA.

of the legally nonexistent trust, filed a Memorandum of Law in Opposition to the Estate's Motion to Intervene (the "Opposition Memorandum") (*See*, Exhibit "D," attached).

The opening paragraph of the Opposition Memorandum states as follows:

**NOW COMES** Plaintiffs, SIMON BERNSTEIN IRREVOCABLE INSURANCE TRUST dtd 6/21/95, by **TED BERNSTEIN, as Trustee**, (collectively referred to as "BERNSTEIN TRUST"), **TED BERNSTEIN, individually**, PAMELA B. SIMON, JILL IANTONI AND LISA FRIEDSTEIN, and state as their Memorandum of Law in Opposition to the Estate of Simon Bernstein's Motion to Intervene as follows: (**emphasis added**)

TED stands to benefit personally if the claim by the Simon Bernstein Estate to the life insurance proceeds is defeated because TED and his siblings (**other than Eliot**) have taken the position that they are the beneficiaries of the legally nonexistent lost or missing Insurance Trust. Despite the opposition of TED BERNSTEIN to the Intervention, the court has granted the Estate's Motion to Intervene. TED is now an opposing party of record to the Estate's interest in the Life Insurance litigation.

TED, individually and as the alleged trustee of the alleged Insurance Trust, has placed his personal interests above the interests of the Revocable Trust beneficiaries, who are allegedly the grandchildren of SIMON or may be Eliot, Jill and Lisa, through TED's open, notorious and public opposition to the Estate's intervention in the Life Insurance Litigation. This creates an inherent conflict of interest for TED. TED, as successor trustee of the Revocable Trust, owes a duty of loyalty under §736.0706(1), Fla. Stat. (2014) to the trust beneficiaries, to administer the trust solely in their interest. The Estate and trust beneficiaries are alleged to be the grandchildren of Simon Bernstein, although Eliot has challenged these documents done days before Simon's death validity, especially in light of already proven, admitted and alleged crimes committed in Shirley and Simon's Estate and Trusts. The crimes, include but are not limited to,

- i. six admitted instances of forgery (including Post Mortem for Simon),

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- ii. a proven felony conviction rendered for an admitted six fraudulent notarizations (including Post Mortem for Simon),
- iii. an admitted fraudulent alteration of a Shirley's Trust document by SPALLINA,
- iv. Fraud on the Court through fraudulent and false instruments posited in the Court by Officers of the Court and Tescher & Spallina, PA law firm, acting on behalf of a DEAD Personal Representative to close the Estate of Shirley, and,
- v. the Governor Rick Scott's Notary Public Division's findings of improper notarizations on Simon's alleged 2012 Will and Amended and Restated Simon Bernstein Trust done 48 days before his death. The legally invalid notarizations leave it unknown if Simon was present on the day of signing the documents and the only witnesses to alleged signing of the document have already admitted to fraud, SPALLINA and MORAN.

This means TED must support, or at the least not obstruct, the efforts of the Estate to attempt to recover an additional alleged \$1.7 million in life insurance benefits<sup>7</sup>. If so recovered, this would dramatically increase the Estate assets that Eliot and/or his children will receive (when the Court determines the beneficiaries due to the residue effects of the crimes that attempted to change beneficiaries in the Estates and Trusts of Shirley and Simon that have caused intentional interferences and delays with expectancies. By opposing intervention by the Estate TED's actions exposed the estate/trust assets to liability. The need to have this Court Order intervention was due to the fact that TED'S counsel and the prior Co-Personal Representatives/Executors and Co-Trustees Robert Spallina, Esq. and Donald Tescher, Esq. to the Estate, failed to file any intervener action on behalf of the Estate and in fact aided and abetted TED'S efforts to convert the asset of the Estate to TED by SPALLINA'S filing the alleged Fraudulent Insurance Claim to benefit his client TED.

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<sup>7</sup> The Court should also note that NO parties in the Insurance Litigation, including the life insurance carriers involved to date have produced a bona fide copy of the executed insurance policy for the Breach of Contract lawsuit that is based upon it and thus no terms, including the beneficiaries and the face are known at this time, making this yet another "Rabbit Hole" of apparent malfeasances.

SPALLINA actually acted as the "Trustee" of the lost insurance trust that he claims never to have seen or possessed and also fraudulently acted as the "Trustee" of the primary beneficiary "LaSalle National Trust NA" at his business address, as evidenced in Exhibit C. When the carrier DENIED SPALLINA's claim, TED filed the Insurance Litigation as the Trustee of the lost trust and not SPALLINA. However, both TED and SPALLINA have made statements that they have never seen or possessed this missing trust and yet both claim to be "Trustee" for various of their fraudulent attempts to collect the proceeds outside the Estate.

Thanks to, this Court, William Stansbury (who has financed the counsel for the beneficiaries and his interests as a Creditor), Peter Feaman, Esq., Benjamin Brown, Esq. and others, the Estate is now represented by counsel. Once the disgraced TESCHER and SPALLINA were removed from these matters, the Estate was able by Order of the Court to retain counsel to intervene in the Federal action on behalf of the Estate of Simon in efforts to protect the beneficiaries. The Federal court has now allowed that intervention on behalf of the Estate of Simon and the Estate is represented for the first time in almost two years. More importantly, TED'S efforts in the Life Insurance Litigation are designed to keep the alleged \$1.7 million out of the estate and trust and to redirect the money to him and his siblings (excluding Eliot).

As a consequence of the foregoing, TED is in breach of his fiduciary duty to the beneficiaries of the Revocable Trust by opposing efforts to make the Estate more solvent, which in turn exposes the Trust to increased liability, and warrants his removal under §736.0706(2)(a). Ted's continued interference is an attempt to redirect estate assets to himself personally and would further damage the estate beneficiaries. In addition, Ted's interference with his minion of Attorneys at Law has caused un-necessary and costly legal fees of an unknown amount since no accountings for legal fees have been submitted to this Court or the beneficiaries.

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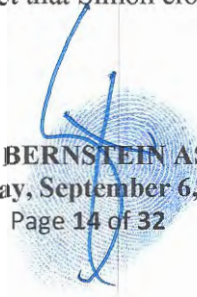
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Additionally, this inherent and irreparable conflict of interest is a breach of his duty of loyalty and warrants removal under *Aiello, supra*, 793 So. 2d at 1152. *See also Brigham v. Brigham*, 119 So. 3d 374, 386 (Fla. 3d DCA 2009); *McCormick v. Cox*, 118 So. 3d 980, 987-88 (Fla. 3d DCA 2013) (removal of trustee was warranted where trustee had a conflict of interest and breach his fiduciary duties; trial court properly exercised its authority to remove trustee).

### **C. Misconduct in the Shirley Bernstein Estate and Trust**

There are serious proven and admitted felony crimes and further allegations of fraud, forgery and fraudulently altered trust documents in the Shirley Bernstein Estate and Shirley Bernstein trust, where Ted Bernstein is the Personal Representative of the Estate and the alleged Successor Trustee of Shirley's trust. Documents were submitted to the Court bearing notarized signatures of Simon Bernstein on a date after he had passed away. The signatures were admitted to be FORGED for six parties, including Simon Post Mortem and Eliot. TESCHER and SPALLINA's Legal Assistant and Notary Public, Kimberly Francis Moran, confessed to Palm Beach County Sheriff Investigators that she fraudulently notarized and forged documents and since has been arrested and convicted of Felony misconduct. That these documents and others were then posited with the Court by TESCHER and SPALLINA through their law firm Tescher & Spallina P.A. on behalf of Simon acting as the PR/Executor while DEAD. Yes, Simon was DEAD yet acting as PR/Executor and where TESCHER and SPALLINA failed to notify the Court of his death and elect a successor to properly and legally close Shirley's Estate, instead using Simon to close the Estate four months after he had passed. This was done as part of a larger fraud in efforts to change beneficiaries of Shirley's irrevocable trust's beneficiary class, committed through a series of Frauds on the Court that used Simon when he was dead, to appear living at the closing of Shirley's Estate. No successor was appointed until this Court reopened the Estate of Shirley due to the fact that Simon closed the Estate as Personal Representative/Executor while dead.



This Court was apprised of these allegations in a hearing conducted September 13, 2013 wherein the Court stated it had enough Prima Facie evidence of felony criminal misconduct and Fraud on the Court by the potential parties involved in advancing these frauds, TED and SPALLINA, that Your Honor stated they should be read their Miranda Rights, twice. (See Transcript of Proceedings, pages 15 and 16, attached as Exhibit "E.")

Evidence and admissions of further felony misconduct have since been obtained regarding new acts recently uncovered and there are many new crimes being alleged after receiving new and damning evidence from the former disgraced fiduciaries and attorneys at law, TESCHER and SPALLINA, when they resigned and turned over their records and properties to the successor curator, Benjamin Brown, Esq. Brown then turned the information over finally to beneficiaries as part of their records and there appears to be a plethora of new crimes uncovered.

Further, the attorney, SPALLINA for TED BERNSTEIN as Personal Representative of the Estate of Shirley Bernstein has admitted to altering provisions of the Shirley Bernstein Trust to Palm Beach County Sheriff Investigators<sup>8</sup>, which had the effect of benefitting TED BERNSTEIN's family primarily and directly in efforts to fraudulently and knowingly convert assets to TED's family. That TED advanced the fraudulent beneficiary scheme to change Shirley's beneficiaries of her irrevocable beneficiary class with TESCHER and SPALLINA. Statements made by SPALLINA to Palm Beach Sheriff Investigators reveal that TED took distributions against the advice of his counsel, again making him wholly unfit to continue as a fiduciary in these matters.

TED also claimed to Palm Beach Sheriff Investigators that he had not read all of Shirley's trust documents that he was acting as fiduciary under, see the attached PBSO report.

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<sup>8</sup> Palm Beach County Sheriff Reports can be found at [www.iviewit.tv/Sheriff Reports.pdf](http://www.iviewit.tv/Sheriff%20Reports.pdf), fully incorporated by reference herein.

Ted Bernstein's involvement with his former counsel TESCHER and SPALLINA<sup>9</sup> in such activity involving the Estate and Trust of Shirley Bernstein should disqualify him from serving as Successor Trustee of the Revocable Trust or any other fiducial capacities in the Estates and Trusts of Simon and Shirley.

That in addition to the instant pleading, the following already filed pleadings, in particular to the motions and petitions to remove TED, are hereby be incorporated in entirety with all Exhibits by reference herein, as additional facts and Prima Facie Evidence for the Court to consider in the removal of TED in all fiducial roles in the Estates and Trusts of Simon and Shirley Bernstein;

i. Docket #244 – Simon Estate (see Exhibit G)

MOT - MOTION  
**Filing Date:** 28-AUG-2014  
**Filing Party:** BERNSTEIN, ELIOT IVAN  
**Docket Text:** (AMENDED) FOR REMOVAL OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND TRUSTEE OF THE ESTATES AND TRUST OF SIMON AND SHIRLEY BERNSTEIN IN ALL FIDUCIAL CAPACITIES ON THE COURT'S OWN INITIATIVE UNEXECUTED ORDER ATTACHED FILED

ii. Docket #215 - Simon Estate (see Exhibit H)

PET - PETITION  
**Filing Date:** 29-JUL-2014  
**Filing Party:** STANSBURY, WILLIAM E  
**Docket Text:** PETITION TO REMOVE TED BERNSTEIN AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE SIMON BERNSTEIN REVOCABLE TRUST

iii. Docket #188 - Simon Estate (see Exhibit I)

188 RESP - RESPONSE TO:  
**Filing Date:** 27-JUN-2014  
**Filing Party:** STANSBURY, WILLIAM E

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<sup>9</sup> The Court should note that TED's current counsel, Alan B. Rose, Esq. was also involved in knowingly advancing the fraudulent beneficiary scheme with TESCHER, SPALLINA and TED and continues to advance such fraudulent scheme through continued toxic pleadings with this Court in efforts to now have the Court change Shirley trust documents, four years Post Mortem, in efforts to have the Court, through Fraud on the Court, change the beneficiaries of Shirley's Irrevocable Beneficiary Class to fit the crimes already committed by TED and his siblings, other than Eliot, when they knowingly took distributions to knowingly improper parties to mainly benefit TED and his sister Pamela Simon who were both disinherited and considered predeceased by both Simon and Shirley, for good and just cause and perhaps this Court is starting to see in part why their parents did not want them involved in the Estates and Trusts in any way, shape or form, as stated, "for all purposes."

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**Docket Text:** RESPONSE IN OPPOSITION TO THE APPOINTMENT OF TED BERNSTEIN AS SUCCESSOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND MOTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY AS BOTH SUCCESSOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND TRUSTEE OF THE SIMON BERNSTEIN TRUST AGREEMENT F/B

iv. Docket #126 - Simon Estate (see Exhibit J)

126 NOF - NOTICE OF FILING

**Filing Date:** 22-MAY-2014

**Filing Party:** William Stansbury

**Docket Text:** JOINDER IN PETITION FILED BY ELIOT IVAN BERNSTEIN FOR REMOVAL OF TRUSTEE AND FOR TRUST ACCOUNTING F/B WILLIAM E. STANSBURY, CREDITOR OF THE E/O SIMON BERNSTEIN E-FILED

v. Docket # - Simon Estate (see Exhibit K)

97 PET - PETITION

**Filing Date:** 07-APR-2014

**Filing Party:** Eliot Bernstein

**Docket Text:** PETITION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF TESTAMENTARY TRUST, FOR REMOVAL OF TRUSTEE AND FOR TRUST ACCOUNTING BY ELIOT IVAN BERNSTEIN

WHEREFORE, Eliot Ivan Bernstein requests that THEODORE "TED" STUART BERNSTEIN, the alleged apparent successor trustee of the Simon Bernstein Trust, be removed, that the court appoint a Successor Trustee with no apparent conflicts of interest, and that the Court require the filing of a Trust Accounting, whereby TED and the former removed fiduciaries, TESCHER and

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SPALLINA, have failed to file or tender to beneficiaries any accounting in the Estate of Shirley and the Shirley trusts for four years and the Simon trust for two years<sup>10</sup>.

Dated, September 06, 2014.

Eliot Bernstein, Pro Se, Individually and as legal guardian on behalf of his minor three children.

X

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, ELIOT IVAN BERNSTEIN, HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by email to all parties on the following Service List, September 06, 2014.

Eliot Bernstein, Pro Se, individually and as legal guardian on behalf of his minor three children.

X

**SERVICE LIST**

<sup>10</sup> The Court should note that NO COMPLETE TRUSTS OR WILLS HAVE EVER BEEN PROVIDED to beneficiaries with all of the Schedules and Addendums attached to show what the Corpus of each entity is and the only accounting tendered in these matters was for Simon's Estate. The accounting provided was upon the Court's Order for TESCHER and SPALLINA to file a Final Accounting upon their termination. That accounting has been challenged by ALL parties, including, the Curator Benjamin Brown, Esq., the new Personal Representative of the Simon Estate, Brian O'Connell, Esq. and Eliot, for gross violations of statutory accounting rules and regulations and more.

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# **EXHIBIT A**

**ALLEGED TRUST OF SIMON L. BERNSTEIN**

**EXHIBIT**  
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**SIMON L. BERNSTEIN**  
**AMENDED AND RESTATED TRUST AGREEMENT**

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**EXHIBIT** A

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**SIMON L. BERNSTEIN**

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**AMENDED AND RESTATED TRUST AGREEMENT**

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This Amended and Restated Trust Agreement is dated this 26 day of July, 2012, and is between SIMON L. BERNSTEIN, of Palm Beach County, Florida referred to in the first person, as settlor, and SIMON L. BERNSTEIN, of Palm Beach County, Florida and SIMON L. BERNSTEIN's successors, as trustee (referred to as the "*Trustee*," which term more particularly refers to all individuals and entities serving as trustee of a trust created hereunder during the time of such service, whether alone or as co-trustees, and whether originally serving or as a successor trustee).

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2008, I created and funded the SIMON L. BERNSTEIN TRUST AGREEMENT (the "*Trust Agreement*," which reference includes any subsequent amendments of said trust agreement);

WHEREAS, Paragraph A. of Article I. of said Trust Agreement provides, inter alia, that during my lifetime I shall have the right at any time and from time to time by an instrument, in writing, delivered to the Trustee to amend or revoke said Trust Agreement, in whole or in part.

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby amend and restate the Trust Agreement in its entirety and the Trustee accepts and agrees to perform its duties and obligations in accordance with the following amended provisions. Notwithstanding any deficiencies in execution or other issues in regard to whether any prior version of this Trust Agreement was a valid and binding agreement or otherwise created an effective trust, this amended and restated agreement shall constitute a valid, binding and effective trust agreement and shall amend and succeed all prior versions described above or otherwise predating this amended and restated Trust Agreement.

**ARTICLE I. DURING MY LIFE AND UPON MY DEATH**

A. **Rights Reserved.** I reserve the right (a) to add property to this trust during my life or on my death, by my Will or otherwise; (b) to withdraw property held hereunder; and (c) by separate written instrument delivered to the Trustee, to revoke this Agreement in whole or in part and otherwise modify or amend this Agreement.

B. **Payments During My Life.** If income producing property is held in the trust during my life, the Trustee shall pay the net income of the trust to me or as I may direct. However, during any periods while I am Disabled, the Trustee shall pay to me or on my behalf such amounts of the net income and principal of the trust as is proper for my Welfare. Any income not so paid shall be added to principal.

SIMON L. BERNSTEIN  
AMENDED AND RESTATED TRUST AGREEMENT

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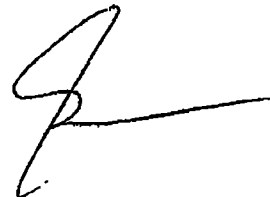
C. Upon My Death. Upon my death the Trustee shall collect and add to the trust all amounts due to the trust under any insurance policy on my life or under any death benefit plan and all property added to the trust by my Will or otherwise. After paying or providing for the payment from the augmented trust of all current charges and any amounts payable under the later paragraph captioned "Death Costs," the Trustee shall hold the trust according to the following provisions.

## ARTICLE II. AFTER MY DEATH

A. Disposition of Tangible Personal Property. If any non-business tangible personal property other than cash (including, but not limited to, my personal effects, jewelry, collections, household furnishings, and equipment, and automobiles) is held in the trust at the time of my death, such items shall be promptly distributed by the Trustee of the trust to such person or persons, including my estate, as to the item or items or proportion specified, as I may appoint, and to the extent that any such items are not disposed of by such appointment, such items shall be disposed of by the Trustee of the trust in exactly the same manner as such items would have been disposed of under the terms and provisions of my Will (including any Codicil thereto, or what the Trustee in good faith believes to be such Will and Codicil) had such items been included in my probate estate. Any such items which are not effectively disposed of pursuant to the preceding sentence shall pass with the other trust assets.

B. Disposition of Trust Upon My Death. Upon my death, the remaining assets in this trust shall be divided among and held in separate Trusts for my then living grandchildren. Each of my grandchildren for whom a separate trust is held hereunder shall hereinafter be referred to as a "*beneficiary*" with the separate Trusts to be administered as provided in Subparagraph II.C.

C. Trusts for Beneficiaries. The Trustee shall pay to the beneficiary and the beneficiary's children, such amounts of the net income and principal of such beneficiary's trust as is proper for the Welfare of such individuals. Any income not so paid shall be added to principal each year. After a beneficiary has reached any one or more of the following birthdays, the beneficiary may withdraw the principal of his or her separate trust at any time or times, not to exceed in the aggregate 1/3 in value after the beneficiary's 25th birthday, 1/2 in value (after deducting any amount previously subject to withdrawal but not actually withdrawn) after the beneficiary's 30th birthday, and the balance after the beneficiary's 35th birthday, provided that the withdrawal powers described in this sentence shall not apply to any grandchild of mine as beneficiary of a separate trust. The value of each trust shall be its value as of the first exercise of each withdrawal right, plus the value of any subsequent addition as of the date of addition. The right of withdrawal shall be a privilege which may be exercised only voluntarily and shall not include an involuntary exercise. If a beneficiary dies with assets remaining in his or her separate trust, upon the beneficiary's death the beneficiary may appoint his or her trust to or for the benefit of one or more of any of my lineal descendants (excluding from said class, however, such beneficiary and such beneficiary's creditors, estate, and creditors of such beneficiary's estate). Any part of his or her trust such beneficiary does not effectively appoint shall upon his or her death be divided among and held in separate Trusts for the following persons:



1. for his or her lineal descendants then living, *per stirpes*; or
2. if he or she leaves no lineal descendant then living, *per stirpes* for the lineal descendants then living of his or her nearest ancestor (among me and my lineal descendants) with a lineal descendant then living.

A trust for a lineal descendant of mine shall be held under this paragraph, or if a trust is then so held, shall be added to such trust.

**D. Termination of Small Trust.** If at any time after my death in the opinion of the Trustee a separate trust holds assets of a value of less than \$50,000.00 and is too small to justify the expense of its retention, and termination of such trust is in the best interests of its current income beneficiary, the Trustee in its discretion may terminate such trust and pay it to said beneficiary.

**E. Contingent Gift.** If at any time property of these Trusts is not disposed of under the other provisions of this Agreement, it shall be paid, as a gift made hereunder, to such persons and in such shares as such property would be distributed if I had then owned such property and had then died solvent, unmarried and intestate domiciled in the State of Florida, according to the laws of inheritance of the State of Florida then in effect.

**F. Protective Provision.** No beneficiary of any trust herein created shall have any right or power to anticipate, transfer, pledge, sell, alienate, assign or encumber in any way his or her interest in the income or principal of such trust. Furthermore, no creditor shall have the right to attach, lien, seize or levy upon the interest of a beneficiary in this trust (other than myself) and such interest shall not be liable for or subject to the debts, liabilities or obligations of any such beneficiary or any claims against such beneficiary (whether voluntarily or involuntarily created), and the Trustee shall pay directly to or for the use or benefit of such beneficiary all income and principal to which such beneficiary is entitled, notwithstanding that such beneficiary has executed a pledge, assignment, encumbrance or in any other manner alienated or transferred his or her beneficial interest in the trust to another. This paragraph shall not preclude the effective exercise of any power of appointment granted herein or the exercise of any disclaimer.

**G. Maximum Duration.** Regardless of anything in this Agreement to the contrary, no trust interest herein created shall continue beyond three hundred sixty (360) years after the date of creation of this Agreement, nor shall any power of appointment be exercised in such manner so as to delay vesting of any trust beyond such period. Immediately prior to the expiration of such period, all such trusts then in existence shall terminate, and the assets thereof shall be distributed outright and in fee to then beneficiaries of the current income and in the proportions in which such persons are the beneficiaries, and if such proportions cannot be ascertained, then equally among such beneficiaries.

### ARTICLE III. GENERAL



A. **Disability.** Subject to the following Subparagraph captioned "Subchapter S Stock," while any beneficiary is Disabled, the Trustee shall pay to him or her only such portion of the income to which he or she is otherwise entitled as is proper for his or her Welfare, and any income not so paid shall be added to the principal from which derived. While any beneficiary is Disabled, income or principal payable to him or her may, in the discretion of the Trustee, be paid directly to him or her, without the intervention of a guardian, directly to his or her creditors or others for his or her sole benefit or to an adult person or an eligible institution (including the Trustee) selected by the Trustee as custodian for a minor beneficiary under the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act or similar law. The receipt of such payee is a complete release to the Trustee.

B. **Timing of Income Distributions.** The Trustee shall make required payments of income at least quarterly.

C. **Substance Abuse.**

1. **In General.** If the Trustee reasonably believes that a beneficiary (other than myself) of any trust:

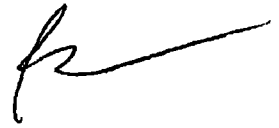
a. routinely or frequently uses or consumes any illegal substance so as to be physically or psychologically dependent upon that substance, or

b. is clinically dependent upon the use or consumption of alcohol or any other legal drug or chemical substance that is not prescribed by a board certified medical doctor or psychiatrist in a current program of treatment supervised by such doctor or psychiatrist,

and if the Trustee reasonably believes that as a result the beneficiary is unable to care for himself or herself, or is unable to manage his or her financial affairs, all mandatory distributions (including distributions upon termination of the trust) to the beneficiary, all of the beneficiary's withdrawal rights, and all of the beneficiary's rights to participate in decisions concerning the removal and appointment of Trustees will be suspended. In that event, the following provisions of this Subparagraph III.C will apply.

2. **Testing.** The Trustee may request the beneficiary to submit to one or more examinations (including laboratory tests of bodily fluids) determined to be appropriate by a board certified medical doctor and to consent to full disclosure to the Trustee of the results of all such examinations. The Trustee shall maintain strict confidentiality of those results and shall not disclose those results to any person other than the beneficiary without the prior written permission of the beneficiary. The Trustee may totally or partially suspend all distributions otherwise required or permitted to be made to that beneficiary until the beneficiary consents to the examination and disclosure to the Trustee.

3. **Treatment.** If, in the opinion of the examining doctor, the examination indicates current or recent use of a drug or substance as described above, the examining doctor will determine an appropriate method of treatment for the beneficiary (for example, counseling or treatment on an



in-patient basis in a rehabilitation facility) that is acceptable to the Trustee. If the beneficiary consents to the treatment, the Trustee shall pay the costs of treatment directly to the provider of those services from the distributions suspended under this Subparagraph III.C.

4. Resumption of Distributions. The Trustee may resume other distributions to the beneficiary (and the beneficiary's other suspended rights will be restored) when, in the case of use or consumption of an illegal substance, examinations indicate no such use for 12 months and, in all cases, when the Trustee in its discretion determines that the beneficiary is able to care for himself or herself and is able to manage his or her financial affairs.

5. Disposition of Suspended Amounts. When other distributions to the beneficiary are resumed, the remaining balance, if any, of distributions that were suspended may be distributed to the beneficiary at that time. If the beneficiary dies before distribution of those suspended amounts, the Trustee shall distribute the balance of the suspended amounts to the persons who would be the alternate takers of that beneficiary's share (or takers through the exercise of a power of appointment) as otherwise provided in this Trust Agreement.

6. Exoneration. No Trustee (or any doctor retained by the Trustee) will be responsible or liable to anyone for a beneficiary's actions or welfare. The Trustee has no duty to inquire whether a beneficiary uses drugs or other substances as described in this Subparagraph III.C. The Trustee (and any doctor retained by the Trustee) is to be indemnified from the trust estate and held harmless from any liability of any nature in exercising its judgment and authority under this Subparagraph III.C, including any failure to request a beneficiary to submit to medical examination, and including a decision to distribute suspended amounts to a beneficiary.

7. Tax Savings Provision. Despite the provisions of this Subparagraph III.C, the Trustee cannot suspend any mandatory distributions or withdrawal rights that are required for that trust to become or remain a Qualified Subchapter S Trust (unless the Trustee elects for the trust to be an Electing Small Business Trust), or to qualify for any federal transfer tax exemption, deduction, or exclusion allowable with respect to that trust.

D. Income on Death of Beneficiary. Subject to the later paragraph captioned "Subchapter S Stock," and except as otherwise explicitly provided herein, upon the death of any beneficiary, all accrued or undistributed income of such deceased beneficiary's trust shall pass with the principal of his or her trust but shall remain income for trust accounting purposes.

E. Definitions. In this Agreement,

1. Children, Lineal Descendants. The terms "*child*," "*children*," "*grandchild*," "*grandchildren*" and "*lineal descendant*" mean only persons whose relationship to the ancestor designated is created entirely by or through (a) legitimate births occurring during the marriage of the joint biological parents to each other, (b) children born of female lineal descendants, and (c) children and their lineal descendants arising from surrogate births and/or third party donors when (i) the child is



raised from or near the time of birth by a married couple (other than a same sex married couple) through the pendency of such marriage, (ii) one of such couple is the designated ancestor, and (iii) to the best knowledge of the Trustee both members of such couple participated in the decision to have such child. No such child or lineal descendant loses his or her status as such through adoption by another person. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for all purposes of this Trust and the dispositions made hereunder, my children, TED S. BERNSTEIN, PAMELA B. SIMON, ELIOT BERNSTEIN, JILL IANTONI and LISA S. FRIEDSTEIN, shall be deemed to have predeceased me as I have adequately provided for them during my lifetime.

2. Code. "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and in referring to any particular provision of the Code, includes a reference to any equivalent or successor provision of a successor federal tax law.

3. Disabled. "Disabled" or being under "Disability" means, as to any applicable individual: (1) being under the age of 21 years, (2) having been adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction as mentally or physically incompetent or unable to manage his or her own property or personal affairs (or a substantially similar finding under applicable state or national law), or (3) being unable to properly manage his or her personal or financial affairs, or a trust estate hereunder as to a Trustee hereunder, because of a mental or physical impairment (whether temporary or permanent in nature). A written certificate executed by an individual's attending physician or attending psychiatrist confirming that person's impairment will be sufficient evidence of Disability under item (3) above, and all persons may rely conclusively on such a certificate.

4. Education. The term "education" herein means vocational, primary, secondary, preparatory, theological, college and professional education, including post-graduate courses of study, at educational institutions or elsewhere, and expenses relating directly thereto, including tuition, books and supplies, room and board, and travel from and to home during school vacations. It is intended that the Trustee liberally construe and interpret references to "education," so that the beneficiaries entitled to distributions hereunder for education obtain the best possible education commensurate with their abilities and desires.

5. Needs and Welfare Distributions. Payments to be made for a person's "Needs" means payments necessary for such person's health (including lifetime residential or nursing home care), education, maintenance and support. Payments to be made for a person's "Welfare" means discretionary payments by the Trustee, from time to time, for such person's Needs and also for such person's advancement in life (including assistance in the purchase of a home or establishment or development of any business or professional enterprise which the Trustee believes to be reasonably sound), happiness and general well-being. However, the Trustee, based upon information reasonably available to it, shall make such payments for a person's Needs or Welfare only to the extent such person's income, and funds available from others obligated to supply funds for such purposes (including, without limitation, pursuant to child support orders and agreements), are insufficient in its opinion for such purposes, and shall take into account such person's accustomed manner of living, age, health, marital status and any other factor it considers important. Income or principal to be paid for a person's Needs or Welfare may be paid to



such individual or applied by the Trustee directly for the benefit of such person. The Trustee may make a distribution or application authorized for a person's Needs or Welfare even if such distribution or application substantially depletes or exhausts such person's trust, without any duty upon the Trustee to retain it for future use or for other persons who might otherwise benefit from such trust.

6. Per Stirpes. In a division "*per stirpes*" each generation shall be represented and counted whether or not it has a living member.

7. Related or Subordinate Party. A "*Related or Subordinate Party*" to a trust describes a beneficiary of the subject trust or a related or subordinate party to a beneficiary of the trust as the terms "related or subordinate party" are defined under Code Section 672(c).

8. Spouse. A person's "*spouse*" includes only a spouse then married to and living as husband and wife with him or her, or a spouse who was married to and living as husband and wife with him or her at his or her death. The following rules apply to each person who is a beneficiary or a permissible appointee under this Trust Agreement and who is married to a descendant of mine. Such a person will cease to be a beneficiary and will be excluded from the class of permissible appointees upon:

- a. the legal termination of the marriage to my descendant (whether before or after my death), or
- b. the death of my descendant if a dissolution of marriage proceeding was pending when he or she died.

The trust will be administered as if that person had died upon the happening of the terminating event described above.

9. Gender, Number. Where appropriate, words of any gender include all genders and the singular and plural are interchangeable.

F. Powers of Appointment. Property subject to a power of appointment shall be paid to, or retained by the Trustee or paid to any trustee under any will or trust agreement for the benefit of, such one or more permissible appointees, in such amounts and proportions, granting such interests, powers and powers of appointment, and upon such conditions including spendthrift provisions as the holder of such power (i) in the case of a power exercisable upon the death of such holder, appoints in his or her will or in a trust agreement revocable by him or her until his or her death, or (ii) in the case of a power exercisable during the life of such holder, appoints in a written instrument signed by such holder, two witnesses and a notary public, but in either case only if such will, trust agreement, or instrument specifically refers to such power.

G. Limitations on Powers of Trustee. Regardless of anything herein to the contrary, no Trustee shall make or participate in making any distribution of income or principal of a trust to or for the benefit of a beneficiary which would directly or indirectly discharge any legal obligation of such



Trustee or a donor of such trust (as an individual, and other than myself as donor) to support such beneficiary; and no Trustee (other than myself) shall make or participate in making any discretionary distribution of income or principal to or for the benefit of himself or herself other than for his or her Needs, including by reason of a determination to terminate a trust described herein. For example, if a Trustee (other than myself) has the power to distribute income or principal to himself or herself for his or her own Welfare, such Trustee (the "restricted Trustee") shall only have the power to make or participate in making a distribution of income or principal to the restricted Trustee for the restricted Trustee's Needs, although any co-Trustee who is not also a restricted Trustee may make or participate in making a distribution of income or principal to the restricted Trustee for such restricted Trustee's Welfare without the participation or consent of said restricted Trustee.

**H. Presumption of Survivorship.** If any person shall be required to survive another person in order to take any interest under this Agreement, the former person shall be deemed to have predeceased the latter person, if such persons die under circumstances which make it difficult or impracticable to determine which one died first.

**I. Governing Law.** This Agreement is governed by the law of the State of Florida.

**J. Other Beneficiary Designations.** Except as otherwise explicitly and with particularity provided herein, (a) no provision of this trust shall revoke or modify any beneficiary designation of mine made by me and not revoked by me prior to my death under any individual retirement account, other retirement plan or account, or annuity or insurance contract, (b) I hereby reaffirm any such beneficiary designation such that any assets held in such account, plan, or contract shall pass in accordance with such designation, and (c) regardless of anything herein to the contrary, any of such assets which would otherwise pass pursuant to this trust due to the beneficiary designation not having met the requirements for a valid testamentary disposition under applicable law or otherwise shall be paid as a gift made hereunder to the persons and in the manner provided in such designation which is incorporated herein by this reference.

**K. Release of Medical Information.**

**1. Disability of Beneficiary.** Upon the written request of a Trustee (with or without the concurrence of co-Trustees) issued to any current income or principal beneficiary (including discretionary beneficiaries and myself if a beneficiary) for whom a determination of Disability is relevant to the administration of a trust hereunder and for whom a Trustee (with or without the concurrence of co-Trustees) desires to make such a determination, such beneficiary shall issue to all Trustees (who shall be identified thereon both by name to the extent known and by class description) a valid authorization under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and any other applicable or successor law authorizing all health care providers and all medical sources of such requested beneficiary to release protected health information of the requested beneficiary to all Trustees that is relevant to the determination of the Disability of the requested beneficiary as Disability is defined hereunder. The period of each such valid authorization shall be for six months (or the earlier death of the requested



beneficiary). If such beneficiary (or his or her legal representative if such beneficiary is a minor or legally disabled) refuses within thirty days of receipt of the request to provide a valid authorization, or at any time revokes an authorization within its term, the Trustee shall treat such beneficiary as Disabled hereunder until such valid authorization is delivered.

2. Disability of Trustee. Upon the request to a Trustee that is an individual by (a) a co-Trustee, or if none, (b) the person or entity next designated to serve as a successor Trustee not under legal incapacity, or if none, (c) any adult current income or principal beneficiary not under legal incapacity, or in any event and at any time (d) a court of competent jurisdiction, such Trustee shall issue to such person and all persons, courts of competent jurisdiction, and entities (who shall be identified thereon both by name to the extent known and by class description), with authority hereunder to determine such requested Trustee's Disability, a valid authorization under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and any other applicable or successor law authorizing all health care providers and all medical sources of such requested Trustee to release protected health information of the requested Trustee to such persons, courts and entities, that is relevant to the determination of the Disability of the requested Trustee as Disability is defined hereunder. The period of each such valid authorization shall be for six months (or the earlier death or resignation of the requested Trustee). If such requested Trustee refuses within thirty days of receipt of the request to deliver a valid authorization, or at any time revokes an authorization within its term, such requested Trustee shall thereupon be treated as having resigned as Trustee hereunder.

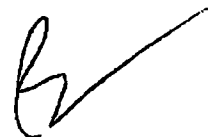
3. Ability to Amend or Revoke. The foregoing provisions of this paragraph shall not constitute a restriction on myself to amend or revoke the terms of this trust instrument under paragraph LA hereof, provided I otherwise have legal capacity to do so.

4. Authorization to Issue Certificate. All required authorizations under this paragraph shall include the power of a physician or psychiatrist to issue a written certificate to the appropriate persons or entities as provided in Subparagraph III.E.3 hereof.

#### ARTICLE IV. FIDUCIARIES

A. Powers of the Trustee. During my life except while I am Disabled, the Trustee shall exercise all powers provided by law and the following powers, other than the power to retain assets, only with my written approval. While I am Disabled and after my death, the Trustee shall exercise said powers without approval, provided that the Trustee shall exercise all powers in a fiduciary capacity.

1. Investments. To sell or exchange at public or private sale and on credit or otherwise, with or without security, and to lease for any term or perpetually, any property, real and personal, at any time forming a part of the trust estate (the "*estate*"); to grant and exercise options to buy or sell; to invest or reinvest in real or personal property of every kind, description and location; and to receive and retain any such property whether originally a part of any trust herein created or subsequently acquired, even if the Trustee is personally interested in such property, and without liability for any





decline in the value thereof; all without limitation by any statutes or judicial decisions whenever enacted or announced, regulating investments or requiring diversification of investments, it being my intention to give the broadest investment powers and discretion to the Trustee. Any bank, trust company, or other corporate trustee serving hereunder as Trustee is authorized to invest in its own common trust funds.

2. Special Investments. The Trustee is expressly authorized (but not directed) to retain, make, hold, and dispose of investments not regarded as traditional for trusts, including interests or investments in privately held business and investment entities and enterprises, including without limitation stock in closely held corporations, limited partnership interests, joint venture interests, mutual funds, business trust interests, and limited liability company membership interests, notwithstanding (a) any applicable prudent investor rule or variation thereof, (b) common law or statutory diversification requirements (it being my intent that no such duty to diversify shall exist) (c) a lack of current cash flow therefrom, (d) the presence of any risk or speculative elements as compared to other available investments (it being my intent that the Trustee have sole and absolute discretion in determining what constitutes acceptable risk and what constitutes proper investment strategy), (e) lack of a reasonable rate of return, (f) risks to the preservation of principal, (g) violation of a Trustee's duty of impartiality as to different beneficiaries (it being my intent that no such duty exists for this purpose), and (h) similar limitations on investment under this Agreement or under law pertaining to investments that may or should be made by a Trustee (including without limitation the provisions of Fla.Stats. §518.11 and successor provisions thereto that would characterize such investments as forbidden, imprudent, improper or unlawful). The Trustee shall not be responsible to any trust created hereunder or the beneficiaries thereof for any loss resulting from any such authorized investment, including without limitation loss engendered by the higher risk element of that particular entity, investment, or enterprise, the failure to invest in more conservative investments, the failure to diversify trust assets, the prudent investor rule or variant thereof. Notwithstanding any provisions for distributions to beneficiaries hereunder, if the Trustee determines that the future potential investment return from any illiquid or closely held investment asset warrants the retention of that investment asset or that sufficient value could not be obtained from the sale or other disposition of an illiquid or closely held investment asset, the Trustee is authorized to retain that asset and if necessary reduce the distributions to beneficiaries due to lack of sufficient liquid or marketable assets. However, the preceding provisions of this Subparagraph shall not be exercised in a manner as to jeopardize the availability of the estate tax marital deduction for assets passing to or held in the a trust for my surviving spouse or that would otherwise qualify for the estate tax marital deduction but for such provisions, shall not override any express powers hereunder of my surviving spouse to demand conversion of unproductive property to productive property, or reduce any income distributions otherwise required hereunder for a trust held for the benefit of my surviving spouse or a "qualified subchapter S trust" as that term is defined in Code Section 1361(d)(3).

3. Distributions. To make any division or distribution pro rata or non-pro rata, in cash or in kind, and to allocate undivided interests in property and dissimilar property (without regard to its tax basis) to different shares.

4. Management. To manage, develop, improve, partition or change the character of an asset or interest in property at any time; and to make ordinary and extraordinary repairs, replacements, alterations and improvements, structural or otherwise.

5. Borrowing. To borrow money from anyone on commercially reasonable terms, including entities owned in whole or in part by the trust, a Trustee, beneficiaries and other persons who may have a direct or indirect interest in a Trust; and to mortgage, margin, encumber and pledge real and personal property of a trust as security for the payment thereof, without incurring any personal liability thereon and to do so for a term within or extending beyond the terms of the trust and to renew, modify or extend existing borrowing on similar or different terms and with the same or different security without incurring any personal liability; and such borrowing from a Trustee may be with or without interest, and may be secured with a lien on trust assets.

6. Lending. To extend, modify or waive the terms of any obligation, bond or mortgage at any time forming a part of a trust and to foreclose any such mortgage; accept a conveyance of encumbered property, and take title to the property securing it by deed in lieu of foreclosure or otherwise and to satisfy or not satisfy the indebtedness securing said property; to protect or redeem any such property from forfeiture for nonpayment of taxes or other lien; generally, to exercise as to such bond, obligation or mortgage all powers that an absolute owner might exercise; and to loan funds to beneficiaries at commercially reasonable rates, terms and conditions.

7. Abandonment of Property. To abandon any property or asset when it is valueless or so encumbered or in such condition that it is of no benefit to a trust. To abstain from the payment of taxes, liens, rents, assessments, or repairs on such property and/or permit such property to be lost by tax sale, foreclosure or other proceeding or by conveyance for nominal or no consideration to anyone including a charity or by escheat to a state; all without personal liability incurred therefor.

8. Real Property Matters. To subdivide, develop or partition real estate; to purchase or sell real property and to enter into contracts to do the same; to dedicate the same to public use; to make or obtain the location of any plats; to adjust boundaries; to adjust differences in valuations on exchange or partition by giving or receiving consideration; and, to grant easements with or without consideration as the fiduciaries may determine; and to demolish any building, structures, walls and improvements, or to erect new buildings, structures, walls and improvements and to insure against fire and other risks; and to protect and conserve, or to lease, or to encumber, or otherwise to manage and dispose of real property to the extent such power is not otherwise granted herein or otherwise restricted herein.

9. Claims. To enforce, compromise, adjust, arbitrate, release or otherwise settle or pay any claims or demands by or against a trust.

10. Business Entities. To deal with any business entity or enterprise even if a Trustee is or may be a fiduciary of or own interests in said business entity or enterprise, whether operated in the form of a corporation, partnership, business trust, limited liability company, joint venture, sole

proprietorship, or other form (all of which business entities and enterprises are referred to herein as "*Business Entities*"). I vest the Trustee with the following powers and authority in regard to Business Entities:

a. To retain and continue to operate a Business Entity for such period as the Trustee deems advisable;

b. To control, direct and manage the Business Entities. In this connection, the Trustee, in its sole discretion, shall determine the manner and extent of its active participation in the operation and may delegate all or any part of its power to supervise and operate to such person or persons as the Trustee may select, including any associate, partner, officer or employee of the Business Entity;

c. To hire and discharge officers and employees, fix their compensation and define their duties; and similarly to employ, compensate and discharge agents, attorneys, consultants, accountants, and such other representatives as the Trustee may deem appropriate; including the right to employ any beneficiary or fiduciary in any of the foregoing capacities;

d. To invest funds in the Business Entities, to pledge other assets of a trust as security for loans made to the Business Entities, and to lend funds from a trust to the Business Entities;

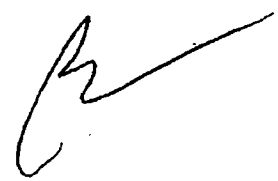
e. To organize one or more Business Entities under the laws of this or any other state or country and to transfer thereto all or any part of the Business Entities or other property of a trust, and to receive in exchange such stocks, bonds, partnership and member interests, and such other securities or interests as the Trustee may deem advisable;

f. To treat Business Entities as separate from a trust. In a Trustee's accounting to any beneficiary, the Trustee shall only be required to report the earnings and condition of the Business Entities in accordance with standard business accounting practice;

g. To retain in Business Entities such net earnings for working capital and other purposes of the Business Entities as the Trustee may deem advisable in conformity with sound business practice;

h. To sell or liquidate all or any part of the Business Entities at such time and price and upon such terms and conditions (including credit) as the Trustee may determine. My Trustee is specifically authorized and empowered to make such sale to any person, including any partner, officer, or employee of the Business Entities, a fiduciary, or to any beneficiary; and

i. To guaranty the obligations of the Business Entities, or pledge assets of a trust to secure such a guaranty.



11. Principal and Income. To allocate items of income or expense between income and principal as permitted or provided by the laws of the State of Florida but without limiting the availability of the estate tax marital deduction, provided, unless otherwise provided in this instrument, the Trustee shall establish out of income and credit to principal reasonable reserves for depreciation, obsolescence and depletion, determined to be equitable and fair in accordance with some recognized reasonable and preferably uncomplicated trust accounting principle and; provided, further that the Trustee shall not be required to provide a rate of return on unproductive property unless otherwise provided in this instrument.

12. Life Insurance. With respect to any life insurance policies constituting an asset of a trust, to pay premiums; to apply dividends in reduction of such premiums; to borrow against the cash values thereof; to convert such policies into other forms of insurance, including paid-up insurance; to exercise any settlement options provided in any such policies; to receive the proceeds of any policy upon its maturity and to administer such proceeds as a part of the principal of the Trust; and in general, to exercise all other options, benefits, rights and privileges under such policies.

13. Continuing Power. To continue to have or exercise, after the termination of a trust, in whole or in part, and until final distribution thereof, all title, power, discretions, rights and duties conferred or imposed upon the Trustee by law or by this Agreement or during the existence of the trust.

14. Exoneration. To provide for the exoneration of the Trustee from any personal liability on account of any arrangement or contract entered into in a fiduciary capacity.

15. Agreements. To comply with, amend, modify or rescind any agreement made during my lifetime, including those regarding the disposition, management or continuation of any closely held unincorporated business, corporation, partnership or joint venture, and including the power to complete contracts to purchase and sell real estate.

16. Voting. To vote and give proxies, with power of substitution to vote, stocks, bonds and other securities, or not to vote a security.

17. Combination of Shares. To hold the several shares of a trust or several Trusts as a common fund, dividing the income proportionately among them, to assign undivided interests to the several shares or Trusts, and to make joint investments of the funds belonging to them. For such purposes and insofar as may be practicable, the Trustee, to the extent that division of the trust estate is directed hereby, may administer the trust estate physically undivided until actual division thereof becomes necessary to make distributions. The Trustee may hold, manage, invest and account for whole or fractional trust shares as a single estate, making the division thereof by appropriate entries in the books of account only, and may allocate to each whole or fractional trust share its proportionate part of all receipts and expenses; provided, however, this carrying of several Trusts as a single estate shall not defer the vesting in possession of any whole or fractional share of a trust for the beneficiaries thereof at the times specified herein.



18. Reimbursement. To reimburse itself from a trust for reasonable expenses incurred in the administration thereof.

19. Reliance Upon Communication. To rely, in acting under a trust, upon any letter, notice, certificate, report, statement, document or other paper, or upon any telephone, telegraph, cable, wireless or radio message, if believed by the Trustee to be genuine, and to be signed, sealed, acknowledged, presented, sent, delivered or given by or on behalf of the proper person, firm or corporation, without incurring liability for any action or inaction based thereon.

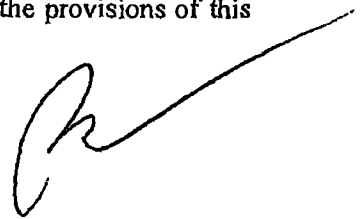
20. Assumptions. To assume, in the absence of written notice to the contrary from the person or persons concerned, that a fact or an event, by reason of which an interest or estate under a trust shall commence or terminate, does not exist or has not occurred, without incurring liability for any action or inaction based upon such assumption.

21. Service as Custodian. To serve as successor custodian for any beneficiary of any gifts that I may have made under any Transfer to Minors Act, if at the time of my death no custodian is named in the instrument creating the gift.

22. Removal of Assets. The Trustee may remove from the domiciliary state during the entire duration of a trust or for such lesser period as it may deem advisable, any cash, securities or other property at any time in its hands whether principal or not, and to take and keep the same outside the domiciliary state and at such place or places within or outside the borders of the United States as it may determine, without in any event being chargeable for any loss or depreciation to the trust which may result therefrom.

23. Change of Situs. The situs and/or applicable law of any trust created hereunder may be transferred to such other place as the Trustee may deem to be for the best interests of the trust estate. In so doing, the Trustee may resign and appoint a successor Trustee, but may remove such successor Trustee so appointed and appoint others. Each successor Trustee may delegate any and all fiduciary powers, discretionary and ministerial, to the appointing Trustee as its agent.

24. Fiduciary Outside Domiciliary State. In the event the Trustee shall not be able and willing to act as Trustee with respect to any property located outside the domiciliary state, the Trustee, without order of court, may appoint another individual or corporation (including any employee or agent of any appointing Trustee) to act as Trustee with respect to such property. Such appointed Trustee shall have all of the powers and discretions with respect to such property as are herein given to the appointing Trustee with respect to the remaining trust assets. The appointing Trustee may remove such appointed Trustee and appoint another upon ten (10) days notice in writing. All income from such property, and if such property is sold, exchanged or otherwise disposed of, the proceeds thereof, shall be remitted to the appointing Trustee, to be held and administered by it as Trustee hereunder. Such appointed Trustee may employ the appointing Trustee as agent in the administration of such property. No surety shall be required on the bond of the Trustee or agent acting under the provisions of this



paragraph. No periodic court accounting shall be required of such appointed Trustee, it being my intention to excuse any statutory accounting which may ordinarily be required.

25. Additions. To receive and accept additions to the Trusts in cash or in kind from donors, executors, administrators, Trustee or attorneys in fact, including additions of my property by the Trustee or others as my attorneys in fact.

26. Title and Possession. To have title to and possession of all real or personal property held in the Trusts, and to register or hold title to such property in its own name or in the name of its nominee, without disclosing its fiduciary capacity, or in bearer form.

27. Dealing with Estates. To use principal of the Trusts to make loans to my estate, with or without interest, and to make purchases from my estate.

28. Agents. To employ persons, including attorneys, auditors, investment advisers, and agents, even if they are the Trustee or associated with the Trustee, to advise or assist the Trustee in the performance of its administrative duties and to pay compensation and costs incurred in connection with such employment from the assets of the Trust; to act without independent investigation upon their recommendations; and, instead of acting personally, to employ one or more agents to perform any act of administration, whether or not discretionary.

29. Tax Elections. To file tax returns, and to exercise all tax-related elections and options at its discretion, without compensating adjustments or reimbursements between any of the Trusts or any of the trust accounts or any beneficiaries.

B. Resignation. A Trustee may resign with or without cause, by giving no less than 30 days advance written notice, specifying the effective date of such resignation, to its successor Trustee and to the persons required and in the manner provided under Fla.Stats. §§736.0705(1)(a) and 736.0109. As to any required recipient, deficiencies in fulfilling the foregoing resignation requirements may be waived in a writing signed by such recipient. Upon the resignation of a Trustee, such Trustee shall be entitled to reimbursement from the trust for all reasonable expenses incurred in the settlement of accounts and in the transfer of assets to his or her successor.

C. Appointment of Successor Trustee.

1. Appointment. Upon a Trustee's resignation, or if a Trustee becomes Disabled or for any reason ceases to serve as Trustee, I may appoint any person or persons as successor Trustee, and in default of such appointment by me, ROBERT L. SPALLINA and DONALD R. TESCHER shall serve together as successor co-Trustees, or either of them alone as Trustee if either of them is unable to serve. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a named Trustee is not a U.S. citizen or resident at the time of commencement of his term as Trustee, such Trustee should give due consideration to declining to serve to avoid potential adverse U.S. income tax consequences by reason of the characterization of a trust



hereunder as a foreign trust under the Code, but shall not be construed to have any duty to so decline if such Trustee desires to serve.

2. Specific Trusts. Notwithstanding the preceding provisions of this Subparagraph IV.C, subsequent to my death I specifically appoint the following person or persons as Trustee of the following Trusts under the following described circumstances provided that the foregoing appointments shall apply when and to the extent that no effective appointment is made below:

a. Trustee of Separate Trusts for My Grandchildren. Each grandchild of mine shall serve as co-Trustee with the immediate parent of such grandchild which parent is also a child of mine as to all separate trusts under which such grandchild is the sole current mandatory or discretionary income beneficiary upon attaining the age of twenty-five (25) years, and shall serve as sole Trustee of such trusts upon attaining the age of thirty-five (35) years. While serving alone as Trustee, a grandchild of mine may designate a co-Trustee that is not a Related or Subordinate Party to serve with such grandchild and such grandchild may remove and/or replace such co-Trustee with another that is not a Related or Subordinate Party from time to time.

b. Trustee of Separate Trusts for My Lineal Descendants Other Than My Grandchildren. In regard to a separate trust held for a lineal descendant of mine other than a grandchild of mine which lineal descendant is the sole current mandatory or discretionary income beneficiary, each such lineal descendant shall serve as co-Trustee, or sole Trustee if the preceding described Trustees cease or are unable to serve or to continue to serve, of his or her separate trust upon attaining age twenty-five (25) years. While serving alone as Trustee, a lineal descendant of mine other than a grandchild of mine may designate a co-Trustee to serve with such lineal descendant and such lineal descendant may remove and/or replace such co-Trustee with another from time to time.

3. Successor Trustees Not Provided For. Whenever a successor Trustee or co-Trustee is required and no successor or other functioning mechanism for succession is provided for under the terms of this Trust Agreement, the last serving Trustee or the last person or entity designated to serve as Trustee of the applicable trust may appoint his or her successor, and if none is so appointed, the following persons shall appoint a successor Trustee (who may be one of the persons making the appointment):

a. The remaining Trustees, if any; otherwise,

b. A majority of the permissible current mandatory or discretionary income beneficiaries, including the natural or legal guardians of any beneficiaries who are Disabled.

A successor Trustee appointed under this subparagraph shall not be a Related or Subordinate Party of the trust. The appointment will be by a written document executed by such person in the presence of two witnesses and acknowledged before a notary public delivered to the appointed Trustee and to me if I am living and not Disabled or in a valid last Will. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a designation under this Subparagraph of a successor trustee to a corporate or entity trustee shall be limited to a corporate or

entity trustee authorized to serve as such under Florida law with assets under trust management of no less than one billion dollars.

4. Power to Remove Trustee. Subsequent to my death, the age 35 or older permissible current mandatory or discretionary income beneficiaries from time to time of any trust established hereunder shall have the power to unanimously remove a Trustee of such trust at any time with or without cause, other than a named Trustee or successor Trustee designated hereunder, or a Trustee appointed by me during my lifetime or under my Will or otherwise at the time of my death, with the successor Trustee to be determined in accordance with the foregoing provisions.

D. Method of Appointment of Trustee. Any such appointment of a successor Trustee by a person shall be made in a written instrument executed by such person in the presence of two witnesses and acknowledged before a notary public which is delivered to such appointed Trustee during the lifetime of the person making such appointment, or any such appointment of a successor Trustee by a person may be made under the last Will of such person.

E. Limitations on Removal and Replacement Power. Any power to remove and/or replace a trustee hereunder that is granted to an individual (including such power when reserved to me) is personal to that individual and may not be exercised by a guardian, power of attorney holder, or other legal representative or agent.

F. Successor Fiduciaries. No Trustee is responsible for, nor has any duty to inquire into, the administration, acts or omissions of any executor, administrator, Personal Representative, or trustee or attorney-in-fact adding property to these Trusts, or of any predecessor Trustee. Each successor Trustee has all the powers, privileges, immunities, rights and title (without the execution of any instrument of transfer or any other act by any retiring Trustee) and all the duties of all predecessors.

G. Liability and Indemnification of Trustee.

1. Liability in General. No individual Trustee (that is, a Trustee that is not a corporation or other entity) shall be liable for any of his or her actions or failures to act as Trustee, even if the individual Trustee is found by a court to have been negligent or in breach of fiduciary duty, except for liability caused by his or her actions or failures to act done in bad faith or with reckless indifference to the purposes of the trust or the interests of the beneficiaries. Each Trustee that is a corporation or other entity will be liable for its actions or failures to act that are negligent or that breach its fiduciary duty, without contribution by any individual Trustee.

2. Indemnification of Trustee. Except in regard to liabilities imposed on a Trustee under Subparagraph IV.G.1, each Trustee shall be held harmless and indemnified from the assets of the trust for any liability, damages, attorney's fees, expenses, and costs incurred as a result of its service as Trustee. A Trustee who ceases to serve for any reason will be entitled to receive reasonable security from the assets of the trust to protect it from liability, and may enforce these provisions for indemnification against the current Trustee or against any assets held in the trust, or if the former Trustee is an individual





and not a corporation or other entity, against any beneficiary to the extent of distributions received by that beneficiary. This indemnification right extends to the estate, personal representatives, legal successors and assigns of a Trustee.

3. Indemnification of Trustee - Additional Provisions. I recognize that if a beneficiary accuses a Trustee of wrongdoing or breach of fiduciary duty, the Trustee may have a conflict of interest that ordinarily would prevent it from paying legal fees and costs from the trust estate to defend itself. I do not want to put a financial burden on any individual named to serve as a Trustee. Just as important, I do not want an individual who has been selected to serve as a Trustee to be reluctant to accept the position, or while serving to be intimidated in the performance of the Trustee's duties because of the threats of lawsuits that might force the Trustee to pay fees and costs from the Trustee's personal resources. For this reason, I deliberately and intentionally waive any such conflict of interest with respect to any individual serving as Trustee so that he or she can hire counsel to defend himself or herself against allegations of wrongdoing or if sued for any reason (whether by a beneficiary or by someone else) and pay all fees and costs for his or her defense from the trust estate until the dispute is resolved. I understand and agree that a court may award, disallow or allocate fees and costs in whole or in part after the dispute is resolved, as provided by law. The Trustee will account for all such fees and costs paid by it as provided by law. This provision shall not apply to any Trustee that is a corporation or other entity.

H. Compensation, Bond. Each Trustee is entitled to be paid reasonable compensation for services rendered in the administration of the trust. Reasonable compensation for a non-individual Trustee will be its published fee schedule in effect when its services are rendered unless otherwise agreed in writing, and except as follows. Any fees paid to a non-individual Trustee for making principal distributions, for termination of the trust, and upon termination of its services must be based solely on the value of its services rendered, not on the value of the trust principal. During my lifetime the Trustee's fees are to be charged wholly against income (to the extent sufficient), unless directed otherwise by me in writing. Each Trustee shall serve without bond.

I. Maintenance of Records. The Trustee shall maintain accurate accounts and records. It shall render annual statements of the receipts and disbursements of income and principal of a trust upon the written request of any adult vested beneficiary of such trust or the guardian of the person of any vested beneficiary and the approval of such beneficiary shall be binding upon all persons then or thereafter interested in such trust as to the matters and transactions shown on such statement. The Trustee may at any time apply for a judicial settlement of any account. No Trustee shall be required to file any statutory or other periodic accountings of the administration of a trust.

J. Interested Trustee. The Trustee may act under this Agreement even if interested in these Trusts in an individual capacity, as a fiduciary of another trust or estate (including my estate) or in any other capacity. The Trustee may in good faith enter into a sale, encumbrance, or other transaction involving the investment or management of trust property for the Trustee's own personal account or which is otherwise affected by a conflict between the Trustee's fiduciary and personal interests, without liability and without being voidable by a beneficiary. The Trustee is specifically authorized to make loans to, to receive loans from, or to sell, purchase or exchange assets in a transaction with (i) the



Trustee's spouse, (ii) the Trustee's children or grandchildren, siblings, parents, or spouses of such persons, (iii) an officer, director, employee, agent, or attorney of the Trustee, or (iv) a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or other business entity in which the Trustee has a financial interest, provided that in any transaction the trusts hereunder receive fair and adequate consideration in money or money's worth. The Trustee may renounce any interest or expectancy of a trust in, or an opportunity to participate in, specified business opportunities or specified classes or categories of business opportunities that are presented to the Trustee. Such renunciation shall not prohibit the Trustee from participating in the Trustee's individual capacity in such opportunity or expectancy.

**K. Third Parties.** No one dealing with the Trustee need inquire into its authority or its application of property.

**L. Merger of Trusts.** If the Trustee is also trustee of a trust established by myself or another person by will or trust agreement, the beneficiaries to whom income and principal may then be paid and then operative terms of which are substantially the same as those of a trust held under this Agreement, the Trustee in its discretion may merge either such trust into the other trust. The Trustee, in exercising its discretion, shall consider economy of administration, convenience to the beneficiaries, tax consequences and any other factor it considers important. If it is later necessary to reestablish the merged trust as separate trusts, it shall be divided proportionately to the value of each trust at the time of merger.

**M. Multiple Trustees.** If two Trustees are serving at any time, any power or discretion of the Trustees may be exercised only by their joint agreement. Either Trustee may delegate to the other Trustee the authority to act on behalf of both Trustees and to exercise any power held by the Trustees. If more than two Trustees are serving at any time, and unless unanimous agreement is specifically required by the terms of this Trust Agreement, any power or discretion of the Trustees may be exercised only by a majority. The Trustees may delegate to any one or more of themselves the authority to act on behalf of all the Trustees and to exercise any power held by the Trustees. Trustees who consent to the delegation of authority to other Trustees will be liable for the consequences of the actions of those other Trustees as if the consenting Trustees had joined the other Trustees in performing those actions. A dissenting Trustee who did not consent to the delegation of authority to another Trustee and who has not joined in the exercise of a power or discretion cannot be held liable for the consequences of the exercise. A dissenting Trustee who joins only at the direction of the majority will not be liable for the consequences of the exercise if the dissent is expressed in writing delivered to any of the other Trustees before the exercise of that power or discretion.

#### ARTICLE V. ADDITIONAL TAX AND RELATED MATTERS

**A. GST Trusts.** I direct (a) that the Trustee shall divide any trust to which there is allocated any GST exemption into two separate Trusts (each subject to the provisions hereof) so that the generation-skipping tax inclusion ratio of one such trust is zero, (b) any property exempt from generation-skipping taxation shall be divided as otherwise provided herein and held for the same persons



designated in Trusts separate from any property then also so divided which is not exempt from generation-skipping taxation, and (c) if upon the death of a beneficiary a taxable termination would otherwise occur with respect to any property held in trust for him or her with an inclusion ratio greater than zero, such beneficiary shall have with respect only to such property a power to appoint such fractional share thereof which if included in such beneficiary's gross estate for federal estate tax purposes (without allowing any deduction with respect to such share) would not be taxed at the highest federal estate tax rate and such fractional share of such property shall be distributed to such persons including only such beneficiary's estate, spouse, and issue, as such beneficiary may appoint, and any part of a trust such beneficiary does not effectively appoint shall be treated as otherwise provided for disposition upon his or her death, provided, if upon his or her death two or more Trusts for his or her benefit are directed to be divided among and held or distributed for the same persons and the generation-skipping tax inclusion ratio of any such trust is zero, the amount of any other such Trust to which there is allocated any of such beneficiary's GST exemption shall be added to the Trusts with generation-skipping tax inclusion ratios of zero in equal shares. For purposes of funding any pecuniary payment to which there is allocated any GST exemption, such payment shall be satisfied with cash or property which fairly represents appreciation and depreciation (occurring between the valuation date and the date of distribution) in all of the assets from which such distribution could be made, and any pecuniary payment made before a residual transfer of property to which any GST exemption is allocated shall be satisfied with cash or property which fairly represents appreciation and depreciation (occurring between the valuation date and the date of distribution) in all of the assets from which such pecuniary payment could be satisfied and shall be allocated a pro rata share of income earned by all such assets between the valuation date and the date of payment. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, the valuation date with respect to any property shall be the date as of which its value is determined for federal estate tax purposes with respect to the transferor thereof, and subject to the foregoing, property distributed in kind in satisfaction of any pecuniary payment shall be selected on the basis of the value of such property on the valuation date. All terms used in this paragraph which are defined or explained in Chapter 13 of the Code or the regulations thereunder shall have the same meaning when used herein. I request (but do not require) that if two or more Trusts are held hereunder for any person, no principal be paid to such person from the Trusts with the lower inclusion ratios for generation-skipping tax purposes unless the trust with the highest inclusion ratio has been exhausted by use, consumption, distribution or otherwise or is not reasonably available. The Trustee is authorized and directed to comply with the provisions of the Treasury Regulations interpreting the generation skipping tax provisions of the Code in severing or combining any trust, creating or combining separate trust shares, allocating GST exemption, or otherwise, as necessary to best accomplish the foregoing allocations, inclusion ratios, combinations, and divisions, including, without limitation, the payment of "appropriate interest" as determined by the Trustee as that term is applied and used in said Regulations.

**B. Individual Retirement Accounts.** In the event that this trust or any trust created under this Agreement is the beneficiary of an Individual retirement account established and maintained under Code Section 408 or a qualified pension, profit sharing or stock bonus plan established and maintained under Code Section 401 (referred to in this paragraph as "IRA"), the following provisions shall apply to such trust:



1. I intend that the beneficiaries of such trust shall be beneficiaries within the meaning of Code Section 401(a)(9) and the Treasury Regulations thereunder. All provisions of such trust shall be construed consistent with such intent. Accordingly, the following provisions shall apply to such trust:

a. No benefits from any IRA may be used or applied for the payment of any debts, taxes or other claims against my estate as set forth in the later paragraph captioned "Taxes", unless other assets of this trust are not available for such payment.


b. In the event that a beneficiary of any trust created under this Agreement has a testamentary general power of appointment or a limited power of appointment over all or any portion of any trust established under this Agreement, and if such trust is the beneficiary of any benefits from any IRA, the beneficiary shall not appoint any part of such trust to a charitable organization or to a lineal descendant of mine (or a spouse of a lineal descendant of mine) who is older than the beneficiary whose life expectancy is being used to calculate distributions from such IRA.

2. The Trustee shall deliver a copy of this Agreement to the custodian of any IRA of which this trust or any trust created under this Agreement is the named beneficiary within the time period prescribed Code Section 401(a)(9) and the Treasury Regulations thereunder, along with such additional items required thereunder. If the custodian of the IRA changes after a copy of this Agreement has been provided pursuant to the preceding sentence, the Trustee shall immediately provide a copy of this Agreement to the new custodian. The Trustee shall request each custodian to complete a receipt of the Agreement and shall attach such receipt to this Agreement. The Trustee shall provide a copy of each amendment of this Agreement to the custodian and shall obtain a receipt of such amendment.

**C. Gift Transfers Made From Trust During My Lifetime.** I direct that all gift transfers made from the trust during my lifetime be treated for all purposes as if the gift property had been first withdrawn by (or distributed to) me and then transferred by me to the donees involved. Thus, in each instance, even where title to the gift property is transferred directly from the name of the trust (or its nominee) into the name of the donee, such transfer shall be treated for all purposes as first a withdrawal by (or distribution of the property to) me followed by a gift transfer of the property to the donee by me as donor, the Trustee making the actual transfer in my behalf acting as my attorney in fact, this paragraph being, to that extent, a power of attorney from me to the Trustee to make such transfer, which power of attorney shall not be affected by my Disability, incompetence, or incapacity.

**D. Gifts.** If I am Disabled, I authorize the Trustee to make gifts from trust property during my lifetime for estate planning purposes, or to distribute amounts to my legally appointed guardian or to my attorney-in-fact for those purposes, subject to the following limitations:

1. **Recipients.** The gifts may be made only to my lineal descendants or to trusts primarily for their benefit, and in aggregate annual amounts to any one such recipient that do not exceed the exclusion amount provided for under Code Section 2503(b).



2. Trustee Limited. When a person eligible to receive gifts is serving as Trustee, the aggregate of all gifts to that person during the calendar year allowable under the preceding subparagraph 1. shall thereafter not exceed the greater of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000), or five percent (5%) of the aggregate value of the trust estate. However, gifts completed prior to a recipient's commencing to serve as Trustee shall not be affected by this limitation.

3. Charitable Pledges. The Trustee may pay any charitable pledges I made while I was not Disabled (even if not yet due).

**E. Death Costs**. If upon my death the Trustee hold any United States bonds which may be redeemed at par in payment of federal estate tax, the Trustee shall pay the federal estate tax due because of my death up to the amount of the par value of such bonds and interest accrued thereon at the time of payment. The Trustee shall also pay from the trust all of my following death costs, but if there is an acting executor, administrator or Personal Representative of my estate my Trustee shall pay only such amounts of such costs as such executor, administrator or Personal Representative directs:

1. my debts which are allowed as claims against my estate,
2. my funeral expenses without regard to legal limitations,
3. the expenses of administering my estate,
4. the balance of the estate, inheritance and other death taxes (excluding generation-skipping transfer taxes unless arising from direct skips), and interest and penalties thereon, due because of my death with respect to all property whether or not passing under my Will or this Agreement (other than property over which I have a power of appointment granted to me by another person, and qualified terminable interest property which is not held in a trust that was subject to an election under Code Section 2652(a)(3) at or about the time of its funding) and life insurance proceeds on policies insuring my life which proceeds are not held under this trust or my probate estate at or by reason of my death), and
5. any gifts made in my Will or any Codicil thereto.

The Trustee may make any such payment either to my executor, administrator or Personal Representative or directly to the proper party. The Trustee shall not be reimbursed for any such payment, and is not responsible for the correctness or application of the amounts so paid at the direction of my executor, administrator, or Personal Representative. The Trustee shall not pay any of such death costs with any asset which would not otherwise be included in my gross estate for federal or state estate or inheritance tax purposes, or with any asset which otherwise cannot be so used, such as property received under a limited power of appointment which prohibits such use. Further, no payment of any such death costs shall be charged against or paid from the tangible personal property disposed of pursuant to the prior paragraph captioned "Disposition of Tangible Personal Property."

F. **Subchapter S Stock.** Regardless of anything herein to the contrary, in the event that after my death the principal of a trust includes stock in a corporation for which there is a valid election to be treated under the provisions of Subchapter S of the Code, the income beneficiary of such a trust is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident for federal income tax purposes, and such trust is not an "electing small business trust" under Code Section 1361(e)(1) in regard to that corporation, the Trustee shall (a) hold such stock as a substantially separate and independent share of such trust within the meaning of Code Section 663(c), which share shall otherwise be subject to all of the terms of this Agreement, (b) distribute all of the income of such share to the one income beneficiary thereof in annual or more frequent installments, (c) upon such beneficiary's death, pay all accrued or undistributed income of such share to the beneficiary's estate, (d) distribute principal from such share during the lifetime of the income beneficiary only to such beneficiary, notwithstanding any powers of appointment granted to any person including the income beneficiary, and (e) otherwise administer such share in a manner that qualifies it as a "qualified Subchapter S trust" as that term is defined in Code Section 1361(d)(3), and shall otherwise manage and administer such share as provided under this Agreement to the extent not inconsistent with the foregoing provisions of this paragraph.

G. **Residence as Homestead.** I reserve the right to reside upon any real property placed in this trust as my permanent residence during my life, it being the intent of this provision to retain for myself the requisite beneficial interest and possessory right in and to such real property to comply with Section 196.041 of the Florida Statutes such that said beneficial interest and possessory right constitute in all respects "equitable title to real estate" as that term is used in Section 6, Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Florida. Notwithstanding anything contained in this trust to the contrary, for purposes of the homestead exemption under the laws of the State of Florida, my interest in any real property in which I reside pursuant to the provisions of this trust shall be deemed to be an interest in real property and not personalty and shall be deemed my homestead.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Amended and Restated Trust Agreement on the date first above written.

SETTLOR and TRUSTEE:

*[Handwritten signature of Simon L. Bernstein]*

SIMON L. BERNSTEIN

This instrument was signed by SIMON L. BERNSTEIN in our presence, and at the request of and in the presence of SIMON L. BERNSTEIN and each other, we subscribe our names as witnesses on this 21 day of July, 2012:

*[Handwritten signature of Robert L. Spallina]*  
Print Name: ROBERT L. SPALLINA  
Address: 7387 WISTERIA AVENUE  
PARKLAND, FL 33076

*[Handwritten signature of Kimberly Moran]*  
Print Name: Kimberly Moran  
Address: 6362 Las Flores Drive  
Boca Raton, FL 33433

STATE OF FLORIDA

SS.

COUNTY OF PALM BEACH

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 25 day of July, 2012, by SIMON L. BERNSTEIN.

*[Handwritten signature of Lindsay Baxley]*  
Signature - Notary Public - State of Florida  
Lindsay Baxley  
Print, type or stamp name of Notary Public

[Seal with Commission Expiration Date]

NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF FLORIDA  
Lindsay Baxley  
Commission # EE092282  
Expires: MAY 10, 2015  
BONDED THRU ATLANTIC BONDING CO., INC.

Personally Known \_\_\_\_\_ or Produced Identification \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Identification Produced \_\_\_\_\_

SIMON L. BERNSTEIN  
AMENDED AND RESTATED TRUST AGREEMENT

# **EXHIBIT B**

**DONALD R. TESCHER, ESQ. LETTER DATED JANUARY 14, 2014**



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January 14, 2014

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**Re: Estates and Trusts of Shirley Bernstein and Simon Bernstein**

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

It has been brought to my attention that a document was prepared in our office that altered the disposition of the Shirley Bernstein Trust subsequent to Simon Bernstein's death. Information provided to me appears to indicate that there were two versions of the First Amendment to the Shirley Bernstein Trust Agreement, both executed on November 18, 2008. Under one version the children of Pam Simon and Ted Bernstein would not be permissible appointees of Simon Bernstein's exercise of the power of appointment while under the second version that restriction was removed. As you all know, Simon Bernstein's dispositive plan, expressed to all of you during his lifetime on a conference call, was to distribute the Estate to all ten of his grandchildren. That was the basis upon which the administration was moving forward.

Under the Shirley Bernstein Trust, there is a definition of children and lineal descendants. That definition excluded Pam Simon, Ted Bernstein and their respective children from inheriting. The document also contained a special Power of Appointment for Simon wherein he could appoint the assets of the Trust for Shirley's lineal descendants. Based upon the definition of children and lineal descendants, the Power of Appointment could not be exercised in favor of Pam Simon, Ted Bernstein or their respective children, although we believe it was Simon Bernstein's wish to provide equally for all of his grandchildren.

On November 18, 2008, it does appear from the information that I have reviewed that Shirley Bernstein executed a First Amendment to her trust agreement. The document as executed appears to make only one relatively minor modification to her trust disposition by eliminating a specific gift to Ted

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Bernstein Family  
January 14, 2014  
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Bernstein's stepson. In January of 2013 a First Amendment to the Shirley Bernstein Trust Agreement was provided to Christine Yates, Esq. who, at that time, was representing Eliot Bernstein. The document provided contained a paragraph number 2 which modified the definitional language in Shirley's document so as to permit, by deleting the words "and their respective lineal descendants" from the definition, an exercise of the power of appointment by Simon Bernstein over the Shirley Bernstein Trust to pass equally to all ten grandchildren rather than only six of the grandchildren.

By virtue of The Florida Bar Rules of Professional Conduct, I am duty bound to provide this information to you. Obviously, as a result of the issues and ramifications raised by the allegations, my firm must resign from further representation in all matters relating to the Estates and Trusts of Simon Bernstein and Shirley Bernstein. Furthermore, it is my intent, and I assume also the intent of Robert Spallina, to tender our resignations as personal representatives of the Simon Bernstein Estate and as trustees of the Simon Bernstein Trust. If the majority of the Bernstein family is in agreement, I would propose to exercise the power to designate a successor trustee by appointing Ted Bernstein in that capacity. With regard to the Simon Bernstein Estate, the appointment of the successor would require a court proceeding.

I am obviously upset and distraught over this chain of events and will do all that I reasonably can to correct and minimize any damages to the Bernstein family. As I believe you know, to date there has only been a modest funding of some, but not all, of the continuing trusts for the grandchildren emanating from Shirley's Trust assets.

Very truly yours,



DONALD R. TESCHER

DRT/km

cc: Alan Rose, Esq.

# **EXHIBIT C**

**ALLEGED FRAUDULENT INSURANCE CLAIM SUBMITTED BY  
ATTORNEY AT LAW ROBERT L. SPALLINA, ESQ. AND RELATED  
CORRESPONDENCES**



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December 6, 2012

**VIA FACSIMILE: 803-333-4936**

Attn: Bree  
Claims Department  
Heritage Union Life Insurance Company  
1275 Sandusky Road  
Jacksonville, IL 62651

Re: **Insured: Simon L. Bernstein**  
**Contract No.: 1009208**

Dear Bree:

As per our earlier telephone conversation:

- We are unable to locate the Simon Bernstein Irrevocable Insurance Trust dated June 1, 1995, which we have spent much time searching for.
- Mrs. Shirley Bernstein was the initial beneficiary of the 1995 trust, but predeceased Mr. Bernstein.
- The Bernstein children are the secondary beneficiaries of the 1995 trust.
- We are submitting the Letters of Administration for the Estate of Simon Bernstein showing that we are the named Personal Representatives of the Estate.
- We would like to have the proceeds from the Heritage policy released to our firm's trust account so that we can make distributions amongst the five Bernstein children.
- If necessary, we will prepare for Heritage an Agreement and Mutual Release amongst all the children.
- We are enclosing the SS4 signed by Mr. Bernstein in 1995 to obtain the EIN number for the 1995 trust.

If you have any questions with regard to the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
ROBERT L. SPALLINA

RLS/km

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November 1, 2012

**VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS**  
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Heritage Union Life Insurance Company  
1275 Sandusky Road  
Jacksonville, IL 62651

Re: **Insured: Simon L. Bernstein**  
Contract No.: 1009208

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed is the Claimant's Statement for the above referenced policy, together with an original death certificate for the insured, Simon Bernstein. We are also enclosing a copy of Internal Revenue Service Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number for the Simon Bernstein Irrevocable Insurance Trust dated June 1, 1995, which is the trust listed as beneficiary of the above referenced policy. We will provide wiring instructions for the trust bank account when you have processed the claim, if possible, in lieu of a check. Finally, we are enclosing a copy of the obituary for the decedent which was published in the Palm Beach Post. We are unable to locate a copy of the original insurance policy.

If you have any questions with regard to the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

ROBERT L. SPALLINA

RLS/am

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**CLAIMANT STATEMENT**  
Heritage Union Life Insurance Company

Mailing Address  
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Jacksonville, IL 62651-1600

Proof of Loss

Part I

**INSTRUCTIONS**

The following items are required for all claims:

- An original certified death certificate showing the cause of death. Photocopies are not acceptable.
- The original policy or, if unavailable, an explanation provided in Decedent Information section, space 5 of this form.
- This claim form completed and signed by the claimant(s).

If the policy has been in force for less than two years during the lifetime of the Insured or if the policy has been reinstated within two years of the Insured's death, then we may perform a routine inquiry into the answers on the application for the policy or reinstatement application of the lapsed policy.

If the death occurred outside of the United States, we will require a Report of the Death of an American Citizen Abroad.

Special Instructions and additional requirements may apply.

- If the beneficiary is the Estate of the Insured, we will also require evidence of the court approved legal representative over the Estate. Please provide the Tax ID number of the Estate of the Insured.
- If the beneficiary is a trust, we will also require a copy of the trust agreement and any amendments, including the signature page(s). Please note the Trustee Certification section of the claim form will also need to be completed by all trustees. Please use the trust's name when completing the Claimant Information section of the claim form and provide the Tax ID number of the trust.
- If the beneficiary is a minor, we will require evidence of court appointed guardianship of the Minor's Estate.
- If the policy is collaterally assigned, we will require a letter from the collateral assignee stating the balance due under the collateral assignment. If the collateral assignee is a corporation, please include a copy of the corporate resolution verifying who is authorized to sign on behalf of the corporation.
- If the primary beneficiary(ies) is (are) deceased, we will require a death certificate for each deceased beneficiary.
- If the policy has a split dollar agreement associated with it, we will require a copy of said agreement.
- If the policy is subject to a Viatical or a Life Settlement transaction, and if the beneficiary is a viatical settlement provider, life settlement provider, the receiver or conservator of viatical or life settlement company, a viatical or life financing entity, trustee, agent, securities intermediary or other representative of a viatical or life settlement provider or an individual or entity which invested in this policy as a viatical or life settlement, please complete questions 19 and 30.

Other requirements may be needed depending on the individual facts of the claim. The company will advise you if other documentation is required.

## CLAIMANT STATEMENT

### FRUD INFORMATION

**For Residents of Alaska, Arizona, Nebraska, New Hampshire and Oregon:** Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or knowingly presents false information in an application for insurance may be guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in prison.

**For Residents of California:** For your protection California law requires the following notice to appear on this form. Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for the payment of a loss is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in state prison.

**For Residents of Colorado:** It is unlawful to knowingly provide false, incomplete, or misleading facts or information to an insurance company for the purpose of defrauding or attempting to defraud the company. Penalties may include imprisonment, fines, denial of insurance and civil damages. Any insurance company or agent of an insurance company who knowingly provides false, incomplete, or misleading facts or information to a policyholder or claimant for the purpose of defrauding or attempting to defraud the policyholder or claimant with regard to a settlement or award payable from insurance proceeds shall be reported to the Colorado division of insurance within the department of regulatory agencies.

