UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA ATLANTA DIVISION

IN RE:		Case No.: 24-55507-PMB
LAVIE CARE CENTERS, LLC, et. al.,		Chapter 11
Debtor.		Cases Jointly Administered
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RECOVERY CORP.'S OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO THE OPERATIVE COMBINED PLAN

Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code §§ 1129 and 1125, Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 3015(f), 2002(b), and other applicable law, Healthcare Negligence Settlement Recovery Corp. (the "Recovery Corp."), by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby objects to the (a) disclosure statement, (b) motion for substantive consolidation, (c) motion to approve the good faith compromise and settlement of all claims, causes of action, interest, and controversies pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019, and (d) confirmation of the plan of reorganization, all of which are embodied within the "Debtors' Second Amended Combined Disclosure Statement and Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization" [Doc. 461] (the "Operative Combined Plan")

filed jointly by the 282 chapter 11 debtors (collectively, the "Debtors") whose reorganizations are jointly administered and pending before this Court (collectively, the "Jointly Administered Reorganizations") under the lead debtor, parent entity of the remaining Debtors, LaVie Care Centers, LLC (the "Parent Debtor"), and in support states as follows:

I. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

The Operative Combined Plan was devised to benefit insiders and shed tort liability. This favored treatment is obvious in the Operative Combined Plan, which provides for trade creditors to obtain new contracts with the reorganized Debtors, the secured lenders' debt to be assumed, overly broad releases to insiders who have not provided sufficient (or in some cases any) consideration in exchange for the releases, and a de minimis recovery to tort victims including those constituting Recovery The Operative Combined Plan, reliant up the Court's approval of an ill-Corp. conceived request for substantive consolidation and compromises of claims for no consideration, seeks to obscure the fact that it fails the best interest of creditors test as Recovery Corp. would fare better in a liquidation where it would maintain its claims against non-debtors. Moreover, the Operative Combined Plan, which is devoid of any identifiable distribution to Recovery Corp., and merely a vehicle for obtaining the Court's imprimatur of fraudulent transfers and the release of successor liability claims against non-debtors, is not being offered in good faith in violation of § 1129(a)(3). The vague Operative Combined Plan which fails both as a disclosure statement and as a plan of reorganization violates the Bankruptcy Code and, as such, cannot be confirmed.

II. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

A. SNFS, OPCOS, PROPCOS, DIVESTCOS, and the Context of this Reorganization

These Reorganizations fall within the term "SNF Reorganizations" (pronounced "snif") following the argot of the business executives and lawyers who specialize in insolvencies pertaining to skilled nursing facilities ("SNFs"). Large SNF businesses periodically shed accumulated tort liability through cyclical chapter 11 SNFs. The owners, landlords, and operators change title periodically; however, the (lack of) financial responsibility, lack of insurance coverage and substandard care remain unchanged. The result in terms of nursing home neglect and liability recur with each reincarnation of corporate ownership. While the owners and operators of these ever-changing nursing home corporate mazes enrich themselves with Medicare tax dollars, the elderly and vulnerable residents continue to suffer with no recourse or protection.

Modern American business law is familiar with the distinction between "OpCo" entities and "PropCo" entities, and the distinction between business entities that operate a business and corresponding business entities that hold title to the place

of business.¹ These Jointly Administered Reorganizations also utilize a less familiar neologism, the "DivestCo": This term is a euphemism for a business entity that previously operated a business or owned an asset, but transferred that asset on its way to bankruptcy court.

In these Jointly Administered Reorganizations, only forty-three (43) of the Debtors are confirmed OpCos (collectively, the "OpCo Debtors"), and the rest are completely inactive, most being DivestCos (the "DivestCo Debtors"). There are a set of non-operating Florida-based entities (collectively, the "Florida DivestCo Debtors")² that are DivestCo entities.³ The Debtors are not substantively consolidated and are not good candidates for substantive consolidation under prevailing law; however, the Debtors seek substantive consolidation to avoid full disclosure regarding the individual Debtors' assets, income, and liabilities, and to obtain a general release of all liabilities tied to the "divestiture" of the assets and/or businesses of all DivestCo Debtors, including the Florida DivestCo Debtors.

The Debtors in these Jointly Administered Reorganizations include the Parent

¹ There is nothing inherently wrong with the distinction between an Opcos and a holding company. However, when OpCos are intentionally undercapitalized to render them judgmentproof, particularly when the conduct of their business is such that large liabilities are contemplated, whoever or whatever controls that undercapitalized OpCo may be at risk under several legal theories.

² Of the 282 Reorganizations jointly administered by this Court, a schedule of each of the DivestCo Reorganizations is attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

³ Of the forty-nine (49) Florida DivestCo Debtors referenced above, forty-one (41) of them unquestionably operated a SNF that was involved in one or more of the incidents giving rise to the lawsuits filed by the Florida Claimants (the "Florida Lawsuits"), and the remaining seven (7) were apparently involved in the ownership or operation of the SNFs as affiliates of the others.

Debtor, as well as a large number of its subsidiaries. Despite claiming that substantive consolidation is appropriate for the 282 disparate Debtors, the ultimate parent of the Parent Debtor, FC Investors XXI, LLC (the "Ultimate Parent") and its intervening subsidiaries did not file, nor did Synergy⁴, which is purported to operate the Debtors, though provision of back-office services including accounting, asset management, financial services, legal, tax, and other necessary services in exchange for management fees paid by the Debtors.

B. Pre-Petition Background Leading Up to the Petition Date

Recovery Corp. is a Florida corporation that holds one hundred (100) claims originally asserted by as many Florida-based claimants (collectively, the "Florida Claimants"). The Florida Claimants' claims⁶ originally arose from nursing home negligence at a series of SNFs formerly owned and/or operated by one of the Florida DivestCo Debtors. All the Florida DivestCo Debtors and their corresponding SNFs have historically operated under the name "Consulate." Consulate and its successive subsidiaries have historically owned and/or operated numerous SNFs throughout the

⁴ Pourlessoins, LLC, d/b/a Synergy Healthcare Services, a/k/a Synergy Healthcare Services, Inc.

⁵ The schedule of the Florida Claimants is attached hereto as Exhibit "B," and specifically identifies each such Florida Claimant, the Claimant Firm corresponding to that Florida Claimant, the amount of the liquidated claim, and other relevant information. The aggregate amount of all claims of Florida Claimants is \$9,186,376.96 and has been modified due to post-petition developments.

⁶ The Florida Claimants are all elderly and vulnerable nursing home residents (and/or their families) who suffered serious personal injuries including infected Stage 4 pressure sores down to the bone, falls, fractures, infections leading to sepsis, organ failure and death, dehydration and malnutrition, and wrongful death caused by neglect and Resident's Rights violations at SNFs owned and operated by these Florida DivestCo Debtors.

State of Florida, many of which are related to claims asserted presently by Recovery Corp. The business operations of the relevant SNFs remain fundamentally unchanged from when the negligence incidents occurred, which is why they have been sued repeatedly.⁷

After their claims arose, each of the Florida Claimants retained one of seventeen (17) law firms (collectively, the "Claimant Firms")⁸ specializing in the representation of nursing home negligence victims with claims arising under Florida Statutes §§ 400.022, 400.023, ("The Residents' Rights Act") and other applicable The Claimant Firms commenced lawsuits against corresponding Florida law. DivestCo Debtors; however, they each ultimately negotiated separate settlement agreements with the corresponding Florida Divestco Debtors. In the lawsuits and settlement negotiations, all Florida DivestCo Debtors were represented by Dan Dias, Esquire and the law firm of Dias & Associates (together, the "Dias Defendants"). While the Dias Defendants were negotiating settlement amounts and payment terms with the various Claimant Firms, they were also working with the Ultimate Parent, Synergy, the Parent Debtor, and two (2) of its affiliates to "divest" the Florida DivestCo Debtors of their assets and operations (unbeknownst to the various

⁷ For years the "Consulate" franchise has also suffered with the stigma associated with a \$257,721,285 qui tam award for wrongful business practices.

⁸ Each of the Claimant Firms are listed on the schedule attached as Exhibit "C," and lead trial counsel for each of the Claimant Firms is a director on the board of directors of Recovery Corp.

⁹ NSPRMC, LLC, d/b/a NSPIRE Healthcare ("NSPIRE") and Aspire Healthcare, LLC ("Aspire"), are both believed to be affiliates of the Ultimate Parent.

Claimant Firms).

Although the Claimant Firms and the Dias Defendants negotiated scores of separate settlement agreements for all the Florida Claimants with all the Florida DivestCo Debtors, they all utilized the same basic settlement agreement and release form. All settlements were predicated upon payments made over time and avoided risk of the entry of a judgment against any of the Debtors. The Florida DivestCo Debtors agreed to the negotiated liquidated amounts of every settlement with every injured or killed nursing home resident that now makes up the Recovery Corp group. The Dias Defendants affirmatively represented to the Claimant Firms that if they were to agree to sums that were lower than the amount truly owed, and spaced payments over time, then the SNFs in question would be able to fund settlements as a line-item expense going forward rather than seek chapter 11 protection. This was part of a very deliberate pattern of misrepresentation, that included categorical insistence that no judgment be entered against any of the Consulate Entities. 10

The Florida DivestCo Debtors predictably defaulted under each of their settlement agreements.¹¹ It is no coincidence that the Florida DivestCo Debtors are no-asset empty shells: The Florida DivestCo Debtors divested their business

¹⁰ Attached as Exhibit "D" is an article that reports Consulate's <u>modus operandi</u> shortly after the time that the Dias Defendants were negotiating with the Claimant Firms. Of course, at the time, nobody knew that the Dias Defendants were also facilitating SNF transfers from the Florida DivestCo Debtors.

 $^{^{11}}$ The aggregate of all settlement agreements was \$11,331,000, of which \$2,144,623.04 was paid.

operations precisely because they were being sued in connection with avoidable transfers and tortious misrepresentations. This was not clearly understood when the Claimant Firms originally coalesced to figure out "what's going on with Consulate?"

During early 2024, the Claimant Firms retained the undersigned on behalf of the Florida Claimants to collect on the settlement agreements that the Florida DivestCo Debtors had breached by failing to make the agreed payments.¹² Recovery Corp. was formed to proportionately represent the Florida Claimants in the Florida DivestCo Reorganizations and enforce their settlement agreements on their behalf.

With the information available, the Claimant Firms authorized and directed counsel for Recovery Corp. to initiate the Miami Action¹³ to recover against the Florida DivestCo Debtors and against the Synergy, NSPIRE, Aspire, the Dias Defendants, and others (collectively, the "Miami Defendants"). Causes of action alleged in Recovery Corp.'s complaint in the Miami Action (the "Miami Complaint"¹⁴) include (a) intentionally and constructively fraudulent transfers, (b) declaratory relief under Florida's "mere continuation", "de facto merger", and "corporate veil piercing" doctrines, and (c) damages for deceptive and unfair trade

¹² As Recovery Corp. was being formed, it was also ascertained that McDermott Will & Emery LLP ("McDermott") had been involved in the process of decision-making for the Florida DivestCo Debtors.

¹³ Styled <u>Healthcare Negligence Settlement Recovery Corp. v. 5405 Babcock Street Operations</u>, <u>LLC</u>, et al., Case No. 2024-007342-CA pending before the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in and for Miami-Dade County, Florida.

¹⁴ A copy of the Miami Complaint, dated April 22, 2024, (exclusive of exhibits) is attached hereto as Exhibit "E."

practices, civil conspiracy, breach of fiduciary duty, and unjust enrichment. All Florida DivestCo Debtors appeared through McDermott, while the remaining Miami Defendants appeared through the Dias Defendants.

The Miami Complaint contained the best information available at the time. However, substantial additional information now exists to support the proposition that individuals owing interests in the Ultimate Parent, including Joel Landau ("Landau"), are involved in the ownership of the transferred SNFs through ownership or control of NSPIRE, Aspire, Synergy, and/or other entities (collectively, the "Florida SNF Transferees"). The relevant SNFs are currently operated with the same substandard care and lack of financial responsibility with zero or minimal insurance coverage, just as the Florida DivestCo Debtors used to have. 15

It now appears that the Florida SNF Transferees took title under dubious circumstances. No less than seventy (70) SNFs were transferred by DivestCo Debtors to seemingly related entities for little or no consideration under operations transfer agreements ("OTAs") en masse during the months after McDermott was retained during February 2023. These were clearly not arms-length good-faith transactions. For any of the transfers to have occurred, master lease agreements with

¹⁵ Attached hereto as Exhibit "F" is a schedule that correlates each of the Florida Claimants with the liable Florida DivestCo Debtors, also identifying each corresponding SNF, and identifying the Florida SNF Transferee currently operating each such SNF, presumably in anticipation of yet another reincarnation of Consulate.

common landlords would have required landlord consent. The largest of the landlords in terms of the SNFs at issue, the "Omega Parties," sold their SNFs at substantial profit in connection with the transfer of operations of their SNFs, presumably because the SNFs continued business as usual when passed from each Florida DivestCo Debtor to each Florida SNF Transferee. 16

Although required under Florida Statutes §400.024(2), neither Synergy, nor the Parent Debtor, nor its subsidiaries the Florida DivestCo Debtors, nor any of the Florida SNF Transferees notified any of the Florida Claimants of the intended transfer. The obvious reason is because most or all of them are or have been represented by the Dias Defendants, who were busy negotiating settlement agreements with the Claimant Firms at the time the transfers of the SNFs were occurring. Dias was well aware of the notice requirements under Florida law as he led the Nursing Home Industry's lobbying interests in Tallahassee when this notice provision was written in to the statute. Under Florida's SNF transfer notice requirement, SNF owners and operators are required to notify any known or potential tort claimants prior to any change of ownership and change of operator applications are filed with the Agency for Healthcare Administration ("AHCA").¹⁷

¹⁶ The Omega Parties are Litigation Targets, because the value received from permitting the SNFs to be transferred under the OTAs was greater because the SNFs remained occupied. It is a basic appraisal tenet that an operating commercial property sells for more than a vacant shell.

¹⁷ As reflected in documentation attached hereto as Composite Exhibit "G" Recovery Corp has brought to the attention of AHCA the Debtors' concealment of the transactions in question.

So, stealth was a part of the strategy of orchestrating substantial transfers in order to prevent the entry of judgments that might have interrupted the Ultimate Parent's broader goal of divesting as many operational SNFs as possible before the Debtors' filings.

III. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

A. Events Transpiring to Date in these Reorganizations

On June 2 and 3, 2024, the Debtors commenced the Reorganizations and filed a series of requests for relief. Shortly thereafter, it became apparent that the Debtors would be seeking to consolidate, sell the assets of the OpCo Debtors, and obtain releases for the Omega Parties, the various transferees, affiliates, parents, fiduciaries, principals, and other likely targets of fraudulent transfer and related claims (collectively, the "Litigation Targets"). This became apparent by the filing of the DIP Finance Motion¹⁸ and the Bidding Procedures Motion¹⁹ on June 3 and 10, 2024. Needless to say, none of the DivestCo Debtors have any assets to sell, nor do they have any need for post-petition finance. But while none of the DivestCo Debtors

¹⁸ <u>See</u> [Doc. 15]. It is useful to note that the DIP Finance Motion seeks authority for all Debtors to borrow funds from the Omega Parties and non-debtor insiders of Synergy even though the DivestCo Debtors have no need to borrow funds, illustrating a significant dichotomy separating the OpCo Debtors from the rest. And yet the DIP Finance Motion seeks insider releases even from Debtors that were "de-SNFed" pre-petition.

¹⁹ <u>See</u> [Doc. 104]. The Bidding Procedures Motion seeks procedures for marketing and selling the SNFs of the OpCo Debtors, and once again contemplates giving releases from all Debtors in favor of Litigation Targets even though the creditors of non- OpCo Debtors will receive nothing on account of very valuable claims.

will benefit in the least from the sale of assets by the OpCo Debtors, all are being asked to release the Litigation Targets.

When the Florida DivestCo Debtors joined the other Debtors in filing these Jointly Administered Reorganizations, the Florida Lawsuits were stayed, and the Miami Action was treated as if it were fully subject to Bankruptcy Code §362(a). Nonetheless, the Debtors initiated a proceeding (the "105(a) Adversary Proceeding")²⁰ to fully enjoin any activity in the Miami Action. This included not only a complaint but also an "emergency" motion for injunctive relief (the "Emergency Motion")²¹ even though Recovery Corp. had assured all the Miami Defendants that no action would be taken in the Miami Action absent appropriate relief in the context of these Reorganizations.

After a hearing on the Emergency Motion occurring on July 31, 2024, this Court entered a temporary restraining order enjoining the Miami Action through no later than September 30, 2024.²² At the hearing to consider temporary relief, it was tacitly conceded that there is very little for Recovery Corp. and its Florida Claimants to expect from this process.

On June 13, 2024, the Office of the United States Trustee appointed the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in the Reorganizations (the "Creditors'

²⁰ Styled <u>LaVie Care Centers, LLC, et al. v. Healthcare Negligence Settlement Recovery Corp.</u>, Adv. Proc. No. 24-05127.

²¹ See [Adv. Doc. 2].

²² <u>See</u> Adv. Doc. 19, dated July 25, 2024.

Committee"), that is now actively involved and represented by counsel.²³

On August 6, 2024, Recovery Corp. served a request for production of documents, a request for admissions, and interrogatories (collectively, the "Discovery Requests") on the Florida DivestCo Debtors. On September 4 and 5, 2024, the Florida DivestCo Debtors served their responses to the Discovery Requests, which are replete with baseless objections. Practically all of the interrogatory responses merely refer to documents rather than answer the interrogatories directly.

Even though McDermott was retained by the Debtors before many of the transfers occurred, the Debtors urge that they will be able to utilize a single independent director and another law firm to self-examine. Recovery Corp. justifiably views such a concept askance. The problem of trusting the Debtors from investigating their own pre-petition actionable misconduct is uniquely illustrated by the Debtors' <u>ipsi dixit</u> contention that the SNFs that were transferred had negative net worth, a proposition that the Debtors make while simultaneously objecting to discovery that would presumably refute this proposition. To be sure, when all the management fees and other expenses siphoned off from related entities are added to the mix, the SNFs presumably had value if there were buyers that took title.

²³ Recovery Corp. is a member of the Creditors' Committee; however, the composition of the Creditors' Committee leaves little doubt that there is a meaningful dichotomy as between creditors of OpCo Debtors and DivestCo Debtors.

Especially if the SNFs were transferred to related entities, which is currently thought to be the case, the transferees surely knew what they were getting.

B. The Operative Combined Plan

On September 26, 2024, shortly before midnight, the Debtors filed the Operative Combined Plan, which falls far short of the requirements of both Bankruptcy Code §§1125(a) and 1129(a) and (b). From a fair reading of the Operative Combined Plan, there is no way to tell whether any claims belonging to the estates might be maintained, whether Litigation Targets will be released, and what distribution if any will be made to creditors of the DivestCo Debtors. Making the most logical assumptions, Recovery Corp. and any other creditors of the vacuous Florida DivestCo Debtors will receive little or nothing from confirmation, but will be subject to release provisions in favor of Litigation Targets. This of course places Recovery Corp. in much worse straits than if it were not a party to these Reorganizations. And because the whole process appears to be contrived to facilitate releases of the Litigation Targets, confirmation would be inconsistent with the goodfaith requirements of Bankruptcy Code §1129(a)(3). Finally, releases of DivestCo Debtor derivative claims against Litigation Targets without adequate consideration is inconsistent with Bankruptcy Code §§ 1123(b)(3) and (6), at least as conceptualized in the Debtors' filings. Accordingly, confirmation of the Operative Combined Plan should be denied.

IV. ARGUMENT

A. The Debtors Must Prove the Operative Combined Plan Satisfies Bankruptcy Code § 1125:

As noted above, the Operative Combined Plan purports to function as both a disclosure statement and a plan for 282 highly disparate Debtors, including OpCo Debtors, DivestCo Debtors, and other Debtors that seemed to have been shells or management fee generators from inception. The Debtors are attempting to fast-track the confirmation process, with the benefit of more than a year of planning leading up to the petition dates. And yet the requirements of Bankruptcy Code § 1125 are not met by the Operative Combined Plan as it utterly fails as a disclosure statement lacking adequate information on numerous topics.

i. The Debtors Have Failed to Give Sufficient Notice as Required Under Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 2002(b)

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 2002(b), creditors must be given at least twenty-eight (28) days' notice for filing objections and of the hearing to consider approval of a disclosure statement. Given that it was filed at 11:23 p.m., on September 26, 2024, the Operative Combined Plan was filed only three days before a hearing scheduled for September 30, 2024, at which the Debtors seek conditional approval of the disclosure statement component of the Combined Plan. Accordingly, the Court should not consider approval of the disclosure statement at the September 30 hearing, conditional or otherwise, based upon the failure to give

proper notice. There is substantial prejudice to Recovery Corp. stemming from the lack of notice, particularly where the Debtors have failed to provide adequate information regarding the value of the claims held by the DivestCo Debtors and are holding up discovery on this very issue. Information has been provided by the Debtors on valuation of the SNFs through the Creditors' Committee, but Recovery Corp. is unable to use the information because it is subject to confidentiality. So, it is clear that the Debtors have this information in their possession but are not providing it in discovery. Recovery Corp.'s ability to vet the adequacy of the Combined Plan is compromised by the truncated scheduling and lack of discovery compliance.

ii. The Debtors Have the Burden to Prove the Disclosure Statement Contains Adequate Information

The plan proponent has the burden of showing that its proposed disclosure statement contains adequate information. <u>In re Alaska Fur Gallery, Inc.</u>, 2011 WL 4904425 at *2 (Bankr.D. Alaska April 29, 2011) (citing <u>In re Michelson</u>, 141 B.R. 715, 719 (Bankr.E.D.Ca. 1992)²⁴. The plan proponent bears the ultimate risk of non-persuasion on the question of compliance with the requirement to disclose adequate information and must bear that burden twice—once at the hearing on the disclosure

²⁴ <u>See also In re: Nestor Geoffrey D. Quilates & Maria Ermedlina A. Quilates, Debtors</u>, 20-24259-A-7, 2021 WL 4073027, at *2 (Bankr. E.D. Cal. Sept. 7, 2021) (citing <u>In re McGee</u>, No. 09-11860, 2010 2010 WL 9463258, at *1 (Bankr. N.D. Ind. Apr. 21, 2010)).

statement pursuant to Bankruptcy Code § 1125 and once again at confirmation pursuant to Bankruptcy Code § 1129(a)(2). Michelson, at 720. Moreover:

The availability of discovery to objectors does not mean that the plan proponent can pass off the burden of disclosing adequate information. Inquiry notice is antithetical to reorganization procedure. It is inappropriate to require that others presume that they are being misled, disregard a disclosure statement and, in the case of a debtor's plan, disregard the schedules and statement of financial affairs executed under penalty of perjury.

Id., at 719.

A non-exhaustive list of factors considered by courts for purposes of evaluating the adequacy of a disclosure statement include:

- (1) the events which led to the filing of a bankruptcy petition;
- (2) a description of the available assets and their value;
- (3) the anticipated future of the company;
- (4) the source of information stated in the disclosure statement;
- (5) a disclaimer;
- (6) the present condition of the debtor while in Chapter 11;
- (7) the scheduled claims;
- (8) the estimated return to creditors under a Chapter 7 liquidation;
- (9) the accounting method utilized to produce financial information and the name of the accountants responsible for such information;
- (10) the future management of the debtor;
- (11) the Chapter 11 plan or a summary thereof;
- (12) the estimated administrative expenses, including attorneys' and accountants' fees;
- (13) the collectibility [sic] of accounts receivable;
- (14) financial information, data, valuations or projections relevant to the creditors' decision to accept or reject the Chapter 11 plan;
- (15) information relevant to the risks posed to creditors under the plan;
- (16) the actual or projected realizable value from recovery of preferential or otherwise voidable transfers;
- (17) litigation likely to arise in a nonbankruptcy context;
- (18) tax attributes of the debtor; and

(19) the relationship of the debtor with affiliates.

<u>In re Metrocraft Pub. Services, Inc.</u>, 39 B.R. 567, 568 (Bankr. N.D. Ga. 1984). The Combined Plan fails to adequately address several of these factors.

iii. Description of the Available Assets and Their Value

The Florida DivestCo Debtors do not provide a valuation of their most valuable assets—their claims for fraudulent transfer, mere continuation, de facto merger, and other successor liability claims against, inter alia, the Litigation Targets. Given that litigation claims are the only assets of any significant value held by the DivestCo Debtors, the failure to value the same should be fatal to approval of the disclosure statement component of the Operative Combined Plan.

iv. The Scheduled Claims

The Combined Plan contains no analysis of the scheduled claims, and in particular, no analysis of the claims asserted against each of the Debtors. Given the disparate nature of the Opcos and DivestCos, the creditors should be provided with some analysis, sorted by Debtor, regarding which claims the Debtors reasonably anticipate will be allowed so that the creditors can adequately assess the proposed pro rata distribution available under the Operative Combined Plan. See id., at 570 ("The Court concludes that the debtor cannot avoid all disclosure regarding unsecured claims simply because their exact amount cannot be determined at this time. Some discussion of the nature of unsecured claims, their approximate value

and the approximate amount by which such claims may be subject to setoff for settlement purposes shall be disclosed to creditors.").

v. Estimated Return to Creditors Under a Chapter 7 Liquidation

The Operative Combined Plan is the first iteration to include a liquidation analysis of any kind; however, the same is of little value to creditors of DivestCo Debtors because it fails to include any analysis of the DivestCo Debtors' litigation claims. See In re Howell, BKR. 09-91538, 2011 WL 1332176, at *1 (Bankr. N.D. Ga. Jan. 21, 2011) (the disclosure statement "contained no liquidation analysis but rather an unsupported conclusion that her plan...would provide the maximum benefit to all classes of creditors."). In fact, the Operative Combined Plan's "entire liquidation analysis can be summed up as follows: creditors would receive nothing in a Chapter 7, but would receive something in a Chapter 11; thus, creditors are better off in Chapter 11." In re Multiut Corp., 449 B.R. 323, 346 (Bankr. N.D. Ill. 2011). This weak attempt at a liquidation analysis is insufficient. Because the Debtors failed to provide any valuation of the DivestCo Debtors' litigation claims, the Combined Plan fails in terms of providing a proper analysis indicating what creditors would receive in a Chapter 7 case versus a Chapter 11 case. See id. at 346. Further, there is only one liquidation analysis provided for all 282 Debtors. Because substantive consolidation of these Jointly Administered Reorganizations has not been ordered and is improper, there must be a separate liquidation analysis for each Debtor for purposes of satisfying Bankruptcy Code § 1129(a)(7) and proving that the creditors of the respective Debtors would not receive less under the Operative Combined Plan than they would in a liquidation. See In re Jennifer Convertibles, Inc., 447 B.R. 713, 725 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2011). The Debtors claim it is not necessary to provide a liquidation analysis for each of the Debtors based upon their conclusory statement that if one was prepared, they would all reflect no recovery in a Chapter 7 liquidation. See Operative Combined Plan at pg. 108. However, that flawed analysis is predicated upon assigning no value to the litigation claims. Given the materiality of the value of the litigation claims to the DivestCo Debtors' respective liquidation analyses, the Debtors must have omitted the litigation claims intentionally to obscure the fact that creditors of DivestCo Debtors would fare better in a Chapter 7 liquidation.

vi. Financial Information, Data, Valuations or Projections Relevant to the Creditors' Decision to Accept or Reject the Combined Plan

The Combined Plan lacks any valuations of the OpCo and DivestCo SNFs. Given the recent transfer of the DivestCo SNFs, the Debtors presumably possess information regarding the value of the divested SNFs, unless of course, the SNFs were transferred without any expectation that the DivestCo Debtors would receive any consideration in exchange. Given the significance of the value of the transferred SNFs to evaluating the distributions under the Combined Plan and the Debtors' refusal to pursue claims against the Litigation Targets, this information must be

included in any analysis of whether to approve the Combined Plan. Instead, the Debtors rely entirely upon the Plan Sponsor Contribution to fund distributions as a pretextual basis for seeking releases.

vii. The Actual or Projected Realizable Value From Recovery of Preferential or Otherwise Voidable Transfers

Despite the Combined Plan containing a hypothetical waterfall intended to illustrate how recoveries from the Debtors' causes of action would flow through to unsecured creditors, there is no analysis of the actual value of the Debtors' causes of action. See Operative Combined Plan at III.C.2., pg. 48. Presumably, that is because the value of the causes of action far exceed the hypothetical recoveries used in the Debtors' waterfall analysis and that which would be necessary to pay the liquidated tort claimants in full. Without information regarding the actual value of the causes of action, the waterfall analysis is meaningless. The Debtors' failure to provide any analysis of the value of the Debtors' voidable transfer claims should not be countenanced by this Court. See Metrocraft, at 570-71 (in analyzing the adequacy of the disclosure statement, holding that although the precise amount of preferential transfers cannot be stated prior to the court's adjudication of the same, the debtor is nevertheless not excused from discussing the amount of the preferences in approximate terms).

Viewing the Operative Combined Plan as a disclosure statement, it reveals very little about the Debtors' assets, liabilities, income, expenses, interrelationships,

third-party claims, or other key business, financial, and legal attributes. Recovery Corp. has no clear understanding of what the Debtors propose to distribute to unsecured creditors of the Florida DivestCo Debtors.

B. The Debtors Must Prove the Operative Combined Plan Satisfies Bankruptcy Code § 1129:

The Debtors have the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence each of the elements of Bankruptcy Code § 1129. In re Monticello Realty Investments, LLC, 526 B.R. 902, 912 (Bankr. M.D. Fla. 2015); In re Immenhausen Corp., 172 B.R. 343, 347 (Bankr. M.D. Fla. 1994). Accordingly, Debtors bear the burden of proof and persuasion on each of the objections set forth herein and all other elements of the controlling statutory sections that this Court must consider. Finally, the bankruptcy court has an independent duty to ensure each element of Bankruptcy Code § 1129(a) is met regardless of whether objections to confirmation are made. In re Piper Aircraft Corp., 244 F.3d 1289, 1299-1300 n.4 (11th.Cir. 2001).

The fact that the Florida DivestCo Debtors hardly belong in chapter 11 at all invites a broader preview of fatal confirmation impediments. Bankruptcy Code §1129 provides, among other things, as follows:

- (a) The court shall confirm a plan only if all of the following requirements are met:
- (1) The plan complies with the applicable provisions of this title.
- (2) The proponent of the plan complies with the applicable provisions of this title.

(3) The plan has been proposed in good faith and not by any means forbidden by Law . . .

. . .

- (7) With respect to each impaired class of claims or interests--(A) each holder of a claim or interest of such class--(i) has accepted the plan; or (ii) will receive or retain under the plan on account of such claim or interest property of a value, as of the effective date of the plan, that is not less than the amount that such holder would so receive or retain if the debtor were liquidated under chapter 7 of this title [11 USCS §§ 701 et seq.] on such date; or (B) if section 1111(b)(2) of this title [11 USCS § 1111(b)(2)] applies to the claims of such class, each holder of a claim of such class will receive or retain under the plan an account of such claim property of a value, as of the effective date of the plan, that is not less than the value of such holder's interest in the estate's interest in the property that secures such claims.
- (8) With respect to each class of claims or interests--(A) such class has accepted the plan; or (B) such class is not impaired under the plan . . . (11) Confirmation of the plan is not likely to be followed by the liquidation, or the need for further financial reorganization, of the debtor or any successor under the plan, unless such liquidation or reorganization is proposed in the plan.

See Bankruptcy Code §1129. Further, it is well established that "in order to confirm a plan of reorganization, a debtor has the burden of proof as to each element of [Bankruptcy Code] §1129(a)." In re Immenhausen Corp., 172 B.R. 343, 347 (Bankr. M.D. Fla. 1994).

Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code §1129(b), the Operative Combined Plan may not be confirmed if it discriminates unfairly, or is not fair and equitable with respect to a class of non-accepting creditors. "This requirement is met where the dissenting claimant receives payment in full over a reasonable period of time with an appropriate interest or discount factor being paid." In re Manion, 127 B.R.887, 889 (Bankr. N.D. Fla. 1991). A proponent's ability to cramdown as to a class of objecting unsecured creditors is set forth in Bankruptcy Code §1129(b)(2)(B), which broadly contemplates that each creditor of each such class must receive or retain on account of its claim property of value, as of the effective date, equal to the allowed amount of such claim. But we know that the Debtors instead seek releases for the Litigation Targets with little or nothing for creditors such as Recovery Corp.

C. <u>Substantive Consolidation is Inappropriate</u>:

Substantive consolidation exists within the general discretion of the Court to cure injustices foisted upon all creditors by debtors who disregard their corporate separateness prepetition. It is not a tool of mere convenience or manipulation. In re Storage Masters JYP, LLC, 6:12-BK-00044-KSJ, 2012 WL 13220148, at *7 (Bankr. M.D. Fla. July 24, 2012) (citing In re Reider, 31 F.3d 1102, 1107 (11th Cir. 1994)). Further, substantive consolidation exists as "a creditor's remedy not a debtor's sword." In re Storage Masters JYP, LLC, 6:12-BK-00044-KSJ, 2012 WL 13220148, at *7 (Bankr. M.D. Fla. July 24, 2012) (citing In re Owens Corning, 419 F.3d 195, 205-206 (3rd Cir. 2005)). And "because substantive consolidation usually harms some creditors, courts apply the doctrine sparingly and only when the proponent can show that it is necessary to achieve a fair and equitable distribution of the debtors' collective assets." In re No Rust Rebar, Inc., 21-12188-PDR, 2023 WL 4497328, at

*5 (Bankr. S.D. Fla. July 12, 2023) (citing In re Archdiocese of Saint Paul & Minneapolis, 888 F.3d 944, 950 (8th Cir. 2018)).

Substantive consolidation of the Debtors should not be granted not only because the Debtors were operated as distinct entities, but because the Debtors seek substantive consolidation as a sword for purposes of shoehorning the DivestCo Debtors into these Jointly Administered Reorganizations despite the DivestCos having nothing to reorganize or contribute other than broad releases for Litigation Targets. Such extraordinary relief as to such disparate Debtors is completely unsupportable.

