## **UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO:	Bankruptcy Appellate Panel of the Ninth Circuit 125 S. Grand Avenue Pasadena, California 91105	
FROM:	Division / District/Office No.:	
DATE:		
SUBJECT:	Transmittal	
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Date Motion for Leave to Appeal Filed:		
Date of Entry of Order Appealed:		
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	By: Deputy Clerk	

## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

In Re		Chapter
		Case No.
	Debtor(s)	Adv.
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	Appellant(s)	
v.		
		NOTICE OF FILING OF APPEAL AND NOTICE OF REFERRAL OF APPEAL TO THE BANKRUPTCY APPELLATE PANEL
	Appellee(s)	
their pro I Avenue, Notice of	Any party desiring to object to such referovisions for reference to the BAP, a copy For further information, you may contact, Pasadena, California 91105, telephone ( NOTICE IS GIVEN TO THE APPELLA	the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel at 125 S. Grand
	<ol> <li>A designation of the items to be in</li> </ol>	ncluded in the record on appeal and serve a copy upon the
	3. A written request for the transcrip	esented and serve a copy upon the appellee; and of and deliver a copy to the court reporter where the record f any proceeding or a part thereof.
Dated:		CLERK OF COURT
		By: Deputy Clerk

Copies to be mailed to attorneys for parties and pro se parties to the appeal by the BNC

Enclosures: Copy of Notice of Appeal

Amended Order Establishing and Continuing the BAP

## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

#### NOTICE TO PARTIES TO APPEAL

- 1. Appeal is to the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the Ninth Circuit:
  - a. Appeals from judgments or orders entered by bankruptcy judges are referred to the BAP unless the appellant has filed a separate written election to have the appeal transferred to the District Court at the time of the filing of the Notice of Appeal. See the November 18, 1988, as amended May 9, 2002, Order Establishing and Continuing the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel of the Ninth Circuit.
  - b. Designation of items to be included in the record on appeal and a statement of issues are to be filed with the bankruptcy clerk within 14 days of the filing of the Notice of Appeal.
  - c. <u>Do not</u> attach copies of the items designated. Copies of the items designated are <u>not</u> needed when the appeal is before the BAP. If the appeal is sent to the District Court, copies of the record are to be provided as set forth in Section 4 below.
- 2. Procedure When Appeal Remains at the BAP:
  - a. Procedures for the processing of the appeal at the BAP are contained in the Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Appellate Panel of the Ninth Circuit. Copies of those rules are available online at www.ce9.uscourts.gov/bap or the Clerk of the BAP:

Clerk of Court U.S. Bankruptcy Appellate Panel 125 S. Grand Avenue Pasadena, CA 91105 626-229-7225

- 3. Withdrawing consent to the BAP hearing and deciding the appeal:
  - a. Appellant must have filed a separate written election to transfer the appeal to the District Court at the time the Notice of Appeal is filed with the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court. The Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court will send the appeal directly to the District Court.
  - b. All other parties to the appeal have 30 days from service of the Notice of Appeal to file with the Clerk of the BAP a written election to transfer the appeal to the District Court. The Clerk of the BAP, upon the filing of the election, will transmit the appeal to the District Court.

- 4. Procedure when an appeal is transmitted or transferred to District Court:
  - a. Upon receipt of an appeal from the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court or from the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel, the appeal is assigned a civil case number in the District Court. The District Court then sends a "Notice of Receipt of Appeal" to the parties to the appeal advising them of the civil case number assigned in the District Court.
  - b. The bankruptcy appeal in the District Court is governed by the District Court Local Rules of Bankruptcy Appeal Procedure, as adopted on 12/1/2007. Please refer to those rules which are available at www.azd.uscourts.gov..
  - c. When the statement of issues, designation of record and any designated transcripts are filed with the Bankruptcy Court, the Bankruptcy Court Clerk will transmit to the District Court a certificate that the record is complete. The date of transmittal to the District Court constitutes the date of the entry of the appeal on the docket in District Court.
  - d. The record is retained in the Bankruptcy Court. Copies of the record are no longer required to be filed with the District Court. Instead, the parties include copies from the record in their Excerpts of Record filed as appendix to their briefs. See Local District Court Rule 8009-2.

# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY APPELLATE PANEL OF THE NINTH CIRCUIT

Effective November 18, 1988; as amended through May 9, 2002

# AMENDED ORDER CONTINUING THE BANKRUPTCY APPELLATE PANEL OF THE NINTH CIRCUIT

## JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE NINTH CIRCUIT AMENDED ORDER CONTINUING THE BANKRUPTCY APPELLATE PANEL OF THE NINTH CIRCUIT

- 1. Continuing the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel Service.
- (a) Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 158(b)(1) as amended by the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1994, the judicial council hereby reaffirms and continues a bankruptcy appellate panel service which shall provide panels to hear and determine appeals from judgments, orders and decrees entered by bankruptcy judges from districts within the Ninth Circuit.
- (b) Panels of the bankruptcy appellate panel service may hear and determine appeals originating from districts that have authorized such appeals to be decided by the bankruptcy appellate panel service pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 158(b)(6).
- (c) All appeals originating from those districts shall be referred to bankruptcy appellate panels unless a party elects to have the appeal heard by the district court in the time and manner and form set forth in 28 U.S.C. § 158(c)(1) and in paragraph 3 below.
- (d) Bankruptcy appellate panels may hear and determine appeals from final judgments, orders and decrees entered by bankruptcy judges and, with leave of bankruptcy appellate panels, appeals from interlocutory orders and decrees entered by bankruptcy judges.
- (e) Bankruptcy appellate panels may hear and determine appeals from final judgments, orders, and decrees entered after the district court from which the appeal originates has issued an order referring bankruptcy cases and proceedings to bankruptcy judges pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(a).

### 2. Immediate Reference to Bankruptcy Appellate Panels.

Upon filing of the notice of appeal, all appeals are immediately referred to the bankruptcy appellate panel service.

## 3. Election to District Court - Separate Written Statement Required.

A party desiring to transfer the hearing of an appeal from the bankruptcy appellate panel service to the district court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 158(c)(1) shall timely file a separate written statement of election expressly stating that the party elects to have the appeal transferred from the bankruptcy appellate panel service to the district court.

- (a) Appellant: If the appellant wishes to make such an election, appellant must file a separate written statement of election with the clerk of the bankruptcy court at the time of filing the notice of appeal. Appellant shall submit the same number of copies of the statement of election as copies of the notice of appeal. See Bankruptcy Rule 8001(a). When such an election is made, the clerk of the bankruptcy court shall forthwith transfer the case to the district court. The clerk of the bankruptcy court shall give notice to all parties and the clerk of the bankruptcy appellate panels of the transfer at the same time and in the same manner as set forth for serving notice of the appeal in Bankruptcy Rule 8004.
- (b) All Other Parties: In all appeals where appellant does not file an election, the clerk of the bankruptcy court shall forthwith transmit a copy of the notice of appeal to the clerk of the bankruptcy appellate panels. If any other party wishes to have the appeal heard by the district court, that party must, within thirty (30) days after service of the notice of appeal, file with the clerk of the bankruptcy appellate panels a written statement of election to transfer the appeal to the district court. Upon receipt of a timely statement of election filed under this section, the clerk of the bankruptcy appellate panels shall forthwith transfer the appeal to the appropriate district court and shall give notice of the transfer to the parties and the clerk of the bankruptcy court. Any question as to the timeliness of an election shall be referred by the clerk of the bankruptcy appellate panels to a bankruptcy appellate panel motions panel for determination.

#### 4. MOTIONS DURING ELECTION PERIOD

All motions relating to an appeal shall be filed with the bankruptcy appellate panel service unless the case has been transferred to a district court. The bankruptcy appellate panels may not dismiss or render a final disposition of an appeal within thirty (30) days from the date of service of the notice of appeal, but may otherwise fully consider and dispose of all motions.

#### 5. PANELS

Each appeal shall be heard and determined by a panel of three judges from among those appointed pursuant to paragraph 6, provided however that a bankruptcy judge shall not participate in an appeal originating in a district for which the judge is appointed or designated under 28 U.S.C. § 152.

#### 6. MEMBERSHIP OF BANKRUPTCY APPELLATE PANELS

The bankruptcy appellate panel shall consist of seven members serving seven-year terms (subject to reappointment to one additional three-year term). The judicial council shall periodically examine the caseload of the bankruptcy appellate panel service to assess whether the number of bankruptcy judges serving should change. Appointment of regular and pro tem bankruptcy judges to service on the bankruptcy appellate panel shall be governed by regulations promulgated by the Judicial Council.

- (a) When a three-judge panel cannot be formed from the judges designated under subparagraph (a) to hear a case because judges have recused themselves, are disqualified from hearing the case because it arises from their district, or are otherwise unable to participate, the Chief Judge of the Ninth Circuit may designate one or more other bankruptcy judge(s) from the circuit to hear the case.
- (b) In order to provide assistance with the caseload or calendar relief, or otherwise to assist the judges serving, or to afford other bankruptcy judges with the opportunity to serve on the bankruptcy appellate panels, the Chief Judge of the Ninth Circuit may designate from time to time one or more other bankruptcy judge(s) from the circuit to participate in one or more panel sittings.