**For Residents of Florida:** Any person who knowingly and with intent to injure, defraud, or deceive any insurer files a statement of claim or an application containing any false, incomplete, or misleading information is guilty of a felony of the third degree.

**For Residents of Kentucky, Ohio and Pennsylvania:** Any person who knowingly & with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime & subjects such person to criminal and civil penalties.

**For Residents of Maine, Tennessee and Washington:** It is a crime to knowingly provide false, incomplete or misleading information to an insurance company for the purpose of defrauding the company. Penalties include imprisonment, fines and denial of insurance benefits.

**For Residents of Minnesota:** A person who files a claim with intent to defraud or helps commit a fraud against an insurer is guilty of a crime.

**For Residents of New Jersey:** Any person who knowingly files a statement of claim containing any false or misleading information is subject to criminal and civil penalties.

**For Residents of New Mexico:** Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or knowingly presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to civil fines and criminal penalties.

**For Residents of New York:** Please see the Signature section of this form.

**For Residents of Puerto Rico:** Any person who, knowingly and with intent to defraud, presents false information in an insurance request form, or who presents, helps or has presented a fraudulent claim for the payment of a loss or other benefit, or presents more than one claim for the same damage or loss, will incur a felony, and upon conviction will be penalized for each violation with a fine no less than five thousand (5,000) dollars nor more than ten thousand (10,000) dollars, or imprisonment for a fixed term of three (3) years, or both penalties. If aggravated circumstances prevail, the fixed established imprisonment may be increased to a maximum of five (5) years; if attenuating circumstances prevail, it may be reduced to a minimum of two (2) years.

**For Residents of All Other States:** Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or knowingly presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in prison.

### CLAIMANT STATEMENT

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DECEDENT INFORMATION			
1. Name of Deceased (Last, First Middle) <b>Bernstein, Simon Leon</b>		2. Last 4 digits of Deceased's Social Security No: <b>5241</b>	
3. If the Deceased was known by any other names, such as maiden name, hyphenated name, nickname, derivative form of first and/or middle name or an alias, please provide them below:			
4. Policy Number(s) <b>1009208</b>		5. If policy is lost or not available, please explain: <b>unable to locate, policy is 30 years old</b>	
6. Deceased's Date of Death <b>09/13/12</b>		7. Cause of Death <b>natural causes</b>	8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natural <input type="checkbox"/> Accidental <input type="checkbox"/> Suicide <input type="checkbox"/> Homicide <input type="checkbox"/> Pending
CLAIMANT INFORMATION			
9. Claimant Name (Last, First, Middle). If trust, please list trust name and complete Trustee Certification section. <b>Simon Bernstein Irrevocable Insurance Trust</b>			
10. Street Address		11. City	12. State and Zip
			13. Daytime Phone Number
14. Date of Birth	15. Social Security or Tax ID Number		16. Relationship to Deceased
17. I am filing this claim as:			
<input type="checkbox"/> an individual who is named as a beneficiary under the policy <input type="checkbox"/> a Trustee of a Trust which is named as a beneficiary under the policy <input type="checkbox"/> an Executor of Estate which is named as a beneficiary under the policy <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
18. Are you a U.S. Citizen? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No" please list country of citizenship:			
19. Policies subject to Viatical / Life Settlement transactions - Are you a viatical settlement provider, life settlement provider, the receiver or conservator of viatical or life settlement company, a viatical or life financing entity, trustee, agent, securities intermediary or other representative of a viatical or life settlement provider; or an individual or entity which invested in this policy as a viatical or life settlement? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
CLAIMANT INFORMATION (to be completed by 2 <sup>nd</sup> claimant, if any)			
20. Claimant Name (Last, First, Middle). If trust, please list trust name and complete Trustee Certification section.			
21. Street Address		22. City	23. State and Zip
			24. Daytime Phone Number
25. Date of Birth	26. Social Security or Tax ID Number		27. Relationship to Deceased
28. I am filing this claim as:			
<input type="checkbox"/> an individual who is named as a beneficiary under the policy <input type="checkbox"/> a Trustee of a Trust which is named as a beneficiary under the policy <input type="checkbox"/> an Executor of Estate which is named as a beneficiary under the policy <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
29. Are you a U.S. Citizen? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No" please list country of citizenship:			
30. Policies subject to Viatical / Life Settlement transactions - Are you a viatical settlement provider, life settlement provider, the receiver or conservator of viatical or life settlement company, a viatical or life financing entity, trustee, agent, securities intermediary or other representative of a viatical or life settlement provider; or an individual or entity which invested in this policy as a viatical or life settlement? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			

**YOUR SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED ON THE NEXT PAGE.**  
 CL 6912F LIG Claimant Statement No 7AA 12/23/2011 Page 3



# CLAIMANT STATEMENT

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### SETTLEMENT OPTIONS

The policy may contain one or more settlement options, such as Interest Payments, Installments for a Specified Amount, Life Annuity, Life Annuity with Period Certain, and/or Joint Life and Survivorship Annuity. You may choose to receive a lump sum payment or another settlement option available in the policy under which a claim is made. For more information, refer to the optional methods of policy settlement provision in the policy or contact us at the mailing address noted on the front of the claim form.

If you wish to select a settlement option, please indicate your settlement selection by name (not by number) on the line below after you have carefully reviewed the options available in the policy. Availability of settlement options are subject to the terms of the policy. If you do not choose a settlement option, we will send a lump sum settlement to you.

Name of Settlement Option from Policy

### Important Information About the USA PATRIOT Act

To help fight the funding of terrorism and money-laundering activities, the U.S. government has passed the USA PATRIOT Act, which requires banks, including our processing agent bank, to obtain, verify and record information that identifies persons who engage in certain transactions with or through a bank. This means that we will need to verify the name, residential or street address (no P.O. Boxes), date of birth and social security number or other tax identification number of all account owners.

### SUBSTITUTE FOR IRS FORM W-9

This information is being collected on this form versus IRS form W-9 and will be used for supplying information to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Under penalty of perjury, I certify that 1) the tax ID number above is correct (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), 2) I am not subject to backup withholding because (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the IRS that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and 3) I am a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien). Please cross through item 7 if you have been notified by the IRS that you are subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return.

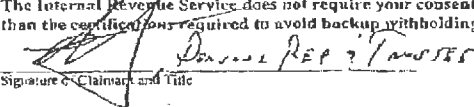
### SIGNATURES

I/We do hereby make claim to said insurance, declare that the answers recorded above are complete and true, and agree that the furnishing of this and any supplemental forms do not constitute an admission by the Company that there was any insurance in force on the life in question, nor a waiver of its rights or defenses.

For Residents of New York: Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information, or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto, commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime, and shall also be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars and the stated value of the claim for each such violation.

For Residents of All Other States: See the Fraud Information section of this claim form.

The Internal Revenue Service does not require your consent to any provision of this document other than the certifications required to avoid backup withholding.

 Signature of Claimant and Title

Date

2/1/12

Signature of Second Claimant, if any, and Title

Date

### CLAIMANT STATEMENT

### TRUSTEE CERTIFICATION

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**TRUSTEE CERTIFICATION (to be completed only if trust is claiming proceeds)**  
COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF A TRUST IS CLAIMING BENEFITS.  
Please include a copy of the trust agreement, including the signature page(s) and any amendments.  
We, the undersigned trustee(s), represent and warrant that the copy of the trust agreement, which we will provide you pursuant to this certification, is a true and exact copy of said agreement, that said agreement is in full force and effect, and that we have the authority to make this certification.

**Generation Skipping Transfer Tax Information - THIS MUST BE COMPLETED FOR PAYMENT**  
We the undersigned, on oath, depose and states as follows with respect to the possible application of the Generation Skipping Transfer (GST) tax to the death benefit payment (Mark the appropriate item):

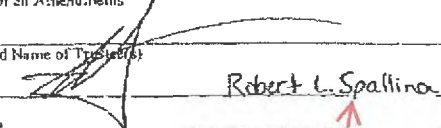
1. The GST tax does not apply because the death benefit is not included in the decedent's estate for federal estate tax purposes.

2. The GST tax does not apply because the GST tax exemption will offset the GST tax.

3. The GST tax does not apply because at least one of the trust beneficiaries is not a "skipped" person.

4. The GST tax does not apply because of the reasons set forth in the attached document (Please attach document setting forth the reasons why you believe the GST tax does not apply.)

5. The GST tax may apply. As a result, the death benefit payment IS subject to withholding of the applicable GST tax. Enclosed is the completed Schedule R-1 (Form 706) for submission to the Internal Revenue Service.

Name of Trust <b>Simon Bernstein Irrevocable Insurance Trust</b>	Date of Trust Agreement <b>06/01/1995</b>
Date of all Amendments	Trust Tax ID Number <b>65-0178916</b>
Printed Name of Trustee(s) a <b>Robert L. Spallina</b>	Signature(s) 
b	
c	
d	

Spallina signs as trustee = FRAUD

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October 5, 2012

LASALLE NATIONAL TRUST N.A TRUSTEE  
C/O ROBERT SPALLINA, ATTORNEY AT LAW  
4855 TECHNOLOGY WAY STE 720  
BOCA RATON FL 33431

Insured Name: SIMON BERNSTEIN  
Policy Number: 1009208  
Correspondence Number: 09765315

Dear Trustee:

We are writing in response to your notification of the death of Simon Bernstein. Our sincere condolences go to the family for their loss.

In order to proceed with our review of the claim, we require the following items to be submitted:

- The enclosed Claimant Statement completed and signed by the named beneficiary. If the beneficiary has had a change in name, we require a copy of the applicable marriage license, divorce decree or similar legal documents.
- A certified death certificate. This should indicate cause of death, manner of death, date of birth and Social Security Number.
- Return the original policy – If the original policy cannot be located, please note on the Claimant Statement (Page 3, Item 4).
- Trust Documentation – Please provide a copy of the trust agreement and any amendment(s), including the signature page(s). We will also require the Trustee Certification section of the claim form to be completed by all trustees. Please use the trust's name when completing the Claimant Information section.
- Letter of representation or written authorization signed by the beneficiary authorizing information to be released on the above referenced policy.

Please review Page 1 of the Claimant Statement which also explains other documents that may be required. Providing the Claimant Statement is not an admission of liability on the part of the Company.

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We will promptly review and evaluate the claim upon receipt of the required documents. A valid claim will include interest due and payable from the date of death at a rate of 10% if we do not pay the claim within 31 days from the latest of 1) the date that we receive proof of death, 2) the date we receive sufficient information to determine our liability and the appropriate beneficiary(ies) entitled to the proceeds; or 3) the date that any legal impediments are resolved

If you have any questions, please call our office at 800-825-0003, Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM Central Standard Time.

Sincerely,

Diane Henderson  
Claims Manager

Enclosure(s): Life Claimant Statement No RAA

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Agent Number: [REDACTED] Insured's Last Name: BERNSTEIN

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DTM Description:  
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Received a call from attorney Spallina. He wants to talk to in-house counsel about not filing dec action because of expense. Sent Jackson legal message to call me or Spallina. JIM

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DTM Description:  
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User Name: WALKER, KELLIE  
DTM Description:  
Comments: faxed client letter to Robert Spallina and advised of court order required..faxed to 561-997-7308

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November 29, 2012

LASALLE NATIONAL TRUST N.A.  
C/O ROBERT SPALLINA, ATTORNEY AT LAW  
4855 TECHNOLOGY WAY STE 720  
DOCA RATON FL 33431

Insured Name: SIMON BERNSTEIN  
Policy Number: 1009208  
Correspondence Number: 09801925

Dear Trustee:

We are writing to remind you that we have not received the previously requested items necessary to proceed with our review of the pending claim on the above referenced policy. The required items are:

- The enclosed Claimant Statement completed and signed by the named beneficiary. If the beneficiary has had a change in name, we require a copy of the applicable marriage license, divorce decree or similar legal documents.
- Trust Documentation – Please provide a copy of the trust agreement and any amendment(s), including the signature page(s). We will also require the Trustee Certification section of the claim form to be completed by all trustees. Please use the trust's name when completing the Claimant Information section.

Please review Page 1 of the Claimant Statement which also explains other documents that may be required. Providing the Claimant Statement is not an admission of liability on the part of the Company.

We will promptly review and evaluate the claim upon receipt of the required documents. If you have any questions, please call our office at 800-825-0003, Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM Central Standard Time.

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Sincerely,

D. Henderson  
Claims Services

Enclosure(s) II, Department of Insurance Notification  
Life Claimant Statement No RAA

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SUANN TESCHER

December 6, 2012

**VIA FACSIMILE: 803-333-4936**

Attn: Brec  
Claims Department  
Heritage Union Life Insurance Company  
1275 Sandusky Road  
Jacksonville, IL 62631

Re: **Insured: Simon L. Bernstein**  
**Contract No.: 1009208**

Dear Brec:

As per our earlier telephone conversation:

- We are unable to locate the Simon Bernstein Irrevocable Insurance Trust dated June 1, 1995, which we have spent much time searching for.
- Mrs. Shirley Bernstein was the initial beneficiary of the 1995 trust, but predeceased Mr. Bernstein.
- The Bernstein children are the secondary beneficiaries of the 1995 trust.
- We are submitting the Letters of Administration for the Estate of Simon Bernstein showing that we are the named Personal Representatives of the Estate.
- We would like to have the proceeds from the Heritage policy released to our firm's trust account so that we can make distributions amongst the five Bernstein children.
- If necessary, we will prepare for Heritage an Agreement and Mutual Release amongst all the children.
- We are enclosing the SS4 signed by Mr. Bernstein in 1995 to obtain the EIN number for the 1995 trust.

If you have any questions with regard to the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

*Robert L. Spallina/km*  
ROBERT L. SPALLINA

RLS/km

Enclosures

From: (561) 997-7008  
Kimberly Moran  
TESCHER & SPALLINA  
4855 Technology Way  
Suite 720  
BOCA RATON, FL 33431

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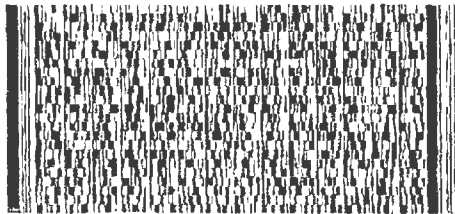
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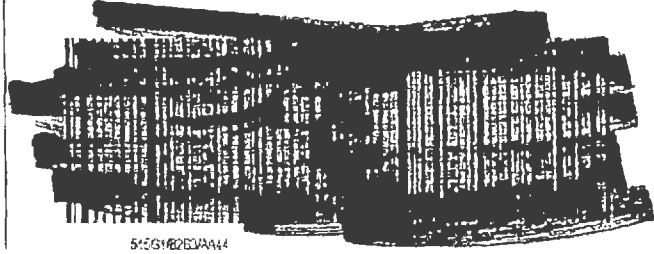
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## Eliot Bernstein

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**Subject:** FW: Call with Robert Spallina tomorrow/Wednesday at 2pm EST

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**From:** Robert Spallina [<mailto:rspallina@tescherspallina.com>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2012 2:34 PM

**To:** Jill Iantoni; Eliot Bernstein; Ted Bernstein; Ted Bernstein; Pamela Simon; Lisa Friedstein

**Subject:** RE: Call with Robert Spallina tomorrow/Wednesday at 2pm EST

As discussed, I need the EIN application and will process the claim. Your father was the owner of the policy and we will need to prepare releases given the fact that we do not have the trust instrument and are making an educated guess that the beneficiaries are the five of you as a result of your mother predeceasing Si. Luckily we have a friendly carrier and they are willing to process the claim without a copy of the trust instrument. A call regarding this is not necessary. We have things under control and will get the claim processed expeditiously after we receive the form.

Thank you for your help.

Robert L. Spallina, Esq.

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# **EXHIBIT D**

**MEMORANDUM OF LAW IN OPPOSITION TO THE ESTATE'S  
MOTION TO INTERVENE (THE "OPPOSITION MEMORANDUM")**

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION

SIMON BERNSTEIN IRREVOCABLE )  
INSURANCE TRUST DTD 6/21/95, )  
by Ted S. Bernstein, )

Plaintiff, )

v. )

HERITAGE UNION LIFE INSURANCE )  
COMPANY, )

Defendant, )

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HERITAGE UNION LIFE INSURANCE )  
COMPANY )

Counter-Plaintiff )

v. )

SIMON BERNSTEIN IRREVOCABLE )  
TRUST DTD 6/21/95 )

Counter-Defendant )

and, )

FIRST ARLINGTON NATIONAL BANK )  
as Trustee of S.B. Lexington, Inc. Employee )  
Death Benefit Trust, UNITED BANK OF )  
ILLINOIS, BANK OF AMERICA, )  
Successor in interest to LaSalle National )  
Trust, N.A., SIMON BERNSTEIN TRUST, )  
N.A., TED BERNSTEIN, individually and )  
as purported Tstee of the Simon Bernstein )  
Irrevocable Insurance Trust Dtd 6/21/95, )  
and ELIOT BERNSTEIN )  
Third-Party Defendants. )

Case No. 13 cv 3643  
Honorable Amy J. St. Eve  
Magistrate Mary M. Rowland

PLAINTIFFS MEMORANDUM OF LAW  
IN OPPOSITION TO ESTATE OF SIMON  
BERNSTEIN'S MOTION TO  
INTERVENE

EXHIBIT D

ELIOT IVAN BERNSTEIN, )  
 )  
 )  
 Cross-Plaintiff )  
 )  
 v. )  
 )  
 TED BERNSTEIN, individually and )  
 as alleged Trustee of the Simon Bernstein )  
 Irrevocable Insurance Trust Dtd, 6/21/95 )  
 )  
 Cross-Defendant )  
 and, )  
 )  
 PAMELA B. SIMON, DAVID B.SIMON, )  
 both Professionally and Personally )  
 ADAM SIMON, both Professionally and )  
 Personally, THE SIMON LAW FIRM, )  
 TESCHER & SPALLINA, P.A., )  
 DONALD TESCHER, both Professionally )  
 and Personally, ROBERT SPALLINA, )  
 both Professionally and Personally, )  
 LISA FRIEDSTEIN, JILL IANTONI )  
 S.B. LEXINGTON, INC. EMPLOYEE )  
 DEATH BENEFIT TRUST, S.T.P. )  
 ENTERPRISES, INC. S.B. LEXINGTON, )  
 INC., NATIONAL SERVICE )  
 ASSOCIATION (OF FLORIDA), )  
 NATIONAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION )  
 (OF ILLINOIS) AND JOHN AND JANE )  
 DOES )  
 )  
 Third-Party Defendants. )  
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**NOW COMES** Plaintiffs, SIMON BERNSTEIN IRREVOCABLE INSURANCE TRUST dtd 6/21/95, by TED BERNSTEIN, as Trustee, (collectively referred to as “BERNSTEIN TRUST”), TED BERNSTEIN, individually, PAMELA B. SIMON, JILL IANTONI AND LISA FRIEDSTEIN, and state as their Memorandum of Law in Opposition to the Estate of Simon Bernstein’s Motion to Intervene as follows:

### INTRODUCTION

On January 14, 2014, this court entered an Order denying the motion to intervene of William Stansbury -- a potential creditor of the Estate of Simon Bernstein. In so doing, the court found that allowing Stansbury to intervene would (i) “not serve the interests of judicial economy and would unduly prejudice the present parties to this lawsuit”, and (ii) “unduly delay the determination of the beneficiaries of the life insurance policy at issue in this lawsuit.”<sup>1</sup>

Now, six months later, Stansbury seeks a second bite at the apple. Stansbury petitioned the Florida Probate Court to have an administrator ad litem appointed on behalf of the “Estate” to further Stansbury’s own agenda against the express wishes of decedent, Simon Bernstein. In fact, had Stansbury’s motion been granted in its entirety by the Florida court, Stansbury himself would have been appointed administrator ad litem. Instead, the Florida Court appointed the Curator (Mr. Brown) as administrator ad litem, but that appointment was expressly made subject to the conditions placed on the record in the Probate Court which will be discussed later.

What will become apparent is that this motion is a motion of the Estate in name only. This court should apply the law of the case established by its January 14<sup>th</sup> Order to deny Stansbury’s second effort to intervene in this lawsuit.

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<sup>1</sup> Order entered January 14, 2014 [Dkt. #110].

### **FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

1. After this court denied Stansbury's first motion to intervene, Stansbury filed a petition in the Florida Probate Court to have himself appointed as administrator ad litem.<sup>2</sup>

2. Benjamin Brown had been appointed curator of the Estate of Simon Bernstein following the resignation of the Estate's personal representative.

3. During the hearing counsel for the various interested parties in the probate matter, either objected to the appointment of any administrator ad litem so as to preserve estate assets, and/or objected to the appointment of William Stansbury. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Florida Court ultimately appointed Benjamin Brown to act as administrator ad litem.

4. As stated in the Probate Court's Order appointing Benjamin Brown, such appointment was made subject to the conditions that were made part of the record during the hearing.<sup>3</sup>

5. During the hearing on the motions, the discourse between counsel for the various interested parties and the judge made it clear that the instant motion to intervene would only occur with the legal fees and costs being funded not by the Estate, but by William Stansbury.<sup>4</sup>

6. One condition demanded by William Stansbury since he was funding this excursion was that he be kept advised by the Curator and his counsel and have input with how this litigation is prosecuted.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> See Transcript of Hearing on petition to appoint administrator ad litem in the matter of the Estate of Simon Bernstein at pg. 5-6. A true and accurate copy of the transcript is attached hereto as Exh. A. See

<sup>3</sup> See Probate Court Order attached to the Estate's motion to intervene as Exhibit B (Dkt. # ).

<sup>4</sup> See Transcript of Hearing on petition to appoint administrator ad litem in the matter of the Estate of Simon Bernstein. Exh. A pg. 13-14, 34-35, 39.

<sup>5</sup> See Transcript, Exh. A at pg. 28-29.

7. The sole factual basis asserted by the Estate for its motion to intervene is set forth in its Complaint for Intervenor as follows: “Intervenor Benjamin Brown seeks a judgment from this Court declaring that *no* valid beneficiary is named under the Policy and the proceeds of the Policy must therefore be paid to the Estate.”

8. It has been over six months since the court entered its Order denying Stansbury’s motion. Stansbury chose not to pursue any motion for reconsideration or appellate review of the Order. Instead, Stansbury initiated and funded the Estate’s motion to intervene.

9. The Insurer, in response to a Notice for a Rule 30(b)(6) deposition provided the Affidavit of its witness, Don Sanders.<sup>6</sup> A true and correct copy of the Aff. of Don Sanders is attached hereto as **Exh. B**.

10. At the time of the making of his Affidavit, Don Sanders was familiar with the Insurer’s Policy records. (Aff. of Don Sanders, **Exh. B** at ¶33).

11. According to the Policy records as verified by Don Sanders, no owner of the Policy ever submitted a beneficiary designation which designated “Simon Bernstein’s estate” or “the Estate” as beneficiary. (Aff. of Don Sanders, **Exh. B** at ¶70).

12. According to the Policy records as verified by Don Sanders, “on the date of death of Simon Bernstein, the Owner of the Policy was Simon Bernstein, the primary beneficiary was designated as ‘LaSalle National Trust, N.A. as Successor Trustee’, and the Contingent Beneficiary was designated as ‘Simon Bernstein Irrevocable Insurance Trust dated June 21, 1995.’ ” (Aff. of Don Sanders, **Exh. B** at ¶62).

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<sup>6</sup> The Affidavit of Donald Sanders is attached hereto and made a part hereof as **Exh. B**.

### STANDARD OF REVIEW

A trial court must grant a motion to intervene as a matter of right if: (1) the petition is timely filed; (2) the representation by the parties already in the suit is inadequate; and (3) the party seeking intervention has a sufficient interest in the suit.

In order to show inadequacy of representation, for purposes of a motion to intervene as of right, one must not engage in speculation, but rather allege specific facts demonstrating a right to intervene. *In re Marriage of Vondra*, 2013 Ill. App. (1<sup>st</sup>) 123025, 373 Ill. Dec. 620, 994 N.E.2<sup>nd</sup> 105 (1<sup>st</sup> Dist., 2013).

This court's summary of the standard of review for a motion to intervene included the following:

“Whether an applicant has a sufficient interest to intervene is a highly fact-specific making comparison to other cases of limited value.” “Permissive intervention under Rule 24(b), permits “anyone to intervene who... has a claim or defense that shares with the main action a common question of law or fact,” unless intervention would “*unduly delay or prejudice the adjudication of the original parties rights.*”<sup>7</sup> (emphasis added).

### ARGUMENT

**A. This court should apply the law of the case to bar the Estate's motion to intervene since the Estate is in privity with Stansbury whose own motion to intervene was previously denied in this same litigation.**

Over six months ago, this Court denied Stansbury's motion to intervene. The holding was based, in part, on the tenuousness of the connection between the instant litigation over the Policy proceeds and Stansbury's claims pending in Florida against certain corporate defendants' and the Estate of Simon Bernstein relating to unpaid insurance commissions. The court rejected both of Stansbury's arguments for intervention as a matter of right, and for permissive intervention. Stansbury did not file any motion to reconsider or seek appellate review.

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<sup>7</sup> See Order of January 14, 2014 [Dkt. #110]



The basis for Stansbury's motion to intervene was identical to that set forth by the Estate in the instant motion to intervene. Both Stansbury and the Estate argue that the Estate's purported interest in the Policy proceeds is solely as a beneficiary of last resort. Neither Stansbury nor the Estate set forth any affirmative argument or evidence attempting to establish that the Estate was the named beneficiary of the Policy proceeds.

The doctrine of collateral estoppel applies to avoid relitigation of a substantially similar issue arising between the same parties (or their privies) where such issue has already been determined in the course of a separate proceeding. *Rekhi v. Wildwood Industries, Inc.*, 61 F.3d 1313, 130 Lab Cas. P57, 969, 2 Wage & Hour Cas.2d 1428 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir., 1995).

The doctrine of law of the case also applies to avoid relitigation of substantially similar issues but in the *same* proceeding. In *Radwill v. Manor Care of Westmont, IL LLC*, 2013 IL App (2d) 120957, 369 Ill. Dec. 452, 986 N.E.2d 765 (2<sup>nd</sup> Dist., 2013), the court explained the rationale behind the law of the case doctrine as follows:

“The law-of-the-case doctrine protects the parties' settled expectations, ensures uniformity of decisions, maintains consistency during the course of a single case, effectuates proper administration of justice, and brings litigation to an end. *Petre v. Kucich*, 356 Ill.App.3d 57, 63, 291 Ill.Dec 867, 824 N.E.2d 1117 (2005). Thus, the doctrine bars relitigation of an issue previously decided in the same case. *Long v. Elborno*, 397 Ill.App.3d 982, 989, 337 Ill.Dec. 432, 922 N.E.2d 555 (2010). Issues previously decided include issues of both law and fact. *Alwin v. Village of Wheeling*, 371 Ill.App.3d 898, 910, 309 Ill.Dec. 656, 864 N.E.2d 897 (2007).

As set forth in the transcript of the Probate hearing appointing the Curator as administrator ad litem, the Estate, in this instance, is in privity with Stansbury. It is a matter of public record that Stansbury is funding this venture, and was granted direct involvement in litigating this matter under the auspices of the "Estate".

The arguments set forth by the Estate mirror those contained in the prior motion made by Stansbury. Because the issues, and arguments are virtually identical, and the moving party (the Estate) is in privity with the prior movant (Stansbury), the law of the case must apply to bar relitigation of this issue. The court spoke in its Order of January 14, 2014, and nothing contained in the Estate's motion or complaint to intervene necessitates revisiting the issue.

**B. The unrefuted sworn testimony of Don Sanders, Vice-President of Operations for the Insurer both supports Plaintiff's claim that it is the named beneficiary of the Policy proceeds and negates the Estate's claims. (go through the Paragraphs and cite in the statement of unrefuted facts).**

As indicated in Plaintiffs' Statement of Undisputed Facts, the Insurer has provided its Policy records and the Affidavit of Don Sanders as evidence in this case. Don Sanders reviewed the Policy records and in his Affidavit Don Sanders declares that the Estate was never named a beneficiary of the Policy proceeds. The Estate has offered nothing to dispute this essential truth.

**C. The Estate's motion to intervene is not based on any actual claim it has upon the Stake, instead it is based solely on efforts to negate the claims of the true beneficiary.**

As stated above, the Estate's motion to intervene is not based on any allegation of its own claim to the Stake. Rather, the motion merely attempts to negate the claim of the Bernstein Trust by baldly asserting that the trust does not exist because a trust agreement cannot be located.

In an interpleader action each claimant has the burden of establishing its entitlement to the Stake, and it is insufficient to negate or rely on the weakness of the claims of others. *Eskridge v. Farmers New World Life Ins. Co.*, 250 Ill.App.3d 603 at 608-609, 190 Ill.Dec. 295, 621 N.E.2d 164 (1<sup>st</sup> Dist., 1983).

Here, the Estate argues that no one is representing its interests. But, the Estate, like Stansbury before it, fails to articulate any facts that support an affirmative claim by the Estate to the Stake.

The Estate argues that if all other claims are negated and thus fail then the Estate would have a claim by default. As such, the Estate needs no representation because under the Estate's theory it would simply be the beneficiary of last resort.

More importantly, in order to enforce the intent of Simon Bernstein as expressed in his Will, the Curator or Personal Representative of the Estate should be disclaiming any interest in the Stake. Instead, the Curator seeks to ignore the Will of the Simon Bernstein in order to unjustly enrich the Estate largely for the benefit and at the behest of a potential third-party creditor, and at the expense of the ultimate beneficiaries, decedent's five children. That's just plain wrong.

In Stansbury's prior motion to intervene, he attached the Petition filed by the Executors of the Estate admitting the Will to Probate in Palm Beach County, Florida, and the Petition includes a copy of the Last Will of Simon Bernstein (the "Will").

The Will was incorporated as an Exhibit in support of Stansbury's motion yet the Will itself contains a provision wherein Simon Bernstein reaffirms his beneficiary designations. The Will states in pertinent part as follows:

**Other Beneficiary Designations.** Except as otherwise explicitly and with particularity provided herein (a) no provision of this Will shall revoke or modify any beneficiary designation of mine made by me and not revoked by me prior to my death under any individual retirement account, other retirement plan or account, or annuity or *insurance contract*; (b) I hereby reaffirm any such beneficiary designation such that any assets held in such account, plan, or contract shall pass in accordance with such designation, and (c) regardless of anything herein to the contrary, any such assets which would otherwise pass pursuant to this Will due to the beneficiary designation not having met the requirements for a valid testamentary disposition under applicable law or otherwise shall be paid as a gift made hereunder to the persons in the manner provided in such designation which is incorporated herein by reference.<sup>8</sup>

Here, the designations of beneficiary of the Policy proceeds point directly to one such beneficiary which is the Bernstein Trust. Simon Bernstein designated the Bernstein Trust as beneficiary of the VEBA, and the VEBA Trustee was always designated as the primary beneficiary of the Policy proceeds. The contingent but sole surviving beneficiary of the Policy proceeds as of the date of Simon Bernstein's Death was the Bernstein Trust itself. Since the VEBA had been previously dissolved, the Policy proceeds are payable to the Bernstein Trust. None of the Bank Defendants whose names appear in the caption above, and whom acted as corporate trustees of the VEBA from to time has made a claim to the Stake. In fact, the only Bank party to have appeared in this matter was dismissed on their own motion after having expressly disclaimed any such interest.<sup>9</sup>

In his Will, Simon Bernstein instructs the executor to disclaims the Estate's interest in the Policy proceeds at issue. Simon Bernstein's instructions were that in the case of an invalid testamentary disposition the instrument designating the beneficiary shall be incorporated into the Will and the proceeds shall be gifted to the intended beneficiaries as established by the beneficiary designation.

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<sup>8</sup> See (Dkt. #56-5, at pg. 35 of 41, Stansbury's Intervenor Complaint, Exh. B, Will of Simon Bernstein at p.6)

<sup>9</sup> See Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings filed by JPMorgan Bank, and the Order dismissing JP Morgan . (Dkts. #102 and #106).

Here, it is clear that Simon Bernstein expressed his intent by named the Bernstein Trust as beneficiary of the Policy proceeds, that the Policy proceeds should go to the Bernstein Trust beneficiaries (the five Bernstein children) even in the event that the beneficiary designation is ruled to be an invalid testamentary disposition such as the Estate argues.

**D. As set forth above, the Estate's motion to intervene is not based on any actual claim it has upon the Stake, instead it is based solely on his efforts to negate the claims of the true beneficiary of the Stake.**

The Estate's motion to intervene is not based on any allegation of its own claim to the Stake. Rather, the Estate attempts to negate the claim of the Bernstein Trust by baldly asserting that the trust does not exist because a trust agreement cannot be located.

In an interpleader action each claimant has the burden of establishing its entitlement to the Stake, and it is insufficient to negate or rely on the weakness of the claims of others. *Eskridge v. Farmers New World Life Ins. Co.*, 250 Ill.App.3d 603 at 608-609, 190 Ill.Dec. 295, 621 N.E.2d 164 (1<sup>st</sup> Dist., 1983). Here, the Estate argues that no one is representing the claims of the Estate. But, the Estate fails to articulate any facts that support a claim by the Estate to the Stake.

It appears the Estate is arguing if all other claims are negated and thus fail then the Estate would have a claim by default. If that is the Estate's position, then the Estate needs no representation because under Stansbury's theory the Estate would simply be the beneficiary of last resort. Even this potential claim fails, as the Policy proceeds would likely pass by virtue of the laws of intestacy to the children of Simon Bernstein, as a last resort, and not through the Estate. Simon Bernstein, in his Will, expressly reaffirmed his beneficiary designations and in so doing he essentially disclaimed the Estate's interest in the Policy proceeds.

**E. Stansbury's unsupported assertion that the court should grant his motion to intervene based on Permissive Intervention under FED. R. CIV. P. 24(b)(1)(B) fails for similar reasons.**

The Estate's request for permissive intervention is based on its conclusory assertion that it "has a claim that shares with the main action a common question of law and fact, to wit, the proper disposition of the life insurance proceeds in excess of \$1,000,000.00."<sup>10</sup>

This language again mirrors the language in Stansbury's prior motion to intervene.<sup>11</sup> And like Stansbury, this conclusory allegation is totally unsupported by any evidence establishing a claim to the stake. Without any factual allegations of a claim, the court is left with nothing additional to determine as a result of the motion and complaint to intervene. Since the Estate has nothing to offer in support of its claim, there is no reason whatsoever for this court to add it to this litigation especially at this late date.

**F. Public policy concerns mitigate against the Estate's motion.**

Should the court grant the Estate's motion to intervene it will provide precedent to other similarly situated claimants who lack any factual basis for its claim. Allowing spurious claimants to participate in such litigation will only drive up costs, create needless delay and obfuscate matters for those with truly viable claims to the stake.

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<sup>10</sup> See Dkt. #110, Estate motion to intervene at ¶9.

<sup>11</sup> See Dkt. #56-5 at ¶9, Stansbury Motion to Intervene.

**CONCLUSION**

For all of the foregoing reasons (including the reasons set forth by this court in its prior Order of January 14, 2014) this court should deny the Estate's motion to intervene.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned, an attorney, certifies that he caused a copy of the Plaintiff's Memorandum in Opposition to the Estate of Simon Bernstein Motion to Intervene to be served upon the following persons and entities electronically by ECF notification and/or by US Mail (if so indicated):

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# **EXHIBIT E**

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2013 TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS, PAGES 15 AND  
16 RE MIRANDA WARNING TO THEODORE AND ROBERT L.  
SPALLINA, ESQ.**

**EXHIBIT  
PETITION TO REMOVE THEODORE BERNSTEIN AS ALLEGED SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE  
Saturday, September 6, 2014**

In Re\_ The Estate of Shirley Bernstein.txt

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1 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA  
2 PROBATE/GUARDIANSHIP DIVISION IY  
3 CASE NO.: 502011CP000653XXXXSB

4 IN RE: THE ESTATE OF:  
SHIRLEY BERNSTEIN,  
Deceased

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ELIOT IVAN BERNSTEIN, PRO SE,  
6 Petitioner,

7 vs.

8 TESCHER & SPALLINA, P.A., (AND ALL PARTNERS,  
ASSOCIATES AND OF COUNSEL); ROBERT L. SPALLINA  
(BOTH PERSONALLY & PROFESSIONALLY); DONALD  
9 R. TESCHER (BOTH PERSONALLY & PROFESSIONALLY);  
THEODORE STUART BERNSTEIN (AS ALLEGED PERSONAL  
10 REPRESENTATIVE, TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE) (BOTH  
PERSONALLY & PROFESSIONALLY); AND JOHN AND JANE  
11 DOE'S (1-5000),  
Respondents.

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13 TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS  
14 BEFORE  
15 THE HONORABLE MARTIN H. COLIN

16 South County Courthouse  
17 200 West Atlantic Avenue, Courtroom 8  
18 Delray Beach, Florida 33344

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20 Friday, September 13, 2013  
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7 MR. MANCERI: That's when the order was  
8 signed, yes, your Honor.

9 THE COURT: He filed it, physically came  
10 to court.

11 MR. ELIOT BERNSTEIN: Oh.

12 THE COURT: So let me see when he actually  
13 filed it and signed the paperwork. November.  
14 What date did your dad die?

15 MR. ELIOT BERNSTEIN: September. It's  
16 hard to get through. He does a lot of things  
17 when he's dead.

18 THE COURT: I have all of these waivers by  
19 Simon in November. He tells me Simon was dead  
20 at the time.

21 MR. MANCERI: Simon was dead at the time,  
22 your Honor. The waivers that you're talking  
23 about are waivers from the beneficiaries, I  
24 believe.

25 THE COURT: No, it's waivers of

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1 accountings.

2 MR. MANCERI: Right, by the beneficiaries.

3 THE COURT: Discharge waiver of service of  
4 discharge by Simon, Simon asked that he not  
5 have to serve the petition for discharge.

6 MR. MANCERI: Right, that was in his  
7 petition. When was the petition served?

8 THE COURT: November 21st.

9 MR. SPALLINA: Yeah, it was after his date  
10 of death.

11 THE COURT: Well, how could that happen  
12 legally? How could Simon --

13 MR. MANCERI: Who signed that?

14 THE COURT: -- ask to close and not serve  
15 a petition after he's dead?

16 MR. MANCERI: Your Honor, what happened  
17 was is the documents were submitted with the  
18 waivers originally, and this goes to  
19 Mr. Bernstein's fraud allegation. As you know,  
20 your Honor, you have a rule that you have to  
21 have your waivers notarized. And the original  
22 waivers that were submitted were not notarized,  
23 so they were kicked back by the clerk. They  
24 were then notarized by a staff person from  
25 Tescher and Spallina admittedly in error. They

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1 should not have been notarized in the absentia  
2 of the people who purportedly signed them. And  
3 I'll give you the names of the other siblings,  
4 that would be Pamela, Lisa, Jill, and Ted  
5 Bernstein.

6 THE COURT: So let me tell you because I'm  
7 going to stop all of you folks because I think  
8 you need to be read your Miranda warnings.

9 MR. MANCERI: I need to be read my Miranda  
10 warnings?

11 THE COURT: Everyone of you might have to  
12 be.

13 MR. MANCERI: Okay.

14 THE COURT: Because I'm looking at a  
15 formal document filed here April 9, 2012,  
16 signed by Simon Bernstein, a signature for him.

17 MR. MANCERI: April 9th, right.

18 THE COURT: April 9th, signed by him, and  
19 notarized on that same date by Kimberly. It's  
20 a waiver and it's not filed with The Court  
21 until November 19th, so the filing of it, and  
22 it says to The Court on November 19th, the  
23 undersigned, Simon Bernstein, does this, this,  
24 and this. Signed and notarized on April 9,  
25 2012. The notary said that she witnessed Simon

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1 sign it then, and then for some reason it's not  
2 filed with The Court until after his date of  
3 death with no notice that he was dead at the  
4 time that this was filed.

5 MR. MANCERI: Okay.

6 THE COURT: All right, so stop, that's  
7 enough to give you Miranda warnings. Not you  
8 personally --

9 MR. MANCERI: Okay.

10 THE COURT: Are you involved? Just tell  
11 me yes or no.

12 MR. SPALLINA: I'm sorry?

13 THE COURT: Are you involved in the  
14 transaction?

15 MR. SPALLINA: I was involved as the  
16 lawyer for the estate, yes. It did not come to  
17 my attention until Kimberly Moran came to me  
18 after she received a letter from the Governor's  
19 Office stating that they were investigating  
20 some fraudulent signatures on some waivers that  
21 were signed in connection with the closing of

# **EXHIBIT F**

**2000 INSURANCE TRUST OF SIMON BERNSTEIN DONE BY  
PROSKAUER ROSE, LLP AND CORRESPONDENCES REGARDING  
THE SECRETING THE TRUST IN FAVOR OF A PRIOR LOST OR  
MISSING TRUST THAT NO EXECUTED COPIES EXIST FOR.**

SIMON BERNSTEIN

2000 INSURANCE TRUST

DATED: *August 15, 2000*

**PROSKAUER ROSE LLP**

Attorneys at Law  
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Boca Raton, FL 33431-7360

TRUST AGREEMENT dated this 15 day of August, 2000, between SIMON BERNSTEIN, as Settlor, and SHIRLEY BERNSTEIN and ALBERT W. GORTZ, as Trustees.

1. As and for a gift, the Settlor hereby assigns and transfers to the Trustees and their successors (together, the "Trustees") the life insurance policies set forth in Schedule A annexed hereto, and the Settlor agrees to execute all such assignments and changes of beneficiary and to do such other acts and things as may be necessary in order to make the Trustees irrevocable absolute assignees of said life insurance policies. The Trustees shall hold said policies, together with any other property which may be received by them, in trust upon the terms and conditions set forth herein. This trust shall be known as the "SIMON BERNSTEIN 2000 INSURANCE TRUST."

2. (a) During the Settlor's lifetime, the Trustees shall hold the trust property, shall invest and reinvest the same, and shall pay so much of the income therefrom to any one or more of the Settlor's wife, SHIRLEY BERNSTEIN, and the Settlor's descendants, living from time to time, in equal or unequal amounts, and to any one or more of them to the exclusion of the others, as the Trustees, in their absolute discretion, shall determine, accumulating any balance of the income and adding the same to principal.

(b) During the Settlor's lifetime, the Trustees are further authorized and empowered, from time to time, to pay to any one or more of the Settlor's wife, SHIRLEY BERNSTEIN, and the

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Settlor's descendants, living from time to time, such sums out of the principal of the trust (even to the extent of the whole thereof), in equal or unequal amounts, and to any one or more of them to the exclusion of the others, as the Trustees, in their absolute discretion, shall determine; provided, however, that the Trustees shall notify the Settlor's wife and each of the Settlor's descendants of their intention to make any distribution pursuant to this subdivision, whereupon the Settlor's wife and each of said descendants shall have the right (prior to such distribution) to withdraw principal pursuant to subdivision (c) of this Article 2 within thirty days after receipt of such notice.

(c) In each calendar year (including the year in which the trust is first funded), with respect to any addition to principal,

(1) The Settlor's spouse is authorized and empowered to withdraw from principal the sum of subparagraphs (A) and (B) below, namely:

(A) the lesser of,

(i) an amount equal to the fair market value of the property added to principal (valued as of the date the addition is made),

or,

(ii) an amount that, with respect to the individual making the addition, would qualify for the Federal gift tax annual exclusion under Section 2503(b) of the Code for a gift made directly to the Settlor's spouse (determined on the date the addition is made, after taking into



account all prior gifts to the Settlor's spouse by such individual and assuming that in the case of any such individual other than the Settlor, his or her spouse, if any, will elect to "split" all gifts under Section 2513 of the Code,

and

(B) the amount from prior years (if any) that remains subject to his or her power of withdrawal.

(2) If the aggregate additions to the trust made in said year exceed the amount that the Settlor's spouse may withdraw pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subdivision (c), each of the Settlor's descendants, living from time to time, is authorized and empowered to withdraw from principal the sum of subparagraphs (A) and (B) below, namely:

(A) the lesser of,

(i) an amount equal to,

(I) a) the fair market value of the property added to principal (valued as of the date the addition is made),

reduced by,

b) the amount subject to the power of withdrawal of the Settlor's spouse pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subdivision (c),

divided by,

(II) the number of the Settlor's descendants having a power of withdrawal under this paragraph (2) immediately after the addition is made,

or,

(ii) an amount that, with respect to the individual making the addition, would qualify for the Federal gift tax annual exclusion under Section 2503(b) of the Code for a gift made directly to such descendant (determined on the date the addition is made, after taking into account all prior gifts to said descendant by the individual making that addition and assuming that his or her spouse, if any, will elect to "split" all gifts under Section 2513 of the Code),

and

(B) the amount from prior years (if any) that remains subject to said descendant's power of withdrawal.

(3) Said rights of withdrawal may be exercised only by written notice to the Trustees and any such withdrawals shall be made out of additions to principal made during the current year, and, to the extent that those additions are insufficient, out of the balance of the principal. The Trustees shall notify the Settlor's spouse and each of the Settlor's descendants, living from time to time, in writing of his or her power of withdrawal with respect to each addition within fifteen days after the date the addition is made.

(4) (A) Each beneficiary's power of withdrawal in any calendar year shall lapse at the end of that year to the extent of,

(i) the amount described in Section 2514(e) of the Code (which, if expressed as a percentage of the fair market value of trust principal, shall be that percentage determined as of the end of the year in question), combining, for this purpose, the fair market

values of the principal of the trust under this Agreement and of all other trusts as to which the beneficiary may have a power of withdrawal,

reduced (but not below zero) by,

- (ii) the amounts by which the beneficiary's powers of withdrawal with respect to each such trust shall have lapsed at the end of that year (assuming that, with respect to each beneficiary, his or her powers of withdrawal as to each such trust, including this trust, shall lapse in the order in which the trust granting such power was created).

(B) Each beneficiary's power of withdrawal shall lapse in its entirety, (i) upon the beneficiary's death, or (ii) upon the Settlor's death if any part of the principal of the trust is includable in the Settlor's gross estate for Federal estate tax purposes.

(5) Notwithstanding the foregoing, any individual making an addition to the principal shall have the right, by written instrument delivered to the Trustees when the addition is made, with respect to any power of withdrawal that otherwise would be created as a result of said addition, (A) to exclude any beneficiary from exercising his or her power of withdrawal that would otherwise be created, (B) to increase (but not exceeding the amount of his or her addition) or decrease the amount subject to any beneficiary's power of withdrawal, or (C) to change the period during which any beneficiary's powers of withdrawal may be exercised.

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3. Upon the death of the Settlor, the then principal of the trust shall be held by the Trustees in further separate trust to pay the income therefrom in quarterly or more frequent installments to the Settlor's wife during her life.

The Trustees are authorized and empowered, from time to time, to pay to the Settlor's wife such sums out of the principal of the trust (even to the extent of the whole thereof) as the Trustees, in their absolute discretion, deem in her best interests.

Upon the death of the Settlor's wife, the then principal of the trust shall pass to such of one or more of the Settlor's descendants in such shares, equal or unequal, and subject to such lawful trusts, terms and conditions as the Settlor's wife shall by Will appoint. To the extent that said power of appointment shall not be effectively exercised, or upon the Settlor's death if the Settlor's wife predeceases the Settlor, said principal shall be divided into shares, per stirpes, for such of the Settlor's children TED STUART BERNSTEIN, ELIOT BERNSTEIN, JILL IANTONI and LISA SUE FRIEDSTEIN, as are then living and for the then living descendants of such of them as are then dead, and each such share shall be distributed absolutely, provided, however, that any share so set aside for a grandchild or more remote descendant of the Settlor who has not then attained the age of thirty shall be disposed of as provided in Article 4 of this Agreement.

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4. All shares or portions above or below directed to be set aside for a grandchild or more remote descendant of the Settlor and directed to be disposed of as provided in this Article 4 shall be held by the Trustees in further separate trust to apply so much of the income therefrom for the health, education, maintenance or support of the beneficiary as the Trustees deem necessary or advisable, accumulating any balance of the income and adding the same to principal until the beneficiary attains the age of twenty-one; thereafter, the income shall be paid to the beneficiary in convenient installments.

The Trustees are authorized and empowered, from time to time, to pay to the beneficiary such sums out of the principal of the trust (even to the extent of the whole thereof) as the Trustees shall deem that the beneficiary needs for his or her health, education, maintenance or support.

Upon the beneficiary's attaining the age of twenty-five, one-half of the then principal of his or her trust shall be distributed to the beneficiary absolutely, and upon the beneficiary's attaining the age of thirty, the balance of the principal of his or her trust shall be distributed to the beneficiary absolutely.

In the event of and upon the death of the beneficiary during the continuance of his or her trust, the then principal thereof shall be divided into portions, per stirpes, for the beneficiary's then living descendants, or, in default thereof, for the then living descendants of the beneficiary's nearest ancestor who was a descendant of the Settlor and who has

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descendants then living, or, in default thereof, for the Settlor's then living descendants, and each such portion shall be distributed absolutely, except that any portion so set aside for a grandchild or more remote descendant of the Settlor who is then the beneficiary of a trust under this Article 4 shall be added to the principal of said trust and disposed of as a part thereof, subject to subsequent, but not prior, mandatory distributions of principal, and any portion so set aside for a grandchild or more remote descendant of the Settlor who has not then attained the age of thirty and who is not then the beneficiary of a trust under this Article 4 shall be disposed of as provided in this Article 4.

5. The Trustees shall have the power, in their absolute discretion, at any time or from time to time: to apply for and to purchase contracts of insurance on the life of the Settlor; to make premium payments out of the income or principal on any policy of life insurance held by them hereunder; to exercise any of the rights or options with respect to any policy of life insurance held by them hereunder, whether granted in said policy or allowed by the insurer, including, but not limited to, surrendering, converting (into paid up or extended term insurance) or borrowing upon said policy, applying dividends against premiums or purchasing paid up additions, and exercising options with respect to conversion, surrender or payment of death proceeds.

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6. If ALBERT W. GORTZ ceases to be qualified as a Trustee hereunder, the Settlor's daughter PAMELA BETH SIMON shall be entitled to qualify as successor Trustee in his place.

The Trustees from time to time qualified hereunder are authorized and empowered to designate one or more co-Trustees and, subject to the foregoing, a sole surviving Trustee at any time qualified hereunder is authorized and empowered to designate one or more successor Trustees to succeed himself or herself; provided, however, that the Settlor may not serve as a Trustee hereunder and that the Settlor's wife may not serve as a sole Trustee hereunder, and, provided further, that JEANNIE BERNSTEIN shall never be designated as or serve as a Trustee of any trust created hereunder.

An individual Trustee shall cease to be qualified as Trustee hereunder if he or she is under a legal disability or if by reason of illness or mental or physical disability, in the written opinion of two doctors then practicing medicine, he or she is unable to manage his or her affairs. Each Trustee acting hereunder hereby waives any doctor-patient privilege that may exist and authorizes said doctors to release all medical information that may be requested by the Trustees acting hereunder.

At all times at least one Trustee of any trust created hereunder shall not have an interest in the income or principal of such trust.

No bond or other security shall be required for any reason whatsoever of any Trustee named herein or designated as herein provided.

7. The Trustees hereunder shall have the following discretionary powers in addition to those conferred by law:

(a) To make any payment or distribution (required or authorized under this Agreement) either wholly or partly in kind at market value at date of distribution; to cause any share to be composed of cash, property or undivided fractional interests in property different in kind from any other share and without regard to the income tax basis of property allocated to any beneficiary.

(b) To continue to hold any property, real, personal or otherwise, including, but not limited to, stocks, bonds or other securities, domestic or foreign, in the form in which it shall be when received by them hereunder (without regard to any rule of law that may require them to decide whether or not to retain such property) or as the form thereof may be changed pursuant to the provisions of the other subdivisions of this Article, so long as they, in their absolute discretion, deem it advisable.

(c) To invest and reinvest in any property, including, but not limited to, stocks, bonds or other securities or so-called derivative investments, domestic or foreign, options to sell or to purchase such securities or so-called derivative investments (whether or not then held hereunder), shares or interests in mutual funds, investment companies, investment trusts or common trust funds of a bank or trust company, currencies, precious metals, oil and gas properties or other natural resources and commodities, or interests in, rights to or options to sell or to purchase any of the foregoing (whether or not then held hereunder), improved or unimproved real property or tangible personal property or life insurance, endowment, annuity or similar contracts (including such contracts insuring the then income beneficiary of any trust hereunder) that they may, in their absolute discretion, deem advisable, without regard to any duty to diversify or, except with respect to any trust for the benefit of the Settlor's spouse that qualifies for the marital deduction under either Federal or state law, to make such property productive of income, and in any manner, including by direct purchase, entry into a joint venture, creation of or purchase of an interest in any form of partnership or corporation or through any other form of participation or ownership.



(d) To employ any person, firm, corporation, bank or trust company for advice with respect to investment policy, but the Trustees may, in their absolute discretion, follow or refrain from following any recommendations so obtained, and said recommendations shall not in any way limit the discretionary power and authority herein conferred upon, and not otherwise delegated by, them with respect to investments; to designate a corporation, partnership or other firm, authorized so to act, as custodian, and to employ attorneys, accountants and bookkeepers; and to charge the fees and expenses of the foregoing to any trust hereunder.

(e) To exercise or perform every power, authority or duty, including discretionary powers, by the concurrence and in the names of a majority of the Trustees qualified to participate, with the same effect as if all had joined therein; but by unanimous vote of the Trustees they may determine the number (one or more) who may give instructions to custodians, sign checks or have access to safe deposit boxes.

(f) Severally to resign, by delivering to any successor or co-Trustee written notice of such resignation, to take effect at such date as said resigning Trustee may specify in said notice, without necessity for prior accounting or judicial approval.

(g) Severally to authorize, by instrument in writing, any person or corporation, including any co-Trustee, bank or trust company, to act in the place of said Trustee with respect to specified transactions, to sign a particular check or checks, or to execute any other specifically stated instruments in the name of said Trustee.

(h) To credit to principal or income or to apportion between them in such manner as they deem advisable any distributions from partnerships, any extraordinary, wasting or liquidating dividends, any dividends payable in the stock of the corporation paying the dividend or payable in the stock of another corporation and any so-called "capital gains dividends" declared by investment companies or investment trusts.

(i) To charge to principal or income or to apportion between them any ordinary or extraordinary expenses in such manner as they deem advisable.

(j) To determine if and to what extent they shall amortize any premium paid by them on bonds or other obligations for the payment of money.

(k) To alter, repair, improve, demolish, manage, partition, mortgage, lease for any period (including a period in excess of any fixed by statute and extending beyond the duration of the trusts herein), exchange, grant options to lease or to

buy, and sell or dispose of, at public or private sale and upon such conditions and such terms as to cash and credit as they deem advisable, any property held by them hereunder.

(l) To borrow such sums as they deem advisable for the proper administration of the trusts and to give security therefor.

(m) With respect to any property distributable absolutely to an infant remainderman: in their absolute discretion, to retain possession of and manage the same during his or her minority, with all the rights, powers and compensation of Trustees hereunder, and from time to time to apply so much of the income and principal thereof to the use of said infant as they deem advisable, accumulating any balance of the income and adding the same to principal at convenient intervals; upon said infant's attaining majority (or sooner death), the then principal and any accumulated income shall be distributed to said infant (or his or her estate); this power shall not affect the vesting of said property in said infant.

(n) In determining the amount of income or principal applicable to the use of an infant, to disregard the duty or ability of the parent or parents of said infant to support said infant; and to make payment of any income or principal, applicable to the use of or payable to an infant, (1) to the Guardian (qualified in any jurisdiction) of the person or property of such infant, or (2) to the parent or parents of such infant (whether or not legally appointed his or her Guardian(s)), or (3) to the extent permitted by law, to a Custodian for such infant under a Uniform Gifts to Minors Act or a Uniform Transfers to Minors Act and to select age twenty-one for termination of custodianship, or (4) to apply the same for his or her benefit; the receipt of such Guardian, parent or Custodian or the evidence of the application of such income or principal shall be a full discharge to the Trustees for such payment; provided, however, that with respect to any such payments to or for the benefit of the Settlor's grandchildren ALEXANDRA BERNSTEIN, ERIC BERNSTEIN and MICHAEL BERNSTEIN, no such payment shall be made to JEANNIE BERNSTEIN in any capacity as such grandchild's parent, guardian or Custodian.

(o) To remove any of the property held hereunder to or from any jurisdiction; to change the situs of administration of any trust hereunder from one jurisdiction to another and to elect the law of such other jurisdiction to govern the same.

(p) To organize or participate in the organization of corporations, and to transfer to them any part or all of the property held hereunder in exchange for securities thereof.

(q) To set apart out of the income of the trusts herein (or out of the income of corporations of which the trusts

own securities) reserves for such purposes including, without limitation, depreciation, depletion, obsolescence and other contingencies, and in such amounts as the Trustees, in their absolute discretion, shall deem advisable.

(r) To hold the principal or part of the principal of any of the trusts herein in one or more joint funds in which the separate trusts shall have undivided interests.

(s) To participate in and consent to any corporate reorganization, dissolution, liquidation, merger, consolidation, sale or lease, or in and to any other change in any corporation or in its financial structure, and to become a depositor with any protective, reorganization or similar committee, and to make all necessary payments incident to the foregoing; to exercise or to sell any conversion, subscription or similar rights; and in general to exercise in respect to any securities the unrestricted rights of a personal owner, including voting in person or by proxy.

(t) To the extent permitted by law, to register any of the property held hereunder in their names as Trustees or in the names of nominees, or to take and keep the same unregistered, in bearer form or otherwise in such condition as to pass by delivery.

(u) To lend such sums out of the income (other than of any trust for the benefit of the Settlor's spouse that qualifies for the marital deduction under either Federal or State law) or principal of the trusts hereunder and upon such terms and conditions as they deem advisable; provided, however, that under no circumstances may any loan be made to the Settlor.

(v) To exercise any settlement option with respect to the proceeds of any policy of life insurance payable to them as beneficiaries and, in the event of any controversy concerning the payment of such proceeds (or any other controversy with the insurer), to compromise any claim they may have, without the necessity of court approval; to receive such sums as may become payable to them as beneficiaries of any policy of life insurance, with authority to execute all necessary receipts and releases to the insurer, and, upon being advised of the death of the insured, to make efforts to collect such sums as may appear to be due them, without any obligation to institute suit or maintain any litigation to collect the proceeds of any such policy unless in possession of funds sufficient for that purpose or unless indemnified to their satisfaction for attorneys' fees, costs, disbursements and other expenses and liabilities to which they may be subjected by reason of such action; provided, however, that the Trustees may utilize any property held by them hereunder to pay expenses incurred in connection with enforcing the payment of any such sums due them. Any insurer issuing such policy shall, upon payment of the proceeds to the Trustees, be released

and discharged of any obligation to see that such proceeds are applied as provided in this Agreement and of any further liability to the Trustees or to any beneficiary hereof.

(w) To guarantee loans made to any beneficiary hereunder.

(x) To trade on margin (but only with the approval of the Settlor's spouse in the case of any trust that qualifies for the marital deduction under either Federal or state law) and, for such purpose, to maintain and operate a margin account with any broker and to pledge any property held hereunder with such broker for loans and advances made to them. In connection with the foregoing, the Trustees are authorized and empowered to hold title in and to property in bearer, nominee or other form, without disclosure of any trust, so that title may pass by delivery.

8. (a) All the powers granted in this Agreement may be exercised after the termination of the trusts in connection with the proper administration and distribution thereof.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (o) of Article 7 of this Agreement, this Agreement shall be governed by and its validity, effect and interpretation determined by the laws of the State of Florida.

(c) This Agreement shall be irrevocable.

(d) In any judicial proceeding involving any trust hereunder and in any non-judicial settlement of the account of a Trustee hereunder, the interest of a person under disability may be represented by a party to such proceeding or settlement who is not under disability and who has the same interest.

(e) If any person beneficially interested hereunder shall die in the course of or as a direct result of the same disaster, accident or calamity as shall cause the death of the life beneficiary upon whose death said person's interest is to take effect or under such circumstances that it cannot be readily determined whether said life beneficiary or said person died first, then, for the purposes of this Agreement, said person shall be deemed to have died before said life beneficiary.

(f) Upon the commencement of the trusts herein and upon the death of an income beneficiary, or any other termination of the trusts herein, any accrued income (including dividends theretofore declared but not yet payable) shall be paid to the persons entitled to receive the income when it becomes payable, but any undistributed income which the Trustees are authorized in their discretion to accumulate shall be added to principal.

(g) Any income or principal payable to a beneficiary hereunder may, in the discretion of the Trustees, be applied by them for the benefit of said beneficiary.

(h) Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, any power (including discretionary powers) granted to the Trustees hereunder shall be absolutely void to the extent that the right to exercise or the exercise thereof would in any way cause the Settlor's estate to lose all or part of the tax benefit afforded the Settlor's estate by the marital deduction provisions under either Federal or state laws; without limiting the foregoing, with respect to any trust for the Settlor's spouse that qualifies for the marital deduction under either Federal or state law, (1) subdivisions (h), (i), (j), (p), and (q) of the preceding Article of this Agreement and subdivision (f) of this Article shall not apply, and (2) the Settlor's spouse may direct the Trustees, from time to time, to sell any property held as part of the principal, if it produces little or no income, and to invest the proceeds of sale in property that produces sufficient income to assure that such trust will qualify for the marital deduction.

(i) Any Trustee who is an income beneficiary of a trust hereunder shall not be qualified to participate in the exercise of any power to make discretionary distributions to himself or herself or to make allocations, in his or her own favor, of receipts or expenses as between principal and income of such trust; nor shall any Trustee participate in the exercise of a discretionary power to pay or apply income or principal to or for the benefit of a beneficiary whom said Trustee (in his or her individual capacity) is then legally obligated to support; all said powers shall be exercisable by the other Trustee(s).

(j) With respect to any Trustee who is interested, in his or her individual capacity, in any firm or corporation in which the Settlor's estate or any trust hereunder may have an interest, said Trustee may deal freely with said firm or corporation in his or her individual capacity, notwithstanding that there may be a conflict with his or her fiduciary capacity hereunder, but, if one or more of said Trustees has no such personal interest, then as to all matters pertaining to said firm or corporation involving such conflict of interest the decision of said trust shall be made by said disinterested Trustee(s).

(k) A person from time to time qualified as Trustee hereunder shall not be disqualified from purchasing assets of the trust, provided (1) said purchaser shall not participate as Trustee in the decisions of the Trustees as to the price, conditions and terms of the sale, all of which decisions shall be made by the other Trustee(s); and (2) in fixing said price, conditions and terms said other Trustee(s) shall in all respects treat said purchaser in the same manner as though he or she were a third party, not qualified as Trustee.

(l) The Trustees may purchase assets from or sell assets to other estates or trusts not created hereunder, notwithstanding that one or more of said Trustees are fiduciaries of or beneficially interested in said estates or trusts; provided, however, that if one or more of said Trustees has no such interest, then as to all such matters the decision of the trusts hereunder shall be made by said disinterested Trustee(s).

(m) During the minority of any beneficiary, notice of his or her right to withdraw principal from a trust hereunder shall be given to and such right shall be exercisable on his or her behalf by his or her natural or legal guardian, his or her conservator, or his or her committee (in each case, other than the Settlor); provided, however, that no such notice shall be given to or exercisable by JEANNIE BERNSTEIN in any capacity as such beneficiary's natural or legal guardian, conservator, committee, parent or Custodian.

(n) The Settlor or any other person may from time to time add assets to the principal of the trusts hereunder, provided only that said assets are acceptable to the Trustees.

(o) All testamentary powers of appointment granted in this Agreement shall be exercisable only by specific reference to this Agreement and, except as provided in subdivision (p) herein, shall not be exercisable in favor of the power holder or his or her estate or his or her creditors or the creditors of his or her estate.

(p) Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 4 of this Agreement, if (1) pursuant thereto, upon the death of the beneficiary of a trust thereunder, any trust property would be set aside for a person who is assigned to a generation younger than that of the beneficiary under Section 2651 of the Code and if (2) said property would be subject to a generation-skipping transfer tax on the death of the beneficiary, but would not be subject to said tax to the extent that said property is includable in the beneficiary's estate for Federal estate tax purposes, then and in that event said property shall instead pass in such manner, including to his or her estate, if he or she shall so appoint, as the beneficiary shall by Will appoint with the unanimous prior written consent of all of the then qualified Trustees of said trust, except those whose required concurrence would prevent said power of appointment from being a "general power of appointment" within the meaning of Section 2041(b)(1) of the Code. Only if and to the extent that said power of appointment is not effectively exercised shall said property be disposed of as provided in said Article 4.

(q) Whenever property is directed to be held in a trust hereunder, the Trustees are authorized and empowered to establish two or more separate trusts for such property, with said trusts to have identical provisions, to the end that the

Federal generation-skipping transfer tax inclusion ratio, as defined in Section 2642(a) of the Code, of each trust will be either zero or one after allocation of the Settlor's available GST exemption pursuant to Section 2631 of the Code. The Trustees are further authorized and empowered to make different tax elections with respect to each such separate trust (including the allocation of the Settlor's available GST exemption), to invest such trusts in the same or different manners, to exercise any and all discretionary powers granted to them hereunder with respect to such separate trusts in the same or different manners, and to take any and all other actions consistent with the fact that such trusts are separate entities. The Settlor recommends (but does not direct) that no distribution of principal be made to a beneficiary from his or her trust(s) with a generation-skipping transfer tax inclusion ratio of zero until the trust(s) for his or her benefit with a generation-skipping transfer tax inclusion ratio of one shall first have been exhausted.

(r) Wherever in this Agreement property is directed to be added to an existing trust for a descendant of the Settlor hereunder, the Trustees shall not combine property with different generation-skipping transfer tax inclusion ratios, as defined in Section 2642(a) of the Code, but shall add such property to the trust for such descendant hereunder which has the same generation-skipping transfer tax inclusion ratio as defined in Section 2642(a) of the Code as such property, or, if necessary, such property shall be held in a separate trust for such descendant, with said trust to have identical provisions to the existing trust for such descendant hereunder.

(s) If, at any time, there shall be a trust created under the Settlor's Will, the Will of the Settlor's spouse or a trust created by the Settlor or the Settlor's spouse (or both of them) during the Settlor's lifetime, for the same beneficiaries and subject to the same provisions as a trust under this Agreement (or as a trust intended to be created under this Agreement), or if there shall be more than one trust under this Agreement for the same beneficiaries and subject to the same provisions, the Trustees are authorized and empowered, in their absolute discretion, to transfer the principal held (or intended to be held) in trust hereunder to the Trustees of such other trust (whether or not the Trustees of such other trust or their successors are the Trustees nominated or appointed hereunder) or to combine them (unless such trusts have different generation-skipping transfer tax inclusion ratios, as defined in Section 2642(a) of the Code) to form a single trust for simplicity and convenience of administration; provided, however, that if any such trusts are prevented from being combined or otherwise consolidated pursuant to the provisions of this subdivision because any such trust has a different maximum period of time that property held in such trust could remain held in such trust (the "perpetuities period"), the Trustees shall be permitted to combine or otherwise consolidate such trusts pursuant to the

provisions of this subdivision with the resulting trust assigned the lesser of the perpetuities periods of the original trusts.

(t) Wherever the context permits, the word "Trustees" shall be deemed to include "their survivor or survivors, successor or successors."

(u) To the extent permitted by law, none of the beneficiaries hereunder shall have the power to convey, anticipate, assign, encumber or in any way dispose of any part of the income or principal of their respective trust funds, nor shall said principal or income be in any way or in any amount answerable or chargeable with their duties, obligations, judgments or claims however arising, nor shall said principal or income be taken or reached by any legal or equitable process in satisfaction thereof, it being the Settlor's intent, so far as the law allows, to make said trusts what are commonly known as "spendthrift trusts."

(v) In no event shall any addition to the trust be made less than thirty days before the end of any calendar year.

(w) In no event shall any trust hereunder continue longer than the maximum term allowable under Florida law (or any other state that may govern the provisions of this Agreement) in effect at the date of this Agreement, and any trust then still in effect hereunder shall thereupon terminate and the then principal thereof shall be distributed absolutely to the beneficiary thereof.

(x) In determining whether or not to exercise any discretionary power to pay income or principal of any trust hereunder, the Trustees may, but shall not be required to, (1) with respect to the trust created under Article 3 of this Agreement, take into account any other resources available to the beneficiary under consideration; (2) take into account any effect the exercise thereof may have on the respective tax liabilities of any trust hereunder and the beneficiary under consideration; and (3) consider and accept as correct any statement concerning these matters made by the beneficiary under consideration or on behalf of such beneficiary.

(y) The Trustees must own each policy of insurance purchased by the Trustees or contributed to the trust. The Trustees shall have no liability or responsibility for any loss resulting from the failure of any insurance company and inability to pay its claim under any insurance policy purchased by the Trustees. The Trustees shall have the power to borrow any sum in accordance with the provisions of any such insurance contracts; however, the Trustees shall be under no obligation to invest any cash value accumulated in any life insurance policy owned by the trust regardless of the investment yield on such value within the policy as compared to the net investment yield which could be



obtained outside the policy. Except as expressly provided otherwise herein, the Trustees shall be under no duty or obligation to exercise any benefit, option or privilege granted by any insurance policy and the Trustees shall not be liable or accountable to anyone for the exercise or non-exercise of any such benefit, option or privilege, including the ability to borrow against the cash values to obtain a higher investment yield outside the policy.

(z) The Trustees shall be responsible for the proceeds of the policies only when, as and if collected by them, and the Trustees shall not be liable or accountable to anyone if, because of default in premium payments, failure of the insurance company or for any other reason whatsoever, the policies, or any of them, shall lapse or be otherwise uncollectible. The Trustees shall not be deemed, because of this trust, to have entered into any covenant to keep any insurance policies in force.

(aa) In determining the amount of any power to withdraw principal that may lapse under this Agreement, the Trustees may rely upon the written statement of the Trustees of any other trust to which this Agreement refers as to the fair market value of the principal thereof at the end of any year and shall have no duty to inquire as to the correctness of such statement.

(bb) Wherever reference is made in this Agreement to the "Code" it shall mean the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and, if to any specific provision, it shall include any comparable provision of any subsequently enacted revenue law of the United States in effect from time to time.

9. The term "descendants" as used in this Agreement shall specifically exclude the Settlor's daughter PAMELA BETH SIMON and her descendants. The Settlor has not made any provisions herein for PAMELA BETH SIMON or any of her descendants not out of lack of love or affection but because they have been adequately provided for.


10. The Trustees hereby accept the trust herein and

agree to carry out the provisions hereof and faithfully to perform and discharge all of their duties as Trustees.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.


Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of the following persons, each of whom also signed as a witness in the presence of the Settlor

  
GEORGE D. KARIJANIAN

  
SIMON BERNSTEIN, Settlor (L.S.)

Print Name 183 S.W. 20TH STREET

Address BOCA RATON, FLORIDA 33486


  
Robert Jacobowitz  
Print Name  
2415 NW 32nd St.  
Address  
Boca Raton, FL


Signed, sealed and delivered  
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the Trustee

  
GEORGE D. KARIBJANIAN

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SHIRLEY BERNSTEIN, Trustee (L.S.)

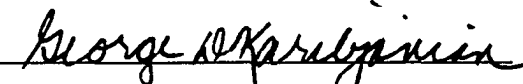


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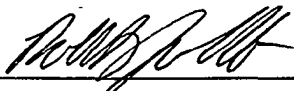
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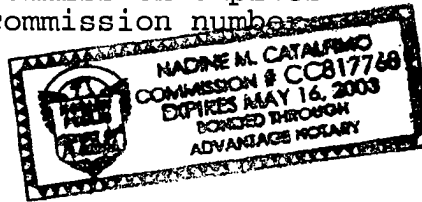
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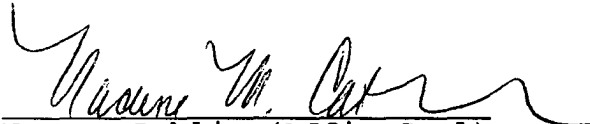
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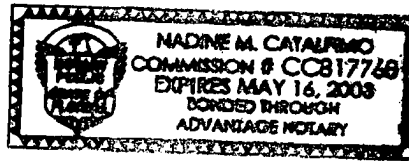
  
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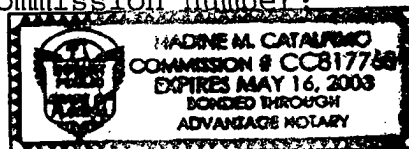
  
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STATE OF FLORIDA       )  
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COUNTY OF PALM BEACH)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me  
this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2000 by ALBERT W. GORTZ, who is  
personally known to me or ~~has produced~~ \_\_\_\_\_  
as identification.

  
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**SCHEDULE A**  
**TRUST AGREEMENT dated the 4th day**  
**of August, 2000, between**  
**SIMON BERNSTEIN, as Settlor,**  
**and SHIRLEY BERNSTEIN AND**  
**ALBERT W. GORTZ, as Trustees**

The following life insurance policies:

Lincoln Benefit Life Company, Policy No.: U0204204

Capitol Bankers Life Insurance Company,  
Policy No.: 1009208

**Donald Tescher**

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**From:** Donald Tescher  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 30, 2013 12:16 PM  
**To:** Ted Bernstein  
**Cc:** Robert Spallina  
**Subject:** Bernstein Estate

Do you communicate with your siblings other than Pam and Scooter? Below is an email to Robert from Jill and Lisa. In addition to being factually inaccurate, clearly indicates that they are not being kept in the loop. As a reminder, you were to obtain an appraisal from the jeweler as the one he gave you is inadequate. Also, you were to provide us with an accounting. How is that coming?

It has been over a month since we last heard any update on the Bernstein Estate, the insurance proceeds, the real estate, the law suit(s) and jewelry. It is our understanding that everything EXCEPT for the jewelry and insurance proceeds is under your jurisdiction as the Executor, so I am not clear on where that jewelry is or the appraisals I had asked for. I shared with my siblings, that once we have those appraisals I have several strong contacts that we will use to sell it, unless anyone of us wants to purchase it. We understand your Partner, Don has resigned from his duties regarding my Dad's estate. We would like to know why, so we fully understand what is going on. Please send us the sale information of the condo and where that money is going for our beneficiaries and the latest update with the insurance company and the proceeds.

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4/30/2013

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## Robert Spallina

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**From:** Donald Tescher  
**Sent:** Friday, April 19, 2013 2:18 PM  
**To:** David (Scooter) Simon; Ted Bernstein  
**Cc:** Robert Spallina  
**Subject:** RE: Heritage Union

Scooter, as per my telephone conversation with you where I advised you of my subsequent telephone conversation with Heritage's counsel, please revise the message as modified below and have it typed on your letterhead, signed and addressed to Scott D. Welling, Associate General Counsel, Jackson National Life Insurance Company, One Corporate Way, Lansing, Michigan 48951. Email is [scott.welling@jackson.com](mailto:scott.welling@jackson.com). Please copy us also. Thank you.

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**From:** David (Scooter) Simon [<mailto:dsimon@stpcorp.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 19, 2013 1:36 PM  
**To:** Ted Bernstein; Donald Tescher  
**Subject:** RE: Heritage Union

Mr. Welling:

This email confirms that the Insurance Trust will dismiss the action filed in Cook County upon a filing of the interpleader action in the Palm Beach County Circuit Court within the later of (i) 30 days from today; or (ii) the time for filing an answer or other responsive pleading in the Cook County matter. Heritage need not file an answer or other pleading provided if and only if Heritage files the interpleader action in the Palm Beach County Circuit Court within the time stated.

Thank you for your participation in this resolution.

Adam Simon

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**From:** Ted Bernstein [<mailto:tbernstein@lifeinsuranceconcepts.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 19, 2013 8:24 AM  
**To:** Donald Tescher  
**Cc:** Robert Spallina; David (Scooter) Simon  
**Subject:** Re: Bernstein

Thanks Don.

Ted Bernstein  
561-988-8984  
[tbernstein@lifeinsuranceconcepts.com](mailto:tbernstein@lifeinsuranceconcepts.com)

On Apr 19, 2013, at 9:22 AM, "Donald Tescher" <[dtescher@tescherspallina.com](mailto:dtescher@tescherspallina.com)> wrote:

Good. Spoke to Scooter yesterday. They are sending us a letter agreeing to dismiss the Cook County lawsuit upon a filing of the interpleader action in the Palm Beach County Circuit Court. However, a new wrinkle has cropped up: the insurance company has now been formally served. I will ask Scooter to modify the letter to indicate that they need not file an answer or other pleading and the suit will be dismissed provided they file the interpleader here within the time for filing an answer or other responsive pleading in the Cook County matter. I will call the in house counsel at the carrier and make sure that this will be acceptable.

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**From:** Ted Bernstein [mailto:[tbernstein@lifeinsuranceconcepts.com](mailto:tbernstein@lifeinsuranceconcepts.com)]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 19, 2013 8:28 AM  
**To:** Robert Spallina  
**Cc:** Donald Tescher  
**Subject:** Re: Bernstein

Condo closed yesterday. Money should be wired today. One down, one to go.

Ted Bernstein  
561-988-8984  
[tbernstein@lifeinsuranceconcepts.com](mailto:tbernstein@lifeinsuranceconcepts.com)

On Apr 18, 2013, at 9:19 PM, "Robert Spallina" <[rspallina@tescherspallina.com](mailto:rspallina@tescherspallina.com)> wrote:

See below

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:



**From:** "Welling, Scott" <[scott.welling@jackson.com](mailto:scott.welling@jackson.com)>  
**Date:** April 18, 2013, 4:22:55 PM EDT  
**To:** 'Robert Spallina' <[rspallina@tescherspallina.com](mailto:rspallina@tescherspallina.com)>  
**Subject:** Bernstein

Hi Bob,

Not only has the Cook County lawsuit not been dismissed, I was just informed it was formally served on the 17<sup>th</sup>...??

I cannot file the Palm Beach interpleader with this action pending.

Scott D. Welling

Associate General Counsel

Jackson National Life Insurance Company

One Corporate Way

Lansing, Michigan 48951

Phone: (517) 367-4337

Fax: (517) 706-5517

**Please note: Jackson's email address has changed to [@jackson.com](mailto:@jackson.com)**

## Robert Spallina

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**From:** Welling, Scott [scott.welling@jackson.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 19, 2013 5:03 PM  
**To:** 'Cheryl Sychowski'  
**Cc:** Donald Tescher; Adam Simon; Adam Simon; Robert Spallina  
**Subject:** RE: Simon Bernstein Irrevocable Insurance Trust dtd 6/21/95 v. Heritage Union Life Insurance Company- Case Number 2013L003498

**Importance:** High

Dear Mr. Simon,

Thank you for your correspondence.

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I have briefly discussed this matter with Cook County counsel.

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If I am incorrect, and if the Trustee of the Trust HAS directed you to file this suit, please advise me of same at your soonest convenience.

I will allow you until Wednesday, April 24, 2013 to voluntarily dismiss the above action, and provide me with email confirmation of the dismissal.

If I do not receive confirmation of the dismissal by that date, I will instruct our Cook County counsel to file an Appearance, and then seek to dismiss the action on the grounds that the Trust never authorized the suit.

Naturally, I will ask that our fees and costs be recovered from whichever person or entity is appropriate.

I remain committed to working with the Trust to resolve this matter amicably and with as little expense as possible. However, I decline to do so with an improperly filed lawsuit hanging over my head.

Please give this matter your prompt attention.

**From:** Cheryl Sychowski [mailto:cheryl@stpcorp.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 19, 2013 3:48 PM  
**To:** Welling, Scott  
**Cc:** dtescher@tescherspallina.com; Adam Simon; Adam Simon  
**Subject:** Simon Bernstein Irrevocable Insurance Trust dtd 6/21/95 v. Heritage Union Life Insurance Company- Case Number 2013L003498

Mr. Welling,

Please see attached for a letter from Adam Simon regarding Simon Bernstein Irrevocable Insurance Trust dtd 6/21/95 v. Heritage Union Life Insurance Company - Case Number 2013L003498.

Thank you,

**Cheryl Sychowski**

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## Robert Spallina

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**From:** Donald Tescher  
**Sent:** Friday, April 19, 2013 6:01 PM  
**To:** Welling, Scott; Robert Spallina  
**Cc:** asimon21@att.net; David (Scooter) Simon; Ted Bernstein  
**Subject:** RE: Simon Bernstein Irrevocable Insurance Trust dtd 6/21/95 v. Heritage Union Life Insurance Company- Case Number 2013L003498

Ted: This is principally addressed to you but have included others so that they are aware. I feel that we have serious conflicts in continuing to represent you as Trustee of the Life Insurance Trust and need to withdraw from further representation in regard to that matter. We have been under the impression that the interpleader action to be filed in Palm Beach County, Florida would be filed in the Circuit Court which is a State court. That is where Sy's estate is being administered. I have spent the past couple of days acting as an intermediary with Scooter and Scott and thought that we had reached a reasonable resolution that would permit the carrier to bring the action here and have Adam then dismiss the Cook County suit. It appears that I was unsuccessful. Given the conflicting issues of who is representing the Trust, our removal will at least solve that issue. If you gave written authority to the Simon Lawfirm it was without our knowledge.