"[T]he proponent of substantive consolidation must show that (1) there is substantial identity between the entities to be consolidated; and (2) consolidation is necessary to avoid some harm or to realize some benefit." Eastgroup Properties v. S. Motel Ass'n, Ltd., 935 F.2d 245, 249 (11th Cir. 1991). "When this showing is made, a presumption arises that creditors have not relied solely on the credit of one of the entities involved." Id. (internal quotation omitted). In this instance, the Debtors cannot meet their burden of proof on either of these prongs.

First, there is not a substantial identity between the OpCo Debtors which are the recipients of transfers from the DivestCo Debtors, the DivestCo Debtors who have been stripped of all assets and are incapable of reorganizing, and the remaining Debtors who have never had appreciable assets or business operations to reorganize.

The Florida Claimants exemplify the issue. Second, there is no benefit to realize or harm to avoid by substantive consolidation, unless one views the situation from the perspective of the Litigation Targets who anticipate broad general releases to inoculate them from claims asserted by creditors of the DivestCo Debtors. And the placing of the DivestCo and Opco Debtors into separate silos for purposes of substantive consolidation does nothing to ameliorate the negative effects of substantive consolidation on the creditors of DivestCo Debtors. The Operative Combined Plan still anticipates DivestCo Debtors releasing their valuable claims in exchange for no consideration, a transaction that generates little to no recovery to their creditors.

Notwithstanding the labyrinthine legal and byzantine business affairs of the Debtors, it cannot be gainsaid that the OpCo Debtors have no valuable releases to give because they continue to operate their SNFs, while the DivestCo Debtors have valuable releases because they have been divested of their SNFs. There is no case here for substantive consolidation for relatively few operating debtors and scores of empty shells.

Persuasive law on point would shift the burden to Recovery Corp. if the Debtors had been able to meet the above-described burdens that they clearly fail to meet:

Once the proponent has made this prima facie case for consolidation, the burden shifts to an objecting creditor to show that (1) it has relied on the separate credit of one of the entities to be consolidated; and (2) it will be prejudiced by substantive consolidation.

Eastgroup, 935 F.2d at 249; see also In re Snider Bros., Inc., 18 B.R. 230, 238 (Bankr. D. Mass. 1982) (that objecting creditor "has looked solely to the credit of its debtor" and "is certain to suffer more than minimal harm as a result of consolidation" constitutes defense to substantive consolidation). If an objecting creditor has made this showing, "the court may order consolidation only if it determines that the demonstrated benefits of consolidation 'heavily' outweigh the harm." Eastgroup, 935 F.2d at 249.

Part of the fraud asserted by Recovery Corp. in the Miami Action relates to the manner in which the Dias Defendants on behalf of the Florida DivestCo Debtors trained the Claimant Firms on their ability to pay over time if given the chance. It is impossible for the Miami Defendants to show that the Claimant Firms on behalf of the Florida Claimants (predecessors to Recovery Corp.) looked to the Parent Debtor or any of the other Debtors in light of the litigation history in Florida. Accordingly, substantive consolidation of the Debtors should be denied as failing to provide any benefit or avoid any harm to the creditors of the DivestCo Debtors, including Recovery Corp.

D. The Releases In The Operative Combined Plan Are Inappropriate:

i. Non-Debtor Releases Are Not Necessary to the Reorganizations:

The non-debtor releases cannot be "necessary to the reorganization" because the Operative Combined Plan proposes a liquidation, not a reorganization, and Recovery Corp. would unquestionably do better in a chapter 7 liquidation because its claim against the presumably solvent Litigation Targets would not be released. See In re Berwick Black Cattle Co., 394 B.R. 448, 461 (Bankr. C.D. Ill. 2008) ("rationale for granting third-party releases is far less compelling, if it exists at all, in a liquidation then in a reorganization."); In re SL Liquidating, Inc., 428 B.R. 799, 803 (Bankr. S.D. Ohio 2010) ("a reorganizing debtor, as opposed to a liquidating debtor, needs to be protected from suits that may deplete its assets so that it can, in fact, reorganize.").

Moreover, any argument that the non-debtor releases are "necessary to the plan" is wholly unsupported. The fact that the Debtors deem the non-debtor releases necessary to does not mean that the Operative Combined Plan is in the best interests of, much less fair to, Recovery Corp., and cannot be sufficient to satisfy this requirement. More is required, especially in a liquidation scenario where Recovery Corp. could receive a full recovery on its claims against the Litigation Targets.

ii. The Operative Combined Plan Fails to Identify the Non-Debtor Released Parties:

The Debtors have not identified with any particularity which entities or

persons constitute the parties receiving releases and those failures have not been remedied by the filing of the Operative Combined Plan, which also fails to identify all the parties that are being released. See Operative Combined Plan at Article II.A.1.239 ("Released Parties' means . . . (e) the Omega Secured Parties; (f) the ABL Secured Parties; (g) OHI DIP Lender, LLC; (h) TIX 33433 LLC (the "TIX 33433"); and (i) with respect to each Entity in clauses (e) through (g) each such Entity's current and former subsidiaries, officers, directors, managers, principals, members, employees, agents, advisory board members, financial advisors, partners, attorneys, accountants, investment bankers, consultants, representatives, and other professionals, each in their capacity as such"). Even for the released parties that have been identified, the Operative Combined Plan fails to explain how those parties have an identity of interests with the Debtors when they are mostly creditors of the Debtors themselves, other than some broad allegation of indemnification obligations owed by the Debtors to certain of the third parties.

iii. The Debtor Releases Are Impermissible:

The Operative Combined Plan seeks to release claims, such as those raised in the Miami Action against the Litigation Targets, as belonging to the Debtors' estates.

See Operative Combined Plan at Article X.D.1. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code § 1123(b)(3)(A), a debtor may propose a plan that provides for "the settlement or adjustment of any claim or interest belonging to the debtor or the estate." However,

the scope of a release available under Bankruptcy Code § 1123(b)(3) is limited, as it necessitates a showing that tangible potential claims are being settled rather than merely an attempt to provide a backdoor non-debtor release. See In re Exide Techs., 303 B.R. 48, 67 (Bankr. D. Del. 2003) (citing Cellular Info. Sys. Inc., 171 B.R. 926, 947–48 (quoting TMT Trailer Ferry, 390 U.S. at 424, 88 S.Ct. at 1163.)) (noting that while a debtor may propose a settlement as part of its plan under Bankruptcy Code § 1123(b)(3)(A), "it is the 'duty of the Bankruptcy Court to determine that a proposed compromise forming part of a reorganization plan is fair and equitable"). The Operative Combined Plan fails to show that any claims are being settled in exchange for the Debtors' releases. Therefore, to the extent that the Operative Combined Plan serves as a motion to approve compromises of controversies under Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9019 without disclosure of what good and sufficient consideration is being received by the Debtors giving releases as part of the proposed compromise, the Court should not deny approval of same.

E. The Operative Combined Plan Fails The Best Interests Test:

The Operative Combined Plan violates Bankruptcy Code § 1129(a)(7), which is "one of the cornerstones of chapter 11 practice" and requires that each holder of a claim or interest "receive or retain under the plan on account of such claim or interest, property of a value, as of the effective date of the plan, that is not less than the amount that such holder would so receive or retain if the debtor were liquidated

under chapter 7 of this title on such date" (the "Best Interests Test"). In re Ditech Holding Corp., 606 B.R. 544, 606 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2019) (quoting 7 Collier on Bankruptcy ¶1129.02[7] 1129-33 (16th ed. 2014); Bankruptcy Code § 1129(a)(7)(A)). The Best Interests Test applies to individual creditors holding impaired claims, even if the class as a whole votes to accept the plan. See Bank of Am. Nat'l Tr. & Sav. Ass'n v. 203 N. LaSalle St. P'ship, 526 U.S. 434, 441 n.13 (1999).

In accordance with the express language of Bankruptcy Code § 1129(a)(7), the Court must consider the value of the property that each dissenting creditor will keep under a proposed plan versus that of the property that it would have retained in a hypothetical chapter 7 case. In re Quigley Co., Inc., 437 B.R. 102, 144-45 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2010). "In a case where claims are being released under the chapter 11 plan but would be available for recovery in a chapter 7 case, the released claims must be considered as part of the analysis in deciding whether creditors fare at least as well under the chapter 11 plan as they would in a chapter 7 liquidation." In re HerculesOffshore, Inc., 565 B.R. 732, 765 (Bankr. D. Del. 2016) (citing In re Washington Mut., Inc., 442 B.R. 314, 359-60 (Bankr. D. Del. 2011)).

In the context of non-consensual non-debtor releases, the Best Interests Test requires the Court to value any third-party claims held and being released by impaired creditors and compare that value to what the creditor is receiving in the

relevant bankruptcy case. See Quigley Co., 437 B.R. at 145 ("[G]iving at least liquidation value to each creditor requires protection of the [c]hapter 7 right to pursue non-debtor actions.") (citation omitted); see also In re Ditech Holding Corp., 606 B.R. 544, 614-15 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y 2019) (finding debtors to have failed the Best Interests Test due to their failure to account for the claims and defenses that certain consumer creditors would retain under Section 363(o) in a chapter 7 case). On its face, a chapter 11 plan that releases claims of an impaired creditor who is not receiving any recovery does not comply with Bankruptcy Code § 1129(a)(7) and cannot be confirmed. See In re SunEdison, Inc., 576 B.R. 453, 457 n.4 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2017) (holding that creditors who would not receive distributions in either chapter 11 or 7 would not be bound by a plan's non- consensual releases of claims that would otherwise be retained in a chapter 7 case); see also In re Wash. Mut., Inc., 442 B.R. 314, 359-60 (Bankr. D. Del. 2011) ("In a case where claims are being released under the chapter 11 plan but would be available for recovery in a chapter 7 case, the released claims must be considered as part of the analysis in deciding whether creditors fare at least as well under the chapter 11 plan as they would in a chapter 7 liquidation."). Finally, a plan of reorganization "may not be confirmed where the evidence is not sufficient on which to base an independent factual determination that the proposed plan is in the best interests of the creditors pursuant to § 1129(a)(7)." In re MCorp Fin., Inc., 137 B.R. 219, 228 (Bankr. S.D. Tex. 1992) (citing In re Produce Hawaii, Inc., 41 B.R. 301 (Bankr. Hawaii 1984)).

Here, Recovery Corp. would not receive the same amount as it would under a chapter 7 liquidation. Under a chapter 7 liquidation, the Florida DivestCo Debtors' estates could recover against the Litigation Targets. This drastic difference between receiving nothing under the Operative Combined Plan and the estimated recovery under a chapter 7 liquidation shows that the Operative Combined Plan fails the Best Interests Test.

F. The Operative Combined Plan Is Not Proposed In Good Faith:

A plan cannot be confirmed unless it is proposed in good faith. Bankruptcy Code § 1125(a)(3); see also In re Combustion Eng'g, Inc., 391 F.3d 190, 246 (3d Cir. 2004), as amended (Feb. 23, 2005) ("Courts and commentators have recognized the good faith requirement provides an additional check on a debtor's intentional impairment of claims."). The express requirement of good faith under Bankruptcy Code §1129(a)(3) is not mere surplusage: The requirement that the Operative Combined Plan be proposed in good faith and not by any means forbidden by law amplifies any other duty that fiduciaries for the estates have for the Debtors and creditors.

While the Bankruptcy Code contains several provisions that include the term, "good faith," it does not define it. Thus, various judicial standards have been developed for evaluating the "good faith" of a debtor. In the Eleventh Circuit, "[t]he

good faith requirement has been interpreted to mean 'that there is a reasonable likelihood that the plan will achieve a result consistent with the objectives and purposes of the Code." In re Mableton, LLC, 2017 WL 2480579, at *11 (Bankr. S.D. Ga. June 7, 2017) (citing In re McCormick, 49 F.3d 1524, 1526 (11th Cir. 1995)). Additionally, "where the plan is proposed with the legitimate and honest purpose to reorganize and has a reasonable hope of success, the good faith requirements of Bankruptcy Code §1129(a)(3) are satisfied." In re McCormick, 49 F.3d at 1526. In this assessment, the focus is "on the plan itself, while also considering the totality of circumstances surrounding the Plan." In re 431 W. Ponce De Leon, LLC, 515 B.R. 660, 673 (Bankr. N.D. Ga. 2014).

The Operative Combined Plan fails the good faith requirement. These Jointly Administered Reorganizations constitute a thinly veiled attempt to extinguish tort liability while protecting insider interests. The Debtors admit that the Ultimate Parent shares beneficial owners with TIX 33433—the DIP lender and sponsor of the Operative Combined Plan—but will not identify these owners. See Operative Combined Plan at Article III.C.2., pg. 46. The Debtors also admit that the Omega Parties sold the real property formerly utilized by DivestCo Debtors to operate their facilities to parties that have ownership interests in the Ultimate Parent. And to further shroud their true motives and to avoid making full disclosure, the Debtors claim that they "do not have full clarity as to the entire makeup of their ownership

structure..." See Operative Combined Plan at Article III.C.2, pg. 45. What is clear is that the primary objective of the Operative Combined Plan is to obtain releases for nondebtors that would otherwise be unavailable outside of bankruptcy court. Fortunately for Recovery Corp., the burden is on the Debtors, and the proposition that Recovery Corp., with a liquidated and agreed upon aggregate claim of \$9,186,376.96, would recover nothing at confirmation is unexplained and unexplainable. While the Debtors investigate claims against the Litigation Targets, Recovery Corp. is stymied with respect to claims it could bring in its own right were the Debtors not acting as "dogs in the manger." Simply put, the Debtors propose to release the Litigation Targets from claims that Recovery Corp. could bring to be made whole, without offering Recovery Corp. anything on account of their suffering and relating efforts. That is the antithesis of good faith.

V. <u>RESERVATION OF RIGHTS</u>

Recovery Corp. reserves the right to supplement or amend this objection at or prior to the confirmation hearing and present argument and examine witnesses on these or other issues at the hearing.

VI. CONCLUSION

²⁵ Derived from Aesop's Fable as to a dog who prevents the ox from eating hay which he himself has no appetite to consume, commonly attributed to a spiteful person who refuses to let someone else benefit from something that provides the spiteful person with no use.

For the reasons stated herein, Recovery Corp. respectfully requests that the Court:

- a. deny approval of the Operative Combined Plan as a disclosure statement;
- b. deny requests for relief under Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9019
 to approve compromises of controversies;
- c. deny substantive consolidation of the Debtors; and
- d. deny confirmation of the Operative Combined Plan.

DATED this 30th day of September, 2024.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished on September 30, 2024, by either the Court's electronic noticing system or by U.S. mail to all parties receiving electronic noticing, all creditors, and the Local Rule 1007-2 Parties in Interest List.

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	Florida DivestCo Debtors Schedule	BK Case No.
1	1010 Carpenters Way Operations, LLC	24-55558 (PMB)
2	1120 West Donegan Avenue Operations, LLC	24-55575 (PMB)
3	12170 Cortez Boulevard Operations, LLC	24-55730 (PMB)
4	1465 Oakfield Drive Operations, LLC	24-55579 (PMB)
5	15204 West Colonial Drive Operations, LLC	24-55734 (PMB)
	1550 Jesse Parrish Court Operations, LLC	24-55589 (PMB)
7	1615 Miami Road Operations, LLC	24-55596 (PMB)
	1851 Elkcam Boulevard Operations, LLC	24-55605 (PMB)
9	195 Mattie M. Kelly Boulevard Operations, LLC	24-55512 (PMB)
10	216 Santa Barbara Boulevard Operations, LLC	24-55514 (PMB)
	2333 North Brentwood Circle Operations, LLC	24-55624 (PMB)
12	2826 Cleveland Avenue Operations, LLC	24-55634 (PMB)
	3001 Palm Coast Parkway Operations, LLC	24-55653 (PMB)
14	3101 Ginger Drive Operations, LLC	24-55656 (PMB)
	3735 Evans Avenue Operations, LLC	24-55660 (PMB)
	3920 Rosewood Way Operations, LLC	24-55675 (PMB)
	4200 Washington Street Operations, LLC	24-55680 (PMB)
	4641 Old Canoe Creek Road Operations, LLC	24-55684 (PMB)
	518 West Fletcher Avenue Operations, LLC	24-55521 (PMB)
	5405 Babcock Street Operations, LLC	24-55689 (PMB)
	6305 Cortez Road West Operations, LLC	24-55693 (PMB)
	6414 13th Road South Operations, LLC	24-55696 (PMB)
	6700 N.W. 10th Place Operations, LLC	24-55700 (PMB)
	702 South Kings Avenue Operations, LLC	24-55542 (PMB)
	710 North Sun Drive Operations, LLC	24-55546 (PMB)
	741 South Beneva Road Operations, LLC	24-55550 (PMB)
	777 Ninth Street North Operations, LLC	24-55554 (PMB)
	7950 Lake Underhill Road Operations, LLC	24-55704 (PMB)
	9311 South Orange Blossom Trail Operations, LLC	24-55711 (PMB)
	9355 San Jose Boulevard Operations, LLC	24-55717 (PMB)
	Baya Nursing and Rehabilitation, LLC	24-55551 (PMB)
	Brandon Facility Operations, LLC	24-55563 (PMB)
	Consulate Facility Leasing, LLC*	24-55508 (PMB)
	Epsilon Health Care Properties, LLC*	24-55668 (PMB)
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	Jacksonville Facility Operations, LLC	24-55531 (PMB)
	Josera, LLC*	24-55539 (PMB)
	Kissimmee Facility Operations, LLC	24-55569 (PMB)
	Lidenskab, LLC*	24-55595 (PMB)
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	Miami Facility Operations, LLC	24-55695 (PMB)
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	North Fort Myers Facility Operations, LLC	24-55736 (PMB)
	Orange Park Facility Operations, LLC	24-55545 (PMB)
	Port Charlotte Facility Operations, LLC	24-55697 (PMB)
	Tallahassee Facility Operations, LLC*	24-55777 (PMB)
	Tosturi, LLC*	24-55548 (PMB)
	West Altamonte Facility Operations, LLC	24-55654 (PMB)
	*Signifies Florida DivestCo Debtors not expressly tied to a particular Florida SNF Transferee.	

EXHIBIT "B"

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Nursing home chain's tangled corporate structure and bankruptcy threats stymied litigation

By Jared WhitlockAug. 5, 2022



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After a hospital stay in 2016 for a brain tumor, Regina Romero was transferred to a nursing home in New Mexico. Her "medications were withheld" and she was neglected and "subjected to an assault," her family alleges in a wrongful death lawsuit filed in 2017 against the facility, Paloma Blanca Health and Rehabilitation.

Romero died less than four months after arriving at the home; she was only 59 years old, states the complaint, which doesn't detail the allegations.

In March 2021, the case was nearing a settlement when negotiations suddenly halted.

That month, a unit of Consulate Health Care — which owned 140 nursing homes, including Paloma Blanca — filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protections. Romero's stepdaughter said Consulate attorneys leveraged the pending bankruptcy as a bludgeon: either accept a significantly reduced settlement, or risk getting little or nothing from a bankrupt entity. The family begrudgingly took the much smaller offer, an amount that cannot be disclosed under the settlement terms.

"It's horrible because I think they got away with what they did," said the stepdaughter, Lisa Robichaud, who had moved near Romero when she entered Paloma Blanca. The two women had bonded over cooking together and grown closer when Robichaud's father had been diagnosed with colon cancer — and Romero cared for him before his death. "She was really good to him," Robichaud said in an interview.

Romero's family is one of many who faced similar hardball tactics, plaintiffs' lawyers said. In the six-year run-up to the bankruptcy filing of six Consulate affiliates, at least 137 plaintiffs across a half-dozen states had sued the affiliates on allegations ranging from negligence and wrongful death to Medicare fraud, according to an online search of legal databases; many cases were settled and the outcome of others was unclear.

A STAT investigation found that in many of these cases, lawyers for Consulate affiliates leveraged the threat of bankruptcy in seeking to lower settlements, and that the companies' actions fit a larger pattern. Before bankruptcy, the company used a convoluted corporate structure that stymied litigation, including dividing up ownership of its nursing homes and keeping paltry liability insurance. Taken together, Consulate left families like the Romeros with little chance of recourse for alleged wrongdoing.

Such tactics, while legal, have prompted calls for holding nursing home chains more accountable, and the Biden administration has announced it will take steps³ to make homes' ownership and finances more transparent. Nursing home watchdogs say the Consulate affiliates' bankruptcy case set a troubling precedent. When a company files for bankruptcy, all ongoing legal actions are frozen and plaintiffs must seek relief from the bankruptcy court. Under the bankruptcy order, which was approved last December, unsecured creditors, including the families with pending legal actions, are expected to recover only 0.7 percent of their claims.

Charlene Harrington, professor emeritus of social and behavioral sciences at the University of California, San Francisco, said Consulate's bankruptcy strategy and its corporate structure have proven successful in protecting itself from legal responsibility.

"If it was just a tiny nursing home chain in Indiana no one would care," said Harrington, who specializes in the nursing home industry. But Consulate was the sixth largest nursing home chain at the time of the bankruptcy declaration. "Other companies will look at how they managed bankruptcy to get out from under it."

Consulate and Synergy Health Care Services, a nursing home management company employing many of Consulate's past executives, did not respond to phone calls and emails requesting comment. Nor did Formation Capital, the private equity firm that owns Consulate.

Paloma Blanca denied the Romero family's allegations, court documents show. "If the plaintiff was injured and damaged as alleged, which is specifically denied, the injuries and damages resulted from an unavoidable medical complication," states the home's reply to the complaint. Other Consulate affiliates named in the lawsuit denied the allegations or argued they have nothing to do with the case.

In a bankruptcy declaration, Consulate cited financial hardship from the pandemic as the reason for seeking protection from creditors. With fewer intakes, the number of people in its care dropped from 14,000 to 12,000.

The company also said it was unable to pay a \$258 million judgment levied in 2020 against the company. The judgment was the result of a federal whistleblower complaint filed in 2011 by Angela Ruckh, a former charge nurse at the chain's Florida nursing homes, who alleged that Consulate defrauded taxpayers by overbilling government programs.

Last December, Judge John Dorsey approved a bankruptcy order that reduced the \$258 million judgement to \$4.5 million.

Echoing the ultimatum Robichaud faced, lawyer Nathan Carter said that leading up to the affiliates' Chapter 11 filings, Consulate attorneys cited the whistleblower judgment and the potential for bankruptcy in arguing for lower plaintiff payouts in dozens of lawsuits represented by his Florida-based firm.

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Carter, who declined to discuss specific cases of settlements, said Consulate used the tactic to a much greater extent than other nursing home chains that have considered or filed for bankruptcy. His assessment was based on his experience and conversations with other Florida law firms.

"They definitely played the bankruptcy card harder than other chains," Carter said.

In pursuing litigation against Consulate, families and their attorneys faced a maze of related businesses that obscured where profits went, government cost reports show. The company's many subsidiaries became a recurring theme in the bankruptcy.

The bankrupt entities — which had a stake in Consulate's nursing homes — were sold to a company made up of Consulate insiders, called CPSTN Operations, in what's known as a stalking-horse bid.

Early in the bankruptcy proceedings, a creditor committee argued that Consulate used the stalking-horse bid to avoid litigation while pleading poverty in isolation from the larger corporate structure. Consulate placed six affiliates in bankruptcy, but not itself or its private equity owner.

The bankruptcy will "do nothing more than allow Consulate to cleanse or launder a continually evolving corporate, capital, transactional and governance structure much larger than the now isolated debtors," stated the <u>creditor filing</u>⁵. Attorneys representing CPSTN did not return emails seeking comment.

The committee later sought to examine why a bankrupt Consulate management company transferred \$1.6 billion to a parent entity in 2020. The motion was later withdrawn for unclear reasons, court records show. Robert Schechter, an attorney who represented the creditors committee in the bankruptcy, declined to comment on the withdrawn motion. But overall, he said the committee struck a balance between creditor recovery and the risk of a drawn-out bankruptcy that potentially affects the care of nursing home residents.

"For any business that's in the zone of insolvency, there's a potential big change happening, whether it's the purchase of the homes or maybe a new operator. Those are things that affect residents," Schechter said.

Robert Lawless, a professor at the University of Illinois College of Law who specializes in bankruptcy law and has no ties to the case, said Consulate's size and byzantine ownership structure likely imperiled the committee's attempts to probe the conglomerate's finances.

Lawless urged stricter federal limits on the ability of nursing home chains to divide ownership — and adoption of a rule that to be eligible for Medicare funding, companies in a wider corporate structure be liable for each other.

"You can't blame the bankruptcy court," said Lawless. "The law should be different."

Arnold Whitman – the chairman of Formation Capital, the private equity firm behind Consulate – told <u>The New York Times</u>⁹ in 2007 that chopping up nursing home ownership into separate companies is a crucial legal maneuver that rehabilitated a struggling industry. He did not respond to emails requesting comment.

Formation has also held a majority stake in Trident USA Health Services, a diagnostics provider that the <u>Justice</u> <u>Department accused in 2019</u>¹⁰ of filing for bankruptcy protection to "extinguish the government's ability to collect any damages or penalties." Ultimately, Trident in 2019 agreed to pay the federal government \$8.5 million to resolve claims that it provided kickbacks to nursing homes in exchange for referring lucrative business to Trident.

Because Consulate is a privately held company, its financial health remains shrouded. But according to the bankruptcy filings, Consulate paid then-CEO Christopher Bryson \$2.004 million in bonuses eight months before bankruptcy — nearly one-third of which came days before the declaration. The bonuses were on top of \$1.062 million in salary during the period.

More visible was that Consulate and the Department of Justice agreed to reduce the whistleblower judgement in the Florida nursing home case to just \$4.5 million. The Department of Justice declined to comment.

Toby Edelman, a senior policy attorney for the Center for Medicare Advocacy, said the steeply reduced settlement amount undermines whistleblower litigation under what's known as the False Claims Act.

"That's a message to other chains that are charged with violations of the False Claims Act," Edelman said. "They can take their chances in court and if they lose, try to settle for far less."

Aretha Bradham is one of the plaintiffs whose suit against Consulate affiliates remains unresolved. She faces the likelihood of recovering little.

A bike accident in 2017 paralyzed her brother, Thomas Bradham, from the neck down. After a hospital stay, he was transferred to Marshall Health and Rehabilitation Center. At the Florida nursing home, his health declined rapidly.

He developed severe bed sores and suffered from malnutrition, and ultimately died from negligence, alleges her 2020 lawsuit against Consulate subsidiaries. Bradham seeks damages for the alleged fatal neglect.

"Normally you say in bankruptcy you get pennies on the dollar," said her attorney, Morgan Streetman. "This is not even expected to be one penny on the dollar."

As another means of recovery, Streetman is pursuing the facility's liability insurance policy that's supposed to cover when someone is injured on the premises. A copy has yet to be provided to him, he said.

But draft financials obtained through a records request to a Virginia health regulator state that Consulate facilities' insurance covers only \$100,000 per negligent incident in Florida — and that can amount to little or nothing after legal fees. Consulate's insurance often deducts attorneys' fees from the payout.

Each Florida home carries \$300,000 in total liability coverage, the records show. Consulate's skimpy liability insurance is widely known and deters litigation, attorneys say.

Florida law requires that nursing homes carry liability insurance but doesn't specify a minimum. In 2018, <u>state legislation</u>¹³ sought to require that nursing homes maintain liability insurance covering \$2 million per incident, with \$4 million in total coverage. The bill failed.

Bradham's lawsuit against Marshall Health and Rehabilitation Center names fives LLCs that it alleges make up "an amalgamation of interests creating a blurred corporate identify."

Attempting to pierce the corporate veil, Bradham's attorneys negotiated the ability to pursue litigation against Consulate entities that didn't declare bankruptcy. But that's an uphill battle. "Those third parties will no doubt assert all kinds of legal defenses," wrote bankruptcy attorney Benjamin Keck in an email.

Meanwhile, Bradham presses on in memory of her older brother, a concrete finisher who died at 58 years old. He expressed love by fixing up her house, while she baked for him. He was easy to talk to, whatever the subject. "We

had a special bond," she said.

In response to the Bradham lawsuit, three Consulate affiliates filed a motion to dismiss the complaint, pointing to a 2014 Florida law that shields "passive investors" from being named as defendants in nursing home negligence lawsuits.

"None of the entities provided any direct care to Thomas Bradham," states the response from Epsilon Health Care Properties, Consulate Management Company, and LV CHC Holdings.

Two other affiliates, 207 Marshall Drive Operations and CMC II, denied the allegations. "Thomas Bradham's injuries, if any, were the result of pre-existing or congenital problems or conditions and not caused by, exacerbated, nor aggravated by any actions or omissions on the part of defendants," states the response.

The Romero family's attorneys, too, were frustrated by the complicated corporate structure, writing in a court filing that they were "forced to try to untangle the everchanging web of companies and entities."

Lawyers for Paloma Blanca, a 119-bed facility that advertises care for medically complex patients, disputed Consulate's role in the nursing home's operations when plaintiff attorney Wesley Jackson moved to include other corporate entities in the Romero family's lawsuit. The Romero family's lawsuit ultimately named 16 LLCs under the umbrella of Consulate.

Much of the same team that ran Consulate nursing homes before the bankruptcy still runs them. The nursing homes in April 2022 shared 45 percent of the same officers and managers as the month before bankruptcy. That's according to a STAT analysis of federal ownership data for 133 Consulate nursing homes, with a few homes omitted because of incomplete data.

The most common name that popped up in the STAT analysis was Kenneth Ussery, who was listed on more than 120 of the nursing homes before and after the bankruptcy. He was Consulate's senior vice president of revenue cycle and treasury management, before holding the same title at Synergy Healthcare Services, a nursing home management company that launched in December with former Consulate executives.

Among Synergy's clients¹⁵: Consulate Health Care.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

HEALTHCARE NEGLIGENCE SETTLEMENT RECOVERY CORP.,

Plaintiff,

Case No.:

v.

5405 BABCOCK STREET OPERATIONS, LLC, EPSILON HEALTH CARE PROPERTIES, LLC, CMC II, LLC, LAVIE CARE CENTERS, LLC, 6700 N.W. 10TH PLACE OPERATIONS, LLC, 4200 WASHINGTON STREET OPERATIONS, LLC, 2826 CLEVELAND AVENUE OPERATIONS, LLC, **BAYA** NURSING REHABILITATION, LLC, 1465 OAKFIELD DRIVE OPERATIONS, LLC, 777 NINTH STREET NORTH OPERATIONS, LLC, 3101 GINGER DRIVE OPERATIONS, LLC, TALLAHASSEE FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC, JOSERA, LLC; TOSTURI, LLC, MELBOURNE FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC, NORTH FORT MYERS FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC, CONSULATE FACILITY LEASING, LLC, 1010 CARPENTERS WAY OPERATIONS, LLC, MIAMI FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC, 741 SOUTH BENEVA ROAD OPERATIONS, LLC, 3735 EVANS AVENUE OPERATIONS, LLC, 7950 LAKE UNDERHILL ROAD OPERATIONS, LLC, 518 WEST FLETCHER AVENUE OPERATIONS, LLC, LIDENSKAB JACKSONVILLE FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC, 3001 COAST **PARKWAY** OPERATIONS, KISSIMMEE FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC, 9311 SOUTH ORANGE BLOSSOM TRAIL OPERATIONS, LLC, 4641 OLD CANOE CREEK ROAD OPERATIONS, LLC, 2333 NORTH BRENTWOOD CIRCLE OPERATIONS, LLC, 710 NORTH SUN DRIVE OPERATIONS, LLC, 1851 ELKCAM BOULEVARD OPERATIONS, LLC, 6414 13TH ROAD SOUTH OPERATIONS, LLC, 1120 WEST DONEGAN **AVENUE** OPERATIONS, LLC, 12170 BOULEVARD OPERATIONS, LLC, 9400 SW 137TH AVENUE OPERATIONS LLC, NSPRMC, LLC, 1550 JESS PARRISH COURT OPERATIONS, LLC, LV CHC HOLDINGS I, LLC, CONCOURSE PARTNERS, LLC, CONCURRENT PARTNERS, LLLP, PORT CHARLOTTE FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC, WEST ALTAMONTE FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC, 216 SANTA BARBARA BOULEVARD OPERATIONS, LLC, FLORIDIAN FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC, 1615 MIAMI ROAD OPERATIONS, LLC, 6305 CORTEZ ROAD WEST OPERATIONS, LLC, 15204 WEST COLONIAL DRIVE OPERATIONS, LLC, NEW PORT RICHEY FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC, 11565 HARTS ROAD OPERATIONS, LLC, BRANDON FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC, 9355 SAN JOSE BOULEVARD OPERATIONS, LLC, 702 SOUTH KINGS **AVENUE** LLC, OPERATIONS, **ORANGE PARK FACILITY** OPERATIONS, LLC, SYNERGY HEALTHCARE SERVICES, INC., **NSPIRE HEALTHCARE** INC., **ASPIRE** HEALTHCARE, LLC, and DANIEL E. DIAS, ESQUIRE,

Defendants.