#### 7. CHIEF JUDGE

The members of the bankruptcy appellate panel service by majority vote shall select one of their number to serve as chief judge.

#### 8. RULES OF PROCEDURE

(a) Practice before the bankruptcy appellate panels shall be governed by Part VIII of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, except as provided in this order or by rule of the bankruptcy appellate panel service adopted under subparagraph (b).

(b) The bankruptcy appellate panel service may establish rules governing practice and procedure before bankruptcy appellate panels not inconsistent with the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure. Such rules shall be submitted to, and approved by, the Judicial

Council of the Ninth Circuit.

9. PLACES OF HOLDING COURT.

Bankruptcy appellate panels may conduct hearings at such times and places within

the Ninth Circuit as it determines to be appropriate.

10. CLERK AND OTHER EMPLOYEES.

(a) Clerk's Office. The members of the bankruptcy appellate panel service shall select and hire the clerk of the bankruptcy appellate panel. The clerk of the bankruptcy appellate

panel may select and hire staff attorneys and other necessary staff. The chief judge shall have appointment authority for the clerk, staff attorneys and other necessary staff. The members of the bankruptcy appellate panel shall determine the location of the principal

office of the clerk.

(b) Law Clerks. Each judge on the bankruptcy appellate panel service shall have

appointment authority to hire an additional law clerk.

11. **EFFECTIVE DATE** 

This Order shall be effective as to all appeals originating in those bankruptcy cases that are filed after the effective date of this Order. For all appeals originating in those bankruptcy cases that were filed before October 22, 1994, the Judicial Council's prior Amended Order, as revised October 15, 1992, shall apply. This Order, insofar as just and

practicable, shall apply to all appeals originating in those bankruptcy cases that were filed after the effective date of the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1994, October 22, 1994, but before

the date of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: April 28, 1995; amended May 9, 2002.

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## United States Bankruptcy Court District of Arizona

#### **APPEALS**

#### ORDERING AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT

An official transcript is a transcript that has been prepared by a designee of the Bankruptcy Court. (For appeal purposes, a tape cassette is not acceptable as a part of the Designation of Record.)

If you have designated a transcript of a Court proceeding in your Appeal documents, **it is your responsibility to order it** from the Bankruptcy Court ECR Operator (see list below). The order should be placed at the time you file your Statement of Issues and Designation of Record.

If you have filed an appeal and need a transcript of a hearing, please follow the steps below to obtain an "OFFICIAL" transcript:

- 1. Determine the date of the hearing.
- 2. Determine what portion of the hearing is needed. Do you need the entire hearing or only a specific portion of the hearing, (i.e., the judge's ruling).
- Determine if the transcript is already on file with the Court. Any ECR Operator can advise
  you of this. If the transcript is already on file, the Court will determine if your check should
  be made payable to the Bankruptcy Court. If it is not on file, the ECR Operator can tell you
  who to contact to obtain one.
- 4. Each transcript ordered requires a deposit. This deposit varies and is dependent upon the estimated length of the transcript. If the transcript needs to be ordered, the ECR Operator will advise you of the correct way to issue your check and where to make payment.
- Place your request for the transcript. File a "Notice of Request for Transcript" with the Bankruptcy Court. Be sure to indicate if the transcript was requested from the Court or the Court Reporting Agency.
- When you receive the transcript, retain it to be included as part of your Designation of Record. Follow the procedures listed in the "Notice To Parties to Appeal" included in this packet. Because a courtesy copy of every transcript ordered is sent to the Court, it is not necessary for you to file the transcript with the Court.

## Ordering Transcripts

## PHOENIX OFFICE CASES

Judge Baum (RTB)	Juanita Pierson-Williams	(602) 682-4200
Judge Case (CGC)	Melanie Riskus	(602) 682-4200
Judge Curley (SSC)	Andamo Purvis	(602) 682-4200
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# IT IS HEREBY ADJUDGED and DECREED this is SO ORDERED.

The party obtaining this order is responsible for noticing it pursuant to Local Rule 9022-1.

Dated: October 28, 2009



IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

In re: In Proceedings Under Chapter 11

MORTGAGES LTD., Case No. 2:08-bk-07465-RJH

Debtor. ORDER REGARDING MOTION TO CLARIFY

Date of Hearing: 10/08/09 Time of Hearing: 11:00 a.m.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

This matter came before the Court pursuant to that certain motion for clarification filed by the Rev Op Group dated September 14, 2009. On October 21, 2009, the court issued its Memorandum Decision ("Memorandum Decision"). Based on the foregoing, the Court hereby orders as follows:

- 1. The motion for clarification and joinders of Mr. Sternberg and Mr. Furst are granted in part and denied in part, all as set forth in the Memorandum Decision as amended on October 27, 2009 (dkt # 2338).
  - 2. So ordered.

