# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO. 0:18-cv-61991-BB

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

1 GLOBAL CAPITAL LLC, and CARL RUDERMAN,

Defendants, and

1 WEST CAPITAL LLC, BRIGHT SMILE FINANCING, LLC, BRR BLOCK INC., DIGI SOUTH LLC, GANADOR ENTERPRISES, LLC, MEDIA PAY LLC PAY NOW DIRECT LLC, and RUDERMAN FAMILY TRUST,

Relief Defendants.

# RECEIVER'S MOTION FOR APPROVAL TO PAY SPECIAL COUNSEL IN CONNECTION WITH COURT-APPROVED SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE RECEIVER AND NUTRA SPECIALISTS, INC., DEAN WAYNE, AND BLAKE RUDERMAN

Jon A. Sale, not individually, but solely in his capacity as the Court-appointed receiver (the "Receiver") for Media Pay LLC ("Media Pay"), respectfully submits this Motion for Approval to Pay Damian & Valori LLP, the Receiver's Special Counsel, in connection with the Court-approved settlement with Nutra Specialists, Inc., Dean Wayne, and Blake Ruderman. [See D.E. 313].

The Securities and Exchange Commission does not object to the relief sought herein.

- 1. On August 21, 2019, the Court approved the Receiver's retention of Damian & Valori LLP as special counsel ("Special Counsel") for purposes of handling several clawback lawsuits on the Receiver's behalf. [D.E. 228].
- 2. Pursuant to Special Counsel's Court-approved retainer agreement, Special Counsel is entitled to "33% of any recovery by way of settlement, trial, or judgment after the filing of a response to [a] complaint." [D.E. 227-1].
- 3. On February 19, 2021, the Receiver filed a Complaint to Avoid and Recover Fraudulent Transfers against Nutra Specialists, Inc. ("Nutra"), alleging four causes of action. That case is styled *Jon Sale, Receiver v. Nutra Specialists, Inc.*, Case No. 21-cv-80356-Bloom ("Lawsuit").
- 4. On July 2, 2021, the Receiver filed an Amended Complaint against Nutra. The Receiver also added individuals, Dean Wayne and Blake Ruderman, as additional Defendants (together with Nutra, "Defendants").
- 5. To avoid the expense and risk of litigating claims, the Receiver and Defendants agreed to resolve the Lawsuit pursuant to the terms of a fully executed settlement agreement (the "Settlement Agreement").
  - 6. The Court approved the Settlement Agreement on June 9, 2022. [D.E. 313].
- 7. Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, Nutra paid the Receiver \$20,000 ("Settlement Amount").
- 8. Given the foregoing, pursuant to its Court-approved retainer [D.E. 227-1, 228], Special Counsel is entitled to an award of 33% of the \$20,000 Settlement Amount, or \$6,666.67, for Special Counsel's representation of the Receiver, as disclosed in the Receiver's motion for approval of the Settlement Agreement. [D.E. 312 at n.1].

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9. Special Counsel is also entitled to an award of its reasonable costs in connection with this matter, pursuant to its Court-approved retainer [D.E. 227-1, 228], totaling \$728.49. An itemization of Special Counsel's costs is attached as **Exhibit A**.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Given the foregoing, the Receiver respectfully requests entry of an order approving payment to Special Counsel in the amount of \$7,395.16 for Special Counsel's representation of the Receiver in the Lawsuit.

Dated: July 26, 2022. NELSON MULLINS BROAD AND CASSEL

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on July 26, 2022, I electronically filed the foregoing document with the Clerk of the Court using CM/ECF. I also certify that the foregoing is being served this day on all counsel of record identified on the attached Service List in the manner specified, either via transmission of Notices of Electronic Filing generated by CM/ECF or in some other authorized manner for those counsel who are not authorized to receive electronically Notices of Electronic Filing.

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# **SPECIAL COUNSEL COSTS**

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#### **Nutra Specialist**

Date	Paid To/Received From	Explanation	Amount
2/18/2021	US Clerk of Court	Filing Fee: Complaint Jon Sale v. Nutra Specialist	\$ 400.00
3/17/2021	OTR Legal Process & Courier	Service Fee: Nutra Specialist c/o Dean T. Wayne 3/17/22	\$ 190.00
3/31/2021	Expense Recovery	Legal Research Fee	\$ 20.55
6/30/2021	Expense Recovery	Pacer/ Court Documents	\$ 26.20
6/30/2021	Expense Recovery	Legal Research Fee	\$ 43.04
6/30/2021	Expense Recovery	Pacer Photocopy	\$ 10.44
8/31/2021	Expense Recovery	Legal Research Fee	\$ 31.36
8/31/2021	Expense Recovery	Pacer/ Court Documents	\$ 2.80
9/30/2021	Expense Recovery	Pacer/ Court Documents	\$ 3.90
2/28/2022	Expense Recovery	Pacer/ Court Documents	\$ 0.20

\$ 728.49