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

CASE NO. 502012CP004391XXXXNBIH CP - Probate

IN RE:

ESTATE OF SIMON L. BERNSTEIN,

### TRUSTEE'S OBJECTION TO NOTICE OF PRODUCTION FROM NON-PARTY

Ted S. Bernstein, Successor Trustee of the Simon Bernstein Amended and Restated Trust Agreement dated July 25, 2012 ("Trustee"), pursuant to Fla. R. Civ. P. 1.410, files his Objection to William E. Stansbury's Subpoena Duces Tecum Without Deposition.

1. On January 12, 2017, William E. Stansbury ("Stansbury"), filed his Notice of Production from Non-Party to Mrachek, Fitzgerald, Rose, Konopka, Thomas and Weiss ("MFRKTW"), and attached a Subpoena Duces Tecum without Deposition to MFRKTW (the "Subpoena"). A copy of the Subpoena is attached as Exhibit "A."

2. Trustee objects to the Subpoena because the Subpoena purports to seek documents and information which are: (1) not relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to admissible evidence; (2) clearly covered by the attorney-client privilege and the attorney work-product doctrine, and violate the right of the Trustee under the Simon L Bernstein Amended and Restated Trust Agreement dated 7-25-12; (3) unduly burdensome and designed to harass the Trustee and the Trustee's counsel, and simply preparing a privilege log would entail a large, unreasonable and unnecessary expense.

3. In addition, it appears that Stansbury lacks standing in this estate to seek the disqualification of the Estate's counsel defending against Stansbury's claims, and therefore lacks

standing to seek such discovery and information. This lack of standing is more evident given the fact that the Estate is independently represented by counsel in Illinois, under the direction of Brian O'Connell as Personal Representative, with court-ordered funding by Stansbury; thus the Illinois case is being handled as it should by the Estate's Personal Representative. The Estate Personal Representative is handling Stansbury's claim independently of the Illinois litigation, and at the request of the direct and indirect beneficiaries, and to save expenses, has selected the Mrachek firm and waived any potential conflict. As the only personal complaining is Stansbury, whose interests are directly adverse to the Estate in Florida, and potentially expose the Estate to fee and cost expense in Illinois, the motivation is obvious. The only adversity in this case is between Stansbury, a potential claimant against the Estate, and the Trustee, the sole beneficiary. There is no conflict between the Trustee and the Estate, and to the extent the Trustee's service as trustee of a separate trust is relevant, that is acknowledged and permitted by Simon Bernstein in his Trust Agreement.

WHEREFORE, Trustee requests that this Court sustain his objection, prohibiting Stansbury from obtaining the issuance of the Subpoena to MFRKTW, and any other relief this Court deems appropriate.

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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I CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing has been furnished to parties listed on attached Service List by:  $\Box$  Facsimile and U.S. Mail;  $\Box$  U.S. Mail;  $\blacksquare$  E-mail Electronic Transmission;  $\Box$  FedEx;  $\Box$  Hand Delivery this 27th day of January, 2017.

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

IN RE:

Case No. 502012CP004391XXXXNB

ESTATE OF SIMON BERNSTEIN, Deceased.

### **NOTICE OF PRODUCTION FROM NON-PARTY** (Florida Probate Rule 5.080 & Fla.R.Civ.P. 1.351)

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that, ten (10) days from the date of service of this Notice, if service is by delivery, or fifteen (15) days from the date of service if service is by mail, and if no objection is received from any party, the undersigned will issue, or will apply to the Clerk of this Court for issuance of, the attached Subpoenas directed to the following:

Alan Benjamin Rose
 Mrachek Fitzgerald Rose Konopka Thomas Weiss
 505 South Flagler Drive, Suite 600
 West Palm Beach, FL 33401

 Records Custodian of: Mrachek Fitzgerald Rose Konopka Thomas Weiss 505 South Flagler Drive, Suite 600 West Palm Beach, FL 33401

who are not parties, and whose addresses are listed above, to produce the items listed at the time and place specified in the Subpoena.

Respectfully submitted, By:

Peter M. Feaman

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing has been forwarded via e-mail service through the Florida E-portal system to: Alan Rose, Esq., Mrachek, Fitzgerald Rose, 505 So. Flagler Drive, Suite 600, West Palm Beach, FL 33401, <u>arose@pm-law.com</u> and <u>mchandler@pm-law.com</u>; Eliot Bernstein, 2753 NW 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Boca Raton, FL

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#### Case No. 502012CP004391XXXXNB

IN RE:

ESTATE OF SIMON BERNSTEIN,

Deceased.

#### SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM WITHOUT DEPOSITION

## TO: Records Custodian of: Mrachek Fitzgerald Rose Konopka Thomas Weiss 505 South Flagler Drive, Suite 600 West Palm Beach, FL 33401

YOU ARE COMMANDED to appear at the offices of Peter M. Feaman, P.A., 3695 W. Boynton Beach Blvd., Suite #9, Boynton Beach, FL 33436 on February 10, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. and to have with you at that time and place copies of all of the following documents:

#### **DUCES TECUM:**

- 1. Correspondence, emails, postal mail, or any and all other types of written communication between any corporate member or employee of Mrachek Fitzgerald Rose Konopka Thomas Weiss and Ted Bernstein from October 2, 2012 to the current date.
- 2. Correspondence, emails, postal mail, or any and all other types of written communication between any corporate member or employee of Mrachek Fitzgerald Rose Konopka Thomas Weiss and Ted Bernstein, as Trustee to the purported Trust, which is the subject matter of case number 13CV3643 in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois from October 2, 2012 to the current date.

The documents will be inspected and may be copied at that time. You will not be required to surrender the original documents. You have the right to object to the production pursuant to this subpoena at any time before production by giving written notice to the attorney whose name appears on this subpoena. THIS WILL NOT BE A DEPOSITION. NO TESTIMONY WILL BE TAKEN.

#### If you fail to:

- (1) appear or furnish the records at the time and place specified instead of appearing; or
- (2) object to this subpoena,

you may be in contempt of court. You are subpoenaed by the attorney whose name appears on this subpoena, and unless excused from this subpoena by the attorney or the court, you shall respond to this subpoena as directed.

**NOTE:** You may mail or deliver the copies of the requested records to the attorney whose name appears below and thereby eliminate your appearance at the time and place specified.

Dated on \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

Issued by:

PETER M. FEAMAN, ESQ. FOR THE COURT

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