SIGNED, DATED, AND ORDERED AS SET FORTH ABOVE.

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23	Casselman Investments, William L. Hawkins Fa	amily L.L.P., and Yuval Caine and Mirit
24	Caine (collectively, the "Rev Op Group") and S	Sternberg Enterprises Profit Sharing Plan
∠4	hereby appeal, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 158(a) ar	nd (b), to the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel

for the Ninth Circuit from the Bankruptcy Court's Order Regarding Motion to Clarify

[Docket #2345] (the "Order"), which incorporated the Bankruptcy Court's Memorandum

Decision [Docket #2323] as amended by the Bankruptcy Court's Order Granting ML

Manager LLC's Emergency Motion and Amending the Court's October 21, 2009

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1	Memorandum Decision [Docket #2338]. True	e and accurate copies of the Order and the
2	Memorandum Decision, as amended, are attach	ed hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated
3	by reference herein.	
4	The parties to the Order appealed from	and the names, addresses and telephone
5	numbers of their respective attorneys are as foll	ows:
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25	Subsequent to entry of the Order, the	Rev Op Group and Sternberg Enterprises
25	Profit Sharing Plan filed motions to reconsider	- ·
26	Procedure 9023 and 9024. The Bankruptcy C	
	their entirety. [Docket #2369] This appeal of	* <del>*</del>
27	Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 8002(b), as it is	s made within ten days of the entry of the
28	order disposing of the motions to reconsider.	
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If a Bankruptcy Appellate Panel Service is authorized to hear this appeal, each party has a right to have the appeal heard by the district court. The appellant may exercise this right only by filing a separate statement of election at the time of the filing of this notice of appeal. Any other party may elect, within the time provided in 28 U.S.C. § 158(c), to have the appeal heard by the district court.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009.

### **BRYAN CAVE LLP**

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## EXHIBIT "A"

# IT IS HEREBY ADJUDGED and DECREED this is SO ORDERED.

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Dated: October 28, 2009



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FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

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Debtor.

SIGNED, DATED, AND ORDERED AS SET FORTH ABOVE.

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Dated: October 21, 2009

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

## IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

#### FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

In re	) Chapter 11
	) CASE NO. 2:08-bk-07465-RJH
MORTGAGES LTD.,	)
Debtor.	) MEMORANDUM DECISION
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The Rev Op Group's motion for clarification, and the joinders of Mr. Sternberg and Mr. Furst, are granted in part an denied in part, as follows.

The Court will address the issues according to the numbers identified in the Reply filed by the Rev Op Group on October 8. According to the Reply, issues 1, 2, 7, 9 and 10 have been resolved. As to those issues, therefore, the motion for clarification is denied.

Issue number 3 is the Rev Op Group's argument that it has a right to set off claims the Pass Through Investors may have against the Debtor against any of the liquidating fund's expenses. The right of such set off is governed by Bankruptcy Code § 553 and the Ninth Circuit case of *DeLaurentiis*. This therefore does not require any clarification of what the Plan provides, and therefore this motion for clarification is denied.

Issues 4 and 5 concern the right to charge a proportionate share of the exit financing and other liquidating fund expenses back against the Pass Through Investors who not opt in. The motion for clarification is granted, to the extent any clarification is needed. Paragraph U of the confirmation order permits the ML Manager to charge back to the non-optin participating investors their proportionate share of all of its expenses, including but not limited to the exit financing. This Plan does impose a limitation that such charge back be fair, equitable and proportional, but within those limitations the ML Manager can exercise his

1	business judgment whether to obtain financing to cover exit costs and operational expenses,
2	and when to make the charge backs.
3	Issue 6, 7 and 8 relate to the ML Manager's authority to deal with the loans and
4	the frational interests in the notes. The motion for clarification is granted to the following
5	extent. The ML Manager has no authority to sell or encumber the non-opt-in Pass Through
6	Investors' fractional interest in their notes. The ML Manager does have authority to deal with
7	the loans and the collateral securing the loans to the extent provided by the governing
8	documents including but not limited to the applicable subscription agreements and agency
9	agreements.
10	In all other respects, the motion for clarification is denied.
11	DATED AND SIGNED ABOVE
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Dated: October 27, 2009



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## IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

## FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

9 In re Chapter 11 10 Mortgages Ltd., Case No. 2-08-BK-07465-RJH 11 Debtor. ORDER GRANTING ML MANAGER LLC'S EMERGENCY MOTION AND 12 AMENDING THE COURT'S **OCTOBER 21, 2009 MEMORANDUM** 13 DECISION 14