COMPLAINT

Healthcare Negligence Settlement Recovery Corp. (the "Recovery Corp."), by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby sues 5405 Babcock Street Operations, LLC, Epsilon Health Care Properties, LLC, CMC II, LLC, Lavie Care Centers, LLC, 6700 N.W. 10th Place Operations, LLC, 4200 Washington Street Operations, LLC, 2826 Cleveland Avenue Operations, LLC, Baya Nursing and Rehabilitation, LLC, 1465 Oakfield Drive Operations, LLC, 777 Ninth Street North Operations, LLC, 3101 Ginger Drive Operations, LLC, Tallahassee Facility Operations, LLC, Josera, LLC, Tosturi, LLC, Melbourne Facility Operations, LLC, North Fort Myers Facility Operations, LLC, Consulate Facility Leasing, LLC, 1010 Carpenters Way Operations, LLC, Miami Facility Operations, LLC, 741 South Beneva Road Operations, LLC, 3735 Evans Avenue Operations, LLC, 7950 Lake Underhill Road Operations, LLC, 518 West Fletcher Avenue Operations, LLC, Lidenskab LLC, Jacksonville Facility Operations, LLC, 3001 Palm Coast Parkway Operations, LLC, Kissimmee Facility Operations, LLC, 9311 South Orange Blossom Trail Operations, LLC, 4641 Old Canoe Creek Road Operations, LLC, 2333 North Brentwood Circle Operations, LLC, 710 North Sun Drive Operations, LLC, 1851 Elkcam Boulevard

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A. <u>PRELIMINARY ALLEGATIONS</u>

- 1. The Recovery Corp. is a Florida corporation, doing business in Hillsborough County, Florida.
- 2. Each of the Consulate Entities is a business entity, doing business in Miami-Dade County, Florida, or elsewhere in the State of Florida.
- 3. Each of the Transferees is a business entity, doing business in Miami-Dade County, Florida, or elsewhere in the State of Florida.
- 4. The Control Individual is an individual, <u>sui juris</u>, doing business in Miami-Dade County, Florida that has subjected himself to the jurisdiction of this Court.
 - 5. Pursuant to Florida Statutes §26.012(2)(a), and other applicable law, jurisdiction

for each count alleged in this complaint (this "Complaint") lies with this Court because this Complaint seeks damages in excess of \$50,000, exclusive of attorneys' fees, court costs, and related expenses arising from acts that occurred or had impact in Miami-Dade County, Florida.

- 6. Pursuant to <u>Florida Statutes</u> §47.011, and other applicable law, venue is proper in Miami-Dade County, Florida.
- 7. All requirements and conditions precedent to the bringing of this action have been satisfied, performed by the Recovery Corp. or its predecessors-in-interest, or waived by the applicable Defendants.
- 8. The Recovery Corp. has retained the undersigned law firm as counsel of record herein and has agreed to compensate and reimburse it for services rendered and costs incurred in connection with enforcement of the rights and remedies more fully set forth below.

B. THE CONTRACTUAL BASIS FOR THE CLAIMS

- 9. The Consulate Entities have owned and operated a series of skilled nursing facilities (the "SNFs") throughout the State of Florida and beyond. The Consulate Entities have been the frequent targets of claims for nursing home abuse and related causes of action.
- 10. With respect to each of the SNFs, and all residents including the Claimants, the Consulate Entities owed a duty to exercise reasonable care in the operation pursuant to <u>Florida Statutes</u> §400.023. Moreover, each of the Consulate Entities was subject to the provisions of 42 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 483, Chapter 400, <u>Florida Statutes</u>, and Chapter 59 A-4, Florida Administrative Code.
- 11. On March 28, 2024, the Recovery Corp. was formed by a set of claimants (collectively, the "Claimants"), all of whom had a set of undisputed claims (the "Claims") against one or more of the Consulate Entities.

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- 12. In all instances, the Claimants originally asserted Claims based upon failure to maintain the required level of care for residents is imposed pursuant to <u>Florida Statutes</u> §400.022. Each of the Claims arose on the date that injuries were experienced by the residents in question.
- 13. The Claims were all reduced to Settlement Documents evidenced by release documents that were substantially identical to one another (collectively, the "Settlement Documents"). An exemplar of a Settlement Document is attached hereto as Exhibit "A," and the Settlement Documents are so voluminous that it would be inappropriate to include the same as exhibits to this Complaint, as provided under Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.130.
- 14. In connection with the formation of the Recovery Corp., the Claimants executed an assignment (collectively, the "Assignments") that assigned the Claims to the Recovery Corp. in exchange for equity ownership interests commensurate with their respective Claims. An exemplar of an Assignment is attached hereto as Exhibit "B," and the Assignments are so voluminous that it would be inappropriate to include the same as exhibits to this Complaint, as provided under Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.130.
- 15. A schedule of ninety-seven (97) Claimants, and their Claims amounting to \$8,678,877 (collectively, the "Aggregate Outstanding Balance"), is attached hereto as Exhibit "C." The Aggregate Outstanding Balance is calculated as the sum of settlement payments promised but not made under the Settlement Documents, exclusive of interest, attorneys' fees, costs, punitive damages, or other claim components that may be due based upon the underlying nucleus of operative facts.
- 16. All the Settlement Documents provided for the payment by applicable Consulate Entities of settlement payments over time to the Claimants on account of their respective Claims. Many but not all of the Claims have been the subject of nursing home negligence actions

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(collectively, the "Negligence Actions"), with Courts presiding over the Negligence Actions each reserving jurisdiction to enforce the underlying settlements.

- 17. At least three (3) Courts presiding over Negligence Actions brought by Claimants have entered judgments in favor of the applicable Claimants and against the applicable Consulate Entity (collectively, the "Final Judgments"), for failure to make payments as agreed. Copies of the Final Judgments are attached as Composite Exhibit "D."
- 18. The Final Judgments remain due and owing to the Recovery Corp., as successor to all Claimants. The judgment amounts set forth therein are subject to adjustment upward to include statutory interest, attorneys' fees, and costs. Pursuant to <u>Florida Statutes</u> §57.111 and other applicable law, attorneys' fees and costs incurred in connection with the collection of a judgment are properly awarded as an additional form of relief.
- 19. Because the Final Judgments are final, the Recovery Corp. as assignee is now entitled as a matter of law to assert his rights and remedies against the Consulate Entities. Because the Consulate Entities have operated as a single unit, and because numerous payment obligations previously due to the Claimants are in a state of uncured default, it is undisputable that the Consulate Entities are insolvent in that they are not paying their debts as they come due and owing in the ordinary course. It is also clear that the Consulate Entities are unable or unwilling to pay the Aggregate Outstanding Balance, and all sums due and owing under the Settlement Documents are therefore properly accelerated.
- 20. As of the date that the Claims arose that were asserted against the Consulate Entities in the events leading up to the execution of the various Settlement Documents, the Claimants each became a "creditor" of the Consulate Entities, for purposes of obtaining relief under Florida's codification of the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act, codified at <u>Florida Statutes</u> §726.101 <u>et seq.</u>

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("FUFTA") and other applicable law. The Recovery Corp. now stands in the Claimants shoes as successor.

C. DEFENDANTS' PLANNED DEFAULTS UNDER SETTLEMENT DOCUMENTS

- 21. The defaults of the Consulate Entities under the Settlement Documents were not accidental or unexpected, they were engineered.
- 22. As noted above, the Claimants are part of a larger universe of nursing home negligence victims who were nursing home residents, or survivors of residents, who suffered serious neglect, injuries, and/or death at SNFs operated by the constituent Consulate Entities.
- 23. The Claims and other similar claims by victims, were analyzed by the Control Individual, who is both an executive for some of the Defendants and a defense attorney who worked as counsel of record opposite a set of fifteen (15) law firms throughout the State of Florida (collectively, the "Plaintiffs Firms"), for purposes of negotiating the settlements in question.
- 24. Although the Consulate Entities attributed payment defaults under under the Settlement Documents to cash flow problems, neither the Claimants nor the Plaintiffs Firms were aware that the Consulate Entities were experiencing cash flow difficulties was because they were transferring SNFs and other valuable assets (collectively, the "Assets") as part of corporate restructurings. For purposes of this Complaint, the actions of transferring Assets from the Consulate Entities to the Transferees are collectively referred to herein as the "Transfers." The Transfers had the effect of enabling the Consulate Entities to avoid liabilities they knew of at the time that the Transfers were occurring.
- 25. When payments fell into arrears under the Settlement Documents, it became obvious to the Plaintiffs Firms and the Claimants that the Consulate Entities had adopted a business plan intended to maximize profits by (a) skimping on the expenses normally associated with the

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quality level of care required under Florida law for licensed skilled nursing home facilities, (b) failing to carry appropriate insurance coverage on any of the SNFs, and (c) utilizing a shifting shell game of business entities to place core business assets beyond the reach of anticipated tort claimants, the victims of negligent care. The gravamen of this Complaint focuses upon the third element of this business plan.

- 26. The Claimants clearly fall within the universe of creditors that the Consulate Entities were intending to avoid paying by migrating Assets from the Consulate Entities to the Transferees. Other such victims include those who never brought a lawsuit, brought a lawsuit but did not reach a conclusion, or who have a settlement that has been breached but are not parties to this action. However, because the Claimants fall within a unique set of creditors with acknowledged claims based upon statutory violations of care referenced above, with liquidated sums owed, their Claims were all very similar.
- As defense counsel and corporate executive for the Consulate Entities, the Control Individual is upon information and belief most responsible for the calculated decision to negotiate settlements with the Plaintiffs Firms while simultaneously effectuating the Transfers in order to avoid the liabilities memorialized thereunder. He (a) represented the Consulate Entities as counsel in dealings with Plaintiffs Firms and other similarly situated law firms representing other nursing home negligence victims, (b) migrated to management of the Consulate Entities for purposes of planning a specific strategy of transferring assets such as SNFs to the Transferees, and (c) formulated and implemented the transfers pursuant to which Assets were transferred to the Transferees leading to payment defaults under the Settlement Documents.
- 28. The existence of the Transfers, and the strategy of the Consulate Entities in placing the Assets beyond the reach of creditors such as the Claimants, can hardly be considered a secret.

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The Tampa Bay Times recently reported that "In the wake of a bankruptcy filing and a slew of bad press over the last few years, the privately held chain — the sixth-largest nursing home company in the nation — has quietly divided its Florida facilities into three separate companies. All three appear to still be affiliated with Consulate." A copy of the referenced article is provided as Exhibit "E." And yet the corporate machinations are very difficult to trace, and deliberately so.

- 29. In connection with any change of ownership of the Consulate Entities responsible to the various Claimants under the corresponding Settlement Documents, the Claimants and the Plaintiffs Firms were entitled to notice. Florida Nursing Home Residents Rights statutes were recently amended to require nursing homeowner/operators and licensees to provide proper written notice of any proposed change or ownership or change of operator <u>before</u> any such transactions could be approved. <u>See Florida Statutes</u> §400.024, Florida Agency for Health Care Administration ("ACHA").
- 30. Notwithstanding the mandatory notice provisions set forth above, none of the Consulate Entities provided any notice to any of the Claimants or any of the Plaintiffs Firms that changes of ownership were contemplated, even though the purpose of the change of ownership was quite obviously to make it impossible for the Claimants to recover on their Settlement Documents.
- 31. Separately, each of the Claimants were virtually powerless to face the corporate behemoth that had perpetrated this cruel trick on victims and families of nursing home abuse that has tacitly been acknowledged in Settlement Documents amounting to \$10,763,500 in original settlement liability. However, as a group, the Claimants have formed the Recovery Corp. were to pursue (a) all the Consulate Entities for the Aggregate Outstanding Balance, (b) all Claims against the Transferees who appear to be operating the SNFs and holding the Assets beyond the reach of

the Claimants, and (c) the Control Individual for all claims arising from his role in orchestrating the Consulate Entities' defaults under the Settlement Documents that he personally negotiated with the Claimants and the Plaintiffs Firms while signing on with the Transferees.

COUNT I: INTENTIONALLY FRAUDULENT TRANSFERS

- 32. This is an action by the Recovery Corp., as successor-in-interest to the Claimants, against the Consulate Entities and the Transferees (collectively, the "UFTA Defendants"), for damages pursuant to <u>Florida Statutes</u> §§726.105(1)(a) and (b), 726.108, and 726.109(2) and (3) and other applicable law.
- 33. The Recovery Corp. realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 30 of this Complaint as fully set forth herein.
 - 34. With respect to the Transfers:
 - a. the Transfers were made with the actual intent to hinder, delay, and defraud creditors of the Consulate Entities, and specifically the Claimants;
 - b. the Transfers were made for less than reasonably equivalent value of the assets transferred, primarily the going concern value of the Consulate Entities;
 - c. the Transfers were concealed, as evidenced by the failure to give required statutory notice to the Claimants and the Plaintiffs Firms;
 - d. the Transferees are insiders of the Consulate Entities;
 - e. the Consulate Entities were insolvent, undercapitalized, or became insolvent shortly after the Transfers were made; and
 - f. the Transfers occurred in connection with changes in the status of significant debt of the Consulate Entities, including a veritable "litigation pandemic" against the Consulate Entities for their incorrigible nursing home negligence

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violations of <u>Florida Statutes</u> §400.022, 400.023, and Chapter 59 A-4 of the Florida Administrative Code.

- 35. Other "badges of fraud" are also present in this fact scenario including:
 - a. The Control Individual has retained control of the Assets through the Transferees;
 - b. before the Transfers were made, the Consulate Entities had been sued by the Claimants, among others, and serious liability was evident; and
 - c. the Transfers occurred shortly before or shortly after a substantial debt to the Recovery Corp. was identified in connection with the Settlement Documents placing payment requirements on the applicable Consulate Entities.
- 36. Based upon the foregoing, the Transfers constitute fraudulent transfers to the Transferees and unjustly inured to the benefit of the Transferees in that the Transfers were made, as a matter of law, with actual intent to hinder, delay, and defraud the Recovery Corp. and others having claims or interests in the Transfers.

WHEREFORE, the Recovery Corp. requests relief in her favor and against the UFTA Defendants that shall provide for:

a. entry of a judgment for damages against the UFTA Defendants for the full value of the Assets, including the going concern value of the operating businesses that has been transferred without a day of operations having been interrupted, subject to appropriate adjustment as the equities may require as set forth pursuant to Florida Statutes §§726.109(2) and (3), which equities should specifically include the recognition of any appreciation or other income generated from the Assets since the time of the Transfers;

- b. the recovery of all of the Recovery Corp.'s attorneys' fees, court costs, and related expenses incurred as a result of the Transfers, to the extent recoverable under applicable law; and
- c. such other or additional relief as is necessary and appropriate.

COUNT II: CONSTRUCTIVELY FRAUDULENT TRANSFERS

- 37. This is an action by the Recovery Corp. for damages against the UFTA Defendants pursuant to Florida Statutes §§726.105(1)(b), 726.108(1)(a) and (2), and 726.109(2) and (3) and other applicable law.
- 38. The Recovery Corp. realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 30 of this Complaint as fully set forth herein.
 - 39. With respect to the Transfers:
 - a. the relevant Consulate Entities made the Transfers to the Transferees and the
 Transferees were the recipients of the Transfers;
 - b. the value of the consideration received by the Consulate Entities in exchange for the Transfers was not reasonably equivalent to the value of the Assets; and
 - a. the Transfers constituted a transfer of all the meaningful assets of the Consulate
 Entities at the time of the Transfers.
- 40. At the time of the Transfers, because the Consulate Entities transferred to the Transferees all Assets and the ability to continue operating the SNFs:
 - a. the Consulate Entities were engaged or were about to engage in a business and in a transaction for which their remaining assets were unreasonably small in relation to the Transfers; and/or
 - b. the Consulate Entities intended to incur, believed, or reasonably should have

believed that they would incur debts beyond their ability to repay them as they came due.

41. Based upon the foregoing, the Transfers constitute constructively fraudulent transfer and unjustly inured to the benefit of the Transferees in that the Transfers were made, as a matter of law, for less than reasonably equivalent value and are constructively fraudulent as to the Recovery Corp., as successor-in-interest to the Claimants.

WHEREFORE, the Recovery Corp. requests relief in his favor and against the Defendants that shall provide for:

- a. entry of a judgment for damages against the UFTA Defendants for the full value of the Transfers, subject to appropriate adjustment as the equities may require as set forth pursuant to <u>Florida Statutes</u> §726.109(2) and (3), which equities should specifically include the recognition of any appreciation or other income generated from the Transfers since the time of the Transfers;
- b. the recovery of all the Recovery Corp.'s attorneys' fees, court costs, and related expenses incurred as a result of the Transfers, to the extent recoverable under applicable law; and
- c. such other and additional relief as is necessary and appropriate.

COUNT III: DECLARATORY RELIEF REGARDING CONTINUATION OF BUSINESS LIABILITY AGAINST TRANSFEREES

- 42. This is an action by the Recovery Corp. against the Transferees for declaratory relief, based upon a controversy pertaining to the Transferees' liability under a continuation of business theory based upon their continuation of the respective business of the respective Consulate Entities (the "Transferees Liability Controversy").
 - 43. The Recovery Corp. realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through

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30 of this Complaint as fully set forth herein.

- 44. The Recovery Corp. asserts, as successor-in-interest to the Claimants, that the threshold liability of the Transferees is established in the preceding paragraphs as a threshold for adjudicating the merits of the Transferees Liability Controversy.
- 45. Under Florida law, the pattern of business activity as between the Consulate Entities and the corresponding Transferees leaves no doubt that in substance and in form, by intent and in effect, the Transferees represent nothing more than a continuation of the business SNFs, without any change to any business dynamic or attribute whatsoever. Without any defining moment separating the extinguishment of the Consulate Entities and the emergence of the corresponding Transferees, (a) the same name of the business remains unchanged, (b) the same website, phone number, domain names, and other intellectual property associated with the business remain the same, (c) all executory contracts and going concern assets remained intact, and (d) profit margins, financial governance, and fraudulent intent continued uninterrupted.
- 46. The relief requested herein relates to the Transferees Liability Controversy, that must be adjudicated pursuant to <u>Florida Statutes</u> §86.011 <u>et seq</u>. By way of background, it is noted that successor liability is imposed when there is a continuity of the successor entity evidenced by such things as the same management, personnel, assets, location, and ownership.
- 47. The rationale for successor liability is rooted in the notion that no business entity should be permitted to commit a tort or breach a contract and avoid liability through corporate transformation in form only. Here, as much as the Transferees may claim otherwise, all of the elements of a mere continuation are present.
- 48. There is a <u>bona fide</u>, actual, present practical need for a declaration of the rights and duties of the Recovery Corp. and the Transferees (collectively, the "Parties") with respect to

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the Transferees Liability Controversy.

- 49. The facts surrounding the Transferees Liability Controversy are readily ascertainable and can be readily established. The Parties require timely adjudication of the Transferees Liability Controversy as the status of current business, financial, and legal affairs continue to create an unacceptable situation for all involved.
- 50. The Recovery Corp. seeks declaratory relief regarding the Transferees Liability Controversy.
- 51. The rights of the Parties, and other interested parties, are dependent upon the adjudication of the Transferees Liability Controversy.
- 52. The Parties are all before this Court, and thus this is the correct forum in which to determine the rights of the Parties.
- 53. A range of equitable considerations, including a weighing of the relative burdens on the Parties to this proceeding, and the equitable nature and authority of this Court, dictate that declaratory relief regarding the Transferees Liability Controversy is appropriate currently.
- 54. The Transferees Liability Controversy presented in this Count is ripe. The Parties are unsure as to their relative rights and remedies as to the Transferees Liability Controversy. The Parties require this Court's declaratory relief to proceed.
- 55. Against the foregoing alleged facts, the Transferees refuse to take responsibility for the pattern of conduct perpetrated at the expense of the Recovery Corp., as successor-in-interest to the Claimants. Accordingly, all the Transferees should be deemed liable for the Aggregate Outstanding Balance, as if each executed the underlying Settlement Documents from the outset.

WHEREFORE, the Recovery Corp. requests declaratory judgment regarding all aspects of the Transferees Liability Controversy, in its favor and against the Transferees, finding the Case 24-55507-pmb Doc 470-1 Filed 09/30/24 Entered 09/30/24 10:41:48 Desc Exhibit Composite Page 32 of 223

Transferees to be liable for all the same liabilities of the Consulate Entities as set forth above, and finding that the Aggregate Outstanding Balance is owed by the Transferees, on a continuation of business theory, and all other appropriate relief.

COUNT IV: DECLARATORY RELIEF REGARDING DE FACTO MERGER LIABILITY AGAINST TRANSFEREES

- 56. This is an action by the Recovery Corp. against the Transferees for declaratory relief, based upon a controversy pertaining to the Transferees liability under a <u>de facto</u> merger theory based upon their continuation and absorption of the respective business of the respective Consulate Entities (the "Transferees Merger Controversy").
- 57. The Recovery Corp. realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 30 of this Complaint as fully set forth herein.
- 58. The Recovery Corp., as successor-in-interest to the Claimants, asserts that the threshold liability of the Transferees is established in the preceding paragraphs as a threshold for adjudicating the merits of the Transferees Merger Controversy.
- 59. Under Florida law, the pattern of business activity as between the respective Consulate Entities and the corresponding Transferees leaves no doubt that in substance and in form, by intent and in effect, the Transferees represent nothing more than a dissolution and merger of the Business into that of the Transferees, without any change to any business dynamic or attribute whatsoever.
- 60. Without any defining moment separating the extinguishment of the each of the Consulate Entities and the emergence of the corresponding Transferees, (a) the same name of the business remains unchanged, (b) the same website, phone number, domain names, and other intellectual property associated with the business remain the same, (c) the Control Individual fully controls and maintains all Assets, (d) the business essentially ceases to operate as it previously did

under the control of each of the Consulate Entities, and (e) profit margins, financial governance, and fraudulent intent have continued uninterrupted.

- 61. The relief requested herein relates to the Transferees Merger Controversy, that must be adjudicated pursuant to <u>Florida Statutes</u> §86.011 <u>et seq</u>. By way of background, it is noted that <u>de facto</u> merger liability is imposed when one corporation is absorbed by another, i.e., there is a continuity of the selling corporation evidenced by such things as the same management, personnel, assets, location, and stockholders.
- 62. There is a <u>bona fide</u>, actual, present practical need for a declaration of the rights and duties of the Parties with respect to the Transferees Merger Controversy.
- 63. The facts surrounding the Transferees Merger Controversy are readily ascertainable and can be readily established.
- 64. The Parties require timely adjudication of the Transferees Merger Controversy as the status of current business, financial, and legal affairs continue to create an unacceptable situation for all involved.
- 65. The Recovery Corp. seeks declaratory relief regarding the Transferees Merger Controversy.
- 66. The rights of the Parties, and other interested parties, are dependent upon the adjudication of the Transferees Merger Controversy.
- 67. The Parties are all before this Court, and thus this is the correct forum in which to determine the rights of the Parties.
- 68. A range of equitable considerations, including a weighing of the relative burdens on the Parties to this proceeding, and the equitable nature and authority of this Court, dictate that declaratory relief regarding the Transferees Merger Controversy is appropriate currently.

- 69. The Transferees Merger Controversy presented in this Count is ripe. The Parties are unsure as to their relative rights and remedies as to the Transferees Merger Controversy. The Parties require this Court's declaratory relief to proceed.
- 70. Against the foregoing alleged facts, the Transferees refuse to take responsibility for the pattern of conduct perpetrated at the expense of the Recovery Corp.

WHEREFORE, the Recovery Corp. requests declaratory judgment regarding all aspects of the Transferees Merger Controversy, in its favor and against the Transferees, finding the Transferees to be liable for all the same liabilities of each of the Consulate Entities as set forth above, and finding that the Aggregate Outstanding Balance is owed by the Transferees, on a defacto merger theory, and all other appropriate relief.

COUNT V: DECLARATORY RELIEF REGARDING CORPORATE VEIL PIERCING AGAINST TRANSFEREES

- 71. This is an action for declaratory relief by the Recovery Corp. against the Transferees, based upon a controversy as to whether the Control Individual's improper use and manipulation of the Consulate Entities has occurred in a context that justifies piercing the corporate veil so as to hold the Transferees accountable for the liabilities of the respective Consulate Entities (the "Veil Piercing Controversy").
- 72. The Recovery Corp. realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 30 of this Complaint as fully set forth herein.
- 73. The Recovery Corp. asserts that the threshold liability of the Consulate Entities is established in the preceding paragraphs as a threshold for adjudicating the merits of the Veil Piercing Controversy.
- 74. The Recovery Corp. has described how the Control Individual deliberately structured the Transfers as part of the standard operating procedure to prevent any scenario in

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which the ongoing business activities of the Transferees' enterprise would be held financially accountable for tort liability reduced to the Settlement Documents.

- 75. The Control Individual, first through the Consulate Entities and then through the Transferees, (a) maintain a set of nursing home businesses, including the SNFs, that are deliberately operated in a manner that would cause one to expect tort claims like those of the Claimants, (b) carry insufficient insurance coverage on the SNFs, (c) employ a shifting shell game strategy to place the Assets beyond the reach of creditors, and (d) maintain a structure that purports to shield the Control Individual from personal liability because their own management practices and corporate structure, and that of the Consulate Entities.
- 76. Relevant licensure and corresponding notice requirements to the Claimants and other prejudiced creditors were disregarded to effectuate the Transfers so as to place the Assets out of the reach of the Claimants and other creditors. Then, the Transferees took their places in continuing any obligations that the Control Individual deemed necessary to maintain profitability while evading the practical consequences of tort liability.
- 77. As part of the Consulate Entities standard operating procedure throughout the business matrix, the Control Individual deliberately orchestrated a scenario in which (a) residents of each of the SNFs receive substandard care, (b) the Control Individual acted to place Assets in the name of the Transferees, (c) the Transferees became the new owners of the SNFs and Assets, beyond the reach of the Claimants, and (d) the negligent operation of the SNFs will continue without economic ramifications proportionate to the negligence committed. None of this is acceptable, as a matter of law.
- 78. The relief requested herein relates to the Veil Piercing Controversy, that must be adjudicated pursuant to <u>Florida Statutes</u> §86.011 <u>et seq</u>. By way of background, it is noted that

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justification for piercing the corporate veil requires proof that (a) there was a lack of separateness between a business entity and its true owner, (b) improper conduct occurred in the use and manipulation of the business entity directed by its true owner, and (c) the improper conduct conducted through the business entity was the proximate cause of the alleged loss. These circumstances are present as relating to the Transferees, and justify the relief requested by the Recovery Corp.

- 79. There is a <u>bona fide</u>, actual, present practical need for a declaration of the rights and duties of the Parties with respect to the Veil Piercing Controversy.
- 80. The facts surrounding the Veil Piercing Controversy are readily ascertainable and can be readily established. The Parties require timely adjudication of the Veil Piercing Controversy as the status of current business, financial, and legal affairs continue to create an unacceptable situation for all involved.
- 81. The Recovery Corp. seeks declaratory relief regarding the Veil Piercing Controversy, piercing the veils of all of the Consulate Entities, such that the corporate separateness of the Consulate Entities should be ignored, and the Transferees held liable for the same liabilities of the Consulate Entities. Accordingly, the Recovery Corp. seeks to pierce the veils of the Transferees both vertically and horizontally as appropriate within the Control Individual's business matrix.
- 82. The rights of the Parties, and other interested parties, are dependent upon the adjudication of the Veil Piercing Controversy.
- 83. The Parties are all before this Court, and thus this is the correct forum in which to determine the rights of the Parties.
 - 84. A range of equitable considerations, including a weighing of the relative burdens

on the Parties to this proceeding, and the equitable nature and authority of this Court, dictate that declaratory relief regarding the Veil Piercing Controversy is appropriate currently.

- 85. The Veil Piercing Controversy presented in this Count is ripe. The Parties are unsure as to their relative rights and remedies as to the Veil Piercing Controversy. The Parties require this Court's declaratory relief to proceed.
- 86. Against the foregoing alleged facts, the Transferees will not accept financial responsibility for the corporate artifice that the Control Individual has created.

WHEREFORE, the Recovery Corp. requests declaratory judgment regarding all aspects of the Veil Piercing Controversy, in its favor and against the Transferees, finding that the Aggregate Outstanding Balance is owed by the Transferees, on a veil piercing theory, and all other appropriate relief.

COUNT VI: UNFAIR AND DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES

- 87. This is an action for damages by the Recovery Corp. against all of the Defendants, pursuant to the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act ("FDUTPA"), as amended, codified at Florida Statutes §501.201, et. seq.
- 88. The Recovery Corp. realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 88 of this Complaint as fully set forth herein.
- 89. The Recovery Corp. is a successor to the Claimants, who are "consumers" as defined by Florida Statutes §501.203.
- 90. The Defendants are actively engaged in trade and commerce in the State of Florida, and specifically in the Middle District of Florida.
- 91. The Defendants have engaged in unfair, deceptive, and unconscionable acts or trade practices in their trade and commerce.

- 92. Such acts and practices offend public policy and are immoral, unethical, oppressive, and unscrupulous. The facts accurately described above reflect that the Defendants' conduct is unconscionable.
 - 93. The conduct of the Defendants has been materially injurious to the Claimants.
- 94. The conduct of the Defendants was the actual and proximate cause of the damages sustained by the Claimants.
- 95. The Defendants' unfair and deceptive acts have caused the Claimants to sustain damages.

WHEREFORE, the Recovery Corp. demand judgment in its favor and against the Defendants for damages for its unfair and deceptive trade practices, plus attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to <u>Florida Statutes</u> §501.211(2), and all additional relief that is just and proper.

COUNT VII: DAMAGES FOR CIVIL CONSPIRACY

- 96. This is an action by the Recovery Corp. against the Control Individual and the Transferees for damages as a result of the civil conspiracy to interfere with the Settlement Documents.
- 97. The Recovery Corp. reincorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 30 above as though fully set forth herein.
- 98. The Claimants and the Consulate Entities were parties to a set of Settlement Documents, and the Consulate Entities were due to perform by paying the Aggregate Outstanding Balance.
- 99. The Control Individual and the Transferees collectively committed fraudulent and otherwise avoidable transfers as described above, for their own lucre, at the expense of the Claimants, the predecessors-in-interest to the Recovery Corp.

100. As a result of the foregoing overt acts, among others perpetrated in collusion by the Control Individual and the Transferees, the Recovery Corp. has sustained damages because the Aggregate Outstanding Balance remains outstanding and the Assets and SNFs are owned and controlled by the Transferees.

WHEREFORE, the Recovery Corp. requests judgment in its favor and against the Control Individual and the Transferees, jointly and severally, for the Aggregate Outstanding Balance, together with such other and further relief deemed just, equitable, and proper.

COUNT VIII: BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY AGAINST THE CONTROL INDIVIDUAL

- 101. This is an action by the Recovery Corp. against the Control Individual for damages relating to his breach of fiduciary duty post-closing with respect to the operations of the Consulate Entities following negotiation and execution of the Settlement Documents.
- 102. The Recovery Corp. realleges paragraphs 1 through 30 of this Complaint as though fully set forth herein.
- 103. As noted above, it cannot be reasonably disputed that the Control Individual, in his own right and on behalf of Consulate Entities, deliberately caused the Claimants to repose trust in him, in achieving each of the Settlement Documents.
- 104. The Control Individual knowingly accepted the Claimants' trust, only to betray it while mismanaging the Consulate Entities. Specifically, by orchestrating the Transfers, the Control Individual ensured that the Consulate Entities would be unable to meet their commitments and pay the Aggregate Outstanding Balance.
- 105. In addition to the foregoing, upon information and belief, the Control Individual held corporate positions in one or more of the Consulate Entities at times during which the Consulate Entities were insolvent. Under applicable law, officers and directors of a solvent

business entity have a statutory fiduciary duty to equity; however, officers and directors of an insolvent business entity have a duty to creditors: Engineering fraudulent transfers is inconsistent with the fiduciary duty owed to creditors of an insolvent enterprise.

- 106. The Recovery Corp.'s interest in the Consulate Entities has been substantially diminished as a result of the aforementioned actionable misconduct, including reduction commensurate with the value of the Assets as transferred.
- 107. The Recovery Corp. has been harmed as a result of all the foregoing aforementioned actionable misconduct.

WHEREFORE, the Recovery Corp. requests judgment for damages against the Control Individual, together with costs, and granting such other and further relief deemed just, equitable, and proper.

COUNT IX: UNJUST ENRICHMENT

- 108. This is an action for damages by the Recovery Corp. against the Control Individual and the Transferees for unjust enrichment.
- 109. The Recovery Corp. realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 30 of this Complaint as fully set forth herein.
- 110. The Consulate Entities transferred the Assets to the Transferees and the Transferees are now controlled by the Control Individual, who negotiated the Settlement Documents and then orchestrated the Transfers to make it impossible for the Consulate Entities to pay the Aggregate Outstanding Balance.
- 111. The Control Individual and the Transferees were aware of and appreciated the fact that the Assets were transferred clandestinely, for insufficient value, in an insolvency scenario, and with other circumstances indicative of bad faith and fraudulent intent.

- 112. The totality of the circumstances makes it inequitable for the Transferees to retain the Assets without paying the value thereof.
- 113. The Control Individual and the Transferees fully knew that the value received was inequitable under the totality of the circumstances.

WHEREFORE, the Recovery Corp. demands judgment against the Control Individual and the Transferees, for the aggregate value of the Aggregate Outstanding Balance, together with interest, costs and such other relief as this Court deems appropriate.

D. <u>JURY TRIAL DEMANDED</u>

114. The Recovery Corp. demands a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

Dated this 22nd day of April 2024.