Should our testimony or affidavits regarding Sy's intent or any other aspects of this matter that we may have knowledge be useful we will certainly be available to assist.

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**From:** Welling, Scott [<mailto:scott.welling@jackson.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 19, 2013 5:26 PM  
**To:** Robert Spallina; Donald Tescher  
**Subject:** FW: Simon Bernstein Irrevocable Insurance Trust dtd 6/21/95 v. Heritage Union Life Insurance Company- Case Number 2013L003498

Gentlemen,

Can you advise on the below...?

**From:** adam simon [<mailto:asimon21@att.net>]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 19, 2013 5:25 PM  
**To:** Welling, Scott  
**Subject:** Re: Simon Bernstein Irrevocable Insurance Trust dtd 6/21/95 v. Heritage Union Life Insurance Company- Case Number 2013L003498

Mr. Welling:

You have been given inaccurate information. I have received written authorization from Ted Bernstein as Trustee of the Trust to file the action that was filed in Cook County.

Thank you,  
Adam Simon

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 19, 2013, at 4:02 PM, "Welling, Scott" <[scott.welling@jackson.com](mailto:scott.welling@jackson.com)> wrote:

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## Robert Spallina

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**From:** Robert Spallina  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 16, 2013 10:43 AM  
**To:** Ted Bernstein  
**Cc:** Donald Tescher  
**Subject:** RE: Simon Bernstein Irrv Trust v Heritage Union

Ted – I'm done with this matter. I have bent over backwards for YOU to try to keep things in order out of respect for your father and mother but your family has gotten to the point of completely dysfunctional and I do not need the aggravation in my life. Handle the insurance matter as you please (or as your in-laws please which seems to be the case). I cannot and will not help people that do not want to help themselves. Don is a much more patient man than I so he may continue to assist you but I will not. Sorry.

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**From:** Adam Simon [mailto:asimon21@att.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 16, 2013 10:31 AM  
**To:** Robert Spallina  
**Subject:** Re: Simon Bernstein Irrv Trust v Heritage Union

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**Subject:** Re: Simon Bernstein Irrv Trust v Heritage Union

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Thank you.

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On Apr 15, 2013, at 10:53 AM, "Robert Spallina" <rspallina@tescherspallina.com> wrote:

Please advise timing as we have not received a response on the below email.

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**From:** Robert Spallina  
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2013 11:22 AM  
**To:** 'Adam Simon'  
**Cc:** 'Welling, Scott'; 'Ted Bernstein'; David (Scooter) Simon; Donald Tescher  
**Subject:** RE: Simon Bernstein Irrv Trust v Heritage Union

Mr. Simon - I have spoken to Scott Welling at Jackson (who is copied on this email) and he will interplead here in South Palm Beach County which was the path he and I have been on since we discovered the defect in the ownership change. He is in the process of speaking to counsel here in Palm Beach County. As discussed Monday, please withdraw the pleading filed in Cook County and provide notice of same to all the parties on this email. He cannot file his inter-pleader with this matter pending in Cook County. Thank you

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**From:** Robert Spallina  
**Sent:** Monday, April 08, 2013 1:59 PM  
**To:** 'Adam Simon'  
**Cc:** 'Welling, Scott'; 'Ted Bernstein'; Donald Tescher  
**Subject:** RE: Simon Bernstein Irrv Trust v Heritage Union

Mr. Simon - we would like an explanation as well. Our client, Ted Bernstein (and the alleged successor trustee of the subject trust), never had a conversation with us that his family would be taking it upon themselves to attempt to collect the proceeds from the carrier through his brother-in-law's firm. We have represented this trust from the date of Mr. Bernstein's death. Is our client even aware that this was filed? He did not sign the pleading. Please advise.

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**From:** Welling, Scott [<mailto:scott.welling@jackson.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 08, 2013 12:47 PM  
**To:** 'Adam Simon'; Robert Spallina  
**Subject:** RE: Simon Bernstein Irrv Trust v Heritage Union

I have been working with attorney Robert Spallina to try and amicably resolve this matter.

Who do you represent, and why are you suing us? Have you been apprised of attorney Spallina's efforts to help us resolve this matter?

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**From:** Adam Simon [<mailto:asimon21@att.net>]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 08, 2013 12:15 PM  
**To:** Welling, Scott  
**Subject:** Simon Bernstein Irrv Trust v Heritage Union

Mr. Welling:

Attached please find a complaint in this matter filed in the Circuit Court of Cook County. My client has attempted to reach you but has been unsuccessful. We remain hopeful that this matter can be resolved quickly. If you have any questions and need to speak with me today, please try my cell phone at 312-320-4491. Thank you.

Adam Simon

## Robert Spallina

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**Subject:** RE: Simon Bernstein Irrv Trust v Heritage Union

Mr. Simon - I have spoken to Scott Welling at Jackson (who is copied on this email) and he will interplead here in South Palm Beach County which was the path he and I have been on since we discovered the defect in the ownership change. He is in the process of speaking to counsel here in Palm Beach County. As discussed Monday, please withdraw the pleading filed in Cook County and provide notice of same to all the parties on this email. He cannot file his inter-pleader with this matter pending in Cook County. Thank you

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**From:** Robert Spallina  
**Sent:** Monday, April 08, 2013 1:59 PM  
**To:** 'Adam Simon'  
**Cc:** 'Welling, Scott'; 'Ted Bernstein'; Donald Tescher  
**Subject:** RE: Simon Bernstein Irrv Trust v Heritage Union

Mr. Simon - we would like an explanation as well. Our client, Ted Bernstein (and the alleged successor trustee of the subject trust), never had a conversation with us that his family would be taking it upon themselves to attempt to collect the proceeds from the carrier through his brother-in-law's firm. We have represented this trust from the date of Mr. Bernstein's death. Is our client even aware that this was filed? He did not sign the pleading. Please advise.

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**From:** Welling, Scott [<mailto:scott.welling@jackson.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 08, 2013 12:47 PM  
**To:** 'Adam Simon'; Robert Spallina  
**Subject:** RE: Simon Bernstein Irrv Trust v Heritage Union

I have been working with attorney Robert Spallina to try and amicably resolve this matter.

Who do you represent, and why are you suing us? Have you been apprised of attorney Spallina's efforts to help us resolve this matter?

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**From:** Adam Simon [<mailto:asimon21@att.net>]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 08, 2013 12:15 PM  
**To:** Welling, Scott  
**Subject:** Simon Bernstein Irrv Trust v Heritage Union

Mr. Welling:

Attached please find a complaint in this matter filed in the Circuit Court of Cook County. My client has attempted to reach you but has been unsuccessful. We remain hopeful that this matter can be resolved quickly. If you have any questions and need to speak with me today, please try my cell phone at 312-320-4491. Thank you.

Adam Simon

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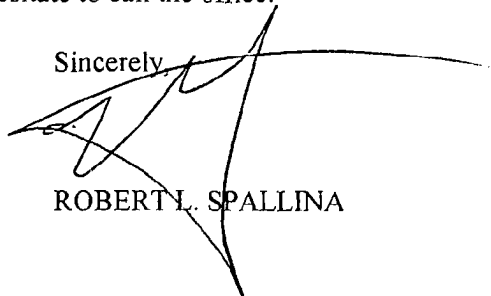
**Re: Simon Bernstein Estate**

Dear Adam:

Enclosed for your records is a copy of the Heritage Union Life Insurance file for the above referenced Estate.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the office.

Sincerely,



ROBERT L. SPALLINA

RLS/ac  
Enclosure



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## Robert Spallina

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**From:** Robert Spallina  
**Sent:** Friday, May 03, 2013 6:41 PM  
**To:** Welling, Scott  
**Cc:** Donald Tescher  
**Subject:** Re: Simon Bernstein Irrevocable Insurance Trust dtd 6/21/95 v. Heritage Union Life Insurance Company- Case Number 2013L003498

Scott there is no trust instrument to be found. That was what the Dec action was all about.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 3, 2013, at 5:58 PM, "Welling, Scott" <[scott.welling@jackson.com](mailto:scott.welling@jackson.com)> wrote:

Hello,

Can you gentlemen pdf me a copy of the trust?

Thanks.

Scott

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**From:** Donald Tescher [<mailto:dtescher@tescherspallina.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 19, 2013 6:01 PM  
**To:** Welling, Scott; Robert Spallina  
**Cc:** [asimon21@att.net](mailto:asimon21@att.net); David (Scooter) Simon; Ted Bernstein  
**Subject:** RE: Simon Bernstein Irrevocable Insurance Trust dtd 6/21/95 v. Heritage Union Life Insurance Company- Case Number 2013L003498

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**To:** Robert Spallina; Donald Tescher  
**Subject:** FW: Simon Bernstein Irrevocable Insurance Trust dtd 6/21/95 v. Heritage Union Life Insurance Company- Case Number 2013L003498

Gentlemen,

Can you advise on the below...?

**From:** adam simon [<mailto:asimon21@att.net>]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 19, 2013 5:25 PM  
**To:** Welling, Scott  
**Subject:** Re: Simon Bernstein Irrevocable Insurance Trust dtd 6/21/95 v. Heritage Union Life Insurance Company- Case Number 2013L003498

Mr. Welling:

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Thank you,  
Adam Simon

Sent from my iPhone

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Please give this matter your prompt attention.

**From:** Cheryl Sychowski [<mailto:cheryl@stpcorp.com>]

**Sent:** Friday, April 19, 2013 3:48 PM

**To:** Welling, Scott

**Cc:** [dtescher@tescherspallina.com](mailto:dtescher@tescherspallina.com); Adam Simon; Adam Simon

**Subject:** Simon Bernstein Irrevocable Insurance Trust dtd 6/21/95 v. Heritage Union Life Insurance Company- Case Number 2013L003498

Mr. Welling,

Please see attached for a letter from Adam Simon regarding Simon Bernstein Irrevocable Insurance Trust dtd 6/21/95 v. Heritage Union Life Insurance Company - Case Number 2013L003498.

Thank you,

**Cheryl Sychowski**

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**Donald Tescher**

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**From:** adam simon [mailto:asimon21@att.net]

4/19/2013

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**Sent:** Friday, April 19, 2013 5:25 PM

**To:** Welling, Scott

**Subject:** Re: Simon Bernstein Irrevocable Insurance Trust dtd 6/21/95 v. Heritage Union Life Insurance Company- Case Number 2013L003498

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TS006548

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**Sent:** Friday, April 19, 2013 3:48 PM  
**To:** Welling, Scott  
**Cc:** [dtescher@tescherspallina.com](mailto:dtescher@tescherspallina.com); Adam Simon; Adam Simon  
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TS006549

**Donald Tescher**

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**From:** Welling, Scott [scott.welling@jackson.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 19, 2013 5:03 PM  
**To:** 'Cheryl Sychowski'  
**Cc:** Donald Tescher; Adam Simon; Adam Simon; Robert Spallina  
**Subject:** RE: Simon Bernstein Irrevocable Insurance Trust dtd 6/21/95 v. Heritage Union Life Insurance Company- Case Number 2013L003498  
**Importance:** High

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**To:** Welling, Scott

**Cc:** dtescher@tescherspallina.com; Adam Simon; Adam Simon

**Subject:** Simon Bernstein Irrevocable Insurance Trust dtd 6/21/95 v. Heritage Union Life Insurance Company-  
Case Number 2013L003498

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April 19, 2013

Scott D. Welling  
Associate General Counsel  
Jackson National Life Insurance Company  
One Corporate Way  
Lansing, Michigan 48951

RE: Simon Bernstein Irrevocable Insurance Trust dtd 6/21/95 v. Heritage Union Life Insurance Company, Case Number 2013L003498

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Thank you for your participation in this resolution.

Very truly yours,  
THE SIMON LAW FIRM



Adam M. Simon

**Donald Tescher**

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**From:** Donald Tescher  
**Sent:** Friday, April 19, 2013 2:18 PM  
**To:** 'David (Scooter) Simon'; Ted Bernstein  
**Cc:** Robert Spallina  
**Subject:** RE: Heritage Union

Scooter, as per my telephone conversation with you where I advised you of my subsequent telephone conversation with Heritage's counsel, please revise the message as modified below and have it typed on your letterhead, signed and addressed to Scott D. Welling, Associate General Counsel, Jackson National Life Insurance Company, One Corporate Way, Lansing, Michigan 48951. Email is [scott.welling@jackson.com](mailto:scott.welling@jackson.com). Please copy us also. Thank you.

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**From:** David (Scooter) Simon [<mailto:dsimon@stpcorp.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 19, 2013 1:36 PM  
**To:** Ted Bernstein; Donald Tescher  
**Subject:** RE: Heritage Union

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Adam Simon

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**From:** Ted Bernstein [<mailto:tbernstein@lifeinsuranceconcepts.com>]

4/19/2013

TS006553



**Sent:** Friday, April 19, 2013 8:24 AM  
**To:** Donald Tescher  
**Cc:** Robert Spallina; David (Scooter) Simon  
**Subject:** Re: Bernstein

Thanks Don.

Ted Bernstein  
561-988-8984  
[tbernstein@lifeinsuranceconcepts.com](mailto:tbernstein@lifeinsuranceconcepts.com)

On Apr 19, 2013, at 9:22 AM, "Donald Tescher" <[dtescher@tescherspallina.com](mailto:dtescher@tescherspallina.com)> wrote:

Good. Spoke to Scooter yesterday. They are sending us a letter agreeing to dismiss the Cook County lawsuit upon a filing of the interpleader action in the Palm Beach County Circuit Court. However, a new wrinkle has cropped up: the insurance company has now been formally served. I will ask Scooter to modify the letter to indicate that they need not file an answer or other pleading and the suit will be dismissed provided they file the interpleader here within the time for filing an answer or other responsive pleading in the Cook County matter. I will call the in house counsel at the carrier and make sure that this will be acceptable.

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**To:** Robert Spallina  
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Ted Bernstein  
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[tbernstein@lifeinsuranceconcepts.com](mailto:tbernstein@lifeinsuranceconcepts.com)

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**Donald Tescher**

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**From:** David (Scooter) Simon [dsimon@stpcorp.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 19, 2013 1:36 PM  
**To:** Ted Bernstein; Donald Tescher  
**Subject:** RE: Heritage Union

Mr. Tescher,

This email confirms that the Insurance Trust will dismiss the action filed in Cook County upon a filing of the interpleader action in the Palm Beach County Circuit Court within the time for filing an answer or other responsive pleading in the Cook County matter. Heritage need not file an answer or other pleading provided if and only if Heritage files the interpleader action in the Palm Beach County Circuit Court within the time for filing an answer or other responsive pleading in the Cook County matter.

Thank you for your participation in this resolution.

Adam Simon

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**From:** Ted Bernstein [mailto:tbernstein@lifeinsuranceconcepts.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 19, 2013 8:24 AM  
**To:** Donald Tescher  
**Cc:** Robert Spallina; David (Scooter) Simon  
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Thanks Don.

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Good. Spoke to Scooter yesterday. They are sending us a letter agreeing to dismiss the Cook County lawsuit upon a filing of the interpleader action in the Palm Beach County Circuit Court. However, a new wrinkle has cropped up: the insurance company has now been formally served. I will ask Scooter to modify the letter to indicate that they need not file an answer or other pleading and the suit will be dismissed provided they file the interpleader here within the time for filing an answer or other responsive pleading in the Cook County matter. I will call the in house counsel at the carrier and make sure that this will be acceptable.

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**Cc:** TBernstein@lifeinsuranceconcepts.com  
**Subject:** Fwd: Bernstein

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30 days  
[ - helps ~~with~~ out next week ]

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**From:** Alexa Collevchio  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 18, 2013 3:09 PM  
**To:** Donald Tescher  
**Subject:** David Simon "Scooter" 312-819-0730

*dsimon@stpcorp.com*

Ted Mentioned to him that you called him and left him a voicemail but has no recollection of that happening

**Alexa Collevchio, Receptionist**  
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## Robert Spallina

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**From:** Ted Bernstein [tbernstein@lifeinsuranceconcepts.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2013 6:34 PM  
**To:** Robert Spallina  
**Cc:** Donald Tescher  
**Subject:** RE: FW: Simon Bernstein Irrv Trust v Heritage Union

No, still not.

Ted Bernstein  
561-988-8984

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy Note™

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**To:** Ted Bernstein <tbernstein@lifeinsuranceconcepts.com>  
**CC:** RE: FW: Simon Bernstein Irrv Trust v Heritage Union

Have you spoken to them now? We want the filing in Cook County withdrawn ASAP.

**From:** Ted Bernstein [mailto:tbernstein@lifeinsuranceconcepts.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2013 12:27 PM  
**To:** Robert Spallina  
**Subject:** RE: FW: Simon Bernstein Irrv Trust v Heritage Union

Hmmmm - haven't spoken with him since being on phone in your office.

Ted  
561-988-8984

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy Note™

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Ted – see below. Instructions from ...s clients??? Convenient how he didn't copy you.

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**Attachments:** COMPLAINT AT LAW-heritage union.pdf

Hello,

Did you know anything about this?

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## Robert Spallina

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**From:** Robert Spallina  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 14, 2013 7:17 AM  
**To:** Pam Simon  
**Cc:** David (Scooter) Simon; Ted Bernstein  
**Subject:** Re: Simon Bernstein

Waiting for carrier to clear up title and beneficiary designation. Did you get the email I sent everyone from the carrier last week? Scooter knows where we are in process.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 14, 2013, at 12:41 AM, "Pam Simon" <[psimon@stpcorp.com](mailto:psimon@stpcorp.com)> wrote:

Next step? By who? Or is it whom?

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**Very Truly Yours,**  
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**From:** Cheryl Sychowski  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2013 4:32 PM  
**To:** David (Scooter) Simon  
**Subject:** Simon Bernstein

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## Robert Spallina

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**From:** David (Scooter) Simon [dsimon@stpcorp.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 08, 2013 11:21 AM  
**To:** Robert Spallina  
**Subject:** LaSalle

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**Very Truly Yours,**

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**From:** Welling, Scott [scott.welling@jackson.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 08, 2013 1:44 PM  
**To:** Robert Spallina  
**Subject:** Bernstein; Policy No. 1009208

Hi Bob,

First, let me thank you for discussing this matter with me, and for your continued cooperation in helping ensure that the \$1 – million – plus proceeds of this policy are paid correctly.

As I noted during our conversation, Jackson recently acquired Reassure Life Insurance Company, and is now responsible for administering this policy. I have been working with former Reassure personnel to obtain the necessary documentation confirming the last-named owner and beneficiary of the policy. Unfortunately, due to the age of this policy, this is proving to be a difficult task.

My assistant, who is quite thorough, went through the policy file and prepared a detailed outline noting all policy activity, including owner changes and beneficiary changes. This outline revealed instances where letters were sent confirming ownership and/or beneficiary changes, for which no valid ownership change or beneficiary change directive could be found. I have sent the Reassure folks several emails pointing out these issues and I have asked them to provide all documentation substantiating the confirmation letters.

Clearly, Jackson wants to pay the proceeds of this policy to the correct beneficiary as swiftly as possible. If we need to seek the court's determination of who that beneficiary is, it is vitally important that we name in any pleading all entities which may have a claim to the proceeds. Hence the need to confirm, to the extent possible, all beneficiary designations which may (rightly or wrongly) have been recorded against the policy.

At this point, my hope is to resolve this matter by way of a Petition which (i) names all possible beneficiaries/claimants, and (ii) specifically asks for an order directing Jackson to pay a specific beneficiary. As I noted, the Petition should name Jackson as a party, so we will be bound by the Order. Assuming no hostile allegations are made against Jackson, I will not oppose the entry of the Order, but will simply await entry of the final Order, at which time payment can be made.

I will help you draft the Petition and Order.

Alternately, Jackson could simply interplead the funds and let the court decide who is entitled to the proceeds. I would like to avoid this if possible, as it would prove to be more expensive for both your clients and Jackson.

I pledge to work with you to resolve this matter as swiftly and economically as possible.

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Scott D. Welling  
Associate General Counsel  
Jackson National Life Insurance Company  
One Corporate Way  
Lansing, Michigan 48951  
Phone: (517) 367-4337  
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**Please note: Jackson's email address has changed to @jackson.com**

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## Robert Spallina

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**From:** Robert Spallina  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 06, 2013 5:26 PM  
**To:** 'Ted Bernstein'; 'Pam Simon'; lisa.friedstein@gmail.com; Jill lantoni  
**Cc:** Donald Tescher  
**Subject:** Dec Action and Waivers  
**Attachments:** Declaratory Action to Establish a Lost Trust.pdf; Jill Waiver Consent and Joinder.pdf; Lisa Waiver Consent and Joinder.pdf; Pam Waiver Consent and Joinder.pdf

All – attached is the petition we intend to file along with the waivers that each of you will need to sign. We have not heard from the attorney at Heritage but as discussed we intend to file the attached on Monday regardless. We did check with his office and he is out until tomorrow so we will reach out to him again to see if he has any comments as a courtesy prior to filing. Please sign your waivers and send us the originals in the overnight mail so I can receive them on Friday. Ted does not need to sign a waiver as he is signing the petition.

If we need to have a call on any of this I am available tomorrow afternoon or on Friday most of the day.

Thanks,

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**From:** Robert Spallina  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 06, 2013 5:32 PM  
**To:** 'Scott.welling@jackson.com'  
**Subject:** Simon Bernstein Trust - Policy #1009208  
**Attachments:** Declaratory Action to Establish a Lost Trust.pdf

Scott – I understand you are out of the office until tomorrow. We sent this to you previously and in error addressed it to the wrong email address. We would like to file this on Monday so if you could take a few minutes to review it would be greatly appreciated. We have not attached a copy of the Order but it will obviously be in the form of the relief requested.

Thanks,

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FL  
IN RE: SIMON BERNSTEIN                      PROBATE DIVISION  
IRREVOCABLE INSURANCE  
TRUST dated JUNE 21, 1995                      FILE NO.:

**DECLARATORY ACTION TO ESTABLISH A LOST  
TRUST  
AND APPOINT A SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE**

COMES NOW TED BERNSTEIN, son of SIMON BERNSTEIN (“SIMON”), deceased, and alleges the following:

Parties, Jurisdiction and Venue

1. This is an action to establish the terms of a lost trust, including the determination of a successor trustee, pursuant to Florida Statutes 86.011, 86.041 and 736.0201(2) and (4).
2. Florida Statutes 86.736.0201 provides, in part, for the Court to intervene in the administration of a trust when invoked by an interested person relating to the validity, administration or distribution of a trust, appoint or remove a trustee and ascertain beneficiaries.
3. Petitioner, TED S. BERNSTEIN (“TED”), is of legal age and a resident of Palm Beach County, Florida, and the former Personal Representative and current trustee of the FAMILY TRUST F/B/O SIMON BERNSTEIN under the SHIRLEY BERNSTEIN REVOCABLE TRUST.
4. SHIRLEY BERNSTEIN is the predeceased spouse of SIMON, who upon information and belief was the Trustee of the SIMON BERNSTEIN IRREVOCABLE INSURANCE TRUST (the “ILIT”) , an irrevocable trust established by SIMON on June 21, 1995 .
5. SIMON died on September 13, 2012 and his estate is now being probated in the Circuit Court for Palm Beach County, Florida. SIMON is survived by the following adult children:

TED S. BERNSTEIN, resident of Palm Beach County, Florida ;  
PAMELA BERNSTEIN, resident of Chicago, Illinois;  
ELIOT BERNSTEIN, resident of Palm Beach County, Florida;  
JILL IANTONI, resident of Highland Park, Illinois; and  
LISA S. FRIEDSTEIN, resident of Highland Park, Illinois (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Children").

All of the Children are sui juris and have either executed and filed Consents to the relief sought or have been served with this Petition.

6. Venue of this proceeding is proper in this Court pursuant to Florida Statutes 737.0204 and Chapter 47 because the ILIT's principal place of administration and Trust situs was and remained in Palm Beach County, Florida.

#### General Allegations

7. Attached as Exhibit "A" is a copy of the Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, reflecting the name of the ILIT and signed by SHIRLEY as the Trustee and dated June 21, 1995.
8. Diligent search for the ILIT or a copy of it has been made, including inquiry with the insurance carrier, HERITAGE UNION LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY ("HERITAGE"), search of SIMON'S and SHIRLEY's papers and documents, lawyer files and accountant files, and no original or copy has been located.
9. Upon information and belief, the Petitioner, TED, was named as the successor Trustee to SHIRLEY of the ILIT. (See Affidavit of David Simon, Esq., son-in-law of SIMON and SHIRLEY, attached hereto as Exhibit "B").
10. Upon information and belief, the beneficiaries of the ILIT were the children of SIMON and SHIRLEY, in equal shares and per stirpes. (See Affidavit of Robert L. Spallina, Esq., personal attorney to SIMON and SHIRLEY during their lifetimes, attached hereto as Exhibit "C").
11. HERITAGE has advised counsel for the Petitioner that their records reflect the owner of the life insurance policy to be SIMON and the beneficiary to be the ILIT. (See copy of communication from carrier dated \_\_\_\_\_ attached hereto as Exhibit

“D “).

12. HERITAGE will not settle and pay the death benefit under policy #1009208 until receipt of a court order identifying the successor trustee of the ILIT.
13. In order to avoid delays occasioned by the need to open new banking arrangements for the ILIT to process and distribute the insurance proceeds, TED wishes to authorize HERITAGE to disburse the death benefit proceeds to Tescher & Spallina, P.A. Trust Account at Sabadell Bank.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests this Court to determine that

A. TED S. BERNSTEIN is the successor trustee to SHIRLEY BERNSTEIN of the SIMON BERNSTEIN IRREVOCABLE INSURANCE TRUST dated June 21, 1995;

B. The remainder beneficiaries of the SIMON BERNSTEIN IRREVOCABLE INSURANCE TRUST dated June 21, 1995 are the five (5) children of SIMON and SHIRLEY, in equal shares, per stirpes;

C. HERITAGE UNION LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY be directed to distribute the death benefit proceeds to the Tescher & Spallina, P.A. Trust Account at Sabadell Bank.

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I declare that I have read the foregoing, and the facts alleged are true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed on \_\_\_\_\_, 2013

\_\_\_\_\_  
TED S. BERNSTEIN

\_\_\_\_\_  
Donald R. Tescher, Esq.  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing was served via U.S.

Mail to the following individuals on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013:

TESCHER & SPALLINA, P.A.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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IN RE: SIMON BERNSTEIN      PROBATE DIVISION

IRREVOCABLE INSURANCE

TRUST dated JUNE 21, 1995      FILE NO.:  
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**WAIVER, CONSENT AND JOINDER TO  
DECLARATORY ACTION TO ESTABLISH A LOST TRUST  
AND APPOINT A SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE**

The undersigned, a surviving child of SIMON BERNSTEIN and SHIRLEY BERNSTEIN, acknowledge receipt of the captioned pleading, waive formal service and join in and consent to the relief requested.

Dated this \_\_\_ day of March, 2013.

\_\_\_\_\_  
PAMELA BERNSTEIN

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FL

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ELIOT BERNSTEIN



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LISA S. FRIEDSTEIN

2/25/13 Bernstein

6/21, 1995 Trust execution date

Chapter 86 F.S.

~~Illinois resident?~~  
~~Trust executed there~~

736.0108 Principal place of admin.

736.0201

736.0204(3) principal place of admin - FL.

INS - Heritage

- 1995 Trust reflected as been in INS. Co does

Both were FL residents

Sey owned policy died 9/13/12

Dinky was Trustee died 12/8/10

Pam, Jill, Lisa - all Illinois residents  
Eliot, his minor children & Ted - FL residents

SS-4 6/21/95 - 65-6178916

# **EXHIBIT G**

**I.DOCKET #244 – SIMON ESTATE**

**MOT - MOTION**

**FILING DATE: 28-AUG-2014**

**FILING PARTY: BERNSTEIN, ELIOT IVAN**

**DOCKET TEXT:(AMENDED) FOR REMOVAL OF PERSONAL  
REPRESENTATIVE AND TRUSTEE OF THE ESTATES AND TRUST OF  
SIMON AND SHIRLEY BERNSTEIN IN ALL FIDUCIAL CAPACITIES  
ON THE COURT'S OWN INITIATIVE UNEXECUTED ORDER  
ATTACHED EFILED**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEEN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF  
SIMON BERNSTEIN,  
Deceased

CASE NO. 502012CP004391XXXXSB  
HON. JUDGE MARTIN H. COLIN

\_\_\_\_\_/

ELIOT IVAN BERNSTEIN, PRO SE  
PETITIONER,

V.

TESCHER & SPALLINA, P.A., (AND ALL PARTNERS,  
ASSOCIATES AND OF COUNSEL);  
ROBERT L. SPALLINA, ESQ., PERSONALLY;  
ROBERT L. SPALLINA, ESQ., PROFESSIONALLY;  
DONALD R. TESCHER, ESQ., PERSONALLY;  
DONALD R. TESCHER, ESQ., PROFESSIONALLY;  
THEODORE STUART BERNSTEIN, INDIVIDUALLY;  
THEODORE STUART BERNSTEIN, AS ALLEGED PERSONAL  
REPRESENTATIVE;  
THEODORE STUART BERNSTEIN, AS ALLEGED TRUSTEE  
AND SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE PERSONALLY;  
THEODORE STUART BERNSTEIN, AS ALLEGED TRUSTEE  
AND SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE, PROFESSIONALLY;  
THEODORE STUART BERNSTEIN, AS TRUSTEE FOR HIS  
CHILDREN;  
LISA SUE FRIEDSTEIN, INDIVIDUALLY AS A BENEFICIARY;  
LISA SUE FRIEDSTEIN, AS TRUSTEE FOR HER CHILDREN;  
JILL MARLA IANTONI, INDIVIDUALLY AS A BENEFICIARY;  
JILL MARLA IANTONI, AS TRUSTEE FOR HER CHILDREN;  
PAMELA BETH SIMON, INDIVIDUALLY;  
PAMELA BETH SIMON, AS TRUSTEE FOR HER CHILDREN;  
MARK MANCERI, ESQ., PERSONALLY;  
MARK MANCERI, ESQ., PROFESSIONALLY;  
MARK R. MANCERI, P.A. (AND ALL PARTNERS,  
ASSOCIATES AND OF COUNSEL);  
JOSHUA ENNIO ZANDER BERNSTEIN (ELIOT  
MINOR CHILD);  
JACOB NOAH ARCHIE BERNSTEIN (ELIOT  
MINOR CHILD);  
DANIEL ELIJSHA ABE OTTOMO BERNSTEIN  
(ELIOT MINOR CHILD);  
ALEXANDRA BERNSTEIN (THEODORE ADULT

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SHIRLEY BERNSTEIN

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CHILD);  
ERIC BERNSTEIN (THEODORE ADULT CHILD);  
MICHAEL BERNSTEIN (THEODORE ADULT CHILD);  
MATTHEW LOGAN (THEODORE'S SPOUSE ADULT CHILD);  
MOLLY NORAH SIMON (PAMELA ADULT CHILD);  
JULIA IANTONI – JILL MINOR CHILD;  
MAX FRIEDSTEIN – LISA MINOR CHILD;  
CARLY FRIEDSTEIN – LISA MINOR CHILD;  
PAGE, MRACHEK, FITZGERALD & ROSE, P.A. (AND ALL PARTNERS, ASSOCIATES AND OF COUNSEL);  
ALAN B. ROSE, ESQ. – PERSONALLY;  
ALAN B. ROSE, ESQ. – PROFESSIONALLY;  
PANKAUSKI LAW FIRM PLLC, (AND ALL PARTNERS, ASSOCIATES AND OF COUNSEL);  
JOHN J. PANKAUSKI, ESQ. – PERSONALLY;  
JOHN J. PANKAUSKI, ESQ. – PROFESSIONALLY;  
KIMBERLY FRANCIS MORAN – PERSONALLY;  
KIMBERLY FRANCIS MORAN – PROFESSIONALLY;  
LINDSAY BAXLEY AKA LINDSAY GILES – PERSONALLY;  
LINDSAY BAXLEY AKA LINDSAY GILES – PROFESSIONALLY;  
THE ALLEGED “SIMON L. BERNSTEIN AMENDED AND RESTATED TRUST AGREEMENT” DATED JULY 25, 2012;  
JOHN AND JANE DOE'S (1-5000).

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**AMENDED MOTION FOR REMOVAL OF PR AND TRUSTEE OF THE ESTATES AND TRUSTS OF SIMON AND SHIRLEY BERNSTEIN IN ALL FIDUCIAL CAPACITIES ON THE COURT'S OWN INITIATIVE – FLORIDA TITLE XLII 736.0706**

COMES NOW, Eliot Ivan Bernstein (“Eliot”) or (“Petitioner”), PRO SE, as Beneficiary and Interested Party both for himself personally and Guardian for his three minor children (who may also be Beneficiaries and Interested Parties of the Estates and Trusts of Simon Bernstein (“Simon”) and Shirley Bernstein (“Shirley”), and hereby files this

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“AMENDED MOTION FOR REMOVAL OF PR AND TRUSTEE OF THE ESTATES  
AND TRUSTS OF SIMON AND SHIRLEY BERNSTEIN IN ALL FIDUCIAL  
CAPACITIES ON THE COURT’S OWN INITIATIVE – FLORIDA TITLE XLII

736.0706” and in support thereof states, on information and belief, as follows:

**736.0706 Removal of trustee.—**

- (1) The settlor, a cotrustee, or a beneficiary may request the court to remove a trustee, or a trustee may be removed by the court on the court’s own initiative.
- (2) **The court may remove a trustee if:**
  - (a) The trustee has committed a **serious breach of trust;**
  - (b) The lack of cooperation among cotrustees substantially impairs the administration of the trust;
  - (c) Due to the **unfitness, unwillingness, or persistent failure of the trustee to administer the trust effectively, the court determines that removal of the trustee best serves the interests of the beneficiaries;** or
  - (d) There has been a **substantial change of circumstances** or removal is requested by all of the qualified beneficiaries, **the court finds that removal of the trustee best serves the interests of all of the beneficiaries and is not inconsistent with a material purpose of the trust, and a suitable cotrustee or successor trustee is available.**
- (3) Pending a final decision on a request to remove a trustee, or in lieu of or in addition to removing a trustee, the court **may order such appropriate relief under s. 736.1001(2) as may be necessary to protect the trust property or the interests of the beneficiaries.**

History.—s. 7, ch. 2006-217.

- 1. That Eliot hereby incorporates by reference in entirety all pleadings before the Court to remove Theodore filed by Creditor Stansbury’s counsel and Eliot in this Motion for the Court to review in making its decision on its own initiative to remove Theodore.
- 2. That Eliot has filed this amendment and the Court in prior Orders recently issued did not Deny the prior motions and only denied other motions filed in the same pleading, therefore please accept this Amended pleading in so ruling on this matter.
- 3. That Eliot states that this Motion to Remove Theodore Bernstein as a fiduciary in the Estates of Simon and Shirley Bernstein must be ruled on by this Court before any other matters filed by the

alleged Trustee Theodore and his Attorneys, John Pankauski, Esq., Alan B. Rose and John Morrissey are heard for they may all soon be removed from the record if the fiduciary capacities of Theodore are wholly revoked for good and just cause presented already to this Court.

4. That because it serves Theodore and Alan best to avoid these UPCOMING AND NEXT TO BE HEARD hearings to remove Theodore and thereby Alan and they have already moved to try and prevent the Creditor's counsel Peter Feaman, Esq. from arguing for Theodore's removal, despite Feaman's knowledge of alleged criminal misconduct and more by Theodore that he is required under the Florida Bar rules to report to this Tribunal any misconduct of any Fiduciary that he is aware of, especially criminal and which he has already done in yet unheard motions. This Court in the August 19<sup>th</sup> 2014 hearing heard arguments on blocking Feaman and stated that more time was needed by the Court to determine if Feaman could argue the Motion to Remove Theodore.
5. This tactic was to attempt to force Eliot as a Pro Se litigant to argue the Motion to Remove where they would have more chance of somehow surviving and if the Court precludes Feaman's Motion to Remove Theodore, Eliot is asking this Court under Section 736.0706 to act first **on its own initiative** based on all the reasons contained herein, those stated in the Feaman and Eliot filings and from its own knowledge and evidence from the proceedings thus far to REMOVE Theodore instantly in the ESTATES AND TRUSTS OF SIMON AND SHIRLEY COMPLETELY and perhaps finally read him his Miranda Rights and stop the pain and suffering he is causing to everyone, including this Court.
6. That Feaman acting as an Officer of this Court and Counsel to the Creditor is obligated to report any MISCONDUCT of a fiduciary that he has knowledge of to the proper tribunal and authorities so the Court's recent decision to block him from arguing for the removal of Theodore and



making his knowledge of these most serious breaches, including possible theft of estate assets under the fiduciaries control and more, seems to contradict and block his obligation to argue and bring forth his knowledge of these breaches and possible criminal acts as required by Attorney Conduct Codes, Law and morals.

7. That if the Court cannot remove Theodore based on these solid reasons Eliot will then move to remove Theodore and have his hearings heard but there appears and insurmountable amount of evidence to cause Theodore's instant removal without the Court burdening Eliot or any other party with further costly abusive hearings to accomplish this and act on the Court's own initiative to protect the beneficiaries and creditor from further harms.
8. That the delay in hearing to remove Theodore can no longer be allowed by this Court, as Peter Feaman, Esq. stated on the record in the August 19<sup>th</sup> 2014 hearing, he had to schedule the hearing that day to attempt to have Your Honor to force opposing counsel to schedule the LONG OVERDUE hearing to remove Theodore, due to as stated on the record, opposing counsels, Alan and others failing to cooperate in rescheduling the hearings to remove Theodore. This is an Emergency as it also involves assets of the Estate of Simon recently discovered missing and unaccounted for.
9. That as Your Honor will recall, Eliot too had similar problems with the cooperation of opposing counsel in attempting to schedule his hearings to remove Theodore that led to hearings in which Your Honor forced the hearings to be scheduled and opposing counsel to cooperate and we can continue to expect NO COOPERATION from opposing counsel as this again benefits Theodore and Alan and keeps them in Dominion and Control of the Estate of Shirley and Trusts of Shirley and Simon illegally, despite their knowing they are not legally qualified any longer to be

Fiduciaries in any capacities in the Estates and Trusts of Shirley and Simon.

10. That these delays are not only leading to serious breaches that endanger the future of minors but now are alleged to be allowing assets of the Estate of Simon to be stolen off with and unaccounted for in violation of Court Order for re-inventorying.
11. That Theodore and his lawyers (all 6 of them thusfar) will not act in the interests of the beneficiaries that are pursuing him for Breaches and who have filed actions with State and Federal, civil and criminal authorities for his involvement in a series of frauds with some already proven and admitted to and a whole host more under ongoing investigations and proceedings.
12. That assets have been alleged stolen from the Estates and Trusts, including in the Illinois Federal Breach of Contract lawsuit that Theodore is the Plaintiff in, working against the interests of the Estates and Trusts beneficiaries to directly profit himself. That case is also filled with allegations against Theodore for Fraud on a Federal Court, Insurance Fraud, Fraud on the Beneficiaries and Creditor fraud, in a lawsuit he filed as an ALLEGED TRUSTEE of a trust he claims is missing and lost, that he has never seen a copy of and NO COPIES EXECUTED exist.
13. There is evidence that personal properties of Simon alleged to be worth millions of dollars are not where the Trustee and Alan stated to this Court, which led to the Court Order for re-inventorying at Simon's residence of the assets. That there are now statements made by Donald Tescher under sworn deposition and by Alan who was deposing him that directly contradict those statements made to the Court of where the assets are and the Court Order has been violated by Theodore to evade the inventory being done.
14. That Theodore was centrally involved with his Attorneys at Law, Tescher and Spallina, in the frauds that benefited him the most in Shirley and Simon's Trusts and Estates and also now is

under ongoing investigations for these illegal distributions he and others made knowingly and for other alleged criminal misconduct in both the Estates and Trusts of Simon and Shirley.

15. That Alan Rose emailed the Creditor's counsel Feaman to release his clients hold on some of the funds in the Simon Trust that he has interests in to make Welfare Payments to Eliot's family. The Creditor's counsel Feaman simply asked Alan to provide an accounting of the Trust by the Alleged Trustee Theodore to agree to that but Alan refused to give him one and this Court should take Judicial Notice that **NO ACCOUNTING HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO ANY BENEFICIARY or OTHER PARTY FOR FOUR YEARS NOW** in the Trusts of Shirley and Simon and the Estate of Shirley. The one accounting provided in the Estate of Simon by Court Order on removal of the former disgraced Fiduciaries has now been challenged by Eliot, the Creditor, the Curator Benjamin Brown and the new PR, Brian O'Connell in ENTIRETY as it wholly does not comport with generally accepted accounting principles as required under law.
16. That the Creditor's counsel, Peter Feaman, Esq. requested the accounting simply to prove that what Alan was claiming regarding the deficiency in the Trust to meet his claims were true, in efforts to try and help Eliot and his children. As the Court will note, this was a wonderful act of angelic kindness by Feaman and his client and close personal friend of Simon's, William Stansbury, where both are abhorred by the conduct of Theodore et al. and have so stated to the Court in their motions filed, claiming that Eliot is the only family member who has acted with unmovable integrity in the face of the hardships placed on him and his minor children and even recommended him in their pleadings to be the next successor Fiduciary. They were willing to reduce their interest in the trust by the Saint Andrews School amount due and this INTEGRITY is the reason Eliot believes that before all the Fraud and Forgery done in the dispositive

documents, William Stansbury was who Simon elected as PR and Trustee.

17. That Simon's ALLEGED Trust has had NO ACCOUNTING PROVIDED TO ANY BENEFICIARY FOR TWO YEARS NOW and since Theodore has allegedly become the Successor Trustee, which is being challenged by Eliot in unheard Petitions and Motions before the Court, he has still failed to provide statutorily required and requested accountings to the beneficiaries.
18. That the ALLEGED 2012 Will and Trust of Simon that replaces Stansbury and attempts to change the beneficiaries (again to benefit Theodore primarily) have been found by the Governor Rick Scott's Office to be IMPROPERLY NOTARIZED, making them legally insufficient, along with several other problems making them legally void as pled in prior Petitions and Motions yet unheard since May of 2013. The improper notarizations of these documents was done by Theodore's personal assistant and are similar to problems with forged and fraudulently notarized documents already proven to have been posited with the Court by Theodore's former counsel Tescher & Spallina, P.A. now removed from these proceedings for admitting altering trust documents and whose notary was arrested for fraudulently notarizing documents and who admitted to forging SIX peoples names, including the Simon POST MORTEM.
19. That the Frauds on the Courts and the Estates and Trusts beneficiaries, interested parties and creditors run between both Simon and Shirley's Estates and Trusts in efforts to change beneficiaries Post Mortem and used by Theodore and his six or seven lawyers to seize Dominion and Control illegally and attempt to alter documents to benefit their client Theodore and his sister Pamela who are completely DISINHERITED from the Estates and Trusts. Theodore has no real interest in these matters and has created with his lawyers a mass of problems for the

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Beneficiaries, Interested Parties, Creditors, State and Federal Investigators and this Court.

20. The time is ripe to instantly remove Theodore and since this Court has blocked recently the Creditors counsel from arguing to remove Theodore on some technicality and Eliot is Pro Se and all the Creditor and Eliot's arguments are before the Court in numerous pleadings over the last year, Eliot is requesting that this Court determine the outcome to prevent further and ongoing crimes and cover-ups from occurring with Theodore allowed to be a reckless fiduciary by this Court.
21. That this Court may recall that it denied Eliot's Motion for Emergency Hearing filed in May 2013 and stated it was "ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that said Motion is hereby DENIED as an Emergency, the moving party is directed to address said Motion in the ordinary course" and where due to delay after delay in these proceedings with intent, it was finally being scheduled to be heard next, after the Motions to Remove Theodore as agreed by the Court, after months and months of trying to schedule it with opposing counsel.
22. That Eliot Bernstein states that Theodore is acting knowingly and ILLEGALLY as alleged Successor Trustee of the Simon Bernstein alleged Amended and Restated Trust, in violation of the terms of the Trust, which such terms explicitly exclude Theodore by name from acting as Trustee and therefore these pleadings he is filing is Simon's Trust are all PROHIBITED.
23. That the first question this Court must answer before considering ANY pleadings of Theodore in the Simon Trust is if he is acting with legal authority or if he has hijacked this position and these proceedings right under Your Honor's nose in violation of the terms of the Trusts and for other good and just reasons that now preclude him from being a fiduciary further.
24. That Theodore has illegally been anointed by the former removed and resigned Trustees, Tescher

and Spallina, in a Successor of Criminals scheme that violates the very terms of the Trust that PROHIBIT TED EXPRESSLY FROM ACTING IN ANY FIDUCIARY CAPACITY.

25. That if Theodore has become Successor Trustee of the Simon Trust by fraudulent appointment, he should be removed and for many other reasons as well. First, Theodore is ineligible under the very terms of the ALLEGED Simon Trust to serve as successor trustee. Article IV, Section C. (3) (Page 16) of the ALLEGED Simon Trust states:

C. Appointment of Successor Trustee

3. A successor Trustee appointed under this subparagraph **shall not be a Related or Subordinate Party of the trust.** (emphasis added)

26. That Theodore further was **specifically** disqualified to be a Successor Trustee by the terms of the ALLEGED Trust. Another provision of the ALLEGED Trust also disqualifies Theodore. Article III E(1) states:

Notwithstanding the foregoing, **for all purposes of this Trust and the dispositions made hereunder, my children, TED S. BERNSTEIN, PAMELA B. SIMON, ELIOT BERNSTEIN, JILL IANTONI and LISA S. FRIEDSTEIN, shall be deemed to have predeceased me ...** " (emphasis added)

Therefore, by the very language of the Alleged 2012 Amended and Restated Trust, Theodore Bernstein is disqualified by this provision to serve as Successor Trustee or in any capacity, as Ted is considered dead for all purposes of the Trust and the dispositions made thereunder and therefore Theodore is acting illegally knowing he cannot serve in any fiduciary capacity.

27. That if the ALLEGED 2012 Amended and Restated Trust is ruled legally invalid due to fraud and improper notarizations as pled to this Court and under ongoing investigations and the 2008 Trust of Simon is reverted to, Theodore will again remain wholly disinherited along with his lineal descendants, as they are in Shirley's IRREVOCABLE Trusts as it stands now and that

language from the 2008 Simon Trust is as follows;

Notwithstanding the foregoing, as I have adequately provided for them during my lifetime, for purposes of the dispositions made under this Trust, **my children, TED S. BERNSTEIN ("TED") and PAMELA B. SIMON ("PAM"), and their respective lineal descendants shall be deemed to have predeceased the survivor of my spouse and me.**

Under the 2008 Simon Trust, Eliot and his lineal descendants are Beneficiaries of Simon's Trust, as it would be the same Beneficiary Class as Shirley (Eliot, Lisa and Jill and their lineal descendants) and Theodore and Pamela and their lineal descendants would be wholly excluded, as was the case in Shirley's Trust when she died and the Trust became irrevocable and her Beneficiary Class was established as Eliot, Jill and Lisa and their lineal descendants, who at this time remain the ONLY beneficiaries in the Shirley Trust.

28. That if the 2012 alleged fraudulent documents are legally invalid, Eliot will be a beneficiary of both Estates and Trusts of Simon and Shirley, which was their intent, as stated in their documents prior to all the forged, fraudulent, fraudulently notarized documents were submitted to try and replace Eliot illegally.
29. That the alleged changes to Simon's Wills and Trusts took place allegedly 48 days prior to Simon's sudden and unexpected death. The Governor Rick Scott's Notary Public Division has already confirmed that these documents were improperly notarized. Again, improper notarizations in these proceedings are discovered, this time committed by Theodore's personal assistant, Lindsay Baxley aka Lindsay Giles on Wills and Trusts no less and due to the improper notarizations it cannot now or ever be stated that Simon was present at the signing of these alleged documents at all because she did not so state on the notarization that he was present at all.

All of the witnesses to the document are involved in the prior criminal Fraudulent Notarizations, Admitted Forged and Altered documents in these proceedings and one has been arrested and convicted.

30. That the Court is aware of the facts and all parties who were involved in the advancement of these frauds and other crimes and torts against the Court and the beneficiaries should have been removed from the proceedings instantly, yet the Court has allowed Theodore and his counsel, Alan, to continue as fiduciaries, defying logic and causing a major OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE, since the fiduciary will not act against his own interests to the benefit of the beneficiaries, when the beneficiaries interests in certain cases are attempting to have Theodore and his counsel imprisoned and suing them for millions of dollars. This continuation of Successor Criminals, Theodore and Alan Rose who were involved directly and indirectly in the prior crimes and directly benefited from them, after the Court already accepted resignations from Theodore's other lawyers involved who are similarly under investigation like Theodore and Rose, is ludicrous and further damages the already damaged beneficiaries, interested parties and creditors.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST FROM PROVEN AND ALLEGED CRIMINAL ACTS AND CIVIL TORTS THAT BENEFITED THEODORE AND THAT HE IS THE ALLEGED CENTRAL PARTICIPANT IN**

31. That there has been PROVEN FELONY CRIMINAL ACTS in the Shirley and Simon's Estates and Trusts and further allegations of conversion, comingling and theft of assets that are estimated to be crimes that have cost the Beneficiaries, Interested Parties and Creditors already millions upon millions of dollars. There are serious factual FRAUDS and FORGERIES, with certain felony crimes already proven and admitted and ongoing investigations of others in the Shirley



and Simon Bernstein Estates and Trusts committed by former Personal Representatives, Trustees and Counsel and Theodore.

32. That there are ongoing criminal and civil actions against Theodore and Alan, including but not limited to,

- i. Palm Beach County Sheriff Report – Case No. 12121312 – Alleged Murder filed by Theodore Bernstein
- ii. Palm Beach County Sheriff Report – Case No. 13097087 - Forgery and Fraudulent Notarizations
- iii. State Attorney FL – - Case No. 13CF010745 - Forgery and Fraudulent Notarizations
- iv. Palm Beach County Sheriff Report – Case No. 13159967 - Theft of Assets of Estates
- v. Palm Beach County Sheriff Report – Case No. 14029489 - Continuation of Fraud, Extortion and more
- vi. Jacksonville, Il. Police Department – Case No. #2014000865 – Insurance Fraud - Directed to Federal Authorities.
- vii. Case No. 13-cv-03643 United States District Court – Northern District Il.
- viii. Florida Probate Simon – Case No. 502012CP004391XXXXSB
- ix. Florida Probate Shirley – Case No. 502011CP000653XXXXSB
- x. Heritage Union Fraud Investigation – Case No. TBD
- xi. Florida Medical Examiner – Autopsy Case No. 12-0913 – Filed by Theodore Bernstein
- xii. Governor Rick Scott Notary Public Division – Moran – Case No. Eliot and Simon Bernstein v. Moran
- xiii. Governor Rick Scott Notary Public Division – Baxley – Case No. Eliot and Simon Bernstein v. Baxley

33. That there are hosts of new alleged felonious misconduct, where Theodore Bernstein and his minion of Attorneys at Law again are centrally involved in and directly benefiting from these acts, while providing no benefit to the trusts or beneficiaries.

34. That the prior CRIMINAL FELONY MISCONDUCT committed by Theodore's Counsel, Tescher and Spallina, who were acting as Officers and Fiduciaries of this Court and committed numerous Frauds Upon this Court, now appears to be continuing with Theodore's new counsel and Theodore's new claims that he is a qualified Successor Trustee of the Simon Trusts despite numerous reasons he and his counsel and this Court are aware make him ineligible to serve in any fiduciary capacity in the Simon and Shirley Estates and Trusts going forward.

35. In one instance of the fraud going on in this Court by Theodore and his prior counsel, prior Co-Personal Representatives and Co-Trustees of Simon's Estate, Tescher and Spallina, is that

documents were submitted to the Court bearing fraudulently notarized and forged signatures of Simon Bernstein on a date after he had passed away and there were fraudulently notarized and there were even forged signatures in the name of Theodore Bernstein himself and Theodore failed as an ALLEGED Fiduciary to notify any authorities until they contacted him and after he had converted monies to his family improperly and more.

36. This Court was apprised of these facts in a hearing conducted September 13, 2013 wherein the Court questioned whether the parties involved in perpetrating the Frauds, including Theodore and his Attorneys at Law, Donald Tescher, Esq., Robert Spallina, Esq. and Mark Manceri, Esq., should be read their Miranda Rights, see Exhibit 2 - Transcript of Proceedings, pages 15 and 16.)
37. That the Attorneys at Law for Theodore whom he introduced to the Bernstein Family, Tescher and Spallina, have now admitted to Palm Beach County Sheriff Investigators to conspiring to altering provisions of the Shirley Bernstein Trust POST MORTEM OF SHIRLEY AND SIMON, see the Sheriff's report fully incorporated by reference herein at <http://www.iviewit.tv/20140131PBSORreport.pdf>, which had the effect of directly benefitting their client, affiliate, friend and business associate Theodore and directly damaging other Beneficiaries, including Plaintiff and led to fraudulent conversion and comingling monies to Theodore using fraudulent documents to make illegal and improper distributions knowingly to improper Beneficiaries, while fully cognizant that there were allegations of Fraud, Forgery and more and that the beneficiaries were alleged improper at that time they committed the conversions.
38. That additionally, Theodore's direct involvement in such criminal activity involving the Estate of Shirley and Simon should disqualify him from serving as Successor Trustee of the ALLEGED

Simon Trust and disqualify him in any fiduciary capacity whatsoever in the Estates and Trusts of Simon and Shirley.

39. That Tescher and Spallina, upon their removal from these proceedings as both Fiduciaries and Counsel in Simon's Estate, in the wake of the frauds committed to benefit their client Theodore and themselves, then FRAUDULENTLY attempted to transfer Trusteeship to Theodore as their parting gift to these proceedings. This FRAUDULENT transfer of Trusteeship to Theodore when knowing he is a party that was directly involved in and who benefited directly from their fraudulent activities, in a Successor Criminal scheme.
40. That Tescher and Spallina knew Theodore and his counsel Alan who they recruited from the start to aid and abet their schemes would do everything as Successor Criminals to further cover up their crimes and those of Tescher and Spallina through this fraudulent transfer of Trusteeship scheme. Thus began another long and lengthy waste of time trying to get rid of the Successors Criminals and stop their continued fraud, waste and abuse.
41. That this attempted felonious transfer violates the very alleged Simon Trust terms that Tescher and Spallina wrote and this is reason alone for this Court to remove Theodore immediately and sanction all those involved in this felonious attempt to continue the frauds in and upon this Court, the Beneficiaries, Interested Parties and Creditors by attempting such a criminally shady and unlawful transfer of Trusteeship that violates even the very terms of the Alleged Trust and the definition of fiduciary.
42. That Alan has further been retained by Theodore who was only representing him as a Defendant in the Creditor Stansbury lawsuit against the Estate and Trusts prior, to now replace the capacities Tescher and Spallina were abdicating with their withdrawal and removal from all

Bernstein family related matters.

43. That Alan too has been involved and participated in the advancement of the fraudulent schemes to benefit himself and his client Theodore from the start in cahoots with Tescher and Spallina and advancing the fraudulent schemes, again acting opposite the best interests of the Beneficiaries and Creditors et al.
44. That Alan, despite knowing of the Florida Bar Rules against advancing frivolous pleadings and legally devoid and baseless arguments still allows Theodore to continue to act as ALLEGED Successor Trustee, even despite direct and explicit language excluding Theodore from acting in any capacities in the Trusts of Simon.
45. That Alan continues to represent Theodore as the alleged Trustee's counsel despite his knowledge that Theodore cannot serve and yet continues to advance pleadings in this matter that he knows are TOXIC, VEXATIOUS, FRIVOLOUS, MISLEADING AND PROHIBITED BY LAW AND THE TERMS OF THE SIMON TRUST.
46. That it is understandable that they would disregard law to maintain illegally gained Dominion and Control of the Estate and Trusts and as Alan's life too hangs in the balance in these matters, as if Theodore is ousted by this Court in all fiduciary capacities, so goes Alan. Then, the Estates and Trusts can finally begin to ascertain the damages done and begin hunting down those ripe for prosecution and hunting down the missing assets, documents and personal properties. No longer will Alan and Theodore be able to delay, stymie or derail these proceedings and misuse Estate and Trust assets to protect themselves whilst launching harassing campaigns against beneficiaries using their delayed and interfered inheritances against them, including Minor Children, as more fully defined herein.

**THEODORE HAS BEEN DENIED BY THIS COURT TWO RECENT MOTIONS TO  
BECOME A FIDUCIARY IN THE ESTATE OF SIMON**

47. That this Court should take note that Theodore has TWICE attempted to become a fiduciary in the Estate of Simon despite knowing all the reasons he is unfit and further waste the courts time and the Estates and Trusts assets. Theodore's first Petition was to become Curator as Successor to Tescher and Spallina upon their termination and this was rejected on February 19th, 2014 by the Your Honor who stated in the Order, "DENIED, for the reasons stated on the record." This DENIAL was for just and sound reasons by the Court that should have applied to removal of Theodore in any and all fiduciary capacities in both Simon and Shirley's Estates and Trusts that Theodore was acting in already as a fiduciary or seeking nomination to become one.
48. That the second attempt to become a fiduciary of the Estate of Simon was made by Theodore in a hearing held in July 2014 in efforts to become Successor Personal Representative at the replacement of Benjamin Brown as Curator.
49. That he Court however strongly urged Theodore and Alan to WITHDRAW their TOXIC, VEXATIOUS, FRIVOLOUS, PROHIBITED and DOOMED pleading PRIOR to even hearing the pleading.
50. That after considerable waste of this Court, the Beneficiaries, Creditors and everyone's time, effort and monies in a frivolous pleading certain to fail, Alan and Theodore finally WITHDREW the pleading but only after the Court warned them that they would SANCTIONED if they lost for everyone's costs.
51. That the Court's Order dated July 11, 2014 reads, "Ted Bemstein's Petition For Appointment of Successor Personal Representative is hereby ~~DENIED~~ WITHDRAWN. Again, this Court

suggested such withdrawal of their pleading at the hearing and this SECOND attempt was withdrawn for just and sound reasons urged by the Court and these reasons again should have applied to removal of Theodore in any and all fiduciary capacities Theodore was acting in or seeking nomination for at the time.

52. That for the same reasons the Court has deemed Theodore unfit in now two attempts to become a Successor Fiduciary forward, now constitute the same reasons that should serve for this Court to act on its own Motion under Fla. Stat. 736.0706 to remove Theodore from any/all fiduciary capacities in either the Estates or Trusts of Simon and Shirley, as further discussed herein.
53. That in addition to the fact that the Trust language precludes Theodore from becoming a Successor Trustee in Simon's Trusts, Theodore is further not qualified now or has ever been to be a fiduciary in the Estates and Trusts of both Simon and Shirley, including from a continued pattern and practice of fraudulent activity, breaches of fiduciary duties and more, that include but are not limited to all of the following:

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND ADVERSE INTERESTS THAT PRECLUDE THEODORE FROM BEING A FIDUCIARY IN THE ESTATES AND TRUSTS OF SIMON AND SHIRLEY**

54. Theodore has adverse interests and conflicts of interest that preclude him from acting as a fiduciary, including but not limited to:
- i. Theodore and his lineal descendants were wholly disinherited in Estate and Trust documents done in 2008 and only allegedly have been included through the use of forged, fraudulent, improperly notarized and legally invalid documents, all alleged to have been done only days before Simon passed. If these alleged 2012 documents and forged and fraudulent documents do not stand up, Theodore and his lineal descendants will be excluded entirely from the Estates and

Trusts and this puts Theodore in conflict with other beneficiaries and impairs his ability to be impartial due to the conflicts.

- ii. Theodore and his counsel Alan Rose ("Alan") are both further adverse to Eliot Bernstein and his family, as it is through Eliot's Pro Se efforts that Theodore's prior counsel, the fiduciaries of Simon's Estate and Trusts and Alan's affiliates who brought him into these matters, Tescher and Spallina, have been forced out of these proceedings and removed as Fiduciaries and Counsel. Further, there has been an arrest of their employee made and where Eliot is still pursuing Tescher, Spallina, Manceri, Theodore and Alan, with criminal authorities and in state and federal civil actions for their direct involvement and benefit from the frauds, thefts, conversions and comingling of assets and more, severely impairs both Theodore and Alan's ability to be impartial to Eliot and has led to their continued retaliation and extortion of Eliot, as further defined herein. If Theodore is removed as a fiduciary in these matters by this Court and losses his illegally gained Dominion and Control of the Estates and Trusts and his ability to misuse Trust funds for his legal defenses of these actions, he and his Counsel Alan both may land in jail and lose their assets if successfully prosecuted in these matters forward.
- iii. That Theodore and Alan are both Respondents in the probate cases in Shirley and Simon's Estates and Trusts before this Court and are now also Defendants in a related Counter Complaint recently moved to Your Honor, Case #502014CP002815XXXXSB, with allegations that directly relate to these Probate and Trust matters, including; CIVIL CONSPIRACY, CIVIL EXTORTION, THEFT, FRAUDULENT CONVERSION, INTENTIONAL INTERFERENCE WITH AN INHERITANCE/EXPECTANCY, CIVIL FRAUD, BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTIES, ABUSE OF PROCESS, LEGAL MALPRACTICE and EQUITABLE LIEN.

iv. That Theodore is conflicted with the Estates and Trusts sued under the Creditor William Stansbury's lawsuit against the Estate and Trusts of Simon and Theodore Professionally and Personally, as Theodore is the alleged primary cause of the torts claimed by Stansbury and Theodore is the primary Defendant in that action. Despite the possibility that Theodore may have or may, settle(d) his personal capacities with Stansbury, the Estate, the Trusts and the Beneficiaries will still have claims that may seek recovery from Theodore personally for any settlement with Stansbury that uses Simon or Shirley's Trust and/or Estate funds that further damage the Beneficiaries. The Estate and the Beneficiaries may make the claim that Theodore and not the Estates and Trusts are WHOLLY responsible for the torts and damages to Stansbury, as Petitioner is already making that claim and would seek immediate recovery from Theodore and this again makes irrefutable conflicts of interest.

Where evidence shows that Theodore may have benefited solely from the misconduct alleged by Stansbury and new evidence suggests that Simon was unaware that Stansbury had been defrauded by Theodore until approximately six weeks before his sudden and unexpected death. That at that time, Simon and Theodore are alleged to have been at extreme odds with each other, with Simon abandoning his offices with Theodore due to Theodore's extreme anger raged upon Simon by Theodore, his son, that was witnessed by others. Theodore was enraged at his exclusion from the Estates and Trusts and that Simon would not support him in his defense of the alleged bad faith acts against Stansbury.

Stansbury, whom Simon and Shirley loved and trusted, so much so, as to name Stansbury in their 2008 estate plans as the Personal Representative and Trustee over their entire Estates and Trusts, and not Theodore their own eldest son for good and just reasons. Where Stansbury may again be



in those fiduciary capacities if Theodore is successfully removed by this Court and the 2012 Will and Amended and Restated Trust of Simon fails due to the improperly notarized and perhaps forged documents, according to newly discovered 2008 documents of Simon's, including two new 2008 Simon Trusts and a Will, only recently produced by Tescher and Spallina, upon the Court's Order to turn over ALL of their records on their removal, after suppressing and denying these documents from Beneficiaries and this Court for almost two years despite repeated requests by beneficiaries and their counsel.

- v. That Theodore is further conflicted with the Estate and Trust of Simon and the Beneficiaries, Interested Parties and Creditors further due to a lawsuit IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION Case No. 13cv3643, SIMON BERNSTEIN IRREVOCABLE INSURANCE TRUST DTD 6/21/95 v. HERITAGE UNION LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, adjudicated by Hon. Judge Amy St. Eve. The lawsuit filed by Theodore acting as Trustee of a NONEXISTENT TRUST is for Breach of Contract that he was advised by Tescher and Spallina et al. that he had no basis to file but Theodore filed anyway using yet another TOXIC, VEXATIOUS, FRIVOLOUS, FRAUDULENT and PROHIBITED pleading, this time acting as a "Trustee" of a NONEXISTENT TRUST that he claims he has never seen. Again Theodore effectuates this criminal illegal legal scheme to convert insurance proceeds into his own pocket is aided and abetted by his minion of Attorneys and this Fraud is now upon a Federal Court and as that crime attempts to remove an asset of the Estate of Simon out the back door, this is yet another Fraud on this Court that Theodore is smack in the middle of costing the Estates and Trusts time, monies and attorney fees, while providing no benefit to the Estates, Trusts and

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Beneficiaries. Theodore has paid Tescher and Spallina from Estate and Trusts assets to remove this insurance asset from the Estate where he and sister Pamela would get none of it and thus they tried this costly scheme and fraud on a federal court to convert it into he and his sister Pamela Simon's pockets, instead of their very own children.

It should be noted that remarkably, Theodore in a January 28, 2014 police interview stated to Palm Beach County Sheriff Investigators, "Ted confirmed that **he did not make any decisions in relation to Simon's insurance policy generated out of Chicago, Illinois [emphasis added]**.

However, Theodore is actually the Plaintiff that filed the lawsuit in 2012 trying to claim the insurance proceeds through the illegal Breach of Contract legal action, which puts Theodore again directly in conflict with the Estate Beneficiaries. If that baseless lawsuit fails, the Estate would receive the benefits due to the fact that no beneficiary can be found at the time of death.

The Court is already well aware of this lawsuit and has recently allowed the Personal Representative and Counsel to represent the Estate in that matter, again after over a year and half that the Estate was blocked from entry in the case to represent the Estates interest in the insurance proceeds by Tescher and Spallina, who were representing Ted initially in the Breach of Contract Lawsuit and are alleged to have made a FRAUDULENT INSURANCE DEATH BENEFIT CLAIM that led to the alleged breach.

That it should be noted that several weeks before filing the FRAUDULENT Breach of Contract Lawsuit, Robert Spallina filed an Insurance Death Benefit Claim as the Trustee of the same LOST trust that he claims to have never seen or possessed and this claim was DENIED by the carrier as Spallina could not prove his alleged beneficial interest as the alleged Trustee of a LOST Trust he claimed to the carrier not to possess. The DENIAL OF THE CLAIM led to



Theodore then claiming he was now the “Trustee” of the LOST Trust he never saw and in such IMAGINARY FIDUCIARY CAPACITY filed the Breach of Contract lawsuit against Heritage for their failing to pay on Spallina’s DENIED and FRAUDULENT INSURANCE CLAIM.

Again, this insurance scheme inures benefits directly to the pocket of Theodore and his minion of counsel and where again, it is Theodore that is completely disinherited from both the 2008 and 2012 Estates and Trusts of Simon and Shirley (not Eliot as Alan repeatedly tries to sell this Court). Without this fraudulent insurance scheme to convert the insurance proceeds from the Estate of Simon’s Beneficiaries and Creditors, Theodore would receive nothing. These conflicts of interest further demand Theodore’s removal from these proceedings in any/all fiduciary capacities he has or alleges to have in both Simon and Shirley’s Estates and Trusts.

- vi. That further disqualifying Theodore from acting as fiduciary are further statements he made to PBSO investigators and this Court that show that he is perjuring himself and unfit to serve as a fiduciary and conflicted with these matters, whereby according to the PBSO Supplemental Report,

**“TED STATED THAT HE DID NOT READ ALL OF SHIRLEY’S TRUST DOCUMENTS [EMPHASIS ADDED]** and that Spallina and Tescher told him several times how Shirley’s Trust was to be distributed. **TED SAID THAT HE DID READ IN THE DOCUMENTS WHERE THE 10 GRANDCHILDREN WERE TO RECEIVE THE ASSETS FROM THE TRUST [EMPHASIS ADDED]**. He said that he did issue a partial distribution to the seven of the 10 grandchildren.”

Spallina stated to PBSO investigators that “SPALLINA STATED THAT AGAINST HIS ADVICE, A DISTRIBUTION WAS MADE FROM ONE OF THE TRUSTS AFTER SIMON’S DEATH. HE STATED THAT HE ADVISED AGAINST THIS...” and later states “SPALLINA

REITERATED THAT TED WAS TOLD TO NOT MAKE DISTRIBUTIONS.”

That Theodore could not have read as he claims, language in the 2008 Shirley Trust (that he also claims not to have read?) that the grandchildren were to receive the assets from the Trust, as that language is NOT in the Trust anywhere at all. The only Beneficiaries defined in the Shirley Trust are Eliot, Jill and Lisa and their lineal descendants, as Theodore and Pamela and their lineal descendants are considered predeceased as evidenced already herein.

That the only possible way Theodore could have read in the Shirley Trust documents that the 10 grandchildren were to receive benefits, is if he would have read the newly alleged FRAUDULENTLY CRAFTED “Second First Amendment to Shirley’s Trust,” the very Trust document Spallina states to PBSO that he fraudulently altered for Shirley POST MORTEM by two years in January 2013. This fraud achieved allegedly by Spallina altering an alleged “First Amendment to Shirley’s Trust” whereby the altered document then fraudulently attempted to include the 10 grandchildren in Shirley’s Trust fraudulently.

The problem for Theodore here is also that he claims to PBSO in that same Supplemental Report,

“Ted said that he not spoken to Spallina about his withdrawing from being the attorney for the trusts, but that he did speak with Tescher. He said that Tescher told him he had been made aware of a fabricated document that was potentially problematic for the Estates [referencing the Second First Amendment]. He said that Tescher told him that Spallina created the fabricated document and it essentially impacted the ability for Simon to distribute funds to all 10 grandkids. Ted said that Tescher told him that he had only recently become aware of this document, approximately three weeks from today (01/28/14).”

Again, Theodore made the distributions in Sept 2013 to the 10 grandchildren before learning of the altered document, which directly contradicts his own prior claims and his illegal actions in

distributing the funds to knowingly improper parties.

Theodore then wrote to Eliot further contradicting his statement that he saw language allowing him to make distributions in Shirley's documents to the grandchildren that does not exist and where he claims again not to have known of the altered document until way after his distributions by stating to Eliot,

**From:** Ted Bernstein [mailto:tbernstein@lifeinsuranceconcepts.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, **January 14, 2014**[emphasis added] 5:23 PM  
**To:** Eliot Bernstein (iviewit@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Update

Eliot,

You may have received a letter or email from Don Tescher today. Late last week I learned of **shocking developments concerning mom and dad's planning documents that were prepared by their counsel at the time [Ted fails to state they were his counsel too at the time]. In light of what I have learned,[emphasis added]** I will be obtaining new counsel, as Trustee and PR. Things are still unfolding. As a courtesy to you, please let me know if you would like to arrange a meeting with me and my counsel in an effort to bring you up to speed.

Sincerely,

Ted

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Spallina then tells PBSO investigators in the already exhibited herein report,

Spallina told me that he and his Partner had discussions reference to fulfilling Simon's wishes of all 10 grandchildren receiving the benefit from both Simon and Shirley's Trust...

That Spallina said that **they** [referring to he and his partner Tescher] noticed that the first page of the document skipped from one to three, so he took it upon himself to add in number two, before sending it to Yates [Christine Yates of the most respectable Tripp Scott law firm that represented Eliot and his children and cost them over \$50,000.00 to chase around fraudulent documents sent to her and more]. The change that number two made to the trust, amended Paragraph E of Article III, making it read that only Ted and Pam were considered predeceased, not their children. He said the original trust states that Ted, Pam and their children are deemed predeceased. Spallina said he did this at this office in Boca Raton, Florida. He said that no one

else took part in altering the document.

So if Spallina sent this document to Yates in January 2013 and did not confess to it until January 2014 to PBSO investigators, how could Theodore have seen language in Shirley's Trust documents that would have allowed him to make distributions to 10 grandchildren on or about September 16, 2013, when even Ted claims he did know about the "Second First Amendment" until January of 2014.

That for Theodore's admitted failure to even read Shirley's Trust documents as stated to Palm Beach County Sheriff Investigators and then acting as the alleged Trustee and making fraudulent distributions upon language that does not exist, this Court should sanction and remove him instantly for this reckless, wanton and grossly neglect behavior.

This breach has led to fraudulent conversion and comingling of assets to profit Theodore and his six or seven lawyers directly and in fact use trust and estate funds for counsel and fiduciaries to advance and effectuate these fraudulent schemes that benefit both he and his counsel at the expense of the Beneficiaries and Creditors. Now Theodore tells lie after lie to various authorities attempting to cover up the crimes and further mislead the Court and others, which is outrageous conduct for an alleged fiduciary that is supposed to be held to a higher standard not a lower standard for their actions.

That Theodore further stated to PBSO investigators in contradiction to Spallina's prior exhibited statement herein where Spallina states he told Theodore to NOT make distributions that "He [Theodore] stated that Spallina told him it was OK to distribute the funds." That this contradiction of statements to investigators puts Theodore in direct contradiction with his own counsel's statements and shows that irrefutably, Theodore is now adverse to other beneficiaries

who are claiming the distributions were illegal conversions and a comingling of funds to improper parties and thus how can he now be impartial forward under Florida Statute 736.0803, where his actions as an alleged fiduciary may benefit his children at the expense of other beneficiaries in both the Estates and Trusts of Simon and Shirley.

**ACCOUNTING VIOLATIONS BY THEODORE AS ALLEGED FIDUCIARY IN THE ESTATES AND TRUSTS OF SIMON AND SHIRLEY – FLORIDA STATUTE 736.0813 DUTY TO INFORM AND ACCOUNT**

55. That Theodore and his predecessors Tescher and Spallina have all failed to follow the very Terms of the Trusts he operates under, The Trust Code and Florida Probate Rules and Statutes, that all require a duty of accounting to beneficiaries.
56. To date, Theodore, nor Spallina and Tescher have ever sent any required accountings or administrative information for the trusts they claim to be trustees of to the beneficiaries, yet all have had several open checking accounts that they have administered freely with no supervision or accountability using them as their own personal accounts and reporting to no one in violation of statutes and law.
57. That Theodore has refused to turn over multiple trusts in the Estate and Trusts of Simon and Shirley and where Eliot still to this date is missing several of these important dispositive documents.
58. Theodore refuses to provide financial information of transactions he has done or any accountings despite repeated requests and therefore breaches all duties of loyalty and accounting under the terms of the trust.
59. THEODORE is self-dealing, converting and co-mingling trust funds and uses trust funds for his own personal use. Petitioner has reasons to believe THEODORE and others he has recruited to

the Estates and Trusts as either counsel or as Fiduciaries, in coordinated efforts are stealing Trust and Estate assets, failing to give accountings, suppressing and denying Trust documents, altering Trust and Estate documents and the Beneficiaries and Creditors need immediate relief from this Court by removing Theodore on the Court's own motion as required by law and appointing a qualified independent Trustee to marshal the assets and guarantee the terms of the trust are carried out in a non-conflicted and non-vindictive fashion against those Theodore and Alan are adverse to. No accountings have been provided for the Simon Trust for two years and in Shirley's Estate & Trusts for almost four years and Beneficiaries have been denied this information as part of the overall fraud and looting of the Estates and Trusts. Petitioner has requested accountings that are due to him under the terms of the Trusts, upon request, annually and when the PR and Trusteeship have changed according to Statute. There have been NO Annual accountings provided, NO requested accountings provided and NO accountings at the change of trusteeship by Theodore or the former removed Fiduciaries and Counsel in these matters in violation 736.0813 and 733.604.

736.0813 Duty to inform and account.—The trustee shall keep the qualified beneficiaries of the trust reasonably informed of the trust and its administration.

(1) The trustee's duty to inform and account includes, but is not limited to, the following:

(a) Within 60 days after acceptance of the trust, the trustee shall give notice to the qualified beneficiaries of the acceptance of the trust, the full name and address of the trustee, and that the fiduciary lawyer-client privilege in s. 90.5021 applies with respect to the trustee and any attorney employed by the trustee.

(b) Within 60 days after the date the trustee acquires knowledge of the creation of an irrevocable trust, or the date the trustee acquires knowledge that a formerly revocable trust has become irrevocable, whether by the death of the settlor or otherwise, the trustee shall give notice to the qualified beneficiaries of the trust's existence, the identity of the settlor or settlors, the right to request a copy of the trust



instrument, the right to accountings under this section, and that the fiduciary lawyer-client privilege in s. 90.5021 applies with respect to the trustee and any attorney employed by the trustee.

(c) Upon reasonable request, the trustee shall provide a qualified beneficiary with a complete copy of the trust instrument.

(d) A trustee of an irrevocable trust shall provide a trust accounting, as set forth in s. 736.08135, to each qualified beneficiary annually and on termination of the trust or on change of the trustee.

(e) Upon reasonable request, the trustee shall provide a qualified beneficiary with relevant information about the assets and liabilities of the trust and the particulars relating to administration.

60. That Theodore upon accepting the PROHIBITED fiduciary capacity of ALLEGED Successor Trustee from Tescher via the Fraudulent Transfer of Trusteeship has failed to provide an accounting for the Trust since January 2014 and Tescher similarly failed to produce ANY Trust accountings while he was the ALLEGED Trustee.
61. That Theodore upon allegedly accepting his Letters of Administration most amazingly granted to him by Your Honor while there were serious allegations of breaches and criminal misconduct before the Court, in October 2013, has failed to provide an accounting when he became Successor PR of Shirley's Estate in violation of statutes and law. It should be noted that no FINAL ACCOUNTING of the Estate of Shirley was ever completed by Simon due to fraudulent and forged waivers being submitted and other closing documents filed by Simon while he was dead for four months and so NO ACCOUNTINGS have ever been done in Shirley's Estates and Trusts, in violation of Probate and Trust Rules and Statutes.

**BREACHES OF FIDUCIARY DUTIES BY THEODORE IN THE ESTATES AND TRUSTS OF SIMON AND SHIRLEY**

62. On January 28, 2014, THEODORE, in the already Exhibited PBSO report admitted to PBSO investigators regarding distributions that he made that he had never read the Trust documents in full, "Ted stated that he did not read all of Shirley's Trust documents and that Spallina and

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Tescher had both told him several times how Shirley's Trust was to be distributed."

63. However, Spallina stated to PBSO, "Spallina reiterated that Ted was told to not make distributions." Then Theodore stated, "Ted stated that Spallina told him it "was OK to distribute the funds."

THEODORE however states in various emails produced by his counsel Tescher and Spallina in the Court Ordered production upon their termination that he had in fact read the trust document "carefully." From an alleged email dated October 25, 2013, months prior to his statements to PBSO that he had not read the Shirley Trust and only followed the advice of counsel we find Theodore again contradicting himself when he states,

**Robert Spallina**

**From:** Ted Bernstein [tbernstein@lifeinsuranceconcepts.com]

**Sent:** Friday, October 25, 2013 7:34 PM

**To:** Robert Spallina

**Subject:** RE: Withdrawal Activity Report

Good news is that on quick glance, all looks kosher but Deborah and I will tie everything out over the weekend. Bad news is that there is a steadily increasing amount of money being wasted on Eliot related matters. Once we get past Monday, I want to meet with you about my damages that I have incurred as a result of my role as trustee. I have read through the document carefully [emphasis added] and I have important questions and concerns about doing some things to counter the affects and I feel that there is time sensitivity involved. I hope Kim is doing as best as can be expected [this statement regarding Kimberly Moran and Eliot having her arrested by PBSO for fraudulent notarizations and admitted forgery]. I'm available over the weekend if you need me.

Ted

There are multiple ongoing investigations into felony criminal misconduct involving Theodore and Alan, including but not limited to, Frauds, Insurance Fraud, Fraud on a State and a Federal Court, Bank Fraud, Theft of Estate and Trust Assets of Simon and Shirley totaling millions of dollars, Falsifying Documents, Criminal Breaches of Fiduciary Duties and more, all relating to Simon and Shirley's Estates and Trusts and those who have administered them from the start.

64. That the next Breach of Fiduciary duties by Theodore is a direct attack on Eliot's three minor

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children and retaliation by Theodore and Alan against Eliot, whereby Theodore alleges the three minor children of Eliot's are Beneficiaries of the Shirley and Simon Trusts that he alleges to be Trustee for. In a sophisticated attempt to destroy their educational futures that were long planned and paid for by Simon and Shirley and as part of an extortive effort to get Eliot to participate in taking knowingly illegal distributions again, in the same manner he and Tescher and Spallina did, a new recent attempt was launched using the children as pawns this time with Theodore and Alan.