ML Manager LLC having filed an "Emergency Motion to Amend the Court's Memorandum Decision dated October 21, 2009" ("Emergency Motion") which the Court finds is well taken, and the Court having considered the Response filed by Robert Furst, and the Court noting that Mr. Furst has misunderstood or is mistaken in his interpretation of the Court's Memorandum Decision, and the Court having overruled Mr. Furst's Response, and for good cause shown,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Emergency Motion is granted and that the October 21, 2009 Memorandum Decision is hereby amended to delete the words "sell or" on page 2, line 5. The rest of the Memorandum Decision remains unchanged and is in full force and effect. This Order is without prejudice to appropriate contested matters or actions filed by the parties raising issues concerning the agency not previously decided by the Court.

DATED AND SIGNED AS ABOVE.

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11	MORTGAGES LTD.,	Case No. 2:08-bk-07465-RJH
12	Debtor.	ELECTION TO HAVE APPEAL HEARD BY DISTRICT COURT
13		DISTRICT COOK!
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15	ML Manager, LLC through	counsel hereby elects pursuant to 28 U.S.C.
16	$\S158(c)(1)(B)$ to have the appeal, file	ed by the Rev Op Group as set forth in its Notice of
17	Appeal filed November 13, 2009 at Do	oc 2401, heard by the District Court.
18	Respectively submitted this 1st	day of December, 2009.
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13	MORTGAGES LTD.,	Case No. 2:08-bk-07465-RJH
14	Debtor.	APPELLANTS' DESIGNATION
		OF RECORD AND STATEMENT
15		OF ISSUES TO BE PRESENTED
16		ON APPEAL
17		Date of Hearing: N/A
		Time of Hearing: N/A
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19	Appellants AJ Chandler 25 Acres, L.L.C.	, Bear Tooth Mountain Holdings, L.L.P.,
20	Brett M. McFadden, Cornerstone Realty and De	evelopment, Inc., Cornerstone Realty and
21	Development, Inc. Defined Benefit Plan and Tr	rust, Evertson Oil Company, Inc., James
22	C. Schneck Rev. Trust, Louis B. Murphey, N	Michael Johnson Investments II, L.L.C.,
23	Morley Rosenfield, M.D. P.C. Restated Profit Sl	haring Plan, Pueblo Sereno Mobile Home
24	Park, L.L.C., Queen Creek XVIII, L.L.C.,	Revocable Living Trust of Melvin L.
25	Dunsworth, Jr., Ronald Kohner, The Lonnie Joe	el Krueger Family Trust, Trine Holdings,
26	L.L.C., Weksler-Casselman Investments, Will	iam L. Hawkins Family L.L.P., Yuval
27	Caine and Mirit Caine, and David S. Elton and	Siva G. Elton (collectively, the "Rev Op
28	Group") and Sternberg Enterprises Profit Shar	ing Plan (collectively with the Rey On

1 2 3 statement of the issues to be presented on appeal. 4 I. 5 6 in the record on appeal. 7 II. 8 Appellants present the following issues on appeal: 9 10 11 12 Sternberg Enterprises Profit Sharing Plan [Docket #2275].<sup>1</sup> 13 14 2. 15 16 17 3.

## Group, "Appellants"), pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 8006, hereby submit their designation of items to be included in the record on appeal and their

## DESIGNATION OF ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE RECORD.

Appellants designate the items set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto, for inclusion

## STATEMENT OF ISSUES TO BE PRESENTED ON APPEAL.

- Whether the Bankruptcy Court erred in denying in part the Rev Op Group's Emergency Motion for Entry of Order: (I) Clarifying Chapter 11 Plan, Confirmation Order, and Other Matters Relevant to Transfer Decision of Pass-Through Investors; and (II) Extending the Transfer Decision Deadline [Docket #2168], which was joined by
- Whether the Bankruptcy Court erred in ruling that non-opt-in investors could be held responsible for any of the principal, interest, fees and any other charges associated with the exit financing provided for under the confirmed plan.
- Whether the Bankruptcy Court erred in finding that Paragraph U of the Order Confirming Investors Committee's First Amended Plan of Reorganization Dated March 12, 2009 "permits the ML Manager to charge back to the non-opt-in participating investors their proportionate share of all of its expenses, including but not limited to the exit financing."

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<sup>25</sup> The Bankruptcy Court denied in part the above-referenced motion pursuant to the Order Regarding Motion to Clarify [Docket #2345] (the "Order"), which incorporated the 26 Bankruptcy Court's Memorandum Decision [Docket #2323] as amended by the 27 Bankruptcy Court's Order Granting ML Manager LLC's Emergency Motion and Amending the Court's October 21, 2009 Memorandum Decision [Docket #2338].