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EXHIBIT "F"

Claimant Last Name	Claimant First Name	Debtor Name	Street Address	New Owner/Licensee (Transferee)	Controlling Interest	Operator Date Change	Real Property Owner LLC
1 Cobb	Doneatha	1010 Carpenters Way Operations, LLC	1010 Carpenters Way Lakeland, Fl 33809	Wedgewood Operating LLC	Wedgewood Holdco LLC	9/5/2023	1010 Carpenters Way Fl Owner LLC / Welltower Inc
2 Rigas	Gail	1120 West Donegan Avenue Operations, LLC	1120 W, Donegan Ave Kissimmee, Fl 34741	West Donegan AVE SNF OPCO LLC	West Donegan SNF Parent LLC	9/1/2023	1120 West Donegan Avenue Fl Owner LLC / Welltower Inc
3 Acevedo	Sharon	1120 West Donegan Avenue Operations, LLC	1120 W, Donegan Ave Kissimmee, Fl 34741	West Donegan AVE SNF OPCO LLC	West Donegan SNF Parent LLC	9/1/2023	1120 West Donegan Avenue Fl Owner LLC / Welltower Inc
4 Mackey	George	1120 West Donegan Avenue Operations, LLC	1120 W, Donegan Ave Kissimmee, Fl 34741	West Donegan AVE SNF OPCO LLC	West Donegan SNF Parent LLC	9/1/2023	1120 West Donegan Avenue Fl Owner LLC / Welltower Inc
5 McKinnion-Murphy	Netti	1120 West Donegan Avenue Operations, LLC	1120 W, Donegan Ave Kissimmee, Fl 34741	West Donegan AVE SNF OPCO LLC	West Donegan SNF Parent LLC	9/1/2023	1120 West Donegan Avenue Fl Owner LLC / Welltower Inc
6 Lizardi	Miriam	1120 West Donegan Avenue Operations, LLC	1120 W, Donegan Ave Kissimmee, Fl 34741	West Donegan AVE SNF OPCO LLC	West Donegan SNF Parent LLC	9/1/2023	1120 West Donegan Avenue Fl Owner LLC / Welltower Inc
7 McHenry	Vickie	11565 Harts Road Operations, LLC	11565 Harts Rd Jacksonville, Fl 32218	11565 Harts Road Operations, LLC	Epsilon Healthcare Properties LLC	2/1/2012	Beverty Investment Properties
8 Barrett	Harry Wayne	11565 Harts Road Operations, LLC	11565 Harts Rd Jacksonville, Fl 32218	11565 Harts Road Operations, LLC	Epsilon Healthcare Properties LLC	2/1/2012	Beverty Investment Properties
9 Mazza	Alfonso	12170 Cortez Boulevard Operations, LLC	12170 Cortez Blvd Brooksville, Fl 34613	12170 Cortez Blvd Opco LLC		12/1/2023	FC Encore Brooksville II, LLC / Omega Healthcare Investors Inc
10 Perez	Suzanne	1465 Oakfield Drive Operations, LLC	1465 Oakfield Dr Brandon, Fl 33511	1465 Oakfield Dr OPCO LLC	1465 Oakfield Dr OPCO Parent LLC	12/1/2023	FC Encore Brandon LLC / Omega Healthcare Investors Inc
11 Foster	Levi	15204 West Colonial Drive Operations, LLC	15204 W Colonial Dr Winter Garden, Fl 34787	West Colonial Drive OPCO LLC	West Colonial Parent LLC	9/1/2023	15204 W Colonial Drive Fl Owner LLC / Welltower Inc
12 Lane	Ingrid K.	1550 Jess Parrish Court Operations, LLC	1550 Jess Parrish Ct Titusville, FL 32796	Vista Manor Operating LLC	Vista Manor Holdco LLC	9/5/2023	1550 Jess Parrish Court Fl Owner LLC
13 Knight	Mae	1615 Miami Road Operations, LLC	1615 Miami Rd Ft Lauderdale, Fl 33316	Miami Road OPCO LLC	Miami Road Parent LLC	9/1/2023	1615 Miami Road Fl Owner LLC
14 Walker	Lula Mae	1615 Miami Road Operations, LLC	1615 Miami Rd Ft Lauderdale, Fl 33316	Miami Road OPCO LLC	Miami Road Parent LLC	9/1/2023	1615 Miami Road Fl Owner LLC
15 Poarch	Erin	1851 Elkcam Boulevard Operations, LLC	1851 Elkcam Blvd Deltona, Fl 32725	Deltona Operating LLC	Deltona Holdco LLC	9/5/2023	FC Encore Deltona LLC / Omega Healthcare Investors Inc
16 Kolbe	Richard	1851 Elkcam Boulevard Operations, LLC	1851 Elkcam Blvd Deltona, Fl 32725	Deltona Operating LLC	Deltona Holdco LLC	9/5/2023	FC Encore Deltona LLC / Omega Healthcare Investors Inc
17 Knicley	Peggy	195 Mattie M. Kelly Boulevard Operations, LLC	195 Mattie M Kelly Blvd Destin, Fl 32541	Destin Senior Care, LLC	Various	4/17/2023	FC Encor Destin LLC/ Omega Healthcare Investors Inc
18 Ortiz	Crispin	216 Santa Barbara Boulevard Operations, LLC	216 Santa Barbara Blvd Cape Coral, Fl 33991	Santa Barbara Blvd OPCO LLC	Santa Barbara Parent LLC	11/2/2023	FC Encore Cape Coral LLC/ Omega Healthcare Investors Inc
19 Guelich	Judy	2333 North Brentwood Circle Operations, LLC	2333 N. Brentwood Cir Lecanto FL 34461	North Brentwood Circle OPCO LLC	Brentwood Parent LLC	11/2/2023	FC Encore Lecanto LLC / Omega Healthcare Investors Inc
20 Barry	John	2826 Cleveland Avenue Operations, LLC	2826 Cleveland Ave, Fort Myers, Fl 33901	2826 Cleveland Avenue Operations, LLC	Epsilon Healthcare Properties LLC	2/1/2012	Decathlon Tyst LLC
21 Skow-Barr	Delano	2826 Cleveland Avenue Operations, LLC	2826 Cleveland Ave, Fort Myers, Fl 33901	2826 Cleveland Avenue Operations, LLC	Epsilon Healthcare Properties LLC	2/1/2012	Decathlon Tyst LLC
22 Woodard	Chester	2826 Cleveland Avenue Operations, LLC	2826 Cleveland Ave, Fort Myers, Fl 33901	2826 Cleveland Avenue Operations, LLC	Epsilon Healthcare Properties LLC	2/1/2012	Decathlon Tyst LLC
23 Milsap	Carmen	3001 Palm Coast Parkway Operations, LLC	3001 Palm Coast Parkway SE Palm Coast, FL 32137	Palm Coast PKWY OPCO LLC	Palm Coast Parent LLC	11/2/2023	FC Encore Palm Coast LLC / Omega Healthcare Investors Inc
24 Foster	Mary	3001 Palm Coast Parkway Operations, LLC	3001 Palm Coast Parkway SE Palm Coast, FL 32137	Palm Coast PKWY OPCO LLC	Palm Coast Parent LLC	11/2/2023	FC Encore Palm Coast LLC / Omega Healthcare Investors Inc
25 Blair	Bobby	3001 Palm Coast Parkway Operations, LLC	3001 Palm Coast Parkway SE Palm Coast, FL 32137	Palm Coast PKWY OPCO LLC	Palm Coast Parent LLC	11/2/2023	FC Encore Palm Coast LLC / Omega Healthcare Investors Inc
26 Powell	Tereather	3101 Ginger Drive Operations, LLC	3101 Ginger Dr Tallahassee, FL 32308	Ginger Drive OPCO LLC	Ginger Parent LLC	11/2/2023	FC Encore Core Tallahassee I LLC / Omega Healthcare Investors Inc
27 Malcomb	Buddy	3735 Evans Avenue Operations, LLC	3735 Evans Ave Fort Myers, Fl 33901	Evans Avenue OPCO LLC	Evans Parent LLC	11/2/2023	FC Encore Fort Myers LLC / Omega Healthcare Inverstors Inc
28 McGhee	David	3735 Evans Avenue Operations, LLC	3735 Evans Ave Fort Myers, Ft 33901	Evans Avenue OPCO LLC	Evans Parent LLC	11/2/2023	FC Encore Fort Myers LLC / Omega Healthcare Inverstors Inc
29 Rucker-Fluellen	Mildred	3735 Evans Avenue Operations, LLC	3735 Evans Ave Fort Myers, Fl 33901	Evans Avenue OPCO LLC	Evans Parent LLC	11/2/2023	FC Encore Fort Myers LLC / Omega Healthcare Inverstors Inc
30 Moran	Doris	3735 Evans Avenue Operations, LLC	3735 Evans Ave Fort Myers, Fl 33901	Evans Avenue OPCO LLC	Evans Parent LLC	11/2/2023	FC Encore Fort Myers LLC / Omega Healthcare Inverstors Inc
31 Griffin	John	3920 Rosewood Way Operations, LLC	3920 Rosewood Way Orlando, Fl 32808	3920 Rosewood Way OPCO LLC	3920 Rosewood Way OPCO Parent LLC	12/1/2023	3920 Rosewood Way Ft Owner LLC / Welltower Inc
32 Joseph	Maria L.	4200 Washington Street Operations, LLC	4200 Washington St Hollywood, FL 33021	Hillcrest OPCO LLC	Hillcrest OPCO Holdings LLC	9/29/2023	Hillcrest Propco LLC
33 Antoine	Philomene	4200 Washington Street Operations, LLC	4200 Washington St Hollywood, FL 33021	Hillcrest OPCO LLC	Hillcrest OPCO Holdings LLC	9/29/2023	Hillcrest Propco LLC
34 Manuel	Anthony	4200 Washington Street Operations, LLC	4200 Washington St Hollywood, FL 33021	Hillcrest OPCO LLC	Hillcrest OPCO Holdings LLC	9/29/2023	Hillcrest Propco LLC
35 Mompoint	Juliette	4200 Washington Street Operations, LLC	4200 Washington St Hollywood, FL 33021	Hillcrest OPCO LLC	Hillcrest OPCO Holdings LLC	9/29/2023	Hillcrest Propco LLC

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36 Oegar	Avram	4200 Washington Street Operations, LLC	4200 Washington St Hollywood, FL 33021	Hillcrest OPCO LLC	Hillcrest OPCO Holdings LLC	9/29/2023	Hillcrest Propco LLC
37 Pina	Mirelle	4200 Washington Street Operations, LLC	4200 Washington St Hollywood, FL 33021	Hillcrest OPCO LLC	Hillcrest OPCO Holdings LLC	9/29/2023	Hillcrest Propco LLC
38 Tillman	Linda	4200 Washington Street Operations, LLC	4200 Washington St Hollywood, FL 33021	Hillcrest OPCO LLC	Hillcrest OPCO Holdings LLC	9/29/2023	Hillcrest Propco LLC
39 Vargas	Gerado	4200 Washington Street Operations, LLC	4200 Washington St Hollywood, FL 33021	Hillcrest OPCO LLC	Hillcrest OPCO Holdings LLC	9/29/2023	Hillcrest Propco LLC
40 Gibson	Benny	4641 Old Canoe Creek Road Operations, LLC	4641 Old Canoe Creek Road Sanit Cloud, FL 34769	541 Old Canoe Creek Rd OPCO LLC	541 Old Canoe Creek Rd OPCO Parent LLC	12/1/2023	541 Old Canoe Creek Rd Fl Owner LLC / Welltower Inc
41 Diaz	Jose R.	518 West Fletcher Avenue Operations, LLC	518 W Fletcher Ave Tampa, Fl 33612	West Fletcher Ave OPCO LLC	West Fletcher Parent LLC	9/1/2023	518 West Fletcher Avenue FL Owner LLC / Welltower Inc
42 Hill	Roosevelt	518 West Fletcher Avenue Operations, LLC	518 W Fletcher Ave Tampa, Fl 33612	West Fletcher Ave OPCO LLC	West Fletcher Parent LLC	9/1/2023	518 West Fletcher Avenue FL Owner LLC / Welltower Inc
43 Abel	Bebee	5405 Babcock Street Operations, LLC	5405 Babcock St NE Palm Bay, Fl 32905	5405 Babcock St NE OPCO LLC	5405 Babcock St NE OPCO Parent LLC	12/1/2023	5405 Babcock ST NE Fl Owner LLC / Welltower Inc
44 Holt	Mary	6305 Cortez Road West Operations, LLC	6305 Cortez Rd W Bradenton, Fl 34210	6305 Cortez RD W OPCO LLC	6305 Cortez RD W OPCO Parent LLC		FC Encore Bradenton LLC / Omega Healthcare Investors Inc
	Catherine	6305 Cortez Road West Operations, LLC	6305 Cortez Rd W Bradenton, Fl 34210	6305 Cortez RD W OPCO LLC	6305 Cortez RD W OPCO Parent LLC		FC Encore Bradenton LLC / Omega Healthcare Investors Inc
46 Rodriguez	Delia	6414 13th Road South Operations, LLC	6414 13th Rd S Greenacres, Fl 33415	13th Road OPCO LLC	13th Road Parent LLC		Marlin Wood Lake Propco LLC / Welltower Inc
47 Thenor	Rosita	6414 13th Road South Operations, LLC	6414 13th Rd S Greenacres, Ft 33415	13th Road OPCO LLC	13th Road Parent LLC		Marlin Wood Lake Propco LLC / Welttower Inc
48 Aker	Kevin	·					·
		6700 N.W. 10th Place Operations, LLC	6700 NW 10th Place Gainesville, Fl 32605	NW 10th Place OPCO LLC	NW 10th Parent LLC		6700 NW 10th Place Fl Owner LLC
	Donald	6700 N.W. 10th Place Operations, LLC	6700 NW 10th Place Gainesville, Fl 32605	NW 10th Place OPCO LLC	NW 10th Parent LLC		6700 NW 10th Place Fl Owner LLC
,	Gwendolyn	6700 N.W. 10th Place Operations, LLC	6700 NW 10th Place Gainesville, Fl 32605	NW 10th Place OPCO LLC	NW 10th Parent LLC		6700 NW 10th Place FI Owner LLC
51 Wilkie	Barbara	6700 N.W. 10th Place Operations, LLC	6700 NW 10th Place Gainesville, Fl 32605	NW 10th Place OPCO LLC	NW 10th Parent LLC	9/1/2023	6700 NW 10th Place FI Owner LLC
52 Whitcomb	Susan	702 South Kings Avenue Operations, LLC	702 S Kings Ave Brandon, Fl 33511	702 S Kings OPCO LLC (not in Sunbiz)	702 S Kings OPCO Parent LLC	12/1/2023	Florida Lessor - Five Facilities Inc
53 Sampson	Marguerite	710 North Sun Drive Operations, LLC	710 North Sun Drive Lake Mary, Fl 32746	710 N SUN DR OPCO LLC	710 N Sun Dr OPCO Parent LLC	12/1/2023	710 N Sun Dr Fl Owner LLC / Welltower Inc
54 Cherba	Nancy	710 North Sun Drive Operations, LLC	710 North Sun Drive Lake Mary, Fl 32746	710 N SUN DR OPCO LLC	710 N Sun Dr OPCO Parent LLC	12/1/2023	710 N Sun Dr Fl Owner LLC / Welltower Inc
55 Norris	Dorothy	710 North Sun Drive Operations, LLC	710 North Sun Drive Lake Mary, Fl 32746	710 N SUN DR OPCO LLC	710 N Sun Dr OPCO Parent LLC	12/1/2023	710 N Sun Dr Fl Owner LLC / Welltower Inc
56 Solash-Reed	Linda	710 North Sun Drive Operations, LLC	710 North Sun Drive Lake Mary, Fl 32746	710 N SUN DR OPCO LLC	710 N Sun Dr OPCO Parent LLC	12/1/2023	710 N Sun Dr Fl Owner LLC / Welltower Inc
57 Howard	Don	710 North Sun Drive Operations, LLC	710 North Sun Drive Lake Mary, Fl 32746	710 N SUN DR OPCO LLC	710 N Sun Dr OPCO Parent LLC	12/1/2023	710 N Sun Dr Fl Owner LLC / Welltower Inc
58 Cummingham	Jeffrey	741 South Beneva Road Operations, LLC	741 South Beneva Road Sarasota, Fl 34232	741 S Beneva RD OPCO LLC	741 S Beneva RD OPCO Parent LLC	12/1/2023	741 S Beneva Rd Fl Owner LLC / Welltower Inc
59 Ashley	Mary	777 Ninth Street North Operations, LLC	777 9th St N Naples, FL 34102				FC Encore Naples LLC / Omega Healthcare Investors Inc
60 Higgins	Joan	777 Ninth Street North Operations, LLC	777 9th St N Naples, FL 34102				FC Encore Naples LLC / Omega Healthcare Investors Inc
61 Bershadski	Nelia	777 Ninth Street North Operations, LLC	777 9th St N Naples, FL 34102				FC Encore Naples LLC / Omega Healthcare Investors Inc
62 Davis	Larry	777 Ninth Street North Operations, LLC	777 9th St N Naples, FL 34102				FC Encore Naples LLC / Omega Healthcare Investors Inc
63 Zayas	Edwin	7950 Lake Underhill Road Operations, LLC	7950 Lake Underhill Road Orlando, Fl 32822	7950 Lake Underhill Road Operations, LLC	Epsilon Healthcare Properties LLC	2/1/2012	Rio Propco LLC
64 O'Berry	Barbara	7950 Lake Underhill Road Operations, LLC	7950 Lake Underhill Road Orlando, Fl 32822	7950 Lake Underhill Road Operations, LLC	Epsilon Healthcare Properties LLC	2/1/2012	Rio Propco LLC
65 Rojas	Gloria	7950 Lake Underhill Road Operations, LLC	7950 Lake Underhill Road Orlando, Fl 32822	7950 Lake Underhill Road Operations, LLC	Epsilon Healthcare Properties LLC	2/1/2012	Rio Propco LLC
66 Vega	Rafel	7950 Lake Underhill Road Operations, LLC	7950 Lake Underhill Road Orlando, Fl 32822	7950 Lake Underhill Road Operations, LLC	Epsilon Healthcare Properties LLC	2/1/2012	Rio Propco LLC
67 Gates	Shirley	9311 South Orange Blossom Trail Operations, LLC	9311 S. Orange Blossom Trl Orlando, Fl 32837	Parks Operating LLC	Parks Holdco LLC	4/1/2023	Marlin Parks Propco LLC / Welltower Inc
		9311 South Orange Blossom Trail Operations, LLC	9311 S. Orange Blossom Trl Orlando, Fl 32837	Parks Operating LLC	Parks Holdco LLC		Marlin Parks Propco LLC / Welltower Inc
69 Williams	Nessa	9311 South Orange Blossom Trail Operations, LLC	9311 S. Orange Blossom Trl Orlando, Fl 32837	Parks Operating LLC	Parks Holdco LLC		Marlin Parks Propco LLC / Welltower Inc
70 McKenzie	Stanley	9311 South Orange Blossom Trail Operations, LLC	9311 S. Orange Blossom Trl Orlando, Fl 32837	Parks Operating LLC	Parks Holdco LLC		Martin Parks Propos LLC / Welttower Inc

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71 Ash	Avery	9311 South Orange Blossom Trail Operations, LLC	9311 S. Orange Blossom Trl Orlando, Fl 32837	Parks Operating LLC	Parks Holdco LLC	4/1/2023	Marlin Parks Propco LLC / Welltower Inc
72 Scott	Moses	9355 San Jose Boulevard Operations, LLC	9355 San Jose Blvd Jacksonville, Fl 32257	San Jose Blvd OPCO LLC	San Jose Parent LLC	9/1/2023	9355 San Jose Boulevard Fl Owner LLC / Welltower Inc
73 Sullivan	Timothy	9355 San Jose Boulevard Operations, LLC	9355 San Jose Blvd Jacksonville, Fl 32257	San Jose Blvd OPCO LLC	San Jose Parent LLC	9/1/2023	9355 San Jose Boulevard Fl Owner LLC / Welltower Inc
74 Barrow	Rebecca	Baya Nursing and Rehabilitation, LLC	587 SE Ermine Ave Lake City, FL 32025	Baya Nursing and Rehabilitation, LLC	Consulate MZHBS Leaseholdings LLC	8/1/2013	Baya Realty LLC
75 Meyer	Veron	Baya Nursing and Rehabilitation, LLC	587 SE Ermine Ave Lake City, FL 32025	Baya Nursing and Rehabilitation, LLC	Consulate MZHBS Leaseholdings LLC	8/1/2013	Baya Realty LLC
76 Paul-Bennett	Karen	Baya Nursing and Rehabilitation, LLC	587 SE Ermine Ave Lake City, FL 32025	Baya Nursing and Rehabilitation, LLC	Consulate MZHBS Leaseholdings LLC	8/1/2013	Baya Realty LLC
77 Collins	Gerald	Baya Nursing and Rehabilitation, LLC	587 SE Ermine Ave Lake City, FL 32025	Baya Nursing and Rehabilitation, LLC	Consulate MZHBS Leaseholdings LLC	8/1/2013	Baya Realty LLC
78 Mitchell	Doris	Brandon Facility Operations, LLC	701 Victoria St Brandon, Fl 33510	Brandon Health OPCO LLC	Brandon Member LLC	4/1/2022	Crea Brandon C LLC
79 Padron	Marina	Floridean Facility Operations, LLC	47 NW 32nd PL Miami, Fl 33125	Floridian Facility Operations LLC	Consulate NHCG Leaseholdings LLC	2/1/2015	Floridean Realty Group LLC
80 Donald	Charles	Jacksonville Facility Operations, LLC	4101 Southpoint DR E Jacksonville, FL 32216	Southpoint Drive East OPCO LLC	Southpoint Parent LLC	9/1/2023	Marlin Raydiant Jacksonville Propco LLC / Welltower Inc
81 Hall	James	Jacksonville Facility Operations, LLC	4101 Southpoint DR E Jacksonville, FL 32216	Southpoint Drive East OPCO LLC	Southpoint Parent LLC	9/1/2023	Marlin Raydiant Jacksonville Propco LLC / Welltower Inc
82 Graham	Madeline	Jacksonville Facility Operations, LLC	4101 Southpoint DR E Jacksonville, FL 32216	Southpoint Drive East OPCO LLC	Southpoint Parent LLC	9/1/2023	Marlin Raydiant Jacksonville Propco LLC / Welltower Inc
83 Clavijo	Rosenda	Kissimmee Facility Operations, LLC	2511 N John Young PKWY Kissimmee, FL 34741	Kissimmee OPCO LLC	Kissimmee Member LLC	4/1/2022	Crea Kissimmee LLC
84 Owens	Lular	Kissimmee Facility Operations, LLC	2511 N John Young PKWY Kissimmee, FL 34741	Kissimmee OPCO LLC	Kissimmee Member LLC	4/1/2022	Crea Kissimmee LLC
85 Gager	Ehud	Kissimmee Facility Operations, LLC	2511 N John Young PKWY Kissimmee, FL 34741	Kissimmee OPCO LLC	Kissimmee Member LLC	4/1/2022	Crea Kissimmee LLC
86 Hause	Mary	Melbourne Facility Operations, LLC	3033 Sarno Rd Melbourne, FL 32934	Melbourne OPCO LLC	Melbourne Member LLC	4/1/2022	Crea Melbourne LLC
87 Celestin	Sylvia	Miami Facility Operations, LLC	800 NW 95th St Miami, Fl 33150	Franco SNF Operations LLC	Franco SNF Operations Holdings LLC	4/1/2022	Crea Franco LLC
88 Brown-Smith	Anna	Miami Facility Operations, LLC	800 NW 95th St Miami, Fl 33150	Franco SNF Operations LLC	Franco SNF Operations Holdings LLC	4/1/2022	Crea Franco LLC
89 Rojas	Aldermaro	Miami Facility Operations, LLC	800 NW 95th St Miami, Fl 33150	Franco SNF Operations LLC	Franco SNF Operations Holdings LLC	4/1/2022	Crea Franco LLC
90 Walker	Louise	Miami Facility Operations, LLC	800 NW 95th St Miami, Fl 33150	Franco SNF Operations LLC	Franco SNF Operations Holdings LLC	4/1/2022	Crea Franco LLC
91 Martinez	Luz	New Port Richey Facility Operations, LLC	8417 Old County Rd 54 New Port Richey, Fl 34653	New Port Richey OPCO LLC	New Port Richey Member LLC	4/1/2022	Crea New Port Richey LLC
92 Burdieri	Theresa Mary	North Fort Myers Facility Operations, LLC	991 Pondella RD North Fort Myers FL 33903	Pondella Road OPCO LLC	Pondella Parent LLC	9/1/2023	Marlin Raydiant Fort Myers, Propco LLC / Welltower Inc
93 Thomspon	Michael	North Fort Myers Facility Operations, LLC	991 Pondella RD North Fort Myers FL 33903	Pondella Road OPCO LLC	Pondella Parent LLC	9/1/2023	Martin Raydiant Fort Myers, Propco LLC / Welltower Inc
94 Davis	Larry	North Fort Myers Facility Operations, LLC	991 Pondella RD North Fort Myers FL 33903	Pondella Road OPCO LLC	Pondella Parent LLC	9/1/2023	Martin Raydiant Fort Myers, Propco LLC / Welltower Inc
95 White	Jessie Mae	Orange Park Facility Operations, LLC	1215 Kingsley Ave Orange Park, Fl 32073	1215 Kingsley Ave OPCO LLC	1215 Kinglsey Ave OPCO Parent LLC	12/1/2023	3
96 Jones	Juanita	Port Charlotte Facility Operations, LLC	18480 Cochran Blvd Port Charlotte, Fl 33948	Port Charlotte OPCO LLC	Port Charlotte Member LLC	5/3/2022	18400 Cochran BLVD LLC / Altus Group
97 Murison	David	Port Charlotte Facility Operations, LLC	18480 Cochran Blvd Port Charlotte, Fl 33948	Port Charlotte OPCO LLC	Port Charlotte Member LLC	5/3/2022	18400 Cochran BLVD LLC / Altus Group
98 Nielsen	Martin	West Altamonte Facility Operations, LLC	1099 West Town Parkway Altamonte Springs, Fl 32714	West Altamonte OPCO LLC		5/3/2022	Crea W Altamonte LLC / Altus Group
99 Rousseau	Daniel	West Altamonte Facility Operations, LLC	1099 West Town Parkway Altamonte Springs, Fl 32714	West Altamonte OPCO LLC		5/3/2022	Crea W Altamonte LLC / Altus Group
100 Taylor	Catherine	West Altamonte Facility Operations, LLC	1099 West Town Parkway Altamonte Springs, Fl 32714	West Altamonte OPCO LLC		5/3/2022	Crea W Altamonte LLC / Altus Group

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Re: Consulate/Aspire/Synergy Health Care Services/NSPIRE/Radiant

Dear Colleagues:

This letter is written pursuant to <u>Florida Statutes</u> §400.024(1) and other applicable law, to address substantial compliance concerns regarding Consulate Synergy Healthcare, Consulate and Synergy HGS Legal, Nspire-Radiant-Independence Consulate HES, and perhaps related entities (collectively, "Consulate"). This letter is written on behalf of ninety-seven (97) clients (collectively, the "Claimants") who possess claims against Consulate. Consulate's recent defaults in connection with hundreds of timed payment settlement agreements (collectively, the

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"Settlement Agreements") raise profound concerns that we wish to bring to the attention of the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration ("AHCA"). To address this situation, the Claimants have formed Healthcare Negligence Settlement Recovery Corp. (the "Recovery Corp.") to commence litigation, and instructed our law firm to bring the default situation to your attention.

As you may know, Consulate has owned and operated approximately 140 skilled nursing facilities (collectively, the "SNFs") throughout the State of Florida. Our law firm acts as cocounsel in the representation of the Claimants, all of whom are nursing home resident victims, or survivors of victims formerly residing at these SNFs. All the Claimants are represented in the first instance by specialized plaintiffs' counsel, a total of fifteen (15) law firms throughout the State of Florida (collectively, the "Plaintiffs Firms"). Lead counsel for the Claimants are copied below. With respect to each of the Claimants, Consulate has tacitly acknowledged liability in agreeing to settlements with the Claimants and the Plaintiffs Firms.

The Plaintiffs Firms have represented the Claimants over an extended period of time: The aggregate amount of claims liquidated in Settlement Agreements amounts to \$10,763,500, of which \$8,678,877 remains outstanding. For your convenience, I have prepared a "Claimant Schedule" that lists each of the Claimants, identifies each of the corresponding Plaintiffs Firms representing each such Claimant, and unpaid balance set forth in the corresponding Settlement Agreement as of the date of this letter. The Claimant Schedule is enclosed for your consideration as Enclosure "A." Consulate's track record for resident care is extremely disappointing. Consulate's track record of staying current with Settlement Agreements is equally problematic.

Like most healthcare conglomerates, Consulate has utilized a multi-tiered corporate structure to own, operate, and manage its SNFs. The vagaries of corporate structure have until now not been the concern of the Claimants or the Plaintiffs Firms. Amicable resolution of claims obviated the need for investigating solvency and viability of Consulate. But now, Consulate has defaulted in numerous payment obligations to the Claimants under various Settlement Agreements, many of which involve claims pending before Courts of competent jurisdiction. When one considers Consulate's poor track record of resident care, and failure to carry sufficient insurance coverage, the magnitude of the problem justifies prompt regulatory intervention. Three (3) of the Claimants have now obtained judgments due to non-payment.

Consulate's widespread and expanding web of defaults does not stem from logistical or administrative kerfuffles: To the contrary, Consulate appears to be in the midst of a shifting shell game motivated by a desire to place assets away from the claims of undisputed creditors, including the Claimants and others similarly situated. The various Consulate entities are apparently changing their ownership and operation corporate structures. It further appears some Consulate entities have changed to other entities including Synergy Healthcare Services, Radiant, Independence, NSPIRE, and Aspire. Although our paralegals have limited access to AHCA records, it now appears that new entities are operating many or most of the SNFs giving rise to the Claimants' claims.

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Although Consulate has not been forthcoming with news of corporate restructurings, this can hardly be considered a secret: <u>The Tampa Bay Times</u> recently reported the following:

In the wake of a bankruptcy filing and a slew of bad press over the last few years, the privately held chain — the sixth-largest nursing home company in the nation — has quietly divided its Florida facilities into three separate companies. All three appear to still be affiliated with Consulate.

A copy of the referenced article, and a second article on point, are provided as Composite Enclosure "B." The <u>Times</u> article reports that Synergy Health Care Services is now made up of all former Consulate executives. The certificate of service litigation e-mail addresses on some of the Consulate related bankruptcy cases were also listed as @synergyhcs.com. The former CEO of Consulate is now the CEO of Synergy. While Consulate sets a dangerous example for other nursing home chains, healthcare for elders in the State of Florida approaches a nadir. The AARP Long-Term Services and Supports State Score Card for 2023 shows the State of Florida as 43rd out of 50, as reflected in the copy provided as Enclosure "C." The Claimants have begun the process of obtaining judgments; however, there is every reason to believe that the specific Consulate parties in privity who have ceased making settlement payments will be uncollectible as a result of apparent corporate machinations.

As you know, the Florida Nursing Home Residents Rights statutes were recently amended to require nursing homeowner/operators and licensees to provide proper written notice of any proposed change or ownership or change of operator <u>before</u> any such transactions could be approved. See <u>Florida Statutes</u> §400.024, provided as Enclosure "D." Part of the purpose behind this law change was to prevent nursing home chains from avoiding liability for claims with corporate name and ownership changes such as this. The written notice was to be provided to AHCA and to all claimants so that they have an opportunity to object if the owner/licensees cannot prove financial accountability and ability to pay the existing claims. Consulate and their owner operators in the Claimants' actions, and all the other approximately hundreds of cases, failed to provide this statutory notice to known creditors holding binding settlement agreements. As such, these changes of ownership and changes of operators should be promptly investigated and invalidated if cause exists to believe that violations have occurred.

As noted above, change of ownership of a SNF can present itself to an unscrupulous owner/operator as a cheap and efficient method of avoiding the logical consequences of negligent care. The fact that Consulate freely admitted liability to the Claimants, and became bound under the Settlement Agreements, removes any doubt regarding the financial irresponsibility of management. As claims are reduced to judgment, and with defaults across the board imminent, I note that Florida Statute §400.024(1) provides as follows with respect to the rights of a judgment creditor regarding matters of this kind:

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Upon the entry by a Florida court of an adverse final judgment against a licensee as defined in s. 400.023(2) which arises from an award pursuant to s. 400.023, including an arbitration award, for a claim of negligence or a violation of residents' rights, in contract or tort, or from noncompliance with the terms of a settlement agreement as determined by a court or arbitration panel, which arises from a claim pursuant to s. 400.023, the licensee shall pay the judgment creditor the entire amount of the judgment, award, or settlement and all accrued interest within 60 days after the date such judgment, award, or settlement becomes final and subject to execution unless otherwise mutually agreed to in writing by the parties. Failure to make such payment shall result in additional grounds that may be used by the agency for revoking a license or for denying a renewal application or a related party change of ownership application as provided in this section.

Copies of three such judgments are provided as Composite Enclosure "E." In sending this notice, I have attempted to comply with the statutory requirements that AHCA be notified as to the existence of the unsatisfied judgments in order to determine whether there is a basis to revoke a license or deny a renewal application.

Regarding all the matters set forth above, I would appreciate it if you would contact me for follow up required so that our firm, the Plaintiffs Firms, and the Claimants can fully comply with the notification requirements of Florida Statutes §400.024(2), and the letter and spirit of the recent amendments. I understand that AHCA may issue an emergency order under Florida Statutes §§120.60 and 400.024(3) upon consideration of this notification. Please note that I am providing a copy of this correspondence to all counsel of record associated with each of the Plaintiffs Firms, so that they will keep the Claimants informed, and assist with all the supporting information needed to fully investigate the situation.

Thank you for your consideration of the foregoing.