65. That Eliot contacted the alleged Trustee Theodore on July 25, 2014 for a Welfare Payment according to the terms of the alleged Trust as defined herein, which provides for distributions for schooling and requested a simple yes or no answer so that he could notify St. Andrew's school, who had notified Eliot that on August 09, 2014 his children would lose their enrollments for school for the 2014-2015 year for past due balances owed and current tuition due.
66. That the children have been in St. Andrew's school throughout most of their lives and which was contracted and paid for entirely by Simon and Shirley while they were alive and provisions were made to continue after their deaths that have been interfered with to cause this calamity with intent. Greater detail of this extortive attempt and fraud can be found in Eliot's recently filed Motion for Interim distributions filed in both Simon and Shirley's Estates and Trusts. See Motion for Interim Distribution @ <http://www.iviewit.tv/Simon%20and%20Shirley%20Estate/20140815EMERGENCYMOTIONFORINTERIMDISTRIBUTIONS.pdf>
67. That despite knowing of the illegal distributions already made using the fraudulent documents and schemes to alter Shirley's Beneficiary Class by Tescher and Spallina, Alan now tried to get

Eliot to take illegal distributions, this time by extorting him using his children's school tuition as the basis of the extortion play or pay this time and tried to keep the extortive attempt secreted from this Court and others by misleading Eliot with misstated and misquoted statutes regarding Settlements.

68. That even other Attorneys at Law that Alan attempted to recruit into this scheme are catching on to his schemes, as illustrated in the Creditor Stansbury's counsel, Peter Feaman, Esq.'s letter to Alan in response to his request to have the creditor release his hold on the assets in Simon's Estate and Trusts, since Eliot would not again partake in the fraudulent distribution scheme under Shirley's Trust, see Exhibit 3 - Feaman Letter to Alan. Whereby Feaman states after requesting an accounting from Alan of the alleged Simon Trust to confirm his claims about how little was left in the Trust and then being denied a copy, Feaman states to Alan,

My client tells me there are numerous witnesses who know that it was Simon's intent to provide for the St. Andrews schooling for Eliot's children. Heck, the house he bought for Eliot is within walking distance of the school! Whatever differences there are between Ted and Eliot, **the grandkids should not be used as pawns.** There is money to pay for the grandchildren's education. Stop playing games and get this done. At the end of the day, an adjustment can be made if necessary, **but stop putting the kids in the middle [emphasis added].**

69. That once Theodore and Alan could not get Eliot or Feaman to participate in their renewed extortive schemes and play be Alan's rules, Theodore then failed as an alleged Fiduciary to respond to Eliot's repeated request for a simple yes or no answer to the Welfare Payment, in order to notify the school of their decision and make preparations if necessary to relocate the children. No timely reply was given (talk about uncooperative) and they allowed the due date to pass and the children to lose their enrollments and enacted a new series of schemes to cover up

their new breaches.

70. That once they failed with scienter, in an attempt to cover up their breach of duties and failure to pay under the terms of the Trusts of Simon and/or Shirley, they then claimed they need all kinds of stipulations now from this Court to make any payment and stated they were seeking a Court Order to make the payments, which of course they have never did and so enrollment was compromised.
71. That instead of the promised Court filing to get the requested Welfare Payments, in efforts to now recruit the Court to aid and abet in the coverup of their breaches, they instead filed a Contempt Motion against Eliot, to act as if Eliot has somehow prevented them from making the Welfare Payments to keep the children in school and are using this new ABUSE OF PROCESS and TOXIC, VEXATIOUS, FRIVOLOUS, COSTLY, EXTORTIVE pleading as an excuse for failing to act in a timely manner.
72. This breach of duties resulting in MASSIVE DAMAGES THEY HAVE NOW CAUSED TO THREE MINOR CHILDREN'S FUTURES. In fact, it appears they intentionally created these delays through this new Fraud on the Court to have Eliot take "distributions fraudulently to unknown and improper beneficiaries as Theodore et al. had already done, despite admitting to the Court in hearings repeatedly that they are unsure who the beneficiaries are in the Shirley Trust at this time due to the Fraud. In an email of Alan's dated August 01, 2014 he states that the Trustee does not Object to "Payment from the Trust Funds", whereby Alan states,

**As Trustee, Ted has no objection to making a payment from the Trust funds to St. Andrews School for each of Eliot's three kids [emphasis added], so long as (i) the Court enters an order directing and authorizing such payment, with the approval of a guardian ad litem if the Court decides to appoint one, and also holding the Trustee**

harmless for complying with such order and requiring repayment if needed; (ii) the payment for each child will reduce the amount to be distributed to that child's trust and with Eliot agreeing that if it is ultimately decided that the payments were to go to him and not his childrens' trusts (which we believe is not the case), then these same payments would count against Eliot's distribution; and (iii) each of you has the opportunity to be heard by responding to the email or by appearing in court."

73. That the Court should note that in that language Alan refers to the disbursements as PAYMENTS not DISTRIBUTIONS as he then tried to put into the proposed agreement he drafted where he consistently peppered the document with the word distributions, despite Your Honor on the record at the hearing telling him they were PAYMENTS not distributions.
74. Then Theodore and Alan filed yet another TOXIC, VEXATIOUS, FRIVOLOUS, COSTLY and MISLEADING Construction of Trust motion, recently filed in now a separate hearing to make it look like they could also not make the Welfare Payments without this Court's Order and a reconstruction of the Shirley Trust and to have this Court somehow now reconstruct Shirley's Irrevocable Trust to fit the crimes they already have committed in knowing violation by taking "distributions" to knowingly improper beneficiaries of that Trust with scienter. Yes, Alan and Theodore, who aided and abetted the prior frauds and benefited directly from them, now want to have this Court reconstruct Shirley's Trust four years later to attempt to make the illegal "distributions" Theodore made with others knowing they were improper no somehow legal.
75. That Alan claims they cannot make Welfare Payments without Eliot taking them as knowingly improper "distributions" to beneficiaries that have not been resolved by the Court and are currently admitted by all parties to be unknown.
76. That their claims that Welfare Payments cannot be made and must be made as knowingly

ILLEGAL “distributions” despite the fact that at the present time there are no legally qualified beneficiaries known to make legal distributions too are untrue.

77. That Donald Tescher stated in a letter dated, December 26, 2013, “Ted as trustee of Shirley’s trust did make some partial distributions and that issue was also addressed at the first hearing where Judge Colin again addressed Eliot on the proper course of action. [KEEP IN MIND THAT WHEN THE COURT FIRST ADVISED ELIOT TO TAKE THE FUNDS YOUR HONOR WAS UNAWARE THAT THEY WOULD BE FRAUDULENT AND WHEN DISCOVERING THAT OUT THEN STATED WHEN ASKED BY ELIOT TO GIVE HIS LEGAL BLESSING TO THE ACT OF COMMITTING FRAUD, YOUR HONOR WOULD NOT BLESS THEM AND GIVE ELIOT PROTECTION.] Despite Eliot’s refusal to open up trust accounts for your boys, Ted has paid necessities for your family (since the Oppenheimer trusts were depleted by your actions) to keep the house running.” Those Welfare Payments were made without a Court Order and any language to release them from anything.

78. That further, Theodore claimed in a letter to Candice dated December 26, 2013,

**Because of my concern stemming from my fiduciary role as well as the fact that Joshua, Jacob and Danny are my nephews, Robert Spallina and I agreed that I would pay some of the bills for your family that I deemed necessary for their well being, on a temporary basis. For example, I have paid for such things as health insurance, electric, water, phones and Internet. I have made these payments from the Shirley Trust account and I will deduct these amounts from any distributions that are ultimately made to the three boys’ trusts.**

This statement shows that Alan and Theodore could have simply made the payments to St.

Andrews school and then deducted them later after the Court determined the true and proper

beneficiaries and only after review of ALL the dispositive documents by forensic analysis and more but they chose instead to try a last attempt to use Eliot's children's schooling and futures to force him to take the illegal and improper distributions the way Theodore and his sisters Pam, Lisa and Jill knowingly did already with the help of Tescher, Spallina and Alan et al.

79. That Theodore and Alan's attempt to further again extort Eliot this time by using his children's schooling as leverage and force him to either take the distributions illegally or else his children would be forced out of school has been brought to this Court's attention in a yet another unheard pleading filed by Eliot, see

<http://www.iviewit.tv/Simon%20and%20Shirley%20Estate/20140804EMERGENCYMOTIONFORINTERIMDISTRIBUTIONS.pdf> , which further defines the continued and ongoing Pattern and Practice of Fraud and Extortion being committed by Alan and Theodore against Eliot, his three minor children and lovely wife Candice.

80. This new and exotic extortive attempt began when Alan tried to trick Eliot into a meeting to extort him to take KNOWINGLY ILLEGAL DISTRIBUTIONS TO IMPROPER PARTIES in a meeting Alan tries to claim is about a settlement and Alan tries to claim nothing in the meeting can be used in any way with any party, in efforts to keep the extortion a secret from the Courts and others.

81. The meeting was only to get a yes or no on if the ALLEGED Trustee Theodore would make the Welfare Payments as he has done in the past as provided for the in the ALLEGED trust he operates under and NOTHING TO DO WITH SETTLING ANY CLAIMS.

82. That Alan in fact cites to Eliot a law that he has knowingly fabricated by adding language to the law to make it appear that the meeting could not be used in any way in Court or elsewhere



because he claims it is cloaked as a settlement conference and hoped Eliot as a Pro Se litigant would not fact check his legal citing and would comply with Alan's misrepresented law and be forced to keep the extortionary attempt in the dark.

83. That Alan's email to Eliot clearly shows that despite knowing that Shirley's beneficiaries were altered through illegal activity and despite the fact that the beneficiaries are now not known due to the fraud (again costing everyone a fortune to defend and expose), Alan tries to use Eliot's children's school tuition to extort him to take the monies illegally or else the children will be thrown out of school. Alan in his letter even claims he is aware the beneficiaries are not known at this time but in a last ditch effort to get Eliot to partake in illegal distributions to non legally qualified beneficiaries, he picks up where Spallina and Tescher's extortion of Eliot left off, as he demands Eliot take "distributions" to knowing improper beneficiaries, instead of, as Eliot suggested, making them as Welfare Payment until the Court rules on who the ultimate beneficiaries will be and then deduct it from those parties distributions, either Eliot or his children.

84. That all this renewed extortive effort to have Eliot in desperation with a proverbial "gun to the head" of he and his wife to keep their kids in the school they were put in by Eliot's parents and paid for by them for virtually their entire lives, once again force him to accept "distributions" illegally to gain an implied consent that Eliot too took illegal distributions as Theodore and others did and further participate in the crime leaving him perhaps no recourse against those who already took KNOWINGLY improper and illegal distributions. This is the same tactic that was tried by Theodore, Tescher, Spallina and Manceri several times before, using the children in several of the attempts as hostage, until they finally admitted to altering trust documents to make

the illegal distributions to improper parties and more and after lying to the Court and others for months until they finally confessed.

85. That finally, it was just learned from review of the production documents turned over by Tescher and Spallina upon their resignations and by Order of this Court that the school contract for the 2012-2013 was directly with Simon and should have been a liability of the Estate and instead these costs were shifted to Eliot's children to pay by Spallina and Tescher, which is yet another fraud that is more fully expanded on in the Counter Complaint filed in the related Oppenheimer v. Eliot and Candice Bernstein lawsuit now before this Court.
86. That both Theodore and Alan have profited and benefited from aiding and abetting in the advancement of the fraudulent schemes to enrich themselves and primarily Theodore at the expense of Beneficiaries, Interested Parties and Creditors from excessive billing, self-dealing and fraudulent transfers.
87. That Theodore, his sisters Pamela, Jill and Lisa, all knew that documents had been fraudulently notarized and forged in their names and in their deceased father's name POST MORTEM at least from May 2013 when Eliot first presented the evidence to the Court in his initial Petition to this Court and served it upon them and for months none of them notified authorities and instead began a rush to pillage and liquidate and walk off with assets in both Simon and Shirley's Estates and Trusts.
88. That despite knowing of these crimes, Theodore and the others who took the "distributions" failed to take any steps as alleged fiduciaries to report these crimes to the authorities or this Court, instead rushing to take the knowingly improper "distributions." Theodore only admitted he knew of the frauds to PBSO in January of 2014 when he was hauled in for questioning in

direct contradiction to the truth, which is he knew at least in May of 2013 when Eliot served the evidence. In fact, Theodore and his sisters then attempted to gloss over and pardon the criminal acts of proven Fraudulent Notarizations and admitted Forgeries of the arrested and convicted Legal Assistant/Notary Public of Tescher and Spallina, Kimberly Moran et al. by submitting further fraudulent waivers to this Court.

89. That from the time Theodore, Spallina, Manceri, Tescher and Alan knew of the allegations alleging the fraudulent distributions and a mass of other crimes launched against them. Theodore et al. began a further aggressive and forceful campaign of terror and retribution against Eliot, his three minor children and lovely wife Candice, in efforts to stop them from bringing these criminal acts and civil torts they partook in to Justice.

**CONTINUED MISREPRESENTATIONS, MISTATEMENTS OF FACTS AND WASTE, FRAUD AND ABUSE IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATES AND TRUSTS**

90. The court needs to act on its own Motion to Remove Theodore as Trustee and review those petitions and motions filed by Eliot and the Creditor Stansbury to stop these continuing and ongoing Frauds on the Court, again being committed by Fiduciaries and Officers of this Court under the Court's tutelage who are directly involved in and directly benefited from the prior frauds! This Court needs to put a stop this RECKLESS, WANTON and GROSSLY NEGLIGENT disregard for law, this Court, the Beneficiaries and Creditors and begin to prevent the ongoing attempts to cover up their crimes through further fraud, waste and abuse of process.
91. That this Court needs to stop them from committing additional new crimes instantly, including the new alleged thefts of Personal Properties (discussed further herein and in prior unheard Motions and Petitions) and round up and rid the Court of every single person who was involved

in any way with the prior fraudulent activity, as is required by law when Fraud Upon the Court has been proven. This Court needs to clean up its own Court and provide for fair and impartial due process free of the fraudsters who operate cloaked as Officers and Fiduciaries of this Court and not wait for Stansbury or Eliot to file further Motions and Petitions to have him removed, IT IS THIS COURTS DUTY. Every day this Court leaves these reckless and unlawful Fiduciaries and Officers of this Court in place, is a day of suffering, damages and abusive costs for the already injured parties.

92. That the Court should note that all of these PROVEN AND ADMITTED FRAUDS on this Court, the Beneficiaries and the Interested Parties have ALL been committed through legal process abuse that allowed for illegal seizure of Dominion and Control of the Estates committed by OFFICERS OF THIS COURT and FIDUCIARIES, using this Court as the host for the CRIMES and ALL of these parties were APPROVED BY YOUR HONOR.
93. That despite knowing these facts, this Court continues to allow those involved and under investigation to now continue to act in Fiducial and Legal capacities, despite KNOWING THESE FACTS and knowing that under law they should have already resigned voluntary when requested and under law they should be removed by this Court on the Court's own Motion. These problems occurred and continue to occur in this Court and it is this Court's duty under law to clean up the mess it is responsible for, not wait for Eliot or others to do this.
94. That Alan and Theodore now pick up and continue the Pattem and Practice of Harassment, Extortion, ATTEMPTED NEW Illegal Distributions of Estate and Trust funds, Fraud on the Court, Fraud on Beneficiaries, Fraud on Creditors and more committed by Theodore and the prior PR's, Trustees and Counsel in the Estate and Trusts of Simon and Shirley, Tescher and

Spallina, who have been removed from these matters after MASSIVE amount of time, effort and costs to Petitioner and others to have them removed.

95. That Theodore has brought ALL of these people who have participated in all these fraudulent activities into the Estates and Trusts of Simon and Shirley who have all BLED THE ESTATE of hundreds of thousands in legal fees already. Where Theodore and his cohorts have benefited and continue to benefit at the expense of everyone else involved. Again, THIS COURT NEEDS TO PUT AN END TO THE FRAUDS BEING COMMITTED BY OFFICERS OF THE COURT and remove them on the Court's own motion as allowed for in instances such as these, especially where the main frauds have all been effectuated by multiple Frauds on this Court. The only remedy at law is removal, award of damages, sanctions and more.
96. That the Court can no longer look the other way or wait for Pro Se Eliot to file proper legal pleadings and have hearings where PROHIBITED pleadings are filed fraudulently and argued wasting everyone's time and simply remove those who should voluntarily withdraw. Where the Court has legal obligations to act on its own motion to stop FRAUD, WASTE and ABUSE especially in its own Court committed by Officers of the Court.
97. That this Court allowing Theodore and Alan to continue to act as fiduciaries and counsel before the Court can only be viewed by the victims as aiding and abetting the crimes and attempting to cover up the crimes that took place in this Court, especially where all these felony crimes occurred in this Court by Officers and Fiduciaries that are under the tutelage of this Court and Your Honor. That Your Honor has a duty to protect the beneficiaries and interested parties and has failed to follow law and judicial canons to protect them.
98. That Theodore and Alan are violating a Court Order that involves now attempting to further and

cover up the crime of THEFT, CONVERSION AND COMINGLING OF ESTATE ASSETS, in fact FELONY MISCONDUCT IN VIOLATING THE COURT ORDER as pled in Eliot Motion in Response to Theodore's Contempt Motion filed with this Court and yet unheard.

99. That Alan and his client Theodore have failed to follow the Court's Order, see Exhibit 4 – Court Order for Inspection of Residence and Accounting for Personal Property, for an re-inventorying of the Estate assets of Simon, after learning in a hearing before this Court that statements made by Theodore and Alan revealed that Estate assets were missing and unaccounted for. Where it appears that Theodore and others may have stolen off with these personal properties of Simon and then lied to this Court about where they had gone.
100. That the Court was told in the hearing that furnishings of Simon's estate that were held in a Condominium held in Shirley's Trust were moved to Simon's other residence when the Condominium was sold. Despite Theodore and Alan's claim that the furniture was moved to Simon's other residence, no records of such transaction were turned over by Spallina and Tescher who were the prior responsible parties for the personal properties and the items appear in the Final Accounting submitted upon their termination in these proceedings.
101. That no mention was made in the fraudulent estate Final Accounting prepared by Tescher and Spallina after their resignations and withdrawals that were turned over by Order of this Court that these personal property assets were disposed of in any way. The fact that the items were missing and Theodore who is alleged to be the Trustee responsible for the items could not state where they were are what led to the Court Order to verify that the assets were where they now stated. Spallina and Tescher were responsible for the items of Simon's estates and should be sanctioned.
102. That Theodore, alleging to be the Trustee of Shirley's Trust, knows that he is responsible for the

marshalling of those assets of Simon's Estate contained in Condominium, as he was informed of this obligation by Spallina in a letter dated September 14, 2012 (1 day after Simon passed) whereby it states,

On a separate note, as discussed, you are designated as the successor trustee to Si on your mother's trust document. In this regard, both the residence and the beach condo were titled in the name of her trust. **All of the contents in both places are the subject of your father's estate, over which Don and I have been named as Personal Representatives. Please make sure that both homes are secure and that the contents contained therein are protected. As a fiduciary of your mother's trust and during the period of administration of your father's estate, you owe a duty to the ultimate beneficiaries to protect the assets...**[emphasis added] It may be helpful to take pictures and even create an inventory of the contents so that when there is a division of the assets among the family there are no issues.

103. That after telling the Court that the furniture was moved to Simon's other residence and then knowing they were again going to be busted if the Court Order was complied with as the furniture is not there, Donald Tescher in his deposition on July 09, 2014, ordered by Alan (who throughout the deposition objected and represented Tescher several times), see Tescher Deposition Regarding Furniture excerpt and partial transcript and exhibits at <http://www.iviewit.tv/Simon%20and%20Shirley%20Estate/20140709TescherDepositionAndExhibits.pdf>, fully incorporated by reference herein, then claimed and Alan chimed in now in direct contradiction to what was told to the Court that the contents were now sold with the Condominium without any accounting for the properties to the Beneficiaries or anyone or even including this information in the shoddy Final Accounting Tescher and Spallina produced. Where further evidence will prove that this claim is also untrue, as the Condominium was sold without any personal properties listed as part of the transaction.

104. That when the lies they told to the Court that the furniture and other properties were moved to the

other residence did not hold up as they themselves seemed confused at the hearing, the Order for the Inspection was granted by Your Honor. They then claimed that the Court ORDER could not be complied with because the items were boxed in the garage and this somehow made them unaccountable for, then they were sold without any accounting and with each claim being proven false they have continued to try and make up new explanations for where the missing items went and continue to violate the Court Ordered Inspection.

105. That it is alleged that Theodore took the possessions to his own second home and then sold that home after selling the Condominium with the contents owned by Simon's Estate in them as part of a further elaborate scheme to steal millions of dollars of assets and/or Theodore disposed of these properties in other ways for his own personal gain, as beneficiaries were NOT notified of any such sale of these items. Again, this Court and everyone else involved are wasting precious time, effort and monies to expose these nonstop frauds and thefts, all again being perpetrated by Officers of this Court who were directly involved in the prior frauds, who again appear to have lied to this Court about Estate assets and now fail to follow the Court's Order to cover up and further their crimes.

106. That Eliot will be filing yet another criminal complaint for this GRANDTHEFT of the personal properties estimated worth millions and again will have to recruit law enforcement time and efforts to hunt down the missing items and contact all those parties involved in the transactions that Theodore, Alan and others did regarding the ILLEGAL sale of the Condominium and the subsequent missing personal properties of Simon's Estate.

107. That other crimes alleged and under investigation regarding the sale of the Condominium include Theodore signing documents as the PR of Shirley's Estate to make the sale complete when he



was not appointed as the Personal Representative at the time he made the sale and signed the documents in that fiduciary capacity knowingly and with scienter.

108. That Theodore at the time of the sale knew the Estate of his mother had been closed illegally through a Fraud on the Court using his deceased father as PR to close the Estate and knew no Successor PR was ever appointed by this Court due to that Fraud and thus knew he was signing the tax documents for the sale illegally. Again, the closing of the Estate of Shirley was achieved through fraud with a DEAD Personal Representative, Simon, acting as if alive to close his deceased wife's Estate, which was all part of an elaborate FRAUD ON THE COURT by OFFICERS of the Court that has already been proven in this Court.
109. That this Court will remember in the September 13, 2013 hearing that Your Honor upon learning of this Fraud on the Court and Fraud on the Beneficiaries using a dead PR to close an estate as if alive to then attempt to enact fraudulent changes to the beneficiaries stated that you had enough evidence at that time, almost a year ago, to read Theodore, Spallina and Tescher their Miranda rights, see Exhibit 2 and perhaps now it is that time for the reading of these Miranda Rights to protect the Estates and Trusts and prevent further criminal activity by Officers and Fiduciaries of this Court.
110. That Your Honor will also remember that it was proven that POST MORTEM FORGED documents for Simon were tendered to this Court by Spallina and Tescher as part of the elaborate scheme to change beneficiaries by Theodore's counsel that directly benefited Theodore the most, to the disadvantage of other beneficiaries.
111. That upon learning of these facts, the Court issued a second statement in the September 13, 2013 hearing that it had enough to read them their Miranda warnings and again the Court instead let

them walk out the door and continue to practice law, continue to act as fiduciaries and counsel, allowed Successor Criminals to be anointed exposing all parties involved and the general public to these lawyers who have committed felony crimes in these proceedings and without sanctions or required reporting of their crimes as required under Judicial Canons and law, as of yet.

112. That further in the September 13, 2013 hearing it was further stated by Spallina that Moran's forgeries and fraudulent notarizations were a one off event and he knew of nothing else wrong in the Estates and Trusts, while knowing and CONCEALING FROM THE COURT that he and his partner Tescher had committed yet another FELONY CRIME by FRAUDULENTLY ALTERING TRUST documents that they failed to notify the Court of at that time they claimed they knew nothing else wrong and therefore bold face lied to the Court.
113. That Spallina, only later, in January 2014, three months after the hearing and wasting everyone's time and monies in the hundreds of thousands in that time period, then confessed to Palm Beach County Sheriff investigators that he and his partner Tescher had known they could not change the Shirley Trust Beneficiary Class (although Alan will now try and con everyone that he can do that in his new Motion for Construction) and together Spallina and Tescher had discussed their options and determined they would alter documents to perpetrate the fraud and Spallina then admitted that he ALTERED TRUST DOCUMENTS with scienter and sent them to various parties.
114. That again Spallina's confession only came when he and Tescher knew they were busted from Eliot's Pro Se pleadings and Eliot and Candice's excellent investigatory efforts that exposed their crimes and led to ongoing investigations of them and Theodore and Alan.
115. That again, the confession came only after everyone, including this Court, the Palm Beach

County Sheriff's office, the Governor Rick Scott's Notary Public Division, the State Attorney, the Beneficiaries and Interested Parties, wasted hundreds of thousands of dollars having to force the confessions. That Eliot questions the truthfulness of the confessions as well, as it appears that it was carefully crafted and fraught with further perjured statements to try and cover up their crime as best they could.

116. That Eliot again apologizes to the Court for having to file a lengthy pleading to unravel the web of lies and deceit in Alan's TOXIC, VEXATIOUS, FRIVILOUS, EXTORTIVE, PROHIBITED, COSTLY and MISLEADING pleading that is further an abuse of process but there are just so many false statements and attempts to twist things around by these Successor Criminals to somehow, now that they are all busted, make Eliot, the victim of their crimes already proven and admitted, look like the bad guy to the Court.
117. That it takes a lot of time to explain and unravel each of these schemes to this Court and unwind the lies in their pleadings and Eliot is doing the best he can Pro Se to comport with the statutes and rules he is not schooled in and thus admits his pleadings may fall short but Eliot has ALWAYS HAS TOLD THE TRUTH TO THIS COURT DESPITE HOW MANY PAGES IT TAKES AND HAS NEVER PUT FORTH ANY FORGED, FRADULENT, FRAUDULENTLY NOTARIZED DOCUMENTS or lied to the Court, nor has he violated any criminal codes or civil torts in these proceedings, unlike Theodore, Spallina, Tescher, Alan, Manceri, Pankauski et al..
118. That again Alan and Theodore and their cohorts costing everyone time and money on TOXIC, VEXATIOUS, FRIVILOUS, EXTORTIVE, MISLEADING, CRUEL and COSTLY pleadings that abuse process, and Eliot, despite his lengthy, yet poetically just pleadings that may be legally faulty as expected in Pro Se pleadings, has put forth nothing abusive, unless this Court considers

the length of truth abusive.

119. That if the Court wishes to stop the poetic pleadings of Eliot, the Court can simply, again on its own motion under the circumstances, demand that the Estates and Trusts provide funds for Eliot to retain counsel, as certainly the ALLEGED Fiduciaries and Counsel in these matters (excluding Brown and O'Connell) have already wasted fortunes on legal fees to further their criminal misconduct. Where these monies of the Estates and Trusts are either Eliot's or his children's and Theodore, Spallina, Tescher, Alan, Manceri and Pankauski have used these funds of Eliot's and his children for EXCESSIVE AND ABUSIVE legal fees to execute their crimes and then more Estate and Trust funds used to further protect and shield themselves from prosecution of their crimes.
120. That Theodore and his cohorts have nothing to lose spending the Trusts and Estate funds recklessly and illegally, which are not theirs and deny the victims counsel, which is provided for in the very documents they operate under to protect the Beneficiaries. Certainly, having Eliot and his children represented by separate counsel due to the Conflicts created through the frauds that make Eliot and his children in conflict for the proceeds, caused by Tescher and Spallina et al. with scienter will not only benefit this Court but further protect, the Estates, Trusts, Beneficiaries, Interested Parties and Creditors.
121. That there have been serious breaches of Trust already proven and many more alleged and under investigation, all involving Theodore Bernstein and Alan as central parties in the misconducts.
122. That it has been evidenced herein and in prior pleadings filed that Theodore is unfit and unwilling to follow probate and trust Rules and Statutes.
123. That it has been evidenced that Theodore cannot act as the Trustee in the Simon Trust as he is

expressly prohibited and this may be even further fraud on this Court, the Beneficiaries and Interested Parties.

124. That it has been evidenced herein and in prior pleadings filed that Theodore has persistently failed as alleged Trustee to administer the Trust in Simon and Shirley's Trusts legally.
125. That Theodore and Alan are both in conflict and have adverse interests in these matters, especially in regard to Eliot.
126. That the Court removing Theodore instantly from ALL fiduciary capacities in the Estates and Trusts of Simon and Shirley for very serious breaches of fiduciary duties and alleged criminal misconduct from his direct participation in the prior frauds committed in this Court and now causing continued torts and alleged criminal misconduct regarding assets of the Estate causing continuing and ongoing harms to Beneficiaries, Interested Parties and Creditors.
127. That there has been substantial change of circumstances after discovering criminal misconduct and breaches of fiduciary duties that Theodore is directly involved in and benefited from and a continued Pattern and Practice of newly alleged criminal misconduct under ongoing investigations that justify the Court's instant removal of Theodore to protect the assets of the Estates and Trusts of Simon and Shirley to prevent further criminal acts and civil torts from occurring that damage the Beneficiaries, Interested Parties and Creditors further.
128. That the Court should find that removal of the trustee best serves the interests of all of the beneficiaries and is not inconsistent with a material purpose of the trust, and a suitable co-trustee or successor trustee is available.
129. That for all of these reasons stated herein, this Court must act as legally obligated on its own motion under 736.0706 to remove Theodore and Alan from ALL Fiduciary and Legal capacities

they have in both the Estates and Trusts of Simon and Shirley, in order to remove the conflicts and adverse interests and stop further violations of, Attorney Conduct Codes, Judicial Canons, State and Federal Law that are being committed by their continued allowance by this Court to remain as Fiduciaries and Counsel before this Court and continue acting as OFFICERS OF THIS COURT. Their continued actions are wasting estate assets due to their fraudulent misadministration and attempts to cover up their own and their friends and business associates prior crimes with one lie after another to this Court and the Beneficiaries, Interested Parties and Creditors.

130. That the remedies to cure the damages from the prior Frauds In and Upon this Court, the Beneficiaries, Interested Parties and Creditors, would mandate now that the Trustees and Fiduciaries sue themselves and when this type of situation arises the only remedy at law is to remove them from this irrefutable conflict of interest.
131. That the Fiduciaries and Counsel thus far in these matters have all (except Benjamin Brown and Brian O'Connell) acted in their own best interests, basking in ill-gotten legal and trustee fees, instead of acting the best interests of the Beneficiaries and Creditors and it is expected for them to continue misusing trust and estate assets to now protect themselves from further prosecution and therefore the Court must instantly remove them.
132. That failure of the Court to remove ALL tentacles from these proceedings of those who participated, profited and benefited from the prior CRIMINAL MISCONDUCT and FRAUD COMMITTED BY OFFICERS OF THIS COURT THAT HAS OCCURRED IN AND UPON THIS COURT, the BENEFICIARIES, INTERESTED PARTIES AND CREDITORS violates the sanctity and decorum of the Court, violates law and judicial canons and denies fair and

impartial due process and procedure under law to all the other parties and allows for continuing and ongoing crimes to be committed.

133. That Eliot demands the Court take Judicial Notice of the criminal misconduct and follow its own rules and act on its own motions to restore law and order to the Court and impart fair and impartial due process to all parties and begin by STRIKING all TOXIC, FRIVOLOUS, VEXATIOUS and MISLEADING filings of the Fiduciaries and Counsel acting as OFFICERS OF THIS COURT and Remove these fiduciaries and counsel in order to stop the further fraud, waste and abuse by those Officers of this Court and alleged Fiduciary, who knowingly and with scienter continue to act in violation of Probate and Trust Rules and Statutes, despite the Court's knowledge of their participation in the prior frauds, their overwhelming conflicts of interests and adverse interests that all legally preclude their continued involvement as Fiduciaries and Counsel.
134. That Theodore and Alan wholly ignore their duties to withdraw voluntarily due to their lack of qualification and continue to act despite repeated requests to withdraw for multitudes of legally valid reasons. These continued actions further misuse Estate and Trusts assets and are accruing damages to the Beneficiaries, Interested Parties and Creditors from the Court allowing this continuing Pattern and Practice of Fraud, Waste and Abuse started by the prior fiduciaries and counsel who worked together with Theodore and Alan to perpetrate the prior frauds from the start and again this will require the Beneficiaries to ultimately sue them all for damages. Certainly if they will not voluntarily withdraw knowing they are unfit to act as fiduciaries and officers of this Court, then they will not sue themselves either and thus this Court must smack down the gauntlet and forcefully and aggressively remove them.

135. That finally, Eliot, his lovely wife Candice and their three angelic boys have been tormented, lied

to, defrauded, extorted and abused through legal process by these Officers of this Court and their crimes to deny, delay, stymie and steal off with assets of Eliot and his children's due to them as inheritance and deny them through further frauds to deny them entirely their inheritances, jeopardizing and exposing the Estates and Trusts to more and more risks from their actions, as they lack to administer these legally and this has caused major damages, including directly to THREE MINOR CHILDREN with intent, including withholding the KIA, failing to provide trust assets used for education, theft of millions of dollars of assets, failure to account under law, removing health insurance etc. that all border on child abuse by these alleged Fiduciaries and Officers of this Court and now threaten the minor children's school futures and more.

136. That Eliot and his family have refused to participate in knowingly fraudulent distributions to improper parties, while those improper parties have stolen off, converted and comingled assets they took knowingly improperly and illegally with scienter and now use Eliot and his children's family's inheritance monies to line their pockets and harass and extort Eliot in prayers that these criminal tactics will force Eliot to participate in illegal "DISTRIBUTIONS" and attempt to gain under FL Statute 736.1012 consent from Eliot through his participation to take "distributions" under great pressure and duress to attempt to keep his children in school as provided for under the Terms of the Trusts.

**Beneficiary's consent, release, or ratification.—A trustee is not liable to a beneficiary for breach of trust if the beneficiary consented to the conduct constituting the breach, released the trustee from liability for the breach, or ratified the transaction constituting the breach, unless:**

- (1) The consent, release, or ratification of the beneficiary was induced by improper conduct of the trustee; or
- (2) At the time of the consent, release, or ratification, the beneficiary did not know of the beneficiary's rights or of the material



facts relating to the breach.

This all done despite the fact that (1) above negates any such extorted consent that may have gained. Despite that fact, Eliot will not commit a violation of law knowingly and also violate one or more of the Ten Commandments and participate in their crimes under ANY circumstances, except with this Court's blessing to participate in such fraud that the Court would not give in the September 13, 2013 hearing and so Eliot doubts the Court now will with all of this new information of criminal misconduct unfolding since that hearing decide that Eliot should participate in knowingly  
**FRAUDULENT ILLEGAL DISTRIBUTIONS TO ADMITTED UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES  
AT THIS TIME.**

137. That until Eliot and others can review for further evidence of **FRAUD AND FORGERY, ALL** the records, court records, dispositive and other documents, accountings, inventories and re-inventory **ALL** assets of the Estates and Trusts of Shirley and Simon, this Court must provide **EMERGENCY WELFARE PAYMENTS TO ELIOT AND HIS FAMILY TO BE DEDUCTED LATER FROM HIS OR HIS CHILDREN INHERITANCES** when the Court determines the Beneficiaries or add them to **THE CONTINUING AND TOLLING DAMAGES ASSESSED TO THE RESPONSIBLE PARTIES OF THESE CRIMES.**

138. That this Court should and must act to protect Eliot and his family who are victims of the past and present Fiduciaries and their Counsel, who all took part and benefited from the prior Willful, Wanton, Reckless, Criminal and Egregious Acts of Bad Faith committed with Unclean Hands that again were done by Officers of this Court Under Your Direct Jurisdiction and in light of the Court's knowledge of these past and ongoing Crimes and Extortion after Extortion of Eliot to either take the improper proceeds and lose rights to claim damages against others by participating

in the knowingly fraudulent activity or watch his family be starved out through fraud after fraud by Fiduciaries approved by Your Honor, as now proven, admitted and evidenced in Eliot's pleadings since May 2013, it is time this Court act to release WELFARE PAYMENTS DUE TO THE INTENTIONAL INTERFERENCE WITH INHERITANCE THAT HAS DELAYED DISTRIBUTION until this Court can determine beneficiaries to make distributions legally to and until all of this grotesque Fraud can be sorted out due to CRIMINAL MISCONDUCT BY OFFICERS OF THIS COURT.

139. That since this Court is also partially responsible for these continued and ongoing damages caused by its Officers, damages inflicted by the delay and interference of life sustaining inheritances that were intended to be distributed to Eliot and his family over four years ago, as were the desires and wishes of both Simon and Shirley, due to special circumstances already defined in Eliot's initial pleadings with the Court.
140. The Extortions first started with Theodore, his former counsel, the former Fiduciaries and Counsel of the Estates and Trusts, seizing companies that were left to Eliot's families alone, acting with no legal authority and taking over a company responsible for paying the bills of Eliot's household for over 7 years while Simon and Shirley were alive and where the bills were even sent to others and controlled by others. Once the illegal corporate takeover was achieved by Tescher, Spallina, Theodore, members of Oppenheimer and others, Eliot's family's basic necessities were cut off without notice repeatedly by Tescher, Spallina, Theodore and others, including but not limited to shutting off, Security Services, Homeowners Insurance (this also exposing Simon's Estate to further MAJOR RISKS), Health Insurance for the entire Family, Electricity, Phones, School Services for the minor Children, School Tuition for the children,

Utilities, Food, etc.). The company also provided income and a monthly 10-20 thousand dollar monthly stipend to cover ALL expenses of Eliot's family and this too was shut off through a combination of frauds discussed further in the Oppenheimer Counter Complaint and in prior pleadings Eliot filed, see Answer and Counter Complaint Oppenheimer (a)

[http://www.iviewit.tv/Simon and Shirley Estate/20140730OppenheimerAnswerAndCounter.pdf](http://www.iviewit.tv/Simon%20and%20Shirley%20Estate/20140730OppenheimerAnswerAndCounter.pdf) ,

fully incorporated by reference herein.

141. That when this forced destitution or else failed to compel Eliot to participate in the fraud and take knowingly improper distributions as others had done, they next moved on to using Eliot's son's birthday gift, the KIA, as a lever to force Eliot to take distributions illegally or not get the gifted car back.
142. That when that failed, they have refused Welfare Payments as provided under the Trusts despite REPEATED requests to act even under the terms of the Alleged Documents they are touting, which are most likely fraudulent to begin with but even so they fail to act as required in the best interests of the Beneficiaries for items provided for the Beneficiaries in the terms thereunder.
143. Again, these criminal acts and breaches of duties are all being committed by the fiduciaries who are supposed to be protecting the beneficiaries as intended in the Estate plans but who are instead too busy forging, fraudulently notarizing, criminally altering trust documents, looting the Estates, committing Insurance Fraud and Bank Fraud, Fraud on this Court and Federal Court, Extorting Eliot and his family, Losing, Destroying and Suppressing Trust Documents, and more to care of the damages they are causing, even to minor children. They have even been alleged to have seized illegally and misused school trust funds of the children in yet another fraudulent scheme that Eliot's Counter Complaint in the new Oppenheimer Lawsuit more fully exposes.

- 144. This Court must now act to allow to remove Theodore on its own initiative due to all of the reasons so stated herein.
- 145. That if the Court needs further evidence or anything from Eliot to further support this motion please feel free to request any other information necessary.

Wherefore, Eliot prays this Court enter an order similar to that attached hereto.

- i. FOR REMOVAL OF PR & TRUSTEE ON THE COURT'S OWN INITIATIVE in the Estates and Trusts of Simon and Shirley Bernstein – FLORIDA TITLE XLII 736.0706;
- ii. For an order for relief under s. 736.1001(2) as may be necessary to protect the trust and estate property and protect the interests of the beneficiaries.
- iii. For all records and properties of the Theodore and all of his present and former counsel to immediately, be turned over to the care and custody of the Court until further notice.

Filed on Thursday, August 28, 2014,

Eliot Bernstein Pro Se, Individually and as legal guardian on behalf of his minor three children.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, ELIOT IVAN BERNSTEIN, HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by email to all parties on the following Service List, Thursday, August 28, 2014.

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1 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
2 IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA  
3 PROBATE/GUARDIANSHIP DIVISION IY  
4 CASE NO.: 502011CP000653XXXXSB

5 IN RE: THE ESTATE OF:  
6 SHIRLEY BERNSTEIN,  
7 Deceased

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9 ELIOT IVAN BERNSTEIN, PRO SE,  
10 Petitioner,

11 vs.

12 TESCHER & SPALLINA, P.A., (AND ALL PARTNERS,  
13 ASSOCIATES AND OF COUNSEL); ROBERT L. SPALLINA  
14 (BOTH PERSONALLY & PROFESSIONALLY); DONALD  
15 R. TESCHER (BOTH PERSONALLY & PROFESSIONALLY);  
16 THEODORE STUART BERNSTEIN (AS ALLEGED PERSONAL  
17 REPRESENTATIVE, TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE) (BOTH  
18 PERSONALLY & PROFESSIONALLY); AND JOHN AND JANE  
19 DOE'S (1-5000),  
20 Respondents.

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22 TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS  
23 BEFORE  
24 THE HONORABLE MARTIN H. COLIN  
25  
26 South County Courthouse  
27 200 West Atlantic Avenue, Courtroom 8  
28 Delray Beach, Florida 33344  
29  
30 Friday, September 13, 2013  
31 1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

32 Stenographically Reported By:  
33 JESSICA THIBAUT

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1 APPEARANCES

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3 On Behalf of the Petitioner:  
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6 Boca Raton, Florida 33434

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7 MR. MANCERI: That's when the order was  
8 signed, yes, your Honor.

9 THE COURT: He filed it, physically came  
10 to court.

11 MR. ELIOT BERNSTEIN: Oh.

12 THE COURT: So let me see when he actually  
13 filed it and signed the paperwork. November.  
14 What date did your dad die?

15 MR. ELIOT BERNSTEIN: September. It's  
16 hard to get through. He does a lot of things  
17 when he's dead.

18 THE COURT: I have all of these waivers by  
19 Simon in November. He tells me Simon was dead  
20 at the time.

21 MR. MANCERI: Simon was dead at the time,  
22 your Honor. The waivers that you're talking  
23 about are waivers from the beneficiaries, I  
24 believe.

25 THE COURT: No, it's waivers of

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1 accountings.

2 MR. MANCERI: Right, by the beneficiaries.

3 THE COURT: Discharge waiver of service of  
4 discharge by Simon, Simon asked that he not  
5 have to serve the petition for discharge.

6 MR. MANCERI: Right, that was in his  
7 petition. When was the petition served?

8 THE COURT: November 21st.

9 MR. SPALLINA: Yeah, it was after his date  
10 of death.

11 THE COURT: Well, how could that happen  
12 legally? How could Simon --

13 MR. MANCERI: Who signed that?

14 THE COURT: -- ask to close and not serve  
15 a petition after he's dead?

16 MR. MANCERI: Your Honor, what happened  
17 was is the documents were submitted with the  
18 waivers originally, and this goes to  
19 Mr. Bernstein's fraud allegation. As you know,  
20 your Honor, you have a rule that you have to  
21 have your waivers notarized. And the original  
22 waivers that were submitted were not notarized,  
23 so they were kicked back by the clerk. They  
24 were then notarized by a staff person from  
25 Tescher and Spallina admittedly in error. They

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1 should not have been notarized in the absentia  
2 of the people who purportedly signed them. And  
3 I'll give you the names of the other siblings,  
4 that would be Pamela, Lisa, Jill, and Ted  
5 Bernstein.

6 THE COURT: So let me tell you because I'm  
7 going to stop all of you folks because I think  
8 you need to be read your Miranda warnings.

9 MR. MANCERI: I need to be read my Miranda  
10 warnings?

11 THE COURT: Everyone of you might have to  
12 be.

13 MR. MANCERI: Okay.

14 THE COURT: Because I'm looking at a  
15 formal document filed here April 9, 2012,  
16 signed by Simon Bernstein, a signature for him.

17 MR. MANCERI: April 9th, right.

18 THE COURT: April 9th, signed by him, and  
19 notarized on that same date by Kimberly. It's  
20 a waiver and it's not filed with The Court  
21 until November 19th, so the filing of it, and  
22 it says to The Court on November 19th, the  
23 undersigned, Simon Bernstein, does this, this,  
24 and this. Signed and notarized on April 9,  
25 2012. The notary said that she witnessed Simon

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1 sign it then, and then for some reason it's not  
2 filed with The Court until after his date of  
3 death with no notice that he was dead at the  
4 time that this was filed.

5 MR. MANCERI: Okay.

6 THE COURT: All right, so stop, that's  
7 enough to give you Miranda warnings. Not you  
8 personally --

9 MR. MANCERI: Okay.

10 THE COURT: Are you involved? Just tell  
11 me yes or no.

12 MR. SPALLINA: I'm sorry?

13 THE COURT: Are you involved in the  
14 transaction?

15 MR. SPALLINA: I was involved as the  
16 lawyer for the estate, yes. It did not come to  
17 my attention until Kimberly Moran came to me  
18 after she received a letter from the Governor's  
19 Office stating that they were investigating  
20 some fraudulent signatures on some waivers that  
21 were signed in connection with the closing of

EXHIBIT 3 - FEAMAN LETTER TO ALAN



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## Eliot Ivan Bernstein

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**From:** Peter M. Feaman <pfeaman@feamanlaw.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 5, 2014 10:42 AM  
**To:** Alan Rose  
**Cc:** William Stansbury  
**Subject:** RE: Eliot's Demand

By the way, what about the Shirley Bernstein Trust?  
We know The Aragon Condominium Unit was sold which netted over \$1,000,000.

Where is that money?

This is an expense that the trusts clearly should pay.

My client tells me there are numerous witnesses who know that it was Simon's intent to provide for the St. Andrews schooling for Eliot's children.

Heck, the house he bought for Eliot is within walking distance of the school!

Whatever differences there are between Ted and Eliot, the grandkids should not be used as pawns. There is money to pay for the grandchildren's education. Stop playing games and get this done.

At the end of the day, an adjustment can be made if necessary, but stop putting the kids in the middle.

*Peter M. Feaman*

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**From:** Alan Rose [mailto:ARose@mrachek-law.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 5, 2014 10:05 AM  
**To:** Peter M. Feaman  
**Subject:** Re: Eliot's Demand

My question is much simpler than that. Would Mr. Stansberry ever consent to Elliot receiving an interim distribution without there being sufficient assets to pay Mr. Stansberry's claim in full. In other words, would he agreed to a preferential distribution to Elliot that could potentially diminish or defeat his ability to collect on a claim, if he is successful

Alan B. Rose

On Aug 5, 2014, at 9:53, "Peter M. Feaman" <[pfeaman@feamanlaw.com](mailto:pfeaman@feamanlaw.com)> wrote:

Until Mr. Stansbury sees an accounting of trust assets, he is not in a position to make a decision on the request.

Can you send me a trust accounting?

*Peter M. Feaman*

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**From:** Alan Rose [<mailto:ARose@mrachek-law.com>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 5, 2014 9:02 AM

**To:** Peter M. Feaman

**Subject:** Eliot's Demand

Eliot has demanded an interim payment from the Simon Bernstein Trust or Estate.

Based upon the facts as I understand them, there is not more than enough money in the Estate or Trust than the amount of the claim by Mr. Stansbury, and indeed, it appears that there is substantially less than needed to do so should Mr. Stansbury prevail.

Absent Mr. Stansbury's consent to an interim distribution to Eliot, there is no point in anyone (including the new successor PR) considering the request as from the assets of Simon's Trust or Estate.

Please advise asap if Mr. Stansbury would consent to a payment of +/- \$125,000 to St. Andrews School for Eliot's children's three private school tuitions.

Thanks

Alan B. Rose, Esq.

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EXHIBIT 4 – COURT ORDER FOR INSPECTION OF RESIDENCE AND ACCOUNTING FOR PERSONAL  
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BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION  
CASE NO. 5021012CP004391XXXXSB

IN RE: ESTATE OF SIMON L. BERNSTEIN  
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**ORDER ON CURATOR'S MOTION TO INSPECT AND TAKE POSSESSION OF  
ESTATE TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY**

THIS MATTER came before the Court on the Curator's Motion to Inspect and Take Possession of Estate Tangible Personal Property dated June 10, 2014 ("Motion"), the Court having reviewed the Motion, and the Court being otherwise fully advised in the premises, it is hereby:

ORDERED and ADJUDGED as follows:

The Motion is granted in part. Curator is authorized and directed to use Estate funds to retain Robert Hittel in order to inspect the tangible personal property at described on the January 22, 2013 Fair Market Value Appraisal of the Personal Property of Simon L. Bernstein (effective date September 13, 2012) ("Appraisal") located at 7020 Lions Head Lane, Boca Raton, FL

("House") and prepare a written report regarding whether such property is located at the House and its condition (if different than described on the Appraisal). The Court defers decision on the remainder of the Motion.

*Mr. Hittel's fee shall not exceed \$500.00,  
Ted Bernstein and Eliot Bernstein may be present on the  
day Mr. Hittel conducts his inspection, but may not enter the  
House while Mr. Hittel conducts such inspection.*

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, Delray Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, on  
June \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

**SIGNED & DATED**

**JUN 19 2014**

**MARTIN H. COLIN  
CIRCUIT JUDGE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Circuit Court Judge

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AND RESTATED TRUST AGREEMENT” DATED  
JULY 25, 2012;  
JOHN AND JANE DOE’S (1-5000).

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**ORDER ON: AMENDED MOTION FOR REMOVAL OF PR AND TRUSTEE  
OF THE ESTATES AND TRUSTS OF SIMON AND SHIRLEY BERNSTEIN  
IN ALL FIDUCIAL CAPACITIES ON THE COURT’S OWN INITIATIVE –  
FLORIDA TITLE XLII 736.0706**

THIS CAUSE, having come before the Court on Eliot Bernstein’s “AMENDED MOTION FOR  
REMOVAL OF TRUSTEE ON THE COURT’S OWN INITIATIVE – FLORIDA TITLE XLII  
736.0706” and the Court having heard argument and pleadings of counsel and being otherwise duly  
advised in the premises, it is

**ORDERED and ADJUDGED**

**THAT** the Court **APPROVES** after careful review of the reasons stated herein on its own initiative to

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SHIRLEY BERNSTEIN

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remove Theodore and having reviewed the matters before the court for the removal of Theodore Bernstein, the Court on the Court's own initiative hereby removes Theodore in any fiduciary capacities in the Estates and Trusts of both Simon and Shirley Bernstein, as this Court finds that Theodore Bernstein is not now qualified to act as a fiduciary in any capacity in any Estate or Trusts held by the Simon and Shirley Bernstein family.

The Court also order relief under s. 736.1001(2) as may be necessary to protect the trust property or the interests of the beneficiaries.

The Court also demands all records and properties of the Theodore and all of his present and former counsel to be turned over to the care and custody of the Court until further notice.

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DONE AND ORDERED in Delray Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida

THIS \_\_ DAY OF AUGUST, 2014.

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**MARTIN COLIN  
CIRCUIT COURT  
JUDGE**

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# **EXHIBIT H**

**DOCKET #215 - SIMON ESTATE (SEE EXHIBIT H)**

**PET - PETITION**

**FILING DATE: 29-JUL-2014**

**FILING PARTY: STANSBURY, WILLIAM E**

**DOCKET TEXT: PETITION TO REMOVE TED BERNSTEIN AS  
SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE SIMON BERNSTEIN REVOCABLE  
TRUST**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR  
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN RE:

Case No. 50 2012 CP 004391 SB  
**JUDGE MARTIN COLIN**

ESTATE OF SIMON  
BERNSTEIN,

Deceased.

Division: IY

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**PETITION TO REMOVE TED BERNSTEIN AS  
SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE SIMON BERNSTEIN REVOCABLE TRUST**

COMES NOW, William E. Stansbury (“Stansbury”), claimant and creditor of the Estate of Simon Bernstein, and Plaintiff in a lawsuit against the Estate of Simon Bernstein, et al., by and through his undersigned counsel, and pursuant to §736.0706, Fla. Stat. (2013), files this Petition to Remove Ted Bernstein as Successor Trustee of the Simon Bernstein Revocable Trust Agreement dated July 25, 2012 (the “Revocable Trust” or “Trust”), and in support states as follows:

**I. Stansbury has standing to seek removal.**

Stansbury filed a lawsuit styled *William E. Stansbury v. Ted Bernstein, et al*, Case. No. 50 2012 CA 013933 MB AA, Palm Beach County, Florida against Simon Bernstein (“SIMON”), Ted Bernstein (“TED”) and several corporate defendants in August of 2012 to collect compensation, corporate distributions and other damages due Stansbury, arising out of a life insurance business in which Stansbury, SIMON and TED were principals. Stansbury asserts claims against SIMON and TED both as agents of the corporate defendants and in their individual capacities (the claims against TED have settled). The damages Stansbury claims are in excess of \$2.5 million. Shortly after the lawsuit was filed, SIMON BERNSTEIN passed away

in September of 2012. The Estate of Simon Bernstein (the “Estate”) was substituted as a party defendant.

The provisions of §736.0706(1), §736.0103, and §733.707(3), Fla. Stats. (2014) govern the issue of who has standing to seek removal of a trustee. Section 736.0706(1) Fla. Stat. (2014) states:

*(1) The settlor, a cotrustee, or a beneficiary may request the court to remove a trustee, or a trustee may be removed by the court on the court’s own initiative.*  
(emphasis added)

§736.0103, Fla. Stat. (2014), defines a “beneficiary”:

*(4) “Beneficiary” means a person who has a **present or future beneficial interest in a trust, vested or contingent**, or who holds a power of appointment over trust property in a capacity other than that of trustee.* (emphasis added)

A “beneficial interest” is defined as: “A right or expectancy in something (such as a trust or an estate), as opposed to legal title to that thing.” Black’s Law Dictionary 149 (7<sup>th</sup> ed. 1999). The issue then is, with regard to whether Stansbury has standing, does Stansbury have at least a contingent future beneficial interest in the Trust? The answer is a resounding “yes.”

§733.707(3), Fla. Stat. (2014), states:

*(3) Any portion of a trust with respect to which a decedent who is the grantor has at the decedent’s death a right of revocation...**is liable for the expenses of the administration and obligations of the decedent’s estate to the extent the decedent’s estate is insufficient to pay them...*** (emphasis added)

Stansbury, as a claimant and creditor of the Estate, which claim exceeds the value of the assets of the Simon Bernstein Estate, has a beneficial interest in the Trust because, to the extent that the assets of Simon’s Estate are insufficient to pay his claim, he has a contingent interest in the Revocable Trust. The assets of the Trust may be called upon to pay his claim under §733.707(3).

Stansbury has a claim against the Estate in excess of \$2.5 million. The most recent inventory of the Estate shows assets valued in the approximate amount of \$1.2 million. If Stansbury prevails on his claim, a deficiency is assured.

Stansbury therefore has a contingent future beneficial interest in the assets of the Revocable Trust to the extent the assets of the Estate are insufficient to satisfy his claim when and if proven. This makes Stansbury, although not a named beneficiary of the Revocable Trust, a “beneficiary” nonetheless by virtue of his beneficial interest under the statutory definition. Therefore, Stansbury has standing to seek removal of the Trustee.

Florida case law recognizes that a person not specifically named in a will or trust document as a beneficiary may nonetheless be deemed to have a sufficient beneficial interest in a will or trust to be considered a beneficiary thereunder. See, In Re Estate of Nelson, 232 So.2d 222 (Fla. 1<sup>st</sup> DCA 1970). There, a decedent bequeathed the major portion of his estate to the attorneys that prepared his probate documents, in trust, with unlimited discretion to distribute the income or corpus for such religious, educational, scientific, charitable, or literary purposes as they saw fit. The attorneys were not named beneficiaries of the will or trust other than in their capacity as executors and trustees. Family members contested the documents and claimed the attorneys had, by virtue of their anticipated future compensation for services as executors and trustees, a sufficient beneficial interest in the will so as to make them de facto beneficiaries.

The Florida First District Court agreed. Relying on Ziegler v. Coffin, 219 Ala. 586, 123 So.2d 22 (1929), a Supreme Court of Alabama case, the Florida court held that, as a matter of law, the compensation which the attorney would receive for their services rendered as executors and trustees, together with the almost unlimited discretion and control they had in the

management of the trust estate, constituted them as beneficiaries under the will even though they were not named as legatees or devisees therein.

While not entirely analogous to this case, the holding makes clear that courts may look beyond the written documents to ascertain a claimant’s status as beneficiary, based on the interests involved and the circumstances of the matter before the court. Additionally, an articulable claim of economic interest, even though contingent, is a sufficient beneficial interest to determine that a claimant such as Stansbury has the status of trust beneficiary under the statute, thereby giving him standing to pursue removal of the trustee.

**II. This Court has the Authority Under Florida Law to Remove TED as Trustee of the Revocable Trust.**

Under Florida law, this Court has broad authority to affect trust administration. Under §736.0201, Fla. Stat. (2014), the Court has the following power:

**736.0201. Role of court in trust proceedings**

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- (4) A judicial proceeding involving a trust may relate to the validity, administration, or distribution of a trust, including proceedings to:
  - (a) Determine the validity of all or part of a trust;
  - (b) Appoint or remove a trustee;
  - (c) Review trustees’ fees;
  - (d) Review and settle interim or final accounts;
  - (e) Ascertain beneficiaries; determine any question arising in the administration or distribution of any trust, including questions of construction of trust instruments; instruct trustees; and determine the existence or nonexistence of any immunity, power, privilege, duty or right;
  - (f) Obtain a declaration of rights;
  - (g) Determine any other matters involving trustees and beneficiaries.

(emphasis added)

### III. Legal Standard for Removal of Trustee.

When removal of a trustee is at issue, the following statutory provisions of §736.0706, Fla. Stat. (2014) are to be considered:

#### **736.0706. Removal of trustee**

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- (2) The court may remove a trustee if:
- (a) The trustee has committed a serious breach of trust;
  - (b) The lack of cooperation among cotrustees substantially impairs the administration of the trust;
  - (c) Due to unfitness, unwillingness, or persistent failure of the trustee to administer the trust effectively, the court determines that removal of the trustee best serves the interests of the beneficiaries; or
  - (d) There has been a substantial change of circumstances or removal is requested by all of the qualified beneficiaries, the court finds that removal of the trustee best serves the interests of all of the beneficiaries and is not inconsistent with a material purpose of the trust, and a suitable cotrustee or successor trustee is available.

TED's removal is warranted by Subsections (2)(a), (c) and/or (d). Additionally, §736.0802, Fla. Stat. (2014) describes the primary duty of a trustee:

#### **736.0802. Duty of loyalty**

- (1) As between a trustee and the beneficiaries, a trustee shall administer the trust solely in interests of the beneficiaries.
- (2) Subject to the rights of persons dealing with or assisting the trustee as provided in s. 736.1016 a ... transaction ... which is otherwise affected by a conflict between the trustee's fiduciary and personal interests is voidable by a beneficiary affected by the transaction . . . (emphasis added)

*See Aiello v. Hyland*, 793 So. 2d 1150, 1152 (Fla. 4th DCA 2001) (removal of trustee was required where trustee had a conflict of interest with interests of the trust; the conflict of interest made the trustee unable to properly carry out his duty of loyalty to the trust).

**IV. Ted Bernstein Should Be Removed as Trustee of the Revocable Trust by the Terms of the Trust and his Conflict of Interest.**

**A. Ted Bernstein is Not Eligible to Serve as a Successor Trustee under the very terms of the Revocable Trust, which means he is “unfit” under §736.0706(2)(c).**

**1. Ted Bernstein is a “related party” and therefore not eligible to serve.**

The previous co-trustees of the Revocable Trust were Donald Tescher and Robert Spallina by virtue of the Successor Trustee provision set forth in Article IV, Section C of the Revocable Trust. A copy of the Trust is attached hereto as Exhibit “A.” By letter dated January 14, 2014 addressed to the five children of Simon Bernstein, Donald Tescher for himself and on behalf of Robert Spallina, resigned as co-trustees of the Revocable Trust (and the Shirley Bernstein Trust) and stated, “If the majority of the Bernstein family is in agreement, I would propose to exercise the power to designate a successor trustee by appointing Ted Bernstein in that capacity.” A copy of the letter is attached hereto as Exhibit “B.”

If TED has become successor trustee of the Revocable Trust, he should be removed. He is ineligible under the very terms of the Revocable Trust to serve as successor trustee. Article IV, Section C.(3) (Page 16) of the Revocable Trust states:

**C. Appointment of Successor Trustee**

3. ... A successor Trustee appointed under this subparagraph shall not be a Related or Subordinate Party of the trust. (emphasis added)

Under Article III, Subsection E(7), A “Related or Subordinate Party” is defined in the Trust as follows:

**ARTICLE III. GENERAL**

**E. Definitions. In this Agreement,**

7. Related or Subordinate Party. A “*Related or Subordinate Party*” to a trust describes a beneficiary of the subject trust or a related or subordinate party to a

beneficiary of the trust as the terms “related or subordinate party” are defined under Code Section 672(c).

The “Code” is defined as “the Internal Revenue Code of 1986...”

A “Related or subordinate party” under the Code means any nonadverse party who is

“...(2) any one of the following: The Grantor’s father, mother, issue, brother or sister...”

TED is the son, or an “issue” of the Grantor, SIMON BERNSTEIN, and a related party (father) to a beneficiary, TED’s son, SIMON’s grandson. Therefore, TED is ineligible as a Related or Subordinate Party and is therefore unfit to serve as a successor trustee under §736.0706(2)(c).

**2. Ted Bernstein was specifically disqualified to be a Successor Trustee by the terms of the Trust.**

Another provision of the Trust also disqualifies TED. Article III E(1) states:

Notwithstanding the foregoing, for all purposes of this Trust and the dispositions made hereunder, my children, TED S. BERNSTEIN, PAMELA B. SIMON, ELIOT BERNSTEIN, JILL AIANTONI and LISA S. FRIEDSTEIN, shall be deemed to have predeceased me ...” (emphasis added)

Therefore, by the very language of the Trust, Ted Bernstein is disqualified by this provision to serve as Successor Trustee.

**B. Ted Bernstein, as Trustee of the Revocable Trust, has a Conflict of Interest with the Estate of Simon Bernstein.**

At the time of SIMON’S death, it was determined that there existed a life insurance policy issued by Heritage Union Insurance Company (“Heritage”) allegedly payable to the Simon Bernstein Irrevocable Insurance Trust (the “Insurance Trust) as beneficiary.

Shortly after SIMON’S death in 2012, Robert Spallina, one of the resigning Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Simon Bernstein and a resigning Co-Trustee of the Revocable Trust, submitted a claim form to Heritage on behalf of the Insurance Trust for the benefit of the



grown children of Simon Bernstein. Spallina submitted this claim despite having informed Heritage by letter shortly thereafter that he was “unable to locate the Simon Bernstein Irrevocable Insurance Trust dated June 1, 1995.” (See Exhibit “C” attached.) Under Florida law, if it is determined that no Irrevocable Insurance Trust existed at the time of SIMON’s death, the insurance proceeds would be payable to the personal representative of the Estate. As such, such insurance proceeds would be available to pay creditors of the Estate such as Stansbury. See §733.808(4), Fla. Stat. (2014)

Because no insurance trust instrument could be produced, Heritage refused to pay the life insurance proceeds to anyone without a court order. The lost Insurance Trust then sued Heritage in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois (the “Life Insurance Litigation”). The case has since been removed to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois in Chicago.

The Estate of Simon Bernstein recently filed a Motion to Intervene in the Life Insurance Litigation to assert the Estate’s interest in the life insurance proceeds. The Plaintiffs filed a Memorandum of Law in Opposition to the Estate’s Motion to Intervene (the “Opposition Memorandum”) (See, Exhibit “D,” attached).

The opening paragraph of the Opposition Memorandum states as follows:

**NOW COMES** Plaintiffs, SIMON BERNSTEIN IRREVOCABLE INSURANCE TRUST dtd 6/21/95, by TED BERNSTEIN, as Trustee, (collectively referred to as “BERNSTEIN TRUST”), **TED BERNSTEIN, individually**, PAMELA B. SIMON, JILL IANTONI AND LISA FREIDSTEIN, and state as their Memorandum of Law in Opposition to the Estate of Simon Bernstein’s Motion to Intervene as follows: (emphasis added)

TED stands to benefit personally if the claim by the Simon Bernstein Estate to the life insurance proceeds is defeated because TED and his siblings (other than Eliot) have taken the position that they are the beneficiaries of the Insurance Trust. Despite the opposition of TED

BERNSTEIN to the Intervention, the court has granted the Estate's Motion to Intervene. TED is now an opposing party of record to the Estate's interest in the Life Insurance litigation.

TED, individually and as the alleged trustee of the alleged Insurance Trust, has placed his personal interests above the interests of the Revocable Trust beneficiaries, who are the grandchildren of SIMON, through TED's open, notorious and public opposition to the Estate's intervention in the Life Insurance Litigation. This creates an inherent conflict of interest for TED. TED, as successor trustee of the Revocable Trust, owes a duty of loyalty under §736.0706(1), Fla. Stat. (2014) to the trust beneficiaries, to administer the trust solely in their interest. The Estate and trust beneficiaries are the grandchildren of Simon Bernstein. This means TED must support, or at the least not obstruct, the efforts of the Estate to attempt to recover an additional \$1.7 million in life insurance benefits. If so recovered, this would dramatically reduce the exposure of the Revocable Trust's liability for any potential Estate shortfall to creditors. By opposing intervention by the Estate TED's actions will potentially expose the trust assets to liability should STANSBURY's claim exceed the assets in the Estate, a liability that can be avoided if the Estate is successful in the Life Insurance Litigation. More importantly, TED'S efforts in the Life Insurance Litigation are designed to keep the \$1.7 million out of the estate and trust and to redirect the money to him and his siblings, people who are not beneficiaries of either the Estate or the Trust.

As a consequence of the foregoing, TED is in breach of his fiduciary duty to the beneficiaries of the Revocable Trust by opposing efforts to make the Estate more solvent, which in turn exposes the Trust to increased liability, and warrants his removal under §736.0706(2)(a). Additionally, this inherent and irreparable conflict of interest is a breach of his duty of loyalty and warrants removal under *Aiello, supra*, 793 So. 2d at 1152. *See also Brigham v. Brigham*, 11

So. 3d 374, 386 (Fla. 3d DCA 2009); *McCormick v. Cox*, 118 So. 3d 980, 987-88 (Fla. 3d DCA 2013) (removal of trustee was warranted where trustee had a conflict of interest and breach his fiduciary duties; trial court properly exercised its authority to remove trustee).

**C. Misconduct in the Shirley Bernstein Estate**

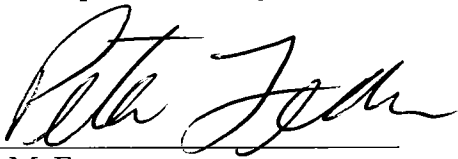
There are serious allegations of fraud and forgery in the Shirley Bernstein Estate where Ted Bernstein is the Personal Representative. Documents were submitted to the Court bearing notarized signatures of Simon Bernstein on a date after he had passed away.

This Court was apprised of these allegations in a hearing conducted September 13, 2013 wherein the Court questioned whether the potential parties involved should be read their Miranda Rights. (*See* Transcript of Proceedings, pages 15 and 16, attached as Exhibit "E.")

Further, the attorney for TED BERNSTEIN as Personal Representative of the Estate of Shirley Bernstein has admitted to altering provisions of the Shirley Bernstein Trust which had the effect of benefitting TED BERNSTEIN.

Ted Bernstein's involvement in such activity involving the Estate of Shirley Bernstein should disqualify him from serving as Successor Trustee of the Revocable Trust.

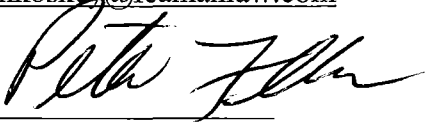
WHEREFORE, William E. Stansbury requests that TED BERNSTEIN, the apparent successor trustee of the Simon Bernstein Trust, be removed, that the court appoint a Successor Trustee with no apparent conflicts of interest, and that the Court require the filing of a Trust Accounting.

  
Peter M. Feaman

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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**EXHIBIT A**

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SIMON L. BERNSTEIN

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AMENDED AND RESTATED TRUST AGREEMENT

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This Amended and Restated Trust Agreement is dated this 26 day of July, 2012, and is between SIMON L. BERNSTEIN, of Palm Beach County, Florida referred to in the first person, as settlor, and SIMON L. BERNSTEIN, of Palm Beach County, Florida and SIMON L. BERNSTEIN's successors, as trustee (referred to as the "*Trustee*," which term more particularly refers to all individuals and entities serving as trustee of a trust created hereunder during the time of such service, whether alone or as co-trustees, and whether originally serving or as a successor trustee).

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2008, I created and funded the SIMON L. BERNSTEIN TRUST AGREEMENT (the "*Trust Agreement*," which reference includes any subsequent amendments of said trust agreement);

WHEREAS, Paragraph A. of Article I. of said Trust Agreement provides, inter alia, that during my lifetime I shall have the right at any time and from time to time by an instrument, in writing, delivered to the Trustee to amend or revoke said Trust Agreement, in whole or in part.

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby amend and restate the Trust Agreement in its entirety and the Trustee accepts and agrees to perform its duties and obligations in accordance with the following amended provisions. Notwithstanding any deficiencies in execution or other issues in regard to whether any prior version of this Trust Agreement was a valid and binding agreement or otherwise created an effective trust, this amended and restated agreement shall constitute a valid, binding and effective trust agreement and shall amend and succeed all prior versions described above or otherwise predating this amended and restated Trust Agreement.

**ARTICLE I. DURING MY LIFE AND UPON MY DEATH**

A. **Rights Reserved.** I reserve the right (a) to add property to this trust during my life or on my death, by my Will or otherwise; (b) to withdraw property held hereunder; and (c) by separate written instrument delivered to the Trustee, to revoke this Agreement in whole or in part and otherwise modify or amend this Agreement.

B. **Payments During My Life.** If income producing property is held in the trust during my life, the Trustee shall pay the net income of the trust to me or as I may direct. However, during any periods while I am Disabled, the Trustee shall pay to me or on my behalf such amounts of the net income and principal of the trust as is proper for my Welfare. Any income not so paid shall be added to principal.

SIMON L. BERNSTEIN  
AMENDED AND RESTATED TRUST AGREEMENT

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**TESCHER & SPALLINA, P.A.**

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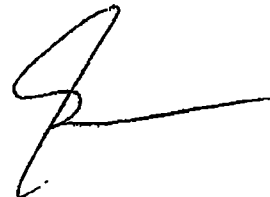
C. Upon My Death. Upon my death the Trustee shall collect and add to the trust all amounts due to the trust under any insurance policy on my life or under any death benefit plan and all property added to the trust by my Will or otherwise. After paying or providing for the payment from the augmented trust of all current charges and any amounts payable under the later paragraph captioned "Death Costs," the Trustee shall hold the trust according to the following provisions.

## ARTICLE II. AFTER MY DEATH

A. Disposition of Tangible Personal Property. If any non-business tangible personal property other than cash (including, but not limited to, my personal effects, jewelry, collections, household furnishings, and equipment, and automobiles) is held in the trust at the time of my death, such items shall be promptly distributed by the Trustee of the trust to such person or persons, including my estate, as to the item or items or proportion specified, as I may appoint, and to the extent that any such items are not disposed of by such appointment, such items shall be disposed of by the Trustee of the trust in exactly the same manner as such items would have been disposed of under the terms and provisions of my Will (including any Codicil thereto, or what the Trustee in good faith believes to be such Will and Codicil) had such items been included in my probate estate. Any such items which are not effectively disposed of pursuant to the preceding sentence shall pass with the other trust assets.

B. Disposition of Trust Upon My Death. Upon my death, the remaining assets in this trust shall be divided among and held in separate Trusts for my then living grandchildren. Each of my grandchildren for whom a separate trust is held hereunder shall hereinafter be referred to as a "*beneficiary*" with the separate Trusts to be administered as provided in Subparagraph II.C.

C. Trusts for Beneficiaries. The Trustee shall pay to the beneficiary and the beneficiary's children, such amounts of the net income and principal of such beneficiary's trust as is proper for the Welfare of such individuals. Any income not so paid shall be added to principal each year. After a beneficiary has reached any one or more of the following birthdays, the beneficiary may withdraw the principal of his or her separate trust at any time or times, not to exceed in the aggregate 1/3 in value after the beneficiary's 25th birthday, 1/2 in value (after deducting any amount previously subject to withdrawal but not actually withdrawn) after the beneficiary's 30th birthday, and the balance after the beneficiary's 35th birthday, provided that the withdrawal powers described in this sentence shall not apply to any grandchild of mine as beneficiary of a separate trust. The value of each trust shall be its value as of the first exercise of each withdrawal right, plus the value of any subsequent addition as of the date of addition. The right of withdrawal shall be a privilege which may be exercised only voluntarily and shall not include an involuntary exercise. If a beneficiary dies with assets remaining in his or her separate trust, upon the beneficiary's death the beneficiary may appoint his or her trust to or for the benefit of one or more of any of my lineal descendants (excluding from said class, however, such beneficiary and such beneficiary's creditors, estate, and creditors of such beneficiary's estate). Any part of his or her trust such beneficiary does not effectively appoint shall upon his or her death be divided among and held in separate Trusts for the following persons:



1. for his or her lineal descendants then living, *per stirpes*; or
2. if he or she leaves no lineal descendant then living, *per stirpes* for the lineal descendants then living of his or her nearest ancestor (among me and my lineal descendants) with a lineal descendant then living.

A trust for a lineal descendant of mine shall be held under this paragraph, or if a trust is then so held, shall be added to such trust.

**D. Termination of Small Trust.** If at any time after my death in the opinion of the Trustee a separate trust holds assets of a value of less than \$50,000.00 and is too small to justify the expense of its retention, and termination of such trust is in the best interests of its current income beneficiary, the Trustee in its discretion may terminate such trust and pay it to said beneficiary.

**E. Contingent Gift.** If at any time property of these Trusts is not disposed of under the other provisions of this Agreement, it shall be paid, as a gift made hereunder, to such persons and in such shares as such property would be distributed if I had then owned such property and had then died solvent, unmarried and intestate domiciled in the State of Florida, according to the laws of inheritance of the State of Florida then in effect.

**F. Protective Provision.** No beneficiary of any trust herein created shall have any right or power to anticipate, transfer, pledge, sell, alienate, assign or encumber in any way his or her interest in the income or principal of such trust. Furthermore, no creditor shall have the right to attach, lien, seize or levy upon the interest of a beneficiary in this trust (other than myself) and such interest shall not be liable for or subject to the debts, liabilities or obligations of any such beneficiary or any claims against such beneficiary (whether voluntarily or involuntarily created), and the Trustee shall pay directly to or for the use or benefit of such beneficiary all income and principal to which such beneficiary is entitled, notwithstanding that such beneficiary has executed a pledge, assignment, encumbrance or in any other manner alienated or transferred his or her beneficial interest in the trust to another. This paragraph shall not preclude the effective exercise of any power of appointment granted herein or the exercise of any disclaimer.

**G. Maximum Duration.** Regardless of anything in this Agreement to the contrary, no trust interest herein created shall continue beyond three hundred sixty (360) years after the date of creation of this Agreement, nor shall any power of appointment be exercised in such manner so as to delay vesting of any trust beyond such period. Immediately prior to the expiration of such period, all such trusts then in existence shall terminate, and the assets thereof shall be distributed outright and in fee to then beneficiaries of the current income and in the proportions in which such persons are the beneficiaries, and if such proportions cannot be ascertained, then equally among such beneficiaries.

### ARTICLE III. GENERAL





A. **Disability.** Subject to the following Subparagraph captioned "Subchapter S Stock," while any beneficiary is Disabled, the Trustee shall pay to him or her only such portion of the income to which he or she is otherwise entitled as is proper for his or her Welfare, and any income not so paid shall be added to the principal from which derived. While any beneficiary is Disabled, income or principal payable to him or her may, in the discretion of the Trustee, be paid directly to him or her, without the intervention of a guardian, directly to his or her creditors or others for his or her sole benefit or to an adult person or an eligible institution (including the Trustee) selected by the Trustee as custodian for a minor beneficiary under the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act or similar law. The receipt of such payee is a complete release to the Trustee.

B. **Timing of Income Distributions.** The Trustee shall make required payments of income at least quarterly.

C. **Substance Abuse.**

1. **In General.** If the Trustee reasonably believes that a beneficiary (other than myself) of any trust:

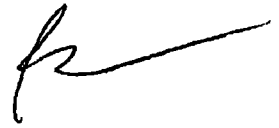
a. routinely or frequently uses or consumes any illegal substance so as to be physically or psychologically dependent upon that substance, or

b. is clinically dependent upon the use or consumption of alcohol or any other legal drug or chemical substance that is not prescribed by a board certified medical doctor or psychiatrist in a current program of treatment supervised by such doctor or psychiatrist,

and if the Trustee reasonably believes that as a result the beneficiary is unable to care for himself or herself, or is unable to manage his or her financial affairs, all mandatory distributions (including distributions upon termination of the trust) to the beneficiary, all of the beneficiary's withdrawal rights, and all of the beneficiary's rights to participate in decisions concerning the removal and appointment of Trustees will be suspended. In that event, the following provisions of this Subparagraph III.C will apply.

2. **Testing.** The Trustee may request the beneficiary to submit to one or more examinations (including laboratory tests of bodily fluids) determined to be appropriate by a board certified medical doctor and to consent to full disclosure to the Trustee of the results of all such examinations. The Trustee shall maintain strict confidentiality of those results and shall not disclose those results to any person other than the beneficiary without the prior written permission of the beneficiary. The Trustee may totally or partially suspend all distributions otherwise required or permitted to be made to that beneficiary until the beneficiary consents to the examination and disclosure to the Trustee.

3. **Treatment.** If, in the opinion of the examining doctor, the examination indicates current or recent use of a drug or substance as described above, the examining doctor will determine an appropriate method of treatment for the beneficiary (for example, counseling or treatment on an



in-patient basis in a rehabilitation facility) that is acceptable to the Trustee. If the beneficiary consents to the treatment, the Trustee shall pay the costs of treatment directly to the provider of those services from the distributions suspended under this Subparagraph III.C.

4. Resumption of Distributions. The Trustee may resume other distributions to the beneficiary (and the beneficiary's other suspended rights will be restored) when, in the case of use or consumption of an illegal substance, examinations indicate no such use for 12 months and, in all cases, when the Trustee in its discretion determines that the beneficiary is able to care for himself or herself and is able to manage his or her financial affairs.

5. Disposition of Suspended Amounts. When other distributions to the beneficiary are resumed, the remaining balance, if any, of distributions that were suspended may be distributed to the beneficiary at that time. If the beneficiary dies before distribution of those suspended amounts, the Trustee shall distribute the balance of the suspended amounts to the persons who would be the alternate takers of that beneficiary's share (or takers through the exercise of a power of appointment) as otherwise provided in this Trust Agreement.

6. Exoneration. No Trustee (or any doctor retained by the Trustee) will be responsible or liable to anyone for a beneficiary's actions or welfare. The Trustee has no duty to inquire whether a beneficiary uses drugs or other substances as described in this Subparagraph III.C. The Trustee (and any doctor retained by the Trustee) is to be indemnified from the trust estate and held harmless from any liability of any nature in exercising its judgment and authority under this Subparagraph III.C, including any failure to request a beneficiary to submit to medical examination, and including a decision to distribute suspended amounts to a beneficiary.

7. Tax Savings Provision. Despite the provisions of this Subparagraph III.C, the Trustee cannot suspend any mandatory distributions or withdrawal rights that are required for that trust to become or remain a Qualified Subchapter S Trust (unless the Trustee elects for the trust to be an Electing Small Business Trust), or to qualify for any federal transfer tax exemption, deduction, or exclusion allowable with respect to that trust.

D. Income on Death of Beneficiary. Subject to the later paragraph captioned "Subchapter S Stock," and except as otherwise explicitly provided herein, upon the death of any beneficiary, all accrued or undistributed income of such deceased beneficiary's trust shall pass with the principal of his or her trust but shall remain income for trust accounting purposes.

E. Definitions. In this Agreement,

1. Children, Lineal Descendants. The terms "*child*," "*children*," "*grandchild*," "*grandchildren*" and "*lineal descendant*" mean only persons whose relationship to the ancestor designated is created entirely by or through (a) legitimate births occurring during the marriage of the joint biological parents to each other, (b) children born of female lineal descendants, and (c) children and their lineal descendants arising from surrogate births and/or third party donors when (i) the child is



raised from or near the time of birth by a married couple (other than a same sex married couple) through the pendency of such marriage, (ii) one of such couple is the designated ancestor, and (iii) to the best knowledge of the Trustee both members of such couple participated in the decision to have such child. No such child or lineal descendant loses his or her status as such through adoption by another person. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for all purposes of this Trust and the dispositions made hereunder, my children, TED S. BERNSTEIN, PAMELA B. SIMON, ELIOT BERNSTEIN, JILL IANTONI and LISA S. FRIEDSTEIN, shall be deemed to have predeceased me as I have adequately provided for them during my lifetime.

2. Code. "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and in referring to any particular provision of the Code, includes a reference to any equivalent or successor provision of a successor federal tax law.