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- 4. Whether the Bankruptcy Court erred in abrogating or diminishing the ML Manager's fiduciary duties in favor of a "business judgment" standard with respect to ML Manager's decisions to obtain exit financing, to make "charge backs" to non-opt-in investors, and "when to make the charge backs."
- 5. Whether the Bankruptcy Court erred in granting ML Manager discretion with respect to the decision of "when to make the charge backs," contrary to Paragraph U of the confirmation order and even if such decision violates ML Manager's fiduciary duties.
- 6. Whether the Bankruptcy Court erred in refusing to amend and remove any ambiguity from Paragraph U.3, line 20 of the <u>Order Confirming Investors Committee's</u>

  <u>First Amended Plan of Reorganization Dated March 12, 2009</u> by correcting a simple typographical error through the replacement of the word "serving" with "servicing."

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2009.

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## EXHIBIT "A"

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## DESIGNATIONS OF RECORD ON APPEAL

## From Bankruptcy Case No. 2:08-bk-07465-RJH

3 DOCKET DATE

4	DOCKET NO.	DATE ENTERED	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION
5			Copy of Bankruptcy Court Docket
6 7	1297	01/21/2009	Chapter 11 Plan The Official Committee of Investors' Plan of Reorganization Dated January 21, 2009 filed by Official Committee of Investors
8	1298	01/21/2009	Disclosure Statement in Support of The Official Committee of Investors' Plan of Reorganization Dated January 21, 2009
9 10 11 12	1427	03/03/2009	Statement of Position Concerning the Status and Request for Short Continuance to Allow Radical Bunny's Trustee to Join as Plan Proponent in the Investors Committee's Disclosure Statement in Support of the Investors Committee's Plan of Reorganization Dated January 21, 2009
13	1439	03/06/2009	ORDER, Minute Entry signed on 3/6/2009 (re: Docket # 1298, Disclosure Statement)
14 15	1466	03/12/2009	Notice of Filing of New or Changed Exhibits to the Investors Committee's Amended Disclosure Statement
16	1467	03/13/2009	Notice of Filing Redline Version of Investors Committee's First Amended Plan of Reorganization
17 18	1468	03/13/2009	First Amended Chapter 11 Plan The Official Committee of Investors' First Amended Plan of Reorganization dated March 12, 2009
<ul><li>19</li><li>20</li></ul>	1469	03/13/2009	Notice of Filing Redline Version of Investors Committee's Amended Disclosure Statement
21 22	1471	03/13/2009	Amended Disclosure Statement in Support of the Official Committee of Investors' First Amended Plan of Reorganization Dated March 12, 2009 Without Exhibits
<ul><li>23</li><li>24</li></ul>	1474	03/13/2009	Notice of Filing Exhibit 1 to Investors Committee's First Amended Plan of Reorganization and Exhibit E to Investors Committee's Amended Disclosure Statement
<ul><li>25</li><li>26</li><li>27</li></ul>	1479	03/16/2009	Minutes of Hearing held on: 03/16/2009, Subject: HEARING ON DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FILED BY THE INVESTORS COMMITTEE

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2 3 4	1484	03/18/2009	Notice of Lodging Proposed Order Notice of Lodging Forms of Ballots to Investors Committee's First Amended Plan of Reorganization and to Investors Committee's Amended Disclosure Statement
5	1489	03/24/2009	Notice of Lodging Redlined Versions of Investors Committee's First Amended Plan of Reorganization and
6 7			Investors Committee's Amended Disclosure Statement and the Ballot for Classes 11A through 11G for General Unsecured Creditors
8 9	1493	03/24/2009	ORDER signed on 3/24/2009 (re: Docket # 1471, Amended Disclosure Statement)
10 11 12	1510	03/31/2009	Notice of Lodging Redlined Versions of Investors Committee's First Amended Plan of Reorganization and Investors Committee's Amended Disclosure Statement and Certain Ballots
13 14 15 16	1522	04/02/2009	Notice of Lodging Proposed Order Approving Investors Committee's Amended Disclosure Statement and Fixing Time for Returning Ballots for Acceptances or Rejections and Notice of Confirmation Hearing for Investors Committee's First Amended Plan of Reorganization Dated March 12, 2009
17 18	1523	04/03/2009	Motion to Set Hearing on Amended Disclosure Statement Filed By Investor's Committee and (2) Set Deadlines For Filing Objections Thereto
19	1527	04/03/2009	ORDER Approving Disclosure Statement and Setting Confirmation Hearing signed on 4/3/2009
20 21	1531	04/06/2009	Amended Disclosure Statement In Support of The Official Committee of Investors' First Amended Plan of Reorganization Dated March 12, 2009
22   23	1532	04/06/2009	The Official Committee of Investors' First Amended Plan of Reorganization Dated March 12, 2009
<ul><li>24</li><li>25</li></ul>	1601	04/27/2009	Certificate of Service filed by CATHY L. REECE of FENNEMORE CRAIG on behalf of Official Committee of Investors
26 27	1649	05/05/2009	Joint Objection to OIC Chapter 11 Plan of Liquidation filed by Rev Op Group and Lewis Trust
28	1662	05/05/2009	Objection to Confirmation filed by Sheldon Sternberg