Sincerely,

John A. Anthony

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Enclosure "A"

EXHIBIT "A" - CLAIMANT REGISTER

	Claimant/Plaintiff Name	Claimant PR/PoA/ Releasor	Defendant Entity	Settlement Date	Settlement Amount	Outstanding Amount
1	Stacey Abel , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Bebee Abel	Abel, PR	5405 Babcock Street Operations, LLC; Epsilon Health Care Properties, LLC; CMC II, LLC; Lavie Care Centers, LLC	09/21/22	\$ 125,000	\$ 32,875
2	Sharon Acevedo	Acevedo, Releasor	1120 West Donegan Avenue Operations, LLC	07/09/22	\$140,000	\$ 81,667
3	Jacqueline D. Aker , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Kevin R. Aker	Aker, PR	6700 N.W. 10th Place Operations, LLC	03/02/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
4	Marie Cherisier , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Philomene A. Antoine	Cherisier, PR	4200 Washington Street Operations, LLC	02/14/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
5	Nancy Roarck , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Mary Ashley	Roarck, PR	777 Ninth Street North Operations, LLC	06/23/22	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
6	Harry Barrett	Barrett, Releasor	11565 Harts Road Operations, LLC	07/06/22	\$ 140,000	\$ 81,667
7	Norma Barry , as Power of Attorney for John Barry	Barry, PoA	2826 Cleveland Avenue Operations, LLC	07/09/21	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
8	Jechiel Bershadski , as Power of Attorney for Nelia Bershadski	Bershadski, PoA	777 Ninth Street North Operations, LLC	11/21/23	\$ 85,000	\$ 85,000
9	Connie Blair as Personal Representative of the Estate of Bobby Blair	Blair, PR	3001 Palm Coast Parkway Operations, LLC	05/31/22	\$ 140,000	\$ 81,667
10	Corrado Burdieri , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Theresa Mary Burdieri	Burdieri, PR	North Fort Myers Facility Operations, LLC; Consulate Facility Leasing, LLC	09/07/21	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
11	Gerard Celestin , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Sylvia Celestin	Celestin, PR	Miami Facility Operations, LLC	11/08/22	\$ 175,000	\$ 175,000
12	Michelle Stawicki , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Nancy A. Cherba	Stawicki, PR	710 North Sun Drive Operations, LLC; Lavie Care Centers, LLC	09/12/23	\$ 85,000	\$ 85,000

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	Jennifer Varela , a Personal Representative of the Estate of Rosenda Clavijo	Varela	Kissimmee Facility Operations, LLC	04/18/24	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
	Gwendolyn Cage , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Doneatha Cobb	Cage, PR	1010 Carpenters Way Operations, LLC	05/18/22	\$ 140,000	\$ 81,667
15	Joseph Cunningham , as Power of Attorney for Jeffrey J. Cunningham	Cunningham, PoA	741 South Beneva Road Operations, LLC	09/21/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
16	Jill R. Davis , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Larry R. Davis	Davis, PR	777 Ninth Street North Operations, LLC	06/29/23	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000
17	Jill R. Davis , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Larry R. Davis	Davis, PR	North Fort Myers Facility Operations, LLC	04/13/23	\$ 85,000	\$ 85,000
18	Jose R. Diaz , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Jose Rafael Diaz	Diaz, PR	518 West Fletcher Avenue Operations, LLC; Epsilon Health Care Properties, LLC; Lidenskab LLC	07/26/23	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
19	Quenita L. Donald , as Personal Representative or the Estate of Charles Donald	Donald, PR	Jacksonville Facility Operations, LLC	04/05/24	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
20	Tracy Lynn Druelle , as Power of Attorney for Catherine Druelle	Druelle, PoA	6305 Cortez Road West Operations, LLC	07/13/22	\$ 140,000	\$ 81,667
21	Linda Solash-Reed , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Billy Joe Early	Solash-Reed, PR	710 North Sun Drive Operations, LLC; Epsilon Health Care Properties, LLC	11/24/20	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000
22	Lesia A. Rucker , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Mildred G. Fluellen	Rucker, PR	3735 Evans Avenue Operations, LLC	03/09/23	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
	Pamela Foster , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Mary Foster	Foster, PR	3001 Palm Coast Parkway Operations, LLC	03/01/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
24	Nola Gager , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Ehud Gager	Gager, PR	Kissimmee Facility Operations, LLC	07/13/22	\$ 140,000	\$ 81,667
25	Donald Garrett	Garrett [Releasor]	6700 N.W. 10th Place Operations, LLC	09/29/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000

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26	Albert J. Gates , III, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Shirley Gates	Gates, PR	9311 South Orange Blossom Trail Operations, LLC	02/03/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
27	Benny Gibson	Gibson [Releasor]	4641 Old Canoe Creek Road Operations, LLC	08/12/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
28	Thomas Graham , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Madeline Graham	Graham	Jacksonville Facility Operations, LLC	09/27/22	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
29	Mindy Stoltz , as Power of Attorney for John M. Griffin	Stoltz, PoA	3920 Rosewood Way Operations, LLC	04/03/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
30	Janelle J. Guelich , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Judy Guelich	Guelich, PR	2333 North Brentwood Circle Operations, LLC; Josera, LLC; Independence Living Centers; Tosturi, LLC; Epsilon Health Care Properties, LLC	07/24/23	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
31	Tyler Hall Eagleson , as Personal Representative of the Estate of James Edward Hall	Eagleson, PR	Jacksonville Facility Operations, LLC	09/22/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
32	Constance A.M. Brandt , as Power of Attorney for Mary J. Hause	Brandt, PoA	Melbourne Facility Operations, LLC	07/11/22	\$ 140,000	\$ 81,667
33	Cheryl Waggoner , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Joan Kay Higgins	Waggoner, PR	777 Ninth Street North Operations, LLC	04/08/24	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
34	Geraldine Hill , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Roosevelt Hill	Hill, PR	518 West Fletcher Avenue Operations, LLC	04/11/22	\$ 140,000	\$ 81,667
35	Teresa Margraf , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Mary Holt	Margraf, PR	6305 Cortez Road West Operations, LLC	10/13/20	\$ 225,000	\$ 225,000
	Don Howard , Jr., as Personal Representative of the Estate of Don Howard [Case Style: Luthenia Hayes, PR]	Howard, Jr., PR	710 North Sun Drive Operations, LLC	08/24/21	\$ 175,000	\$ 25,000
37	Johnnie Mae Jones Smith , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Juanita Jones	Smith, PR	Port Charlotte Facility Operations, LLC	07/27/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000

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38	Danielle Anglade , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Maria Joseph	Anglade, PR	4200 Washington Street Operations, LLC; CMC II, LLC		\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
39	Laura Knicley , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Peggy Knicley	Knicley, PR	195 Mattie M. Kelly Boulevard Operations, LLC; Epsilon Health Care Properties, LLC	10/18/22	\$ 140,000	\$ 14,000
40	Angela Pinkney , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Mae Liza Knight	Pinkney, PR	1615 Miami Road Operations, LLC	04/11/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
41	Yvonne Kolbe , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Richard Kolbe	Kolbe, PR	1851 Elkcam Boulevard Operations, LLC; Epsilon Health Care Properties, LLC; Lavie Care Centers, LLC	10/07/22	\$ 100,000	\$ 37,500
42	Kendra Mae Mize , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Ingrid K. Lane	Mize	1550 Jess Parrish Court Operations, LLC; Epsilon Health Care Properties, LLC; LV CHC Holdings I, LLC; Concoure Partners, LLC; Lavie Care Centers, LLC; Concurrent Partners, LLP	04/18/24	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
43	Gloria Mackey	Mackey [Releasor]	1120 West Donegan Avenue Operations, LLC	04/11/22	\$ 140,000	\$ 81,667
44	Diane Malcomb , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Buddy R. Malcomb	Malcomb, PR	3735 Evans Avenue Operations, LLC	03/07/22	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
45	Billy Manuel , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Anthony Manuel	Manuel, PR	4200 Washington Street Operations, LLC	10/12/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
46	Lydia Martinez , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Luz M. Martinez	Martinez, PR	New Port Richey Facility Operations, LLC	06/06/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
47	Charles Mazza , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Alfonso Mazza	Mazza, PR	12170 Cortez Boulevard Operations, LLC; Epsilon Health Care Properties, LLC; Tosturi, LLC	09/01/23	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
48	Alberta Walls , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Gwendolyn McCray	Walls, PR	6700 N.W. 10th Place Operations, LLC	04/07/24	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000

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49	Darlene Yvette Cuves, as Personal Representative of the Estate of David McGhee	Cuves, PR	3735 Evans Avenue Operations, LLC	06/23/23	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000
50	Vickie McHenry	McHenry, Releasor	11565 Harts Road Operations, LLC	04/16/24	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000
51	Donald McKenzie , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Stanley McKenzie	McKenzie, PR	9311 South Orange Blossom Trail Operations, LLC	05/10/22	\$ 140,000	\$ 81,667
52	Melissa Smith , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Nettie P. McKinnon-Murphy	Smith, PR	1120 West Donegan Avenue Operations, LLC	05/23/22	\$ 140,000	\$ 81,667
53	Shannon Castro, as Power of Attorney for Vernon Lee Meyer	Castro, PoA	Baya Nursing and Rehabilitation, LLC	07/14/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
54	Eileen Miller	Miller [Releasor]	9400 SW 137th Avenue Operations LLC; NSPRMC, LLC	08/30/23	\$ 62,500	\$ 62,500
55	Carmen Millsap , as Personal Representative of the Estate of James Millsap	Millsap, PR	3001 Palm Coast Parkway Operations, LLC; CMC II, LLC	12/01/20	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
56	Anna Hollins , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Doris Mitchell	Hollins, PR	Brandon Facility Operations, LLC	06/23/22	\$ 140,000	\$ 81,667
57	Julienne Joseph , as Power of Attorney for Juliette Mompoint	Joseph, PoA	4200 Washington Street Operations, LLC	09/26/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
58	Donald Moran, as Power of Attorney for Doris Moran	Moran, PoA	3735 Evans Avenue Operations, LLC	05/19/22	\$ 140,000	\$ 81,667
59	Darlene L. Murison , as Personal Representative of the Estate of David G. Murison	Murison, PR	Port Charlotte Facility Operations, LLC	01/11/21	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
60	Howard Williams , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Nessa	Williams, PR	9311 South Orange Blossom Trail Operations, LLC	08/01/22	\$ 150,000	\$ 60,000
61	Joshua R. Nielsen , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Martin Nielsen	Nielsen, PR	West Altamonte Facility Operations, LLC	04/06/24	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000

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62	Margaret Jones-Frison , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Dorothy Johnson Norris	Jones-Frison, PR	710 North Sun Drive Operations, LLC; Lidenskab, LLC	06/20/23	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000
	David O'Berry , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Barbara O'Berry	O'Berry, PR	7950 Lake Underhill Road Operations, LLC	04/18/24	\$ 175,000	\$ 175,000
64	Avram S. Oegar , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Avram Oegar	Oegar, PR	4200 Washington Street Operations, LLC	02/23/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
65	Orlando Ortiz , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Crispin D. Ortiz	Ortiz, PR	216 Santa Barbara Boulevard Operations, LLC	10/10/23	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000
66	Jerri Owens , as Power of Attorney for Lular Owens	Owens, PoA	Kissimmee Facility Operations, LLC; Laive Care Centers, LLC	09/19/22	\$ 100,000	\$ 37,500
67	Gonzalo Padron , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Marina Padron	Padron, PR	Floridian Facility Operations, LLC	04/19/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
68	John Paul , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Karen Paul-Bennett	Paul, PR	Baya Nursing and Rehabilitation, LLC	05/18/22	\$ 140,000	\$ 81,667
	Karel S. Bennett , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Suzanne Perez	Bennett, PR	1465 Oakfield Drive Operations, LLC	01/11/24	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
70	Elizenda Pina Torres , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Mirelle Pina	Torres, PR	4200 Washington Street Operations, LLC	08/04/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
71	Tiffany Bivins , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Tereather Powell	Bivins, PR	3101 Ginger Drive Operations, LLC; Tallahassee Facility Operations, LLC; Josera, LLC; Tosturi, LLC; Epsilon Health Care Properties, LLC	03/26/24	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
	Brett Rigas , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Gail Rigas	Rigas, PR	7950 Lake Underhill Road Operations, LLC	10/19/22	\$ 160,000	\$ 16,000
73	Laura Reyes , as Power of Attorney for Delia Rodriguez	Reyes, PoA	6414 13th Road South Operations, LLC	11/06/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000

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74	Maria Herrera , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Aldemaro Rojas	Herrera, PR	Miami Facility Operations, LLC	07/28/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
75	Annabelle Rios , as Power of Attorney for Gloria Rojas	Rios, PoA	7950 Lake Underhill Road Operations, LLC	10/21/22	\$ 125,000	\$ 12,500
76	Daniel Rousseau , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Gertrude Rousseau	Rousseau, PR	West Altamonte Facility Operations, LLC	10/06/20	\$ 145,000	\$ 145,000
	Dennis Sampson , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Marguerite Sampson	Sampson, PR	710 North Sun Drive Operations, LLC	04/10/21	\$ 210,000	\$ 210,000
78	Sharon Scott , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Moses Scott , III	Scott, PR	9355 San Jose Boulevard Operations, LLC	05/13/22	\$ 140,000	\$ 81,667
79	Rita Baar , as Power of Attorney for Delano Skow	Baar, PoA	2826 Cleveland Avenue Operations, LLC	04/03/23	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000
	Qiana Watson , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Anna Marie Brown Smith	Watson, PR	Miami Facility Operations, LLC	04/07/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
81	Alilla Stover , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Machrell Stover	Stover, PR	9311 South Orange Blossom Trail Operations, LLC	03/06/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
82	Lashell Taylor , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Catherine Taylor	Taylor, PR	West Altamonte Facility Operations, LLC	08/11/23	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000
83	Emma Foster , as Plenary Guardian of the Ward Levi Foster	Foster, Plenary Guardian	15204 West Colonial Drive Operations, LLC	10/27/22	\$ 140,000	\$ 81,667
84	Marie C. Louine , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Rosita Thenor	Louine, PR	6414 13th Road South Operations, LLC	09/26/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
85	Erin Poarch , Individually and as Personal Representative of the Estate of William A. Thompson	Poarch, PR	North Fort Myers Facility Operations, LLC	05/20/21	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000

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86	Michael D. Thompson , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Christine Thompson	Thompson, PR	North Fort Myers Facility Operations, LLC	08/03/23	\$ 206,000	\$ 206,000
	Linda Tillman , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Bertha Tillman	Tillman, PR	4200 Washington Street Operations, LLC	02/17/23	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
88	Jennie Zayas , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Edwin A. Zayas Torres	Zayas, PR	7950 Lake Underhill Road Operations, LLC	01/09/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
	Rodney Christopher Vargas , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Gerardo Vargas	Vargas, PR	4200 Washington Street Operations, LLC	09/21/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
90	Juanita Davila , as Power of Attorney for Rafael Vega	Davila, PoA	7950 Lake Underhill Road Operations, LLC	04/14/22	\$ 140,000	\$ 81,667
91	James Walker, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Louise Walker	Walker, PR	Miami Facility Operations, LLC	06/21/22	\$ 140,000	\$ 81,667
92	Dennis W. Walker , Jr., as Personal Representative of the Estate of Lula Mae Walker	Walker, Jr., PR	1615 Miami Road Operations, LLC	05/18/22	\$ 140,000	\$ 81,667
u u	Rebecca Barrow , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Carolyn Wayt	Barrow, PR	Baya Nursing and Rehabilitation, LLC	12/16/21	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
94	Susan Whitcomb	Whitcomb	702 South Kings Avenue Operations, LLC	07/08/22	\$ 140,000	\$ 81,667
95	Stephania Redding , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Jessie White	Redding, PR	Orange Park Facility Operations, LLC	06/22/22	\$ 140,000	\$ 81,667
96	Anna Wendolyn Wilkie , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Barbara Wilkie	Wilkie, PR	6700 N.W. 10th Place Operations, LLC	07/06/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
97	Teresa R. Woodard , as Power of Attorney for Chester L. Woodard , Jr.	Woodard, PoA	2826 Cleveland Avenue Operations, LLC	07/10/20	\$ 50,000	\$ 30,000
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Enclosure "B"

Consulate nursing homes are changing names. Are they changing ownership?

Florida's largest chain still seems to be tied to the homes that now carry new branding.



Exterior photo of Radiant Health Care of Brandon, formerly Consulate Health pictured on Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022 in Brandon. [LUIS SANTANA | Times]
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The largest nursing home chain in Florida is rebranding.

On its website, Consulate Health Care Services no longer lists any long-term care facilities in the state.

In the wake of a bankruptcy filing and a slew of bad press over the last few years, the privately held chain — the sixth-largest nursing home company in the nation — has quietly divided its Florida facilities into three separate companies. All three appear to still be affiliated with Consulate.

Neither Consulate or the new companies responded to multiple requests for comment. On calls made to Consulate's corporate headquarters to reach a spokesperson,

employees directed the *Tampa Bay Times* to a person who denied working for the company.

"Consulate broke into four different companies," said a receptionist at Consulate Health Care's office in Georgia. "Anything that's outside of the state of Florida is still considered Consulate. Anything inside the state of Florida has been divvied up among Radiant, Independence and NSPIRE. But we are still the corporate office for any of those companies."

Many of Consulate's Florida nursing homes have begun to change their individual names as well, erasing any affiliation with the chain.

Such reorganization leaves consumers in the dark, critics say.

"If you Google Consulate, you've got 20 years of bad press," said Bill Dean, a former Miami-Dade prosecutor who now specializes in suing nursing homes. "But no one is ever going to know that the new 'Happy Nursing Home LLC' is actually the same exact people as Consulate. It's the same employees, the same leadership — but it's now under a new, rebranded fancy name."

With new company names and opaque relationships, he said, consumers searching for a nursing home in Florida may have a hard time knowing a facility's prior history or current ownership.

A household name

Consulate was well known in Florida even before the pandemic struck. By 2018, the forprofit company controlled one out of every nine nursing homes in Florida, the *Naples Daily News* reported, including 13 in Tampa Bay.

Its facilities have been no stranger to controversy.

In January 2018, the state Agency for Health Care Administration threatened to revoke 53 of Consulate's 77 Florida nursing homes' licenses over poor patient care and safety violations. The agency instead reached a settlement that put eight of Consulate's homes on a two-year improvement plan, including three in the Tampa Bay area.

The giant chain was one of five nursing home companies that were investigated by Congress over their handling of coronavirus in 2020.

The same year, the U.S. Court of Appeals upheld a \$256 million civil fraud judgment against Consulate, ruling that nursing homes currently owned by the company had defrauded taxpayers by inflating bills for residents' treatments.

Entities operating under Consulate filed for bankruptcy in March 2021. The chain, which at the time owned 140 facilities across the country, said that it did not have the funds to pay the judgment.

"Many large skilled nursing organizations, including Consulate, have encountered increased financial stress as a direct result (of the pandemic)," wrote Paul Rundell, the company's bankruptcy restructuring officer, in a September 2021 <u>court filing</u>. "And the State of Florida, where many of Consulate's skilled nursing facilities are located, is among the hardest hit."

The Justice Department and the whistleblower filing the claim eventually <u>agreed to settle</u> for far less, leaving Consulate responsible for only \$4.5 million in light of the company declaring bankruptcy.

This bankruptcy filing, and the fanfare accompanying a high-profile federal lawsuit, may have contributed to the divvying up of Consulate Health Care's nursing homes in Florida. But licensing documents and corporate filings suggest the new owners of these facilities are related to the company.

New companies

Using Florida's Agency for Health Care Administration data, the *Tampa Bay Times* analyzed all of the state's long-term care facilities with licenses linked to Consulate Health Care's official website in 2021.

The *Times* found that out of 77 senior homes with active licenses, 76 were owned by limited liability companies that still listed a Consulate office in Georgia as their mailing address. This was true even for facilities that had recently changed names to remove "Consulate Health Care" from their titles.

Mailing addresses are considered an industry shorthand for determining a facility's corporate ownership, according to Dean.

"When it has that address in Georgia, I know it's a Consulate facility," he said.

Seven of these facilities no longer appear to be listed on any company website; the rest have been divvied up.

Consulate Health Care facilities in Florida now are listed as being operated by one of three companies:

• Raydiant Health Care Services

 Raydiant Health Care Services' website says the company has led the way in rehabilitative care in Florida since "opening their doors to the Sunshine State in 2021."

- The application to create the name "Raydiant Health Care" was submitted to the Florida Department of State's Division of Corporations in September 2021 by Charlene G. Johnson, attorney and director of licensing and certification at Consulate Health Care. Johnson used her official Consulate company email address.
- o Many Consulate nursing homes have been renamed using the Raydiant moniker. Consulate Health Care of Brandon, one of its Tampa Bay facilities, is now Raydiant Health Care of Brandon. The nursing home experienced an early, deadly coronavirus outbreak at the same time that Congress was <u>investigating</u> Consulate Health Care for its handling of the pandemic. Twenty-two of its residents had <u>died</u> of COVID-19 by the time the state <u>stopped</u> publishing nursing home data in June 2021.

Independence Living Centers

- Independence Living Centers' website appears to <u>have launched</u> in early January.
- The name "Independence Living Centers" was registered with the Division of Corporations in September 2021, the same month as Raydiant Health Care. John Silliter, a former Consulate employee, is the chief executive officer of Independence Living Centers, according to his voicemail. Silliter signed the registration form. The limited liability company that owns the name, Josera LLC, was created in July, with Johnson of Consulate again signing off as the authorized representative.
- Its facilities were all previously advertised as Consulate-operated homes.
 Several have been renamed.
- Locations include Tallahassee Living Center, formerly named Consulate Health Care of Tallahassee, which has a one-star rating on the federal database Care Compare. The facility is one of four Florida Consulate homes that are currently listed as candidates for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services program for "special focus facilities," a designation reserved only for nursing homes that face possible forced closure due to a history of serious quality of care problems.
- Independence Living Centers is actively hiring for positions in Florida facilities, including 92 jobs in Tampa Bay. Its application portal redirects candidates to a page that says, "Consulate Health Care Job Listings."

NSPIRE Healthcare

- NSPIRE Healthcare has operated five facilities in south Florida for several years. These appear not to be directly owned by Consulate. Its current website was created in early 2021. In April, it <u>advertised</u> its five nursing homes. But today, the company <u>lists</u> 27 facilities, 22 of which were previously marketed as Consulate-owned homes.
- o The *Times* called several area NSPIRE facilities in an attempt to reach a media contact for the company. A front desk staffer at NSPIRE Health Care Sarasota formerly Consulate Health Care of Sarasota said that these Consulate facilities had not been sold to a new company, but that Consulate had instead "rebranded." Any of the Florida locations are under different names, she said either Independence, Raydiant or NSPIRE.

 Like Independent Living Centers, the webpage that displays all open jobs at NSPIRE facilities is labeled, "Consulate Health Care Job Listings."

'Synergy Health Care Services'

A new business related to Consulate has recently emerged.

Calls to the number for the company office in Atlanta or for the in-state office in Maitland now redirect to an automated message that begins with, "Thank you for calling Synergy HCS."

Synergy Health Care Services advertises itself as a consulting company to senior care operators, working "behind-the-scenes to deliver solutions that allow providers to focus on what they do best, patient and resident care." The company's LinkedIn page was created in 2021.

All of its current listed employees — 20 in total — began their positions in December 2021 after a long run working at Consulate.

Chris Bryson, former <u>chief executive officer</u> at Consulate Health Care, has the <u>same</u> <u>role</u> at Synergy.

Syngery is actively hiring. All the open positions are <u>based</u> at the longtime Consulate operations address in Maitland.

At first, though, it wasn't clear if there was a website for Synergy.

"There's been a recent reorganization within the company, and I just don't believe the website has been switched over yet so that it's up and running and operational," said Sarah Catherine Whalen, corporate counsel at Synergy HCS and <u>former</u> attorney at Consulate Health Care, on a phone call in which the *Times* requested a communications person for Synergy.

She directed the *Times* to Jennifer Trapp, vice president of brand management for Synergy HCS and the former spokesperson for Consulate.

Trapp said that Synergy is a separate company that contracts with Consulate to provide "back-office" support.

"The buildings in Florida were acquired by other operating management companies," she said. "The company that I work for, we contract with several different providers, including Consulate, who operates outside of the state of Florida."

Trapp declined to name the company's other clients, citing privacy reasons.

She said the *Times* would have to contact Consulate's press person for questions about its Florida facilities or company structure.

On a call back to the Consulate office in Atlanta to request contact information for a Consulate-specific spokesperson, the receptionist said the *Times* should contact Trapp. "We just split into four different companies and it's just kind of a little confusing," said the front desk receptionist. "So I thought Jen Trapp would still take care of that."

She said as far as she knew, she was still answering the phone for Consulate.

Nursing home chain's tangled corporate structure and bankruptcy threats stymied litigation

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After a hospital stay in 2016 for a brain tumor, Regina Romero was transferred to a

nursing home in New Mexico. Her "medications were withheld" and she was neglected and "subjected to an assault," her family alleges in a wrongful death lawsuit filed in 2017 against the facility, Paloma Blanca Health and Rehabilitation.

Romero died less than four months after arriving at the home; she was only 59 years old, states the complaint, which doesn't detail the allegations.

In March 2021, the case was nearing a settlement when negotiations suddenly halted.

That month, a unit of Consulate Health Care — which owned 140 nursing homes, including Paloma Blanca — filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protections. Romero's stepdaughter said Consulate attorneys leveraged the pending bankruptcy as a bludgeon: either accept a significantly reduced settlement, or risk getting little or nothing from a bankrupt entity. The family begrudgingly took the much smaller offer, an amount that cannot be disclosed under the settlement terms.

"It's horrible because I think they got away with what they did," said the stepdaughter, Lisa Robichaud, who had moved near Romero when she entered Paloma Blanca. The two women had bonded over cooking together and grown closer when Robichaud's father had been diagnosed with colon cancer — and Romero cared for him before his death. "She was really good to him," Robichaud said in an interview.

Americans-profit nursing homes and hospices are a bad deal for older

Romero's family is one of many who faced similar hardball tactics, plaintiffs' lawyers said. In the six-year run-up to the bankruptcy filing of six Consulate affiliates, at least 137 plaintiffs across a half-dozen states had sued the affiliates on allegations ranging from negligence and wrongful death to Medicare fraud, according to an online search of legal databases; many cases were settled and the outcome of others was unclear.

A STAT investigation found that in many of these cases, lawyers for Consulate affiliates leveraged the threat of bankruptcy in seeking to lower settlements, and that the companies' actions fit a larger pattern. Before bankruptcy, the company used a convoluted corporate structure that stymied litigation, including dividing up ownership of its nursing homes and keeping paltry liability insurance. Taken together, Consulate left families like the Romeros with little chance of recourse for alleged wrongdoing.

Such tactics, while legal, have prompted calls for holding nursing home chains more accountable, and the Biden administration has <u>announced it will take steps</u> to make homes' ownership and finances more transparent. Nursing home watchdogs say the Consulate affiliates' bankruptcy case set a troubling precedent. When a company files for bankruptcy, all ongoing legal actions are frozen and plaintiffs must seek relief from the bankruptcy court. Under the bankruptcy order, which was approved last December, unsecured creditors, including the families with pending legal actions, are expected to recover only 0.7 percent of their claims.

Charlene Harrington, professor emeritus of social and behavioral sciences at the University of California, San Francisco, said Consulate's bankruptcy strategy and its corporate structure have proven successful in protecting itself from legal responsibility.

"If it was just a tiny nursing home chain in Indiana no one would care," said Harrington, who specializes in the nursing home industry. But Consulate was the sixth largest nursing home chain at the time of the bankruptcy declaration. "Other companies will look at how they managed bankruptcy to get out from under it."

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Consulate and Synergy Health Care Services, a nursing home management company employing many of Consulate's past executives, did not respond to phone calls and emails requesting comment. Nor did Formation Capital, the private equity firm that owns Consulate.

Paloma Blanca denied the Romero family's allegations, court documents show. "If the plaintiff was injured and damaged as alleged, which is specifically denied, the injuries and damages resulted from an unavoidable medical complication," states the home's reply to the complaint. Other Consulate affiliates named in the lawsuit denied the allegations or argued they have nothing to do with the case.

In a bankruptcy declaration, Consulate cited financial hardship from the pandemic as the reason for seeking protection from creditors. With fewer intakes, the number of people in its care dropped from 14,000 to 12,000.

The company also said it was unable to pay a \$258 million judgment levied in 2020 against the company. The judgment was the result of a federal whistleblower complaint filed in 2011 by Angela Ruckh, a former charge nurse at the chain's Florida nursing

homes, who alleged that Consulate defrauded taxpayers by overbilling government programs.

Last December, Judge John Dorsey approved a bankruptcy order that reduced the \$258 million judgement to \$4.5 million.

Echoing the ultimatum Robichaud faced, lawyer Nathan Carter said that leading up to the affiliates' Chapter 11 filings, Consulate attorneys cited the whistleblower judgment and the potential for bankruptcy in arguing for lower plaintiff payouts in dozens of lawsuits represented by his Florida-based firm.

Carter, who declined to discuss specific cases or settlements, said Consulate used the tactic to a much greater extent than other nursing home chains that have considered or filed for bankruptcy. His assessment was based on his experience and conversations with other Florida law firms.

"They definitely played the bankruptcy card harder than other chains," Carter said.

In pursuing litigation against Consulate, families and their attorneys faced a maze of related businesses that obscured where profits went, government cost reports show. The company's many subsidiaries became a recurring theme in the bankruptcy.

The bankrupt entities — which had a stake in Consulate's nursing homes — were sold to a company made up of Consulate insiders, called CPSTN Operations, in what's known as a stalking-horse bid.

Early in the bankruptcy proceedings, a creditor committee argued that Consulate used the stalking-horse bid to avoid litigation while pleading poverty in isolation from the larger corporate structure. Consulate placed six affiliates in bankruptcy, but not itself or its private equity owner.

The bankruptcy will "do nothing more than allow Consulate to cleanse or launder a continually evolving corporate, capital, transactional and governance structure much larger than the now isolated debtors," stated the <u>creditor filing</u>. Attorneys representing CPSTN did not return emails seeking comment.

The committee later sought to examine why a bankrupt Consulate management company transferred \$1.6 billion to a parent entity in 2020. The motion was later withdrawn for unclear reasons, court records show. Robert Schechter, an attorney who represented the creditors committee in the bankruptcy, declined to comment on the withdrawn motion. But overall, he said the committee struck a balance between creditor recovery and the risk of a drawn-out bankruptcy that potentially affects the care of nursing home residents.

"For any business that's in the zone of insolvency, there's a potential big change happening, whether it's the purchase of the homes or maybe a new operator. Those are things that affect residents," Schechter said.

Robert Lawless, a professor at the University of Illinois College of Law who specializes in bankruptcy law and has no ties to the case, said Consulate's size and byzantine ownership structure likely imperiled the committee's attempts to probe the conglomerate's finances.

Lawless urged stricter federal limits on the ability of nursing home chains to divide ownership — and adoption of a rule that to be eligible for Medicare funding, companies in a wider corporate structure be liable for each other.

"You can't blame the bankruptcy court," said Lawless. "The law should be different."

Arnold Whitman – the chairman of Formation Capital, the private equity firm behind Consulate – told <u>The New York Times</u> in 2007 that chopping up nursing home ownership into separate companies is a crucial legal maneuver that rehabilitated a struggling industry. He did not respond to emails requesting comment.

Formation has also held a majority stake in Trident USA Health Services, a diagnostics provider that the <u>Justice Department accused in 2019</u> of filing for bankruptcy protection to "extinguish the government's ability to collect any damages or penalties." Ultimately, Trident in 2019 agreed to pay the federal government \$8.5 million to resolve claims that it provided kickbacks to nursing homes in exchange for referring lucrative business to Trident.

Because Consulate is a privately held company, its financial health remains shrouded. But according to the bankruptcy filings, Consulate paid then-CEO Christopher Bryson \$2.004 million in bonuses eight months before bankruptcy — nearly one-third of which came days before the declaration. The bonuses were on top of \$1.062 million in salary during the period.

More visible was that Consulate and the Department of Justice agreed to reduce the whistleblower judgement in the Florida nursing home case to just \$4.5 million. The Department of Justice declined to comment.

Toby Edelman, a senior policy attorney for the Center for Medicare Advocacy, said the steeply reduced settlement amount undermines whistleblower litigation under what's known as the False Claims Act.

"That's a message to other chains that are charged with violations of the False Claims Act," Edelman said. "They can take their chances in court and if they lose, try to settle for far less."

Aretha Bradham is one of the plaintiffs whose suit against Consulate affiliates

remains unresolved. She faces the likelihood of recovering little.

A bike accident in 2017 paralyzed her brother, Thomas Bradham, from the neck down. After a hospital stay, he was transferred to Marshall Health and Rehabilitation Center. At the Florida nursing home, his health declined rapidly.

He developed severe bed sores and suffered from malnutrition, and ultimately died from negligence, alleges her 2020 lawsuit against Consulate subsidiaries. Bradham seeks damages for the alleged fatal neglect.

"Normally you say in bankruptcy you get pennies on the dollar," said her attorney, Morgan Streetman. "This is not even expected to be one penny on the dollar."

As another means of recovery, Streetman is pursuing the facility's liability insurance policy that's supposed to cover when someone is injured on the premises. A copy has yet to be provided to him, he said.

But draft financials obtained through a records request to a Virginia health regulator state that Consulate facilities' insurance covers only \$100,000 per negligent incident in Florida — and that can amount to little or nothing after legal fees. Consulate's insurance often deducts attorneys' fees from the payout.

Each Florida home carries \$300,000 in total liability coverage, the records show. Consulate's skimpy liability insurance is widely known and deters litigation, attorneys say.

Florida law requires that nursing homes carry liability insurance but doesn't specify a minimum. In 2018, <u>state legislation</u> sought to require that nursing homes maintain liability insurance covering \$2 million per incident, with \$4 million in total coverage. The bill failed.

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Bradham's lawsuit against Marshall Health and Rehabilitation Center names fives LLCs that it alleges make up "an amalgamation of interests creating a blurred corporate identify."

Attempting to pierce the corporate veil, Bradham's attorneys negotiated the ability to pursue litigation against Consulate entities that didn't declare bankruptcy. But that's an uphill battle. "Those third parties will no doubt assert all kinds of legal defenses," wrote bankruptcy attorney Benjamin Keck in an email.

Meanwhile, Bradham presses on in memory of her older brother, a concrete finisher who died at 58 years old. He expressed love by fixing up her house, while she baked for him. He was easy to talk to, whatever the subject. "We had a special bond," she said.

In response to the Bradham lawsuit, three Consulate affiliates filed a motion to dismiss the complaint, pointing to a 2014 Florida law that shields "passive investors" from being named as defendants in nursing home negligence lawsuits.

"None of the entities provided any direct care to Thomas Bradham," states the response from Epsilon Health Care Properties, Consulate Management Company, and LV CHC Holdings.

Two other affiliates, 207 Marshall Drive Operations and CMC II, denied the allegations. "Thomas Bradham's injuries, if any, were the result of pre-existing or congenital problems or conditions and not caused by, exacerbated, nor aggravated by any actions or omissions on the part of defendants," states the response.

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The Romero family's attorneys, too, were frustrated by the complicated corporate structure, writing in a court filing that they were "forced to try to untangle the everchanging web of companies and entities."

Lawyers for Paloma Blanca, a 119-bed facility that advertises care for medically complex patients, disputed Consulate's role in the nursing home's operations when plaintiff attorney Wesley Jackson moved to include other corporate entities in the Romero family's lawsuit. The Romero family's lawsuit ultimately named 16 LLCs under the umbrella of Consulate.