3. Disabled. "Disabled" or being under "Disability" means, as to any applicable individual: (1) being under the age of 21 years, (2) having been adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction as mentally or physically incompetent or unable to manage his or her own property or personal affairs (or a substantially similar finding under applicable state or national law), or (3) being unable to properly manage his or her personal or financial affairs, or a trust estate hereunder as to a Trustee hereunder, because of a mental or physical impairment (whether temporary or permanent in nature). A written certificate executed by an individual's attending physician or attending psychiatrist confirming that person's impairment will be sufficient evidence of Disability under item (3) above, and all persons may rely conclusively on such a certificate.

4. Education. The term "education" herein means vocational, primary, secondary, preparatory, theological, college and professional education, including post-graduate courses of study, at educational institutions or elsewhere, and expenses relating directly thereto, including tuition, books and supplies, room and board, and travel from and to home during school vacations. It is intended that the Trustee liberally construe and interpret references to "education," so that the beneficiaries entitled to distributions hereunder for education obtain the best possible education commensurate with their abilities and desires.

5. Needs and Welfare Distributions. Payments to be made for a person's "Needs" means payments necessary for such person's health (including lifetime residential or nursing home care), education, maintenance and support. Payments to be made for a person's "Welfare" means discretionary payments by the Trustee, from time to time, for such person's Needs and also for such person's advancement in life (including assistance in the purchase of a home or establishment or development of any business or professional enterprise which the Trustee believes to be reasonably sound), happiness and general well-being. However, the Trustee, based upon information reasonably available to it, shall make such payments for a person's Needs or Welfare only to the extent such person's income, and funds available from others obligated to supply funds for such purposes (including, without limitation, pursuant to child support orders and agreements), are insufficient in its opinion for such purposes, and shall take into account such person's accustomed manner of living, age, health, marital status and any other factor it considers important. Income or principal to be paid for a person's Needs or Welfare may be paid to



such individual or applied by the Trustee directly for the benefit of such person. The Trustee may make a distribution or application authorized for a person's Needs or Welfare even if such distribution or application substantially depletes or exhausts such person's trust, without any duty upon the Trustee to retain it for future use or for other persons who might otherwise benefit from such trust.

6. Per Stirpes. In a division "*per stirpes*" each generation shall be represented and counted whether or not it has a living member.

7. Related or Subordinate Party. A "*Related or Subordinate Party*" to a trust describes a beneficiary of the subject trust or a related or subordinate party to a beneficiary of the trust as the terms "related or subordinate party" are defined under Code Section 672(c).

8. Spouse. A person's "*spouse*" includes only a spouse then married to and living as husband and wife with him or her, or a spouse who was married to and living as husband and wife with him or her at his or her death. The following rules apply to each person who is a beneficiary or a permissible appointee under this Trust Agreement and who is married to a descendant of mine. Such a person will cease to be a beneficiary and will be excluded from the class of permissible appointees upon:

a. the legal termination of the marriage to my descendant (whether before or after my death), or

b. the death of my descendant if a dissolution of marriage proceeding was pending when he or she died.

The trust will be administered as if that person had died upon the happening of the terminating event described above.

9. Gender, Number. Where appropriate, words of any gender include all genders and the singular and plural are interchangeable.

F. Powers of Appointment. Property subject to a power of appointment shall be paid to, or retained by the Trustee or paid to any trustee under any will or trust agreement for the benefit of, such one or more permissible appointees, in such amounts and proportions, granting such interests, powers and powers of appointment, and upon such conditions including spendthrift provisions as the holder of such power (i) in the case of a power exercisable upon the death of such holder, appoints in his or her will or in a trust agreement revocable by him or her until his or her death, or (ii) in the case of a power exercisable during the life of such holder, appoints in a written instrument signed by such holder, two witnesses and a notary public, but in either case only if such will, trust agreement, or instrument specifically refers to such power.

G. Limitations on Powers of Trustee. Regardless of anything herein to the contrary, no Trustee shall make or participate in making any distribution of income or principal of a trust to or for the benefit of a beneficiary which would directly or indirectly discharge any legal obligation of such



Trustee or a donor of such trust (as an individual, and other than myself as donor) to support such beneficiary; and no Trustee (other than myself) shall make or participate in making any discretionary distribution of income or principal to or for the benefit of himself or herself other than for his or her Needs, including by reason of a determination to terminate a trust described herein. For example, if a Trustee (other than myself) has the power to distribute income or principal to himself or herself for his or her own Welfare, such Trustee (the "restricted Trustee") shall only have the power to make or participate in making a distribution of income or principal to the restricted Trustee for the restricted Trustee's Needs, although any co-Trustee who is not also a restricted Trustee may make or participate in making a distribution of income or principal to the restricted Trustee for such restricted Trustee's Welfare without the participation or consent of said restricted Trustee.

**H. Presumption of Survivorship.** If any person shall be required to survive another person in order to take any interest under this Agreement, the former person shall be deemed to have predeceased the latter person, if such persons die under circumstances which make it difficult or impracticable to determine which one died first.

**I. Governing Law.** This Agreement is governed by the law of the State of Florida.

**J. Other Beneficiary Designations.** Except as otherwise explicitly and with particularity provided herein, (a) no provision of this trust shall revoke or modify any beneficiary designation of mine made by me and not revoked by me prior to my death under any individual retirement account, other retirement plan or account, or annuity or insurance contract, (b) I hereby reaffirm any such beneficiary designation such that any assets held in such account, plan, or contract shall pass in accordance with such designation, and (c) regardless of anything herein to the contrary, any of such assets which would otherwise pass pursuant to this trust due to the beneficiary designation not having met the requirements for a valid testamentary disposition under applicable law or otherwise shall be paid as a gift made hereunder to the persons and in the manner provided in such designation which is incorporated herein by this reference.

**K. Release of Medical Information.**

**1. Disability of Beneficiary.** Upon the written request of a Trustee (with or without the concurrence of co-Trustees) issued to any current income or principal beneficiary (including discretionary beneficiaries and myself if a beneficiary) for whom a determination of Disability is relevant to the administration of a trust hereunder and for whom a Trustee (with or without the concurrence of co-Trustees) desires to make such a determination, such beneficiary shall issue to all Trustees (who shall be identified thereon both by name to the extent known and by class description) a valid authorization under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and any other applicable or successor law authorizing all health care providers and all medical sources of such requested beneficiary to release protected health information of the requested beneficiary to all Trustees that is relevant to the determination of the Disability of the requested beneficiary as Disability is defined hereunder. The period of each such valid authorization shall be for six months (or the earlier death of the requested



beneficiary). If such beneficiary (or his or her legal representative if such beneficiary is a minor or legally disabled) refuses within thirty days of receipt of the request to provide a valid authorization, or at any time revokes an authorization within its term, the Trustee shall treat such beneficiary as Disabled hereunder until such valid authorization is delivered.

2. Disability of Trustee. Upon the request to a Trustee that is an individual by (a) a co-Trustee, or if none, (b) the person or entity next designated to serve as a successor Trustee not under legal incapacity, or if none, (c) any adult current income or principal beneficiary not under legal incapacity, or in any event and at any time (d) a court of competent jurisdiction, such Trustee shall issue to such person and all persons, courts of competent jurisdiction, and entities (who shall be identified thereon both by name to the extent known and by class description), with authority hereunder to determine such requested Trustee's Disability, a valid authorization under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and any other applicable or successor law authorizing all health care providers and all medical sources of such requested Trustee to release protected health information of the requested Trustee to such persons, courts and entities, that is relevant to the determination of the Disability of the requested Trustee as Disability is defined hereunder. The period of each such valid authorization shall be for six months (or the earlier death or resignation of the requested Trustee). If such requested Trustee refuses within thirty days of receipt of the request to deliver a valid authorization, or at any time revokes an authorization within its term, such requested Trustee shall thereupon be treated as having resigned as Trustee hereunder.

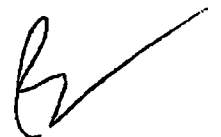
3. Ability to Amend or Revoke. The foregoing provisions of this paragraph shall not constitute a restriction on myself to amend or revoke the terms of this trust instrument under paragraph LA hereof, provided I otherwise have legal capacity to do so.

4. Authorization to Issue Certificate. All required authorizations under this paragraph shall include the power of a physician or psychiatrist to issue a written certificate to the appropriate persons or entities as provided in Subparagraph III.E.3 hereof.

#### ARTICLE IV. FIDUCIARIES

A. Powers of the Trustee. During my life except while I am Disabled, the Trustee shall exercise all powers provided by law and the following powers, other than the power to retain assets, only with my written approval. While I am Disabled and after my death, the Trustee shall exercise said powers without approval, provided that the Trustee shall exercise all powers in a fiduciary capacity.

1. Investments. To sell or exchange at public or private sale and on credit or otherwise, with or without security, and to lease for any term or perpetually, any property, real and personal, at any time forming a part of the trust estate (the "*estate*"); to grant and exercise options to buy or sell; to invest or reinvest in real or personal property of every kind, description and location; and to receive and retain any such property whether originally a part of any trust herein created or subsequently acquired, even if the Trustee is personally interested in such property, and without liability for any



decline in the value thereof; all without limitation by any statutes or judicial decisions whenever enacted or announced, regulating investments or requiring diversification of investments, it being my intention to give the broadest investment powers and discretion to the Trustee. Any bank, trust company, or other corporate trustee serving hereunder as Trustee is authorized to invest in its own common trust funds.

2. Special Investments. The Trustee is expressly authorized (but not directed) to retain, make, hold, and dispose of investments not regarded as traditional for trusts, including interests or investments in privately held business and investment entities and enterprises, including without limitation stock in closely held corporations, limited partnership interests, joint venture interests, mutual funds, business trust interests, and limited liability company membership interests, notwithstanding (a) any applicable prudent investor rule or variation thereof, (b) common law or statutory diversification requirements (it being my intent that no such duty to diversify shall exist) (c) a lack of current cash flow therefrom, (d) the presence of any risk or speculative elements as compared to other available investments (it being my intent that the Trustee have sole and absolute discretion in determining what constitutes acceptable risk and what constitutes proper investment strategy), (e) lack of a reasonable rate of return, (f) risks to the preservation of principal, (g) violation of a Trustee's duty of impartiality as to different beneficiaries (it being my intent that no such duty exists for this purpose), and (h) similar limitations on investment under this Agreement or under law pertaining to investments that may or should be made by a Trustee (including without limitation the provisions of Fla.Stats. §518.11 and successor provisions thereto that would characterize such investments as forbidden, imprudent, improper or unlawful). The Trustee shall not be responsible to any trust created hereunder or the beneficiaries thereof for any loss resulting from any such authorized investment, including without limitation loss engendered by the higher risk element of that particular entity, investment, or enterprise, the failure to invest in more conservative investments, the failure to diversify trust assets, the prudent investor rule or variant thereof. Notwithstanding any provisions for distributions to beneficiaries hereunder, if the Trustee determines that the future potential investment return from any illiquid or closely held investment asset warrants the retention of that investment asset or that sufficient value could not be obtained from the sale or other disposition of an illiquid or closely held investment asset, the Trustee is authorized to retain that asset and if necessary reduce the distributions to beneficiaries due to lack of sufficient liquid or marketable assets. However, the preceding provisions of this Subparagraph shall not be exercised in a manner as to jeopardize the availability of the estate tax marital deduction for assets passing to or held in the a trust for my surviving spouse or that would otherwise qualify for the estate tax marital deduction but for such provisions, shall not override any express powers hereunder of my surviving spouse to demand conversion of unproductive property to productive property, or reduce any income distributions otherwise required hereunder for a trust held for the benefit of my surviving spouse or a "qualified subchapter S trust" as that term is defined in Code Section 1361(d)(3).

3. Distributions. To make any division or distribution pro rata or non-pro rata, in cash or in kind, and to allocate undivided interests in property and dissimilar property (without regard to its tax basis) to different shares.

4. Management. To manage, develop, improve, partition or change the character of an asset or interest in property at any time; and to make ordinary and extraordinary repairs, replacements, alterations and improvements, structural or otherwise.

5. Borrowing. To borrow money from anyone on commercially reasonable terms, including entities owned in whole or in part by the trust, a Trustee, beneficiaries and other persons who may have a direct or indirect interest in a Trust; and to mortgage, margin, encumber and pledge real and personal property of a trust as security for the payment thereof, without incurring any personal liability thereon and to do so for a term within or extending beyond the terms of the trust and to renew, modify or extend existing borrowing on similar or different terms and with the same or different security without incurring any personal liability; and such borrowing from a Trustee may be with or without interest, and may be secured with a lien on trust assets.

6. Lending. To extend, modify or waive the terms of any obligation, bond or mortgage at any time forming a part of a trust and to foreclose any such mortgage; accept a conveyance of encumbered property, and take title to the property securing it by deed in lieu of foreclosure or otherwise and to satisfy or not satisfy the indebtedness securing said property; to protect or redeem any such property from forfeiture for nonpayment of taxes or other lien; generally, to exercise as to such bond, obligation or mortgage all powers that an absolute owner might exercise; and to loan funds to beneficiaries at commercially reasonable rates, terms and conditions.

7. Abandonment of Property. To abandon any property or asset when it is valueless or so encumbered or in such condition that it is of no benefit to a trust. To abstain from the payment of taxes, liens, rents, assessments, or repairs on such property and/or permit such property to be lost by tax sale, foreclosure or other proceeding or by conveyance for nominal or no consideration to anyone including a charity or by escheat to a state; all without personal liability incurred therefor.

8. Real Property Matters. To subdivide, develop or partition real estate; to purchase or sell real property and to enter into contracts to do the same; to dedicate the same to public use; to make or obtain the location of any plats; to adjust boundaries; to adjust differences in valuations on exchange or partition by giving or receiving consideration; and, to grant easements with or without consideration as the fiduciaries may determine; and to demolish any building, structures, walls and improvements, or to erect new buildings, structures, walls and improvements and to insure against fire and other risks; and to protect and conserve, or to lease, or to encumber, or otherwise to manage and dispose of real property to the extent such power is not otherwise granted herein or otherwise restricted herein.

9. Claims. To enforce, compromise, adjust, arbitrate, release or otherwise settle or pay any claims or demands by or against a trust.

10. Business Entities. To deal with any business entity or enterprise even if a Trustee is or may be a fiduciary of or own interests in said business entity or enterprise, whether operated in the form of a corporation, partnership, business trust, limited liability company, joint venture, sole





proprietorship, or other form (all of which business entities and enterprises are referred to herein as "*Business Entities*"). I vest the Trustee with the following powers and authority in regard to Business Entities:

a. To retain and continue to operate a Business Entity for such period as the Trustee deems advisable;

b. To control, direct and manage the Business Entities. In this connection, the Trustee, in its sole discretion, shall determine the manner and extent of its active participation in the operation and may delegate all or any part of its power to supervise and operate to such person or persons as the Trustee may select, including any associate, partner, officer or employee of the Business Entity;

c. To hire and discharge officers and employees, fix their compensation and define their duties; and similarly to employ, compensate and discharge agents, attorneys, consultants, accountants, and such other representatives as the Trustee may deem appropriate; including the right to employ any beneficiary or fiduciary in any of the foregoing capacities;

d. To invest funds in the Business Entities, to pledge other assets of a trust as security for loans made to the Business Entities, and to lend funds from a trust to the Business Entities;

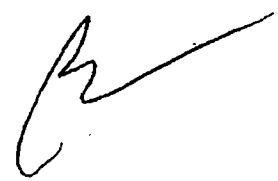
e. To organize one or more Business Entities under the laws of this or any other state or country and to transfer thereto all or any part of the Business Entities or other property of a trust, and to receive in exchange such stocks, bonds, partnership and member interests, and such other securities or interests as the Trustee may deem advisable;

f. To treat Business Entities as separate from a trust. In a Trustee's accounting to any beneficiary, the Trustee shall only be required to report the earnings and condition of the Business Entities in accordance with standard business accounting practice;

g. To retain in Business Entities such net earnings for working capital and other purposes of the Business Entities as the Trustee may deem advisable in conformity with sound business practice;

h. To sell or liquidate all or any part of the Business Entities at such time and price and upon such terms and conditions (including credit) as the Trustee may determine. My Trustee is specifically authorized and empowered to make such sale to any person, including any partner, officer, or employee of the Business Entities, a fiduciary, or to any beneficiary; and

i. To guaranty the obligations of the Business Entities, or pledge assets of a trust to secure such a guaranty.



11. Principal and Income. To allocate items of income or expense between income and principal as permitted or provided by the laws of the State of Florida but without limiting the availability of the estate tax marital deduction, provided, unless otherwise provided in this instrument, the Trustee shall establish out of income and credit to principal reasonable reserves for depreciation, obsolescence and depletion, determined to be equitable and fair in accordance with some recognized reasonable and preferably uncomplicated trust accounting principle and; provided, further that the Trustee shall not be required to provide a rate of return on unproductive property unless otherwise provided in this instrument.

12. Life Insurance. With respect to any life insurance policies constituting an asset of a trust, to pay premiums; to apply dividends in reduction of such premiums; to borrow against the cash values thereof; to convert such policies into other forms of insurance, including paid-up insurance; to exercise any settlement options provided in any such policies; to receive the proceeds of any policy upon its maturity and to administer such proceeds as a part of the principal of the Trust; and in general, to exercise all other options, benefits, rights and privileges under such policies.

13. Continuing Power. To continue to have or exercise, after the termination of a trust, in whole or in part, and until final distribution thereof, all title, power, discretions, rights and duties conferred or imposed upon the Trustee by law or by this Agreement or during the existence of the trust.

14. Exoneration. To provide for the exoneration of the Trustee from any personal liability on account of any arrangement or contract entered into in a fiduciary capacity.

15. Agreements. To comply with, amend, modify or rescind any agreement made during my lifetime, including those regarding the disposition, management or continuation of any closely held unincorporated business, corporation, partnership or joint venture, and including the power to complete contracts to purchase and sell real estate.

16. Voting. To vote and give proxies, with power of substitution to vote, stocks, bonds and other securities, or not to vote a security.

17. Combination of Shares. To hold the several shares of a trust or several Trusts as a common fund, dividing the income proportionately among them, to assign undivided interests to the several shares or Trusts, and to make joint investments of the funds belonging to them. For such purposes and insofar as may be practicable, the Trustee, to the extent that division of the trust estate is directed hereby, may administer the trust estate physically undivided until actual division thereof becomes necessary to make distributions. The Trustee may hold, manage, invest and account for whole or fractional trust shares as a single estate, making the division thereof by appropriate entries in the books of account only, and may allocate to each whole or fractional trust share its proportionate part of all receipts and expenses; provided, however, this carrying of several Trusts as a single estate shall not defer the vesting in possession of any whole or fractional share of a trust for the beneficiaries thereof at the times specified herein.



18. Reimbursement. To reimburse itself from a trust for reasonable expenses incurred in the administration thereof.

19. Reliance Upon Communication. To rely, in acting under a trust, upon any letter, notice, certificate, report, statement, document or other paper, or upon any telephone, telegraph, cable, wireless or radio message, if believed by the Trustee to be genuine, and to be signed, sealed, acknowledged, presented, sent, delivered or given by or on behalf of the proper person, firm or corporation, without incurring liability for any action or inaction based thereon.

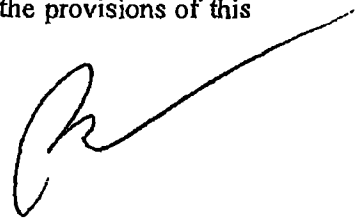
20. Assumptions. To assume, in the absence of written notice to the contrary from the person or persons concerned, that a fact or an event, by reason of which an interest or estate under a trust shall commence or terminate, does not exist or has not occurred, without incurring liability for any action or inaction based upon such assumption.

21. Service as Custodian. To serve as successor custodian for any beneficiary of any gifts that I may have made under any Transfer to Minors Act, if at the time of my death no custodian is named in the instrument creating the gift.

22. Removal of Assets. The Trustee may remove from the domiciliary state during the entire duration of a trust or for such lesser period as it may deem advisable, any cash, securities or other property at any time in its hands whether principal or not, and to take and keep the same outside the domiciliary state and at such place or places within or outside the borders of the United States as it may determine, without in any event being chargeable for any loss or depreciation to the trust which may result therefrom.

23. Change of Situs. The situs and/or applicable law of any trust created hereunder may be transferred to such other place as the Trustee may deem to be for the best interests of the trust estate. In so doing, the Trustee may resign and appoint a successor Trustee, but may remove such successor Trustee so appointed and appoint others. Each successor Trustee may delegate any and all fiduciary powers, discretionary and ministerial, to the appointing Trustee as its agent.

24. Fiduciary Outside Domiciliary State. In the event the Trustee shall not be able and willing to act as Trustee with respect to any property located outside the domiciliary state, the Trustee, without order of court, may appoint another individual or corporation (including any employee or agent of any appointing Trustee) to act as Trustee with respect to such property. Such appointed Trustee shall have all of the powers and discretions with respect to such property as are herein given to the appointing Trustee with respect to the remaining trust assets. The appointing Trustee may remove such appointed Trustee and appoint another upon ten (10) days notice in writing. All income from such property, and if such property is sold, exchanged or otherwise disposed of, the proceeds thereof, shall be remitted to the appointing Trustee, to be held and administered by it as Trustee hereunder. Such appointed Trustee may employ the appointing Trustee as agent in the administration of such property. No surety shall be required on the bond of the Trustee or agent acting under the provisions of this



paragraph. No periodic court accounting shall be required of such appointed Trustee, it being my intention to excuse any statutory accounting which may ordinarily be required.

25. Additions. To receive and accept additions to the Trusts in cash or in kind from donors, executors, administrators, Trustee or attorneys in fact, including additions of my property by the Trustee or others as my attorneys in fact.

26. Title and Possession. To have title to and possession of all real or personal property held in the Trusts, and to register or hold title to such property in its own name or in the name of its nominee, without disclosing its fiduciary capacity, or in bearer form.

27. Dealing with Estates. To use principal of the Trusts to make loans to my estate, with or without interest, and to make purchases from my estate.

28. Agents. To employ persons, including attorneys, auditors, investment advisers, and agents, even if they are the Trustee or associated with the Trustee, to advise or assist the Trustee in the performance of its administrative duties and to pay compensation and costs incurred in connection with such employment from the assets of the Trust; to act without independent investigation upon their recommendations; and, instead of acting personally, to employ one or more agents to perform any act of administration, whether or not discretionary.

29. Tax Elections. To file tax returns, and to exercise all tax-related elections and options at its discretion, without compensating adjustments or reimbursements between any of the Trusts or any of the trust accounts or any beneficiaries.

B. Resignation. A Trustee may resign with or without cause, by giving no less than 30 days advance written notice, specifying the effective date of such resignation, to its successor Trustee and to the persons required and in the manner provided under Fla.Stats. §§736.0705(1)(a) and 736.0109. As to any required recipient, deficiencies in fulfilling the foregoing resignation requirements may be waived in a writing signed by such recipient. Upon the resignation of a Trustee, such Trustee shall be entitled to reimbursement from the trust for all reasonable expenses incurred in the settlement of accounts and in the transfer of assets to his or her successor.

C. Appointment of Successor Trustee.

1. Appointment. Upon a Trustee's resignation, or if a Trustee becomes Disabled or for any reason ceases to serve as Trustee, I may appoint any person or persons as successor Trustee, and in default of such appointment by me, ROBERT L. SPALLINA and DONALD R. TESCHER shall serve together as successor co-Trustees, or either of them alone as Trustee if either of them is unable to serve. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a named Trustee is not a U.S. citizen or resident at the time of commencement of his term as Trustee, such Trustee should give due consideration to declining to serve to avoid potential adverse U.S. income tax consequences by reason of the characterization of a trust



hereunder as a foreign trust under the Code, but shall not be construed to have any duty to so decline if such Trustee desires to serve.

2. Specific Trusts. Notwithstanding the preceding provisions of this Subparagraph IV.C, subsequent to my death I specifically appoint the following person or persons as Trustee of the following Trusts under the following described circumstances provided that the foregoing appointments shall apply when and to the extent that no effective appointment is made below:

a. Trustee of Separate Trusts for My Grandchildren. Each grandchild of mine shall serve as co-Trustee with the immediate parent of such grandchild which parent is also a child of mine as to all separate trusts under which such grandchild is the sole current mandatory or discretionary income beneficiary upon attaining the age of twenty-five (25) years, and shall serve as sole Trustee of such trusts upon attaining the age of thirty-five (35) years. While serving alone as Trustee, a grandchild of mine may designate a co-Trustee that is not a Related or Subordinate Party to serve with such grandchild and such grandchild may remove and/or replace such co-Trustee with another that is not a Related or Subordinate Party from time to time.

b. Trustee of Separate Trusts for My Lineal Descendants Other Than My Grandchildren. In regard to a separate trust held for a lineal descendant of mine other than a grandchild of mine which lineal descendant is the sole current mandatory or discretionary income beneficiary, each such lineal descendant shall serve as co-Trustee, or sole Trustee if the preceding described Trustees cease or are unable to serve or to continue to serve, of his or her separate trust upon attaining age twenty-five (25) years. While serving alone as Trustee, a lineal descendant of mine other than a grandchild of mine may designate a co-Trustee to serve with such lineal descendant and such lineal descendant may remove and/or replace such co-Trustee with another from time to time.

3. Successor Trustees Not Provided For. Whenever a successor Trustee or co-Trustee is required and no successor or other functioning mechanism for succession is provided for under the terms of this Trust Agreement, the last serving Trustee or the last person or entity designated to serve as Trustee of the applicable trust may appoint his or her successor, and if none is so appointed, the following persons shall appoint a successor Trustee (who may be one of the persons making the appointment):

a. The remaining Trustees, if any; otherwise,

b. A majority of the permissible current mandatory or discretionary income beneficiaries, including the natural or legal guardians of any beneficiaries who are Disabled.

A successor Trustee appointed under this subparagraph shall not be a Related or Subordinate Party of the trust. The appointment will be by a written document executed by such person in the presence of two witnesses and acknowledged before a notary public delivered to the appointed Trustee and to me if I am living and not Disabled or in a valid last Will. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a designation under this Subparagraph of a successor trustee to a corporate or entity trustee shall be limited to a corporate or

entity trustee authorized to serve as such under Florida law with assets under trust management of no less than one billion dollars.

4. Power to Remove Trustee. Subsequent to my death, the age 35 or older permissible current mandatory or discretionary income beneficiaries from time to time of any trust established hereunder shall have the power to unanimously remove a Trustee of such trust at any time with or without cause, other than a named Trustee or successor Trustee designated hereunder, or a Trustee appointed by me during my lifetime or under my Will or otherwise at the time of my death, with the successor Trustee to be determined in accordance with the foregoing provisions.

D. Method of Appointment of Trustee. Any such appointment of a successor Trustee by a person shall be made in a written instrument executed by such person in the presence of two witnesses and acknowledged before a notary public which is delivered to such appointed Trustee during the lifetime of the person making such appointment, or any such appointment of a successor Trustee by a person may be made under the last Will of such person.

E. Limitations on Removal and Replacement Power. Any power to remove and/or replace a trustee hereunder that is granted to an individual (including such power when reserved to me) is personal to that individual and may not be exercised by a guardian, power of attorney holder, or other legal representative or agent.

F. Successor Fiduciaries. No Trustee is responsible for, nor has any duty to inquire into, the administration, acts or omissions of any executor, administrator, Personal Representative, or trustee or attorney-in-fact adding property to these Trusts, or of any predecessor Trustee. Each successor Trustee has all the powers, privileges, immunities, rights and title (without the execution of any instrument of transfer or any other act by any retiring Trustee) and all the duties of all predecessors.

G. Liability and Indemnification of Trustee.

1. Liability in General. No individual Trustee (that is, a Trustee that is not a corporation or other entity) shall be liable for any of his or her actions or failures to act as Trustee, even if the individual Trustee is found by a court to have been negligent or in breach of fiduciary duty, except for liability caused by his or her actions or failures to act done in bad faith or with reckless indifference to the purposes of the trust or the interests of the beneficiaries. Each Trustee that is a corporation or other entity will be liable for its actions or failures to act that are negligent or that breach its fiduciary duty, without contribution by any individual Trustee.

2. Indemnification of Trustee. Except in regard to liabilities imposed on a Trustee under Subparagraph IV.G.1, each Trustee shall be held harmless and indemnified from the assets of the trust for any liability, damages, attorney's fees, expenses, and costs incurred as a result of its service as Trustee. A Trustee who ceases to serve for any reason will be entitled to receive reasonable security from the assets of the trust to protect it from liability, and may enforce these provisions for indemnification against the current Trustee or against any assets held in the trust, or if the former Trustee is an individual



and not a corporation or other entity, against any beneficiary to the extent of distributions received by that beneficiary. This indemnification right extends to the estate, personal representatives, legal successors and assigns of a Trustee.

3. Indemnification of Trustee - Additional Provisions. I recognize that if a beneficiary accuses a Trustee of wrongdoing or breach of fiduciary duty, the Trustee may have a conflict of interest that ordinarily would prevent it from paying legal fees and costs from the trust estate to defend itself. I do not want to put a financial burden on any individual named to serve as a Trustee. Just as important, I do not want an individual who has been selected to serve as a Trustee to be reluctant to accept the position, or while serving to be intimidated in the performance of the Trustee's duties because of the threats of lawsuits that might force the Trustee to pay fees and costs from the Trustee's personal resources. For this reason, I deliberately and intentionally waive any such conflict of interest with respect to any individual serving as Trustee so that he or she can hire counsel to defend himself or herself against allegations of wrongdoing or if sued for any reason (whether by a beneficiary or by someone else) and pay all fees and costs for his or her defense from the trust estate until the dispute is resolved. I understand and agree that a court may award, disallow or allocate fees and costs in whole or in part after the dispute is resolved, as provided by law. The Trustee will account for all such fees and costs paid by it as provided by law. This provision shall not apply to any Trustee that is a corporation or other entity.

H. Compensation, Bond. Each Trustee is entitled to be paid reasonable compensation for services rendered in the administration of the trust. Reasonable compensation for a non-individual Trustee will be its published fee schedule in effect when its services are rendered unless otherwise agreed in writing, and except as follows. Any fees paid to a non-individual Trustee for making principal distributions, for termination of the trust, and upon termination of its services must be based solely on the value of its services rendered, not on the value of the trust principal. During my lifetime the Trustee's fees are to be charged wholly against income (to the extent sufficient), unless directed otherwise by me in writing. Each Trustee shall serve without bond.

I. Maintenance of Records. The Trustee shall maintain accurate accounts and records. It shall render annual statements of the receipts and disbursements of income and principal of a trust upon the written request of any adult vested beneficiary of such trust or the guardian of the person of any vested beneficiary and the approval of such beneficiary shall be binding upon all persons then or thereafter interested in such trust as to the matters and transactions shown on such statement. The Trustee may at any time apply for a judicial settlement of any account. No Trustee shall be required to file any statutory or other periodic accountings of the administration of a trust.

J. Interested Trustee. The Trustee may act under this Agreement even if interested in these Trusts in an individual capacity, as a fiduciary of another trust or estate (including my estate) or in any other capacity. The Trustee may in good faith enter into a sale, encumbrance, or other transaction involving the investment or management of trust property for the Trustee's own personal account or which is otherwise affected by a conflict between the Trustee's fiduciary and personal interests, without liability and without being voidable by a beneficiary. The Trustee is specifically authorized to make loans to, to receive loans from, or to sell, purchase or exchange assets in a transaction with (i) the



Trustee's spouse, (ii) the Trustee's children or grandchildren, siblings, parents, or spouses of such persons, (iii) an officer, director, employee, agent, or attorney of the Trustee, or (iv) a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or other business entity in which the Trustee has a financial interest, provided that in any transaction the trusts hereunder receive fair and adequate consideration in money or money's worth. The Trustee may renounce any interest or expectancy of a trust in, or an opportunity to participate in, specified business opportunities or specified classes or categories of business opportunities that are presented to the Trustee. Such renunciation shall not prohibit the Trustee from participating in the Trustee's individual capacity in such opportunity or expectancy.

**K. Third Parties.** No one dealing with the Trustee need inquire into its authority or its application of property.

**L. Merger of Trusts.** If the Trustee is also trustee of a trust established by myself or another person by will or trust agreement, the beneficiaries to whom income and principal may then be paid and then operative terms of which are substantially the same as those of a trust held under this Agreement, the Trustee in its discretion may merge either such trust into the other trust. The Trustee, in exercising its discretion, shall consider economy of administration, convenience to the beneficiaries, tax consequences and any other factor it considers important. If it is later necessary to reestablish the merged trust as separate trusts, it shall be divided proportionately to the value of each trust at the time of merger.

**M. Multiple Trustees.** If two Trustees are serving at any time, any power or discretion of the Trustees may be exercised only by their joint agreement. Either Trustee may delegate to the other Trustee the authority to act on behalf of both Trustees and to exercise any power held by the Trustees. If more than two Trustees are serving at any time, and unless unanimous agreement is specifically required by the terms of this Trust Agreement, any power or discretion of the Trustees may be exercised only by a majority. The Trustees may delegate to any one or more of themselves the authority to act on behalf of all the Trustees and to exercise any power held by the Trustees. Trustees who consent to the delegation of authority to other Trustees will be liable for the consequences of the actions of those other Trustees as if the consenting Trustees had joined the other Trustees in performing those actions. A dissenting Trustee who did not consent to the delegation of authority to another Trustee and who has not joined in the exercise of a power or discretion cannot be held liable for the consequences of the exercise. A dissenting Trustee who joins only at the direction of the majority will not be liable for the consequences of the exercise if the dissent is expressed in writing delivered to any of the other Trustees before the exercise of that power or discretion.

#### ARTICLE V. ADDITIONAL TAX AND RELATED MATTERS

**A. GST Trusts.** I direct (a) that the Trustee shall divide any trust to which there is allocated any GST exemption into two separate Trusts (each subject to the provisions hereof) so that the generation-skipping tax inclusion ratio of one such trust is zero, (b) any property exempt from generation-skipping taxation shall be divided as otherwise provided herein and held for the same persons





designated in Trusts separate from any property then also so divided which is not exempt from generation-skipping taxation, and (c) if upon the death of a beneficiary a taxable termination would otherwise occur with respect to any property held in trust for him or her with an inclusion ratio greater than zero, such beneficiary shall have with respect only to such property a power to appoint such fractional share thereof which if included in such beneficiary's gross estate for federal estate tax purposes (without allowing any deduction with respect to such share) would not be taxed at the highest federal estate tax rate and such fractional share of such property shall be distributed to such persons including only such beneficiary's estate, spouse, and issue, as such beneficiary may appoint, and any part of a trust such beneficiary does not effectively appoint shall be treated as otherwise provided for disposition upon his or her death, provided, if upon his or her death two or more Trusts for his or her benefit are directed to be divided among and held or distributed for the same persons and the generation-skipping tax inclusion ratio of any such trust is zero, the amount of any other such Trust to which there is allocated any of such beneficiary's GST exemption shall be added to the Trusts with generation-skipping tax inclusion ratios of zero in equal shares. For purposes of funding any pecuniary payment to which there is allocated any GST exemption, such payment shall be satisfied with cash or property which fairly represents appreciation and depreciation (occurring between the valuation date and the date of distribution) in all of the assets from which such distribution could be made, and any pecuniary payment made before a residual transfer of property to which any GST exemption is allocated shall be satisfied with cash or property which fairly represents appreciation and depreciation (occurring between the valuation date and the date of distribution) in all of the assets from which such pecuniary payment could be satisfied and shall be allocated a pro rata share of income earned by all such assets between the valuation date and the date of payment. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, the valuation date with respect to any property shall be the date as of which its value is determined for federal estate tax purposes with respect to the transferor thereof, and subject to the foregoing, property distributed in kind in satisfaction of any pecuniary payment shall be selected on the basis of the value of such property on the valuation date. All terms used in this paragraph which are defined or explained in Chapter 13 of the Code or the regulations thereunder shall have the same meaning when used herein. I request (but do not require) that if two or more Trusts are held hereunder for any person, no principal be paid to such person from the Trusts with the lower inclusion ratios for generation-skipping tax purposes unless the trust with the highest inclusion ratio has been exhausted by use, consumption, distribution or otherwise or is not reasonably available. The Trustee is authorized and directed to comply with the provisions of the Treasury Regulations interpreting the generation skipping tax provisions of the Code in severing or combining any trust, creating or combining separate trust shares, allocating GST exemption, or otherwise, as necessary to best accomplish the foregoing allocations, inclusion ratios, combinations, and divisions, including, without limitation, the payment of "appropriate interest" as determined by the Trustee as that term is applied and used in said Regulations.

**B. Individual Retirement Accounts.** In the event that this trust or any trust created under this Agreement is the beneficiary of an Individual retirement account established and maintained under Code Section 408 or a qualified pension, profit sharing or stock bonus plan established and maintained under Code Section 401 (referred to in this paragraph as "IRA"), the following provisions shall apply to such trust:



1. I intend that the beneficiaries of such trust shall be beneficiaries within the meaning of Code Section 401(a)(9) and the Treasury Regulations thereunder. All provisions of such trust shall be construed consistent with such intent. Accordingly, the following provisions shall apply to such trust:

a. No benefits from any IRA may be used or applied for the payment of any debts, taxes or other claims against my estate as set forth in the later paragraph captioned "Taxes", unless other assets of this trust are not available for such payment.


b. In the event that a beneficiary of any trust created under this Agreement has a testamentary general power of appointment or a limited power of appointment over all or any portion of any trust established under this Agreement, and if such trust is the beneficiary of any benefits from any IRA, the beneficiary shall not appoint any part of such trust to a charitable organization or to a lineal descendant of mine (or a spouse of a lineal descendant of mine) who is older than the beneficiary whose life expectancy is being used to calculate distributions from such IRA.

2. The Trustee shall deliver a copy of this Agreement to the custodian of any IRA of which this trust or any trust created under this Agreement is the named beneficiary within the time period prescribed Code Section 401(a)(9) and the Treasury Regulations thereunder, along with such additional items required thereunder. If the custodian of the IRA changes after a copy of this Agreement has been provided pursuant to the preceding sentence, the Trustee shall immediately provide a copy of this Agreement to the new custodian. The Trustee shall request each custodian to complete a receipt of the Agreement and shall attach such receipt to this Agreement. The Trustee shall provide a copy of each amendment of this Agreement to the custodian and shall obtain a receipt of such amendment.

**C. Gift Transfers Made From Trust During My Lifetime.** I direct that all gift transfers made from the trust during my lifetime be treated for all purposes as if the gift property had been first withdrawn by (or distributed to) me and then transferred by me to the donees involved. Thus, in each instance, even where title to the gift property is transferred directly from the name of the trust (or its nominee) into the name of the donee, such transfer shall be treated for all purposes as first a withdrawal by (or distribution of the property to) me followed by a gift transfer of the property to the donee by me as donor, the Trustee making the actual transfer in my behalf acting as my attorney in fact, this paragraph being, to that extent, a power of attorney from me to the Trustee to make such transfer, which power of attorney shall not be affected by my Disability, incompetence, or incapacity.

**D. Gifts.** If I am Disabled, I authorize the Trustee to make gifts from trust property during my lifetime for estate planning purposes, or to distribute amounts to my legally appointed guardian or to my attorney-in-fact for those purposes, subject to the following limitations:

1. **Recipients.** The gifts may be made only to my lineal descendants or to trusts primarily for their benefit, and in aggregate annual amounts to any one such recipient that do not exceed the exclusion amount provided for under Code Section 2503(b).



2. Trustee Limited. When a person eligible to receive gifts is serving as Trustee, the aggregate of all gifts to that person during the calendar year allowable under the preceding subparagraph 1. shall thereafter not exceed the greater of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000), or five percent (5%) of the aggregate value of the trust estate. However, gifts completed prior to a recipient's commencing to serve as Trustee shall not be affected by this limitation.

3. Charitable Pledges. The Trustee may pay any charitable pledges I made while I was not Disabled (even if not yet due).

**E. Death Costs**. If upon my death the Trustee hold any United States bonds which may be redeemed at par in payment of federal estate tax, the Trustee shall pay the federal estate tax due because of my death up to the amount of the par value of such bonds and interest accrued thereon at the time of payment. The Trustee shall also pay from the trust all of my following death costs, but if there is an acting executor, administrator or Personal Representative of my estate my Trustee shall pay only such amounts of such costs as such executor, administrator or Personal Representative directs:

1. my debts which are allowed as claims against my estate,
2. my funeral expenses without regard to legal limitations,
3. the expenses of administering my estate,
4. the balance of the estate, inheritance and other death taxes (excluding generation-skipping transfer taxes unless arising from direct skips), and interest and penalties thereon, due because of my death with respect to all property whether or not passing under my Will or this Agreement (other than property over which I have a power of appointment granted to me by another person, and qualified terminable interest property which is not held in a trust that was subject to an election under Code Section 2652(a)(3) at or about the time of its funding) and life insurance proceeds on policies insuring my life which proceeds are not held under this trust or my probate estate at or by reason of my death), and
5. any gifts made in my Will or any Codicil thereto.

The Trustee may make any such payment either to my executor, administrator or Personal Representative or directly to the proper party. The Trustee shall not be reimbursed for any such payment, and is not responsible for the correctness or application of the amounts so paid at the direction of my executor, administrator, or Personal Representative. The Trustee shall not pay any of such death costs with any asset which would not otherwise be included in my gross estate for federal or state estate or inheritance tax purposes, or with any asset which otherwise cannot be so used, such as property received under a limited power of appointment which prohibits such use. Further, no payment of any such death costs shall be charged against or paid from the tangible personal property disposed of pursuant to the prior paragraph captioned "Disposition of Tangible Personal Property."

F. **Subchapter S Stock.** Regardless of anything herein to the contrary, in the event that after my death the principal of a trust includes stock in a corporation for which there is a valid election to be treated under the provisions of Subchapter S of the Code, the income beneficiary of such a trust is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident for federal income tax purposes, and such trust is not an "electing small business trust" under Code Section 1361(e)(1) in regard to that corporation, the Trustee shall (a) hold such stock as a substantially separate and independent share of such trust within the meaning of Code Section 663(c), which share shall otherwise be subject to all of the terms of this Agreement, (b) distribute all of the income of such share to the one income beneficiary thereof in annual or more frequent installments, (c) upon such beneficiary's death, pay all accrued or undistributed income of such share to the beneficiary's estate, (d) distribute principal from such share during the lifetime of the income beneficiary only to such beneficiary, notwithstanding any powers of appointment granted to any person including the income beneficiary, and (e) otherwise administer such share in a manner that qualifies it as a "qualified Subchapter S trust" as that term is defined in Code Section 1361(d)(3), and shall otherwise manage and administer such share as provided under this Agreement to the extent not inconsistent with the foregoing provisions of this paragraph.

G. **Residence as Homestead.** I reserve the right to reside upon any real property placed in this trust as my permanent residence during my life, it being the intent of this provision to retain for myself the requisite beneficial interest and possessory right in and to such real property to comply with Section 196.041 of the Florida Statutes such that said beneficial interest and possessory right constitute in all respects "equitable title to real estate" as that term is used in Section 6, Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Florida. Notwithstanding anything contained in this trust to the contrary, for purposes of the homestead exemption under the laws of the State of Florida, my interest in any real property in which I reside pursuant to the provisions of this trust shall be deemed to be an interest in real property and not personalty and shall be deemed my homestead.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Amended and Restated Trust Agreement on the date first above written.

SETTLOR and TRUSTEE:

*[Handwritten signature of Simon L. Bernstein]*

SIMON L. BERNSTEIN

This instrument was signed by SIMON L. BERNSTEIN in our presence, and at the request of and in the presence of SIMON L. BERNSTEIN and each other, we subscribe our names as witnesses on this 21 day of July, 2012:

*[Handwritten signature of Robert L. Spallina]*  
Print Name: ROBERT L. SPALLINA  
Address: 7387 WISTERIA AVENUE  
PARKLAND, FL 33076

*[Handwritten signature of Kimberly Moran]*  
Print Name: Kimberly Moran  
Address: 6362 Las Flores Drive  
Boca Raton, FL 33433

STATE OF FLORIDA

SS.

COUNTY OF PALM BEACH

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 25 day of July, 2012, by SIMON L. BERNSTEIN.

*[Handwritten signature of Lindsay Baxley]*  
Signature - Notary Public - State of Florida  
Lindsay Baxley  
Print, type or stamp name of Notary Public

[Seal with Commission Expiration Date]

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Lindsay Baxley  
Commission # EE092282  
Expires: MAY 10, 2015  
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**Re: Estates and Trusts of Shirley Bernstein and Simon Bernstein**

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

It has been brought to my attention that a document was prepared in our office that altered the disposition of the Shirley Bernstein Trust subsequent to Simon Bernstein's death. Information provided to me appears to indicate that there were two versions of the First Amendment to the Shirley Bernstein Trust Agreement, both executed on November 18, 2008. Under one version the children of Pam Simon and Ted Bernstein would not be permissible appointees of Simon Bernstein's exercise of the power of appointment while under the second version that restriction was removed. As you all know, Simon Bernstein's dispositive plan, expressed to all of you during his lifetime on a conference call, was to distribute the Estate to all ten of his grandchildren. That was the basis upon which the administration was moving forward.

Under the Shirley Bernstein Trust, there is a definition of children and lineal descendants. That definition excluded Pam Simon, Ted Bernstein and their respective children from inheriting. The document also contained a special Power of Appointment for Simon wherein he could appoint the assets of the Trust for Shirley's lineal descendants. Based upon the definition of children and lineal descendants, the Power of Appointment could not be exercised in favor of Pam Simon, Ted Bernstein or their respective children, although we believe it was Simon Bernstein's wish to provide equally for all of his grandchildren.

On November 18, 2008, it does appear from the information that I have reviewed that Shirley Bernstein executed a First Amendment to her trust agreement. The document as executed appears to make only one relatively minor modification to her trust disposition by eliminating a specific gift to Ted

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Bernstein's stepson. In January of 2013 a First Amendment to the Shirley Bernstein Trust Agreement was provided to Christine Yates, Esq. who, at that time, was representing Eliot Bernstein. The document provided contained a paragraph number 2 which modified the definitional language in Shirley's document so as to permit, by deleting the words "and their respective lineal descendants" from the definition, an exercise of the power of appointment by Simon Bernstein over the Shirley Bernstein Trust to pass equally to all ten grandchildren rather than only six of the grandchildren.

By virtue of The Florida Bar Rules of Professional Conduct, I am duty bound to provide this information to you. Obviously, as a result of the issues and ramifications raised by the allegations, my firm must resign from further representation in all matters relating to the Estates and Trusts of Simon Bernstein and Shirley Bernstein. Furthermore, it is my intent, and I assume also the intent of Robert Spallina, to tender our resignations as personal representatives of the Simon Bernstein Estate and as trustees of the Simon Bernstein Trust. If the majority of the Bernstein family is in agreement, I would propose to exercise the power to designate a successor trustee by appointing Ted Bernstein in that capacity. With regard to the Simon Bernstein Estate, the appointment of the successor would require a court proceeding.

I am obviously upset and distraught over this chain of events and will do all that I reasonably can to correct and minimize any damages to the Bernstein family. As I believe you know, to date there has only been a modest funding of some, but not all, of the continuing trusts for the grandchildren emanating from Shirley's Trust assets.

Very truly yours,



DONALD R. TESCHER

DRT/km

cc: Alan Rose, Esq.



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Claims Department  
Heritage Union Life Insurance Company  
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Re: **Insured: Simon L. Bernstein**  
**Contract No.: 1009208**

Dear Bree:

As per our earlier telephone conversation:

- We are unable to locate the Simon Bernstein Irrevocable Insurance Trust dated June 1, 1995, which we have spent much time searching for.
- Mrs. Shirley Bernstein was the initial beneficiary of the 1995 trust, but predeceased Mr. Bernstein.
- The Bernstein children are the secondary beneficiaries of the 1995 trust.
- We are submitting the Letters of Administration for the Estate of Simon Bernstein showing that we are the named Personal Representatives of the Estate.
- We would like to have the proceeds from the Heritage policy released to our firm's trust account so that we can make distributions amongst the five Bernstein children.
- If necessary, we will prepare for Heritage an Agreement and Mutual Release amongst all the children.
- We are enclosing the SS4 signed by Mr. Bernstein in 1995 to obtain the EIN number for the 1995 trust.

If you have any questions with regard to the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
ROBERT L. SPALLINA

RLS/km

Enclosures

**EXHIBIT** C



IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION

SIMON BERNSTEIN IRREVOCABLE )  
INSURANCE TRUST DTD 6/21/95, )  
by Ted S. Bernstein, )

Plaintiff, )

v. )

HERITAGE UNION LIFE INSURANCE )  
COMPANY, )

Defendant, )

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HERITAGE UNION LIFE INSURANCE )  
COMPANY )

Counter-Plaintiff )

v. )

SIMON BERNSTEIN IRREVOCABLE )  
TRUST DTD 6/21/95 )

Counter-Defendant )

and, )

FIRST ARLINGTON NATIONAL BANK )  
as Trustee of S.B. Lexington, Inc. Employee )  
Death Benefit Trust, UNITED BANK OF )  
ILLINOIS, BANK OF AMERICA, )  
Successor in interest to LaSalle National )  
Trust, N.A., SIMON BERNSTEIN TRUST, )  
N.A., TED BERNSTEIN, individually and )  
as purported Tstee of the Simon Bernstein )  
Irrevocable Insurance Trust Dtd 6/21/95, )  
and ELIOT BERNSTEIN )  
Third-Party Defendants. )

Case No. 13 cv 3643  
Honorable Amy J. St. Eve  
Magistrate Mary M. Rowland

PLAINTIFFS MEMORANDUM OF LAW  
IN OPPOSITION TO ESTATE OF SIMON  
BERNSTEIN'S MOTION TO  
INTERVENE

EXHIBIT D

ELIOT IVAN BERNSTEIN, )  
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 )  
 Cross-Plaintiff )  
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 v. )  
 )  
 TED BERNSTEIN, individually and )  
 as alleged Trustee of the Simon Bernstein )  
 Irrevocable Insurance Trust Dtd, 6/21/95 )  
 )  
 Cross-Defendant )  
 and, )  
 )  
 PAMELA B. SIMON, DAVID B.SIMON, )  
 both Professionally and Personally )  
 ADAM SIMON, both Professionally and )  
 Personally, THE SIMON LAW FIRM, )  
 TESCHER & SPALLINA, P.A., )  
 DONALD TESCHER, both Professionally )  
 and Personally, ROBERT SPALLINA, )  
 both Professionally and Personally, )  
 LISA FRIEDSTEIN, JILL IANTONI )  
 S.B. LEXINGTON, INC. EMPLOYEE )  
 DEATH BENEFIT TRUST, S.T.P. )  
 ENTERPRISES, INC. S.B. LEXINGTON, )  
 INC., NATIONAL SERVICE )  
 ASSOCIATION (OF FLORIDA), )  
 NATIONAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION )  
 (OF ILLINOIS) AND JOHN AND JANE )  
 DOES )  
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 Third-Party Defendants. )  
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**NOW COMES** Plaintiffs, SIMON BERNSTEIN IRREVOCABLE INSURANCE TRUST dtd 6/21/95, by TED BERNSTEIN, as Trustee, (collectively referred to as “BERNSTEIN TRUST”), TED BERNSTEIN, individually, PAMELA B. SIMON, JILL IANTONI AND LISA FRIEDSTEIN, and state as their Memorandum of Law in Opposition to the Estate of Simon Bernstein’s Motion to Intervene as follows:

### INTRODUCTION

On January 14, 2014, this court entered an Order denying the motion to intervene of William Stansbury -- a potential creditor of the Estate of Simon Bernstein. In so doing, the court found that allowing Stansbury to intervene would (i) “not serve the interests of judicial economy and would unduly prejudice the present parties to this lawsuit”, and (ii) “unduly delay the determination of the beneficiaries of the life insurance policy at issue in this lawsuit.”<sup>1</sup>

Now, six months later, Stansbury seeks a second bite at the apple. Stansbury petitioned the Florida Probate Court to have an administrator ad litem appointed on behalf of the “Estate” to further Stansbury’s own agenda against the express wishes of decedent, Simon Bernstein. In fact, had Stansbury’s motion been granted in its entirety by the Florida court, Stansbury himself would have been appointed administrator ad litem. Instead, the Florida Court appointed the Curator (Mr. Brown) as administrator ad litem, but that appointment was expressly made subject to the conditions placed on the record in the Probate Court which will be discussed later.

What will become apparent is that this motion is a motion of the Estate in name only. This court should apply the law of the case established by its January 14<sup>th</sup> Order to deny Stansbury’s second effort to intervene in this lawsuit.

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<sup>1</sup> Order entered January 14, 2014 [Dkt. #110].

### **FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

1. After this court denied Stansbury's first motion to intervene, Stansbury filed a petition in the Florida Probate Court to have himself appointed as administrator ad litem.<sup>2</sup>

2. Benjamin Brown had been appointed curator of the Estate of Simon Bernstein following the resignation of the Estate's personal representative.

3. During the hearing counsel for the various interested parties in the probate matter, either objected to the appointment of any administrator ad litem so as to preserve estate assets, and/or objected to the appointment of William Stansbury. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Florida Court ultimately appointed Benjamin Brown to act as administrator ad litem.

4. As stated in the Probate Court's Order appointing Benjamin Brown, such appointment was made subject to the conditions that were made part of the record during the hearing.<sup>3</sup>

5. During the hearing on the motions, the discourse between counsel for the various interested parties and the judge made it clear that the instant motion to intervene would only occur with the legal fees and costs being funded not by the Estate, but by William Stansbury.<sup>4</sup>

6. One condition demanded by William Stansbury since he was funding this excursion was that he be kept advised by the Curator and his counsel and have input with how this litigation is prosecuted.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> See Transcript of Hearing on petition to appoint administrator ad litem in the matter of the Estate of Simon Bernstein at pg. 5-6. A true and accurate copy of the transcript is attached hereto as Exh. A. See

<sup>3</sup> See Probate Court Order attached to the Estate's motion to intervene as Exhibit B (Dkt. # ).

<sup>4</sup> See Transcript of Hearing on petition to appoint administrator ad litem in the matter of the Estate of Simon Bernstein. Exh. A pg. 13-14, 34-35, 39.

<sup>5</sup> See Transcript, Exh. A at pg. 28-29.

7. The sole factual basis asserted by the Estate for its motion to intervene is set forth in its Complaint for Intervenor as follows: “Intervenor Benjamin Brown seeks a judgment from this Court declaring that *no* valid beneficiary is named under the Policy and the proceeds of the Policy must therefore be paid to the Estate.”

8. It has been over six months since the court entered its Order denying Stansbury’s motion. Stansbury chose not to pursue any motion for reconsideration or appellate review of the Order. Instead, Stansbury initiated and funded the Estate’s motion to intervene.

9. The Insurer, in response to a Notice for a Rule 30(b)(6) deposition provided the Affidavit of its witness, Don Sanders.<sup>6</sup> A true and correct copy of the Aff. of Don Sanders is attached hereto as **Exh. B**.

10. At the time of the making of his Affidavit, Don Sanders was familiar with the Insurer’s Policy records. (Aff. of Don Sanders, **Exh. B** at ¶33).

11. According to the Policy records as verified by Don Sanders, no owner of the Policy ever submitted a beneficiary designation which designated “Simon Bernstein’s estate” or “the Estate” as beneficiary. (Aff. of Don Sanders, **Exh. B** at ¶70).

12. According to the Policy records as verified by Don Sanders, “on the date of death of Simon Bernstein, the Owner of the Policy was Simon Bernstein, the primary beneficiary was designated as ‘LaSalle National Trust, N.A. as Successor Trustee’, and the Contingent Beneficiary was designated as ‘Simon Bernstein Irrevocable Insurance Trust dated June 21, 1995.’ ” (Aff. of Don Sanders, **Exh. B** at ¶62).

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<sup>6</sup> The Affidavit of Donald Sanders is attached hereto and made a part hereof as **Exh. B**.

### STANDARD OF REVIEW

A trial court must grant a motion to intervene as a matter of right if: (1) the petition is timely filed; (2) the representation by the parties already in the suit is inadequate; and (3) the party seeking intervention has a sufficient interest in the suit.

In order to show inadequacy of representation, for purposes of a motion to intervene as of right, one must not engage in speculation, but rather allege specific facts demonstrating a right to intervene. *In re Marriage of Vondra*, 2013 Ill. App. (1<sup>st</sup>) 123025, 373 Ill. Dec. 620, 994 N.E.2<sup>nd</sup> 105 (1<sup>st</sup> Dist., 2013).

This court's summary of the standard of review for a motion to intervene included the following:

“Whether an applicant has a sufficient interest to intervene is a highly fact-specific making comparison to other cases of limited value.” “Permissive intervention under Rule 24(b), permits “anyone to intervene who... has a claim or defense that shares with the main action a common question of law or fact,” unless intervention would “*unduly delay or prejudice the adjudication of the original parties rights.*”<sup>7</sup> (emphasis added).

### ARGUMENT

**A. This court should apply the law of the case to bar the Estate's motion to intervene since the Estate is in privity with Stansbury whose own motion to intervene was previously denied in this same litigation.**

Over six months ago, this Court denied Stansbury's motion to intervene. The holding was based, in part, on the tenuousness of the connection between the instant litigation over the Policy proceeds and Stansbury's claims pending in Florida against certain corporate defendants' and the Estate of Simon Bernstein relating to unpaid insurance commissions. The court rejected both of Stansbury's arguments for intervention as a matter of right, and for permissive intervention. Stansbury did not file any motion to reconsider or seek appellate review.

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<sup>7</sup> See Order of January 14, 2014 [Dkt. #110]

The basis for Stansbury's motion to intervene was identical to that set forth by the Estate in the instant motion to intervene. Both Stansbury and the Estate argue that the Estate's purported interest in the Policy proceeds is solely as a beneficiary of last resort. Neither Stansbury nor the Estate set forth any affirmative argument or evidence attempting to establish that the Estate was the named beneficiary of the Policy proceeds.

The doctrine of collateral estoppel applies to avoid relitigation of a substantially similar issue arising between the same parties (or their privies) where such issue has already been determined in the course of a separate proceeding. *Rekhi v. Wildwood Industries, Inc.*, 61 F.3d 1313, 130 Lab Cas. P57, 969, 2 Wage & Hour Cas.2d 1428 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir., 1995).

The doctrine of law of the case also applies to avoid relitigation of substantially similar issues but in the *same* proceeding. In *Radwill v. Manor Care of Westmont, IL LLC*, 2013 IL App (2d) 120957, 369 Ill. Dec. 452, 986 N.E.2d 765 (2<sup>nd</sup> Dist., 2013), the court explained the rationale behind the law of the case doctrine as follows:

"The law-of-the-case doctrine protects the parties' settled expectations, ensures uniformity of decisions, maintains consistency during the course of a single case, effectuates proper administration of justice, and brings litigation to an end. *Petre v. Kucich*, 356 Ill.App.3d 57, 63, 291 Ill.Dec 867, 824 N.E.2d 1117 (2005). Thus, the doctrine bars relitigation of an issue previously decided in the same case. *Long v. Elborno*, 397 Ill.App.3d 982, 989, 337 Ill.Dec. 432, 922 N.E.2d 555 (2010). Issues previously decided include issues of both law and fact. *Alwin v. Village of Wheeling*, 371 Ill.App.3d 898, 910, 309 Ill.Dec. 656, 864 N.E.2d 897 (2007).

As set forth in the transcript of the Probate hearing appointing the Curator as administrator ad litem, the Estate, in this instance, is in privity with Stansbury. It is a matter of public record that Stansbury is funding this venture, and was granted direct involvement in litigating this matter under the auspices of the "Estate".

The arguments set forth by the Estate mirror those contained in the prior motion made by Stansbury. Because the issues, and arguments are virtually identical, and the moving party (the Estate) is in privity with the prior movant (Stansbury), the law of the case must apply to bar relitigation of this issue. The court spoke in its Order of January 14, 2014, and nothing contained in the Estate's motion or complaint to intervene necessitates revisiting the issue.

**B. The unrefuted sworn testimony of Don Sanders, Vice-President of Operations for the Insurer both supports Plaintiff's claim that it is the named beneficiary of the Policy proceeds and negates the Estate's claims. (go through the Paragraphs and cite in the statement of unrefuted facts).**

As indicated in Plaintiffs' Statement of Undisputed Facts, the Insurer has provided its Policy records and the Affidavit of Don Sanders as evidence in this case. Don Sanders reviewed the Policy records and in his Affidavit Don Sanders declares that the Estate was never named a beneficiary of the Policy proceeds. The Estate has offered nothing to dispute this essential truth.

**C. The Estate's motion to intervene is not based on any actual claim it has upon the Stake, instead it is based solely on efforts to negate the claims of the true beneficiary.**

As stated above, the Estate's motion to intervene is not based on any allegation of its own claim to the Stake. Rather, the motion merely attempts to negate the claim of the Bernstein Trust by baldly asserting that the trust does not exist because a trust agreement cannot be located.



In an interpleader action each claimant has the burden of establishing its entitlement to the Stake, and it is insufficient to negate or rely on the weakness of the claims of others. *Eskridge v. Farmers New World Life Ins. Co.*, 250 Ill.App.3d 603 at 608-609, 190 Ill.Dec. 295, 621 N.E.2d 164 (1<sup>st</sup> Dist., 1983).

Here, the Estate argues that no one is representing its interests. But, the Estate, like Stansbury before it, fails to articulate any facts that support an affirmative claim by the Estate to the Stake.

The Estate argues that if all other claims are negated and thus fail then the Estate would have a claim by default. As such, the Estate needs no representation because under the Estate's theory it would simply be the beneficiary of last resort.

More importantly, in order to enforce the intent of Simon Bernstein as expressed in his Will, the Curator or Personal Representative of the Estate should be disclaiming any interest in the Stake. Instead, the Curator seeks to ignore the Will of the Simon Bernstein in order to unjustly enrich the Estate largely for the benefit and at the behest of a potential third-party creditor, and at the expense of the ultimate beneficiaries, decedent's five children. That's just plain wrong.

In Stansbury's prior motion to intervene, he attached the Petition filed by the Executors of the Estate admitting the Will to Probate in Palm Beach County, Florida, and the Petition includes a copy of the Last Will of Simon Bernstein (the "Will").

The Will was incorporated as an Exhibit in support of Stansbury's motion yet the Will itself contains a provision wherein Simon Bernstein reaffirms his beneficiary designations. The Will states in pertinent part as follows:

**Other Beneficiary Designations.** Except as otherwise explicitly and with particularity provided herein (a) no provision of this Will shall revoke or modify any beneficiary designation of mine made by me and not revoked by me prior to my death under any individual retirement account, other retirement plan or account, or annuity or *insurance contract*; (b) I hereby reaffirm any such beneficiary designation such that any assets held in such account, plan, or contract shall pass in accordance with such designation, and (c) regardless of anything herein to the contrary, any such assets which would otherwise pass pursuant to this Will due to the beneficiary designation not having met the requirements for a valid testamentary disposition under applicable law or otherwise shall be paid as a gift made hereunder to the persons in the manner provided in such designation which is incorporated herein by reference.<sup>8</sup>

Here, the designations of beneficiary of the Policy proceeds point directly to one such beneficiary which is the Bernstein Trust. Simon Bernstein designated the Bernstein Trust as beneficiary of the VEBA, and the VEBA Trustee was always designated as the primary beneficiary of the Policy proceeds. The contingent but sole surviving beneficiary of the Policy proceeds as of the date of Simon Bernstein's Death was the Bernstein Trust itself. Since the VEBA had been previously dissolved, the Policy proceeds are payable to the Bernstein Trust. None of the Bank Defendants whose names appear in the caption above, and whom acted as corporate trustees of the VEBA from to time has made a claim to the Stake. In fact, the only Bank party to have appeared in this matter was dismissed on their own motion after having expressly disclaimed any such interest.<sup>9</sup>

In his Will, Simon Bernstein instructs the executor to disclaims the Estate's interest in the Policy proceeds at issue. Simon Bernstein's instructions were that in the case of an invalid testamentary disposition the instrument designating the beneficiary shall be incorporated into the Will and the proceeds shall be gifted to the intended beneficiaries as established by the beneficiary designation.

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<sup>8</sup> See (Dkt. #56-5, at pg. 35 of 41, Stansbury's Intervenor Complaint, Exh. B, Will of Simon Bernstein at p.6)

<sup>9</sup> See Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings filed by JPMorgan Bank, and the Order dismissing JP Morgan . (Dkts. #102 and #106).

Here, it is clear that Simon Bernstein expressed his intent by named the Bernstein Trust as beneficiary of the Policy proceeds, that the Policy proceeds should go to the Bernstein Trust beneficiaries (the five Bernstein children) even in the event that the beneficiary designation is ruled to be an invalid testamentary disposition such as the Estate argues.

**D. As set forth above, the Estate's motion to intervene is not based on any actual claim it has upon the Stake, instead it is based solely on his efforts to negate the claims of the true beneficiary of the Stake.**

The Estate's motion to intervene is not based on any allegation of its own claim to the Stake. Rather, the Estate attempts to negate the claim of the Bernstein Trust by baldly asserting that the trust does not exist because a trust agreement cannot be located.

In an interpleader action each claimant has the burden of establishing its entitlement to the Stake, and it is insufficient to negate or rely on the weakness of the claims of others. *Eskridge v. Farmers New World Life Ins. Co.*, 250 Ill.App.3d 603 at 608-609, 190 Ill.Dec. 295, 621 N.E.2d 164 (1<sup>st</sup> Dist., 1983). Here, the Estate argues that no one is representing the claims of the Estate. But, the Estate fails to articulate any facts that support a claim by the Estate to the Stake.

It appears the Estate is arguing if all other claims are negated and thus fail then the Estate would have a claim by default. If that is the Estate's position, then the Estate needs no representation because under Stansbury's theory the Estate would simply be the beneficiary of last resort. Even this potential claim fails, as the Policy proceeds would likely pass by virtue of the laws of intestacy to the children of Simon Bernstein, as a last resort, and not through the Estate. Simon Bernstein, in his Will, expressly reaffirmed his beneficiary designations and in so doing he essentially disclaimed the Estate's interest in the Policy proceeds.

**E. Stansbury's unsupported assertion that the court should grant his motion to intervene based on Permissive Intervention under FED. R. CIV. P. 24(b)(1)(B) fails for similar reasons.**

The Estate's request for permissive intervention is based on its conclusory assertion that it "has a claim that shares with the main action a common question of law and fact, to wit, the proper disposition of the life insurance proceeds in excess of \$1,000,000.00."<sup>10</sup>

This language again mirrors the language in Stansbury's prior motion to intervene.<sup>11</sup> And like Stansbury, this conclusory allegation is totally unsupported by any evidence establishing a claim to the stake. Without any factual allegations of a claim, the court is left with nothing additional to determine as a result of the motion and complaint to intervene. Since the Estate has nothing to offer in support of its claim, there is no reason whatsoever for this court to add it to this litigation especially at this late date.

**F. Public policy concerns mitigate against the Estate's motion.**

Should the court grant the Estate's motion to intervene it will provide precedent to other similarly situated claimants who lack any factual basis for its claim. Allowing spurious claimants to participate in such litigation will only drive up costs, create needless delay and obfuscate matters for those with truly viable claims to the stake.

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<sup>10</sup> See Dkt. #110, Estate motion to intervene at ¶9.

<sup>11</sup> See Dkt. #56-5 at ¶9, Stansbury Motion to Intervene.

**CONCLUSION**

For all of the foregoing reasons (including the reasons set forth by this court in its prior Order of January 14, 2014) this court should deny the Estate's motion to intervene.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned, an attorney, certifies that he caused a copy of the Plaintiff's Memorandum in Opposition to the Estate of Simon Bernstein Motion to Intervene to be served upon the following persons and entities electronically by ECF notification and/or by US Mail (if so indicated):

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In Re\_ The Estate of Shirley Bernstein.txt

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1 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA  
2 PROBATE/GUARDIANSHIP DIVISION IY  
3 CASE NO.: 502011CP000653XXXXSB

4 IN RE: THE ESTATE OF:  
SHIRLEY BERNSTEIN,  
Deceased

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ELIOT IVAN BERNSTEIN, PRO SE,  
6 Petitioner,

vs.

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8 TESCHER & SPALLINA, P.A., (AND ALL PARTNERS,  
ASSOCIATES AND OF COUNSEL); ROBERT L. SPALLINA  
(BOTH PERSONALLY & PROFESSIONALLY); DONALD  
9 R. TESCHER (BOTH PERSONALLY & PROFESSIONALLY);  
THEODORE STUART BERNSTEIN (AS ALLEGED PERSONAL  
10 REPRESENTATIVE, TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE) (BOTH  
PERSONALLY & PROFESSIONALLY); AND JOHN AND JANE  
11 DOE'S (1-5000),  
Respondents.

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13 TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS  
14 BEFORE  
15 THE HONORABLE MARTIN H. COLIN

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17 South County Courthouse  
200 West Atlantic Avenue, Courtroom 8  
18 Delray Beach, Florida 33344

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20 Friday, September 13, 2013  
1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

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24 Stenographically Reported By:  
JESSICA THIBAUT

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1 APPEARANCES

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3 On Behalf of the Petitioner:

4 ELIOT IVAN BERNSTEIN, PRO SE  
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5 Boca Raton, Florida 33434

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7 MR. MANCERI: That's when the order was  
8 signed, yes, your Honor.

9 THE COURT: He filed it, physically came  
10 to court.

11 MR. ELIOT BERNSTEIN: Oh.

12 THE COURT: So let me see when he actually  
13 filed it and signed the paperwork. November.  
14 What date did your dad die?

15 MR. ELIOT BERNSTEIN: September. It's  
16 hard to get through. He does a lot of things  
17 when he's dead.

18 THE COURT: I have all of these waivers by  
19 Simon in November. He tells me Simon was dead  
20 at the time.

21 MR. MANCERI: Simon was dead at the time,  
22 your Honor. The waivers that you're talking  
23 about are waivers from the beneficiaries, I  
24 believe.

25 THE COURT: No, it's waivers of

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1 accountings.

2 MR. MANCERI: Right, by the beneficiaries.

3 THE COURT: Discharge waiver of service of  
4 discharge by Simon, Simon asked that he not  
5 have to serve the petition for discharge.

6 MR. MANCERI: Right, that was in his  
7 petition. When was the petition served?

8 THE COURT: November 21st.

9 MR. SPALLINA: Yeah, it was after his date  
10 of death.

11 THE COURT: Well, how could that happen  
12 legally? How could Simon --

13 MR. MANCERI: Who signed that?

14 THE COURT: -- ask to close and not serve  
15 a petition after he's dead?

16 MR. MANCERI: Your Honor, what happened  
17 was is the documents were submitted with the  
18 waivers originally, and this goes to  
19 Mr. Bernstein's fraud allegation. As you know,  
20 your Honor, you have a rule that you have to  
21 have your waivers notarized. And the original  
22 waivers that were submitted were not notarized,  
23 so they were kicked back by the clerk. They  
24 were then notarized by a staff person from  
25 Tescher and Spallina admittedly in error. They

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1 should not have been notarized in the absentia  
2 of the people who purportedly signed them. And  
3 I'll give you the names of the other siblings,  
4 that would be Pamela, Lisa, Jill, and Ted  
5 Bernstein.

6 THE COURT: So let me tell you because I'm  
7 going to stop all of you folks because I think  
8 you need to be read your Miranda warnings.

9 MR. MANCERI: I need to be read my Miranda  
10 warnings?

11 THE COURT: Everyone of you might have to  
12 be.

13 MR. MANCERI: Okay.

14 THE COURT: Because I'm looking at a  
15 formal document filed here April 9, 2012,  
16 signed by Simon Bernstein, a signature for him.

17 MR. MANCERI: April 9th, right.

18 THE COURT: April 9th, signed by him, and  
19 notarized on that same date by Kimberly. It's  
20 a waiver and it's not filed with The Court  
21 until November 19th, so the filing of it, and  
22 it says to The Court on November 19th, the  
23 undersigned, Simon Bernstein, does this, this,  
24 and this. Signed and notarized on April 9,  
25 2012. The notary said that she witnessed Simon

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1 sign it then, and then for some reason it's not  
2 filed with The Court until after his date of  
3 death with no notice that he was dead at the  
4 time that this was filed.

5 MR. MANCERI: Okay.

6 THE COURT: All right, so stop, that's  
7 enough to give you Miranda warnings. Not you  
8 personally --

9 MR. MANCERI: Okay.

10 THE COURT: Are you involved? Just tell  
11 me yes or no.

12 MR. SPALLINA: I'm sorry?

13 THE COURT: Are you involved in the  
14 transaction?

15 MR. SPALLINA: I was involved as the  
16 lawyer for the estate, yes. It did not come to  
17 my attention until Kimberly Moran came to me  
18 after she received a letter from the Governor's  
19 Office stating that they were investigating  
20 some fraudulent signatures on some waivers that  
21 were signed in connection with the closing of

# **EXHIBIT I**

**DOCKET #188 - SIMON ESTATE (SEE EXHIBIT I)**

**RESP - RESPONSE TO:**

**FILING DATE: 27-JUN-2014**

**FILING PARTY: STANSBURY, WILLIAM E**

**DOCKET TEXT: RESPONSE IN OPPOSITION TO THE APPOINTMENT  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR  
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN RE:

Case No.: 50 2012 CP 004391 SB  
**JUDGE MARTIN COLIN**

ESTATE OF SIMON  
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Division: IY

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COMES NOW Petitioner, William E. Stansbury (“Stansbury”), a creditor and “Interested Person,” pursuant to the §731.201(23) Fla. Stat. (2013), by and through his undersigned counsel, and files this Response in Opposition to the Motion for Appointment of Ted Bernstein as Successor Personal Representative and Motion for the Appointment of an Independent Third Party as Successor Personal Representative and Successor Trustee of the Simon L. Bernstein Amended and Restated Trust Agreement dated July 25, 2014 (the “Revocable Trust.”). In support, Petitioner states as follows:

**I. Stansbury has standing to bring this Response and Motion**

1. When removal of a Personal Representative is at issue, Fla. Prob. R. 5.440 specifically provides that, “... **any interested person, by petition**, may commence a proceeding to remove a personal representative. ...” (Emphasis added.) By logical extension an “interested person” would also have standing to petition the court for, and to participate in the proceedings involving, the appointment of a successor fiduciary.

2. The provisions of §731.201(23), Fla. Stat. (2013) define an “interested person” as:

(23) “Interested person” means any person who may reasonably be expected to be affected by the outcome of the particular proceeding involved...”

3. Stansbury has filed a claim against the Estate of Simon Bernstein (the "Estate") and has sued the Estate in a separate lawsuit styled *William E. Stansbury v. Ted Bernstein, et al*, Case. No. 50 2012 CA 013933 MB AA, Palm Beach County, Florida (the "Stansbury Lawsuit.") A copy of the Statement of Claim is attached as Exhibit "A." A copy of the Second Amended Complaint by Interlineation which forms the basis of the Statement of Claim is attached hereto as Exhibit "B."

4. Stansbury, as a claimant of the Estate, has an interest in ensuring that the successor fiduciary ultimately appointed will act without bias and in the best interests of the creditors and devisees of the Estate. The Fourth District Court of Appeal has recognized that a claimant to an estate is an "interested person" and has standing in a proceeding to approve the personal representative's final accounting and petition for discharge. *See, Arzuman v. Estate of Prince Bander BIN Saud Bin, etc.*, 879 So.2d 675 (Fla. 4<sup>th</sup> DCA 2004).

## **II. Ted Bernstein should not be appointed as Successor Personal Representative**

### **A. Misconduct in the Shirley Bernstein Estate**

5. There are serious allegations of fraud and forgery in the Shirley Bernstein Estate where Ted Bernstein is now the Personal Representative. Documents were submitted to the Court bearing notarized signatures of Simon Bernstein, alleged signatures by him, but on a date after he had passed away.

6. This Court was apprised of these allegations in a hearing conducted September 13, 2013 wherein the Court questioned whether the potential parties involved should be read their Miranda Rights. (*See* Transcript of Proceedings, pages 15 and 16, attached as Exhibit "C.")

7. This Court should not appoint Ted Bernstein to serve as Personal Representative in the Estate of Simon Bernstein under circumstances where allegations of fraud and wrongdoing

are unresolved and arise out of the performance of his fiduciary duties in the estate of his mother, Shirley Bernstein.

**B. The "lost" Insurance Trust**

8. At the time of Simon Bernstein's death, it was determined that there existed a life insurance policy issued by Heritage Mutual Insurance Company ("Heritage") allegedly payable to the Simon Bernstein Irrevocable Insurance Trust as beneficiary (the "Insurance Trust"). According to an SS-4 Application for EIN form submitted to the IRS on June 21, 1995, Shirley Bernstein was represented as Trustee of the Insurance Trust. (See SS-4 Application for EIN as Exhibit "D.")

9. Notwithstanding the earlier SS-4 EIN form, on November 1, 2012, Robert Spallina, one of the resigning Co-Personal Representatives of this Estate, submitted a claim form to Heritage on behalf of the Insurance Trust for the benefit of the grown children of Simon Bernstein. In doing so, Spallina represented that he was the Trustee of the Insurance Trust. (See Exhibit "E") Spallina made this representation despite having informed Heritage by letter shortly thereafter that he was "unable to locate the Simon Bernstein Irrevocable Insurance Trust dated June 1, 1995." (See Exhibit "F" attached.) If the Trust instrument cannot be found, the insurance proceeds would be payable to the Simon Bernstein Estate, and as such, could be available to pay creditors of the Estate such as Stansbury.

10. Spallina, with the knowledge of Ted Bernstein, represented that he was "Trustee" of the Insurance Trust in an effort to collect the insurance proceeds on behalf the Insurance Trust and for the benefit of the grown children of Simon Bernstein, so as to circumvent the Simon Bernstein Estate.

11. Thereafter, Heritage refused to pay the life insurance proceeds to anyone without a court order. The alleged Insurance Trust then sued Heritage in the Circuit Court of Cook

County, Illinois (the case has since been removed to Federal Court). In paragraph 2 of the Complaint, the Plaintiff, the Insurance Trust, although apparently still “lost,” alleges that Ted Bernstein is the “trustee” of the Insurance Trust. Yet, there exists no trust document establishing the continued existence of the Insurance Trust, let alone that Ted is the Trustee. As a result, Ted’s representation, like that of Spallina, appears plainly false and should disqualify him from serving as a fiduciary in the Estate.

**C. Ted Bernstein has Conflicts of Interest ---**

**(a) The Insurance Litigation in Chicago**

12. Ted Bernstein, as well as his siblings (other than Eliot Bernstein) - Lisa Sue Friedstein, Pamela Beth Simon, and Jill Iantoni - have a conflict of interest precluding them from faithfully executing the duties of fiduciary on behalf of the Estate.

13. One of the considerations for removal of a Personal Representative as set forth in §733.504(9) (2013) is, “**(9) Holding or acquiring conflicting or adverse interests against the estate that will or may interfere with the administration of the estate as a whole.**”

14. A trail of e-mails indicates that Ted Bernstein, Lisa Sue Friedstein, Pamela Beth Simon and Jill Iantoni were advocating and scheming to keep the proceeds from the Heritage life insurance policy, as described above in paragraphs 8 thru 11 from being paid to the Estate. The stated purpose of this scheme was to avoid making the life insurance proceeds available to pay creditors of the Estate such as Stansbury. (*See*, selected e-mail messages, attached hereto as Composite Exhibit “G”.) The residuary beneficiaries of the Will, that is, the grandchildren of Simon Bernstein, would also be prejudiced by such a determination.

15. Section 733.602(1), Fla. Stat. (2013), expressly provides that “. . . A personal representative shall use the authority conferred by this code, the authority in the will, if any, and

the authority of any order of the court, **for the best interests of interested persons, including creditors.**” (Emphasis added.)

16. While the ultimate outcome of the adjudication of the issues surrounding the Heritage life insurance proceeds is uncertain, what is clear is that each of the children of Simon Bernstein, other than Eliot Bernstein, have advocated, and continue to advocate a position that is contrary to the best interests of the Estate, its creditors and beneficiaries. These two conflicting and contrary positions between the interests of the children of Simon Bernstein (other than Eliot) and the duty of the successor fiduciary to act in the best interests of the Estate, including the creditors and beneficiaries, render Ted Bernstein, Lisa Sue Friedstein, Pamela Beth Simon and Jill Iantoni unqualified to serve as successor fiduciaries. *See Estate of Bell v. Johnson*, 573 So.2d 57 (Fla. 1<sup>st</sup> DCA, 1990) (conflict between personal representative, in that capacity, and as power of attorney, necessitated removal as personal representative).

**(b) Stansbury’s Lawsuit Against the Estate**

17. The Stansbury Lawsuit filed against the Estate also named as Defendants Ted Bernstein individually and several entities with which Stansbury, Ted Bernstein and Simon Bernstein were associated. On June 9, 2014, through a mediation agreed upon by the parties, Stansbury settled with Ted and some entity Defendants.

18. Allegations of fraud are made against both Ted Bernstein and Simon Bernstein. The remaining Defendant of significance in the case is the Estate. As a consequence, Ted would have absolutely no objectivity serving as Personal Representative of the Estate when evaluating the Stansbury lawsuit.