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2 3	1677	05/08/2009	Report of Ballots on Official Committee of Investors' First Amended Plan of Reorganization Dated March 12, 2009
4 5	1684	05/11/2009	Motion to Determine that the Ballots of MP Fund Investors in Class 8 and Class 11C Should Be Counted and Not the Ballots of the Debtor as Manager
6	1691	05/11/2009	Rev Op Group's Supplemental Plan Objection
7	1696	05/11/2009	Brief in Support of Official Committee of Investors' First Amended Plan of Reorganization and Reply to Objections
8 9	1713	05/12/2009	Debtor's Objection to Ballot Report of Voting on Official Committee of Investors' First Amended Plan of Reorganization Dated March 12, 2009
10	1719	05/12/2009	Minutes of Hearing held on 05/12/2009, Subject: PRETRIAL CONFERENCE ON CONFIRMATION OF INVESTORS COMMITTEE'S PLAN
12 13 14	1721	05/13/2009	Minutes of Hearing held on 05/13/2009, Subject: EVIDENTIARY HEARING ON CONFIRMATION OF INVESTORS COMMITTEE'S PLAN
15	1744	05/18/2009	Minutes of Hearing held on 05/18/2009, Subject: CONTINUED HEARING ON PLAN CONFIRMATION
16 17	1750	05/19/2009	Minutes of Hearing held on 05/19/2009, Subject: CONTINUED HEARING ON PLAN CONFIRMATION
18	1755	05/21/2009	Order Confirming Investors Committee's First Amended Plan of Reorganization Dated March 12, 2009
19	1807	06/16/2009	Notice of Filing Notice of Effective Date of Investors
20			Committee's First Amended Plan of Reorganization Dated March 12, 2009 and Notice of Administrative Claims Bar
21			Date
22	2050	08/06/2009	Emergency Motion to Extend Deadline for Pass-Through Investors to Transfer Their Fractional Interests in ML Notes
23			and Deeds of Trust into Loan LLCs
24	2055	08/07/2009	Order Approving an Extension of the Deadline for Pass-
25			Through Investors to Transfer Their Fractional Interests in Notes and Deeds of Trust Into the Loan LLCs
26	2136	08/27/2009	Transcript of Hearing or Trial on 5/18/2009
27	2158	09/08/2009	Transcript of Hearing or Trial on 5/19/2009
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2 3 4	2168	09/14/2009	Rev Op Group's Emergency Motion for Entry of Order: (I) Clarifying Chapter 11 Plan, Confirmation Order, and Other Matters Relevant to Transfer Decision of Pass-Through Investors; and (II) Extending the Transfer Decision Deadline
5 6 7	2197	09/21/09	Order Approving an Extension of the Deadline for Pass- Through Investors to Transfer Their Fractional Interests in Notes and Deeds of Trust Into the Loan LLCS and Setting Hearing
8	2219	09/25/2009	Notice of Filing Notice of Filing Rev Op Group's Appendix of Mortgages Ltd. Investment Documents
9	2229	09/28/2009	Transcript of Hearing or Trial on 5/13/2009
10 11 12	2260	10/02/2009	The Lewis and Underwood Trusts' Joinder in Emergency Motion for Entry of Order Clarifying Chapter 11 Plan, Confirmation Order, and Other Matters Relevant to Transfer Decision of Pass-Through Investors
13 14 15	2265	10/02/2009	Response and Objection to Rev-Op Group's Emergency Motion for Entry of Order: (I) Clarifying Chapter 11 Plan, Confirmation Order, and Other Matters Relevant to Transfer Decisions of Pass-Through Investors; and (II) Extending the Transfer Decision
16 17 18	2269	10/07/2009	Response to Motion/Application Filed by the Lewis Trust, Underwood Trust and Sternberg, and ML Manager's Supplement to the Response to the Objection to Rev Op Group's Emergency Motion
19 20	2275	10/09/2009	Sternberg Enterprises Profit Sharing Plan's Joinder in Rev Op Groups Emergency Motion for Order Clarifying Chapter 11 Plan
21 22 23	2277	10/09/2009	Robert Furst's Response to Rev-Op Group's Emergency Motion for Entry of Order: (I) Clarifying Chapter 11 Plan, Confirmation Order, and Other Matters Relevant to Transfer Decision of Pass-Through Investors; and (II) Extending the Transfer Decision
<ul><li>24</li><li>25</li><li>26</li></ul>	2279	10/08/2009	Minutes of Hearing held on 10/08/2009, Subject: HEARING ON THE REV OP GROUP'S MOTION FOR ENTRY OF ORDER CLARIFYING CHAPTER 11 PLAN, CONFIRMATION ORDER
27	2323	10/22/2009	Memorandum Decision
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1	DOCKET NO.	DATE ENTERED	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION
2	2327	10/22/2009	ML Manager LLC's Emergency Motion to Amend the Court's October 21, 2009 Memorandum Decision
3 4 5	2338	10/28/2009	Order Granting ML Manager LLC's Emergency Motion and Amending the Court's October 21, 2009 Memorandum Decision
6 7	2343	10/28/2009	Robert Furst's Response to ML Manager LLC's Emergency Motion to Amend the Court's October 21, 2009 Memorandum Decision
8	2345	10/29/2009	Order Regarding Motion to Clarify
9	2352	10/30/2009	The Rev Op Group's Motion to Reconsider Amended Memorandum Decision and Order
10 11	2353	10/30/2009	Notice of Filing Declaration of Louis B. Murphey in Support of Motion to Reconsider Amended Decision and Order
12 13	2356	11/02/2009	Sternberg Enterprises Profit Sharing Plan's Motion to Reconsider the Courts October 21, 2009 Memorandum Decission [sic] as Amended
14 15	2369	11/05/2009	Order Denying Sternberg and Rev Op Group's Motions to Reconsider memorandum Decisions and Orders of October 21 and October 27
16			Transcript of initial confirmation hearing held on 5/12/09
17 18			Transcripts of complete hearings to the extent necessary where only partial transcripts have been filed.