Much of the same team that ran Consulate nursing homes before the bankruptcy still runs them. The nursing homes in April 2022 shared 45 percent of the same officers and managers as the month before bankruptcy. That's according to a STAT analysis of federal ownership data for 133 Consulate nursing homes, with a few homes omitted because of incomplete data.

The most common name that popped up in the STAT analysis was Kenneth Ussery, who was listed on more than 120 of the nursing homes before and after the bankruptcy. He was Consulate's senior vice president of revenue cycle and treasury management, before holding the same title at Synergy Healthcare Services, a nursing home management company that launched in December with former Consulate executives.

Among Synergy's clients: Consulate Health Care.

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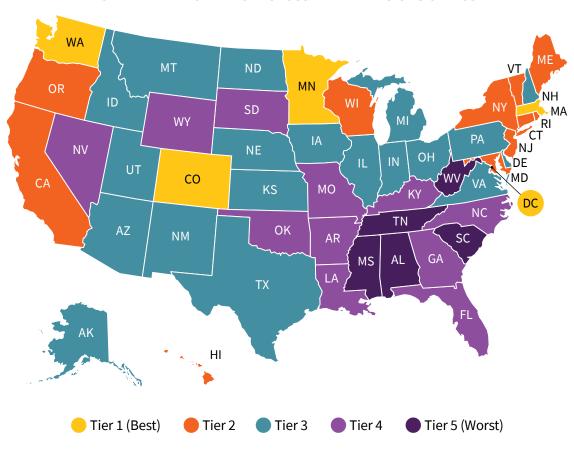
High-Level Findings

OVERALL PERFORMANCE AND STATE RANKINGS

As with previous *Scorecards*, states are ranked 1-51 relative to one another for each indicator, each dimension, and overall. While previous editions of the *Scorecard* have grouped states into equally sized quartiles, this edition groups states into performance tiers, to better reflect the natural distribution of state performance, where historically, most states fall closely together in the middle and very few states perform significantly above or below the national average. Only five states (Colorado, District of Columbia, Minnesota, Washington, Massachusetts) consistently scored high enough across all 50 indicators to reach the top tier of performance. See Exhibits A1 and A2.

EXHIBIT A1 | States are grouped into five performance tiers

OVERALL PERFORMANCE ACROSS FIVE DIMENSIONS OF LTSS



Note: Rankings are not entirely comparable to previous *Scorecard* rankings. Changes in rank may not reflect changes in performance. Measures may be different and improved performance can result in a lower rank if other states experienced greater improvement.

Source: Long-Term Services and Supports State Scorecard, 2023.

EXHIBIT A2 | States are ranked 1-51 in overall performance, from top to bottom performance

TIER 1	
State	Rank
Minnesota	1
Washington	2
District of Columbia	3
Massachusetts	4
Colorado	5

TIER 2	
State	Rank
New York	6
Oregon	7
Hawaii	8
Vermont	9
New Jersey	10
California	11
Rhode Island	12
Connecticut	13
Maryland	14
Wisconsin	15
Maine	16

TIER 3	
State	Rank
Delaware	17
Nebraska	18
North Dakota	19
New Mexico	20
Pennsylvania	21
Arizona	22
Iowa	23
New Hampshire	24
Illinois	25
Alaska	26
Indiana	27
Virginia	28
Utah	29
Kansas	30
Michigan	31
Ohio	32
Montana	33
Texas	34
Idaho	35

TIER 4	
State	Rank
South Dakota	36
Arkansas	37
Missouri	38
Georgia	39
Wyoming	40
North Carolina	41
Kentucky	42
Florida	43
Nevada	44
Louisiana	45
Oklahoma	46

TIER 5	
State	Rank
Tennessee	47
Mississippi	48
South Carolina	49
Alabama	50
West Virginia	51

Source: Long-Term Services and Supports State Scorecard, 2023.

ACCELERATING PROGRESS

For the indicators in which we can track change over time, more states made significant progress in the last three years (2020–2023) than the previous three years (2017–2020). For the first time, the *Scorecard* finds more than half of Medicaid LTSS spending for older people and adults with physical disabilities went to HCBS, at a rate of 53 percent in FY 2020 (from which the 2023 *Scorecard* scores and ranks states). In addition, 12 states spend the majority of Medicaid LTSS funding for older people and adults with physical disabilities on HCBS (up from seven states in 2009).

The indicator showing the most improvement nationally is Self-Direction Enrollment, which increased by 10 percent or more in 35 states. Some states recording massive increases in enrollment across their self-directed programs of 500-1000 percent. Since the first *Scorecard* edition, the total number of people who self-direct services more than doubled from just under 740,000 in 2009 to more than 1.5 million in 2021.

APPENDIX G | Overall State Rankings and Performance Tiers and Across Five Dimensions of LTSS

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Alabama	38	4	51	5	41	4	48	4	49	5	50	5
Alaska	37	4	17	3	8	2	16	2	48	5	26	3
Arizona	29	3	42	4	22	3	11	2	20	3	22	3
Arkansas	21	3	38	3	32	3	30	3	44	4	37	4
California	30	3	1	1	4	1	15	2	31	3	11	2
Colorado	14	2	3	1	3	1	2	1	34	3	5	1
Connecticut	8	2	22	3	19	3	9	2	22	3	13	2
Delaware	16	3	35	3	2	1	25	3	30	3	17	3
District of Columbia	1	1	32	3	13	2	3	1	1	1	3	1
Florida	44	4	36	3	34	3	50	5	28	3	43	4
Georgia	26	3	41	4	43	4	23	3	38	4	39	4
Hawaii	6	2	27	3	1	1	11	2	13	2	8	2
Idaho	42	4	28	3	11	2	34	4	37	4	35	3
Illinois	5	2	13	3	40	4	36	4	39	4	25	3
Indiana	35	3	30	3	28	3	39	4	5	2	27	3
Iowa	32	3	26	3	16	2	33	3	21	3	23	3
Kansas	12	2	20	3	31	3	42	4	35	3	30	3
Kentucky	40	4	37	3	45	4	38	4	40	4	42	4
Louisiana	15	3	50	5	50	4	35	4	43	4	45	4
Maine	41	4	14	3	20	3	8	2	8	2	16	2
Maryland	7	2	19	3	17	3	14	2	24	3	14	2
Massachusetts	4	2	2	1	14	2	13	2	9	2	4	1
Michigan	27	3	12	2	33	3	28	3	42	4	31	3
Minnesota	13	2	9	2	6	2	1	1	2	1	1	1
Mississippi	19	3	46	4	51	5	45	4	51	5	48	5
Missouri	18	3	39	4	47	4	26	3	36	3	38	4
Montana	33	3	40	4	44	4	21	3	10	2	33	3
Nebraska	36	3	23	3	18	3	21	3	4	2	18	3
Nevada	49	5	48	4	48	4	19	3	33	3	44	4
New Hampshire	31	3	33	3	29	3	31	3	7	2	24	3
New Jersey	3	2	16	3	12	2	4	1	17	3	10	2
New Mexico	23	3	24	3	25	3	17	2	23	3	20	3
New York	11	2	7	2	24	3	7	2	12	2	6	2
North Carolina	46	4	25	3	35	4	49	5	19	3	41	4
North Dakota	48	4	21	3	15	2	27	3	3	1	19	3
Ohio	9	2	29	3	38	4	41	4	26	3	32	3
Oklahoma	51	5	43	4	39	4	32	3	46	4	46	4
Oregon	25	3	11	2	7	2	4	1	14	2	7	2
Pennsylvania	34	3	4	1	26	3	46	4	11	2	21	3
Rhode Island	17	3	10	2	23	3	20	3	15	2	12	2
South Carolina	50	5	34	3	46	4	47	4	47	4	49	5
South Dakota	24	3	44	4	30	3	43	4	25	3	36	4
Tennessee	43	4	31	3	49	4	51	5	45	4	47	5
Texas	22	3	18	3	42	4	40	4	29	3	34	3
Utah	45	4	45	4	10	2	23	3	16	2	29	3
Vermont	28	3	6	2	9	2	10	2	6	2	9	2
Virginia	10	2	15	3	37	4	37	4	32	3	28	3
Washington	2	1	8	2	5	1	6	1	27	3	2	1
West Virginia	47	4	49	5	36	4	44	4	50	5	51	5
Wisconsin	20	3	5	1	27	3	17	2	18	3	15	2
Wyoming	39	4	47	4	21	3	28	3	41	4	40	4

Source: Long-Term Services and Supports State Scorecard, 2023.

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PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING HOMES AND RELATED HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

400.024 Failure to satisfy a judgment or settlement agreement; required notification to claimants.—

- (1) Upon the entry by a Florida court of an adverse final judgment against a licensee as defined in s. <u>400.023(2)</u> which arises from an award pursuant to s. <u>400.023</u>, including an arbitration award, for a claim of negligence or a violation of residents' rights, in contract or tort, or from noncompliance with the terms of a settlement agreement as determined by a court or arbitration panel, which arises from a claim pursuant to s. <u>400.023</u>, the licensee shall pay the judgment creditor the entire amount of the judgment, award, or settlement and all accrued interest within 60 days after the date such judgment, award, or settlement becomes final and subject to execution unless otherwise mutually agreed to in writing by the parties. Failure to make such payment shall result in additional grounds that may be used by the agency for revoking a license or for denying a renewal application or a related party change of ownership application as provided in this section.
- (2) The agency is deemed notified of an unsatisfied judgment or settlement under subsection (1) when a certified copy of the judgment and a certified copy of a valid judgment lien certificate, filed in accordance with ss. 55.202 and 55.203, are served to the agency by process server or received by certified mail, return receipt requested. Within 60 days after receiving such documents, the agency shall notify the licensee by certified mail, return receipt requested, that it is subject to disciplinary action unless, within 30 days after the date of mailing the notice, the licensee:
 - (a) Shows proof that the unsatisfied judgment or settlement has been paid in the amount specified;
 - (b) Shows proof of the existence of a payment plan mutually agreed upon by the parties in writing;
 - (c) Furnishes the agency with a copy of a timely filed notice of appeal;
 - (d) Furnishes the agency with a copy of a court order staying execution of the final judgment; or
- (e) Shows proof by submitting an order from a court or arbitration panel that is overseeing any action seeking indemnification from an insurance carrier or other party that the licensee believes is required to pay the award.
- (3) If the agency is placed on notice pursuant to subsection (2) and proof pursuant to subsection (2) is not provided by the licensee, the agency shall issue an emergency order pursuant to s. <u>120.60</u> declaring that the facility lacks financial ability to operate and a notice of intent to revoke or deny a license.
 - (4) After the agency is placed on notice pursuant to subsection (2), the following applies:
- (a) If the license is subject to renewal, the agency may deny the license renewal unless compliance with this section is achieved.
- (b) If a change of ownership application for the facility at issue is submitted by the licensee, by a person or entity identified as having a controlling interest in the licensee, or by a related party, the agency shall deny the change of ownership application unless compliance with this section is achieved.
- (c) If an adverse final judgment under subsection (1) is entered, but payment is not yet due and a change of ownership application for the facility at issue is submitted by the licensee, by a person or entity identified as having a controlling interest in the licensee, or by a related party, the adverse final judgment becomes the responsibility and liability of the transferee if the agency approves the change of ownership application.
- (5) If a change of ownership application for the facility at issue is submitted by the licensee, by a person or entity identified as having a controlling interest in the licensee, or by a related party:

- (a) The licensee or transferor must provide written notice of the submission of the application to each pending claimant or the claimant's attorney of record, if applicable. The written notice must be provided within 14 days after the date the application is submitted to the agency. Notice must be provided by certified mail, return receipt requested, or other method that provides verification of receipt.
- (b) A claimant has 30 days after the date of receipt of the written notice to object to the application if the claimant has reason to believe that the approval of the application would facilitate a fraudulent transfer or allow the transferor to avoid financial responsibility for the claimant's pending claim.
- (c) The agency must consider any objection brought pursuant to this subsection in its decision to approve or deny an application for change of ownership under this part and part II of chapter 408.
- (d) If a claim is pending in arbitration at the time that the application for change of ownership is filed, the claimant may file a petition to enjoin the transfer in circuit court.

As used in this subsection, "claimant" means a resident, the resident's family, or a personal representative who has notified the licensee or facility of a potential claim by written notice of intent or who has initiated an action, claim, or arbitration proceeding against the licensee or facility.

History.-s. 3, ch. 2014-83; s. 4, ch. 2022-61.

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Enclosure "E"

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MANATEE COUNTY FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

MARY HOLT, Deceased, by and through TERESA MARGRAF, as Personal Representative of the Estate,

CASE NO.: 41-2017-CA004423AX

DIVISION: B

Plaintiff,

V.

6305 CORTEZ ROAD WEST PERATIONS LLC d/b/a BRADENTON HEALTH CARE and CMC II, LLC,

Defendants.

FINAL JUDGMENT

THIS CAUSE came on to be heard before the Court on "Motion to Enforce Settlement" (the "Motion"), filed by Mary Holt, Deceased, by and through Teresa Margraf, as Personal Representative of the Estate (the "Plaintiff"), on March 26, 2024, whose address is 1112 Channelside Drive, Suite 5, Tampa Florida 33602. The Motion seeks relief against defendants, 6305 Cortez Road West Operations LLC, 1040 Crown Pointe Pkwy Ste 600 Atlanta, Ga 30338-4741 in the amount of \$168,750.00 (the "Judgment Amount"), based upon the undisputed failure to make certain payments under a settlement agreement (the "Settlement Agreement"), that this Court has jurisdiction to enforce.

For reasons stated orally on the record in open Court, that shall constitute the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and holding of this Court, this Court has determined that the Motion has merit, to the extent set forth in this Judgment. Accordingly, it is:

ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED as follows:

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1. Judgment is entered in favor of the Plaintiff and against the Defendant 6305 Cortez

Road West Operations LLC in the Judgment Amount, for which let execution

issue.

2. Interest on the Judgment Amount shall accrue at the rate set forth in Florida Statute

§55.03, from the date of entry hereof, said rate currently being 9.34% per annum.

This Court reserves jurisdiction to adjudicate any motion for recovery of costs filed

in connection herewith.

3. The Defendant is hereby directed to complete, execute before a notary, and transmit

to the Plaintiff, within forty-five (45) days from the date of entry hereof, a "Fact

Information Sheet" that is complete, accurate, and truthful, in a manner consistent

with Florida Rule of Civil Procedure Form 1.977.

4. This Court reserves jurisdiction to enforce this Judgment, including replevin,

garnishment, charging orders, orders on proceedings supplementary, writs of

execution, discovery in aid of execution, and all other means of execution and levy

permitted by law and in equity. Pursuant to Florida Statutes §57.115, the Plaintiff

may be entitled to recovery of attorneys' fees and costs in connection with the

collection of this Judgment.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers in Manatee County, Florida.

eSigned by D. RYAN FELIX, Circuit Judge 04/05/2024 13:41:41 PpuANJa2 _

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HONORABLE D. RYAN FELIX CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 6TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO.: 2019-CA-003349 CA

LYDIA MARTINEZ, as Personal Representative of the Estate of LUZ M. MARTINEZ, Deceased,

Plaintiff,

VS.

NEW PORT RICHEY FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC. d/b/a CONSULATE HEALTH CARE OF NEW PORT RICHEY,

Defendant.		

FINAL JUDGMENT

THIS CAUSE, having come on for hearing before the Court on Plaintiff's Motion to Enforce Settlement on January 4, 2024, after the Parties executed a binding Settlement Release, and the Defendant nursing home has not paid the settlement funds as required by the Settlement Release. Therefore the court finding that the Defendant, NEW PORT RICHEY FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC. d/b/a CONSULATE HEALTH CARE OF NEW PORT RICHEY, is indebted to the Plaintiff, LYDIA MARTINEZ, as Personal Representative of the Estate of LUZ M. MARTINEZ, Deceased, for damages in the amount of \$75,000.00, and the Court being otherwise duly advised in the premises, it is thereupon,

CONSIDERED, ORDERED and ADJUDGED:

- 1. Plaintiff, LYDIA MARTINEZ, as Personal Representative of the Estate of LUZ M. MARTINEZ, Deceased, 7034 Fairfax Drive, Port Richey, FL 34668, do have and recover of and from Defendant, NEW PORT RICHEY FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC. d/b/a CONSULATE HEALTH CARE OF NEW PORT RICHEY, an Florida corporation, Florida Document No. M06000003835, FEI NO. 20-5112212, whose principal address is 850 Concourse Parkway S, Suite 250, Maitland, FL 32751, and mailing address is 1040 Crown Pointe Parkway, Suite 600, Atlanta, GA 30338, the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars, (\$75,000.00) as principal damages, making a total due Plaintiff from Defendant of \$75,000.00, that shall bear interest at the statutorily mandated rate per year until satisfied, and for all of which let execution issue.
- 2. It is further ordered and adjudged that the judgment Defendant/Debtor, NEW PORT RICHEY FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC. d/b/a CONSULATE HEALTH CARE OF NEW PORT RICHEY shall complete, under oath, Florida Rule of Civil Procedure Form 1.977 (Fact Information Sheet), including all required attachments, and serve it on the Plaintiff's attorney, William A. Dean, Esq. at his address listed below within 45 days from the date of this Final Judgment, unless the Final Judgment is satisfied or post-judgment discovery is stayed. The Judgment Defendant/Debtor shall also timely file a Notice with the Clerk of the Court, with a copy being sent to the Judgment Creditor Plaintiff's Attorney, certifying compliance with having timely completed and mailed the Fact Information Sheet.

Jurisdiction of this case is retained to enter any further Orders including orders on Motions to Compel, Motions For Contempt, Motions to Tax Prevailing Party Costs or any other Motion seeking appropriate relief, in the event it is necessary to compel and order the judgment Defendant/Debtor, NEW PORT RICHEY FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC. d/b/a

CONSULATE HEALTH CARE OF NEW PORT RICHEY, a Florida corporation to complete form 1.977, including the submission of all required attachments, and have it mailed and served on the judgment creditor's/Plaintiff's attorney.

NOTICE AND WARNING is hereby given to the Judgement Defendant/Debtor that the failure to comply with the foregoing shall be grounds for the Court to hold the Judgment Defendant/Debtor in contempt of Court. The original of said Fact Information Sheet is hereby being mailed to the Defendant, NEW PORT RICHEY FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC. d/b/a CONSULATE HEALTH CARE OF NEW PORT RICHEY, an Florida corporation at the address listed below, in conjunction with the mailing of the copy of this Final Judgment.

3. The Court hereby specifically reserves and retains jurisdiction of this case to enter all appropriate Orders and/or Judgments to determine and award attorney's fees and the taxing of costs in favor of the Plaintiff, as allowed by law, based upon proper timely motion and notice of hearing thereon.

Electronically Conformed 4/11/2024
Kimberly Sharpe Byrd

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
6 TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR
PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO.: 2019-CA-003349 CA

LYDIA MARTINEZ, as Personal Representative of the Estate of LUZ M. MARTINEZ, Deceased,

Plaintiff,

VS.

NEW PORT RICHEY FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC. d/b/a CONSULATE HEALTH CARE OF NEW PORT RICHEY,

D	efendant.	
		,

FACT INFORMATION SHEET

Name of Entity: NEW PORT RICHEY FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC. d/b/a CONSULATE HEALTH CARE OF NEW PORT RICHEY

Name and title of person filling out this form:

Telephone number:

Mailing address (if different):

Gross/taxable income reported for federal income tax purposes last three years:

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Taxpayer identification number:

Is this entity an S corporation for federal income tax purposes? _____ Yes _____ No

Average number of employees per month _____

Name of each shareholder, member, or partner owing 5% or more of the entity's common stock, preferred stock, or other equity interest:

Names of officers, directors, members, or partners:

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Checking account at:	Account #
Savings account at:	Account #
Does the entity own any vehicles? Yes	No
For each vehicle please state:	
Year/Make/Model: Color:	
Vehicle ID No.: Tag No	Mileage:
Names on Title: Prese	ent Value:
Loan Owed to:	
Balance on Loan: \$	
Monthly Payment: \$	
Does the entity own any real property?	Yes No
If yes, please state the address(es):	
Please check if the entity owns the following:	
Boat	
Camper	
Stocks/bonds	
Other real property	
Other personal property	
Please attach copies of the following:	

Copies of state and federal income tax returns for the past 3 years.

1. All bank, savings and loan, and other account books and statements for accounts in institutions in which the entity had any legal or equitable interest for the past 3 years.

- 2. All cancelled checks for the 12 months immediately preceding the service date of this Fact Information Sheet for accounts in which the entity held any legal or equitable interest.
- 3. All deeds, leases, mortgages, or other written instruments evidencing any interest in ownership of real property at any time within the 12 months immediately preceding the date this lawsuit was filed.
- 4. Bills of sale or other written evidence of the gift, sale, purchase, or other transfer of any personal or real property to or from the entity to or from the entity within the 12 months immediately preceding the date this lawsuit was filed.
- 5. Motor vehicle or vessel documents, including titles and registrations relating to any motor vehicles or vessels owned by the entity alone or with others.
- 6. Financial statements as to the entity's assets, liabilities, and owner's equity prepared within the 12 months immediately preceding the service date of this Fact Information Sheet.
- 7. Minutes of all meetings of the entity's members, partners, shareholders, or board of directors held within 2 years of the service date of this Fact Information Sheet.
- 8. Resolutions of the entity's members, partners, shareholders, or board of directors passed within 2 years of the service date of this Fact Information Sheet.

UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, I SWEAR OR AFFIRM THAT THE FOREGOING ANSWERS ARE TRUE AND COMPLETE.

Judgment Debtor's Designated		
Representative/Title		
STATE OF FLORIDA		
COUNT OF		
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The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on _	, by	,
who is personally known to me or has produced	as identification	and who
did/did not take an oath.		

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WITNESS my hand and official seal, this _	day of	,	·	
Notary Public				
State of Florida				
My Commission Expires:				

THE JUDGMENT DEBTOR SHALL FILE WITH THE CLERK OF THE COURT A NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE AFTER THE ORIGINAL FACT INFORMATION SHEET, TOGETHER WITH ALL ATTACHMENTS, HAS BEEN DELIVERED TO THE JUDGMENT CREDITOR'S ATTORNEY, OR TO THE JUDGMENT CREDITOR IS NOT REPRESENTED BY AN ATTORNEY.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 9TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 2020-CA-011946-O

HOWARD WILLIAMS, as Personal Representative of the Estate of NESSA WILLIAMS, deceased,

Plaintiff,

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9311 SOUTH ORANGE BLOSSOM TRAIL OPERATIONS LLC d/b/a PARKS HEALTHCARE AND REHABILITATION CENTER; and CMC II, LLC,

Defendants.

FINAL JUDGMENT

Pursuant to the Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion to Enforce Settlement entered on March 29, 2024, in this action, it is:

ADJUDGED that Plaintiff HOWARD WILLIAMS, recover from Defendant 9311 SOUTH ORANGE BLOSSOM TRAIL OPERATIONS LLC d/b/a PARKS HEALTHCARE AND REHABILITATION CENTER, the sum of \$60,000, that shall bear interest at 9.09% per annum for the remainder of 2024, and thereafter at a legal rate fixed by the Comptroller for the State of Florida pursuant to Chapter 55, Florida Statutes, for which let execution issue.

This Court reserves ruling on sanctions.

DONE and Ordered in Orange County, Florida on the date shown on the electronic

signature.

eSigned by Margaret H. Schreiber 04/19/2024 10:17:51 tpT4osNr

Circuit Judge

If there are parties not receiving service through the Florida Courts e-filing Portal, counsel will serve a copy of the order via U.S. Mail to the non-efiling parties and file a certificate of service in the court file no later than three days from the date of this order.

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June 4, 2024

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Re: Healthcare Negligence Settlement Recovery

Corp., v. 5405 Babcock Street Operations, LLC, et al

Circuit Court for Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Miami-Dade County, Florida, Civil Division

Case No.: 2024-007342-CA-01 (the "Recovery Action")

In re: LaVie Care Centers, LLC, et al.

United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta

Division

Case No.: 24-55507 (PMB) (the "Bankruptcy Cases")

Dear Ms. Smith:

Thank you for your letter of May 7, 2024, that responded to my letter of April 22, 2024, both letters being enclosed herewith for purposes of convenience, noting that this letter will use some terms defined in my original letter. Since our letters were exchanged, a few things have taken place that I wish to bring to the attention of the Florida Agency of Health Care Administration ("AHCA") and possible future action.

First, Healthcare Negligence Settlement Recovery Corp. (the "Recovery Corp.") was formed to commence the above-referenced Recovery Action on behalf of the ninety-seven (97) claimants referenced in my initial letter (collectively, the "Claimants"), to recover claims against Consulate in the principal amount of \$8,678,877. A copy of Recovery Corp.'s complaint is enclosed, exclusive of exhibits. You will note that Recovery Corp. commenced the Recovery Action on the same day you received my first letter. A total of fifty-eight (58) defendants are named in the Recovery Action, and service of process was effectuated upon all of them a couple of weeks ago. The Atlanta law firm of McDermott Will & Emery LLP has appeared for the vast majority of the named defendants, all associated with Consulate.

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Second, on Sunday, June 2, 2024, a set of 282 business entities, all believed to be part of the Consulate footprint, joined in seeking bankruptcy protection in the Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta Division, initiating the above-referenced Bankruptcy Cases. It would be very helpful for AHCA to appear in the Bankruptcy Cases, and I am enclosing my notice of appearance and related materials should your office wish to appear. It is noteworthy that of the defendants named in the Recovery Action, forty-nine (49) are among the debtors that have sought bankruptcy relief. It is also noteworthy that McDermott Will & Emery LLP has appeared as counsel for all of the debtor business entities. A "Suggestion of Bankruptcy" was filed yesterday on behalf of all but the following defendants:

9400 SW 137th Avenue Operations LLC CMC II, LLC NSPRMC, LLC Daniel E. Dias, Esq Aspire Healthcare Inc. Synergy Healthcare Services, Inc. NSPIRE Healthcare Inc. Concourse Partners, LLC Concurrent Partners, LLP

We intend to continue proceedings against the defendants who are not debtors in the Bankruptcy Cases.

Third, my staff has been in the process of obtaining certified copies of the judgments covered in your prior letter, as well as new judgments that have been entered more recently. I take this opportunity to enclose copies of a total of five judgments, with the understanding that certified copies not yet in our possession will be provided imminently. Because the automatic stay imposed under Bankruptcy Code §362(a) precludes my clients, both the Recovery Corp. and the Claimants, from attempting to collect any debt against the named debtors, much of my law firm's activities going forward will occur in the context of the Bankruptcy Cases. However, nothing about the bankruptcy excuses the debtors from compliance with the notification requirements of Florida Statutes §400.024(2), and the letter and spirit of the recent amendments.

Bankruptcy Code §362(a) does not preclude government agencies such as AHCA from enforcing Florida law with respect to the health, safety, and welfare of Florida seniors. Nothing about the Bankruptcy Cases prevents AHCA from issuing an emergency order under Florida Statutes §§120.60 and 400.024(3) upon consideration of the facts and circumstances that are unfolding at this time.

Please note that I am providing a copy of this correspondence to all counsel of record for the individual Claimants who came together to form the Recovery Corp., after Consulate

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ANTHONY & PARTNERS

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agreed to a total of \$10,763,500 in settlement obligations, only to default on \$8,678,877 shortly thereafter. Given that there are 233 additional debtors named in the Bankruptcy Cases, and I represent only a small minority of creditors of some of those debtors, you can imagine the broader context in terms of ramifications for Florida seniors. Thank you for your consideration of the foregoing, and please know that our firm and our clients will provide you with any information or documentation you require to advance the regulatory objectives of AHCA.

Sincerely,

John A. Anthony

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Re: Consulate/Aspire/Synergy Health Care Services/NSPIRE/Radiant

Dear Colleagues:

This letter is written pursuant to <u>Florida Statutes</u> §400.024(1) and other applicable law, to address substantial compliance concerns regarding Consulate Synergy Healthcare, Consulate and Synergy HGS Legal, Nspire-Radiant-Independence Consulate HES, and perhaps related entities (collectively, "Consulate"). This letter is written on behalf of ninety-seven (97) clients (collectively, the "Claimants") who possess claims against Consulate. Consulate's recent defaults in connection with hundreds of timed payment settlement agreements (collectively, the

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"Settlement Agreements") raise profound concerns that we wish to bring to the attention of the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration ("AHCA"). To address this situation, the Claimants have formed Healthcare Negligence Settlement Recovery Corp. (the "Recovery Corp.") to commence litigation, and instructed our law firm to bring the default situation to your attention.

As you may know, Consulate has owned and operated approximately 140 skilled nursing facilities (collectively, the "SNFs") throughout the State of Florida. Our law firm acts as cocounsel in the representation of the Claimants, all of whom are nursing home resident victims, or survivors of victims formerly residing at these SNFs. All the Claimants are represented in the first instance by specialized plaintiffs' counsel, a total of fifteen (15) law firms throughout the State of Florida (collectively, the "Plaintiffs Firms"). Lead counsel for the Claimants are copied below. With respect to each of the Claimants, Consulate has tacitly acknowledged liability in agreeing to settlements with the Claimants and the Plaintiffs Firms.

The Plaintiffs Firms have represented the Claimants over an extended period of time: The aggregate amount of claims liquidated in Settlement Agreements amounts to \$10,763,500, of which \$8,678,877 remains outstanding. For your convenience, I have prepared a "Claimant Schedule" that lists each of the Claimants, identifies each of the corresponding Plaintiffs Firms representing each such Claimant, and unpaid balance set forth in the corresponding Settlement Agreement as of the date of this letter. The Claimant Schedule is enclosed for your consideration as Enclosure "A." Consulate's track record for resident care is extremely disappointing. Consulate's track record of staying current with Settlement Agreements is equally problematic.

Like most healthcare conglomerates, Consulate has utilized a multi-tiered corporate structure to own, operate, and manage its SNFs. The vagaries of corporate structure have until now not been the concern of the Claimants or the Plaintiffs Firms. Amicable resolution of claims obviated the need for investigating solvency and viability of Consulate. But now, Consulate has defaulted in numerous payment obligations to the Claimants under various Settlement Agreements, many of which involve claims pending before Courts of competent jurisdiction. When one considers Consulate's poor track record of resident care, and failure to carry sufficient insurance coverage, the magnitude of the problem justifies prompt regulatory intervention. Three (3) of the Claimants have now obtained judgments due to non-payment.

Consulate's widespread and expanding web of defaults does not stem from logistical or administrative kerfuffles: To the contrary, Consulate appears to be in the midst of a shifting shell game motivated by a desire to place assets away from the claims of undisputed creditors, including the Claimants and others similarly situated. The various Consulate entities are apparently changing their ownership and operation corporate structures. It further appears some Consulate entities have changed to other entities including Synergy Healthcare Services, Radiant, Independence, NSPIRE, and Aspire. Although our paralegals have limited access to AHCA records, it now appears that new entities are operating many or most of the SNFs giving rise to the Claimants' claims.

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Although Consulate has not been forthcoming with news of corporate restructurings, this can hardly be considered a secret: <u>The Tampa Bay Times</u> recently reported the following:

In the wake of a bankruptcy filing and a slew of bad press over the last few years, the privately held chain — the sixth-largest nursing home company in the nation — has quietly divided its Florida facilities into three separate companies. All three appear to still be affiliated with Consulate.

A copy of the referenced article, and a second article on point, are provided as Composite Enclosure "B." The <u>Times</u> article reports that Synergy Health Care Services is now made up of all former Consulate executives. The certificate of service litigation e-mail addresses on some of the Consulate related bankruptcy cases were also listed as @synergyhcs.com. The former CEO of Consulate is now the CEO of Synergy. While Consulate sets a dangerous example for other nursing home chains, healthcare for elders in the State of Florida approaches a nadir. The AARP Long-Term Services and Supports State Score Card for 2023 shows the State of Florida as 43rd out of 50, as reflected in the copy provided as Enclosure "C." The Claimants have begun the process of obtaining judgments; however, there is every reason to believe that the specific Consulate parties in privity who have ceased making settlement payments will be uncollectible as a result of apparent corporate machinations.

As you know, the Florida Nursing Home Residents Rights statutes were recently amended to require nursing homeowner/operators and licensees to provide proper written notice of any proposed change or ownership or change of operator <u>before</u> any such transactions could be approved. See <u>Florida Statutes</u> §400.024, provided as Enclosure "D." Part of the purpose behind this law change was to prevent nursing home chains from avoiding liability for claims with corporate name and ownership changes such as this. The written notice was to be provided to AHCA and to all claimants so that they have an opportunity to object if the owner/licensees cannot prove financial accountability and ability to pay the existing claims. Consulate and their owner operators in the Claimants' actions, and all the other approximately hundreds of cases, failed to provide this statutory notice to known creditors holding binding settlement agreements. As such, these changes of ownership and changes of operators should be promptly investigated and invalidated if cause exists to believe that violations have occurred.

As noted above, change of ownership of a SNF can present itself to an unscrupulous owner/operator as a cheap and efficient method of avoiding the logical consequences of negligent care. The fact that Consulate freely admitted liability to the Claimants, and became bound under the Settlement Agreements, removes any doubt regarding the financial irresponsibility of management. As claims are reduced to judgment, and with defaults across the board imminent, I note that Florida Statute §400.024(1) provides as follows with respect to the rights of a judgment creditor regarding matters of this kind:

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Upon the entry by a Florida court of an adverse final judgment against a licensee as defined in s. 400.023(2) which arises from an award pursuant to s. 400.023, including an arbitration award, for a claim of negligence or a violation of residents' rights, in contract or tort, or from noncompliance with the terms of a settlement agreement as determined by a court or arbitration panel, which arises from a claim pursuant to s. 400.023, the licensee shall pay the judgment creditor the entire amount of the judgment, award, or settlement and all accrued interest within 60 days after the date such judgment, award, or settlement becomes final and subject to execution unless otherwise mutually agreed to in writing by the parties. Failure to make such payment shall result in additional grounds that may be used by the agency for revoking a license or for denying a renewal application or a related party change of ownership application as provided in this section.

Copies of three such judgments are provided as Composite Enclosure "E." In sending this notice, I have attempted to comply with the statutory requirements that AHCA be notified as to the existence of the unsatisfied judgments in order to determine whether there is a basis to revoke a license or deny a renewal application.