**D. The Ted Bernstein and Eliot Bernstein Litigation**

19. The animus and “bad blood” that has surfaced between Ted Bernstein and Eliot Bernstein, and to a lesser extent the other Bernstein siblings, makes the selection of any of the

Bernstein siblings as successor Personal Representative ill-advised. Such an appointment would virtually guarantee that the Court's docket and courtroom will be continuously inundated with motions and other activities initiated by the warring factions, all to the detriment of the beneficiaries and creditors of the Estate such as Stansbury.


**E. The Court Should Appoint an Independent Successor Personal Representative.**

20. Stansbury moves this Court for the appointment of an independent, third party Successor Personal Representative that will administer the Estate in an objective, unbiased and fair manner, as set forth in § 733.5061, Fla. Stat. (2013) and in accordance with the procedure set forth in §733.501, Fla. Stat. (2013). Additionally, Stansbury moves this Court to appoint the same independent Successor Personal Representative to be Successor Trustee of the Simon Bernstein Revocable Trust as well.

21. In connection therewith, Stansbury offers the following individuals that have expressed a willingness to serve as both Successor Personal Representative and Trustee of the Revocable Trust:

- (a) Brian O'Connell, Esq.
- (b) Michael Mopsick, Esq.

22. The resumes setting forth the experience and qualifications of the aforementioned individuals are attached hereto as Exhibits "H" and "T".

  
Peter M. Feaman

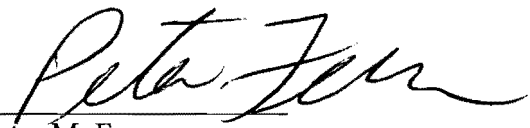


**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that a copy of the foregoing has been furnished to parties listed on the attached Service list by U.S. Mail and via e-mail service at [arose@mrrachek-law.com](mailto:arose@mrrachek-law.com) and [mchandler@mrrachek-law.com](mailto:mchandler@mrrachek-law.com) to Alan Rose, Esq., PAGE, MRACHEK, *Attorneys for Defendants, Ted Bernstein*, 505 So. Flagler Drive, Suite 600, West Palm Beach, FL 33401, and at [courtfilings@pankauskilawfirm.com](mailto:courtfilings@pankauskilawfirm.com) to John J. Pankauski, Esq., PANKAUSKI LAW FIRM, 120 South Olive Avenue, Suite 701, West Palm Beach, FL 33401; Eliot Bernstein, 2753 NW 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Boca Raton, FL 33434, [iviewit@iviewit.tv](mailto:iviewit@iviewit.tv); and William H. Glasko, Esq., Golden Cowan, P.A., PALMETTO BAY LAW CENTER, 17345 S. Dixie Highway, Palmetto Bay, FL 33157, [bill@palmettobaylaw.com](mailto:bill@palmettobaylaw.com); Benjamin P. Brown, Esq., Matwiczuk & Brown, LLP, 625 N. Flagler Drive, Suite 401, West Palm Beach, FL 33401, [bbrown@matbrolaw.com](mailto:bbrown@matbrolaw.com); John P. Morrissey, Esq., 330 Clematis Street, Suite 213, West Palm Beach, FL 33401, [john@jmorrisseylaw.com](mailto:john@jmorrisseylaw.com), Irwin J. Block, Esq., 700 S. Federal Hwy., Suite 200, Boca Raton, FL 33432, [ijb@ijblegal.com](mailto:ijb@ijblegal.com), on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014.

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH  
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IN RE: Case No. 502012CP004391 SB

ESTATE OF SIMON  
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**STATEMENT OF CLAIM BY WILLIAM E. STANSBURY**

The undersigned hereby presents for filing against the above estate this Statement of Claim and alleges:

1. The basis for the claim is the action pending in Palm Beach County, Florida, *Stansbury v. Bernstein, et. al*, Case No. 502012CA 013933XXXX MB (the "Pending Action"). A true and correct copy of the Complaint filed by claimant that initiated the Pending Action is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and is hereby incorporated by reference herein (the "Complaint").

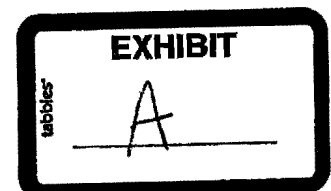
2. The name and address of the claimant are William E. Stansbury, 6920 Caviro Lane, Boynton Beach, Florida 33437, and the name and address of the claimant's attorney is set forth below.

3. The amount of the claim is in excess of \$2.5 million dollars, which the Claimant is entitled to recover under the claims set forth in the Complaint, which amount the Claimant believes is now due.

4. The claim is contingent or unliquidated and uncertain to the extent that the Claimant's claim is dependent on the outcome of the Pending Action. The specific amount of Claimant's claim will be determined in Pending Action and the Claimant expects to recover in excess of \$2.5 million dollars in damages, as well as, but not limited to, treble damages, pre-judgment and post-judgment interest, and costs.

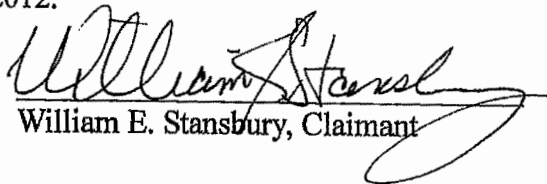
5. The claim is not secured.

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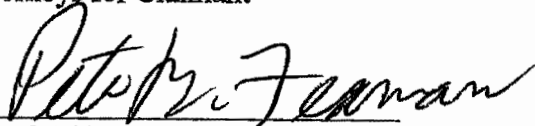


Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing, and the facts alleged are true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed on November 6, 2012.

  
William E. Stansbury, Claimant

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v.

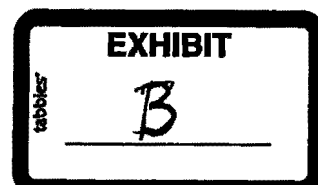
TED S. BERNSTEIN; DONALD TESCHER and  
ROBERT SPALLINA, as co-personal  
representatives of the ESTATE OF SIMON L.  
BERNSTEIN and as co-trustees of the SHIRLEY  
BERNSTEIN TRUST AGREEMENT dated  
May 20, 2008; LIC HOLDINGS, INC.;  
ARBITRAGE INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT, LLC,  
f/k/a ARBITRAGE INTERNATIONAL  
HOLDINGS, LLC; BERNSTEIN FAMILY  
REALTY, LLC,  
Defendants.

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**SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT BY INTERLINEATION**

WILLIAM E. STANSBURY, by and through undersigned counsel, sues the Defendants  
and states:

1. This is an action for money damages in excess of \$15,000, and for equitable relief.
2. Plaintiff (hereinafter referred to as "STANSBURY") is *sui juris*, and a resident of Palm Beach County, Florida.
3. Defendant TED S. BERNSTEIN ("TED BERNSTEIN"), is *sui juris*, and a resident of Palm Beach County, Florida.
4. SIMON L. BERNSTEIN ("SIMON BERNSTEIN") died on or about September 13, 2012, after the filing of the initial Complaint in this action. At the time of his death, SIMON BERNSTEIN was *sui juris*, and was a resident of Palm Beach County, Florida. Defendants



Donald R. Tescher and Robert L. Spallina are serving as co-personal representatives of the ESTATE OF SIMON L. BERNSTEIN (the "ESTATE") which ESTATE is presently open and pending in the Palm Beach County Circuit Court, *In re: Estate of Simon L. Bernstein*, Case No. 502012CP004391XXXXSB (the "Estate Proceeding"). In accordance with Section 733.705, Florida Statutes, STANSBURY hereby brings this independent action against the ESTATE with respect to his Statement of Claim that was filed and objected to in the Estate Proceeding.

5. Defendant, LIC HOLDINGS, INC. ("LIC Holdings") is a Florida corporation with its principal place of business in Palm Beach County, Florida.

6. Defendant, ARBITRAGE INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT, LLC, formerly known as ARBITRAGE INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, LLC, ("ARBITRAGE") is a Florida limited liability company with its principal place of business in Palm Beach County, Florida.

7. Defendant, BERNSTEIN FAMILY REALTY, LLC is a Florida limited liability company doing business in Palm Beach County.

8. Defendant, the SHIRLEY BERNSTEIN TRUST AGREEMENT dated May 20, 2008 ("SHIRLEY'S TRUST"), owns real property in Palm Beach County, Florida. Based upon information and belief, Donald R. Tescher and Robert L. Spallina are serving as co-trustees of SHIRLEY'S TRUST. This Court has personal jurisdiction over the trustees and the beneficiaries of SHIRLEY'S TRUST under Section 736.0202, Florida Statutes, as the principal place of administration of SHIRLEY'S TRUST is in Palm Beach County, Florida. This court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action under Section 736.0203, Florida Statutes. Venue is proper in Palm Beach County, Florida, under Section 736.0204, Florida Statutes, as the principal place of administration of SHIRLEY'S TRUST is in Palm Beach County, Florida and one or more of the beneficiaries of SHIRLEY'S TRUST reside in Palm Beach County, Florida.

9. The acts and incidents giving rise to the causes of action alleged herein arose in Palm Beach County, Florida.

### **General Allegations**

10. STANSBURY has worked in the insurance industry for virtually all of his adult life. After 30 years, he had become well-known and highly regarded by major insurance companies, their principals and others throughout the insurance industry, at all levels thereof, as well as by professionals, including attorneys, CPA's, financial advisors, wealth managers and others who were involved in serving, or otherwise dealing with insurers, insurance brokers and life insurance products.

11. SIMON BERNSTEIN dealt at sophisticated levels of the insurance industry and specialized in developing and marketing insurance concepts suitable for persons of high net worth to incorporate into their wealth management and estate planning.

12. TED BERNSTEIN, the son of SIMON BERNSTEIN, was also actively involved in selling life insurance products in conjunction with attorneys, CPAs and other professionals, to be incorporated into high net worth individuals' financial and estate planning.

13. TED BERNSTEIN, acting on his behalf and on behalf of, and in concert with, SIMON BERNSTEIN, approached STANSBURY in 2003, urging STANSBURY to spearhead the marketing of a unique insurance concept, newly developed by a prominent law firm, which was designed for use in the financial and estate planning of high net worth individuals.

14. TED BERNSTEIN told STANSBURY that he knew of STANSBURY's expertise and reputation in the insurance and related industries and that STANSBURY was skilled at and accustomed to speaking and marketing insurance products to groups of professionals. He realized that STANSBURY, because of his knowledge, reputation and abilities, would be well suited to market this concept nationwide through prominent and experienced professionals.

15. In 2006, SIMON BERNSTEIN and TED BERNSTEIN (collectively, "BERNSTEIN" or the "BERNSTEINS") formed, as sole shareholders, Defendants LIC Holdings and ARBITRAGE for the purpose of marketing and selling certain life insurance products to high net worth individuals for their wealth management and estate planning needs.

16. STANSBURY agreed to become an employee of LIC Holdings, Inc. and ARBITRAGE and agreed to a salary of 15% of net retained commissions received on all products sold, including renewals. STANSBURY at this time was responsible for, among other duties, calculating, on a monthly basis, the commissions due him in connection with new business generated in the current year and renewals on business generated in previous years.

17. STANSBURY worked with diligence and skill, traveling throughout the United States, generating ever-increasing sales and generating very large commissions. By 2006, nationwide sales were resulting in substantial commissions on new policies and renewal commissions.

18. Also in 2006, SIMON BERNSTEIN, acting on his behalf and on behalf of, and in concert with, TED BERNSTEIN, told STANSBURY that STANSBURY was being rewarded for his efforts and the explosive growth of the business, such that he would receive a 10% ownership interest in LIC Holdings, Inc. SIMON BERNSTEIN and TED BERNSTEIN, collectively, were majority shareholders while STANSBURY was a minority shareholder in LIC Holdings, Inc.

19. STANSBURY has sued both LIC Holdings and ARBITRAGE because the BERNSTEINS represented that his employment relationship was with LIC Holdings, the company in which he owned a 10% interest, but STANSBURY'S W-2 statements were issued by ARBITRAGE as his employer.

20. In February of 2008, SIMON BERNSTEIN, acting on his behalf and on behalf of, and in concert with TED BERNSTEIN, approached STANSBURY and told him his time would

be better spent building the business rather than performing monthly calculations of income. The plan proposed was that, rather than STANSBURY performing computations on a monthly basis as to how much should be paid to him based upon 15% of the net retained commissions derived from both new policies sold and renewals from previous years, the BERNSTEINS and STANSBURY all would forego monthly payouts and defer compensation until the end of 2008, when year-end computations could be made. It was represented that in December, year-end computations would be made and salaries would be paid in December 2008 or January of 2009. It was specifically represented to STANSBURY that:

a) neither SIMON BERNSTEIN, TED BERNSTEIN nor STANSBURY would take any compensation during fiscal year 2008 but rather they all would wait until the year-end accounting was performed in December of 2008 or January, 2009;

b) SIMON BERNSTEIN, TED BERNSTEIN, and STANSBURY would each be paid a minimum salary of \$1,000,000 at year end, and STANSBURY'S salary was to be applied against his earned commissions of 15%. Any compensation due STANSBURY over and above the \$1,000,000 would be paid as a distribution on his stock ownership interest in LIC Holdings.

21. In January of 2008, STANSBURY was paid \$420,018 for commissions earned on some 2007 sales. However, STANSBURY was not, and has never been, paid the commissions due him on sales in 2008 and thereafter, and he was not and has never been paid the renewal commissions due him on sales made in previous years that were paid to LIC Holdings or ARBITRAGE in 2008 and thereafter, other than a nominal payment of \$30,000 made in 2010.

22. When STANSBURY was not paid as agreed in late 2008/2009 and thereafter, SIMON BERNSTEIN and TED BERNSTEIN, on behalf of and in concert with each other, stated to STANSBURY that salary and ownership distributions due and owing to SIMON BERNSTEIN, TED BERNSTEIN and STANSBURY would be deferred to a future time. This



deferral of payment was represented to be important because, as a result of the virtual collapse of the capital lending markets in 2008, it was necessary to retain the funds in the corporate bank accounts to demonstrate to potential lenders the financial stability of the companies.

23. The false statements set forth in paragraphs 18 through 21, above, were made by SIMON BERNSTEIN and TED BERNSTEIN, in concert with each other, with knowledge of their falsity and with the intention of never to fulfilling such promises.

24. Despite the representations to STANSBURY set forth above to the contrary, SIMON BERNSTEIN and TED BERNSTEIN, as officers and majority shareholders of LIC Holdings and ARBITRAGE, authorized LIC Holdings and/or ARBITRAGE to pay themselves \$3,756,229.00 and \$5,225,825.00, respectively, in 2008. Contrary to the representations made as set forth in paragraph 20, STANSBURY received no compensation for first year commissions and renewal commissions due him in 2008.

25. The net retained commissions by LIC Holdings and ARBITRAGE, not including renewals, for 2008 were approximately \$13,442,549.00. As such, STANSBURY was entitled to, at the very minimum, 15% of \$13,442,549.00, or \$2,016,382.35.

26. Beginning late in 2007 or early in 2008, and continuing through at least 2012, LIC Holdings and/or ARBITRAGE became the alter ego of SIMON BERNSTEIN and TED BERNSTEIN, as officers and majority shareholders, in that they disregarded corporate structure and wrongfully diverted, converted and depleted corporate assets of LIC Holdings and ARBITRAGE for their own personal benefit and the benefit of Bernstein family trusts and other entities as more specifically set forth below. Those trusts have since invested some of these wrongfully diverted and converted corporate assets in real estate, also as more particularly set forth below. The wrongful action of SIMON BERNSTEIN and TED BERNSTEIN in diverting and converting corporate assets rendered LIC Holdings, and possibly ARBITRAGE, insolvent.

27. Throughout 2009, SIMON BERNSTEIN and TED BERNSTEIN continued to make false statements to STANSBURY to hide the fact that LIC Holdings and/or ARBITRAGE was their alter ego, in that they converted corporate property and corporate assets of LIC and/or ARBITRAGE for their own personal benefit in 2008, 2009 and thereafter, all to the exclusion and financial detriment of STANSBURY, all the while fraudulently representing to STANSBURY that no money was being paid as salary or distributions to SIMON BERNSTEIN, TED BERNSTEIN or STANSBURY because it was necessary to hold the funds in the corporate bank accounts to show to potential lenders the financial stability of the company.

28. STANSBURY relied upon these continuing misrepresentations of Defendants to his detriment. Because STANSBURY was told that potential funding sources for the business needed to see that capital of the company was available, he took no action when he did not receive any compensation for 2009 and was paid only \$30,000 in 2010.

29. In order to continue their scheme to defraud, SIMON BERNSTEIN and TED BERNSTEIN failed and refused to account for renewal commissions and failed to supply any financial information to STANSBURY concerning LIC Holdings or ARBITRAGE.

30. In furtherance of their scheme to deprive STANSBURY of salary he had earned and shareholder distributions to which he was entitled, SIMON BERNSTEIN and TED BERNSTEIN intercepted mail addressed to STANSBURY, removing commission checks representing commissions due to STANSBURY, deposited the funds into their own accounts and otherwise converted the funds. SIMON BERNSTEIN and TED BERNSTEIN also opened STANSBURY's mail containing checks payable to him which were unrelated to them and the businesses.

31. In December, 2011 STANSBURY had been battling a painful and debilitating disease that could only be managed through the administration of potentially harmful

prescription medications. On December 22, 2011, the Defendants BERNSTEIN, with knowledge of STANSBURY's health issues and his debilitated condition, decided to take advantage of and deceive STANSBURY further. STANSBURY had for years been given K-1 statements reflecting his 10% ownership of LIC Holdings. At that time, TED BERNSTEIN told STANSBURY that the company accountant had discovered a potential significant taxable event which could cause STANSBURY, as one of the owners of LIC Holdings to pay taxes on phantom income. TED BERNSTEIN promised that if STANSBURY would sign a paper ceding his 10% interest in LIC Holdings, he would not have to pay the tax if in fact the tax was due. TED BERNSTEIN promised he would hold the paper, promising it would not become operative until STANSBURY and the Defendants BERNSTEIN discussed the situation further in the first quarter of 2012.

32. Because of the misrepresentations, willful concealments of material facts, duplicity and deceit practiced by Defendants upon STANSBURY, STANSBURY reasonably believed that Defendants had complied, or intended to comply with their obligations to STANSBURY under the contract between them. STANSBURY, therefore, was prevented from knowing for a period of years that the causes of action asserted herein existed.

33. By the second quarter of 2012, STANSBURY developed the belief that the BERNSTEINS' representations over the years were wholly false and he sought legal counsel.

34. STANSBURY has retained the law firm of Peter M. Feaman, P.A. and has agreed to pay it a reasonable fee for its services rendered herein.

**COUNT I - ACCOUNTING**  
**(Against LIC Holdings and ARBITRAGE, for Accounting)**

35. STANSBURY hereby reiterates and incorporates herein by reference, as if fully restated herein, preceding paragraphs 1 through 34, inclusive.

36. The relationship between STANSBURY and the Defendants, particularly as affected by Defendants' acts described in preceding paragraphs 19 through 27 created a situation where Defendants had sole access to receipts generated by STANSBURY's efforts, and to books and records reflecting said receipts and the other information from which can be calculated all moneys due to STANSBURY under his arrangement with Defendants.

37. The period of time during which STANSBURY has been deprived of monies due him spans approximately four and a half years. The various sources of revenue to Defendants of monies from which the amounts due STANSBURY may be calculated, the manner in which STANSBURY was to be paid, and the amount due STANSBURY all involve extensive and complicated accounts, and STANSBURY's remedy at law cannot be as full, adequate and expeditious as it is in equity.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff STANSBURY prays for an adjudication of Plaintiff's right to a full and complete accounting from Defendants, LIC Holdings and ARBITRAGE, and for such orders of Court as will require such Defendants to provide STANSBURY with all records and copies of documents from January 1, 2006 to the present, in order to reveal his right to, and the amount of all sums: (a) received as commissions to which STANSBURY was entitled to a share; (b) due to STANSBURY, whether paid or not; (c) paid to STANSBURY, whether for commissions, salary, distributions, expenses or any other reason; (d) paid to each of the BERNSTEIN Defendants out of monies received as commissions; (e) deposits of any and all moneys received as commissions by any Defendants to any accounts, including the name of the entity whose account was involved, the number(s) of each such account; the address of the branch or other facility through which any Defendant dealt with such entity; (f) calculations as to moneys paid, to be paid, or not to be paid to STANSBURY, together with an award of court costs and such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

**COUNT II - BREACH OF ORAL CONTRACT**  
**(Against LIC Holdings, Inc., ARBITRAGE, SIMON BERNSTEIN and TED BERNSTEIN)**

38. Plaintiff hereby reiterates and incorporates herein by reference, as if fully restated herein, preceding paragraphs 1 through 34, inclusive.

39. The arrangement between STANSBURY and Defendants, as described in paragraphs 13 through 28 above, constituted a contract between them.

40. An express term of that contract involved the commitment of LIC Holdings and ARBITRAGE to calculate and pay to STANSBURY all sums due to him under the contract, whether as commissions, salary, distributions, expenses or any other reason.

41. The Defendants initially performed the duties required of them under said contract.

42. However, Defendants breached their contract with STANSBURY by withholding from STANSBURY monies due him under the contract for renewal commissions earned in 2007 and commissions and renewal commissions earned in 2008 and thereafter.

43. The withholding of such monies constitutes a material breach of the contract between STANSBURY and LIC Holdings and ARBITRAGE.

44. STANSBURY has sued both LIC Holdings and ARBITRAGE because the BERNSTEINS represented that his employment relationship was with LIC Holdings, the company in which he owned a 10% interest, but STANSBURY'S W-2 statements were issued by ARBITRAGE as his employer.

45. SIMON BERNSTEIN and TED BERNSTEIN are personally liable, jointly and severally, for the material breach of the oral employment contract with STANSBURY as LIC Holdings and/or ARBITRAGE were the alter ego of SIMON BERNSTEIN and TED

BERNSTEIN in that the BERNSTEINS depleted corporate assets for their personal benefit by causing the corporation or corporations to make exorbitant and inappropriate distributions to themselves, family members, and BERNSTEIN family trusts and other entities, at the expense of corporate creditors such as STANSBURY, to wit:

a) SIMON BERNSTEIN and TED BERNSTEIN caused LIC Holdings and/or ARBITRAGE to pay to them at least \$3,756,229.00 and \$5,225,825.00, respectively, in fiscal 2008 during which time STANSBURY, other than the amount referenced in paragraph 21, was paid nothing;

b) According to Palm Beach County public records, in December of 2007 TED BERNSTEIN purchased a property at 880 Berkeley Street, Boca Raton, Florida 33487, for \$4,400,000;

c) According to Palm Beach County public records, on December 28, 2008, TED BERNSTEIN paid off the mortgage in the amount of \$486,400.00 on a property he owned at 15807 Menton Bay Court, Saturnia Isles, Delray Beach, Florida 33446;

d) According to Palm Beach County public records, SIMON BERNSTEIN paid off the mortgage on property he and his wife owned, and subsequently transferred by quitclaim deed on May 20, 2008 to the trustee of SHIRLEY'S TRUST, at 7020 Lions Head Lane, Boca Raton, Florida, 33496. The amount of the mortgage pay-off is unknown, but in 2013 the property was listed for sale at \$2,399,000;

e) According to Palm Beach County public records, on June 18, 2008, BERNSTEIN FAMILY REALTY, LLC acquired a property located at 2753 N.W. 34 Street, Boca Madera Unit 2, Boca Raton, Florida 33432 (the "Boca Madera Property"). On July 8, 2008, SIMON BERNSTEIN loaned \$365,000 to BERNSTEIN FAMILY REALTY, LLC. The specific

purpose of the loan is unknown, but SIMON BERNSTEIN received a mortgage on the Boca Madera Property to secure the loan;

f) According to Palm Beach County public records, on May 20, 2008 SIMON BERNSTEIN and his wife transferred by quitclaim deed to the trustee of SHIRLEY'S TRUST a 4,220 square foot oceanfront condominium unit in a complex known as "The Aragon" in Boca Raton, located at 2494 South Ocean Boulevard, Boca Raton, Florida. The mortgage on that property was paid off on September 27, 2010.

g) The legal descriptions for each of the above referenced properties are attached hereto as Exhibit "B."

46. There is due to STANSBURY from such Defendants all amounts due under said contract, together with prejudgment and post-judgment interest on said amounts.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against SIMON BERNSTEIN and TED BERNSTEIN declaring that Defendants, LIC Holdings, Inc. and ARBITRAGE INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT, LLC, are or were the alter ego of SIMON BERNSTEIN and TED BERNSTEIN such that the corporate veil of LIC Holdings and/or ARBITRAGE should be pierced; for judgment against Defendants, LIC Holdings, Inc., ARBITRAGE INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT, LLC, SIMON BERNSTEIN and TED BERNSTEIN, jointly and severally, in excess of \$1,500,000.00 for the amounts due to Plaintiff under the terms of their contract, together with prejudgment and post-judgment interest; for his court costs herein expended and for such other relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

**COUNT III - FRAUD IN THE INDUCEMENT- EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT**  
**(Against SIMON BERNSTEIN and TED BERNSTEIN)**

47. Plaintiff hereby reiterates and incorporates herein by reference, as if fully restated herein, preceding paragraphs 1 through 34, inclusive.

48. At all material times hereto, SIMON BERNSTEIN and TED BERNSTEIN were officers and majority shareholders of LIC Holdings and ARBITRAGE.

49. The statements set forth in paragraphs 18 through 24, above, made by SIMON BERNSTEIN and TED BERNSTEIN, on behalf of and in concert with each other, and as officers and majority shareholders of LIC Holdings and ARBITRAGE, were false statements of material fact that SIMON BERNSTEIN and TED BERNSTEIN knew to be false at the time they were made, as SIMON BERNSTEIN and TED BERNSTEIN never intended to authorize LIC Holdings or ARBITRAGE to pay to STANSBURY the amounts due him as evidenced by the fact that the accountant for LIC Holdings and ARBITRAGE prepared financial worksheets for 2008 showing that the BERNSTEINS would receive compensation, but STANSBURY would not, for fiscal 2008, in direct contravention to their statements and promises to STANSBURY.

50. SIMON BERNSTEIN and TED BERNSTEIN intended for STANSBURY to rely on such statements that he would be ultimately be paid for his productivity in order to induce him into continuing his productive and revenue-generating sales activity as an employee of LIC Holding and/or ARBITRAGE and fraudulently created for STANSBURY the false expectation that STANSBURY would be paid as agreed.

51. STANSBURY in fact relied to his detriment on these false statements and was induced thereby to remain in his employment relationship with LIC Holdings and ARBITRAGE as he continued to sell, with the expectation of payment, products and generate revenue for LIC Holdings and/or ARBITRAGE until 2012, and was further induced not to pursue from LIC Holdings and/ARBITRAGE his right to payment of all amounts due him until after SIMON BERNSTEIN and TED BERNSTEIN had diverted and converted corporate assets for their personal benefit, rendering LIC Holdings, and possibly ARBITRAGE, insolvent.



52. STANSBURY was injured thereby as he was not and has not been compensated for his revenue-generating sales and other performance, and did not seek alternative employment, as a proximate result of his detrimental reliance on these false statements.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendants SIMON BERNSTEIN and TED BERNSTEIN, jointly and severally, for damages in excess of \$1,500,000.00 together with prejudgment and post-judgment interest; for the imposition of an equitable lien and constructive trust on the Bernstein real estate described in paragraph 45 and Exhibit "B" as more fully set forth in Counts VII and VIII of this Second Amended Complaint; for his court costs herein expended; and for such other relief as the Court may deem just and proper. STANSBURY reserves the right to move to amend to request punitive damages in accordance with Florida Law.

**COUNT IV - FRAUD IN THE INDUCEMENT -  
CEDING OF LIC HOLDINGS OWNERSHIP INTEREST  
(Against Ted Bernstein and LIC Holdings, Inc.)**

53. Plaintiff hereby reiterates and incorporates herein by reference, as if fully restated herein, preceding paragraphs 1 through 34, inclusive.

54. In the fourth quarter of 2011, TED BERNSTEIN embarked upon a plan to defraud from STANSBURY his 10% ownership interest in LIC Holdings, Inc. As set forth in paragraph 31 above, Defendant TED BERNSTEIN fraudulently induced STANSBURY to prepare and sign a document giving up his 10% interest in and to LIC Holdings, Inc.

55. The ceding of his shares in LIC Holdings, Inc. was procured by fraud and STANSBURY relied upon the representations made by BERNSTEIN with regard to signing the document apparently ceding his stock.

56. It was reasonable for STANSBURY to rely on the representations made by BERNSTEIN because at that time STANSBURY was unaware of the breaches of fiduciary duty and breaches of the oral contract that had taken place.

57. As a result of STANSBURY's reliance, STANSBURY has been damaged by the loss of 10% of the shares of LIC Holdings and the rights and remedies to a shareholder related thereto.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for a judgment for damages against Defendants BERNSTEIN and LIC Holdings, Inc. for the damages caused by the fraudulent conduct of BERNSTEIN as described herein, together with reasonable costs, pre-judgment interest and any other relief this Court deems just and proper.

**COUNT V - CIVIL CONSPIRACY**  
**(Against Simon Bernstein and Ted Bernstein)**

58. Plaintiff hereby reiterates and incorporates herein by reference, as if fully restated herein, preceding paragraphs 1 through 34, and Counts III and IV, paragraphs 47 through 57, inclusive.

59. SIMON BERNSTEIN and TED BERNSTEIN, individually and as officers and majority shareholders of LIC Holdings and ARBITRAGE, knowingly, willfully, intentionally, and maliciously conspired, agreed, combined and confederated with each other to make fraudulent, false and misleading statements to STANSBURY intended to induce STANSBURY to continue his employment relationship with LIC Holdings and/or ARBITRAGE during 2008 and thereafter, without ever intending to authorize payment to STANSBURY for the amounts he was due, a relationship that generated substantial revenue for LIC Holdings and/or ARBITRAGE and, ultimately, SIMON BERNSTEIN and TED BERNSTEIN.

60. SIMON BERNSTEIN and TED BERNSTEIN, individually and as officers and majority shareholders of LIC Holdings and ARBITRAGE, knowingly, willfully, intentionally, and maliciously conspired, agreed, combined and confederated with each other to make fraudulent, false and misleading statements to STANSBURY intended to induce STANSBURY to delay pursuing his right to payment for all amounts due him until such time after SIMON BERNSTEIN and TED BERNSTEIN had converted and diverted corporate assets rendering LIC Holdings, and possibly ARBITRAGE, insolvent and uncollectible.

61. SIMON BERNSTEIN and TED BERNSTEIN, individually and as officers and majority shareholders of LIC Holdings and ARBITRAGE, knowingly, willfully, intentionally, and maliciously conspired, agreed, combined and confederated with each other to fraudulently induce STANSBURY, through false and misleading statements, to surrender and cede, without fair value payment, his 10% interest in LIC Holdings.

62. The numerous fraudulent, false and misleading statements made by SIMON BERNSTEIN and TED BERNSTEIN were all overt acts in furtherance of the conspiracy.

63. STANSBURY was injured thereby in that, as a proximate result of the conspiratorial conduct of SIMON BERNSTEIN and TED BERNSTEIN, he continued in his employment with LIC Holdings and/or ARBITRAGE, without payment of the compensation due him, he delayed pursuit of his right to collect the amounts due him, and ceded his 10% interest in LIC Holdings.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendants, SIMON BERNSTEIN and TED BERNSTEIN, jointly and severally, for damages in excess of \$1,500,000.00 together with prejudgment and post-judgment interest; for the imposition of an equitable lien and constructive trust on the Bernstein real estate described in paragraph 45 and Exhibit "B" as more fully set forth in Counts VII and VIII of this Second Amended Complaint;

for his court costs herein expended; and for such other relief as the Court may deem just and proper. STANSBURY reserves the right to move to amend to request punitive damages in accordance with Florida Law.

**COUNT VI - CIVIL THEFT**  
**(AGAINST ARBITRAGE INTERNATIONAL MARKETING, LLC)**

64. Plaintiff hereby reiterates and incorporates herein by reference, as if fully restated herein, preceding paragraphs 1 through 34, inclusive.

65. This is an action for Civil Theft under Chapter 772, Florida Statutes, more specifically §772.11, Fla.Stat.

66. In February, 2012 and March, 2012, Defendant ARBITRAGE intercepted two separate checks made payable to William STANSBURY intended as payment to STANSBURY for matters arising wholly outside his business transactions with the BERNSTEINS, LIC Holdings and ARBITRAGE.

67. Notwithstanding that the checks made payable to William STANSBURY was for sums due STANSBURY by a third party not in connection with the aforesaid business transactions, ARBITRAGE and/or someone acting on its behalf, caused the negotiation of STANSBURY's checks, wrongfully endorsing the checks and retaining the sums that should have been payable to STANSBURY.

68. As a result of the foregoing, Defendant ARBITRAGE has been guilty of criminal theft by conversion with the criminal intent to steal his money and deprive STANSBURY of his possession and use thereof.

69. Written demand for payment of all amounts due STANSBURY has been made to Defendants, more than 30 days preceding the filing of this Complaint, to no avail. A copy of the demand letter is attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendant, ARBITRAGE for three times the full amount of the checks made payable to STANSBURY, together with pre-judgment interest and post-judgment interest, attorneys' fees, court costs and any other relief this Court deems just and proper.

#### **COUNT VII - CONVERSION**

70. Plaintiff hereby reiterates and incorporates herein by reference, as if fully restated herein, preceding paragraphs 1 through 34, inclusive.

71. Further, during 2012, Defendants TED BERNSTEIN, SIMON BERNSTEIN, LIC Holdings, Inc., ARBITRAGE, or someone acting on their behalves, received and cashed in excess of \$30,000.00 worth of commission checks otherwise payable to Plaintiff.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment for damages against Defendant, ABRITRAGE, SIMON BERNSTEIN, LIC Holdings, Inc. and TED BERNSTEIN, together with pre-judgment interest and post-judgment interest, court costs and any other relief this Court deems just and proper.

#### **COUNT VIII - UNJUST ENRICHMENT** **(LIC HOLDINGS, ARBITRAGE, SIMON BERNSTEIN and TED BERNSTEIN)**

72. Plaintiff hereby reiterates and incorporates herein by reference, as if fully restated herein, paragraphs 1 through 34, inclusive, and the allegations of Count III.

73. STANSBURY conferred a benefit on LIC Holdings, ARBITRAGE, SIMON BERNSTEIN and TED BERNSTEIN by continuing his employment relationship with LIC Holdings and/or ARBITRAGE as a direct and proximate result of the fraudulent representations of SIMON BERNSTEIN and TED BERNSTEIN, as more fully set forth in Count III herein.

74. STANSBURY's continued employment resulted in the generation of substantial revenue for LIC Holdings and/or ARBITRAGE, which was then diverted and converted by the BERNSTEINS for their own personal use to the financial detriment of STANSBURY.

75. LIC Holdings, ARBITRAGE, SIMON BERNSTEIN and TED BERNSTEIN, as officers and majority shareholders of LIC Holdings and ARBITRAGE, had knowledge of the benefit of STANSBURY's continued employment with LIC Holdings and/or ARBITRAGE as they fraudulently induced STANSBURY to continue his productive employment activity while never intending to pay him the compensation he was due.

76. LIC Holdings, ARBITRAGE, SIMON BERNSTEIN and TED BERNSTEIN accepted the revenues generated by STANSBURY in his capacity as employee.

77. There exists no adequate remedy at law as the conduct of the BERNSTEINS in diverting and converting the corporate assets of LIC Holdings and/or ARBITRAGE has resulted in the insolvency of LIC Holdings and possibly ARBITRAGE.

78. The circumstances are such that it would be inequitable for LIC Holdings, ARBITRAGE, SIMON BERNSTEIN and TED BERNSTEIN to retain the benefits of the STANSBURY's productive revenue-generating labor without paying fair value for it.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendants, LIC Holdings, Inc., ARBITRAGE INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT, LLC, SIMON BERNSTEIN and TED BERNSTEIN, jointly and severally, in an amount in excess of \$1,500,000.00 which the evidence shows Plaintiff is entitled for the fair value of the services Plaintiff provided to LIC Holdings and ARBITRAGE, together with prejudgment and post-judgment interest; for his court costs herein expended and for such other relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

**COUNT IX - EQUITABLE LIEN**  
**(AS TO SIMON BERNSTEIN, TED BERNSTEIN, BERNSTEIN FAMILY REALTY, LLC and SHIRLEY BERNSTEIN TRUST AGREEMENT)**

79. Plaintiff hereby reiterates and incorporates herein by reference, as if fully restated herein, the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 34, paragraph 45 and Counts III and VII, above.

80. STANSBURY has alleged essential facts in his General Allegations and Count III that show that SIMON BERNSTEIN and TED BERNSTEIN committed fraud by fraudulently inducing STANSBURY to continue in an employment relationship that proved to be highly lucrative for SIMON BERNSTEIN and TED BERNSTEIN.

81. STANSBURY has alleged essential facts in his General Allegations and Count VII that show that SIMON BERNSTEIN and TED BERNSTEIN were unjustly enriched by STANSBURY's uncompensated continued employment with LIC Holdings and/or ARBITRAGE.

82. The conduct of the BERNSTEINS in depleting the corporate assets of LIC Holdings and ARBITRAGE for their personal benefit by causing the corporation or corporations to make exorbitant and inappropriate distributions to themselves, family members, and BERNSTEIN FAMILY REALTY, LLC and SHIRLEY BERNSTEIN TRUST AGREEMENT, at the expense of corporate creditors such as STANSBURY, rendered LIC Holdings and possibly ARBITRAGE insolvent. Therefore STANSBURY has no adequate remedy at law.

83. BERNSTEIN FAMILY REALTY, LLC and SHIRLEY BERNSTEIN TRUST AGREEMENT were the transferees of some of the corporate assets of LIC Holdings and/or ARBITRAGE wrongfully diverted and converted by the BERNSTEIN and thus are proper parties to this action and this Count.

84. An equitable lien on the real estate described in paragraph 45 herein and Exhibit "B" attached hereto is justified as an equitable remedy for the wrongful conduct of the BERNSTEINS.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for the Court to declare and establish an equitable lien in favor of Plaintiff in an amount equal to the funds wrongfully diverted, on the property described in paragraph 45 and Exhibit "B" attached hereto, and on all other assets of the Defendants named in this Count IX, or third parties as yet unknown, which assets have been purchased wholly or in part, improved or benefitted by the diverted funds due Plaintiff, together with his costs herein expended, and such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

**COUNT X - CONSTRUCTIVE TRUST**  
**(AS TO SIMON BERNSTEIN, TED BERNSTEIN, BERNSTEIN FAMILY**  
**REALTY, LLC and SHIRLEY BERNSTEIN TRUST AGREEMENT)**

85. Plaintiff hereby reiterates and incorporates herein by reference, as if fully restated herein, preceding paragraphs 79 through 84 above.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for the Court to declare and establish a constructive trust in favor of Plaintiff on the property described in paragraph 45 and Exhibit "B" attached hereto in an amount equal to the funds wrongfully diverted and on all assets of Defendants or third parties as yet unknown, which assets have been purchased wholly or partly, improved or mortgaged by the diversion of said funds due Plaintiff. Plaintiff further prays for an award of court costs and such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

**JURY DEMAND**

86. Plaintiff reiterates his demand for trial by jury on all issues so triable.

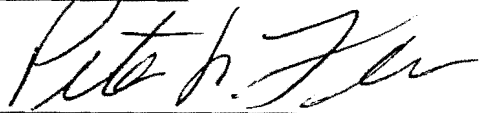


**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing has been forwarded via e-mail service at [mrmlaw@comcast.net](mailto:mrmlaw@comcast.net); and [mrmlaw1@gmail.com](mailto:mrmlaw1@gmail.com) to Mark R. Manceri, Esq., Mark R. Manceri, P.A., *Attorney for Donald Tescher and Robert Spallina as Co-Personal Representatives*, 2929 E. Commercial Blvd., Suite 702, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308; at [arose@pm-law.com](mailto:arose@pm-law.com) and [mchandler@pm-law.com](mailto:mchandler@pm-law.com) to Alan Rose, Esq., PAGE, MRACHEK, *Attorneys for Defendants, Ted Bernstein, LIC Holdings, Inc. and Arbitrage International Management, LLC*, 505 So. Flagler Drive, Suite 600, West Palm Beach, FL 33401, on this 20 day of November, 2013.

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1 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA  
2 PROBATE/GUARDIANSHIP DIVISION IY  
3 CASE NO.: 502011CP000653XXXXSB

4 IN RE: THE ESTATE OF:  
SHIRLEY BERNSTEIN,  
Deceased

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ELIOT IVAN BERNSTEIN, PRO SE,  
6 Petitioner,

7 vs.

8 TESCHER & SPALLINA, P.A., (AND ALL PARTNERS,  
ASSOCIATES AND OF COUNSEL); ROBERT L. SPALLINA  
(BOTH PERSONALLY & PROFESSIONALLY); DONALD  
9 R. TESCHER (BOTH PERSONALLY & PROFESSIONALLY);  
THEODORE STUART BERNSTEIN (AS ALLEGED PERSONAL  
10 REPRESENTATIVE, TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE) (BOTH  
PERSONALLY & PROFESSIONALLY); AND JOHN AND JANE  
11 DOE'S (1-5000),  
Respondents.

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13 TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS  
14 BEFORE  
15 THE HONORABLE MARTIN H. COLIN

16 South County Courthouse  
17 200 West Atlantic Avenue, Courtroom 8  
18 Delray Beach, Florida 33344

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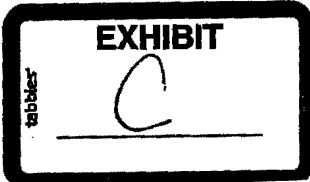
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5 Boca Raton, Florida 33434  
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8 MR. MANCERI: That's when the order was  
9 signed, yes, your Honor.

10 THE COURT: He filed it, physically came  
11 to court.

12 MR. ELIOT BERNSTEIN: Oh.

13 THE COURT: So let me see when he actually  
14 filed it and signed the paperwork. November.  
15 What date did your dad die?

16 MR. ELIOT BERNSTEIN: September. It's  
17 hard to get through. He does a lot of things  
18 when he's dead.

19 THE COURT: I have all of these waivers by  
20 Simon in November. He tells me Simon was dead  
21 at the time.

22 MR. MANCERI: Simon was dead at the time,  
23 your Honor. The waivers that you're talking  
24 about are waivers from the beneficiaries, I  
25 believe.

THE COURT: No, it's waivers of

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1 accountings.

2 MR. MANCERI: Right, by the beneficiaries.

3 THE COURT: Discharge waiver of service of  
4 discharge by Simon, Simon asked that he not  
5 have to serve the petition for discharge.

6 MR. MANCERI: Right, that was in his  
7 petition. When was the petition served?

8 THE COURT: November 21st.

9 MR. SPALLINA: Yeah, it was after his date  
10 of death.

11 THE COURT: Well, how could that happen  
12 legally? How could Simon --

13 MR. MANCERI: Who signed that?

14 THE COURT: -- ask to close and not serve  
15 a petition after he's dead?

16 MR. MANCERI: Your Honor, what happened  
17 was is the documents were submitted with the  
18 waivers originally, and this goes to  
19 Mr. Bernstein's fraud allegation. As you know,  
20 your Honor, you have a rule that you have to  
21 have your waivers notarized. And the original  
22 waivers that were submitted were not notarized,  
23 so they were kicked back by the clerk. They  
24 were then notarized by a staff person from  
25 Tescher and Spallina admittedly in error. They

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1 should not have been notarized in the absentia  
2 of the people who purportedly signed them. And  
3 I'll give you the names of the other siblings,  
4 that would be Pamela, Lisa, Jill, and Ted  
5 Bernstein.

6 THE COURT: So let me tell you because I'm  
7 going to stop all of you folks because I think  
8 you need to be read your Miranda warnings.

9 MR. MANCERI: I need to be read my Miranda  
10 warnings?

11 THE COURT: Everyone of you might have to  
12 be.

13 MR. MANCERI: Okay.

14 THE COURT: Because I'm looking at a  
15 formal document filed here April 9, 2012,  
16 signed by Simon Bernstein, a signature for him.

17 MR. MANCERI: April 9th, right.

18 THE COURT: April 9th, signed by him, and  
19 notarized on that same date by Kimberly. It's  
20 a waiver and it's not filed with The Court  
21 until November 19th, so the filing of it, and  
22 it says to The Court on November 19th, the  
23 undersigned, Simon Bernstein, does this, this,  
24 and this. Signed and notarized on April 9,  
25 2012. The notary said that she witnessed Simon

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1 sign it then, and then for some reason it's not  
2 filed with The Court until after his date of  
3 death with no notice that he was dead at the  
4 time that this was filed.

5 MR. MANCERI: Okay.

6 THE COURT: All right, so stop, that's  
7 enough to give you Miranda warnings. Not you  
8 personally --

9 MR. MANCERI: Okay.

10 THE COURT: Are you involved? Just tell  
11 me yes or no.

12 MR. SPALLINA: I'm sorry?

13 THE COURT: Are you involved in the  
14 transaction?

15 MR. SPALLINA: I was involved as the  
16 lawyer for the estate, yes. It did not come to  
17 my attention until Kimberly Moran came to me  
18 after she received a letter from the Governor's  
19 Office stating that they were investigating  
20 some fraudulent signatures on some waivers that  
21 were signed in connection with the closing of

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Form **SS-4**  
(Rev. August 1989)  
Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

### Application for Employer Identification Number

(For use by employers and others. Please read the attached instructions before completing this form.) Please type or print clearly.

OMB No. 1545-0043  
Expires 7-31-91

1 Name of applicant (True legal name) (See instructions.)  
**Simon Bernstein Irrevocable Insurance Trust**

2 Trade name of business, if different from name in line 1  
**Shirley Bernstein**

3 Executor, trustee, "care of name"  
**Shirley Bernstein**

4a Mailing address (street address) (room, apt., or suite no.)  
**7020 Lions Head**

4b City, state, and ZIP code  
**Boca Raton, FL 33496**

5a Address of business (See instructions.)

5b City, state, and ZIP code

6 County and state where principal business is located

7 Name of principal officer, grantor, or general partner (See instructions.)  
**Simon Bernstein Sec. Sec. # 371-32-5211**

8a Type of entity (Check only one box.) (See instructions.)

Individual SSN  
 REMIC  
 State/local government  
 Other nonprofit organization (specify)  
 Other (specify) **▷**

Estate  
 Public administrator SSN  
 Other corporation (specify)  
 Federal government/military  
If nonprofit organization enter GEN (if applicable)

Trust  
 Partnership  
 Farmers' cooperative  
 Church or church controlled organization

8b If a corporation, give name of foreign country (if applicable) or state in the U.S. where incorporated **▷**

Foreign country \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

9 Reason for applying (Check only one box)

Started new business  
 Hired employees  
 Created a pension plan (specify type) **▷**  
 Banking purpose (specify) **▷**

Changed type of organization (specify) **▷**  
 Purchased going business  
 Created a trust (specify) **▷ Insurance Trust**  
 Other (specify) **▷**

10 Date business started or acquired (Mo., day, year) (See instructions.)  
**June 1, 1995**

11 Enter closing month of accounting year. (See instructions.)  
**December 31**

12 First date wages or annuities were paid or will be paid (Mo., day, year). Note: If applicant is a withholding agent, enter date income will first be paid to nonresident alien. (Mo., day, year).

13 Enter highest number of employees expected in the next 12 months. Note: If the applicant does not expect to have any employees during the period, enter "0."

Nonagricultural  Agricultural  Household

14 Does the applicant operate more than one place of business?  
If "Yes," enter name of business. **▷**

Yes  No

15 Principal activity or service (See instructions.) **▷**

16 Is the principal business activity manufacturing?  
If "Yes," principal product and raw material used **▷**

Yes  No

17 To whom are most of the products or services sold? Please check the appropriate box.

Public (retail)  Other (specify) **▷**  Business (wholesale)  N/A

18a Has the applicant ever applied for an identification number for this or any other business?  
Note: If "Yes," please complete lines 18b and 18c.

Yes  No

18b If you checked the "Yes" box in line 18a, give applicant's true name and trade name, if different than name shown on prior application.

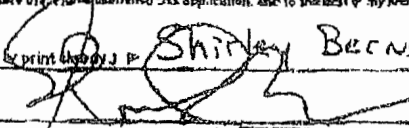
True name **▷** \_\_\_\_\_ Trade name **▷** \_\_\_\_\_

18c Enter approximate date, city, and state where the application was filed and the previous employer identification number if known.

Approximate date when filed (Mo., day, year) \_\_\_\_\_ City and state where filed \_\_\_\_\_ Previous EIN \_\_\_\_\_

19a Complete or prefix, I declare that I have furnished this application, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

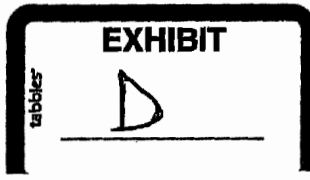
Name and title (Please type or print clearly) **▷ Shirley Bernstein, Trustee** Telephone number (include area code) **407-477-9991**

Signature **▷**  Date **▷ June 21, 1995**

Please leave blank **▷**

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Ind. \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ Reason for applying \_\_\_\_\_

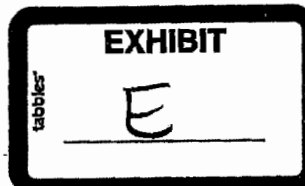


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# CLAIMANT STATEMENT

DECLAINT INFORMATION			
1. Name of Deceased (Last, First Middle) <b>Bernstein, Simon Leon</b>		2. Last 4 digits of Deceased's Social Security No. <b>5221</b>	
3. If the Deceased was known by any other names, such as maiden name, hyphenated name, nickname, derivative form of first and/or middle name or an alias, please provide them below			
4. Policy Number(s) <b>1009208</b>		5. If policy is lost or not available, please explain: <b>unable to locate, policy is 30 years old</b>	
6. Deceased's Date of Death <b>09/13/12</b>	7. Cause of Death <b>natural causes</b>	8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natural <input type="checkbox"/> Accidental <input type="checkbox"/> Suicide <input type="checkbox"/> Homicide <input type="checkbox"/> Pending	
CLAIMANT INFORMATION			
9. Claimant Name (Last, First, Middle) If trust, please list trust name and complete Trustee Certification section. <b>Simon Bernstein Irrevocable Insurance Trust</b>			
10. Street Address	11. City	12. State and Zip	13. Daytime Phone Number
14. Date of Birth	15. Social Security or Tax ID Number <b>65-617 8916</b>		16. Relationship to Deceased
17. I am filing this claim as: <input type="checkbox"/> an individual who is named as a beneficiary under the policy <input type="checkbox"/> a Trustee of a Trust which is named as a beneficiary under the policy <input type="checkbox"/> an Executor of Estate which is named as a beneficiary under the policy <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
18. Are you a U.S. Citizen? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No" please list country of citizenship			
19. Policies subject to Viatical / Life Settlement transactions - Are you a viatical settlement provider, life settlement provider, the receiver or conservator of viatical or life settlement company, a viatical or life financing entity, trustee, agent, securities intermediary or other representative of a viatical or life settlement provider, or an individual or entity which invested in this policy as a viatical or life settlement? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
CLAIMANT INFORMATION (to be completed by 2 <sup>nd</sup> claimant, if any)			
20. Claimant Name (Last, First, Middle) If trust, please list trust name and complete Trustee Certification section.			
21. Street Address	22. City	23. State and Zip	24. Daytime Phone Number
25. Date of Birth	26. Social Security or Tax ID Number		27. Relationship to Deceased
28. I am filing this claim as: <input type="checkbox"/> an individual who is named as a beneficiary under the policy <input type="checkbox"/> a Trustee of a Trust which is named as a beneficiary under the policy <input type="checkbox"/> an Executor of Estate which is named as a beneficiary under the policy <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
29. Are you a U.S. Citizen? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No" please list country of citizenship			
30. Policies subject to Viatical / Life Settlement transactions - Are you a viatical settlement provider, life settlement provider, the receiver or conservator of viatical or life settlement company, a viatical or life financing entity, trustee, agent, securities intermediary or other representative of a viatical or life settlement provider, or an individual or entity which invested in this policy as a viatical or life settlement? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			

**YOUR SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED ON THE NEXT PAGE.**



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# CLAIMANT STATEMENT

## SETTLEMENT OPTIONS

The policy may contain one or more settlement options, such as Interest Payments, Installments for a Specified Amount, Life Annuity, Life Annuity with Period Certain, and/or Joint Life and Survivorship Annuity. You may choose to receive a lump sum payment or another settlement option available in the policy under which a claim is made. For more information, refer to the optional methods of policy settlement provision in the policy or contact us at the mailing address noted on the front of the claim form.

If you wish to select a settlement option, please indicate your settlement selection by name (not by number) on the line below after you have carefully reviewed the options available in the policy. Availability of settlement options are subject to the terms of the policy. If you do not choose a settlement option, we will send a lump sum settlement to you.

Name of Settlement Option from Policy

## Important Information About the USA PATRIOT Act

To help fight the funding of terrorism and money-laundering activities, the U.S. government has passed the USA PATRIOT Act, which requires banks, including our processing agent bank, to obtain, verify and record information that identifies persons who engage in certain transactions with or through a bank. This means that we will need to verify the name, residential or street address (no P.O. Boxes), date of birth and social security number or other tax identification number of all account owners.

## SUBSTITUTE FOR IRS FORM W-9

This information is being collected on this form versus IRS form W-9 and will be used for supplying information to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Under penalty of perjury, I certify that 1) the tax ID number above is correct (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), 2) I am not subject to backup withholding because (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the IRS that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and 3) I am a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien). Please cross through item 2 if you have been notified by the IRS that you are subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return.

## SIGNATURES

I/We do hereby make claim to said insurance, declare that the answers recorded above are complete and true, and agree that the furnishing of this and any supplemental forms do not constitute an admission by the Company that there was any insurance in force on the life in question, nor a waiver of its rights or defenses.

For Residents of New York: Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud my insurance company or other person files an application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information, or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto, commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime, and shall also be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars and the stated value of the claim for each such violation.

For Residents of All Other States: See the Fraud Information section of this claim form.

The Internal Revenue Service does not require your consent to any provision of this document other than the certifications required to avoid backup withholding.

Signature of Claimant and Title

Date

Signature of Second Claimant, if any, and Title

Date

# CLAIMANT STATEMENT

## TRUSTEE CERTIFICATION

TRUSTEE CERTIFICATION (to be completed only if the trust is claiming benefits)

### COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF A TRUST IS CLAIMING BENEFITS

Please include a copy of the trust agreement, including the signature page(s) and any amendments.

I/We, the undersigned trustee(s), represent and warrant that the copy of the trust agreement, which we will provide you pursuant to this certification, is a true and exact copy of said agreement, that said agreement is in full force and effect, and that we have the authority to make this certification.

### Generation Skipping Transfer Tax Information - THIS MUST BE COMPLETED FOR PAYMENT

I/We the undersigned, on oath, deposes and states as follows with respect to the possible application of the Generation Skipping Transfer (GST) tax to the death benefit payment (Mark the appropriate item):

- 1 The GST tax does not apply because the death benefit is not included in the decedent's estate for federal estate tax purposes.
- 2 The GST tax does not apply because the GST tax exemption will offset the GST tax.
- 3 The GST tax does not apply because at least one of the trust beneficiaries is not a "skipped" person.
- 4 The GST tax does not apply because of the reasons set forth in the attached document (Please attach document setting forth the reasons why you believe the GST tax does not apply.)
- 5 The GST tax may apply. As a result, the death benefit payment IS subject to withholding of the applicable GST tax. Enclosed is the completed Schedule R-1 (Form 706) for submission to the Internal Revenue Service.

Name of Trust

Simon Bernstein Irrevocable Insurance Trust

Date of Trust Agreement

06/01/1995

Date of all Amendments

Trust Tax ID

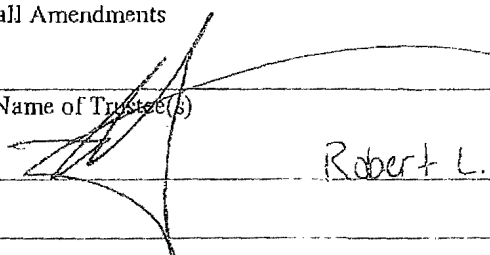
Number

65-6178916

Printed Name of Trustee(s)

Signature(s)

a



Robert L. Spallina

b

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d



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December 6, 2012

VIA FACSIMILE: 803-333-4936

Attn: Bree  
Claims Department  
Heritage Union Life Insurance Company  
1275 Sandusky Road  
Jacksonville, IL 62651

Re: Insured: Simon L. Bernstein  
Contract No.: 1009208

Dear Bree:

As per our earlier telephone conversation:

- We are unable to locate the Simon Bernstein Irrevocable Insurance Trust dated June 1, 1995, which we have spent much time searching for.
- Mrs. Shirley Bernstein was the initial beneficiary of the 1995 trust, but predeceased Mr. Bernstein.
- The Bernstein children are the secondary beneficiaries of the 1995 trust.
- We are submitting the Letters of Administration for the Estate of Simon Bernstein showing that we are the named Personal Representatives of the Estate.
- We would like to have the proceeds from the Heritage policy released to our firm's trust account so that we can make distributions amongst the five Bernstein children.
- If necessary, we will prepare for Heritage an Agreement and Mutual Release amongst all the children.
- We are enclosing the SS4 signed by Mr. Bernstein in 1995 to obtain the EIN number for the 1995 trust.

If you have any questions with regard to the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
ROBERT L. SPALLINA

RLS/km

Enclosures



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## Robert Spallina

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**From:** Christine Yates [cty@TrippScott.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 30, 2013 6:17 AM  
**To:** Robert Spallina  
**Cc:** 'Eliot Ivan Bernstein'  
**Subject:** RE: Bernstein - E/O Shirley Bernstein & E/O Leon Bernstein: Heritage Policy

Robert, after discussions with my client, he is not in agreement with the plan proposed below. A more formal letter will follow.

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**From:** Robert Spallina [mailto:rspallina@tescherspallina.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2013 11:43 AM  
**To:** Ted Bernstein; Lisa Friedstein; Pam Simon; Jill Iantoni; Christine Yates  
**Cc:** Kimberly Moran  
**Subject:** RE: Bernstein - E/O Shirley Bernstein & E/O Leon Bernstein: Heritage Policy

I am following up on our telephone conference from last week. Ted has contacted me about circulating a draft of the settlement agreement that would be presented to the court. Again, prior to preparing an agreement, I want to make sure that you are ALL in agreement that the proceeds do not come to the estate. I can tell you that your father planned his estate intending and believing that the five children would split the proceeds equally. We would like to see his wishes carried out and not have the proceeds paid to the estate where they could be subject to creditor claims prior to being split in equal shares among the grandchildren. Please advise if you are in agreement to move forward to petition the court for an order that would split the proceeds equally among the five of you.

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**From:** Robert Spallina  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 23, 2013 1:14 PM  
**To:** Ted Bernstein  
**Cc:** Lisa Friedstein; Pam Simon; Jill Iantoni; Christine Yates; Kimberly Moran  
**Subject:** Re: Heritage Policy

Kim will send.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 23, 2013, at 1:11 PM, "Ted Bernstein" <[bernstein@lifeinsuranceconcepts.com](mailto:bernstein@lifeinsuranceconcepts.com)> wrote:



## Robert Spallina

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**From:** Jill Iantoni [jilliantoni@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2013 3:39 PM  
**To:** Robert Spallina  
**Subject:** Re: Heritage Policy

Thanks

Jill Iantoni  
[iantoni\\_jill@ne.bah.com](mailto:iantoni_jill@ne.bah.com)  
Recruiting Services  
Booz | Allen | Hamilton

On Jan 29, 2013, at 2:03 PM, "Robert Spallina" <[rspallina@tescherspallina.com](mailto:rspallina@tescherspallina.com)> wrote:

The claim could be open for a long time but if it is cleared up then the money would be free from creditor claims. I do not know if there is a time frame for a pay out but if the proceeds are paid to the estate then your father's intent is not carried out.

**From:** Jill Iantoni [<mailto:jilliantoni@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2013 12:45 PM  
**To:** Robert Spallina  
**Cc:** Jill Iantoni  
**Subject:** Re: Heritage Policy

Hi Robert,

If the money stays at the insurance company until the Bill S. claim is cleared up, can we then decide if ALL five are in agreement and if not, wouldn't that money be free from creditors at that point? Is there a time fram that the money has to leave the insurance company and be paid out?

Thanks.  
Jill

On Tue, Jan 29, 2013 at 10:42 AM, Robert Spallina <[rspallina@tescherspallina.com](mailto:rspallina@tescherspallina.com)> wrote:

I am following up on our telephone conference from last week. Ted has contacted me about circulating a draft of the settlement agreement that would be presented to the court. Again, prior to preparing an agreement, I want to make sure that you are ALL in agreement that the proceeds do not come to the estate. I can tell you that your father planned his estate intending and believing that the five children would split the proceeds equally. We would like to see his wishes carried out and not have the proceeds paid to the estate where they could be subject to creditor claims prior to being split in equal shares among the grandchildren. Please advise if you are in agreement to move forward to petition the court for an order that would split the proceeds equally among the five of you.

**From:** Jill Iantoni [mailto:[jilliantoni@gmail.com](mailto:jilliantoni@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 24, 2013 3:12 PM  
**To:** Robert Spallina  
**Cc:** Jill Iantoni  
**Subject:** Bernstein Estate 1/24/2013

Hi Robert,

thanks for todays call. Three questions.

One, if the 5 kids do NOT all agree that we should split the insurance proceeds amongst the 5 of us, what happens to the insurance proceeds? Can 4 out of 5 (or whatever the number is) over rule and move forward with the court hearing requesting that the insurance proceeds get paid out to the 5 children? If that is a NO, do the proceeds go directly to the estate? If the answer is the 10 grandchildren, will that be subject to creditors or would that money get paid out quickly (just as it would to the 5 of us) and avoid any potential law suit/creditors?

Two, if any of the 5 children have personal counsel representing them, are they allowed to have their bills sent to you/Estate for payment? If yes, is there a provision that the others can put in place that regulates the amount/or a provision that states it come out of their child(ren) portion of the estate?

Can you also clarify, that based on the conversation today, there is a chance that Bill S. case will be null and void and even if it is not, it is not towards Si Bernstein or his estate? Did I understand that correctly?

Thanks so much,

Jill

## Robert Spallina

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**From:** Ted Bernstein [tbernstein@lifeinsuranceconcepts.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 22, 2013 1:34 PM  
**To:** Robert Spallina; Lisa Friedstein; Pam Simon; Jill Iantoni; Christine Yates  
**Cc:** Kimberly Moran  
**Subject:** RE: Heritage Policy

Robert,

We are in the midst of arranging a phone call between myself, Pam, Eliot, Christine Yates, Jill and Lisa. We were hoping to have that call today but Christine cannot make it until Thursday. I think it is imperative for this call to occur prior to anything else being done, including your call with their legal department. This way, we can establish whether there is going to be an agreement among the 5 of us, or not.

I completely agree with your assessment below of the options available here.

Please feel free to call me to discuss.

Ted

**From:** Robert Spallina [mailto:rspallina@tescherspallina.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 22, 2013 12:16 PM  
**To:** Ted Bernstein; Lisa Friedstein; Pam Simon; Jill Iantoni; Christine Yates  
**Cc:** Kimberly Moran  
**Subject:** Heritage Policy

I received a letter from the company requesting a court order to make the distribution of the proceeds consistent with what we discussed. I have traded calls with their legal department to see if I can convince them otherwise. I am not optimistic given how long it has taken them to make a decision. Either way I would like to have a fifteen minute call to discuss this with all of you this week. There are really only two options: spend the money on getting a court order to have the proceeds distributed among the five of you (not guaranteed but most likely probable), or have the proceeds distributed to the estate and have the money added to the grandchildren's shares. As none of us can be sure exactly what the 1995 trust said (although an educated guess would point to children in light of the document prepared by Al Gortz in 2000), I think it is important that we discuss further prior to spending more money to pursue this option. Hopefully I will have spoken with their legal department by Thursday. I would propose a 10:30 call on Thursday EST. Please advise if this works for all of you.

Robert L. Spallina, Esq.

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**PROFESSIONAL RESUME  
BRIAN M. O'CONNELL**

**EDUCATION**

University of Florida, Holland Law Center, Masters of Law in Taxation. Graduated December, 1980. Class Rank: First out of six.

University of Florida, Holland Law Center, Juris Doctor. Graduated August, 1979 with honors. Class Rank: Top 10%.

Florida State University, Bachelor of Science. Graduated June, 1976, Summa cum laude. Average 4.0 (A = 4.0). Major: Government. Minor: Communications.

**ADMITTED TO PRACTICE**

Florida, 1980. United States Tax Court, 1981. Colorado, 1997.

**CERTIFICATIONS**

Board certified by the Florida Bar in Wills, Trusts and Estates (1990 – Present).

**RATINGS**

AV. Martindale-Hubbell.

**SPECIFIC AREAS OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE**

Litigation, including appeals, regarding Estates, Trusts and Guardianships.

Estate Planning; Administration of Estates, Trusts and Guardianships.

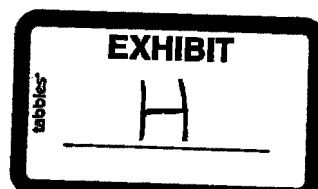
**WORK EXPERIENCE**

Partner, Ciklin Lubitz Martens & O'Connell, West Palm Beach, Florida. Probate, Guardianship, Business Law, Tax and Real Property Practice (October 1, 1985 - Present). Head of Wills, Trusts, Estates and Guardianships Department consisting of three associate attorneys, five paralegals, and two secretaries.

Shareholder, O'Connell & O'Connell, P.A., West Palm Beach, Florida. Probate, Tax, Real Property and Business Law practice (January, 1980 – October 1, 1985).

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/ACTIVITIES**

- American Bar Association (Member, Taxation and Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Sections).



#### Florida Bar

Member, Executive Council, Taxation Section (1984-1985).  
Member, 15th Circuit Fee Arbitration Committee (1998-1999).  
Member, Probate & Trust Litigation Committee (1991-1992; 1999-2010).  
Member, Wills, Trusts and Estates Certification Committee (1997-2003).  
Member, Guardianship Law & Powers of Attorney Committee (1992-Present).  
Member, Probate Rules Committee (1989-1994; 2002-2005).

#### Palm Beach County Bar Association

Chairman, Probate and Guardianship CLE Committee (1988-2010; Vice-Chairman, 1986-87; Member 2010 -- Present).  
Co-Chairman, Guardianship Education Committee (2012-Present).  
Member, Probate and Guardianship Practice Committee (1985-Present).  
Member, Mental Health Practice Committee (1994-1999).  
Member, Probate-Marchman Act Subcommittee (1993-1994).

#### **LEGAL PUBLICATIONS**

Chapter Author, "Helping Clients Prepare for Future Trends and Challenges in Relation to Florida Estate Plans," Thomson Reuters/Aspatore (2012).  
Chapter Author, "Casualty and Theft Losses," Matthew Bender Tax Service (1990).  
Chapter Author, "Real Estate Valuation," Bender's Federal Tax Service, (1989).  
Chapter Author, "Liquidation Distributions," Matthew Bender Florida Corporate Law and Practice (1985).  
Article, "Keeping It All In the Family: The Use of Section 704(b)(2) Special Allocations and Family Partnerships to Control Estate Tax Valuation," 33 University of Florida Law Review 1 (1981) (co-author).  
Article, "The Due on Sale Clause in Florida: A Potential Battleground for Borrowers and Lenders," 31 University of Florida Law Review 933 (1980).

#### **LECTURES & SEMINARS**

Acted as chair and panelist of numerous seminars and lectures, including, but not limited to:

2010 Estate Tax Legislation: Tips and Solutions, sponsored by Palm Beach County Bar Association, 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Estate and Probate Seminar, Part 2 (May 17, 2011);

Practicing Guardianship Law in the New Millennium, sponsored by Florida Bar Association (March, 2000);

Myths and Realities of Estate Planning and Probate, sponsored by Palm Beach County Bar Association (April 29, 1998);

Protecting Your Assets, sponsored by Mental Health Association of Palm Beach County (May, 1997);

Ten Commonly Asked Estate Planning Questions, sponsored by Palm Beach County Bar Association (April, 1997);

Don't Be a Victim, Navigating the Shoals of Serving as a Guardian ad Litem, sponsored by Florida Bar Association (February, 1997);

Estate Planning, sponsored by ABC, Channel 25 (February, 1996);

Probate for the 90's, sponsored by Palm Beach Post, St. Mary's and the Palm Beach County Bar (March, 1994);

Florida Probate - Beyond the Basics, sponsored by the National Business Institute (May, 1991);

Surviving Spouse Seminar, sponsored by The Miami Herald (June, 1989);

Ask a Lawyer, sponsored by WXEL - Public Television, Channel 34 (August, 1989).

### **EXPERT WITNESS TESTIMONY**

Retained as expert on over forty (40) occasions in the areas of professional negligence, fee disputes, fiduciary liability issues, administration of estates, trusts and guardianships, and tax matters regarding estates and trusts.

### **MEDIATION**

Served as a mediator on multiple occasions since 1996. Area of concentration is probate litigation. Experience also includes general civil litigation. Cases have included complex, multiple parties, and multi-day mediations.



**Michael D. Mopsick, Esq.**  
**Shapiro, Blasi, Wasserman & Gora, P.A.**



Michael D. Mopsick has over 40 years of practice experience, having begun his legal career in New Jersey in 1972. He has been a member of the Florida Bar since 1984. Mr. Mopsick represents clients at all levels of trust, probate, and guardianship disputes, from advising and counseling beneficiaries and pursuing beneficiary claims to defending fiduciaries in complex trust and estate litigation. His experience also includes a broad range of business and commercial litigation, including breach of contract, fraud, construction, real estate, and corporate and partnership issues. He is a Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Civil Mediator.

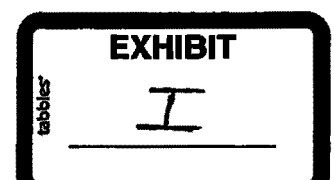
Mr. Mopsick attended Rutgers College, New Brunswick, New Jersey, where he was valedictorian of his class and graduated with highest honors in 1969; he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa in his junior year. He received his J.D. degree from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1972.

Prior to joining Shapiro Blasi Wasserman & Gora as Of Counsel, Mr. Mopsick was a member of the firm of Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, where he served as Managing Partner of its Boca Raton office for many years and as Vice President of the firm and member of the firm's Board of Managers.

He has been recognized since 2007 as one of the Top Lawyers in South Florida by the *South Florida Legal Guide* and has been selected for inclusion in *Florida's Super Lawyers* as voted by his peers. His Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating is "AV Preeminent," which is the highest possible rating in both legal ability and ethical standards as established by confidential opinions from members of the Bar. His AVVO rating is "10", "Superb".

Mr. Mopsick is Past President of the South Palm Beach County Bar Association and served on the Board of Directors of the Palm Beach County Bar Association. He is the immediate past Co-Chair of the Palm Beach County Bar Association's Professionalism Committee and serves as Chair of Florida Bar Grievance Committee "D" for Palm Beach County. He previously served on and was Chair of Grievance Committee "C". He is a member of the Palm Beach County Judicial Campaign Practices Commission, which hears and resolves complaints of improper conduct in judicial election campaigns. He serves as a Palm Beach County representative on the Joint Civility Committee, a project promoting the joint resolution of more than 40 voluntary bar associations and dozens of courts throughout Southern Florida advocating and fostering civility and professionalism among practicing attorneys. He is also a member of the Palm Beach County Bar's Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee.

While practicing in New Jersey, Mr. Mopsick was a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association and the Passaic County Bar Association (Trustee, 1985-86). He was



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Mr. Mopsick is honored to be a member of the Greater Boca Raton Estate Planning Council, one of the few litigators to be accepted as a member.

Mr. Mopsick has lectured on the topics of probate litigation and civility in litigation and mediation. Among his published articles are:

- "Managing Client Expectations: A Key to Successful Mediation," *Daily Business Review*, November 11, 2011.
- "Courtesy v. Clients' Rights: Drawing the Line," *Palm Beach County Bar Association Bulletin*, March, 2012.
- "Recent Case Gives Lesson in Navigating Florida's Homestead Laws," *Daily Business Review*, March 30, 2012 (with George Frank).
- "Civility in Mediation: The Mediator's Role," *Daily Business Review*, May 3, 2013.

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*Aronson v. Aronson*, 81 So. 3d 515 (Fla. 3d DCA 2012)  
*Aronson v. Aronson*, 930 So. 2d 766 (Fla. 3d DCA 2006)

# **EXHIBIT J**

**DOCKET #126 - SIMON ESTATE (SEE EXHIBIT J)**

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**FILING DATE: 22-MAY-2014**

**FILING PARTY: WILLIAM STANSBURY**

**DOCKET TEXT: JOINDER IN PETITION FILED BY ELIOT IVAN  
BERNSTEIN FOR REMOVAL OF TRUSTEE AND FOR TRUST  
ACCOUNTING F/B WILLIAM E. STANSBURY, CREDITOR OF THE E/O  
SIMON BERNSTEIN E-FILED**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR  
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN RE:

Case No.: 50 2012 CP 004391 SB  
**JUDGE MARTIN COLIN**

ESTATE OF SIMON  
BERNSTEIN,

Deceased.

Division: IY

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**JOINDER IN PETITION FILED BY ELIOT IVAN BERNSTEIN FOR  
REMOVAL OF TRUSTEE AND FOR TRUST ACCOUNTING**

COMES NOW, William E. Stansbury (“Stansbury”), creditor of the Estate of Simon Bernstein, and Plaintiff in a lawsuit against the Estate of Simon Bernstein, et al., by and through his undersigned counsel, and pursuant to §733.308, Fla. Stat. (2013) and Fla. Prob. R. 5.120 (2013), files this Motion to Join the Petition filed by Eliot Ivan Bernstein for Removal of Trustee and for a Trust Accounting (the “Eliot Petition”), and in support states as follows:

**I. Stansbury has standing to Join the Eliot Petition**

1. Stansbury filed a lawsuit styled *William E. Stansbury v. Ted Bernstein, et al*, Case. No. 50 2012 CA 013933 MB AA, Palm Beach County, Florida against Simon Bernstein, Ted Bernstein and several corporate defendants in August of 2012 to collect compensation and corporate distributions due to Stansbury arising out of a business venture in which Stansbury, Simon Bernstein and Ted Bernstein were principals. Stansbury claims damages in excess of two million dollars.

2. Simon Bernstein died in September of 2012 and his estate was substituted as a party defendant in Stansbury’s lawsuit. Stansbury also asserted claims against the Estate of Simon Bernstein (the “Estate”) in this Court.

3. The provisions of §731.201(23), Fla. Stat. (2013) define an “interested person” as:

(23) “Interested person” means any person who may reasonably be expected to be affected by the outcome of the particular proceeding involved...”

4. Stansbury, as a claimant of the Estate, has an interest in ensuring that the Estate is administered without bias and in the best interests of the devisees and creditors of the Estate. This means Stansbury has an interest in ensuring that the Estate marshals all the assets to which the Estate is entitled for the benefit of devisees and creditors.

5. The Fourth District Court of Appeal has recognized that a claimant or creditor to an estate is an “interested person” and has standing in a proceeding to approve the personal representative’s final accounting and petition for discharge. *See, Arzuman v. Estate of Prince Bander BIN Saud Bin, etc.*, 879 So.2d 675 (Fla. 4<sup>th</sup> DCA 2004). *See also, Montgomery v. Cribb*, 484 So.2d 73 (Fla. 2d DCA 1986) (Wrongful death claimant was entitled to notice of hearing as an “interested person” under the probate code even though case was dismissed by trial court and disputed settlement was on appeal.)

6. Pursuant to §733.707(3), Fla. Stat.:

Any portion of the trust with respect to which a decedent who is the grantor has at the decedent’s death a right of revocation...is **liable for the expenses of the administration and obligations of the decedent’s estate to the extent the decedent’s estate is insufficient to pay them...**” (emphasis added)

7. As a matter of law, the assets of the Revocable Trust are available to pay creditors of the Estate such as Stansbury under §733.707(3) in the event the Estate has insufficient assets to meet all its obligations. Stansbury is therefore an “interested person” in the Estate, and therefore he is entitled to file this Motion to Join the Eliot Petition. Further, Stansbury has standing to argue before the Court for the appropriate resolution of the issues affecting the Revocable Trust.

**II. This Court has the Authority Under Florida Law to Resolve the Issues Raised in the Eliot Petition Relating to the Revocable Trust.**

8. Under Florida law, this Court has broad authority to affect trust administration.

More specifically, under §736.0201, Fla. Stat. (2013), the Court has the following power:

**736.0201 Role of court in trust proceedings**

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- (4) A judicial proceeding involving a trust may relate to the validity, administration, or distribution of a trust, including proceedings to:**
  - (a) Determine the validity of all or part of a trust;**
  - (b) Appoint or remove a trustee;**
  - (c) Review trustees' fees;**
  - (d) Review and settle interim or final accounts;**
  - (e) Ascertain beneficiaries; determine any question arising in the administration or distribution of any trust, including questions of construction of trust instruments; instruct trustees; and determine the existence or nonexistence of any immunity, power, privilege, duty or right;**
  - (f) Obtain a declaration of rights;**
  - (g) Determine any other matters involving trustees and beneficiaries.**

9. The two issues raised in the Eliot Petition pertain to: a) the removal of current putative trustee of the Revocable Trust, Ted Bernstein; and, b) the right of the Petitioner to an accounting relating to the administration of the trust. Both issues are within the authority of this Court to resolve.

**III. Ted Bernstein Should Be Removed as Trustee of the Revocable Trust.**

**A. Ted Bernstein is Not Eligible to Serve as Trustee under the very terms of the Revocable Trust.**

10. The previous co-trustees of the Revocable Trust were Donald Tescher and Robert Spallina by virtue of the Successor Trustee provision set forth in Article IV, Section C of the Revocable Trust. By letter dated January 14, 2014 addressed to the five children of Simon Bernstein, Donald Tescher for himself and on behalf of Robert Spallina, resigned as co-trustees of the Revocable Trust (and the Shirley Bernstein Trust and stated, "If the majority of the

Bernstein family is in agreement, I would propose to exercise the power to designate a successor trustee by appointing Ted Bernstein in that capacity.”

11. Whether Ted Bernstein was actually appointed trustee is not clear. The Revocable Trust, at Article IV, Section C(3), specifically states, “The appointment [of the successor trustee] will be by a written document executed by such person in the presence of two witnesses and acknowledged before a notary public delivered to the appointed Trustee...” Whether such document was ever executed with respect to Ted’s appointment is not known to Stansbury, but Stansbury assumes Ted Bernstein has assumed the role of successor trustee, either *de facto* or *de jure*, based on the exercise of the power by the previous trustee.

12. If Ted Bernstein has succeeded as trustee of the Revocable Trust, he should be removed as he was ineligible under the terms of the Revocable Trust to serve as successor trustee. Article IV, Section C(3) of the Revocable Trust states:

**A successor Trustee appointed under this subparagraph shall not be a Related or Subordinate Party of the trust.**

13. The Revocable Trust, under Article II, Subsection E(7) defines a “Related or Subordinate Party” as follows:

**A “*Related or Subordinate Party*” to a trust describes a beneficiary of the subject trust or a related or subordinate party to a beneficiary of the trust as the terms “related or subordinate party” are defined under Code Section 672(c).**

Under Subsection E(2), “Code” is defined as “**the Internal Revenue Code of 1986...**”

14. A “**Related or subordinate party**” under the Code means any **nonadverse party** who is “. . . **(2) any one of the following: The Grantor’s father, mother, issue brother or sister; . . .**”

15. Ted Bernstein is the son, or an "issue" of the Grantor, Simon Bernstein, and a related party to the beneficiary, Ted's son, Simon's grandson. Therefore, Ted Bernstein is ineligible as a Related or Subordinate Party to serve as a successor trustee.

**B. Misconduct in the Shirley Bernstein Estate**

16. There are serious allegations of fraud and forgery in the Shirley Bernstein Estate where Ted Bernstein is now the Personal Representative. Documents were submitted to the Court bearing notarized signatures of Simon Bernstein, alleged signatures by him, but on a date after he had passed away.

17. This Court was apprised of these allegations in a hearing conducted September 13, 2013 wherein the Court questioned whether the potential parties involved should be read their Miranda Rights. (*See* Transcript of Proceedings, pages 15 and 16, attached as Exhibit "A.")

18. Ted Bernstein's involvement in such activity involving the Estate of Shirley Bernstein should disqualify him from serving as Successor Trustee of the Revocable Trust.