## From Claims Register for Bankruptcy Case No. 2:08-bk-07465-RJH

21	CLAIM NO.	DATE ENTERED	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION
22	570	10/30/2008	Ronald L. Kohner's Proof of Claim
23	688	11/10/2008	David S. Elton and Siva G. Elton's Proof of Claim
24	876	11/19/2008	AJ Chandler 25 Acres, LLC's Proof of Claim
25	878	11/19/2008	Bear Tooth Mountain Holdings, L.L.P.'s Proof of Claim
26	879	11/19/2008	Yuval Caine and Mirit Caine's Proof of Claim
27	880	11/19/2008	Weksler-Casselman Investments' Proof of Claim

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2 3	882	11/19/2008	Cornerstone Realty & Development, Inc.'s Proof of Claim
4	883	11/19/2008	Cornerstone Realty & Development, Inc. Defined Benefit Plan and Trust's Proof of Claim
5 6	885	11/19/2008	Revocable Living Trust of Melvin L. Dunsworth, Jr., dated December 23, 2003's Proof of Claim
7	886	11/19/2008	Revocable Living Trust of Melvin L. Dunsworth, Jr., dated December 23, 2003's Proof of Claim
8	887	11/19/2008	Evertson Oil Company, Inc.'s Proof of Claim
9	891	11/19/2008	Louis B. Murphey's Proof of Claim
10	892	11/19/2008	William L. Hawkins Family L.L.P.'s Proof of Claim
11	893	11/19/2008	Pueblo Sereno Mobile Home Park, L.L.C.'s Proof of Claim
12	894	11/19/2008	Queen Creek XVIII, L.L.C.'s Proof of Claim
13	895	11/19/2008	Morley Rosenfield, M.D. P.C. Restated Profit Sharing Plan's Proof of Claim
<ul><li>14</li><li>15</li></ul>	896	11/19/2008	Morley Rosenfield, M.D. P.C. Restated Profit Sharing Plan's Proof of Claim
16	897	11/19/2008	James C. Schneck and Jason C. Schneck's Proof of Claim
17	898	11/19/2008	The James C. Schneck Revocable Trust's Proof of Claim
18	899	11/19/2008	The James C. Schneck Revocable Trust's Proof of Claim
	902	11/19/2008	Trine Holdings, L.L.C.'s Proof of Claim
19	925	11/20/2008	The Lonnie Joel Krueger Family Trust's Proof of Claim
20	926	11/20/2008	Brett M. McFadden's Proof of Claim
21	927	11/20/2008	Michael Johnson Investments II, L.L.C.'s Proof of Claim
22	1091	11/20/2008	Sternberg Enterprises Profit Sharing Plan's Proof of Claim
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