Regarding all the matters set forth above, I would appreciate it if you would contact me for follow up required so that our firm, the Plaintiffs Firms, and the Claimants can fully comply with the notification requirements of Florida Statutes §400.024(2), and the letter and spirit of the recent amendments. I understand that AHCA may issue an emergency order under Florida Statutes §§120.60 and 400.024(3) upon consideration of this notification. Please note that I am providing a copy of this correspondence to all counsel of record associated with each of the Plaintiffs Firms, so that they will keep the Claimants informed, and assist with all the supporting information needed to fully investigate the situation.

Thank you for your consideration of the foregoing.

Sincerely,

John A. Anthony

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Enclosure "A"

EXHIBIT "A" - CLAIMANT REGISTER

	Claimant/Plaintiff Name	Claimant PR/PoA/ Releasor	Defendant Entity	Settlement Date	Settlement Amount	Outstanding Amount
1	Stacey Abel , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Bebee Abel	Abel, PR	5405 Babcock Street Operations, LLC; Epsilon Health Care Properties, LLC; CMC II, LLC; Lavie Care Centers, LLC	09/21/22	\$ 125,000	\$ 32,875
2	Sharon Acevedo	Acevedo, Releasor	1120 West Donegan Avenue Operations, LLC	07/09/22	\$140,000	\$ 81,667
	Jacqueline D. Aker , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Kevin R. Aker	Aker, PR	6700 N.W. 10th Place Operations, LLC	03/02/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
. /	Marie Cherisier , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Philomene A. Antoine	Cherisier, PR	4200 Washington Street Operations, LLC	02/14/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
	Nancy Roarck , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Mary Ashley	Roarck, PR	777 Ninth Street North Operations, LLC	06/23/22	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
6	Harry Barrett	Barrett, Releasor	11565 Harts Road Operations, LLC	07/06/22	\$ 140,000	\$ 81,667
_ /	Norma Barry , as Power of Attorney for John Barry	Barry, PoA	2826 Cleveland Avenue Operations, LLC	07/09/21	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
8	Jechiel Bershadski , as Power of Attorney for Nelia Bershadski	Bershadski, PoA	777 Ninth Street North Operations, LLC	11/21/23	\$ 85,000	\$ 85,000
9	Connie Blair as Personal Representative of the Estate of Bobby Blair	Blair, PR	3001 Palm Coast Parkway Operations, LLC	05/31/22	\$ 140,000	\$ 81,667
10	Corrado Burdieri , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Theresa Mary Burdieri	Burdieri, PR	North Fort Myers Facility Operations, LLC; Consulate Facility Leasing, LLC	09/07/21	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
	Gerard Celestin , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Sylvia Celestin	Celestin, PR	Miami Facility Operations, LLC	11/08/22	\$ 175,000	\$ 175,000
12	Michelle Stawicki , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Nancy A. Cherba	Stawicki, PR	710 North Sun Drive Operations, LLC; Lavie Care Centers, LLC	09/12/23	\$ 85,000	\$ 85,000

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	Claimant/Plaintiff Name	Claimant PR/PoA/ Releasor	Defendant Entity	Settlement Date	Settlement Amount	Outstanding Amount
	Jennifer Varela , a Personal Representative of the Estate of Rosenda Clavijo	Varela	Kissimmee Facility Operations, LLC	04/18/24	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
	Gwendolyn Cage , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Doneatha Cobb	Cage, PR	1010 Carpenters Way Operations, LLC	05/18/22	\$ 140,000	\$ 81,667
15	Joseph Cunningham , as Power of Attorney for Jeffrey J. Cunningham	Cunningham, PoA	741 South Beneva Road Operations, LLC	09/21/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
16	Jill R. Davis , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Larry R. Davis	Davis, PR	777 Ninth Street North Operations, LLC	06/29/23	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000
17	Jill R. Davis , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Larry R. Davis	Davis, PR	North Fort Myers Facility Operations, LLC	04/13/23	\$ 85,000	\$ 85,000
18	Jose R. Diaz , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Jose Rafael Diaz	Diaz, PR	518 West Fletcher Avenue Operations, LLC; Epsilon Health Care Properties, LLC; Lidenskab LLC	07/26/23	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
19	Quenita L. Donald , as Personal Representative or the Estate of Charles Donald	Donald, PR	Jacksonville Facility Operations, LLC	04/05/24	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
20	Tracy Lynn Druelle , as Power of Attorney for Catherine Druelle	Druelle, PoA	6305 Cortez Road West Operations, LLC	07/13/22	\$ 140,000	\$ 81,667
21	Linda Solash-Reed , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Billy Joe Early	Solash-Reed, PR	710 North Sun Drive Operations, LLC; Epsilon Health Care Properties, LLC	11/24/20	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000
22	Lesia A. Rucker , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Mildred G. Fluellen	Rucker, PR	3735 Evans Avenue Operations, LLC	03/09/23	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
	Pamela Foster , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Mary Foster	Foster, PR	3001 Palm Coast Parkway Operations, LLC	03/01/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
24	Nola Gager , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Ehud Gager	Gager, PR	Kissimmee Facility Operations, LLC	07/13/22	\$ 140,000	\$ 81,667
25	Donald Garrett	Garrett [Releasor]	6700 N.W. 10th Place Operations, LLC	09/29/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000

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26	Albert J. Gates , III, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Shirley Gates	Gates, PR	9311 South Orange Blossom Trail Operations, LLC	02/03/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
27	Benny Gibson	Gibson [Releasor]	4641 Old Canoe Creek Road Operations, LLC	08/12/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
28	Thomas Graham , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Madeline Graham	Graham	Jacksonville Facility Operations, LLC	09/27/22	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
1 74	Mindy Stoltz , as Power of Attorney for John M. Griffin	Stoltz, PoA	3920 Rosewood Way Operations, LLC	04/03/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
30	Janelle J. Guelich , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Judy Guelich	Guelich, PR	2333 North Brentwood Circle Operations, LLC; Josera, LLC; Independence Living Centers; Tosturi, LLC; Epsilon Health Care Properties, LLC	07/24/23	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
31	Tyler Hall Eagleson , as Personal Representative of the Estate of James Edward Hall	Eagleson, PR	Jacksonville Facility Operations, LLC	09/22/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
32	Constance A.M. Brandt , as Power of Attorney for Mary J. Hause	Brandt, PoA	Melbourne Facility Operations, LLC	07/11/22	\$ 140,000	\$ 81,667
33	Cheryl Waggoner , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Joan Kay Higgins	Waggoner, PR	777 Ninth Street North Operations, LLC	04/08/24	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
34	Geraldine Hill , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Roosevelt Hill	Hill, PR	518 West Fletcher Avenue Operations, LLC	04/11/22	\$ 140,000	\$ 81,667
35	Teresa Margraf , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Mary Holt	Margraf, PR	6305 Cortez Road West Operations, LLC	10/13/20	\$ 225,000	\$ 225,000
36	Don Howard , Jr., as Personal Representative of the Estate of Don Howard [Case Style: Luthenia Hayes, PR]	Howard, Jr., PR	710 North Sun Drive Operations, LLC	08/24/21	\$ 175,000	\$ 25,000
37	Johnnie Mae Jones Smith , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Juanita Jones	Smith, PR	Port Charlotte Facility Operations, LLC	07/27/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000

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38	Danielle Anglade , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Maria Joseph	Anglade, PR	4200 Washington Street Operations, LLC; CMC II, LLC		\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	
39	Laura Knicley , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Peggy Knicley	Knicley, PR	195 Mattie M. Kelly Boulevard Operations, LLC; Epsilon Health Care Properties, LLC	10/18/22	\$ 140,000	\$ 14,000	
40	Angela Pinkney , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Mae Liza Knight	Pinkney, PR	1615 Miami Road Operations, LLC	04/11/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	
41	Yvonne Kolbe , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Richard Kolbe	Kolbe, PR	1851 Elkcam Boulevard Operations, LLC; Epsilon Health Care Properties, LLC; Lavie Care Centers, LLC	10/07/22	\$ 100,000	\$ 37,500	
	Kendra Mae Mize , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Ingrid K. Lane	Mize	1550 Jess Parrish Court Operations, LLC; Epsilon Health Care Properties, LLC; LV CHC Holdings I, LLC; Concoure Partners, LLC; Lavie Care Centers, LLC; Concurrent Partners, LLP		\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	
43	Gloria Mackey	Mackey [Releasor]	1120 West Donegan Avenue Operations, LLC	04/11/22	\$ 140,000	\$ 81,667	
44	Diane Malcomb , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Buddy R. Malcomb	Malcomb, PR	3735 Evans Avenue Operations, LLC	03/07/22	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	
45	Billy Manuel , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Anthony Manuel	Manuel, PR	4200 Washington Street Operations, LLC	10/12/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	
	Lydia Martinez , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Luz M. Martinez	Martinez, PR	New Port Richey Facility Operations, LLC	06/06/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	
	Charles Mazza , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Alfonso Mazza	Mazza, PR	12170 Cortez Boulevard Operations, LLC; Epsilon Health Care Properties, LLC; Tosturi, LLC	09/01/23	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	
48	Alberta Walls , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Gwendolyn McCray	Walls, PR	6700 N.W. 10th Place Operations, LLC	04/07/24	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	

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1 7(3	Darlene Yvette Cuves, as Personal Representative of the Estate of David McGhee	Cuves, PR	3735 Evans Avenue Operations, LLC	06/23/23	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000
50	Vickie McHenry	McHenry, Releasor	11565 Harts Road Operations, LLC	04/16/24	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000
51	Donald McKenzie , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Stanley McKenzie	McKenzie, PR	9311 South Orange Blossom Trail Operations, LLC	05/10/22	\$ 140,000	\$ 81,667
52	Melissa Smith , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Nettie P. McKinnon-Murphy	Smith, PR	1120 West Donegan Avenue Operations, LLC	05/23/22	\$ 140,000	\$ 81,667
53	Shannon Castro, as Power of Attorney for Vernon Lee Meyer	Castro, PoA	Baya Nursing and Rehabilitation, LLC	07/14/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
54	Eileen Miller	Miller [Releasor]	9400 SW 137th Avenue Operations LLC; NSPRMC, LLC	08/30/23	\$ 62,500	\$ 62,500
55	Carmen Millsap , as Personal Representative of the Estate of James Millsap	Millsap, PR	3001 Palm Coast Parkway Operations, LLC; CMC II, LLC	12/01/20	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
56	Anna Hollins , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Doris Mitchell	Hollins, PR	Brandon Facility Operations, LLC	06/23/22	\$ 140,000	\$ 81,667
57	Julienne Joseph , as Power of Attorney for Juliette Mompoint	Joseph, PoA	4200 Washington Street Operations, LLC	09/26/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
58	Donald Moran, as Power of Attorney for Doris Moran	Moran, PoA	3735 Evans Avenue Operations, LLC	05/19/22	\$ 140,000	\$ 81,667
	Darlene L. Murison , as Personal Representative of the Estate of David G. Murison	Murison, PR	Port Charlotte Facility Operations, LLC	01/11/21	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
60	Howard Williams , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Nessa	Williams, PR	9311 South Orange Blossom Trail Operations, LLC	08/01/22	\$ 150,000	\$ 60,000
1 h	Joshua R. Nielsen , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Martin Nielsen	Nielsen, PR	West Altamonte Facility Operations, LLC	04/06/24	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000

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62	Margaret Jones-Frison , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Dorothy Johnson Norris	Jones-Frison, PR	710 North Sun Drive Operations, LLC; Lidenskab, LLC	06/20/23	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000
63	David O'Berry , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Barbara O'Berry	O'Berry, PR	7950 Lake Underhill Road Operations, LLC	04/18/24	\$ 175,000	\$ 175,000
64	Avram S. Oegar , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Avram Oegar	Oegar, PR	4200 Washington Street Operations, LLC	02/23/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
65	Orlando Ortiz , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Crispin D. Ortiz	Ortiz, PR	216 Santa Barbara Boulevard Operations, LLC	10/10/23	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000
66	Jerri Owens , as Power of Attorney for Lular Owens	Owens, PoA	Kissimmee Facility Operations, LLC; Laive Care Centers, LLC	09/19/22	\$ 100,000	\$ 37,500
67	Gonzalo Padron , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Marina Padron	Padron, PR	Floridian Facility Operations, LLC	04/19/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
68	John Paul , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Karen Paul-Bennett	Paul, PR	Baya Nursing and Rehabilitation, LLC	05/18/22	\$ 140,000	\$ 81,667
69	Karel S. Bennett , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Suzanne Perez	Bennett, PR	1465 Oakfield Drive Operations, LLC	01/11/24	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
70	Elizenda Pina Torres , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Mirelle Pina	Torres, PR	4200 Washington Street Operations, LLC	08/04/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
71	Tiffany Bivins , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Tereather Powell	Bivins, PR	3101 Ginger Drive Operations, LLC; Tallahassee Facility Operations, LLC; Josera, LLC; Tosturi, LLC; Epsilon Health Care Properties, LLC	03/26/24	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
72	Brett Rigas , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Gail Rigas	Rigas, PR	7950 Lake Underhill Road Operations, LLC	10/19/22	\$ 160,000	\$ 16,000
73	Laura Reyes , as Power of Attorney for Delia Rodriguez	Reyes, PoA	6414 13th Road South Operations, LLC	11/06/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000

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74	Maria Herrera , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Aldemaro Rojas	Herrera, PR	Miami Facility Operations, LLC	07/28/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
75	Annabelle Rios , as Power of Attorney for Gloria Rojas	Rios, PoA	7950 Lake Underhill Road Operations, LLC	10/21/22	\$ 125,000	\$ 12,500
76	Daniel Rousseau , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Gertrude Rousseau	Rousseau, PR	West Altamonte Facility Operations, LLC	10/06/20	\$ 145,000	\$ 145,000
	Dennis Sampson , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Marguerite Sampson	Sampson, PR	710 North Sun Drive Operations, LLC	04/10/21	\$ 210,000	\$ 210,000
78	Sharon Scott , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Moses Scott , III	Scott, PR	9355 San Jose Boulevard Operations, LLC	05/13/22	\$ 140,000	\$ 81,667
79	Rita Baar , as Power of Attorney for Delano Skow	Baar, PoA	2826 Cleveland Avenue Operations, LLC	04/03/23	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000
	Qiana Watson , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Anna Marie Brown Smith	Watson, PR	Miami Facility Operations, LLC	04/07/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
81	Alilla Stover , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Machrell Stover	Stover, PR	9311 South Orange Blossom Trail Operations, LLC	03/06/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
Ω.)	Lashell Taylor , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Catherine Taylor	Taylor, PR	West Altamonte Facility Operations, LLC	08/11/23	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000
83	Emma Foster , as Plenary Guardian of the Ward Levi Foster	Foster, Plenary Guardian	15204 West Colonial Drive Operations, LLC	10/27/22	\$ 140,000	\$ 81,667
84	Marie C. Louine , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Rosita Thenor	Louine, PR	6414 13th Road South Operations, LLC	09/26/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
85	Erin Poarch , Individually and as Personal Representative of the Estate of William A. Thompson	Poarch, PR	North Fort Myers Facility Operations, LLC	05/20/21	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000

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86	Michael D. Thompson , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Christine Thompson	Thompson, PR	North Fort Myers Facility Operations, LLC	08/03/23	\$ 206,000	\$ 206,000
	Linda Tillman , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Bertha Tillman	Tillman, PR	4200 Washington Street Operations, LLC	02/17/23	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
88	Jennie Zayas , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Edwin A. Zayas Torres	Zayas, PR	7950 Lake Underhill Road Operations, LLC	01/09/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
0(1	Rodney Christopher Vargas , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Gerardo Vargas	Vargas, PR	4200 Washington Street Operations, LLC	09/21/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
90	Juanita Davila , as Power of Attorney for Rafael Vega	Davila, PoA	7950 Lake Underhill Road Operations, LLC	04/14/22	\$ 140,000	\$ 81,667
91	James Walker , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Louise Walker	Walker, PR	Miami Facility Operations, LLC	06/21/22	\$ 140,000	\$ 81,667
92	Dennis W. Walker , Jr., as Personal Representative of the Estate of Lula Mae Walker	Walker, Jr., PR	1615 Miami Road Operations, LLC	05/18/22	\$ 140,000	\$ 81,667
u.s	Rebecca Barrow , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Carolyn Wayt	Barrow, PR	Baya Nursing and Rehabilitation, LLC	12/16/21	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
94	Susan Whitcomb	Whitcomb	702 South Kings Avenue Operations, LLC	07/08/22	\$ 140,000	\$ 81,667
95	Stephania Redding , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Jessie White	Redding, PR	Orange Park Facility Operations, LLC	06/22/22	\$ 140,000	\$ 81,667
96	Anna Wendolyn Wilkie , as Personal Representative of the Estate of Barbara Wilkie	Wilkie, PR	6700 N.W. 10th Place Operations, LLC	07/06/23	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
97	Teresa R. Woodard , as Power of Attorney for Chester L. Woodard , Jr.	Woodard, PoA	2826 Cleveland Avenue Operations, LLC	07/10/20	\$ 50,000	\$ 30,000
					\$ 10,763,500	\$ 8,678,877

Enclosure "B"

Consulate nursing homes are changing names. Are they changing ownership?

Florida's largest chain still seems to be tied to the homes that now carry new branding.



Exterior photo of Radiant Health Care of Brandon, formerly Consulate Health pictured on Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022 in Brandon. [LUIS SANTANA | Times]
By

Hannah Critchfield Times staff

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The largest nursing home chain in Florida is rebranding.

On its website, Consulate Health Care Services no longer lists any long-term care facilities in the state.

In the wake of a bankruptcy filing and a slew of bad press over the last few years, the privately held chain — the sixth-largest nursing home company in the nation — has quietly divided its Florida facilities into three separate companies. All three appear to still be affiliated with Consulate.

Neither Consulate or the new companies responded to multiple requests for comment. On calls made to Consulate's corporate headquarters to reach a spokesperson,

employees directed the *Tampa Bay Times* to a person who denied working for the company.

"Consulate broke into four different companies," said a receptionist at Consulate Health Care's office in Georgia. "Anything that's outside of the state of Florida is still considered Consulate. Anything inside the state of Florida has been divvied up among Radiant, Independence and NSPIRE. But we are still the corporate office for any of those companies."

Many of Consulate's Florida nursing homes have begun to change their individual names as well, erasing any affiliation with the chain.

Such reorganization leaves consumers in the dark, critics say.

"If you Google Consulate, you've got 20 years of bad press," said Bill Dean, a former Miami-Dade prosecutor who now specializes in suing nursing homes. "But no one is ever going to know that the new 'Happy Nursing Home LLC' is actually the same exact people as Consulate. It's the same employees, the same leadership — but it's now under a new, rebranded fancy name."

With new company names and opaque relationships, he said, consumers searching for a nursing home in Florida may have a hard time knowing a facility's prior history or current ownership.

A household name

Consulate was well known in Florida even before the pandemic struck. By 2018, the forprofit company controlled one out of every nine nursing homes in Florida, the *Naples Daily News* reported, including 13 in Tampa Bay.

Its facilities have been no stranger to controversy.

In January 2018, the state Agency for Health Care Administration threatened to revoke 53 of Consulate's 77 Florida nursing homes' licenses over poor patient care and safety violations. The agency instead reached a settlement that put eight of Consulate's homes on a two-year improvement plan, including three in the Tampa Bay area.

The giant chain was one of five nursing home companies that were investigated by Congress over their handling of coronavirus in 2020.

The same year, the U.S. Court of Appeals upheld a \$256 million civil fraud judgment against Consulate, ruling that nursing homes currently owned by the company had defrauded taxpayers by inflating bills for residents' treatments.

Entities operating under Consulate filed for bankruptcy in March 2021. The chain, which at the time owned 140 facilities across the country, said that it did not have the funds to pay the judgment.

"Many large skilled nursing organizations, including Consulate, have encountered increased financial stress as a direct result (of the pandemic)," wrote Paul Rundell, the company's bankruptcy restructuring officer, in a September 2021 <u>court filing</u>. "And the State of Florida, where many of Consulate's skilled nursing facilities are located, is among the hardest hit."

The Justice Department and the whistleblower filing the claim eventually <u>agreed to settle</u> for far less, leaving Consulate responsible for only \$4.5 million in light of the company declaring bankruptcy.

This bankruptcy filing, and the fanfare accompanying a high-profile federal lawsuit, may have contributed to the divvying up of Consulate Health Care's nursing homes in Florida. But licensing documents and corporate filings suggest the new owners of these facilities are related to the company.

New companies

Using Florida's Agency for Health Care Administration data, the *Tampa Bay Times* analyzed all of the state's long-term care facilities with licenses linked to Consulate Health Care's official website in 2021.

The *Times* found that out of 77 senior homes with active licenses, 76 were owned by limited liability companies that still listed a Consulate office in Georgia as their mailing address. This was true even for facilities that had recently changed names to remove "Consulate Health Care" from their titles.

Mailing addresses are considered an industry shorthand for determining a facility's corporate ownership, according to Dean.

"When it has that address in Georgia, I know it's a Consulate facility," he said.

Seven of these facilities no longer appear to be listed on any company website; the rest have been divvied up.

Consulate Health Care facilities in Florida now are listed as being operated by one of three companies:

• Raydiant Health Care Services

 Raydiant Health Care Services' website says the company has led the way in rehabilitative care in Florida since "opening their doors to the Sunshine State in 2021."

- The application to create the name "Raydiant Health Care" was submitted to the Florida Department of State's Division of Corporations in September 2021 by Charlene G. Johnson, attorney and director of licensing and certification at Consulate Health Care. Johnson used her official Consulate company email address.
- Many Consulate nursing homes have been renamed using the Raydiant moniker. Consulate Health Care of Brandon, one of its Tampa Bay facilities, is now Raydiant Health Care of Brandon. The nursing home experienced an early, deadly coronavirus outbreak at the same time that Congress was <u>investigating</u> Consulate Health Care for its handling of the pandemic. Twenty-two of its residents had <u>died</u> of COVID-19 by the time the state <u>stopped publishing</u> nursing home data in June 2021.

Independence Living Centers

- o Independence Living Centers' website appears to <u>have launched</u> in early January.
- o The name "Independence Living Centers" was registered with the Division of Corporations in September 2021, the same month as Raydiant Health Care. John Silliter, a former Consulate employee, is the chief executive officer of Independence Living Centers, according to his voicemail. Silliter signed the registration form. The limited liability company that owns the name, Josera LLC, was created in July, with Johnson of Consulate again signing off as the authorized representative.
- Its facilities were all previously advertised as Consulate-operated homes. Several have been renamed.
- Locations include Tallahassee Living Center, formerly named Consulate Health Care of Tallahassee, which has a one-star rating on the federal database Care Compare. The facility is one of four Florida Consulate homes that are currently listed as candidates for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services program for "special focus facilities," a designation reserved only for nursing homes that face possible forced closure due to a history of serious quality of care problems.
- Independence Living Centers is actively hiring for positions in Florida facilities, including 92 jobs in Tampa Bay. Its application portal redirects candidates to a page that says, "Consulate Health Care Job Listings."

NSPIRE Healthcare

- NSPIRE Healthcare has operated five facilities in south Florida for several years. These appear not to be directly owned by Consulate. Its current website was created in early 2021. In April, it <u>advertised</u> its five nursing homes. But today, the company <u>lists</u> 27 facilities, 22 of which were previously marketed as Consulate-owned homes.
- o The *Times* called several area NSPIRE facilities in an attempt to reach a media contact for the company. A front desk staffer at NSPIRE Health Care Sarasota formerly Consulate Health Care of Sarasota said that these Consulate facilities had not been sold to a new company, but that Consulate had instead "rebranded." Any of the Florida locations are under different names, she said either Independence, Raydiant or NSPIRE.

 Like Independent Living Centers, the webpage that displays all open jobs at NSPIRE facilities is labeled, "Consulate Health Care Job Listings."

'Synergy Health Care Services'

A new business related to Consulate has recently emerged.

Calls to the number for the company office in Atlanta or for the in-state office in Maitland now redirect to an automated message that begins with, "Thank you for calling Synergy HCS."

Synergy Health Care Services advertises itself as a consulting company to senior care operators, working "behind-the-scenes to deliver solutions that allow providers to focus on what they do best, patient and resident care." The company's LinkedIn page was created in 2021.

All of its current listed employees — 20 in total — began their positions in December 2021 after a long run working at Consulate.

Chris Bryson, former <u>chief executive officer</u> at Consulate Health Care, has the <u>same</u> <u>role</u> at Synergy.

Syngery is actively hiring. All the open positions are <u>based</u> at the longtime Consulate operations address in Maitland.

At first, though, it wasn't clear if there was a website for Synergy.

"There's been a recent reorganization within the company, and I just don't believe the website has been switched over yet so that it's up and running and operational," said Sarah Catherine Whalen, corporate counsel at Synergy HCS and <u>former</u> attorney at Consulate Health Care, on a phone call in which the *Times* requested a communications person for Synergy.

She directed the *Times* to Jennifer Trapp, vice president of brand management for Synergy HCS and the former spokesperson for Consulate.

Trapp said that Synergy is a separate company that contracts with Consulate to provide "back-office" support.

"The buildings in Florida were acquired by other operating management companies," she said. "The company that I work for, we contract with several different providers, including Consulate, who operates outside of the state of Florida."

Trapp declined to name the company's other clients, citing privacy reasons.

She said the *Times* would have to contact Consulate's press person for questions about its Florida facilities or company structure.

On a call back to the Consulate office in Atlanta to request contact information for a Consulate-specific spokesperson, the receptionist said the *Times* should contact Trapp. "We just split into four different companies and it's just kind of a little confusing," said the front desk receptionist. "So I thought Jen Trapp would still take care of that."

She said as far as she knew, she was still answering the phone for Consulate.

Nursing home chain's tangled corporate structure and bankruptcy threats stymied litigation

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After a hospital stay in 2016 for a brain tumor, Regina Romero was transferred to a

nursing home in New Mexico. Her "medications were withheld" and she was neglected and "subjected to an assault," her family alleges in a wrongful death lawsuit filed in 2017 against the facility, Paloma Blanca Health and Rehabilitation.

Romero died less than four months after arriving at the home; she was only 59 years old, states the complaint, which doesn't detail the allegations.

In March 2021, the case was nearing a settlement when negotiations suddenly halted.

That month, a unit of Consulate Health Care — which owned 140 nursing homes, including Paloma Blanca — filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protections. Romero's stepdaughter said Consulate attorneys leveraged the pending bankruptcy as a bludgeon: either accept a significantly reduced settlement, or risk getting little or nothing from a bankrupt entity. The family begrudgingly took the much smaller offer, an amount that cannot be disclosed under the settlement terms.

"It's horrible because I think they got away with what they did," said the stepdaughter, Lisa Robichaud, who had moved near Romero when she entered Paloma Blanca. The two women had bonded over cooking together and grown closer when Robichaud's father had been diagnosed with colon cancer — and Romero cared for him before his death. "She was really good to him," Robichaud said in an interview.

Americans-profit nursing homes and hospices are a bad deal for older

Romero's family is one of many who faced similar hardball tactics, plaintiffs' lawyers said. In the six-year run-up to the bankruptcy filing of six Consulate affiliates, at least 137 plaintiffs across a half-dozen states had sued the affiliates on allegations ranging from negligence and wrongful death to Medicare fraud, according to an online search of legal databases; many cases were settled and the outcome of others was unclear.

A STAT investigation found that in many of these cases, lawyers for Consulate affiliates leveraged the threat of bankruptcy in seeking to lower settlements, and that the companies' actions fit a larger pattern. Before bankruptcy, the company used a convoluted corporate structure that stymied litigation, including dividing up ownership of its nursing homes and keeping paltry liability insurance. Taken together, Consulate left families like the Romeros with little chance of recourse for alleged wrongdoing.

Such tactics, while legal, have prompted calls for holding nursing home chains more accountable, and the Biden administration has <u>announced it will take steps</u> to make homes' ownership and finances more transparent. Nursing home watchdogs say the Consulate affiliates' bankruptcy case set a troubling precedent. When a company files for bankruptcy, all ongoing legal actions are frozen and plaintiffs must seek relief from the bankruptcy court. Under the bankruptcy order, which was approved last December, unsecured creditors, including the families with pending legal actions, are expected to recover only 0.7 percent of their claims.

Charlene Harrington, professor emeritus of social and behavioral sciences at the University of California, San Francisco, said Consulate's bankruptcy strategy and its corporate structure have proven successful in protecting itself from legal responsibility.

"If it was just a tiny nursing home chain in Indiana no one would care," said Harrington, who specializes in the nursing home industry. But Consulate was the sixth largest nursing home chain at the time of the bankruptcy declaration. "Other companies will look at how they managed bankruptcy to get out from under it."

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CHARLENE HARRINGTON, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO

Consulate and Synergy Health Care Services, a nursing home management company employing many of Consulate's past executives, did not respond to phone calls and emails requesting comment. Nor did Formation Capital, the private equity firm that owns Consulate.

Paloma Blanca denied the Romero family's allegations, court documents show. "If the plaintiff was injured and damaged as alleged, which is specifically denied, the injuries and damages resulted from an unavoidable medical complication," states the home's reply to the complaint. Other Consulate affiliates named in the lawsuit denied the allegations or argued they have nothing to do with the case.

In a bankruptcy declaration, Consulate cited financial hardship from the pandemic as the reason for seeking protection from creditors. With fewer intakes, the number of people in its care dropped from 14,000 to 12,000.

The company also said it was unable to pay a \$258 million judgment levied in 2020 against the company. The judgment was the result of a federal whistleblower complaint filed in 2011 by Angela Ruckh, a former charge nurse at the chain's Florida nursing

homes, who alleged that Consulate defrauded taxpayers by overbilling government programs.

Last December, Judge John Dorsey approved a bankruptcy order that reduced the \$258 million judgement to \$4.5 million.

Echoing the ultimatum Robichaud faced, lawyer Nathan Carter said that leading up to the affiliates' Chapter 11 filings, Consulate attorneys cited the whistleblower judgment and the potential for bankruptcy in arguing for lower plaintiff payouts in dozens of lawsuits represented by his Florida-based firm.

Carter, who declined to discuss specific cases or settlements, said Consulate used the tactic to a much greater extent than other nursing home chains that have considered or filed for bankruptcy. His assessment was based on his experience and conversations with other Florida law firms.

"They definitely played the bankruptcy card harder than other chains," Carter said.

In pursuing litigation against Consulate, families and their attorneys faced a maze of related businesses that obscured where profits went, government cost reports show. The company's many subsidiaries became a recurring theme in the bankruptcy.

The bankrupt entities — which had a stake in Consulate's nursing homes — were sold to a company made up of Consulate insiders, called CPSTN Operations, in what's known as a stalking-horse bid.

Early in the bankruptcy proceedings, a creditor committee argued that Consulate used the stalking-horse bid to avoid litigation while pleading poverty in isolation from the larger corporate structure. Consulate placed six affiliates in bankruptcy, but not itself or its private equity owner.

The bankruptcy will "do nothing more than allow Consulate to cleanse or launder a continually evolving corporate, capital, transactional and governance structure much larger than the now isolated debtors," stated the <u>creditor filing</u>. Attorneys representing CPSTN did not return emails seeking comment.

The committee later sought to examine why a bankrupt Consulate management company transferred \$1.6 billion to a parent entity in 2020. The motion was later withdrawn for unclear reasons, court records show. Robert Schechter, an attorney who represented the creditors committee in the bankruptcy, declined to comment on the withdrawn motion. But overall, he said the committee struck a balance between creditor recovery and the risk of a drawn-out bankruptcy that potentially affects the care of nursing home residents.

"For any business that's in the zone of insolvency, there's a potential big change happening, whether it's the purchase of the homes or maybe a new operator. Those are things that affect residents," Schechter said.

Robert Lawless, a professor at the University of Illinois College of Law who specializes in bankruptcy law and has no ties to the case, said Consulate's size and byzantine ownership structure likely imperiled the committee's attempts to probe the conglomerate's finances.

Lawless urged stricter federal limits on the ability of nursing home chains to divide ownership — and adoption of a rule that to be eligible for Medicare funding, companies in a wider corporate structure be liable for each other.

"You can't blame the bankruptcy court," said Lawless. "The law should be different."

Arnold Whitman – the chairman of Formation Capital, the private equity firm behind Consulate – told <u>The New York Times</u> in 2007 that chopping up nursing home ownership into separate companies is a crucial legal maneuver that rehabilitated a struggling industry. He did not respond to emails requesting comment.

Formation has also held a majority stake in Trident USA Health Services, a diagnostics provider that the <u>Justice Department accused in 2019</u> of filing for bankruptcy protection to "extinguish the government's ability to collect any damages or penalties." Ultimately, Trident in 2019 agreed to pay the federal government \$8.5 million to resolve claims that it provided kickbacks to nursing homes in exchange for referring lucrative business to Trident.

Because Consulate is a privately held company, its financial health remains shrouded. But according to the bankruptcy filings, Consulate paid then-CEO Christopher Bryson \$2.004 million in bonuses eight months before bankruptcy — nearly one-third of which came days before the declaration. The bonuses were on top of \$1.062 million in salary during the period.

More visible was that Consulate and the Department of Justice agreed to reduce the whistleblower judgement in the Florida nursing home case to just \$4.5 million. The Department of Justice declined to comment.

Toby Edelman, a senior policy attorney for the Center for Medicare Advocacy, said the steeply reduced settlement amount undermines whistleblower litigation under what's known as the False Claims Act.

"That's a message to other chains that are charged with violations of the False Claims Act," Edelman said. "They can take their chances in court and if they lose, try to settle for far less."

Aretha Bradham is one of the plaintiffs whose suit against Consulate affiliates

remains unresolved. She faces the likelihood of recovering little.

A bike accident in 2017 paralyzed her brother, Thomas Bradham, from the neck down. After a hospital stay, he was transferred to Marshall Health and Rehabilitation Center. At the Florida nursing home, his health declined rapidly.