**C. The "lost" Insurance Trust**

19. At the time of Simon Bernstein's death, it was determined that there existed a life insurance policy issued by Heritage Mutual Insurance Company ("Heritage") allegedly payable to the Simon Bernstein Irrevocable Insurance Trust as beneficiary (the "Insurance Trust"). According to an SS-4 Application for EIN form submitted to the IRS on June 21, 1995, Shirley Bernstein was represented as Trustee of the Insurance Trust. (*See* SS-4 Application for EIN as Exhibit "B.")

20. Notwithstanding the earlier SS-4 EIN form, on November 1, 2012, Robert Spallina, one of the resigning Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Simon Bernstein and a resigning Co-Trustee of the Revocable Trust, submitted a claim form to Heritage on behalf of



the Insurance Trust for the benefit of the grown children of Simon Bernstein. In doing so, Spallina represented that he was the Trustee of the Insurance Trust. (See Exhibit “C”) Spallina made this representation despite having informed Heritage by letter shortly thereafter that he was “unable to locate the Simon Bernstein Irrevocable Insurance Trust dated June 1, 1995.” (See Exhibit “D” attached.) If the Trust instrument cannot be found, the insurance proceeds would be payable to the Simon Bernstein Estate, and as such, would be available to pay creditors of the Estate of Simon Bernstein such as Stansbury.

21. Spallina, with the knowledge of Ted Bernstein, represented that he was “Trustee” of the Insurance Trust in an effort to collect the insurance proceeds on behalf the Insurance Trust and for the benefit of the grown children of Simon Bernstein, so as to circumvent the Simon Bernstein Estate.

22. Heritage refused to pay the life insurance proceeds to anyone without a court order. The Insurance Trust then sued Heritage in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois (the case has since been removed to Federal Court). In paragraph 2 of the Complaint, the Plaintiff, the Insurance Trust, although apparently still “lost,” alleges that Ted Bernstein is the “trustee” of the Insurance Trust. Yet, there exists no trust document establishing the continued existence of the Insurance Trust, let alone that Ted is the Trustee. As a result, Ted’s representation, like that of Spallina, appears plainly false.

23. Ted Bernstein’s misrepresentations in connection with the Insurance Trust should disqualify him from serving as Successor Trustee of the Revocable Trust.

**C. Ted Bernstein has a Conflict of Interest in The Insurance Trust Case.**

24. Ted Bernstein has a conflict of interest precluding him from faithfully executing the duties of fiduciary on behalf of the Revocable Trust.

25. One of the considerations for removal of a Personal Representative as set forth in §733.504(9) (2013) is, “**(9) Holding or acquiring conflicting or adverse interests against the estate that will or may interfere with the administration of the estate as a whole.**”

26. A trail of e-mails indicates that Ted Bernstein, Lisa Sue Friedstein, Pamela Beth Simon and Jill Iantoni were advocating and scheming to keep the proceeds from the Heritage life insurance policy, as described above in paragraphs 9 thru 12 from being paid to the Estate. The stated purpose of this scheme was to avoid making the life insurance proceeds available to pay creditors of the Estate such as Stansbury. (See, selected e-mail messages, attached hereto as Composite Exhibit "E".) The residuary beneficiaries of the Will, that is, the grandchildren of Simon Bernstein, would also be prejudiced by such a determination.

27. Section 733.602(1), Fla. Stat. (2013), expressly provides that “. . . A personal representative shall use the authority conferred by this code, the authority in the will, if any, and the authority of any order of the court, **for the best interests of interested persons, including creditors.**” (Emphasis added.) Additionally, a conflict of interest is a proper basis for the removal of a trustee. See DeMello v. Buckinan, 914 So. 2d 1090 (Fla. 4<sup>th</sup> DCA 2005).

28. While the ultimate outcome of the adjudication of the issues surrounding the Heritage life insurance proceeds is uncertain, what is clear is that each of the children of Simon Bernstein, other than Eliot Bernstein, have advocated, and continue to advocate a position that is contrary to the best interests of the Estate, its creditors and beneficiaries. These two conflicting and contrary positions between the interests of the children of Simon Bernstein (other than Eliot) and the duty of the successor fiduciary to act in the best interests of the Estate, including the creditors and beneficiaries, render Ted Bernstein, Lisa Sue Friedstein, Pamela Beth Simon and Jill Iantoni unqualified to serve as successor fiduciaries. See Estate of Bell v. Johnson, 573

So.2d 57 (Fla. 1<sup>st</sup> DCA, 1990) (conflict between personal representative, in that capacity, and as power of attorney, necessitated removal as personal representative). This means Ted Bernstein is similarly conflicted as Trustee of the Revocable Trust and should be removed.

**E. Ted Bernstein has a Conflict of Interest as a Co-Defendant with the Estate in the William Stansbury Case.**

29. Ted Bernstein and his father Simon Bernstein were initially joined as Co-Defendants in the case brought by Stansbury captioned *William E. Stansbury v. Ted Bernstein, et al*, Case. No. 50 2012 CA 013933 MB AA, Palm Beach County, Florida. The Estate was substituted as the party Defendant upon Simon Bernstein's death in September of 2012.

30. The allegations against Ted and Simon Bernstein, among others, are that they made false misrepresentations relied upon by Stansbury to his detriment, and, contrary to those representations, siphoned capital from the Arbitrage International Management, LLC and LIC Holdings, Inc., the Defendant Companies, for their own personal use to the further detriment of Stansbury.

31. The Estate of Simon Bernstein and Ted Bernstein have potential cross-claims against each other for contribution or indemnity that could further conflict Ted Bernstein. If he is permitted to remain Trustee of the Revocable Trust, which is a significant asset of the Estate, he will find himself in the conflicted position of managing a significant asset of the Estate against whom he potentially is a claimant. Additionally, it raises the further risk that funds of the Revocable Trust could be used for the prosecution of Ted's cross-claim, or the defense of a cross-claim by the Estate, both of which violate the trust documents. For this reason this Court should recognize that Ted Bernstein has an additional conflict of interest that warrants his removal as Trustee.

**IV. Stansbury Supports Eliot Bernstein's Efforts to Secure an Accounting of the Revocable Trust.**

32. Qualified beneficiaries are entitled to an accounting pursuant to §736.0813(1)(c), Fla. Stat. (2014). According to the Revocable Trust, the beneficiaries are separate Trusts established for his various grandchildren. Upon information and belief, Eliot Bernstein is the Trustee of the Trust established for the benefit of his children.


33. Under the circumstances, Eliot Bernstein is entitled to an accounting.

WHEREFORE, William E. Stansbury joins in the Petition of Eliot Bernstein and prays that the apparent successor trustee Ted Bernstein be removed and that the Court require the filing of a Trust Accounting.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the above Motion was forwarded via e-mail service to: Alan Rose, Esq., PAGE, MRACHEK, 505 So. Flagler Drive, Suite 600, West Palm Beach, FL 33401, [arose@pm-law.com](mailto:arose@pm-law.com) and [mchandler@pm-law.com](mailto:mchandler@pm-law.com); John Pankauski, Esq., PANKAUSKI LAW FIRM, 120 So. Olive Avenue, Suite 701, West Palm Beach, FL 33401, [courtfilings@pankauskilawfirm.com](mailto:courtfilings@pankauskilawfirm.com); Eliot Bernstein, 2753 NW 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Boca Raton, FL 33434, [iviewit@iviewit.tv](mailto:iviewit@iviewit.tv); William H. Glasko, Esq., Golden Cowan, P.A., Palmetto Bay Law Center, 17345 S. Dixie Highway, Palmetto Bay, FL 33157, [eservice@palmcttobaylaw.com](mailto:eservice@palmcttobaylaw.com), and to Benjamin P. Brown, Esq., Matwiczuk & Brown, LLP, 625 N. Flagler Drive, Suite 401, West Palm Beach, FL 33401, [hbrown@mathrolaw.com](mailto:hbrown@mathrolaw.com) on this 22 day of May, 2014.

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1 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

2 PROBATE/GUARDIANSHIP DIVISION IY

3 CASE NO.: 502011CP000653XXXXSB

4 IN RE: THE ESTATE OF:

5 SHIRLEY BERNSTEIN,  
Deceased

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ELIOT IVAN BERNSTEIN, PRO SE,

7 Petitioner,

8 vs.

9 TESCHER & SPALLINA, P.A., (AND ALL PARTNERS,  
10 ASSOCIATES AND OF COUNSEL); ROBERT L. SPALLINA  
(BOTH PERSONALLY & PROFESSIONALLY); DONALD  
11 R. TESCHER (BOTH PERSONALLY & PROFESSIONALLY);  
THEODORE STUART BERNSTEIN (AS ALLEGED PERSONAL  
12 REPRESENTATIVE, TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE) (BOTH  
PERSONALLY & PROFESSIONALLY); AND JOHN AND JANE  
13 DOE'S (1-5000),  
14 Respondents.

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16 TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

17 BEFORE

18 THE HONORABLE MARTIN H. COLIN

19 South County Courthouse  
20 200 West Atlantic Avenue, Courtroom 8  
Delray Beach, Florida 33344

21 Friday, September 13, 2013  
22 1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

23 Stenographically Reported By:  
24 JESSICA THIBAUT

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1 APPEARANCES

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3 On Behalf of the Petitioner:

4 ELIOT IVAN BERNSTEIN, PRO SE  
2753 NW 34th Street  
5 Boca Raton, Florida 33434

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7 MR. MANCERI: That's when the order was  
8 signed, yes, your Honor.

9 THE COURT: He filed it, physically came  
10 to court.

11 MR. ELIOT BERNSTEIN: Oh.

12 THE COURT: So let me see when he actually  
13 filed it and signed the paperwork. November.  
14 What date did your dad die?

15 MR. ELIOT BERNSTEIN: September. It's  
16 hard to get through. He does a lot of things  
17 when he's dead.

18 THE COURT: I have all of these waivers by  
19 Simon in November. He tells me Simon was dead  
20 at the time.

21 MR. MANCERI: Simon was dead at the time,  
22 your Honor. The waivers that you're talking  
23 about are waivers from the beneficiaries, I  
24 believe.

25 THE COURT: No, it's waivers of

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1 accountings.

2 MR. MANCERI: Right, by the beneficiaries.

3 THE COURT: Discharge waiver of service of  
4 discharge by Simon, Simon asked that he not  
5 have to serve the petition for discharge.

6 MR. MANCERI: Right, that was in his  
7 petition. When was the petition served?

8 THE COURT: November 21st.

9 MR. SPALLINA: Yeah, it was after his date  
10 of death.

11 THE COURT: Well, how could that happen  
12 legally? How could Simon --

13 MR. MANCERI: Who signed that?

14 THE COURT: -- ask to close and not serve  
15 a petition after he's dead?

16 MR. MANCERI: Your Honor, what happened  
17 was is the documents were submitted with the  
18 waivers originally, and this goes to  
19 Mr. Bernstein's fraud allegation. As you know,  
20 your Honor, you have a rule that you have to  
21 have your waivers notarized. And the original  
22 waivers that were submitted were not notarized,  
23 so they were kicked back by the clerk. They  
24 were then notarized by a staff person from  
25 Tescher and Spallina admittedly in error. They

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1 should not have been notarized in the absentia  
2 of the people who purportedly signed them. And  
3 I'll give you the names of the other siblings,  
4 that would be Pamela, Lisa, Jill, and Ted  
5 Bernstein.

6 THE COURT: So let me tell you because I'm  
7 going to stop all of you folks because I think  
8 you need to be read your Miranda warnings.

9 MR. MANCERI: I need to be read my Miranda  
10 warnings?

11 THE COURT: Everyone of you might have to  
12 be.

13 MR. MANCERI: Okay.

14 THE COURT: Because I'm looking at a  
15 formal document filed here April 9, 2012,  
16 signed by Simon Bernstein, a signature for him.

17 MR. MANCERI: April 9th, right.

18 THE COURT: April 9th, signed by him, and  
19 notarized on that same date by Kimberly. It's  
20 a waiver and it's not filed with The Court  
21 until November 19th, so the filing of it, and  
22 it says to The Court on November 19th, the  
23 undersigned, Simon Bernstein, does this, this,  
24 and this. Signed and notarized on April 9,  
25 2012. The notary said that she witnessed Simon

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1 sign it then, and then for some reason it's not  
2 filed with The Court until after his date of  
3 death with no notice that he was dead at the  
4 time that this was filed.

5 MR. MANCERI: Okay.

6 THE COURT: All right, so stop, that's  
7 enough to give you Miranda warnings. Not you  
8 personally --

9 MR. MANCERI: Okay.

10 THE COURT: Are you involved? Just tell  
11 me yes or no.

12 MR. SPALLINA: I'm sorry?

13 THE COURT: Are you involved in the  
14 transaction?

15 MR. SPALLINA: I was involved as the  
16 lawyer for the estate, yes. It did not come to  
17 my attention until Kimberly Moran came to me  
18 after she received a letter from the Governor's  
19 Office stating that they were investigating  
20 some fraudulent signatures on some waivers that  
21 were signed in connection with the closing of

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Form **SS-4**

### Application for Employer Identification Number

(Rev. August 1989)  
Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

(For use by employers and others. Please read the attached instructions before completing this form.) Please type or print clearly.

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05-0178116  
OMB No. 1545-0043  
Expires 7-31-91

1 Name of applicant (True legal name) (See instructions.)  
**Simon Bernstein Irrevocable Insurance Trust**

2 Trade name of business, if different from name in line 1  
**Shirley Bernstein**

3a Mailing address (street address) (room, apt., or suite no.)  
**7020 Lions Head**

3b Address of business (See instructions.)  
**Shirley Bernstein**

4a City, state, and ZIP code  
**Boca Raton, FL 33496**

4b City, state, and ZIP code

5 County and state where principal business is located

7 Name of principal officer, grantor, or general partner (See instructions.)  
**Simon Bernstein, Sec. Sec. # 371-32-5211**

8a Type of entity (Check only one box.) (See instructions.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual SSN	<input type="checkbox"/> Estate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust
<input type="checkbox"/> REMIC	<input type="checkbox"/> Private administrator SSN	<input type="checkbox"/> Partnership
<input type="checkbox"/> State/local government	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal services corp.	<input type="checkbox"/> Farmers' cooperative
<input type="checkbox"/> National guard	<input type="checkbox"/> Other corporation (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal government/military
<input type="checkbox"/> Other nonprofit organization (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Church or church controlled organization	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	If nonprofit organization enter GEN (if applicable)	

9a If a corporation, give name of foreign country (if applicable) or state in the U.S. where incorporated

Foreign country	State
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10 Reason for applying (Check only one box)

<input type="checkbox"/> Started new business	<input type="checkbox"/> Changed type of organization (specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Hired employees	<input type="checkbox"/> Purchased going business
<input type="checkbox"/> Created a pension plan (specify type)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Created a trust (specify) <b>Insurance Trust</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Banking purpose (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)

11 Date business started or acquired (Mo., day, year) (See instructions.)  
**June 1, 1995**

12 Enter closing month of accounting year. (See instructions.)  
**December 31**

13 First date wages or annuities were paid or will be paid (Mo., day, year). Note: If applicant is a withholding agent, enter date income will first be paid to nonresident alien, (Mo., day, year).

14 Enter highest number of employees expected in the next 12 months. Note: If the applicant does not expect to have any employees during the period, enter "0."

Nonagricultural	Agricultural	Household
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15 Does the applicant operate more than one place of business?  
If "Yes," enter name of business.

Yes  No

16 Principal activity or service (See instructions.)

17 Is the principal business activity manufacturing?  
If "Yes," principal product and raw material used

Yes  No

18 To whom are most of the products or services sold? Please check the appropriate box.

Public (retail)  Other (specify)  Business (wholesale)  N/A

19a Has the applicant ever applied for an identification number for this or any other business?  
Note: If "Yes," please complete lines 19b and 19c.

Yes  No

19b If you checked the "Yes" box in line 19a, give applicant's true name and trade name, if different than name shown on prior application.

True name  Trade name


19c Enter approximate date, city, and state where the application was filed and the previous employer identification number if known.

Approximate date when filed (Mo., day, year)	City and state where filed	Previous EIN
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I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury that the information furnished on this application, true to the best of my knowledge and belief, is true, correct, and complete.

Name and title (Please type or print clearly) **Shirley Bernstein, Trustee**

Telephone number (include area code) **407-477-9991**

Signature **X**  Date **June 21, 1995**

Please leave blank

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EXHIBIT **B** 000104



# CLAIMANT STATEMENT

1. Name of Deceased (Last, First Middle) <b>Bernstein, Simon Leon</b>		2. Last 4 digits of Deceased's Social Security Number <b>5212</b>	
3. If the Deceased was known by any other names, such as maiden name, hyphenated name, nickname, derivative form of first and/or middle name or an alias, please provide them below			
4. Policy Number(s) <b>1009208</b>		5. If policy is lost or not available, please explain: <b>unable to locate policy is 30 years old</b>	
6. Deceased's Date of Death <b>09/13/12</b>		7. Cause of Death <b>natural causes</b>	
8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natural <input type="checkbox"/> Accidental <input type="checkbox"/> Suicide <input type="checkbox"/> Homicide <input type="checkbox"/> Other			

9. Claimant Name (Last, First, Middle) If trust, please list trust name and complete Trustee Certification section. <b>Simon Bernstein Irrevocable Insurance Trust</b>			
10. Street Address		11. City	
12. State and Zip		13. Daytime Phone Number	
14. Date of Birth		15. Social Security or Tax ID Number <b>65-6178916</b>	
16. Relationship to Deceased			
17. I am filing this claim as: <input type="checkbox"/> an individual who is named as a beneficiary under the policy <input type="checkbox"/> a Trustee of a Trust which is named as a beneficiary under the policy <input type="checkbox"/> an Executor of Estate which is named as a beneficiary under the policy <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
18. Are you a U.S. Citizen? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No" please list country of citizenship			
19. Policies subject to Viatical / Life Settlement transactions - Are you a viatical settlement provider, life settlement provider, the receiver or conservator of viatical or life settlement company, a viatical or life financing entity, trustee, agent, securities intermediary or other representative of a viatical or life settlement provider, or an individual or entity which invested in this policy as a viatical or life settlement? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			

20. Claimant Name (Last, First, Middle) If trust, please list trust name and complete Trustee Certification section.			
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**YOUR SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED ON THE NEXT PAGE.**

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# CLAIMANT STATEMENT

## SETTLEMENT OPTIONS

The policy may contain one or more settlement options, such as Interest Payments, Installments for a Specified Amount, Life Annuity, Life Annuity with Period Certain, and/or Joint Life and Survivorship Annuity. You may choose to receive a lump sum payment or another settlement option available in the policy under which a claim is made. For more information, refer to the optional methods of policy settlement provision in the policy or contact us at the mailing address noted on the front of the claim form.

If you wish to select a settlement option, please indicate your settlement selection by name (not by number) on the line below after you have carefully reviewed the options available in the policy. Availability of settlement options are subject to the terms of the policy. If you do not choose a settlement option, we will send a lump sum settlement to you.

Name of Settlement Option from Policy

## Important Information About the USA PATRIOT Act

To help fight the funding of terrorism and money-laundering activities, the U.S. government has passed the USA PATRIOT Act, which requires banks, including our processing agent bank, to obtain, verify and record information that identifies persons who engage in certain transactions with or through a bank. This means that we will need to verify the name, residential or street address (no P.O. Boxes), date of birth and social security number or other tax identification number of all account owners.

## SUBSTITUTE FOR IRS FORM W-9

This information is being collected on this form versus IRS form W-9 and will be used for supplying information to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Under penalty of perjury, I certify that 1) the tax ID number above is correct (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), 2) I am not subject to backup withholding because (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the IRS that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and 3) I am a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien). Please cross through item 2 if you have been notified by the IRS that you are subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return.

## SIGNATURES

I/We do hereby make claim to said insurance, declare that the answers recorded above are complete and true, and agree that the furnishing of this and any supplemental forms do not constitute an admission by the Company that there was any insurance in force on the life in question, nor a waiver of its rights or defenses.

**For Residents of New York:** Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud my insurance company or other person files an application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information, or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto, commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime, and shall also be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars and the stated value of the claim for each such violation.

**For Residents of All Other States:** See the Fraud Information section of this claim form.

The Internal Revenue Service does not require your consent to any provision of this document other than the certifications required to avoid backup withholding.

Signature of Claimant and Title

Date

Signature of Second Claimant, if any, and Title

Date





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December 6, 2012

VIA FACSIMILE: 803-333-4936

Attn: Bree  
Claims Department  
Heritage Union Life Insurance Company  
1275 Sandusky Road  
Jacksonville, IL 62651

Re: Insured: Simon L. Bernstein  
Contract No.: 1009208

Dear Bree:

As per our earlier telephone conversation:

- We are unable to locate the Simon Bernstein Irrevocable Insurance Trust dated June 1, 1995, which we have spent much time searching for.
- Mrs. Shirley Bernstein was the initial beneficiary of the 1995 trust, but predeceased Mr. Bernstein.
- The Bernstein children are the secondary beneficiaries of the 1995 trust.
- We are submitting the Letters of Administration for the Estate of Simon Bernstein showing that we are the named Personal Representatives of the Estate.
- We would like to have the proceeds from the Heritage policy released to our firm's trust account so that we can make distributions amongst the five Bernstein children.
- If necessary, we will prepare for Heritage an Agreement and Mutual Release amongst all the children.
- We are enclosing the SS4 signed by Mr. Bernstein in 1995 to obtain the FTN number for the 1995 trust.

If you have any questions with regard to the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
ROBERT L. SPALLINA

RLS/km

Enclosures

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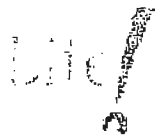
We are going to do what is necessary. Have the proceeds paid where they were intended to be paid, as quickly as possible now. If you think I am factually incorrect about any of this, please either call me or email me and explain where I may be wrong. It goes without saying, this is not my expertise. I am processing the same information that everyone else is working with and this is how I see it.

Ted

This is my analysis on the Heritage payout thus far. First, I would like to review the insurance policy as well as the official statements respecting investment returns, use of returns to pay premiums and loans taken from the policy. I understand Ted and Pam have the policy, and do not understand why Mr. Spallina thinks it is curious that I also want to review these materials. Second, I understand the expressed concerns that if the proceeds are paid to the estate then the proceeds would be subject to the claims of creditors of the estate. It is my understanding that the "plan" is to have the proceeds payable to a trust to avoid creditor claims; however, I have also been counseled that if a trust is utilized an estate creditor can challenge the trust transaction as a fraudulent conveyance used to avoid the creditor's claim. We have been told that Dad designated his 1995 trust as his beneficiary with Heritage. We were also told that that trust cannot be located. I would also like to review an affidavit that indicates the precise steps that were taken and by whom and with whom to locate the 1995 trust, and I would imagine that Heritage will require the same. Heritage, we were told, is now saying that the proceeds may have to go to the State under the applicable escheat laws, so Mr. Spallina is telling us that if Heritage accepts a new trust with all potential beneficiaries agreeing to the mechanism, that Heritage may pay the proceeds to this new trust and not to the State. I have been told that the reason the law requires a trust document (and not simply statements from someone who claims they saw the trust) is that it demonstrates Dad's desires, and because Dad had the right to change his mind and thus the beneficiaries under the trust, nothing short of the actual 1995 trust document may be sufficient to Heritage. Last, because the 1995 trust document cannot be located, the proceeds should go to the beneficiaries under [Article IV 2] and [Article III] of Dad's will, which picks up insurance proceeds under failed beneficiary designations. Under Dad's will and trust, these amounts, like the rest of his estate goes to his grandchildren in equal parts. Thus, to the extent it is decided to use a new trust to avoid the escheat laws, the only beneficiaries that may be acceptable to me is the grandchildren. As I stated above, I and my siblings should remain concerned that any estate creditor could challenge the transaction as a fraudulent conveyance. Also, having the 5 children as beneficiaries with each having the right to disclaim in favor of their children (i.e., Dad's grandchildren) is not acceptable for 2 reasons. First, such a scheme is not consistent with Dad's wishes under his will and trust agreement. Whatever Dad may have provided under the 1995 trust is both unknown and not relevant as stated above. The second reason is simple economics. My kids would get a 33% distribution under the proper method, but only 20% under the other scheme.

Regards,

Ted Bernstein - President



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EXHIBIT E

## Robert Spallina

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**From:** Christine Yates [cty@TrippScott.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 30, 2013 6:17 AM  
**To:** Robert Spallina  
**Cc:** 'Eliot Ivan Bernstein'  
**Subject:** RE: Bernstein - E/O Shirley Bernstein & E/O Leon Bernstein: Heritage Policy

Robert, after discussions with my client, he is not in agreement with the plan proposed below. A more formal letter will follow.

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**From:** Robert Spallina [mailto:rspallina@tescherspallina.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2013 11:43 AM  
**To:** Ted Bernstein; Lisa Friedstein; Pam Simon; Jill Iantoni; Christine Yates  
**Cc:** Kimberly Moran  
**Subject:** RE: Bernstein - E/O Shirley Bernstein & E/O Leon Bernstein: Heritage Policy

I am following up on our telephone conference from last week. Ted has contacted me about circulating a draft of the settlement agreement that would be presented to the court. Again, prior to preparing an agreement, I want to make sure that you are ALL in agreement that the proceeds do not come to the estate. I can tell you that your father planned his estate intending and believing that the five children would split the proceeds equally. We would like to see his wishes carried out and not have the proceeds paid to the estate where they could be subject to creditor claims prior to being split in equal shares among the grandchildren. Please advise if you are in agreement to move forward to petition the court for an order that would split the proceeds equally among the five of you.

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**From:** Robert Spallina  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 23, 2013 1:14 PM  
**To:** Ted Bernstein  
**Cc:** Lisa Friedstein; Pam Simon; Jill Iantoni; Christine Yates; Kimberly Moran  
**Subject:** Re: Heritage Policy

Kim will send.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 23, 2013, at 1:11 PM, "Ted Bernstein" <[tbernstein@lifeinsuranceconcepts.com](mailto:tbernstein@lifeinsuranceconcepts.com)> wrote:

## Robert Spallina

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**From:** Jill Iantoni [jilliantoni@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2013 3:39 PM  
**To:** Robert Spallina  
**Subject:** Re: Heritage Policy

Thanks

Jill Iantoni  
[iantoni\\_jill@ne.bah.com](mailto:iantoni_jill@ne.bah.com)  
Recruiting Services  
Booz | Allen | Hamilton

On Jan 29, 2013, at 2:03 PM, "Robert Spallina" <[rspallina@tescherspallina.com](mailto:rspallina@tescherspallina.com)> wrote:

The claim could be open for a long time but if it is cleared up then the money would be free from creditor claims. I do not know if there is a time frame for a pay out but if the proceeds are paid to the estate then your father's intent is not carried out.

**From:** Jill Iantoni [<mailto:jilliantoni@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2013 12:45 PM  
**To:** Robert Spallina  
**Cc:** Jill Iantoni  
**Subject:** Re: Heritage Policy

Hi Robert,

If the money stays at the insurance company until the Bill S. claim is cleared up, can we then decide if ALL five are in agreement and if not, wouldn't that money be free from creditors at that point? Is there a time fram that the money has to leave the insurance company and be paid out?

Thanks.  
Jill

On Tue, Jan 29, 2013 at 10:42 AM, Robert Spallina <[rspallina@tescherspallina.com](mailto:rspallina@tescherspallina.com)> wrote:

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**From:** Jill Iantoni [mailto:jilli\_anti@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 24, 2013 3:12 PM  
**To:** Robert Spallina  
**Cc:** Jill Iantoni  
**Subject:** Bernstein Estate 1/24/2013

Hi Robert,

thanks for todays call. Three questions.

One, if the 5 kids do NOT all agree that we should split the insurance proceeds amongst the 5 of us, what happens to the insurance proceeds? Can 4 out of 5 (or whatever the number is) over rule and move forward with the court hearing requesting that the insurance proceeds get paid out to the 5 children? If that is a NO, do the proceeds go directly to the estate? If the answer is the 10 grandchildren, will that be subject to creditors or would that money get paid out quickly (just as it would to the 5 of us) and avoid any potential law suit/creditors?

Two, if any of the 5 children have personal counsel representing them, are they allowed to have their bills sent to you/Estate for payment? If yes, is there a provision that the others can put in place that regulates the amount/or a provision that states it come out of their child(ren) portion of the estate?

Can you also clarify, that based on the conversation today, there is a chance that Bill S. case will be null and void and even if it is not, it is not towards Si Bernstein or his estate? Did I understand that correctly?

Thanks so much,

Jill



## Robert Spallina

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**From:** Robert Spallina  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 22, 2013 12:38 PM  
**To:** 'Jill Iantoni'  
**Cc:** Ted Bernstein; Lisa Friedstein; Pam Simon; Christine Yates; Kimberly Moran  
**Subject:** RE: Heritage Policy

We can discuss on Thursday but yes and no

**From:** Jill Iantoni [mailto:jilliantoni@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 22, 2013 12:36 PM  
**To:** Robert Spallina  
**Cc:** Ted Bernstein; Lisa Friedstein; Pam Simon; Christine Yates; Kimberly Moran  
**Subject:** Re: Heritage Policy

That time works for me/Jill.

Robert, if the proceeds go to the estate/grandchildren's share, is there a chance that creditors could get this money AND would this amount of 1.7 Million put the estate over 5.1 Million, where it would be taxed?

Thanks  
Jill

On Tue, Jan 22, 2013 at 11:16 AM, Robert Spallina <[rspallina@tescherspallina.com](mailto:rspallina@tescherspallina.com)> wrote:

I received a letter from the company requesting a court order to make the distribution of the proceeds consistent with what we discussed. I have traded calls with their legal department to see if I can convince them otherwise. I am not optimistic given how long it has taken them to make a decision. Either way I would like to have a fifteen minute call to discuss this with all of you this week. There are really only two options: spend the money on getting a court order to have the proceeds distributed among the five of you (not guaranteed but most likely probable), or have the proceeds distributed to the estate and have the money added to the grandchildren's shares. As none of us can be sure exactly what the 1995 trust said (although an educated guess would point to children in light of the document prepared by Al Gortz in 2000), I think it is important that we discuss further prior to spending more money to pursue this option. Hopefully I will have spoken with their legal department by Thursday. I would propose a 10:30 call on Thursday EST. Please advise if this works for all of you.

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## Robert Spallina

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**From:** Ted Bernstein [tbernstein@lifeinsuranceconcepts.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 22, 2013 1:34 PM  
**To:** Robert Spallina; Lisa Friedstein; Pam Simon; Jill Iantoni; Christine Yates  
**Cc:** Kimberly Moran  
**Subject:** RE: Heritage Policy

Robert,

We are in the midst of arranging a phone call between myself, Pam, Elliot, Christine Yates, Jill and Lisa. We were hoping to have that call today but Christine cannot make it until Thursday. I think it is imperative for this call to occur prior to anything else being done, including your call with their legal department. This way, we can establish whether there is going to be an agreement among the 5 of us, or not.

I completely agree with your assessment below of the options available here.

Please feel free to call me to discuss.

Ted

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# **EXHIBIT K**

**DOCKET # - SIMON ESTATE (SEE EXHIBIT K)**

**PET – PETITION**

**FILING DATE: 07-APR-2014**

**FILING PARTY: ELIOT IVAN BERNSTEIN**

**DOCKET TEXT: PETITION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF  
TESTAMENTARY TRUST, FOR REMOVAL OF TRUSTEE AND FOR  
TRUST ACCOUNTING BY ELIOT IVAN BERNSTEIN**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEEN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF  
SIMON BERNSTEIN,  
Deceased

CASE NO. 502012CP004391XXXXSB

HON. JUDGE MARTIN H. COLIN

ELIOT IVAN BERNSTEIN, PRO SE  
PETITIONER,

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DONALD R. TESCHER, ESQ., PROFESSIONALLY,  
THEODORE STUART BERNSTEIN, INDIVIDUALLY,  
THEODORE STUART BERNSTEIN, AS ALLEGED  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE,  
THEODORE STUART BERNSTEIN, AS ALLEGED  
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THEODORE STUART BERNSTEIN, AS ALLEGED  
TRUSTEE AND SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE,  
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ADULT CHILD)  
MOLLY NORAH SIMON (PAMELA ADULT  
CHILD)  
JULIA IANTONI – JILL MINOR CHILD  
MAX FRIEDSTEIN – LISA MINOR CHILD  
CARLY FRIEDSTEIN – LISA MINOR CHILD  
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**PETITION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF TESTAMENTARY TRUST,  
FOR REMOVAL OF TRUSTEE AND FOR TRUST ACCOUNTING**

Petitioner, ELIOT IVAN BERNSTEIN, individually and on behalf of his minor children ("Petitioner"), who are alleged qualified beneficiaries of the testamentary trust ("Settlor's Trust")<sup>1</sup> that is the alleged residuary beneficiary of the Estate of Simon L. Bernstein (the "Estate"), hereby petitions this Court for the construction of Settlor's Trust as permitted by Section 736.0201(5) of the Florida Statutes, for the removal of TED S. BERNSTEIN ("Ted"), as purported trustee of the Trust, and for a trust accounting with respect to Settlor's Trust, and in support thereof, Petitioner alleges as follows:

1. SIMON L. BERNSTEIN ("Settlor") is the decedent of this Estate.

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<sup>1</sup> Settlor's Trust is known as the Simon L. Bernstein Amended and Restated Trust Agreement dated July 25, 2012. A copy of Settlor's Trust is at URL [www.iviewit.tv/Simon and Shirley Estate/20120725SimonBernsteinAmendedRestatedTrust.pdf](http://www.iviewit.tv/Simon%20and%20Shirley%20Estate/20120725SimonBernsteinAmendedRestatedTrust.pdf) and is hereby incorporated in entirety by reference herein.



2. The alleged Will of Settlor dated July 25, 2012 (“Settlor’s Will”)<sup>2</sup> was admitted to probate in this proceeding<sup>3</sup>.

3. The alleged 2012 Settlor’s Will, allegedly executed weeks before Settlor’s death has been challenged by Petitioner, as well as, the alleged 2012 Amended and Restated Trust of Settlor. Petitioner has challenged these documents both civilly and criminally, along with other documents allegedly executed in 2012 by Settlor and claims they are part of a Fraud to change beneficiaries of Settlor’s Estate and his wife Shirley Bernstein’s (“Shirley”) Estate from three of five of Settlor’s children to Settlor’s ten grandchildren and illegally seize Dominion and Control of the Estate to further loot Estate and Trust assets. Evidence of Fraud and Forgery has already been discovered and proven in the Estates and Trusts of Settlor and Shirley and Ted and other Respondents and others are subjects of ongoing state and federal civil and criminal investigations and actions.

4. That Petitioner will however argue forward in this Petition in the alternative, assuming that the documents are valid, while granting no validity to them until the court can determine the ultimate beneficiaries after forensic document analysis can be completed and all Estate and Trust documents turned over to the beneficiaries and interested parties as required by Probate Rules and Statutes.

5. By Article III of alleged 2012 Settlor’s Will, upon Settlor’s death, Settlor directed that his residuary estate be distributed to the then serving trustee of Settlor’s Trust. Thus, Settlor’s Trust is a testamentary trust that is the residuary beneficiary of the Estate.

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<sup>2</sup> A copy of Settlor’s alleged July 25, 2012 Will is at the URL [www.iviewit.tv/Simon and Shirley Estate/20120725WillSimonBernstein.pdf](http://www.iviewit.tv/Simon%20and%20Shirley%20Estate/20120725WillSimonBernstein.pdf) and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

<sup>3</sup> Petitioner in May of 2013 contested both the 2012 alleged Settlor’s Will and an alleged 2012 Amended and Restated Trust of Settlor in Petitions to this Court that remain unheard. Petitioner and other beneficiaries have never been given the prior 2008 Will of Settlor and the 2008 Trust of Settlor as required by Florida Probate Rules and Statutes by the former Personal Representatives despite repeated demands by Petitioner and Petitioner’s former counsel.

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6. Upon Settlor's death, Settlor's Florida counsel, DONALD R. TESCHER ("Tescher") and ROBERT L. SPALLINA ("Spallina") of the law firm of Tescher & Spallina, P.A., accepted their alleged roles as the designated successor co-trustees of Settlor's Trust.

7. Tescher and Spallina were also appointed as and served as the initial co-personal representatives of the Estate.

8. Tescher & Spallina, P.A. and Spallina also acted as their own counsel to themselves as co-personal representatives and co-trustees.

9. In the wake of certain unethical, egregious and potentially criminal conduct perpetrated by Tescher and Spallina (some of which conduct is explained more fully below and in Petitioner's prior unheard Petitions and Motions before this Court), Tescher and Spallina resigned as co-trustees of Settlor's Trust, as co-personal representatives of Settlor's estate and as counsel in all capacities, as exhibited in Tescher and Spallina's Resignation Letter at the URL @ <http://www.iviewit.tv/20140114%20Tescher%20and%20Spallina%20Resignation%20Letter%20as%20PR%20in%20estates%20of%20Simon%20and%20Shirley.pdf>, fully incorporated by reference herein and Tescher and Spallina's Withdrawal as Counsel and Personal Representatives Orders @ <http://www.iviewit.tv/20140218SignedOrdersDischargeTescherSpallinaRejectionTedSuccessor.pdf>, fully incorporated by reference herein.

10. The alleged 2012 Settlor's Trust does not designate a successor trustee in the event that Tescher and Spallina cease to serve, but it does provide under Subparagraph C.3 of Article IV that the last serving trustee may appoint his or her successor.

11. Based upon information and belief, upon their resignation, Tescher and/or Spallina purported to appoint Ted as successor trustee of Settlor's Trust. Thus, Petitioner





believes that Ted is currently serving as the purported trustee of Settlor's Trust, although no formal notice or other evidence of his appointment has been provided to the beneficiaries as proscribed by Probate Rules and Statutes.

12. Subparagraph E.1 of Article III of Settlor's Trust provides, in relevant part, as follows:

**"Notwithstanding the foregoing, for all purposes of [Settlor's] Trust and the dispositions made hereunder, [Settlor's] children, TED S. BERNSTEIN, PAMELA B. SIMON, ELIOT BERNSTEIN, JILL IANTONI and LISA S. FRIEDSTEIN, shall be deemed to have predeceased [Settlor] . . ."**

13. It is a well-established rule of will/trust construction that the intent of the testator/settlor must govern and be given full force and effect to the extent possible when it does not violate law or public policy. See, e.g., *First Union National Bank of Florida, N.A., as trustee v. Frumkin, et. al.*, 659 So. 2d 463 (Fla. 3d DCA 1995).

14. Settlor's alleged intent in Subparagraph E.1 of Settlor's Trust is clear and unambiguous: Settlor allegedly intended that his children, including Ted, **shall** be treated as if they predeceased Settlor for **all purposes** of Settlor's Trust. As Settlor allegedly intended for Ted to be treated as having predeceased him for all purposes of Settlor's Trust, Ted cannot serve as successor trustee of Settlor's Trust due to this and other conflicts. Thus, the purported appointment of Ted as successor trustee is void and Ted must be removed as purported trustee.

15. In addition to Ted being prohibited under the trust terms from serving as successor trustee of Settlor's Trust, Ted should be removed as purported trustee of Settlor's Trust for the following reasons:



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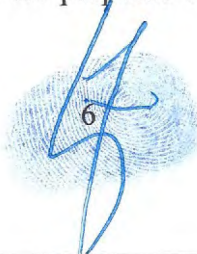
(a) Ted has failed to keep the qualified beneficiaries of Settlor's Trust reasonably informed of Settlor's Trust and its administration despite reasonable requests for information from Petitioner, in violation of Section 736.0813 of the Florida Statutes.

(b) As explained more fully below, Ted has failed to administer Settlor's Trust in good faith and solely in the interests of the beneficiaries of Settlor's Trust by depriving certain beneficiaries of Settlor's Trust of certain assets to which they are entitled and by allowing such assets to instead be distributed to trusts for Ted's children created under Settlor's Trust, which conduct violates Sections 736.0801 and 736.0802 of the Florida Statutes:

(i) Ted is currently serving as trustee of the testamentary trust of his mother, SHIRLEY BERNSTEIN ("Shirley"). Shirley's testamentary trust is known as the Shirley Bernstein Trust Agreement dated May 20, 2008 ("Shirley's Trust"). A copy of Shirley's Trust is found at the URL [www.iviewit.tv/Simon and Shirley Estate/Simon and Shirley Trusts.pdf](http://www.iviewit.tv/Simon%20and%20Shirley%20Estate/Simon%20and%20Shirley%20Trusts.pdf) (pages 26-56) and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

(ii) Two separate trusts were created under Shirley's Trust upon her death: the Family Trust and the Marital Trust. By Subparagraph E.1 of Article II of Shirley's Trust, Settlor was granted a limited testamentary power of appointment over the remaining assets of the Family Trust and Marital Trust at Settlor's death. Said power of appointment was exercisable in favor of Shirley's lineal descendants and their spouses; provided, however, that by Subparagraph E.1 of Article III of Shirley's Trust, Shirley specifically provided that Ted and his lineal descendants and PAMELA B. SIMON ("Pam", who is Shirley's daughter) and her lineal descendants **shall** be treated as if they predeceased the survivor of Shirley and Settlor (i.e., Settlor as he survived Shirley).

"Notwithstanding the foregoing, as I have adequately provided for them during my lifetime, for purposes of the dispositions made



under this Trust, my children, TED S. BERNSTEIN ("TED") and PAMELA B. SIMON ("PAM"), and their respective lineal descendants shall be deemed to have predeceased the survivor of my spouse and me, provided, however, if my children, ELIOT BERNSTEIN, JILL IANTONI and LISA S. FRIEDSTEIN, and their lineal descendants all predecease the survivor of my spouse and me, then TED and PAM, and their respective lineal descendants shall not be deemed to have predeceased me and shall be eligible beneficiaries for purposes of the dispositions made hereunder."

(iii) Thus, by the express terms of Shirley's Trust, Ted, the lineal descendants of Ted, Pam and the lineal descendants of Pam are considered to have predeceased Settlor. Therefore, no assets of Shirley's Trust are permitted to be distributed to Ted, Pam or their respective lineal descendants.

(iv) On or about November 18, 2008, Shirley allegedly executed an alleged First Amendment to Shirley's Trust, by which she deleted a specific gift to Ted's stepson, MATTHEW LOGAN under Subparagraph B of Article II of Shirley's Trust.

(v) Spallina admitted to investigators at Palm Beach County Sheriff that, after Shirley's death, he altered the First Amendment to Shirley's Trust dated November 18, 2008 before sending it to Petitioner's prior counsel. Specifically, Spallina admits that he inserted paragraph 2 of the Purported Second First Amendment such that only Ted and Pam, and not their respective children, would be treated as having predeceased the survivor of Settlor and Shirley. See page 5 of that certain Offense Report dated January 23, 2014 by Detective Ryan W. Miller, a copy of is located at the URL [www.iviewit.tv/Sheriff\\_Reports.pdf](http://www.iviewit.tv/Sheriff_Reports.pdf) and is hereby incorporated by reference herein ("Spallina's Police Report"). A copy of the purported Second First Amendment to Shirley's Trust that was provided to Petitioner's prior counsel is located at the URL

<http://www.iviewit.tv/FIRST%20AMENDMENT%20TO%20SHIRLEY%20BERNSTEIN%20T>



[RUST%20AGREEMENT.pdf](#) and is hereby incorporated by reference herein (the "Purported Second First Amendment to Shirley's Trust"). The Purported First Amendment to Shirley's Trust has not been provided to beneficiaries and interested parties since Shirley passed away on December 08, 2010 in violation of Probate Rules and Statutes. By Article II of Settlor's alleged 2012 Will, Settlor allegedly exercised the power of appointment granted to him under Shirley's Trust in favor of his grandchildren from all five children who survived him. Specifically, Settlor's alleged Will directs all remaining assets of the Marital Trust and the Family Trust created under Shirley's Trust to be divided into equal shares for Settlor's grandchildren who survived him, and that each grandchild's share be distributed to the separate trust created for him or her under Settlor's Trust.

(vi) Notwithstanding that the true version of Shirley's Trust (i.e., Shirley's Trust as amended by the First Amendment but without the alleged alteration by Spallina) precludes any distributions to Ted's lineal descendants and Pam's lineal descendants, Ted, as alleged trustee of Shirley's Trust, distributed an equal share of the remaining assets of Shirley's Trust to the trusts created under Settlor's Trust for Ted's lineal descendants and Pam's lineal descendants breaching his alleged fiduciary duties and creating conflicts that preclude and any further involvement of Ted.

(vii) Ted alleges that Spallina instructed him to distribute a portion of the remaining assets of Shirley's Trust to the trusts for Ted's children and Pam's children created under Settlor's Trust. Ted further alleges that Tescher and Spallina advised him on how to set up such trust accounts to receive such assets. See pages 2-3 of that certain Offense Report dated January 29, 2014 by Detective Ryan W. Miller, a copy located at the URL



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[www.iviewit.tv/Sheriff Reports.pdf](http://www.iviewit.tv/Sheriff_Reports.pdf) and is hereby incorporated by reference herein ("Ted's Police Report").

(viii) Ted further alleges that acting as alleged Trustee he "did not read all of Shirley's Trust documents and that Spallina and Tescher had both told him several times how Shirley's Trust was to be distributed." See page 2 of Ted's Police Report.

(ix) Conversely, Spallina alleges that "[Ted] was told not to make [the] distributions [from Shirley's Trust to the trusts for Settlor's grandchildren created under Settlor's Trust]." See page 6 of Spallina's Police Report. Indeed, Spallina admits that "all [Settlor] can do with Shirley's Trust is give it to Lisa, Jill, and [Petitioner's] children." See page 3 of Spallina's Police Report.

(x) Ted colluded with Tescher and Spallina to allow a portion of the assets of Shirley's Trust to be distributed to the trusts created for his and his sister Pamela's children under Settlor's Trust, in violation of his duty to administer Settlor's Trust in good faith and solely in the interests of the beneficiaries of Settlor's Trust. Said conduct by Ted as purported trustee of Settlor's Trust has deprived Petitioner's children and other beneficiaries of Settlor's Trust of certain assets of Shirley's Trust to which they are entitled and has caused and continues to cause irreparable harms.

(c) Tescher and Spallina therefore should be prohibited from appointing the successor trustee of Settlor's Trust in light of their conduct more specifically described above in knowingly and with intent to defraud fabricating the Purported Second First Amendment to Shirley's Trust, for closing the Estate of Shirley with a deceased Personal Representative (Settlor) and for their part in Fraudulent Notarizations and Forgery of six signatures, including a forged document for Settlor Post Mortem and therefore Ted should be removed as purported

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trustee since he is believed to have been appointed by Tescher and Spallina and to have colluded with them in egregious acts of bad faith, leaving them all with unclean hands. Further, Ted has conflicts in that he has a strong business and personal relationship with both Tescher and Spallina and was in fact the person who brought them to his father to attempt to have him make changes to the Estates and Trusts of Settlor and Shirley and has expressed anger at Petitioner for exposing the criminal acts in the Estates and Trusts committed by his close personal friends, Tescher and Spallina, further prejudicing Ted against Petitioner and other beneficiaries.

(d) Ted's actions more specifically described above demonstrate multiple conflicts of interest and egregious acts of bad faith that warrant his removal as purported trustee of Settlor's Trust.

(e) Petitioner is prepared to offer additional grounds for the removal of Ted as purported trustee of Settlor's Trust upon the Court's request. However, Petitioner believes that a proper construction of Settlor's Trust and the grounds set forth above are sufficient to warrant Ted's removal and prohibited from further involvement in Settlor's Trust.

16. Petitioner requests that Tescher and Spallina, as the initial alleged successor trustees of Settlor's Trust, and Ted, as the current purported successor trustee of Settlor's Trust, serve a full and complete trust accounting with respect to Settlor's Trust on all alleged qualified beneficiaries of Settlor's Trust that covers the periods of their respective service.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests that this Court enter an Order:

(i) removing Ted as purported trustee of Settlor's Trust based on Settlor's clear intent as expressed in Settlor's Trust and/or based on the serious breaches of trust described above committed by Ted as purported trustee;



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(ii) requiring Tescher, Spallina and Ted to provide a full and complete trust accounting to each qualified beneficiary of the Trust that covers their respective periods of service; and

(iii) granting such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Signed on April 07, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Petition was served via electronic mail on April 07, 2014 to the parties listed in the attached Service List.

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CITY: BOCA RATON STATE: FL ZIP: 33431

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LOCATION: OTHER  
NO. VICTIMS: 00 NO. ARRESTED: 0 FORCED ENTRY: 0

NAME LIST:  
ROLE:  
OTHER SIMON BERNSTEIN DOB: 12/02/1995  
SEX: M RACE: W HT: 506 WT: 180 HR: GRAY EYE: BROWN  
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: 7020 LIONSHEAD LA BOCA RATON FL 33496 HOME PHONE: 561 000-0000  
BUSINESS PHONE: 561 000-0000  
OTHER SHIRLEY BERNSTEIN DOB: 06/29/1939  
SEX: F RACE: W HT: 502 WT: 102 HR: BLOND EYE: BLUE  
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: 7020 LIONSHEAD RD BOCA RATON FL 33496 HOME PHONE: 561 000-0000  
BUSINESS PHONE: 561 000-0000  
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RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: 7387 WISTERIA AV PARKLAND FL 33076 HOME PHONE: 561 997-7008  
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SEX: M RACE: W HT: 509 WT: 170 HR: BROWN EYE: BROWN  
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THE PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, DISTRICT 1 CONFERENCE ROOM, WHICH IS LOCATED AT 3228 GUN CLUB ROAD, WEST PALM BEACH, FL. ROBERT SPALLINA STATED THAT HE AND HIS PARTNER, DONALD TESCHNER, MET SIMON AND SHIRLEY BERNSTEIN IN 2007. HE SAID THAT IN 2008 THE BERNSTEIN'S CAME TO THE TESCHNER AND SPALLINA FIRM. HE SAID THAT THEY (THE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE) CREATED WILLS AND TRUSTS FOR BOTH SIMON AND SHIRLEY IN 2008, AMONG OTHER PLANNING. SPALLINA TOLD US THAT SIMON HAD BEEN IN THE INSURANCE BUSINESS FOR 40 YEARS.

HE SAID THAT THE SUBJECT OF THE FIRST MEETINGS WAS THE SALE OF THE INSURANCE BUSINESS DOWN THE ROAD, AS WELL AS MOVING AROUND SOME STOCKS. SPALLINA STATED THE CONVERSATIONS WITH SIMON AND THE THOUGHT PROCESS WAS THAT ONCE SIMON SOLD THE INSURANCE BUSINESS HE OWNED, ALL THE FAMILY WOULD BENEFIT FROM IT (FINANCIALLY). HE SAID THE BUSINESS WAS NEVER SOLD, BUT A LOT OF PLANNING AND PREPARATION WAS DONE FOR IT, TO INCLUDE SETTING UP A FLORIDA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP AND A DELAWARE ASSET PROTECTION TRUST. SPALLINA STATED THAT SIMON WAS ALWAYS CONCERNED WITH CREDITOR PROTECTION. HE SAID THAT IS QUITE COMMON IN THE INSURANCE BUSINESS WORLD.

SPALLINA REITERATED THAT IN 2008, THE LAW FIRM DID THE DOCUMENTS FOR THE WILLS AND TRUSTS. HE STATED THEY (SIMON & SHIRLEY) HAVE FIVE CHILDREN AND 10 GRANDCHILDREN, AS WELL AS A STEP-GRANDCHILD.

SPALLINA SAID THAT THE ESTATE PLAN WAS SIMILAR TO MOST OTHERS, IT SAID SHOULD ONE SPOUSE DIE FIRST, THE OTHER WILL RECEIVE EVERYTHING (ALL ASSETS). HE SAID THAT UNDER BOTH TRUSTS, THE INITIAL DOCUMENTS READ THAT UPON THE SECOND DEATH, TWO CHILDREN (TED AND PAM) WERE EXCLUDED. HE TOLD US THIS TOOK PLACE SINCE BOTH TED AND PAM WERE SET UP WITH LIFE INSURANCE BUSINESSES AND THEY WANTED TO MAKE THE REMAINING CHILDREN (ELIOT, LISA, AND JILL) AS WHOLE AS THEY COULD. NOTE: TED WAS WORKING WITH SIMON IN THE INSURANCE BUSINESS DOWN HERE IN FLORIDA AND PAM RECEIVED A COMPANY IN ILLINOIS.

SPALLINA REITERATED THAT UPON THE DEATH OF THE SECOND SURVIVOR, EVERYTHING FROM BOTH TRUSTS GOES TO JILL, LISA, AND ELIOT ADDING THAT SHIRLEY HAD ONE OTHER STIPULATION IN HER TRUST, WHICH STATED THAT TED'S STEPSON, (MATTHEW LOGAN) RECEIVED \$200,000. HE TOLD ME THAT SHIRLEY HAD A LIKING TO MATTHEW SO SHE ADDED THAT TO HER TRUST, BUT THAT SIMON DID NOT BELIEVE IN THAT, THAT HE FELT EVERYTHING SHOULD GO TO BLOOD (A BIOLOGICAL CHILD). SPALLINA SAID THAT LATER ON IN 2008, SHIRLEY STATED SHE WANTED TO CHANGE HER TRUST DOCUMENTS IN REFERENCE TO THE MONEY LEFT TO MATTHEW LOGAN. HE STATED THAT AN AMENDMENT WAS CREATED, WHICH WAS SIGNED BY SHIRLEY ON NOV. 19, 2008 TAKING LOGAN OUT OF THE TRUST.

SPALLINA STATED THAT HE FELT THAT SIMON'S WISHES OVERRODE SHIRLEY'S IN THIS SITUATION. SPALLINA SAID THAT HE AND KIMBERLY MORAN (HIS EMPLOYEE & A NOTARY) WENT TO SHIRLEY'S HOME FOR THE DOCUMENT TO BE SIGNED. HE SAID THAT RACHEL WALKER, SHIRLEY'S ASSISTANT, WAS PRESENT WHEN THE DOCUMENT WAS SIGNED.

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SHE AND SPALLINA ARE ON THE DOCUMENT AS WITNESSES, MORAN IS THE NOTARY FOR SHIRLEY'S SIGNATURE. HE TOLD ME THAT WAS THE LAST CHANGE SHIRLEY EVER MADE TO HER DOCUMENTS AND THAT SHE PASSED ON DECEMBER 2010. SIMON WAS STILL ALIVE AND THE TRUST READ THAT EVERYTHING WENT TO HIS BENEFIT. SPALLINA REITERATED THAT HER DOCUMENTS READ THAT UPON SIMON'S DEATH, EVERYTHING (HER ASSETS) WENT TO JILL, LISA, AND ELIOT.

SPALLINA STATED THAT IN 2012, SIMON CONTACTED HIM STATING THAT HE WAS HAVING CONCERNS ABOUT HOW HE HAD ELIMINATED TED AND PAM FROM HIS TRUST. HE STATED THAT IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THESE THOUGHTS CAME ON BECAUSE PAM STARTED SENDING HIM LETTERS. HE SAID THAT SHE (PAM) HAD A LAWYER CONTACT HIS OFFICE AND ASK FOR COPIES OF SHIRLEY'S TRUST DOCUMENTS. SPALLINA SAID THAT HE MET WITH SIMON, WHO SAID THAT HE WAS CONSIDERING CHANGING HIS DOCUMENTS. HE SAID THAT ONE OF THE CHANGES DISCUSSED WAS HOW TO INCLUDE TED AND PAM'S CHILDREN.

SPALLINA STATED THAT SIMON HAD A LIFE INSURANCE POLICY WITH THE BENEFIT OF \$1,600,000. HE SAID THAT THE POLICY READ THAT IF SIMON PASSED BEFORE SHIRLEY SHE RECEIVED THE BENEFIT, BUT IF SHIRLEY PASSED BEFORE HIM, THE FIVE CHILDREN RECEIVED THE BENEFITS ONCE HE PASSED. THIS POLICY ORIGINATED OUT OF ILLINOIS. SPALLINA ADDED THAT THIS POLICY AND ITS DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS ARE CURRENTLY IN A FEDERAL COURT BATTLE.

SPALLINA STATED THAT A DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE WITH HIM AND SIMON IN 2012; REFERENCE THE FACT THAT SIMON HAD ISSUES ON HOW AND WITH WHOM FUNDS WERE GOING TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO UPON HIS DEATH. HE TOLD ME SIMON WAS HAVING RESERVATIONS ABOUT TED AND PAM NOT BEING IN HIS TRUST, AS WELL AS THAT FACT THAT HE THEN HAD A GIRLFRIEND BY THE NAME OF MARITZ PUCCIO THAT HE WANTED TO PROVIDE FOR. HE ADDED THAT NO ONE IN THE FAMILY WAS HAPPY THAT PUCCIO WAS IN SIMON'S LIFE. HE ALSO TOLD ME THAT SIMON WANTED HIS GRANDCHILDREN TO RECEIVE BENEFITS FROM THE TRUST.

SPALLINA SAID THAT SIMON FIRST SUGGESTED MAKING BENEFICIARY CHANGES ON THE AFOREMENTIONED LIFE INSURANCE POLICY. SPALLINA SAID THAT HE TOLD SIMON THAT WAS A VERY BAD IDEA. HE TOLD ME THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING CALLED AN EXERCISE OF POWER OF APPOINTMENT, PUT IN BOTH SIMON AND SHIRLEY'S TRUST DOCUMENTS. HE SAID THIS GAVE THE LIVING SPOUSE THE ABILITY TO MAKE CHANGES ON THE DECEASED SPOUSE'S DOCUMENTS. HE SAID THAT HE TOLD SIMON, THAT MAYBE THEY SHOULD EXPLORE OPTIONS WITH THAT. HE SAID SIMON TOLD HIM THAT HE WANTED TO MAKE THE NECESSARY CHANGES TO HAVE BOTH TRUSTS READ THAT THE 10 GRANDCHILDREN WERE THE BENEFICIARIES. HE TOLD ME THAT HE TOLD SIMON (ST AS HE CALLS HIM) THAT HE COULD NOT MAKE THOSE CHANGES TO SHIRLEY'S TRUST BECAUSE SHE HAD WROTE TED AND PAM AND THEIR CHILDREN AS PREDECEASED IN HER TRUST.

SPALLINA REITERATED THAT SIMON CAN DO WHATEVER HE WANTS WITH HIS ESTATE, BUT ALL HE CAN DO WITH SHIRLEY'S TRUST IS GIVE IT TO LISA, JILL, AND ELIOT'S CHILDREN. HE SAID THAT SIMON WAS NOT HAPPY ABOUT THIS. HE SAID THAT SIMON

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WAS VERY ADAMANT ABOUT LEAVING EVERYTHING IN THE ESTATES TO THE GRANDCHILDREN. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE ADVISED SIMON TO NOT MAKE CHANGES TO THE LIFE INSURANCE POLICY OR THE ESTATES, MAKING PUCCIO A BENEFICIARY. HE STATED THAT THIS WILL ONLY CAUSE PROBLEMS AND CREATE LITIGATION. SPALLINA SAID THE AFOREMENTIONED DISCUSSION AND MEETING TOOK PLACE IN FEBRUARY 2012. HE SAID THE MEETING CONCLUDED WITH SIMON SAYING HE NEEDED TO THINK ABOUT THINGS.

HE TOLD ME THAT THREE MONTHS LATER, SIMON CONTACTED HIM STATING HE KNEW WHAT HE WANTED TO DO. HE SAID THAT SIMON TOLD HIM HE WANTED TO LEAVE HIS INSURANCE POLICY ALONE, BUT THAT HE WANTS BOTH TRUSTS TO GO TO HIS 10 GRANDCHILDREN. SPALLINA SAID THAT HE EXPLAINED TO HIM AGAIN, THAT ONLY HIS TRUST, NOT SHIRLEY'S CAN GO TO BOTH GRANDCHILDREN, UNLESS HE TAKES ALL OF THE ASSETS OUT OF THE SHIRLEY TRUST AND PUTS THEM INTO HIS NAME. HE SAID THE COST OF TAKING THE ASSETS OUT OF SHIRLEY'S TRUST WOULD HAVE BEEN SIGNIFICANT, BECAUSE SHIRLEY'S DEATH OCCURRED BEFORE FEDERAL ESTATE TAX CHANGES TOOK PLACE, SO AS LONG AS IT STAYED IN HER ESTATE IT WOULD BE FREE OF TAX, BUT SHOULD IT GO TO SIMON'S TRUST IT WILL BE TAXED.

THERE WAS ALSO AN ISSUE OF SUBJECTING THE ASSETS FROM SHIRLEY'S ESTATE TO CREDITORS IF IT WENT TO SIMON'S ESTATE. SPALLINA TOLD ME THAT AT THIS TIME, SIMON SAID "GET MY CHILDREN ON THE PHONE". HE SAID THAT SIMON TOLD HIM THAT HE WANTED HIS CHILDREN TO AGREE THAT ALL ASSETS FROM BOTH TRUSTS GO TO THE 10 GRANDCHILDREN. HE SAID THAT SIMON TOLD HIM HE (SIMON) COULD GET THEM TO AGREE. SPALLINA CONFIRMED THAT THIS CONVERSATION OCCURRED ON THE SAME DATE, DURING THE SAME PHONE CALL (CONFERENCE CALL), REGARDING THE WAIVER OF ACCOUNTING FORM FOR SHIRLEY'S ESTATE IN PBSO CASE #13-097087.

FROM A PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION DONE BY ME, I FOUND THAT SIMON SIGNED THE WAIVER OF ACCOUNTING ON 04/09/12, SO IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE PHONE CALL OCCURRED ON THAT DATE. I HAD ALSO NOTED IN MY REPORT THAT THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION OF INHERITANCE AND WHO WAS TO GET WHAT. SPALLINA SAID THAT DURING THE PHONE CALL, ALL FIVE KIDS AGREED THAT CHANGING THE INHERITANCE OF BOTH ESTATES TO THE GRANDCHILDREN WAS A GREAT IDEA. HE SAID THAT ELIOT SPOKE THE MOST, STATING THINGS SUCH AS, GREAT IDEA DAD, WHATEVER YOU WANT TO DO, WHATEVER MAKES YOU FEEL BEST, WHATEVER IS BEST FOR YOUR HEALTH DAD.

SO, AFTER THE AFOREMENTIONED PHONE CALL, NEW DOCUMENTS WERE DRAWN UP FOR SIMON'S ESTATE. THESE NEW DOCUMENTS GAVE EVERYTHING TO ALL 10 GRANDKIDS. HE ALSO EXERCISED HIS POWER OF SHIRLEY'S ESTATE, LEAVING EVERYTHING TO ALL 10 GRANDKIDS, EVEN THOUGH LEGALLY HE COULD NOT INCLUDE TED AND FAM'S KIDS BECAUSE OF THE PREDECEASED LIMITATION. HE SAID THESE DOCUMENTS WERE EXECUTED AT THE END OF JULY 2012. HE SAID SEVEN WEEKS LATER SIMON DIES, UNEXPECTEDLY. I FOUND THAT SIMON PASSED ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2012 OF A HEART ATTACK.

SPALLINA SAID APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS AFTER THAT, HIS OFFICE RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM ELIOT'S ATTORNEY, CHRISTINE YATES, FOR ALL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO

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SIMON AND SHIRLEY BERNSTEIN, TO INCLUDE DOCUMENTS RELATING TO BERNSTEIN FAMILY REALITY, WHICH OWNS A HOME THAT ELIOT AND HIS FAMILY LIVE IN. HE SAID THAT HIS HOME IS ACTUALLY OWNED AND IS FUNDED BY THREE TRUSTS THAT SIMON CREATED. THE THREE TRUSTS ARE IN THE NAME OF ELIOT'S THREE CHILDREN, (JACK, JAKE, AND DAN).

SPALLINA TOLD ME THAT HE AND HIS PARTNER HAD DISCUSSIONS REFERENCE TO FULFILLING SIMON'S WISHES OF ALL 10 GRANDCHILDREN RECEIVING THE BENEFITS FROM BOTH SIMON AND SHIRLEY'S TRUSTS. HE SAID THAT HE AND HIS PARTNER, DONALD TESCHNER, DISCUSSED DOING A SCRIVENER'S AFFIDAVIT REFERENCE REINSTATING TED AND PAM'S CHILDREN INTO SHIRLEY'S TRUST, SINCE THEIR NOTES WERE UNCLEAR TO AS IF THE GRANDCHILDREN WERE OR WERE NOT DEEMED PREDECEASED, AS TED AND PAM WERE. HE TOLD ME THAT THE DECISION WAS MADE TO NOT DO THE SCRIVENER'S AFFIDAVIT, DUE TO THE CHANCE THAT IT MAY NOT WORK. HE SAID THOUGH, THAT AGAINST HIS BETTER JUDGMENT HE ALTERED THE FIRST PAGE OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE SHIRLEY BERNSTEIN TRUST AGREEMENT, BEFORE HE TURNED IT OVER TO YATES. THE ORIGINAL WAS MENTIONED EARLIER ON IN THIS REPORT AND STATES THAT SHIRLEY SIGNED IT ON NOVEMBER 18, 2008. IT TOOK MATTHEW LOGAN OUT OF THE TRUST.

SPALLINA SAID THAT THEY NOTICED THAT THE FIRST PAGES OF THE DOCUMENT SKIPPED FROM ONE TO THREE, SO HE TOOK IT UPON HIMSELF TO ADD IN NUMBER TWO, BEFORE SENDING IT TO YATES. THE CHANGE THAT NUMBER TWO MADE TO THE TRUST, AMENDED PARAGRAPH 2 OF ARTICLE III, MAKING IT READ THAT ONLY TED AND PAM WERE CONSIDERED PREDECEASED, NOT THEIR CHILDREN. HE SAID THE ORIGINAL TRUST STATES THAT TED, PAM, AND THEIR CHILDREN ARE DREAMED PREDECEASED. SPALLINA SAID HE DID THIS AT THIS OFFICE IN BOCA RATON, FLORIDA. HE SAID THAT NO ONE ELSE TOOK PART IN ALTERING THE DOCUMENT. HE SAID THAT HE DID IT TO MAKE SIMON'S WISHES AND THE VERBAL AGREEMENT FROM THE APRIL 2012 PHONE CONVERSATION COME TRUE. SPALLINA STATED THAT ALTHOUGH HE CREATED THE ALTERED FORM AND ATTACHED IT TO THE ORIGINALLY SIGNED/NOTARIZED FORM, HE RECEIVED NO INCOME OR GAIN FROM IT. HE STATED HE SOLELY DID IT TO FULFILL SIMON'S WISHES. HE CONFIRMED THAT THIS ALTERED DOCUMENT DID NOT GET FILED WITH THE COURTS.

SPALLINA STATED THAT AGAINST HIS ADVICE, A DISTRIBUTION WAS MADE FROM ONE OF THE TRUSTS AFTER SIMON'S DEATH. HE STATED THAT HE ADVISED AGAINST THIS AND WHEN SIMON PASSED, A FORMER PARTNER FILED A CLAIM AGAINST THE ESTATE FOR \$2,500,000.

SPALLINA ALSO TOLD ME THAT IN 2006, ALL OF THE GRANDCHILDREN RECEIVED TRUSTS FROM SHIRLEY AND SIMON. HE STATED THAT YATES WAS ACTUALLY THE ATTORNEY FOR ELIOT'S CHILDREN'S TRUSTS. SPALLINA STATED THAT SIMON WANTED ELIOT'S KIDS TO HAVE A HOME, BUT DID NOT WANT THE HOME IN ELIOT'S NAME.

SPALLINA ALSO TOLD ME THAT IN 2009 SIMON CAME TO HIM AND SAID HE IS BUYING A HOUSE FOR ELIOT AND HIS FAMILY TO LIVE IN, BUT HE DOES NOT WANT ELIOT TO OWN THE HOME. HE SAID THAT SIMON TOLD HIM THAT HE WANTED ELIOT'S

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CHILDREN'S THREE TRUSTS TO OWN THE HOME. HE THEN SET UP A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, WHICH IS BERNSTEIN FAMILY REALTY. HE SAID THAT SIMON SET UP AN ACCOUNT AT LEGACY BANK. HE SAID THAT SIMON FUNDED THE ACCOUNT, TO PAY FOR THE EXPENSES AT THE HOUSE. RACHEL WALKER WAS IN CHARGE OF PAYING THOSE EXPENSES. HE SAID THAT AT SIMON'S DEATH THE ACCOUNT HAD VERY LITTLE MONEY IN IT. HE SAID THIS WAS THE TYPE OF ACCOUNT THAT ONLY ENOUGH MONEY WENT INTO IT EACH MONTH TO COVER THE NECESSARY EXPENSES FOR THE HOME, SUCH AS POWER, WATER, AND MORTGAGE.

SPALLINA STATED THAT PRIOR TO SIMON'S DEATH, HE WAS THE MANAGER OF BER, BUT AFTER HIS DEATH IT WAS TRANSFERRED TO OPPENHEIMER TRUST COMPANY, BECAUSE NO ONE IN THE FAMILY WANTED TO MANAGE IT. HE STATED THIS WAS BECAUSE NO ONE WANTED TO DEAL WITH ELIOT. HE SAID OTC BECAME THE TRUSTEE AND THE LEGACY BANK ACCOUNT GOT CLOSED OUT SINCE THE ACCOUNT HAD MINIMAL FUNDS IN IT AND SIMON WAS NO LONGER ALIVE TO FUND IT. HE STATED THAT OTC OPENED UP THEIR OWN BER TRUST ACCOUNT. HE SAID THAT WHEN THIS OCCURRED, THERE WAS APPROXIMATELY \$80,000 IN EACH OF ELIOT'S CHILDREN'S TRUSTS. HE SAID THAT ELIOT STARTED CALLING UP OTC ASKING FOR THEM TO PAY BILLS.

SPALLINA SAID THE PROBLEM IS THAT SINCE NEITHER ELIOT NOR HIS WIFE WERE WORKING, THEY WERE ALSO ASKING FOR THEIR CREDIT CARD BILLS TO BE PAID, ALONG WITH THE NORMAL LIVING EXPENSES. HE STATED THAT THE CREDIT CARD BILLS SHOWED CHARGES TO HIGH END RESTAURANTS, SUCH AS CAPITAL GRILL. SPALLINA SAID THAT DUE TO THE EXPENSES BEING PAID BY THE THREE CHILDREN'S TRUST, TO INCLUDE PRIVATE SCHOOL, THE TRUSTS WERE DRAINED BY AUGUST 2013.

SPALLINA STATED THAT TED BERNSTEIN IS THE TRUSTEE FOR SHIRLEY'S TRUST. HE SAID THAT SHIRLEY HAD A CONDO THAT WAS SOLD FOR \$1,400,000 AND THAT MONEY WENT INTO THE TRUST. HE SAID THAT TED DISCUSSED WITH HIS SIBLINGS, POSSIBLY EXCLUDING ELIOT, THAT THERE WAS CONCERN ABOUT A CREDITOR GETTING SOME OF THE MONEY. HE SAID THAT TED MADE A DISTRIBUTION TO SEVEN OF THE 10 GRANDCHILDREN'S TRUSTS. FOUR OF WHICH INCLUDE TED'S THREE CHILDREN AND PAM'S CHILD. SPALLINA SAID THAT TED ONLY FUNDED SEVEN OF THE GRANDCHILDREN, BECAUSE ELIOT REFUSED TO OPEN ACCOUNTS FOR HIS THREE KIDS SO THAT TED COULD FUND THEM. HE SAID THAT IN SEPTEMBER OF 2013, \$80,000 WAS DISTRIBUTED TO EACH OF THE SEVEN TRUSTS, WHICH IS A TOTAL OF \$560,000. SPALLINA REITERATED THAT TED WAS TOLD TO NOT MAKE DISTRIBUTIONS.

SPALLINA WAS ASKED AND CONFIRMED THAT THE ALTERED DOCUMENT REFERENCE SHIRLEY'S TRUST, IS THE ONLY MISTAKE THAT HE MADE. HE IS NOT AWARE OF ANY OTHER MISTAKES.

I WAS SUPPLIED A COPY OF THE ALTERED DOCUMENT BY SPALLINA ON 01/22/14. THIS NARRATIVE IS NOT A VERBATIM ACCOUNT OF THE INTERVIEW WITH SPALLINA. FURTHER INVESTIGATION WILL CONSIST OF MEETING WITH SIMON AND SHIRLEY'S CHILDREN, IN ATTEMPT TO GAIN STATEMENTS FROM THEM.

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SIGNAL CODE: 14 CRIME CODE: \* NON CRIME CODE: \* OF CODE: 9546 01/29/14 THURSDAY  
ZONE: BR GRID: DEPUTY I.D.: 7704 NAME: MILLER ASSIST: TIME D 1020 A 1020 C 1021  
OCCURRED BETWEEN DATE: 12/01/12 , 0000 HOURS AND DATE: 01/31/13 , 0000 HOURS  
EXCEPTION TYPE:

INCIDENT LOCATION: 4655 TECHNOLOGY WY APT. NO.: 700  
CITY: BOCA RATON STATE: FL ZIP: 33431

NO. OFFENSES: 00 NO. OFFENDERS: UK NO. VEHICLES STOLEN: 0 NO. PREMISES ENTERED: 0  
LOCATION: OTHER  
NO. VICTIMS: 00 NO. ARRESTED: 0 FORCED ENTRY: 0

ON JAN. 26, 2014 I MET WITH TED BERNSTEIN WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY ATTORNEY ALAN ROSE. ROSE IS A CIVIL ATTORNEY, SPECIALIZING IN PROBATE AND BUSINESS LITIGATION. THIS INTERVIEW TOOK PLACE AT THE PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION'S CONFERENCE ROOM, LOCATED AT 3228 GUN CLUB ROAD, WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA 33406 AT 11:46 A.M. THE FOLLOWING IS A NON-VERBATIM ACCOUNT OF THE INTERVIEW:

TED STATED THAT HE AND HIS FATHER SIMON HAD AN OFFICE TOGETHER. HE TOLD ME THAT IN 2007 HE HAD NOTICED THAT TESCHER AND SPALLINA STARTED FREQUENTING THE OFFICE AND THEY CONTINUED TO VISIT THE OFFICE QUITE OFTEN INTO 2008. HE SAID THAT HE THEN REALIZED THAT HIS PARENTS WERE CONDUCTING THEIR ESTATE PLANNING. HE SAID THAT HE WAS NOT ASKED TO BE PART OF THE PLANNING, NOR DID HE INQUIRE ABOUT IT. TED TOLD ME THAT HE IS THE ELDEST CHILD OF FIVE, TO INCLUDE JILL, LYSA, PAM, AND ELIOT. THE OFFICE FOR THE INSURANCE AGENCY THAT TED AND SIMON WORKED TOGETHER AT IS LOCATED AT 950 PENINSULA CORPORATE CIRCLE, BOCA RATON, FL 33487.

TED STATED THAT HE FOUND OUT UPON HIS FATHER'S DEATH, THAT HE WAS THE TRUSTEE FOR HIS MOTHER'S TRUST. HE TOLD ME THAT THE ATTORNEY'S (TESCHER AND SPALLINA) MADE HIM AWARE OF THIS. HE SAID HE WAS ALSO INFORMED HE WAS A CO-TRUSTEE FOR SOME OTHER ACCOUNT. HE TOLD ME THAT HE IS NOT GOING TO INHERIT AN INSURANCE AGENCY, BUT THAT HE AND HIS FATHER WERE PARTNERS. HE STATED THAT HE OWNS STOCK IN THE AGENCY WITH NO OPTION FOR HIM TO INHERIT OR PURCHASE HIS FATHER'S INTEREST IN THE COMPANY. HE COMMENTED ON THE FACT THAT THE BUSINESS MAKES LITTLE INCOME THESE DAYS.

TED STATED THAT IN THE FIRST PART OF 2012, HIS FATHER (SIMON) HAD A

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DISCUSSION WITH HIM, REFERENCE AN ISSUE THAT PAM RAISED WITH SIMON ABOUT HOW THE DOCUMENTS FOR THE TRUSTS WERE DRAWN UP. HE TOLD ME THAT HE BELIEVED PAM HAD SENT SIMON SOME INFORMATION OR A BOOK RELEVANT TO HER VIEW ON HOW YOU DO ESTATE PLANNING WHEN CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN ARE INVOLVED. HE SAID THAT HIS FATHER DID ASK HIM HIS OPINION ON THINGS AND TED TOLD HIM THAT HE DID FEEL THAT THE GRANDCHILDREN MAY NOT UNDERSTAND IF IF THEY DID NOT RECEIVE AN INHERITANCE. HE STATED THAT HIS FATHER TOLD HIM THAT HE MADE A REALLY GOOD POINT AND SOMETHING TO CONSIDER. TED SAID THAT SOON AFTER THAT CONVERSATION HIS FATHER ANNOUNCED THAT HE WANTED TO TALK WITH HIS CHILDREN ABOUT THE DISTRIBUTION OF HIS AND SHIRLEY'S ASSETS UPON HIS DEATH. HE TOLD ME THAT A CONFERENCE CALL MEETING TOOK PLACE INCLUDING HIS (SIMON'S) FIVE CHILDREN, SIMON, AND SPALLINA. HE SAID THAT THE CONVERSATION WENT REALLY WELL AND SIMON GOT TO PROVIDE HIS WISHES VERY CLEARLY.

HE STATED THAT SPALLINA EXPLAINED THE PROCESS LEGALLY, BUT HIS FATHER MADE A STATEMENT AND ASKED EACH CHILD DIRECTLY, HOW THEY FELT ABOUT IT. TED SAID THAT IT WAS TOLD TO HIM AND HIS SIBLINGS THAT SIMON WAS LEAVING ALL OF HIS WEALTH TO HIS 10 GRANDCHILDREN EQUALLY. HE SAID THAT SIMON TOLD THEM THAT THEY (THE CHILDREN) WERE EACH GETTING 1/5 OF A LIFE INSURANCE POLICY. TED SAID THAT IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT HIS FATHER WAS NOT ASKING FOR PERMISSION, BUT STATING CLEARLY WHAT HE THOUGHT WAS RIGHT. TED SAID THAT EACH CHILD STATED THEY FELT OK ABOUT THE DECISION AND THAT IT WAS HIS WEALTH TO MAKE DECISIONS WITH. TED STATED THAT HE BELIEVES THIS WAS THE SAME PHONE CALL WHERE HE WAS TOLD BY SPALLINA HE, AS WELL AS SIBLINGS, WOULD BE RECEIVING FORMS THEY NEEDED TO SIGN AND RETURN. HE STATED THAT SOON AFTER THIS CALL HE RECEIVED THE WAIVER OF ACCOUNTING FORM FOR HIS MOTHER'S ESTATE. THIS IS THE DOCUMENT DISCUSSED IN PBSO CASE # 13-097087.

TED STATED THAT HE WAS NOT INVOLVED IN ANY OTHER DISCUSSIONS REFERENCE ESTATES UNTIL HIS FATHER'S PASSING ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2012. HE SAID THAT TESCHER AND SPALLINA TOLD HIM AFTER HIS FATHER'S DEATH THAT HE WAS THE TRUSTEE FOR HIS MOTHER'S ESTATE. HE SAID OVER MANY IN PERSON MEETINGS AND PHONE CALLS HE WAS GIVEN GUIDANCE BY THE ATTORNEYS ON HOW TO PERFORM HIS DUTIES AS A TRUSTEE, BECAUSE THIS WAS ALL NEW TO HIM. HE HAD NEVER BEEN IN THIS ROLE BEFORE. HE STATED HE WAS NOT PROVIDED A CHECKLIST OR BOOK ON HOW TO PERFORM THESE DUTIES. TED SAID THAT HE MADE IT CLEAR TO HIS SIBLINGS THAT HE IS THE TRUSTEE ON SHIRLEY'S TRUST. TED STATED THAT HE WAS TOLD THAT SHIRLEY'S TRUST WAS TO BE DISTRIBUTED AMONGST HER 10 GRANDCHILDREN. TED STATED THAT HE DID NOT READ ALL OF SHIRLEY'S TRUST DOCUMENTS AND THAT SPALLINA AND TESCHER HAD BOTH TOLD HIM SEVERAL TIMES HOW SHIRLEY'S TRUST WAS TO BE DISTRIBUTED.

TED SAID THAT HE DID READ IN THE DOCUMENTS WHERE THE 10 GRANDCHILDREN WERE TO RECEIVE THE ASSETS FROM THE TRUST. HE SAID THAT HE DID ISSUE A PARTIAL DISTRIBUTION TO THE SEVEN OF THE 10 GRANDCHILDREN. HE DID NOT ISSUE

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DISTRIBUTIONS TO ELIOT'S CHILDREN BECAUSE ELIOT REFUSED TO SET UP ACCOUNTS FOR THE FUNDS TO BE SENT TOO. HE ALSO TOLD ME THAT ELIOT TOLD JUDGE COLIN IN COURT THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO SET UP THE ACCOUNTS FOR HIS CHILDREN TO RECEIVE THE FUNDS, BECAUSE THE FUNDS BELONG TO HIM, NOT HIS CHILDREN. HE STATED THAT ELIOT HAD MENTIONED OTHER REASONS IN E-MAILS FOR NOT TAKING THE MONEY. HE ALSO STATED THAT ELIOT REFERENCED THE MONEY AS CRIME OR BLOOD MONEY.

HE STATED THAT SPALLINA TOLD HIM IT WAS OK TO DISTRIBUTE THE FUNDS. HE STATED THAT TESCHER AND SPALLINA RESPONDED VIA E-MAIL ON HOW TO RECEIVE THE FUNDS, SUCH AS SETTING UP TRUST ACCOUNTS FOR THE FUNDS TO GO INTO. TED TOLD ME THAT THERE WERE CONVERSATIONS, WHERE HE WAS TOLD THAT SIMON'S ASSETS COULD NOT BE DISTRIBUTED DUE TO CREDITORS FILING AGAINST THE ESTATE, BUT HE WAS LEAD TO BELIEVE IT WAS OK TO MAKE A PARTIAL DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FROM SHIRLEY'S ESTATE, BUT THAT THEY WOULD NEED TO BE CAREFUL IN REGARDS TO DISTRIBUTING FUNDS THAT WERE OBTAINED THROUGH LIQUIDATING HER JEWELRY AND PERSONAL PROPERTY. TED ALSO COMMENTED THAT ONE OF THE GOALS OF MAKING THE DISTRIBUTIONS WAS TO ASSIST ELIOT AND HIS FAMILY, BECAUSE THEY WERE RUNNING LOW ON FUNDS. HE STATED THIS DERIVED FROM ELIOT'S POTENTIAL MISUSE OF FUNDS THAT WERE IN HIS CHILDREN'S TRUSTS IN RELATION TO BERNSTEIN FAMILY REALITY (ELIOT'S HOME) AND ELIOT'S SPENDING AND EXPENSES.

TED CONFIRMED THAT HE DID NOT MAKE ANY DECISIONS IN RELATION TO SIMON'S INSURANCE POLICY GENERATED OUT OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. HE STATED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE POLICY TO BE OWNED BY SIMON PERSONALLY. HE STATED HE UNDERSTOOD THE POLICY TO READ AS, SHOULD SHIRLEY PASS BEFORE HIM, THE BENEFITS WOULD GO TO THE FIVE CHILDREN.

TED CONFIRMED THAT HE WAS NOT THE TRUSTEE FOR SIMON'S ESTATE, BUT THAT IT WAS EXPLAINED TO HIM, VERBALLY, THAT ALL 10 GRANDCHILDREN WILL RECEIVE THE ASSETS FROM THAT ESTATE IN AN EQUAL DISTRIBUTION AT SOME POINT IN TIME. WE DID DISCUSS THE POWER OF APPOINTMENT PUT IN THE TRUST DOCUMENTS. IT APPEARED AS IF TED WAS NOT AWARE OF ANYTHING CALLED A POWER OF APPOINTMENT, UNTIL THE LAST FEW WEEKS. THAT WAS WHEN SPALLINA NOTIFIED THE COURTS OF HIS WITHDRAW FROM BEING THE ATTORNEY FOR SIMON AND SHIRLEY'S ESTATES. IT APPEARS IT WAS EXPLAINED TO HIM AT THAT TIME.

TED TOLD ME THAT HE AND HIS FATHER HAD A GOOD BUSINESS AND PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP. HE SAID THAT HE HAS A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH ALL OF HIS SIBLINGS, EXCEPT FOR ELIOT. HE SAID THAT HE GOT ALONG WITH HIS MOTHER, PRIOR TO HER PASSING. HE TOLD ME THAT RACHEL WALKER WAS EMPLOYED BY HIS MOTHER AND FATHER. HE SAID THAT HE GOT ALONG WITH WALKER AND THAT SHE HELPED HIS MOTHER, SHIRLEY, PRIOR TO SHIRLEY'S PASSING. TED TOLD ME THAT MARITZA PUCCIO WAS SOMEONE THAT WORKED FOR HIM AND AS WELL AS HIS PARENTS. HE STATED THAT SHE HELPED AROUND THE HOMES, CLEANING AND/OR CARING FOR CHILDREN. HE STATED THAT HE MET HER AROUND 2003 OR 2005. HE SAID THAT HE NO LONGER HAS A RELATIONSHIP

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WITH HER. HE SAID THAT SIMON DID HAVE AN INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH PUCCIO AFTER SHIRLEY PASSED. HE STATED THAT PUCCIO DID RECEIVE SOME TYPE OF FINANCIAL BENEFIT FROM SIMON, PRIOR TO HIM PASSING. HE SAID THAT PUCCIO WAS LIVING WITH SIMON AND HER BILLS WERE BEING PAID FOR. THIS MAY OR MAY NOT BE THE FINANCIAL BENEFIT; TED DID NOT SEEM TO BE SURE. HE DID STATE THAT IT APPEARED THAT SIMON WAS GENUINELY INVESTED INTO THE RELATIONSHIP HE HAD WITH PUCCIO.

TED SAID THAT HE HAS NOT SPOKEN TO SPALLINA ABOUT HIM WITHDRAWING FROM BEING THE ATTORNEY FOR THE TRUSTS, BUT THAT HE DID SPEAK WITH TESCHER. HE SAID THAT TESCHER TOLD HIM HE HAD BEEN MADE AWARE OF A FABRICATED DOCUMENT THAT WAS POTENTIALLY PROBLEMATIC FOR THE ESTATES. HE SAID THAT TESCHER TOLD HIM THAT SPALLINA CREATED THE FABRICATED DOCUMENT AND IT ESSENTIALLY IMPACTED THE ABILITY FOR SIMON TO DISTRIBUTE FUNDS TO ALL 10 GRANDKIDS. TED SAID THAT TESCHER TOLD HIM THAT HE HAD ONLY RECENTLY BECOME AWARE OF THIS DOCUMENT, APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS AGO FROM TODAY (01/28/14).

ATTORNEY ALAN ROSE PROVIDED A STATEMENT, STATING HE WISHED TO CLARIFY SOME THINGS IN REGARDS TO HOW THE ESTATE DOCUMENTS READ IN HIS OPINION. HE STATED THAT SHIRLEY'S ASSETS WENT TO LISA, JILL, AND ELIOT OR THEIR LINEAL DECEDENTS. HE STATED THAT ONCE SHIRLEY PASSED HER ASSETS WENT INTO HER TRUST. HE STATED THAT SIMON WAS THE SOLE BENEFICIARY FOR HIS LIFE. HE STATED THAT SIMON DID HAVE A POWER OF APPOINTMENT THAT HE COULD EXERCISE; REFERENCE SHIRLEY'S TRUST, CHANGING THE BENEFITS TO LISA, JILL, AND ELIOT'S CHILDREN. SIMON COULD CHANGE HIS DOCUMENTS AT ANY TIME UP TO HIS DEATH. ALAN STATED THERE IS QUESTION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT SIMON HAD THE POWER TO DISTRIBUTE THE FUNDS FROM THE TRUST TO SIX GRANDCHILDREN OR 10. THE 10 WOULD INCLUDE THE CHILDREN OF ALL FIVE OF SIMON'S KIDS.

HE STATED THAT SHIRLEY'S ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS STATE THAT TED AND PAM AND THEIR LINEAL DECEDENTS ARE CONSIDERED PREDECEASED. HE STATED THAT WERE OTHER WAYS TO MAKE SIMON'S WISHES COME TRUE FOR THE ESTATES. HE SAID THAT CHANGES COULD HAVE BEEN MADE TO SIMON'S DOCUMENTS TO REFLECT SHIRLEY'S SO THAT EQUAL DISTRIBUTIONS WERE MADE AMONGST THE 10 GRANDCHILDREN. THIS EXPLANATION OF THE DOCUMENTS GENERATED A SIMILAR IF NOT THE SAME CONCLUSION AS THAT OF SPALLINA'S FROM LAST WEEK.

I ALSO COMMUNICATED WITH ELIOT BERNSTEIN SEVERAL TIMES THIS WEEK AND LAST WEEK IN ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE AN INTERVIEW WITH HIM IN PERSON. HE CANCELED THE LAST TWO MEETINGS WE HAD SET. AT THIS TIME HE HAS REFUSED TO SET A NEW MEETING DATE.

THIS CONCLUDES MY SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.  
DETECTIVE RYAN W. MILLER #7704  
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ZONE: BR GRID: DEPUTY I.D.: 7704 NAME: MILLER ASSIST: TIME D 1020 A 1020 C 1021  
OCCURRED BETWEEN DATE: 12/01/12 , 0000 HOURS AND DATE: 01/31/13 , 0000 HOURS

EXCEPTION TYPE:

INCIDENT LOCATION: 4855 TECHNOLOGY WY APT. NO.: 700  
CITY: BOCA RATON STATE: FL ZIP: 33431

NO. OFFENSES: 00 NO. OFFENDERS: UK NO. VEHICLES STOLEN: 0 NO. PREMISES ENTERED: 0  
LOCATION: OTHER  
NO. VICTIMS: 00 NO. ARRESTED: 0 FORCED ENTRY: 0

ON 01/29/14 I ATTEMPTED TO MAKE CONTACT WITH LISA FRIEDSTEIN, JILL  
LANTONI, AND PAMELA SIMON VIA E-MAIL. THEY ARE THE THREE DAUGHTERS OF SIMON  
AND SHIRLEY BERNSTEIN. I USED THE INFORMATION THAT WAS PROVIDED TO ME BY  
ELIOT ON 09/10/13. I ATTACHED READ RECEIPTS TO THE E-MAIL. I RECEIVED A READ  
RECEIPT FROM PAMELA 01/30/14 AT 4:59 AM. ON 01/30/14 I PLACED PHONE CALLS TO  
JILL AND LISA, USING THE PHONE NUMBERS ELIOT HAD PROVIDED ME. I LEFT MESSAGES  
ASKING THEM TO CALL ME BACK. ON 01/31/14 I BRIEFLY SPOKE WITH LISA, BUT ASKED  
THAT SHE CALL BACK SO WE CAN FURTHER DISCUSS THIS CASE. TO DATE, I HAVE NOT  
RECEIVED A CALL OR E-MAIL FROM PAM OR JILL.

THIS CONCLUDES MY SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.

DETECTIVE RYAN W. MILLER #7704

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SIGNAL CODE: 53 CRIME CODE: 4 NON CRIME CODE: CODE: 260D 07/15/13 MONDAY  
ZONE: F52 GRID: DEPUTY I.D.: 7657 NAME: LONGSWORTH BRYA ASSIST: TIME D 1218 A 1235 C 1333  
OCCURRED BETWEEN DATE: 07/15/13 , 1241 HOURS AND DATE: 07/15/13 , 1330 HOURS  
EXCEPTION TYPE:  
INCIDENT LOCATION: 18901 S STATE RD 7 APT. NO:  
CITY: BOCA RATON STATE: FL ZIP: 33496

NO. OFFENSES: 01 NO. OFFENDERS: 01 NO. VEHICLES STOLEN: 0 NO. PREMISES ENTERED: 0  
LOCATION: GOVERNMENT / PUBLIC BUILDING  
NO. VICTIMS: 01 NO. ARRESTED: 0 FORCED ENTRY: 0

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NAME LIST:  
ROLE:

COMPLAINANT	ELLIOT I BERNSTEIN	DOB: 09/30/1963	
	SEX: M RACE: W HT: 510 WT: 185 HR: BROWN EYE: HAZEL		
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS:	2753 NW 34TH ST BOCA RATON FL 33434		HOME PHONE: 561 245-8588
BUSINESS PHONE:	561 886-7628		
OTHER	ROBERT L SPALLINA	DOB: 06/09/1965	
	SEX: M RACE: W HT: 0 WT: 0 HR: UNKNOWN EYE: UNKNOWN		
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS:	4855 TECHNOLOGY WY BOCA RATON FL 33431		HOME PHONE: 561 997-7008
BUSINESS PHONE:	561 000-0000		
OTHER	TED BERNSTEIN	DOB: 08/27/1959	
	SEX: M RACE: W HT: 0 WT: 0 HR: UNKNOWN EYE: UNKNOWN		
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS:	800 BERKELEY ST BOCA RATON FL 33484		HOME PHONE: 561 988-8988
BUSINESS PHONE:	561 000-0000		
OTHER	SIMON BERNSTEIN	DOB: 12/02/1935	
	SEX: M RACE: W HT: 506 WT: 180 HR: GRAY EYE: BROWN		
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS:	7020 LIONSHEAD LA BOCA RATON FL 33496		HOME PHONE: 561 000-0000
BUSINESS PHONE:	561 000-0000		
ARRESTEE	KIMBERLY MORAN	DOB: 10/24/1972	
	SEX: F RACE: W HT: 505 WT: 135 HR: BROWN EYE: BROWN		
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS:	6362 LAS FLORES DR APT. 4 BOCA RATON FL 33433		HOME PHONE: 561 000-0000
BUSINESS PHONE:	561 000-0000		

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DISPOSITION: OPEN

ROLE:  
OTHER ROLE NO. 4  
\*NAMES\* LAST FIRST MIDDLE J/S R/S DOB  
REAL... SIMON PAMELA  
W F

\*ADDRESS\* NO. STREET SEX DIR APT# CITY ST ZIP  
BUSINESS 950 MICHIGAN AV N 2603 CHICAGO IL 60035

\*PHONE #S\* HOME OTHER BUSINESS  
000 0000 000 0000 (312) 819 7474

ROLE:  
OTHER ROLE NO. 5  
\*NAMES\* LAST FIRST MIDDLE J/S R/S DOB  
REAL... IANTONI JILL  
W F

\*ADDRESS\* NO. STREET SEX DIR APT# CITY ST ZIP  
BUSINESS 2101 MAGNOLIA LA HIGHLAND PARK IL 60035

\*PHONE #S\* HOME OTHER BUSINESS  
(847) 831 4915 000 0000 (312) 804 2318

ROLE:  
OTHER ROLE NO. 6  
\*NAMES\* LAST FIRST MIDDLE J/S R/S DOB  
REAL... FRIEDSTEIN LISA  
S W F

\*ADDRESS\* NO. STREET SEX DIR APT# CITY ST ZIP  
BUSINESS 2142 CHURCHILL LA HIGHLAND PARK IL 60035

\*PHONE #S\* HOME OTHER BUSINESS  
(847) 877 4633 000 0000 (312) 000 0000

OFFENSE INDICATOR: OFFENSE 1 VICTIM NUMBER: 1  
VICTIM TYPE: UNKNOWN  
RESIDENCE TYPE: NOT APPLICABLE RESIDENCE STATUS: NOT APPLICABLE

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EXTENT OF INJURY: NONE  
INJURY TYPE(1): NOT APPLICABLE  
INJURY TYPE(2): NOT APPLICABLE  
VICTIM RELATION: NOT APPLICABLE

ON 071513, I RESPONDED TO THE DISTRICT VII SUBSTATION LOCATED AT 17901 SOUTH STATE ROAD 7, UNINCORPORATED BOCA RATON, FLORIDA IN REFERENCE TO A REPORT OF FRAUD.

UPON ARRIVAL, I MADE CONTACT WITH THE COMPLAINANT INSIDE OF THE DISTRICT VII LOBBY. THE COMPLAINANT VERBALLY IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS ELLIOT I. BERNSTEIN. ELLIOT STATED THAT SINCE SEPTEMBER OF 2012, THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL FRAUDULENT AND FORGED DOCUMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN FILED IN THE SOUTH COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 200 WEST ATLANTIC AVENUE, DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA. ELLIOT ADVISED THAT THESE FRAUDULENT/FORGED DOCUMENTS WERE FILED WITH THE SOUTH COUNTY COURTHOUSE TO MISAPPROPRIATE ASSETS ILLEGALLY FROM THE ESTATES OF SIMON AND SHIRLEY BERNSTEIN (DECEASED PARENTS). ELLIOT TOLD ME THAT THESE DOCUMENTS WERE PREPARED AND EXECUTED BY ATTORNEYS DONALD TESCHER AND ROBERT SPALLINA OF TESCHER AND SPALLINA AND THAT THESE DOCUMENTS WERE FOR POWER OF ATTORNEY OVER THE TWO (2) ESTATES WHICH WERE VALUED BETWEEN 20 TO 50 MILLION DOLLARS. ACCORDING TO ELLIOT, HIS BROTHER, THEODORE STUART BERNSTEIN, ALSO HAD INVOLVEMENT WITH THE FILING OF THESE FRAUDULENT/FORGED DOCUMENTS.

WHILE SPEAKING TO ELLIOT, HE SHOWED ME SEVERAL COURT DOCUMENTS WHICH HE ALLEGED ARE COPIES OF THE FRAUDULENT/FORGED DOCUMENTS THAT WERE FILED AT THE COURT HOUSE. ELLIOT COMPLETED A SWORN WRITTEN STATEMENT AND I COMPLETED A VICTIM/WITNESS CASE INFORMATION FORM IN WHICH ELLIOT WAS GIVEN ALONG WITH COPIES OF HIS FOUR (4) PAGE SWORN WRITTEN STATEMENT.

DUE TO THE MONETARY AMOUNT AND THE ALLEGATIONS THAT WERE MADE REGARDING THE FILING OF FRAUDULENT/FORGED DOCUMENTS AT THE SOUTH COUNTY COURTHOUSE, THIS CASE WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE FBI'S FINANCIAL CRIMES DIVISION. THIS CASE WAS COMPLETED AT THIS TIME FOR DOCUMENTATION PURPOSES ONLY.  
D/S B.E. LONGSWORTH/ID 7657/TRANS:072313/ALS  
DICT:071613/2115HRS.

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DISPOSITION: ZULU  
DIVISION: DETECTIVE

911: \* \* \*  
IMPERTE PUB OF \* \* \*  
SIGNAL CODE: 53 CRIME CODE: NON CRIME CODE: OT CODE: 260D 08/14/13 MONDAY  
ZONE: F52 GRID: DEPUTY I.D.: 7704 NAME: MILLER ASSIST: TIME D 1210 A 1235 C 1333  
OCCURRED BETWEEN DATE: 07/15/13 , 1241 HOURS AND DATE: 07/15/13 , 1330 HOURS  
EXCEPTION TYPE:  
INCIDENT LOCATION: 17901 S STATE RD 7 APT. NO.:  
CITY: BOCA RATON STATE: FL ZIP: 33498

NO. OFFENSES: 01 NO. OFFENDERS: 01 NO. VEHICLES STOLEN: 0 NO. PREMISES ENTERED: 0  
LOCATION: GOVERNMENT / PUBLIC BUILDING  
NO. VICTIMS: 01 NO. ARRESTED: 0 FORCED ENTRY: 0

OFFENSE NO. 1 FLORIDA STATE STATUTE: 843 0855 3 CIS CODE 260D

AFTER BEING ASSIGNED THE FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION IN REGARDS TO THIS CASE,  
I ATTEMPTED TO MAKE CONTACT WITH ELLIOT BERNSTEIN VIA PHONE ON BOTH 08/13/13  
AND 08/14/13. MESSAGES WERE LEFT FOR HIM TO CONTACT ME ON BOTH NUMBERS  
PROVIDED IN THE ORIGINAL REPORT. THIS CONCLUDES MY SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.  
DETECTIVE RYAN W. MILLER #7704  
08/14/13 @ 1241 HRS.  
TRANS. VIA EMAIL/COPY/PASTE: 08/15/2013/MDR/#6405

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DISPOSITION: ZULU  
DIVISION: DETECTIVE

911: IMPERSONATE PUB OF \*  
SIGNAL CODE: 53 CRIME CODE: \* NON CRIME CODE: OT CODE: 260D 08/20/13 MONDAY  
ZONE: F52 GRID: DEPUTY I.D.: 7704 NAME: MILLER ASSIST: TIME D 1213 A 1235 C 1333  
OCCURRED BETWEEN DATE: 07/15/13 , 1241 HOURS AND DATE: 07/15/13 , 1330 HOURS  
EXCEPTION TYPE:  
INCIDENT LOCATION: 17901 S STATE RD 7 APT. NO.:  
CITY: BOCA RATON STATE: FL ZIP: 33498

NO. OFFENSES: 01 NO. OFFENDERS: 01 NO. VEHICLES STOLEN: 0 NO. PREMISES ENTERED: 0  
LOCATION: GOVERNMENT / PUBLIC BUILDING  
NO. VICTIMS: 01 NO. ARRESTED: 0 FORCED ENTRY: 0

OFFENSE NO. 1 FLORIDA STATE STATUTE: 843 0855 3 CIS CODE 260D

AFTER BEING ASSIGNED THE FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION IN REGARDS TO THIS INCIDENT, I WAS ABLE TO MAKE CONTACT WITH ELLIOT BERNSTEIN VIA PHONE. ELLIOT SUPPLIED ME WITH AN E-MAIL WHICH CONTAINED 567 DOCUMENTS WHICH HE STATES ARE PERTINENT TO THIS CASE. I AM CURRENTLY REVIEWING THE DOCUMENTS AND STATEMENT HE PROVIDED. FURTHER INVESTIGATION WILL CONSIST OF MEETING WITH ELLIOT IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO GO OVER HIS STATEMENT AND THE DOCUMENTS HE SUPPLIED. THIS CASE REMAINS OPEN.  
DETECTIVE RYAN W. MILLER #7704  
08/20/13 @ 1430 HRS.  
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DISPOSITION: OPEN  
DIVISION: DETECTIVE

911:  
IMPRINTE PUB OF  
SIGNAL CODE: 53 CRIME CODE: \* NON CRIME CODE: OT CODE: 260D 09/25/13 MONDAY  
ZONE: F52 GRID: DEPUTY I.D.: 7704 NAME: MILLER ASSIST: TIME D 1218 A 1235 C 1333  
OCCURRED BETWEEN DATE: 07/15/13 , 1241 HOURS AND DATE: 07/15/13 , 1330 HOURS  
EXCEPTION TYPE:  
INCIDENT LOCATION: 17901 S STATE RD 7 APT. NO.:  
CITY: BOCA RATON STATE: FL ZIP: 33498

NO. OFFENSES: 01 NO. OFFENDERS: 01 NO. VEHICLES STOLEN: 0 NO. PREMISES ENTERED: 0  
LOCATION: GOVERNMENT / PUBLIC BUILDING  
NO. VICTIMS: 01 NO. ARRESTED: 0 FORCED ENTRY: 0

OFFENSE NO. 1 FLORIDA STATE STATUTE: 843 0855 3 CIS CODE 260D

ON AUGUST 23, 2013 I MET WITH ELIOT BERNSTEIN REFERENCE HIS COMPLAINT. HE STATED THAT DUE TO SOME DOCUMENTS BEING FRAUDULENTLY NOTARIZED A LARGER FRAUD HAS OCCURRED. HE SUPPLIED ME WITH COPIES OF A DOCUMENT TITLED: WAIVER OF ACCOUNTING AND PORTIONS OF PETITION FOR DISCHARGE: WAIVER OF SERVICE OF PETITION FOR DISCHARGE: AND RECEIPT OF BENEFICIARY AND CONSENT TO DISCHARGE FOR THE ESTATE OF SHIRLEY BERNSTEIN, WHO IS ELIOT'S DECEASED MOTHER.

ELIOT STATED THAT IN THE FIRST PART (BELIEVED TO BE APRIL) OF 2012, HIS FATHER HAD A MEETING WITH HIM AND HIS FOUR SIBLINGS (TED, PAMELA, JILL, & LISA). I HAVE SINCE FOUND OUT THAT THIS WAS A CONFERENCE CALL WHICH TOOK PLACE AT THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY ROBERT SPALLINA, WHO IS/WAS THE ATTORNEY FOR SIMON AND SHIRLEY BERNSTEIN. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT SIMON HAS SINCE PASSED, WHICH OCCURRED ON OR ABOUT SEPTEMBER 13, 2012. AT THIS CONFERENCE CALL, WHICH WAS IN THE FIRST PART OF 2012, SIMON BERNSTEIN REVEALED TO HIS CHILDREN THAT HE WOULD LIKE THEM TO SIGN THE AFOREMENTIONED WAIVER. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THERE WAS ALSO SOME DISCUSSION OF INHERITANCE AND WHO WAS TO GET WHAT UPON SIMON'S PASSING.

INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT ALL FIVE CHILDREN AND SIMON SIGNED THE AFOREMENTIONED WAIVER THAT WAS SENT TO THEM BY SPALLINA'S LEGAL ASSISTANT, KIMBERLY MORAN. I SPOKE WITH MORAN ON 09/24/13 AND SHE ADMITTED TO SENDING OUT THE WAIVER AS TOLD TO BY HER BOSS. THE WAIVERS WERE THEN SIGNED AND RETURNED. SIMON'S WAS SIGNED ON 04/09/12 AND ELIOT'S ON MAY 15, 2012. IT WAS FOUND THAT THE OTHER SIBLINGS DID NOT RETURN THEIR DOCUMENT FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. MORAN STATED SHE HAD TO CONDUCT FOLLOW-UP E-MAILS AND PHONE CALLS TO GET THE

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DISPOSITION: OPEN

DOCUMENTS RETURNED. THEY WERE FINALLY RETURNED IN AUGUST AND OCTOBER OF 2012. MORAN STATED SHE FILED THE DOCUMENTS WITH THE COURT IN OCTOBER OF 2012. SHE RECEIVED A MEMORANDUM FOR JUDGE MARTIN COLIN'S CASE MANAGER, ASTRIDE LIMQUEIN, STATING THE DOCUMENTS WERE NOT NOTARIZED AND THEY NEED TO BE. MORAN STATED THAT AT THIS TIME, SHE TOOK IT UPON HERSELF TO TRACE EACH SIGNATURE OF THE SIX MEMBERS OF THE BERNSTEIN FAMILY ONTO ANOTHER COPY OF THE ORIGINAL WAIVER DOCUMENT. SHE THEN NOTARIZED THEM AND RESUBMITTED THEM TO THE COURTS. WHEN I INTERVIEWED HER ON 09/24/13, SHE STATED SHE DID NOT REALLY HAVE A REASON WHY SHE FORGED THE SIGNATURES, OTHER THAN TO MAYBE SAVE TIME.

I SPOKE WITH LISA AND JILL VIA PHONE ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2013. THEY STATED THAT AS FAR AS THEY KNOW, THE FRAUDULENT NOTARIZATION CHANGED NOTHING WITH THE ESTATE SINCE THEY WILLINGLY AND KNOWINGLY SIGNED THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. THEY STATED THAT THEY DO NOT WISH TO PURSUE ANYTHING CRIMINALLY. I SPOKE WITH TED ON 09/24/13. HE ALSO STATED THAT THE MISTAKE DID NOT AFFECT THE ESTATE AND DOES NOT WISH TO PURSUE ANYTHING CRIMINALLY. TO DATE PAMELA HAS NOT RESPONDED TO MY PHONE MESSAGES OR E-MAILS.

D/S MARK BEREY WAS PRESENT DURING MY INTERVIEWS WITH MORAN, TED, AND SPALLINA. WE SPOKE TO MORAN ALONE. THE INTERVIEW WAS RECORDED. SHE ADMITTED TO MAKE A POOR DECISION, BUT STATED SHE DID NOT BENEFIT FINANCIALLY FROM HER ACTIONS. WE ALSO SPOKE WITH SPALLINA ALONE. SPALLINA STATED HE WAS NOT AWARE OF MORAN'S ACTIONS UNTIL SHE TOLD HIM. MORAN STATED SHE WAS MADE AWARE THAT OTHERS HAD CAUGHT ONTO WHAT SHE DID ONCE SHE RECEIVED NOTICE FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, NOTARY EDUCATION DIVISION. ELIOT FILED A COMPLAINT ON HER WITH THE STATE. I WAS SUPPLIED WITH A COPY OF THE COMPLAINT AND CORRESPONDENCE BY ELIOT. I ALSO SPOKE WITH ERIN TUPER MAKING HER AWARE OF MY INVESTIGATION. ELIOT SUPPLIED A SWORN WRITTEN STATEMENT TO THE ORIGINAL REPORTING DEPUTY, STATING THAT HE WISHES TO PURSUE CRIMINAL CHARGES. ELIOT ALSO TOLD ME HIMSELF THAT HE WISHES TO PURSUE CHARGES ANY CRIMINAL WRONGDOINGS IN THIS CASE. IN SPEAKING WITH SPALLINA, WE FOUND THAT THE DOCUMENT IN QUESTION CHANGES THE INHERITANCE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY IN THE ESTATE OF SHIRLEY BERNSTEIN FROM SIMON AND SHIRLEY'S CHILDREN TO THEIR GRANDCHILDREN.

D/S BEREY AND I ALSO REVIEWED ALL E-MAILS AND ATTACHMENTS (MAINLY COURT DOCUMENTS) SUPPLIED BY ELIOT. WE FOUND THAT MOST OF THE INFORMATION WAS RELATED TO THE ONGOING CIVIL CASE INVOLVING THE TRUSTS AND ESTATES OF SHIRLEY AND SIMON BERNSTEIN. THE ONLY CRIMINAL WRONGDOINGS FOUND ARE THE AFOREMENTIONED FRAUDULENTLY NOTARIZED DOCUMENTS.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT ON 9/25/13 ELIOT'S WIFE, CANDICE BERNSTEIN CALLED ME AND MENTIONED THAT SHE WAS FEELING A CONCERN FOR THE SAFETY OF HER AND ELIOT. SHE STATED IT IS JUST A FEELING SHE HAD DUE TO RISING TENSIONS IN THIS ONGOING COURT BATTLE. I ASKED HER IF ANYONE HAS THREATENED HER OR HER HUSBAND AND SHE SAID NO, JUST PEOPLE INVOLVED KNOW PEOPLE WHO HAVE HIGH INFLUENTIAL

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DISPOSITION: OPEN  
DIVISION: DETECTIVE

911: \* \* \*  
IMPRSNTE PUB OF \* \* \*  
SIGNAL CODE: 53 CRIME CODE: NON CRIME CODE: OT CODE: 260D 10/08/13 MONDAY  
ZONE: F52 GRID: DEPUTY I.D.: 7704 NAME: MILLER ASSIST: TIME D 121 A 1235 C 1333  
OCCURRED BETWEEN DATE: 07/15/13 , 1241 HOURS AND DATE: 07/15/13 , 1330 HOURS

EXCEPTION TYPE:  
INCIDENT LOCATION: #7901 S STATE RD 7 APT. NO.:  
CITY: BOCA RATON STATE: FL ZIP: 33498

NO. OFFENSES: 01 NO. OFFENDERS: 01 NO. VEHICLES STOLEN: 0 NO. PREMISES ENTERED: 0  
LOCATION: GOVERNMENT / PUBLIC BUILDING  
NO. VICTIMS: 01 NO. ARRESTED: 0 FORCED ENTRY: 0

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ON 10/07/13 I RECEIVED AN E-MAIL FROM THE STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE STATING  
THEY HAVE REVIEWED THE CASE AND CHARGES WILL BE FILED. ON 10/08/13 I SPOKE  
WITH ELIOT AND MADE HIM AWARE OF MY FINDINGS IN THIS CASE. HE ALSO SUPPLIED  
ME WITH NEW COURT DOCUMENTS, WHICH WERE FORWARDED TO THE SAO. THIS CASE  
REMAINS OPEN.

DETECTIVE RYAN MILLER #7704  
10/08/13 @ 1033 HRS.  
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DISPOSITION: CLEARED BY ARREST  
DIVISION: DETECTIVE

911: IMPRINTE FOR OF  
SIGNAL CODE: 53  
ZONE: P52 GRID: CRIME CODE: \* NON CRIME CODE: OF CODE: 260D 10/29/13 MONDAY  
DEPUTY I.D.: 7704 NAME: MILLER ASSIST: TIME D 1210 A 1235 C 1333  
OCCURRED BETWEEN DATE: 07/15/13 , 1241 HOURS AND DATE: 07/15/13 , 1330 HOURS  
EXCEPTION TYPE:  
INCIDENT LOCATION: 17901 S STATE RD 7 APT. NO.:  
CITY: BOCA RATON STATE: FL ZIP: 33498

NO. OFFENSES: 01 NO. OFFENDERS: 01 NO. VEHICLES STOLEN: 0 NO. PREMISES ENTERED: 0  
LOCATION: GOVERNMENT / PUBLIC BUILDING  
NO. VICTIMS: 01 NO. ARRESTED: 1 FORCED ENTRY: 0

OFFENSE NO. 1 FLORIDA STATE STATUTE: 843 0855 3 CIS CODE 260D

ON 10/25/13 KIMBERLY MORAN TURNED HERSELF IN REFERENCE A CAPIAS ISSUED IN  
THIS CASE. THIS CASE IS NOW CLEARED BY ARREST.  
DETECTIVE RYAN W. MILLER #7704  
10/29/13 @ 1505 HRS.  
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- 119.071(2)(c) Active criminal intelligence/active criminal investigative Information
- 119.071(5)(g)1 Biometric Identification Information (Fingerprints, palm prints, and footprints)
- 119.071(2)(e) Confession
- 119.071(2)(f) Confidential Informants
- 365.171(15) Identity of 911 caller or person requesting emergency service
- 316.066(5)(a) Crash reports are confidential for period of 60 days after the report is filed
- 119.071(2)(d) Surveillance techniques, procedures, and personnel; inventory of law enforcement resources, policies or plans pertaining to mobilization, deployment or tactical operations
- 119.071(2)(h)(1) Identity of victim of sexual battery, lewd and lascivious offense upon a person less than 16 years old, child abuse, sexual offense
- 119.071(2)(l) Assets of crime victim
- 985.04(1) Juvenile offender records
- 119.071(5)(a)(5) Social security numbers held by agency
- 119.0712(2) Personal information contained in a motor vehicle record
- 119.071(5)(b) Bank account #, debit, charge and credit card numbers held by an agency
- 119.071(2)(b) Criminal intelligence/investigative information from a non-Florida criminal justice agency
- 395.3025(7)(a) and/or 456.057(7)(a) Medical information
- 394.4615(7) Mental health information
- 943.053/943.0525 NCIC/FCIC/FBI and in-state FDLE/DOC
- 119.071(4)(c) Undercover personnel
- 119.07(4)(d) Extra fee if request is voluminous or requires extensive personnel, technology
- 119.071(4)(d)(1) Home address, telephone, soc. security #, photos of active/former LE personnel, spouses and children

Other:

Case No:12-121312

Tracking No.: n/a

Clerk Name/ID: Hall/9205

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CASE NO. 12121312 OFFENSE REPORT CASE NO. 12121312  
DISPOSITION: ZULU  
DIVISION: ROAD PATROL

POLICE SERVICE CALL \* \* \*  
SIGNAL CODE: 68 CRIME CODE: NON CRIME CODE: PS CODE: 9568 09/13/12 THURSDAY  
ZONE: C21 GRID: DEPUTY I.D.: 8826 NAME: HAUGH VINCENT ASSIST: TIME D 1155 A 1211 C 1522  
OCCURRED BETWEEN DATE: 09/12/12 , 0830 HOURS AND DATE: 09/13/12 , 0100 HOURS  
EXCEPTION TYPE:  
INCIDENT LOCATION: 7020 LIONS HEAD LA APT. NO.:  
CITY: BOCA RATON STATE: FL ZIP: 33496  
NO. OFFENSES: 00 NO. OFFENDERS: 0K NO. VEHICLES STOLEN: 0 NO. PREMISES ENTERED: 0  
LOCATION: RESIDENCE - SINGLE FAMILY  
NO. VICTIMS: 00 NO. ARRESTED: 0 FORCED ENTRY: 0

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NAME LIST:  
ROLE:

OTHER SIMON BERNSTEIN DOB: 12/02/1935  
SEX: M RACE: W HT: 506 WT: 180 HR: GRAY EYE: BROWN  
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: 7020 LIONSHEAD LA BOCA RATON FL 33496 HOME PHONE: 561 000-0000  
BUSINESS PHONE: 561 000-0000  
OTHER TED BERNSTEIN DOB: 08/27/1959  
SEX: M RACE: W HT: 0 WT: 0 HR: UNKNOWN EYE: UNKNOWN  
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: 12344 MELROSE WY BOCA RATON FL 33428 HOME PHONE: 561 213-2322  
BUSINESS PHONE: 561 000-0000  
OTHER ELLIOT I BERNSTEIN DOB: 09/30/1963  
SEX: M RACE: W HT: 510 WT: 185 HR: BROWN EYE: HAZEL  
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: 2753 NW 34TH ST BOCA RATON FL 33434 HOME PHONE: 561 886-7627  
BUSINESS PHONE: 561 000-0000  
OTHER RACHEL WALKER DOB: 03/05/1984  
SEX: F RACE: W HT: 508 WT: 130 HR: BLOND EYE: BLUE  
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: 99 SE MIZNER BD BOCA RATON FL 33434 HOME PHONE: 561 000-0000  
BUSINESS PHONE: 561 000-0000  
OTHER MARITZ UCCIO DOB: 04/23/1966  
SEX: F RACE: W HT: 502 WT: 120 HR: BROWN EYE: BROWN  
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: 7020 LYONS HEAD LA BOCA RATON FL 33496 HOME PHONE: 561 305-2999  
BUSINESS PHONE: 561 000-0000  
OTHER LISA FRIEDSTEIN DOB: 03/15/1967  
SEX: F RACE: W HT: 501 WT: 120 HR: BROWN EYE: BROWN  
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: 2142 CHURCHHILL LA HIGHLAND IL 60035 HOME PHONE: 847 877-4633  
BUSINESS PHONE: 561 000-0000  
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DISPOSITION: ZULU

ON 9/13/12 AT 1211 HOURS, I RESPONDED TO 7020 LYONS HEAD LANE, UNINCORPORATED BOCA RATON, FL., AND MET WITH TED BERNSTEIN AND HIS SISTER AND BROTHER, LISA FRIEDSTEIN AND ELLIOT BERNSTEIN, IN REFERENCE TO A POLICE ASSIST. TED ADVISED HIS FATHER, SIMON BERNSTEIN WAS TAKEN TO DELRAY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL AT 1000 HOURS ON 9/12/12 AND PASSED AWAY AT 0100 HOURS ON 9/13/12. HE EXPLAINED WHILE AT THE HOSPITAL HE WAS ADVISED BY SIMON'S CARETAKER, RACHEL WALKER THAT SIMON'S LIVE-IN GIRLFRIEND, MARITZA PUCCIO MIGHT HAVE PROVIDED SIMON WITH A LARGER THEN PRESCRIBED DOSE OF HIS MEDICATION AS WELL AS ONE OF HER PRESCRIBED SLEEPING PILLS, WHICH COULD OF CAUSED HIS DEATH. HE SAID HE VOICED HIS CONCERNS TO THE DOCTORS AT DELRAY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL BUT THEY ADVISED THERE DID NOT APPEAR TO BE ANY SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING SIMON'S DEATH AND THEY WOULD NOT BE CONDUCTING AN AUTOSPY. TED CONTACTED BOTH A PRIVATE COMPANY AND THE PALM BEACH COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE REGARDING HAVING AN AUTOSPY CONDUCTED. BOTH ADVISED HE SHOULD CONTACT THE PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

AFTER SPEAKING WITH TED, I SPOKE WITH RACHEL. RACHEL STARTED BY TELLING ME THAT SIMON SUFFERED FROM SEVERAL AILMENTS TO INCLUDE, AND HE HAD APPROXIMATELY 2 YEARS AGO, WHICH WAS ONE OF SEVERAL SIMON WAS RECENTLY PLACED ON FOR THE WHICH SHE SAID EFFECTED HIS MENTAL FACULTIES. RACHEL ADVISED WHEN SHE ARRIVED AT SIMON'S HOUSE AT 0830 HOURS ON 9/12/12, SHE FOUND SIMON LYING ON THE COUCH IN THE LIVING ROOM. HE WAS AWAKE AND BREATHING BUT HE HAD A VERY LOW HEART BEAT AND WAS UNAWARE OF HIS SURROUNDINGS. RACHEL SAID SHORTLY AFTER HER ARRIVAL MARITZA RETURNED HOME. THEY HAD A BRIEF ARGUMENT OVER WHETHER OR NOT THEY SHOULD BRING SIMON TO THE HOSPITAL AS RACHEL SAYS MARITZA DID NOT BELIEVE HE NEEDED TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL AT THIS TIME. RACHEL SAID THAT SHE FINALLY TOLD MARITZA THAT SHE WAS GOING TO TAKE HIM TO THE HOSPITAL BY HERSELF. SHE SAID SHE LEFT THE HOUSE APPROXIMATELY 1000 HOURS FOR THE HOSPITAL. RACHEL WENT ONTO TELL ME THAT MARITZA PROVIDED SIMON WITH ONE OF HER PRESCRIBED SLEEPING PILLS ON THE NIGHT OF 9/8/12. SHE ALSO SAID SIMON WAS PRESCRIBED 100 PILLS ON 9/7/12 AND SHE BELIEVE THAT MARITZA WAS PROVIDING SIMON WITH LARGER THEN PRESCRIBED DOSES OF . RACHEL TOLD ME SHE BELIEVED THERE WERE ONLY 30 PILLS LEFT IN THE BOTTLE AT THE TIME OF SIMON'S DEATH. I LATER COUNTED THE BOTTLE OF . THERE WERE 90.5 PILLS IN THE

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BOTTLE SHOWING THAT SIMON DID NOT TAKE MORE THAN PRESCRIBED.

IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT I SPOKE WITH ELLIOT, WHO SAID HE WAS AT DINNER WITH SIMON AND MARITZA ON 9/8/12 AND OBSERVED HIS FATHER TELL MARITZA THAT HE WANTED ONE OF HER SLEEPING PILLS BECAUSE HE COULD NOT SLEEP. ELLIOT SAID THEY HAD A BRIEF ARGUMENT OVER THIS AS MARTIZA REFUSED TO ALLOW SIMON TO TAKE ONE OF HER PILLS INITIALLY. AT THIS TIME SGT. CASTELLI ARRIVED ON SCENE AND WAS ADVISED OF THE CASE.

HE MADE CONTACT WITH VCD AND THE MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE. HE WAS ADVISED TO HAVE ME CONTACT DELRAY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL TO PUT A HOLD ON SIMON'S BODY FOR FROM THE MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE WHO WOULD CHECK ON THE SITUATION THE NEXT DAY. I WAS ALSO ADVISED TO EMAIL A COPY OF THE REPORT TO WITH THE MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE. DELRAY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL WAS CONTACTED AND A HOLD WAS PLACED ON SIMON'S BODY AND WAS EMAILED.

THIS REPORT IS FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES.

D/S HAUGH #8826  
TRANS: 9/14/12 DG#4495  
DICT: 9/13/12 @ 1700 HRS.

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PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PAGE 1  
OFFENSE REPORT CASE NO. 13159967

DISPOSITION: ZULU  
DIVISION: ROAD PATROL

CIVIL MATTER CODE: 9566 DATE: 12/23/13 MONDAY  
ZONE: C21 GRID: DEPUTY ID.: 5189 ASSIST: TIME D 1624 A 1632 C 1716  
OCCURRED BETWEEN DATE: 01/01/10 , 0900 HOURS AND DATE: 12/23/13 , 1600 HOURS  
EXCEPTION TYPE:  
INCIDENT LOCATION: 2753 NW 34 ST APT. NO.:  
CITY: BOCA RATON STATE: FL ZIP: 33496  
NO. OFFENSES: 00 NO. OFFENDERS: 00 NO. VEH. STOLEN: 0 NO. PREM. ENTERED: 0  
LOCATION: RESIDENCE - SINGLE FAMILY  
NO. VICTIMS: 00 NO. ARRESTED: 0 FORCED ENTRY: 0

COMPLAINANT ELLIOT I BERNSTEIN DOB: 09/30/1963  
SEX: M RACE: W HT: 510 WT: 185 HR: BROWN EYE: HAZEL  
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: 2753 NW 34TH ST BOCA RATON FL 33434  
HOME PHONE: 561 886-7628  
BUSINESS PHONE: 561 254-8588

OFFENSE INDICATOR: OFFENSE 1 VICTIM NUMBER: 1  
VICTIM TYPE: ADULT  
RESIDENCE TYPE: COUNTY RESIDENCE STATUS: FULL YEAR  
EXTENT OF INJURY: NONE  
INJURY TYPE(1): NOT APPLICABLE  
INJURY TYPE(2): NOT APPLICABLE  
VICTIM RELATION: UNDETERMINED

ON 12/23/13 THE VICTIM/COMPLAINANT CAME TO THE DISTRICT 7 OFFICE TO FURTHER REPORT A CRIME OF THEFT THAT HAS BEEN OCCURRING FOR A FEW YEARS. THE VICTIM MR. BERNSTEIN STATED THAT HIS FAMILY MEMBERS HAVE TAKEN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN ASSETS, A VEHICLE, JEWELRY, CLOTHING, FURNITURE, AND MANY OTHER ITEMS. THE VICTIM ALSO STATED HE HAS AN ONGOING CASE WITH DET. RYAN MILLER OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, THE CASE NUMBER IS 13-097087. THE VICTIM/COMPLAINANT ALSO GAVE ME A 3 PAGE WRITTEN ,DATED AND SIGNED STATEMENT THAT I WILL FORWARD VIA INTEROFFICE MAIL TO DET. MILLER. HE ALSO ADVISED HE WILL FURTHER CONTACT DET. MILLER REF THIS NEW CASE NUMBER WHICH HE WAS ADVISED TO GET THRU HIS ATTORNEY. IT SEEMS THIS MATTER HAS BEEN IN LITIGATION FOR SOME TIME AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE. I WILL ALSO FORWARD TO DET. MILLER THE LIST OF SUSEPECTS WHICH ALSO WAS QUIT LONG, ALL FAMILY MEMBERS. I ADVISED THE VICTIM I WOULD FORWARD ALL THIS INFO TO DET. RYAN MILLER.

D/S RAINERI 5189. 12/23/13 AT 1735 HRS  
TRANS: PAP 7123. 12/27/13

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SUPPLEMENT 1 OFFENSE REPORT CASE NO. 13159967

DISPOSITION: ZULU  
DIVISION: DETECTIVE

CIVIL MATTER CODE: 9566 DATE: 01/07/14 MONDAY  
ZONE: C21 GRID: DEPUTY ID.: 7704 ASSIST: TIME D 1624 A 1632 C 1716  
OCCURRED BETWEEN DATE: 01/01/10 , 0900 HOURS AND DATE: 12/23/13 , 1600 HOURS  
EXCEPTION TYPE:  
INCIDENT LOCATION: 2753 NW 34 ST APT. NO.:  
CITY: BOCA RATON STATE: FL ZIP: 33496  
NO. OFFENSES: 00 NO. OFFENDERS: 00 NO. VEH. STOLEN: 0 NO. PREM. ENTERED: 0  
LOCATION: RESIDENCE - SINGLE FAMILY  
NO. VICTIMS: 00 NO. ARRESTED: 0 FORCED ENTRY: 0

I RECEIVED AN INTER-OFFICE PACKET FROM D/S RAINERI REFERENCE THIS CASE.  
I HAVE NOT BEEN ASSIGNED THE FOLLOW-UP IN REGARDS TO THIS CASE AND IT HAS NO  
BEARING ON 13-097087 WHICH I INVESTIGATED. THE PACKET WAS SENT BACK TO D/S  
RAINERI. I ALSO INFORMED BERNSTEIN THAT I WAS NOT ASSIGNED THIS CASE AND HE  
WOULD NEED TO FOLLOW UP WITH D/S RAINERI OR DISTRICT 7.  
DETECTIVE RYAN W. MILLER #7704  
01/07/14 @ 1010 HRS.  
TRANS. VIA EMAIL/COPY/PASTE: 01/08/2014/MDR/#6405





OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MEDICAL EXAMINER  
DISTRICT 15 – STATE OF FLORIDA  
PALM BEACH COUNTY  
3126 GUN CLUB ROAD  
WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA 33406-3005  
(561) 688-4575  
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**NAME:** BERNSTEIN, SIMON

**CASE NUMBER:** 12-0913

**DATE OF DEATH:** September 13, 2012

**AGE:** 76

**SEX:** M

**RACE:** W

**DATE OF AUTOPSY:** September 14, 2012 / 11:00 a.m.

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**AUTOPSY FINDINGS:**

1. Acute subendocardial myocardial infarct.
2. Status post coronary artery bypass grafting, remote.
3. Severe calcific coronary atherosclerosis.
4. Focal myocardial fibrosis.
5. Bronchopneumonia.
6. Severe aortic atherosclerosis.
7. Fibrous pericarditis.
8. Calcific aortic valve annulus.
9. Nephrosclerosis.
10. Cirrhosis with chronic hepatitis.
11. Old splenic infarct.
12. Pleural effusions.
13. Sternum fracture.
14. Anterior rib fractures.
15. Osteoporosis.
16. Status post appendectomy, remote.
17. Status post cholecystectomy, remote.



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**CAUSE OF DEATH:** Myocardial infarct due to severe coronary atherosclerosis

**CONTRIBUTORY CAUSE OF DEATH:** Bronchopneumonia, cirrhosis

**MANNER OF DEATH:** Natural

**OPINION:** Simon Bernstein, a 76-year-old man, died from a heart attack due to blockage of the arteries that feed his heart. He also had pneumonia and cirrhosis. His blood hydrocodone concentration was therapeutic. There was no overdose. He did not have meningitis.



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Michael D. Bell, M.D.  
District Medical Examiner

Date Signed: November 8, 2012

MDB:df

**NAME:** BERNSTEIN, SIMON

**CASE NUMBER:** 12-0913

**EXTERNAL EXAMINATION:**

The body is that of a 5 foot 7 inch, 191 pound, overweight, white man who appears the reported age of 76 years. His body mass index is 29.9.

The body is well preserved and cold. Mild rigor mortis is detected in the extremities. Purple livor mortis is on his back.

The decedent is normocephalic without apparent injury to the face or scalp. The decedent has short, gray-brown hair. He has brown irides with no conjunctival petechiae. There is slight chemosis. The corneas are clear. The sclerae are nonicteric. No facial, nasal or mandibular fractures are palpated. The nasal septum is intact. No froth or fluid escapes from the nose or mouth. The teeth are natural and in good repair. There is no trauma of the lips, gums or frenulum.

The neck is symmetrical and has no trauma or injury. There is no palpable crepitus or hypermobility. No neck masses are observed.

The thorax is symmetric. The abdomen is protuberant with small ecchymoses on the abdomen. The external genitalia and anus are unremarkable. The decedent is circumcised.

The arms are symmetrical and normally developed. The arms have no needle tracks. The fingernails are short. The legs are symmetrical, and there is slight pedal edema. The back shows a symmetrical external contour and the spine is straight. The back has no trauma. The skin shows no rashes.

**IDENTIFICATION:**

No tattoos are on the body. A vertical 9 inch scar is in the midline of the chest. A vertical 10 inch scar is on the right abdomen. A transverse 3 inch scar is in the left groin. Three vertical scars run along the inside of the left leg, and they are 3 inches, 4 inches, and 18 inches, respectively.

The decedent is unclothed.

**EVIDENCE OF MEDICAL INTERVENTION:**

Two hospital blood tubes accompany the body, and they are dated 9/12/2012. The decedent has multiple needle punctures on the right and left antecubital fossa, lower arms and right hand, and all of them are surrounded by small ecchymoses. An identification band is on his right wrist.

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**INTERNAL EXAMINATION:**

**BODY CAVITIES:**

The sternum is fractured. Anterior ribs 2 through 6 are fractured bilaterally. There is a small amount of extravasated blood surrounding the fracture sites. There is extravasated blood in the anterior mediastinal soft tissues. The bones are osteoporotic, and the soft tissue is friable. There are no fractures of the clavicles, vertebral column or pelvis. The right and left pleural cavities each contain an estimated 200 to 300 milliliters of clear, straw-colored fluid. There is no blood within the peritoneal cavity. The pericardial cavity is obliterated by fibrous adhesions. The pericardial sac and diaphragm are intact. There are no fibrous or fibrinous adhesions involving the intestines. No aromatic or unusual odors are detected inside the body. The intravascular blood is liquid and clotted.

**HEAD AND CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM:**

The scalp has no edema. The subgaleal tissues have no contusions or injuries. The temporal muscles have no contusions. The skull is intact and has no fractures. No epidural or subdural hematomas are present. The dura mater is intact and has no discoloration.

The 1400 gram brain has thin, transparent leptomeninges with no subarachnoid blood or exudate seen. The leptomeninges are not congested or hyperemic. The cerebral and cerebellar gyri and sulci are of normal size and configuration and have no edema or swelling. No cingulate, uncinata or cerebellar tonsil herniation is present. No contusions or defects are on the surface of the brain. The olfactory bulbs and rest of the cranial nerves are intact. The vertebral, basilar and cerebral arteries, including the arterial circle of Willis, have a moderate amount of atherosclerosis.

The cerebral hemispheres have a thin, gray, cortical ribbon with no slit-like or punctate hemorrhages. The subjacent white matter, including the centrum ovale and corpus callosum, has no discoloration, hematomas or masses. The lateral ventricles are enlarged but have normal configuration and contain no blood. The third ventricle is enlarged. The caudate and lenticular nuclei are unremarkable, as is the thalamus. The mammillary bodies have no discoloration or hemorrhage. The hippocampal gyri are symmetric and have no sclerosis. The occipital lobes are normal. The midbrain, pons and medulla oblongata are unremarkable. The folia cerebelli are neither atrophic nor swollen. The cerebellar white matter and deep midline nuclei are normal. The fourth ventricle and cerebral aqueduct are of normal size and contain no tumor, blood or exudate.

**NECK:**

The oropharynx is light red-yellow with no trauma or injuries. The epiglottis is light red-yellow and leaf-like, and there is a small amount of aryepiglottic edema. No food or foreign objects obstruct the oropharynx, larynx, trachea or bronchi. The hyoid bone and thyroid cartilages are intact. The anterior cervical neck strap muscles and soft tissues have no contusions or injuries. The prevertebral muscles, fascia and soft tissues have no contusions. The anterior cervical vertebral column is intact. The thyroid gland has its normal anatomic size and location. The thyroid gland is slightly nodular. The cervical lymph nodes are not enlarged.

**CARDIOVASCULAR:**

The 650 gram heart is covered by easily broken fibrous adhesions. No petechiae or contusions are on the epicardial surface. There is an increased amount of epicardial fat. The heart is right coronary artery dominant. The native coronary arteries arise normally from the aortic root, and their ostia are patent. The native coronary arteries have severe calcific coronary atherosclerosis. A stent is in the native right coronary artery. A clot is in this stent. The native left anterior descending coronary artery has 90-95% intraluminal narrowing by atherosclerosis. The native left circumflex coronary artery has 95% intraluminal narrowing by atherosclerosis. A left thoracic artery graft inserts in the left anterior descending coronary artery. This graft is patent. Two saphenous vein grafts arise from the ascending aorta. One inserts into the posterior descending coronary artery and the other into the left marginal coronary artery. The former saphenous vein graft is occluded at its ostium. The saphenous vein graft to the left marginal coronary artery is narrowed to a pinpoint at its ostium. A stent is in the proximal graft and beyond the stent distally the lumen is narrowed to a pinpoint again.

The free left ventricular wall, ventricular septum, and right ventricular wall are 1.8, 2.0, and 0.3 centimeters thick, respectively. The atria and right ventricles are dilated. The left ventricle chamber is 4 centimeters in diameter. The myocardium is red-brown and firm, with focal scarring in the posterior and lateral left ventricle walls. The scars are up to 1 centimeter in greatest dimension. The endocardium is smooth and transparent with a 1 centimeter area of endocardial thickening in the right ventricle. There is no endocardial hemorrhage or mural thrombosis.

The tricuspid, pulmonic, mitral and aortic valve circumferences are 12.9, 9.0, 11.0, and 7.0 centimeters, respectively. The valves have no ballooning, deformities or vegetations. The commissures are normal. The chordae tendineae are neither ruptured nor thickened. There is moderate calcification of the aortic valve annulus. The rest of the valves and annuli have no calcification.

The aorta has no trauma or injuries. The aorta has severe calcific and ulcerative atherosclerosis. There is no aortic dissection or aneurysm formation.

**RESPIRATORY:**

The right and left lungs weigh 1180 and 910 grams, respectively. The lungs are normally inflated and occupy most of the pleural cavities. Both lungs have smooth, glistening, transparent pleural surfaces, except for fibrous adhesions involving the posterior lateral left upper lobe. No anthracotic pigment is on the pleural surfaces. No depressions, nodules or bullae are seen. The lungs are light brown anteriorly and dark red posteriorly. The parenchyma has focal nodular areas of consolidation in the posterior segments of the lower lobes. The parenchyma exudes red fluid. No tumor, abscesses, granulomas or pulmonary thromboemboli are seen. The bronchial tree contains red fluid. The pulmonary arteries are normal. The hilar lymph nodes are normal.

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**HEPATOBIILIARY SYSTEM:**

The 1990 gram liver has an intact nodular capsule, and its normal parenchyma is replaced by 2 to 4 millimeter in diameter brown, cirrhotic nodules. No infarcts, granulomas or tumors are seen. The gallbladder is surgically absent.

**HEMOLYMPHATIC SYSTEM:**

The 340 gram spleen has a smooth, intact capsule with no trauma or injury. A 4 x 1 centimeter shrunken, yellow infarct is present. No granulomas or tumors are seen within the otherwise red-purple, firm parenchyma. Gray-white follicles are not identified.

**ENDOCRINE SYSTEM:**

The pancreas is pale brown, lobular and soft with no fat necrosis, extravasated blood, tumor or fibrosis. The adrenal glands are thin and have yellow cortices and gray-white medullae. No hemorrhage or tumor is seen in the adrenal glands.

**GASTROINTESTINAL SYSTEM:**

The esophagus is lined by a smooth, gray-white mucosa with no ulcers, tumors or esophageal varices. The stomach is intact and contains 150 milliliters of red fluid. No aromatic or unusual odors are detected. No pills, capsules or granular material are seen. No blood is in the stomach. The gastric mucosa is red-brown with normal rugae and no ulcers, polyps or tumors. The duodenum has no ulcers. The small and large bowel has no perforation, obstruction or infarction. No mass or tumor is seen in the gastrointestinal tract. The appendix is not identified.

**UROGENITAL SYSTEM:**

The right and left kidneys weigh 200 and 190 grams, respectively. Both kidneys are enlarged and have scarred, pitted and granular, red-brown surfaces. There is no trauma or injury to the kidneys. The cortices are reduced in thickness to 4 millimeters, and there is an indistinct corticomedullary junction. There are no infarcts, granulomas or tumor. There is no hydronephrosis or renal calculi. There is an increased amount of peripelvic fat. The ureters and bladder are normal. The bladder is intact but contains no urine.

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**CASE NUMBER:** 12-0913

**DATE:** October 18, 2012

**NUMBER OF SLIDES:** 8

**MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION**

**HEART:** Myocyte disarray and focal myocardial fibrosis. Myocyte hypertrophy. Acute subendocardial infarction with scant neutrophil infiltration.

**LEFT CORONARY ARTERY:** 90-95% intraluminal narrowing by atherosclerosis.

**LEFT ANTERIOR DESCENDING CORONARY ARTERY:** 90-95% intraluminal narrowing by atherosclerosis.

**LUNGS:** Bronchopneumonia. Rare fat emboli in pulmonary arteries.

**LIVER:** Cirrhosis with chronic hepatitis.

**KIDNEY:** Arteriosclerosis.

**SPLEEN:** Old infarct.

**LYMPH NODE:** Unremarkable.



Michael D. Bell, M.D.  
District Medical Examiner

Date Signed: 10/29/12

MDB:df

**Patient:** BERNSTEIN, SIMON  
**Client Patient ID:** 15-12-913  
**Physician:** BELL, MICHAEL

**Age:** 76 **Sex:** M  
**Account#:** 7230586  
**Client:** DIST 15 MEDICAL EXAMINER

**TOXICOLOGY**

Specimen Collected :09/14/2012

Lab Order No: 21171453

Reg Date: 10/23/12

Test Name	Result	Units	Cutoff/Reporting Limits
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VOLATILE PANEL - VOLP 98245

SPECIMEN TYPE

ANTEMORTEM BLOOD LABELED "BERNSTEIN, SIMON L" DATED 9/12/12 1035

ETHANOL	NONE DETECTED	g/dL	0.020
ACETONE	NONE DETECTED	mg/dL	7.5
METHANOL	NONE DETECTED	mg/dL	15.0
ISOPROPANOL	NONE DETECTED	mg/dL	15.0

Analysis by Gas Chromatography (GC) Headspace Injection

BLOOD DRUG SCREEN - BDSME 98216

SPECIMEN TYPE

ANTEMORTEM PLASMA LABELED "BERNSTEIN, SIMON L" DATED 9/12/12 @ 1035

GC/MS

Quantity Not Sufficient

LC/MS/MS

HYDROCODONE, ZOLPIDEM, ACETAMINOPHEN, CAFFEINE, CAFFEINE METABOLITE

BLOOD IMMUNOASSAY SCREEN

SPECIMEN TYPE

ANTEMORTEM BLOOD LABELED "BERNSTEIN, SIMON L" DATED 9/12/12 @ 1035

AMPHETAMINES	NEGATIVE	mg/L	0.100
BARBITURATES	NEGATIVE	mg/L	0.100
BENZODIAZEPINES	NEGATIVE	mg/L	0.050
BUPRENORPHINE	NEGATIVE	mg/L	0.001
CANNABINOIDS	NEGATIVE	mg/L	0.050
COCAINE METABOLITE	NEGATIVE	mg/L	0.100
FENTANYL	NEGATIVE	mg/L	0.001
METHADONE	NEGATIVE	mg/L	0.050
OPIATES	<b>POSITIVE</b>	mg/L	0.050
SALICYLATES	NEGATIVE	mg/L	50.0

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**Physician:** BELL, MICHAEL

**Age:** 76 **Sex:** M  
**Account#:** 7230586  
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TRICYCLICS	NEGATIVE	mg/L	0.100
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ACETAMINOPHEN - ACMP 98203

## SPECIMEN TYPE

ANTEMORTEM PLASMA LABELED "BERNSTEIN, SIMON L" DATED 9/12/12 @ 1035

ACETAMINOPHEN	16.3	mg/L	10
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**Therapeutic range:**  
 10.0 - 20.0 mg/L

Analysis by Enzyme Immunoassay.

FREE OPIATES PANEL - OPPF 98182

## SPECIMEN TYPE

ANTEMORTEM BLOOD LABELED "BERNSTEIN, SIMON L" DATED 9/12/12 @ 1035

CODEINE	NONE DETECTED	mg/L	0.025
MORPHINE	NONE DETECTED	mg/L	0.025
HYDROCODONE	0.094	mg/L	0.025
6-MONOACETYLMORPHINE	NONE DETECTED	mg/L	0.005
HYDROMORPHONE	NONE DETECTED	mg/L	0.025
OXYCODONE	NONE DETECTED	mg/L	0.025
OXYMORPHONE	NONE DETECTED	mg/L	0.025

Analysis by GC/MS

ZOLPIDEM - ZONMS 98621

## SPECIMEN TYPE

ANTEMORTEM PLASMA LABELED "BERNSTEIN, SIMON L" DATED 9/12/12 @ 1035

ZOLPIDEM	NONE DETECTED	ng/mL	4.0
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Plasma concentrations following single oral 5 mg and 10 mg immediate release doses range from 29 - 110 ng/mL (mean, 59 ng/mL) and 58 - 270 ng/mL (mean, 120 ng/mL), respectively, occurring at a mean time of 1.6 hours. Peak plasma concentrations following a single oral 12.5 mg extended release dose ranged from 69 - 190 ng/mL (mean = 130 ng/mL) occurring at a mean time of 1.5 hrs.

The ratio of whole blood concentration to serum or plasma concentration is unknown for this analyte.





**Wuesthoff Reference Laboratory**

6800 Spyglass Court  
Melbourne, Florida 32940  
Julie Bell, M.D., Laboratory Director

**Patient:** BERNSTEIN, SIMON  
**Client Patient ID:** 15-12-913  
**Physician:** BELL, MICHAEL

**Age:** 76 **Sex:** M  
**Account#:** 7230586  
**Client:** DIST 15 MEDICAL EXAMINER

**TOXICOLOGY**

Specimen Collected :09/14/2012

Lab Order No: 21171453

Reg Date: 10/23/12

Test Name	Result	Units	Cutoff/Reporting Limits
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Testing performed by NMS Labs, 3701 Welsh Rd, Willow Grove, PA 19090-2910

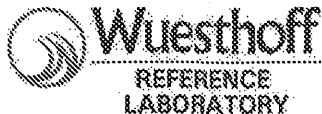
Specimens were intact upon receipt. Chain of custody, specimen security and integrity has been maintained. Testing has been performed as requested

Reviewed by: *Susan Rade* Date: 10-23-12

**FINAL REPORT - THIS COMPLETES REPORTING ON THIS CASE**

TOXICOLOGY\_REPORT

**BERNSTEIN, SIMON**



# Wuesthoff Reference Laboratory

6800 Spyglass Court  
Melbourne, Florida 32940  
Julie Bell, M.D., Laboratory Director

Patient: **BERNSTEIN, SIMON**  
Client Patient ID: **15-12-913**  
Physician: **BELL, MICHAEL**

Age: **113** Sex: **M**  
Account#: **VX39518**  
Client: **DIST 15 MEDICAL EXAMINER**

## TOXICOLOGY

Specimen Collected :02/11/2014

Lab Order No: 381300564

Reg Date: 02/13/14

Test Name	Result	Units	Cutoff/Reporting Limits
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COMMENTS: Test performed on postmortem specimen. The validity of the test, clinical significance, and criteria for interpretation have not been established for this sample type. Normal ranges may not apply.

### METALS/METALLOIDS PANEL 3 - M3NMS

#### SPECIMEN TYPE

#### BLOOD

CHROMIUM	NONE DETECTED	mcg/L	2.0
reporting limit, reporting limit is 1.0			

Normally:  
Less than 2 mcg/L.

CADMIUM	8.5	mcg/L	1.0
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Normally:  
Less than 5 mcg/L

Refer to the OSHA website for workplace information. Various states require that Blood Cadmium levels above certain cutoffs must be reported to the state in which the patient resides.

Please contact NMS Labs if you need assistance in supplying your state with the required information.

ZPP	130	mcg/dL	2.0
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OSHA occupational threshold:  
100 mcg/dL blood at hematocrit of 42.

LEAD	NONE DETECTED	mcg/dL	1.1
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Reporting limit, reporting limit is 0.50

Reported geometric mean blood lead concentration for US population (both adults and children) is less than 3 mcg/dL (taking into account the 95% CI).

The following are the reported age-based 50th and 95th percentiles (with 95% CI)\*:

#### Age 1 - 5 years:

50th Percentile: 1.50 mcg/dL (1.40 - 1.70)

95th Percentile: 5.80 mcg/dL (4.70 - 6.90)

#### Age 6 - 11 years:

50th Percentile: 1.10 mcg/dL (1.00 - 1.30)

95th Percentile: 3.70 mcg/dL (3.00 - 4.70)



# Wuesthoff Reference Laboratory

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Patient: BERNSTEIN, SIMON  
Client Patient ID: 15-12-913  
Physician: BELL, MICHAEL

Age: 113 Sex: M  
Account#: VX39518  
Client: DIST 15 MEDICAL EXAMINER

## TOXICOLOGY

Specimen Collected :02/11/2014

Lab Order No: 381300564

Reg Date: 02/13/14

Test Name	Result	Units	Cutoff/Reporting Limits
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### Age 12 - 19 years:

50th Percentile: 0.80 mcg/dL (0.800 - 0.900)

95th Percentile: 2.70 mcg/dL (2.30 - 2.90)

### Age 20 years and above:

50th Percentile: 1.60 mcg/dL (1.50 - 1.60)

95th Percentile: 4.60 mcg/dL (4.20 - 4.90)

\*National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, 2001-2002 data; Third National Report on Human Exposure to Environmental Chemicals, Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

It is reported that blood levels in the range of 5 - 9 mcg/dL have been associated with adverse health effects in children aged 6 years and younger. Additionally, the following guidelines are offered by US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, especially in respect to children:

10 - 14 mcg/dL is moderately high and may require re-screening.

20 - 44 mcg/dL is high and may require immediate medical attention.

45 - 69 mcg/dL requires urgent attention.

Greater than 70 mcg/dL is a medical emergency.

Refer to OSHA's website for workplace information. Various states require that blood lead concentrations above certain mandated cutoffs must be reported to the state in which the patient resides. Please contact NMS Labs if you need assistance in supplying your state with the required information.

ARSENIC	18	mcg/L	11
reporting limit, reporting limit is 5.0			

Normally: Less than 10 mcg/L.

Seafood consumption within 2 to 3 days before specimen collection can markedly increase total Arsenic levels.

Various states require that levels above certain cutoffs must be reported to the state in which the patient resides. Please contact NMS Labs if you need assistance in supplying your state with the required information.

MERCURY	4.1	mcg/L	3.0
Normally: Less than 10 mcg/L.			



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Various States require that Blood Mercury levels above certain cutoffs must be reported to the state in which the patient resides. Please contact NMS Labs if you need assistance in supplying your state with the required information.

Specimens were intact upon receipt. Chain of custody, specimen security and integrity has been maintained. Testing has been performed as requested

Reviewed by: *Susan Rade* Date: 3-10-14

**FINAL REPORT - THIS COMPLETES REPORTING ON THIS CASE**

TOXICOLOGY\_REPORT

**BERNSTEIN, SIMON**

**From:** [Eliot Ivan Bernstein](#)  
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**Subject:** RE: CASE NUMBER: 12-0913 --- Simon Bernstein Autopsy  
**Date:** Friday, January 10, 2014 3:45:00 PM

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Hello Dr. Bell,

Thank you for your reply and continued efforts on my behalf and I would like to clarify a few statements in your email below. First, I did not ever tell the police I was worried about my father getting too much of his medication or that he was being poisoned. These claims came from my brother Theodore and my father's assistant Rachel Walker who believed he was murdered by his companion and so stated to the police and the hospital the day my father died on September 13, 2012. In fact, I stated that I did not believe my father was being poisoned by either over medication or other poisons by his companion Maritza Puccio as evidenced in the Police Report. I reviewed the drug toxicology you provided and agree with your assessment of that. As for what poisons may have been used when the, alleged by others, switching of pills with pills of an unknown substance took place and I agree with you that it could have been anything and which is why I requested the Police take all of his medications into evidence but they did not. I am not sure what a heavy metal screen is and what it tests for or what other poison screening tests are available, could you please clarify this for me? Further, did you review the records of my father in the 8 weeks prior to his hospitalization, which may also have significant information and may further provide evidence of possible poisoning, as he was suddenly and unexpectedly suffering during that time from a wide range of symptoms in those weeks and he was taken to several of his doctors to evaluate who were all perplexed and this led to brain scans at the hospital just days before his death. Did you get a chance to review the report on the brain scan done? I am not sure but it appears prudent in ruling out foul play that these records be reviewed from all of his doctors during that time for information that could reveal what, if any, poisons were used based on the symptoms he was suffering and the battery of tests run on him concerning all these problems. I am not represented by an attorney in this matter as there appears at this stage of inquiry no need to spend money on one and so please continue to deal directly with me as Simon's son via email or feel free to call me at my contact info below.

I pray you had a wonderful holiday season with your family and again thank you for your time, effort and consideration of these matters,

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**From:** Michael Bell [<mailto:mbell@pbccgov.org>]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 10, 2014 1:21 PM  
**To:** Eliot Ivan Bernstein  
**Subject:** RE: CASE NUMBER: 12-0913 --- Simon Bernstein

The autopsy was done at the Palm Beach ME office.

All drugs are "poisons" when given in sufficient doses. You initially told police you were worried about your father getting too much of his medications. The toxicology clearly shows that did not happen. There are thousands of drugs(poisons) and therefore it is impossible to test for all of them. If you think you know what was given, then please share that information. I will do a heavy metal screen which will take several weeks.

I have reviewed all the records of your father's hospitalization. My opinion is unchanged.

All further communication should be through your attorney who can call me at 561-688-4575.

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**From:** Eliot Ivan Bernstein [<mailto:iviewit@iviewit.tv>]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 06, 2014 12:23 PM  
**To:** Michael Bell  
**Cc:** Caroline Prochotska Rogers Esq.; Michele M. Mulrooney ~ Partner @ Venable LLP; Andrew R. Dietz @ Rock It Cargo USA; Marc R. Garber Esq.; Marc R. Garber, Esquire @ Flaster Greenberg P.C.; Marc R. Garber Esq. @ Flaster Greenberg P.C.  
**Subject:** RE: CASE NUMBER: 12-0913 --- Simon Bernstein

Dear Dr. Bell,

I have not heard back on my email to you below. Can you please provide me a timeframe for your getting back to me? Please also include information regarding if the poison screening was done when the autopsy was conducted, not just a drug screening, as evidence exists that contact was made with the hospital on the night my father died that he may have been poisoned and similar claims were made to the Palm Beach County Sheriff the day he died. The remainder of the questions in my email still need to be addressed and as I am currently in ongoing civil and criminal complaints regarding my father, a prompt reply with an ETA would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,  
Eliot Bernstein

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**From:** Eliot Bernstein [<mailto:iviewit@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 11, 2013 6:23 AM  
**To:** Michael D. Bell, M.D. ~ Medical Examiner @ Office of the District Medical Examiner - District 15 - State of Florida ([mbell@pbcgov.org](mailto:mbell@pbcgov.org))  
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**Subject:** FW: CASE NUMBER: 12-0913 --- Simon Bernstein

Dear Dr. Bell,

Thank you for your prompt reply to my inquiry. A few more questions arose after reviewing your report. First I would like to state that there has been an arrest made in my parents' estates of the Notary Public Kimberly Moran who acted on behalf of the law firm Tescher & Spallina in forging and fraudulently creating documents for my father, after he was deceased. I have alleged to the court that these documents were part of a conspiratorial effort by primarily my brother and his friends Donald Tescher and Robert Spallina to seize control of Simon's estate post mortem and change the beneficiaries using post mortem documents. It should also be noted that in a September 13, 2013 hearing before Judge Martin H. Colin in the Del Ray Beach courthouse, it was found that the estate of my mother was closed by my father months after he was deceased, as if he were alive at the time and thus perpetrating a fraud on the court, which prompted Judge Colin to state twice that he should read Robert Spallina, Esq., Donald Tescher, Esq., Mark Manceri, Esq. and my brother Theodore Bernstein their Miranda rights for the crimes he identified at the hearing that they committed. That after Simon was deceased these fraudulent and forged documents that gave

fiduciary control to Tescher, Spallina and Ted then provided the way for far more serious felony crimes to be committed. The Palm Beach County Sheriff has made an arrest of Moran thus far and that report is filed as case # 13097087.

With that said, after reviewing your report I noted that you received my father's body, the day after he died on September 14, 2013. The reason I ask if this is correct, is that we were informed after my father died that his body had been taken to Miami to have an autopsy performed, which delayed the burial by several days as we waited for the autopsy to be performed. The autopsy was alleged by my brother, Spallina and others to be being conducted in Miami and after reviewing your report it was clear that you indicate the body never was transported to Miami. Therefore, please verify the information regarding the transportation of the body after the hospital to your offices with any/all stops in between.

I requested in my original letter to you if a poison screening had been completed, your letter stated a toxicology report was run but it appears to be a drug only test, not a poison screening. The reason this is now important is that immediately following my father's death as noted in your report materials, a claim was made to Palm Beach County Sheriff by Rachel Walker and Theodore Bernstein primarily that my father was murdered by his girlfriend, Maritza Puccio, via either overdosing or poisoning. Walker claimed that Maritza was switching pills in containers and may have been switching the pills with other substances and other substances may have been given to him, which may have included poisons or other drugs. I also note that after the officer interviewing Walker counted out the pills he was on and everything seemed in order, Walker claimed that the pain medication was not the only drug that may have been tampered with and that other substances may have been given to Simon in the weeks leading up to his death.

I do not doubt your conclusion that my father died of a heart attack but there can be many substances, including poisons that can induce a heart failure, I am trying to assess if the poison screening might have unearthed any substances in addition to the drug screen run by your agency. I am confused by some of your claims as to what occurred at the hospital that day as they contradict in part what we were told by the doctors who handled my father that day, including the following;

1. You claimed that evidence of a heart attack was found in the reports on admission to the hospital but that turned out to be wholly disproved by the end of the day.
2. Initially in the morning when we first took my father into the hospital, the first doctor attending him thought he was having a heart attack due to his prior history, despite my father claiming that he was not having a heart attack and that he knew what a heart attack felt like and he was not having one and thought he was fine, stating he was just confused and in pain from other ailments he was having.
3. Later in the afternoon the initial doctor claimed that he did not find any signs of a heart attack after running a battery of tests and called in an infectious disease doctor to evaluate and run tests, as he thought something else was going on other than heart related as he was having several other readings regarding other major organs that were highly abnormal.
4. We were assured by the cardiologist in charge of my father's care in the evening, before he let us go home that Simon's heart was fine and that NO markers were found indicating a heart attack. Instead he claimed he had "West Nile Virus" or some other virus of an unknown origin or that something else was wrong entirely, as many of his other levels he tested were off the charts, indicating something else was going on. He stated Simon would be fine, he was stable and they would begin testing in the morning.



5. We were called back to the hospital several hours later early the next morning. When I arrived my father's girlfriend Maritza had been ejected from the ICU where she was staying with Simon overnight as someone had informed the hospital that Simon might be poisoned and they had shut his room off visitors until security could arrive. When I arrived at ICU they would not at first let me in until security could escort me to my father where he was being resuscitated for a second time.

Finally, my father began developing a series of ailments several weeks prior to his death that had me and others running him to a variety of doctors to be tested for a variety of ailments, including a brain scan a few weeks prior to his death. That brain scan was run by the same cardiologist who treated my dad at the hospital the day he died and his symptoms prior to that day included strange screaming pains in his head, delusions, hallucinations and more. I wondered if you had reviewed any of his prior doctor reports in the two months leading up to his death, as we never determined the exact cause of what was making him melt down over the last weeks of life in such bizarre fashion. In fact, the cardiologist at the hospital the day he died was confused how his charts appeared fine when he did the brain scan only a few days earlier and stated he could not believe it was the same man when he got the reports at the hospital that day. Did you get a chance to review all the reports from the hospital that day and all the test results run or did you just review the admission report? If you reviewed all of the records and reports what were the other problems and tests run and what were the results. These results were of concern to the doctors that day and I wonder if any of those other problems could come from poisoning. If you ran a poison screening please provide me with the results as you did with the drug toxicology. Please feel to write back to me as I do not answer my phone much and am far easier to reach via email. I look forward to hearing from you soon. Thank you again in advance for your continued time, effort and consideration of these matters. Eliot

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**From:** Michael Bell <[mbell@pbcgov.org](mailto:mbell@pbcgov.org)>  
**Date:** November 7, 2013 at 11:17:02 AM EST  
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**Subject: RE: CASE NUMBER: 12-0913 --- Simon Bernstein**

Hi Mr Bernstein,

I tried to call your cell phone, but it would not accept anymore messages because it was full.

Your father died of a heart attack that was evident at autopsy and in the hospital records (he had elevated cardiac enzymes on admission).

He did NOT have West Nile virus. This disease causes a meningoencephalitis. This was NOT present at autopsy. I have attached the additional microscopic examination report as I did not see it in the pdf you sent me.

We did a toxicology screen which showed therapeutic concentrations of acetaminophen and hydrocodone. Zolpiden was detected but the level was too low to be measured. The toxicology testing can detect hundreds of different drugs.

If you have any other questions, please call me at 561-688-4575.

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**From:** Eliot Ivan Bernstein [<mailto:iviewit@iviewit.tv>]  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 02, 2013 7:02 PM  
**To:** Michael Bell  
**Cc:** Caroline Prochotska Rogers Esq.  
**Subject:** CASE NUMBER: 12-0913 --- Simon Bernstein

Dear Dr. Bell,

I write to you after review of your attached autopsy report on my father that raises some questions regarding the cause of death that I hope you can help answer. On September 12, 2013 when we brought my father into the hospital the first diagnoses we received in the morning was that he had a mild heart attack. After testing an infectious disease doctor was brought in who claimed it could be instead some sort of virus as it was not looking like a heart attack. Later that evening while in intensive care, a doctor came and told my family that he did not have a heart attack and that his heart was fine and instead they thought my dad had West Nile Virus or some other exotic virus and that we could go home. The doctor claimed he was stable, we could go home and they would begin testing the next day. In fact, the doctor asked me if it was I who brought my father in for a brain procedure several weeks earlier and stated that when he reviewed the file to compare to his earlier records he was stunned to see the results and stated that Simon had perfect test results just days earlier for the brain procedure and now he was off the chart on several levels. The doctor stated his problems definitely were not due to his heart as he found no markers of heart attack or other heart complications. Several hours later, I was called to the emergency room where they were attempting to resuscitate my dad but to no avail and he passed.

I was informed when he passed that they were going to do a test for West Nile Virus and other similar infectious diseases and I was wondering if these tests were also performed post mortem to rule all those causes out. Finally, I was wondering if a poison screening had been done and if one can now be done if requested.

Thank you for your time, effort and consideration in the handling of this matter.

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