He developed severe bed sores and suffered from malnutrition, and ultimately died from negligence, alleges her 2020 lawsuit against Consulate subsidiaries. Bradham seeks damages for the alleged fatal neglect.

"Normally you say in bankruptcy you get pennies on the dollar," said her attorney, Morgan Streetman. "This is not even expected to be one penny on the dollar."

As another means of recovery, Streetman is pursuing the facility's liability insurance policy that's supposed to cover when someone is injured on the premises. A copy has yet to be provided to him, he said.

But draft financials obtained through a records request to a Virginia health regulator state that Consulate facilities' insurance covers only \$100,000 per negligent incident in Florida — and that can amount to little or nothing after legal fees. Consulate's insurance often deducts attorneys' fees from the payout.

Each Florida home carries \$300,000 in total liability coverage, the records show. Consulate's skimpy liability insurance is widely known and deters litigation, attorneys say.

Florida law requires that nursing homes carry liability insurance but doesn't specify a minimum. In 2018, <u>state legislation</u> sought to require that nursing homes maintain liability insurance covering \$2 million per incident, with \$4 million in total coverage. The bill failed.

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MORGAN STREETMAN, BRADHAM FAMILY'S ATTORNEY

Bradham's lawsuit against Marshall Health and Rehabilitation Center names fives LLCs that it alleges make up "an amalgamation of interests creating a blurred corporate identify."

Attempting to pierce the corporate veil, Bradham's attorneys negotiated the ability to pursue litigation against Consulate entities that didn't declare bankruptcy. But that's an uphill battle. "Those third parties will no doubt assert all kinds of legal defenses," wrote bankruptcy attorney Benjamin Keck in an email.

Meanwhile, Bradham presses on in memory of her older brother, a concrete finisher who died at 58 years old. He expressed love by fixing up her house, while she baked for him. He was easy to talk to, whatever the subject. "We had a special bond," she said.

In response to the Bradham lawsuit, three Consulate affiliates filed a motion to dismiss the complaint, pointing to a 2014 Florida law that shields "passive investors" from being named as defendants in nursing home negligence lawsuits.

"None of the entities provided any direct care to Thomas Bradham," states the response from Epsilon Health Care Properties, Consulate Management Company, and LV CHC Holdings.

Two other affiliates, 207 Marshall Drive Operations and CMC II, denied the allegations. "Thomas Bradham's injuries, if any, were the result of pre-existing or congenital problems or conditions and not caused by, exacerbated, nor aggravated by any actions or omissions on the part of defendants," states the response.

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The Romero family's attorneys, too, were frustrated by the complicated corporate structure, writing in a court filing that they were "forced to try to untangle the everchanging web of companies and entities."

Lawyers for Paloma Blanca, a 119-bed facility that advertises care for medically complex patients, disputed Consulate's role in the nursing home's operations when plaintiff attorney Wesley Jackson moved to include other corporate entities in the Romero family's lawsuit. The Romero family's lawsuit ultimately named 16 LLCs under the umbrella of Consulate.

Much of the same team that ran Consulate nursing homes before the bankruptcy still runs them. The nursing homes in April 2022 shared 45 percent of the same officers and managers as the month before bankruptcy. That's according to a STAT analysis of federal ownership data for 133 Consulate nursing homes, with a few homes omitted because of incomplete data.

The most common name that popped up in the STAT analysis was Kenneth Ussery, who was listed on more than 120 of the nursing homes before and after the bankruptcy. He was Consulate's senior vice president of revenue cycle and treasury management, before holding the same title at Synergy Healthcare Services, a nursing home management company that launched in December with former Consulate executives.

Among Synergy's clients: Consulate Health Care.

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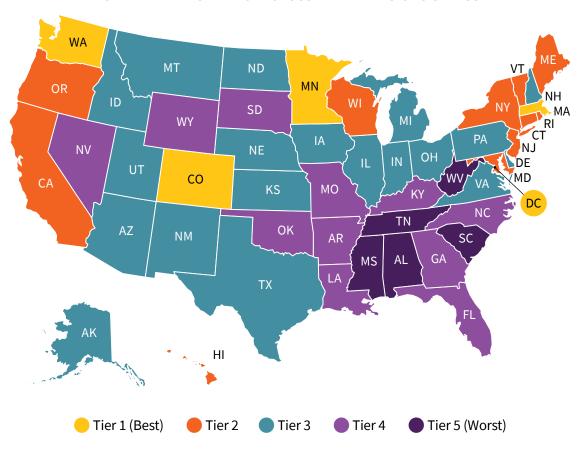
High-Level Findings

OVERALL PERFORMANCE AND STATE RANKINGS

As with previous *Scorecards*, states are ranked 1-51 relative to one another for each indicator, each dimension, and overall. While previous editions of the *Scorecard* have grouped states into equally sized quartiles, this edition groups states into performance tiers, to better reflect the natural distribution of state performance, where historically, most states fall closely together in the middle and very few states perform significantly above or below the national average. Only five states (Colorado, District of Columbia, Minnesota, Washington, Massachusetts) consistently scored high enough across all 50 indicators to reach the top tier of performance. See Exhibits A1 and A2.

EXHIBIT A1 | States are grouped into five performance tiers

OVERALL PERFORMANCE ACROSS FIVE DIMENSIONS OF LTSS



Note: Rankings are not entirely comparable to previous *Scorecard* rankings. Changes in rank may not reflect changes in performance. Measures may be different and improved performance can result in a lower rank if other states experienced greater improvement.

Source: Long-Term Services and Supports State Scorecard, 2023.

EXHIBIT A2 | States are ranked 1-51 in overall performance, from top to bottom performance

TIER 1	
State	Rank
Minnesota	1
Washington	2
District of Columbia	3
Massachusetts	4
Colorado	5

TIER 2	
State	Rank
New York	6
Oregon	7
Hawaii	8
Vermont	9
New Jersey	10
California	11
Rhode Island	12
Connecticut	13
Maryland	14
Wisconsin	15
Maine	16

TIER 3	
State	Rank
Delaware	17
Nebraska	18
North Dakota	19
New Mexico	20
Pennsylvania	21
Arizona	22
Iowa	23
New Hampshire	24
Illinois	25
Alaska	26
Indiana	27
Virginia	28
Utah	29
Kansas	30
Michigan	31
Ohio	32
Montana	33
Texas	34
Idaho	35

TIER 4	
State	Rank
South Dakota	36
Arkansas	37
Missouri	38
Georgia	39
Wyoming	40
North Carolina	41
Kentucky	42
Florida	43
Nevada	44
Louisiana	45
Oklahoma	46

TIER 5	
State	Rank
Tennessee	47
Mississippi	48
South Carolina	49
Alabama	50
West Virginia	51

Source: Long-Term Services and Supports State Scorecard, 2023.

ACCELERATING PROGRESS

For the indicators in which we can track change over time, more states made significant progress in the last three years (2020–2023) than the previous three years (2017–2020). For the first time, the *Scorecard* finds more than half of Medicaid LTSS spending for older people and adults with physical disabilities went to HCBS, at a rate of 53 percent in FY 2020 (from which the 2023 *Scorecard* scores and ranks states). In addition, 12 states spend the majority of Medicaid LTSS funding for older people and adults with physical disabilities on HCBS (up from seven states in 2009).

The indicator showing the most improvement nationally is Self-Direction Enrollment, which increased by 10 percent or more in 35 states. Some states recording massive increases in enrollment across their self-directed programs of 500-1000 percent. Since the first *Scorecard* edition, the total number of people who self-direct services more than doubled from just under 740,000 in 2009 to more than 1.5 million in 2021.

APPENDIX G | Overall State Rankings and Performance Tiers and Across Five Dimensions of LTSS

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State	Rank	Tier	Rank	Tier	Rank	Tier	Rank	Tier	Rank	Tier	Rank	Tier
Alabama	38	4	51	5	41	4	48	4	49	5	50	5
Alaska	37	4	17	3	8	2	16	2	48	5	26	3
Arizona	29	3	42	4	22	3	11	2	20	3	22	3
Arkansas	21	3	38	3	32	3	30	3	44	4	37	4
California	30	3	1	1	4	1	15	2	31	3	11	2
Colorado	14	2	3	1	3	1	2	1	34	3	5	1
Connecticut	8	2	22	3	19	3	9	2	22	3	13	2
Delaware	16	3	35	3	2	1	25	3	30	3	17	3
District of Columbia	1	1	32	3	13	2	3	1	1	1	3	1
Florida	44	4	36	3	34	3	50	5	28	3	43	4
Georgia	26	3	41	4	43	4	23	3	38	4	39	4
Hawaii	6	2	27	3	1	1	11	2	13	2	8	2
Idaho	42	4	28	3	11	2	34	4	37	4	35	3
Illinois	5	2	13	3	40	4	36	4	39	4	25	3
Indiana	35	3	30	3	28	3	39	4	5	2	27	3
Iowa	32	3	26	3	16	2	33	3	21	3	23	3
Kansas	12	2	20	3	31	3	42	4	35	3	30	3
Kentucky	40	4	37	3	45	4	38	4	40	4	42	4
Louisiana	15	3	50	5	50	4	35	4	43	4	45	4
Maine	41	4	14	3	20	3	8	2	8	2	16	2
Maryland	7	2	19	3	17	3	14	2	24	3	14	2
Massachusetts	4	2	2	1	14	2	13	2	9	2	4	1
Michigan	27	3	12	2	33	3	28	3	42	4	31	3
Minnesota	13	2	9	2	6	2	1	1	2	1	1	1
Mississippi	19	3	46	4	51	5	45	4	51	5	48	5
Missouri	18	3	39	4	47	4	26	3	36	3	38	4
Montana	33	3	40	4	44	4	21	3	10	2	33	3
Nebraska	36	3	23	3	18	3	21	3	4	2	18	3
Nevada	49	5	48	4	48	4	19	3	33	3	44	4
New Hampshire	31	3	33	3	29	3	31	3	7	2	24	3
New Jersey	3	2	16	3	12	2	4	1	17	3	10	2
New Mexico	23	3	24	3	25	3	17	2	23	3	20	3
New York	11	2	7	2	24	3	7	2	12	2	6	2
North Carolina	46	4	25	3	35	4	49	5	19	3	41	4
North Dakota	48	4	21	3	15	2	27	3	3	1	19	3
Ohio	9	2	29	3	38	4	41	4	26	3	32	3
Oklahoma	51	5	43	4	39	4	32	3	46	4	46	4
Oregon	25	3	11	2	7	2	4	1	14	2	7	2
Pennsylvania	34	3	4	1	26	3	46	4	11	2	21	3
Rhode Island	17	3	10	2	23	3	20	3	15	2	12	2
South Carolina	50	5	34	3	46	4	47	4	47	4	49	5
South Dakota	24	3	44	4	30	3	43	4	25	3	36	4
Tennessee	43	4	31	3	49	4	51	5	45	4	47	5
Texas	22	3	18	3	42	4	40	4	29	3	34	3
Utah	45	4	45	4	10	2	23	3	16	2	29	3
Vermont	28	3	6	2	9	2	10	2	6	2	9	2
Virginia	10	2	15	3	37	4	37	4	32	3	28	3
Washington	2	1	8	2	5	1	6	1	27	3	2	1
West Virginia	47	4	49	5	36	4	44	4	50	5	51	5
Wisconsin	20	3	5	1	27	3	17	2	18	3	15	2
Wyoming	39	4	47	4	21	3	28	3	41	4	40	4

Source: Long-Term Services and Supports State Scorecard, 2023.

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<u>Title XXIX</u> <u>Chapter 400</u> <u>View Entire Chapter</u>
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING HOMES AND RELATED HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

400.024 Failure to satisfy a judgment or settlement agreement; required notification to claimants.—

- (1) Upon the entry by a Florida court of an adverse final judgment against a licensee as defined in s. <u>400.023(2)</u> which arises from an award pursuant to s. <u>400.023</u>, including an arbitration award, for a claim of negligence or a violation of residents' rights, in contract or tort, or from noncompliance with the terms of a settlement agreement as determined by a court or arbitration panel, which arises from a claim pursuant to s. <u>400.023</u>, the licensee shall pay the judgment creditor the entire amount of the judgment, award, or settlement and all accrued interest within 60 days after the date such judgment, award, or settlement becomes final and subject to execution unless otherwise mutually agreed to in writing by the parties. Failure to make such payment shall result in additional grounds that may be used by the agency for revoking a license or for denying a renewal application or a related party change of ownership application as provided in this section.
- (2) The agency is deemed notified of an unsatisfied judgment or settlement under subsection (1) when a certified copy of the judgment and a certified copy of a valid judgment lien certificate, filed in accordance with ss. 55.202 and 55.203, are served to the agency by process server or received by certified mail, return receipt requested. Within 60 days after receiving such documents, the agency shall notify the licensee by certified mail, return receipt requested, that it is subject to disciplinary action unless, within 30 days after the date of mailing the notice, the licensee:
 - (a) Shows proof that the unsatisfied judgment or settlement has been paid in the amount specified;
 - (b) Shows proof of the existence of a payment plan mutually agreed upon by the parties in writing;
 - (c) Furnishes the agency with a copy of a timely filed notice of appeal;
 - (d) Furnishes the agency with a copy of a court order staying execution of the final judgment; or
- (e) Shows proof by submitting an order from a court or arbitration panel that is overseeing any action seeking indemnification from an insurance carrier or other party that the licensee believes is required to pay the award.
- (3) If the agency is placed on notice pursuant to subsection (2) and proof pursuant to subsection (2) is not provided by the licensee, the agency shall issue an emergency order pursuant to s. <u>120.60</u> declaring that the facility lacks financial ability to operate and a notice of intent to revoke or deny a license.
 - (4) After the agency is placed on notice pursuant to subsection (2), the following applies:
- (a) If the license is subject to renewal, the agency may deny the license renewal unless compliance with this section is achieved.
- (b) If a change of ownership application for the facility at issue is submitted by the licensee, by a person or entity identified as having a controlling interest in the licensee, or by a related party, the agency shall deny the change of ownership application unless compliance with this section is achieved.
- (c) If an adverse final judgment under subsection (1) is entered, but payment is not yet due and a change of ownership application for the facility at issue is submitted by the licensee, by a person or entity identified as having a controlling interest in the licensee, or by a related party, the adverse final judgment becomes the responsibility and liability of the transferee if the agency approves the change of ownership application.
- (5) If a change of ownership application for the facility at issue is submitted by the licensee, by a person or entity identified as having a controlling interest in the licensee, or by a related party:

- (a) The licensee or transferor must provide written notice of the submission of the application to each pending claimant or the claimant's attorney of record, if applicable. The written notice must be provided within 14 days after the date the application is submitted to the agency. Notice must be provided by certified mail, return receipt requested, or other method that provides verification of receipt.
- (b) A claimant has 30 days after the date of receipt of the written notice to object to the application if the claimant has reason to believe that the approval of the application would facilitate a fraudulent transfer or allow the transferor to avoid financial responsibility for the claimant's pending claim.
- (c) The agency must consider any objection brought pursuant to this subsection in its decision to approve or deny an application for change of ownership under this part and part II of chapter 408.
- (d) If a claim is pending in arbitration at the time that the application for change of ownership is filed, the claimant may file a petition to enjoin the transfer in circuit court.

As used in this subsection, "claimant" means a resident, the resident's family, or a personal representative who has notified the licensee or facility of a potential claim by written notice of intent or who has initiated an action, claim, or arbitration proceeding against the licensee or facility.

History.-s. 3, ch. 2014-83; s. 4, ch. 2022-61.

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Enclosure "E"

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MANATEE COUNTY FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

MARY HOLT, Deceased, by and through TERESA MARGRAF, as Personal Representative of the Estate,

CASE NO.: 41-2017-CA004423AX

DIVISION: B

Plaintiff,

V.

6305 CORTEZ ROAD WEST PERATIONS LLC d/b/a BRADENTON HEALTH CARE and CMC II, LLC,

Defendants.	
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FINAL JUDGMENT

THIS CAUSE came on to be heard before the Court on "Motion to Enforce Settlement" (the "Motion"), filed by Mary Holt, Deceased, by and through Teresa Margraf, as Personal Representative of the Estate (the "Plaintiff"), on March 26, 2024, whose address is 1112 Channelside Drive, Suite 5, Tampa Florida 33602. The Motion seeks relief against defendants, 6305 Cortez Road West Operations LLC, 1040 Crown Pointe Pkwy Ste 600 Atlanta, Ga 30338-4741 in the amount of \$168,750.00 (the "Judgment Amount"), based upon the undisputed failure to make certain payments under a settlement agreement (the "Settlement Agreement"), that this Court has jurisdiction to enforce.

For reasons stated orally on the record in open Court, that shall constitute the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and holding of this Court, this Court has determined that the Motion has merit, to the extent set forth in this Judgment. Accordingly, it is:

ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED as follows:

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1. Judgment is entered in favor of the Plaintiff and against the Defendant 6305 Cortez

Road West Operations LLC in the Judgment Amount, for which let execution

issue.

2. Interest on the Judgment Amount shall accrue at the rate set forth in Florida Statute

§55.03, from the date of entry hereof, said rate currently being 9.34% per annum.

This Court reserves jurisdiction to adjudicate any motion for recovery of costs filed

in connection herewith.

3. The Defendant is hereby directed to complete, execute before a notary, and transmit

to the Plaintiff, within forty-five (45) days from the date of entry hereof, a "Fact

Information Sheet" that is complete, accurate, and truthful, in a manner consistent

with Florida Rule of Civil Procedure Form 1.977.

4. This Court reserves jurisdiction to enforce this Judgment, including replevin,

garnishment, charging orders, orders on proceedings supplementary, writs of

execution, discovery in aid of execution, and all other means of execution and levy

permitted by law and in equity. Pursuant to Florida Statutes §57.115, the Plaintiff

may be entitled to recovery of attorneys' fees and costs in connection with the

collection of this Judgment.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers in Manatee County, Florida.

eSigned by D. RYAN FELIX, Circuit Judge 04/05/2024 13:41:41 PpuANJa2 _

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HONORABLE D. RYAN FELIX CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Conformed copies to:

Scott Distasio, Esquire Antonio Cifuentes, Esquire Return to:
William A. Dean, Esquire
Ford, Dean & Rotundo, P.A.
3323 N.E. 163rd Street, Suite 605
North Miami Beach, FL 33160

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 6TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO.: 2019-CA-003349 CA

LYDIA MARTINEZ, as Personal Representative of the Estate of LUZ M. MARTINEZ, Deceased,

Plaintiff,

VS.

NEW PORT RICHEY FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC. d/b/a CONSULATE HEALTH CARE OF NEW PORT RICHEY,

Defendant.		

FINAL JUDGMENT

THIS CAUSE, having come on for hearing before the Court on Plaintiff's Motion to Enforce Settlement on January 4, 2024, after the Parties executed a binding Settlement Release, and the Defendant nursing home has not paid the settlement funds as required by the Settlement Release. Therefore the court finding that the Defendant, NEW PORT RICHEY FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC. d/b/a CONSULATE HEALTH CARE OF NEW PORT RICHEY, is indebted to the Plaintiff, LYDIA MARTINEZ, as Personal Representative of the Estate of LUZ M. MARTINEZ, Deceased, for damages in the amount of \$75,000.00, and the Court being otherwise duly advised in the premises, it is thereupon,

CONSIDERED, ORDERED and ADJUDGED:

- 1. Plaintiff, LYDIA MARTINEZ, as Personal Representative of the Estate of LUZ M. MARTINEZ, Deceased, 7034 Fairfax Drive, Port Richey, FL 34668, do have and recover of and from Defendant, NEW PORT RICHEY FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC. d/b/a CONSULATE HEALTH CARE OF NEW PORT RICHEY, an Florida corporation, Florida Document No. M06000003835, FEI NO. 20-5112212, whose principal address is 850 Concourse Parkway S, Suite 250, Maitland, FL 32751, and mailing address is 1040 Crown Pointe Parkway, Suite 600, Atlanta, GA 30338, the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars, (\$75,000.00) as principal damages, making a total due Plaintiff from Defendant of \$75,000.00, that shall bear interest at the statutorily mandated rate per year until satisfied, and for all of which let execution issue.
- 2. It is further ordered and adjudged that the judgment Defendant/Debtor, NEW PORT RICHEY FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC. d/b/a CONSULATE HEALTH CARE OF NEW PORT RICHEY shall complete, under oath, Florida Rule of Civil Procedure Form 1.977 (Fact Information Sheet), including all required attachments, and serve it on the Plaintiff's attorney, William A. Dean, Esq. at his address listed below within 45 days from the date of this Final Judgment, unless the Final Judgment is satisfied or post-judgment discovery is stayed. The Judgment Defendant/Debtor shall also timely file a Notice with the Clerk of the Court, with a copy being sent to the Judgment Creditor Plaintiff's Attorney, certifying compliance with having timely completed and mailed the Fact Information Sheet.

Jurisdiction of this case is retained to enter any further Orders including orders on Motions to Compel, Motions For Contempt, Motions to Tax Prevailing Party Costs or any other Motion seeking appropriate relief, in the event it is necessary to compel and order the judgment Defendant/Debtor, NEW PORT RICHEY FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC. d/b/a

CONSULATE HEALTH CARE OF NEW PORT RICHEY, a Florida corporation to complete form 1.977, including the submission of all required attachments, and have it mailed and served on the judgment creditor's/Plaintiff's attorney.

NOTICE AND WARNING is hereby given to the Judgement Defendant/Debtor that the failure to comply with the foregoing shall be grounds for the Court to hold the Judgment Defendant/Debtor in contempt of Court. The original of said Fact Information Sheet is hereby being mailed to the Defendant, NEW PORT RICHEY FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC. d/b/a CONSULATE HEALTH CARE OF NEW PORT RICHEY, an Florida corporation at the address listed below, in conjunction with the mailing of the copy of this Final Judgment.

3. The Court hereby specifically reserves and retains jurisdiction of this case to enter all appropriate Orders and/or Judgments to determine and award attorney's fees and the taxing of costs in favor of the Plaintiff, as allowed by law, based upon proper timely motion and notice of hearing thereon.

Electronically Conformed 4/11/2024
Kimberly Sharpe Byrd

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Copies furnished to:

William A. Dean, Esquire Ford, Dean & Rotundo, P.A. Attorneys for Plaintiff 3323 N.E. 163rd Street, Suite 605 North Miami Beach, FL 33160

Antonio Cifuentes, Esquire Dias & Associates, P.A. Attorneys for Defendant 5110 Sunforest Drive, Suite 160 Tampa, FL 33634

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 6^{TH} JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO.: 2019-CA-003349 CA

LYDIA MARTINEZ, as Personal Representative of the Estate of LUZ M. MARTINEZ, Deceased,

Plaintiff,

VS.

NEW PORT RICHEY FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC. d/b/a CONSULATE HEALTH CARE OF NEW PORT RICHEY,

I	Defendant.		
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FACT INFORMATION SHEET

Name of Entity: NEW PORT RICHEY FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC. d/b/a CONSULATE HEALTH CARE OF NEW PORT RICHEY

Name and title of person filling out this form:

Telephone number:

Mailing address (if different):

Gross/taxable income reported for federal income tax purposes last three years:

\$	/\$	\$	/\$	\$	/\$	_
Taxpa	yer identifica	tion number:				
Is this entity an S corporation for federal income tax purposes?				Yes	No	
Avera	ge number of	emplovees per	month			

Name of each shareholder, member, or partner owing 5% or more of the entity's common stock, preferred stock, or other equity interest:

Names of officers, directors, members, or partners:

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Checking account at:	Acco	ount #	
Savings account at:	Acco	unt #	
Does the entity own any vehicles? _	Yes	No	
For each vehicle please state:			
Year/Make/Model:	Color:		
Vehicle ID No.: Tag N	lo	_ Mileage:	
Names on Title:	Present Value	e:	
Loan Owed to:			
Balance on Loan: \$			
Monthly Payment: \$			
Does the entity own any real propert	y? Yes		No
If yes, please state the address(es):			
Please check if the entity owns the fo	ollowing:		
Boat			
Camper			
Stocks/bonds			
Other real property			
Other personal prope	rty		
Please attach copies of the following	ŗ:		

Copies of state and federal income tax returns for the past 3 years.

1. All bank, savings and loan, and other account books and statements for accounts in institutions in which the entity had any legal or equitable interest for the past 3 years.

- 2. All cancelled checks for the 12 months immediately preceding the service date of this Fact Information Sheet for accounts in which the entity held any legal or equitable interest.
- 3. All deeds, leases, mortgages, or other written instruments evidencing any interest in ownership of real property at any time within the 12 months immediately preceding the date this lawsuit was filed.
- 4. Bills of sale or other written evidence of the gift, sale, purchase, or other transfer of any personal or real property to or from the entity to or from the entity within the 12 months immediately preceding the date this lawsuit was filed.
- 5. Motor vehicle or vessel documents, including titles and registrations relating to any motor vehicles or vessels owned by the entity alone or with others.
- 6. Financial statements as to the entity's assets, liabilities, and owner's equity prepared within the 12 months immediately preceding the service date of this Fact Information Sheet.
- 7. Minutes of all meetings of the entity's members, partners, shareholders, or board of directors held within 2 years of the service date of this Fact Information Sheet.
- 8. Resolutions of the entity's members, partners, shareholders, or board of directors passed within 2 years of the service date of this Fact Information Sheet.

UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, I SWEAR OR AFFIRM THAT THE FOREGOING ANSWERS ARE TRUE AND COMPLETE.

Judgment Debtor's Designated		
Representative/Title		
STATE OF FLORIDA		
COUNT OF		
COUNT OF		
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on	, by	,
who is personally known to me or has produced	as identification	and who
did/did not take an oath.	_	

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WITNESS my hand and official sea	l, this day of	
Notary Public		
State of Florida		
My Commission Expires:		

THE JUDGMENT DEBTOR SHALL FILE WITH THE CLERK OF THE COURT A NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE AFTER THE ORIGINAL FACT INFORMATION SHEET, TOGETHER WITH ALL ATTACHMENTS, HAS BEEN DELIVERED TO THE JUDGMENT CREDITOR'S ATTORNEY, OR TO THE JUDGMENT CREDITOR IS NOT REPRESENTED BY AN ATTORNEY.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 9TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 2020-CA-011946-O

HOWARD WILLIAMS, as Personal Representative of the Estate of NESSA WILLIAMS, deceased,

Plaintiff,

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9311 SOUTH ORANGE BLOSSOM TRAIL OPERATIONS LLC d/b/a PARKS HEALTHCARE AND REHABILITATION CENTER; and CMC II, LLC,

Defendants.

FINAL JUDGMENT

Pursuant to the Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion to Enforce Settlement entered on March 29, 2024, in this action, it is:

ADJUDGED that Plaintiff HOWARD WILLIAMS, recover from Defendant 9311 SOUTH ORANGE BLOSSOM TRAIL OPERATIONS LLC d/b/a PARKS HEALTHCARE AND REHABILITATION CENTER, the sum of \$60,000, that shall bear interest at 9.09% per annum for the remainder of 2024, and thereafter at a legal rate fixed by the Comptroller for the State of Florida pursuant to Chapter 55, Florida Statutes, for which let execution issue.

This Court reserves ruling on sanctions.

DONE and Ordered in Orange County, Florida on the date shown on the electronic

signature.

eSigned by Margaret H. Schreiber 04/19/2024 10:17:51 tpT4osNr

Circuit Judge

If there are parties not receiving service through the Florida Courts e-filing Portal, counsel will serve a copy of the order via U.S. Mail to the non-efiling parties and file a certificate of service in the court file no later than three days from the date of this order.

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GOVERNOR

JASON WEIDA SECRETARY

May 7, 2024

John A. Anthony, Esq. Anthony & Partners Attorneys at Law 1000 South Ashley Drive, Suite 1600 Tampa, FL 33602

Delivered via email to: janthony@anthonyandpartners.com

Re: Consulate/Aspire/Synergy Health Care Services/NSPIRE/Radiant

Dear Mr. Anthony,

The Agency received your letter dated April 22, 2024, and the list of final judgments. The list was very helpful and very much appreciated. Please note, however, that pursuant to section 400.024(2), Florida Statutes, the Agency may take action against a nursing home only when it receives a *certified copy of the judgment and a certified copy of a valid judgment lien certificate*, filed in accordance with sections 55.202 and 55.203, Florida Statutes. Given that any agency action would involve an emergency order, adherence to the statute is necessary. Please revise the list if necessary. Kindly submit the certified documents to:

Brian O. Smith, Unit Manager Long Term Care Services Unit Agency for Health Care Administration Mail Stop #33 Tallahassee, FL 32308

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kelly Kibbey Smith, Senior Attorney General Counsel's Office Agency for Health Care Administration 2727 Mahan Drive, MS #3 Tallahassee, Florida 32308 Kelly.Smith@ahca.myflorida.com (850) 412-3645



Enclosure "B"

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

HEALTHCARE NEGLIGENCE SETTLEMENT RECOVERY CORP.,

Plaintiff,

Case No.:

v.

5405 BABCOCK STREET OPERATIONS, LLC, EPSILON HEALTH CARE PROPERTIES, LLC, CMC II, LLC, LAVIE CARE CENTERS, LLC, 6700 N.W. 10TH PLACE OPERATIONS, LLC, 4200 WASHINGTON STREET OPERATIONS, LLC, 2826 CLEVELAND AVENUE OPERATIONS, LLC, **BAYA** NURSING REHABILITATION, LLC, 1465 OAKFIELD DRIVE OPERATIONS, LLC, 777 NINTH STREET NORTH OPERATIONS, LLC, 3101 GINGER DRIVE OPERATIONS, LLC, TALLAHASSEE FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC, JOSERA, LLC; TOSTURI, LLC, MELBOURNE FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC, NORTH FORT MYERS FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC, CONSULATE FACILITY LEASING, LLC, 1010 CARPENTERS WAY OPERATIONS, LLC, MIAMI FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC, 741 SOUTH BENEVA ROAD OPERATIONS, LLC, 3735 EVANS AVENUE OPERATIONS, LLC, 7950 LAKE UNDERHILL ROAD OPERATIONS, LLC, 518 WEST FLETCHER AVENUE OPERATIONS, LLC, LIDENSKAB JACKSONVILLE FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC, 3001 COAST **PARKWAY** OPERATIONS, KISSIMMEE FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC, 9311 SOUTH ORANGE BLOSSOM TRAIL OPERATIONS, LLC, 4641 OLD CANOE CREEK ROAD OPERATIONS, LLC, 2333 NORTH BRENTWOOD CIRCLE OPERATIONS, LLC, 710 NORTH SUN DRIVE OPERATIONS, LLC, 1851 ELKCAM BOULEVARD OPERATIONS, LLC, 6414 13TH ROAD SOUTH OPERATIONS, LLC, 1120 WEST DONEGAN **AVENUE** OPERATIONS, LLC, 12170 BOULEVARD OPERATIONS, LLC, 9400 SW 137TH AVENUE OPERATIONS LLC, NSPRMC, LLC, 1550 JESS PARRISH COURT OPERATIONS, LLC, LV CHC HOLDINGS I, LLC, CONCOURSE PARTNERS, LLC, CONCURRENT PARTNERS, LLLP, PORT CHARLOTTE FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC, WEST ALTAMONTE FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC, 216 SANTA BARBARA BOULEVARD OPERATIONS, LLC, FLORIDIAN FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC, 1615 MIAMI ROAD OPERATIONS, LLC, 6305 CORTEZ ROAD WEST OPERATIONS, LLC, 15204 WEST COLONIAL DRIVE OPERATIONS, LLC, NEW PORT RICHEY FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC, 11565 HARTS ROAD OPERATIONS, LLC, BRANDON FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC, 9355 SAN JOSE BOULEVARD OPERATIONS, LLC, 702 SOUTH KINGS **AVENUE** LLC, OPERATIONS, **ORANGE PARK FACILITY** OPERATIONS, LLC, SYNERGY HEALTHCARE SERVICES, INC., **NSPIRE HEALTHCARE** INC., **ASPIRE** HEALTHCARE, LLC, and DANIEL E. DIAS, ESQUIRE,

Defendants.

COMPLAINT

Healthcare Negligence Settlement Recovery Corp. (the "Recovery Corp."), by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby sues 5405 Babcock Street Operations, LLC, Epsilon Health Care Properties, LLC, CMC II, LLC, Lavie Care Centers, LLC, 6700 N.W. 10th Place Operations, LLC, 4200 Washington Street Operations, LLC, 2826 Cleveland Avenue Operations, LLC, Baya Nursing and Rehabilitation, LLC, 1465 Oakfield Drive Operations, LLC, 777 Ninth Street North Operations, LLC, 3101 Ginger Drive Operations, LLC, Tallahassee Facility Operations, LLC, Josera, LLC, Tosturi, LLC, Melbourne Facility Operations, LLC, North Fort Myers Facility Operations, LLC, Consulate Facility Leasing, LLC, 1010 Carpenters Way Operations, LLC, Miami Facility Operations, LLC, 741 South Beneva Road Operations, LLC, 3735 Evans Avenue Operations, LLC, 7950 Lake Underhill Road Operations, LLC, 518 West Fletcher Avenue Operations, LLC, Lidenskab LLC, Jacksonville Facility Operations, LLC, 3001 Palm Coast Parkway Operations, LLC, Kissimmee Facility Operations, LLC, 9311 South Orange Blossom Trail Operations, LLC, 4641 Old Canoe Creek Road Operations, LLC, 2333 North Brentwood Circle Operations, LLC, 710 North Sun Drive Operations, LLC, 1851 Elkcam Boulevard

Operations, LLC, 6414 13th Road South Operations, LLC, 1120 West Donegan Avenue Operations, LLC, 12170 Cortez Boulevard Operations, LLC, 9400 SW 137th Avenue Operations LLC, NSPRMC, LLC, 1550 Jess Parrish Court Operations, LLC, LV CHC Holdings I, LLC, Concourse Partners, LLC, Concurrent Partners, LLLP, Port Charlotte Facility Operations, LLC, West Altamonte Facility Operations, LLC, 216 Santa Barbara Boulevard Operations, LLC, Floridian Facility Operations, LLC, 1615 Miami Road Operations, LLC, 6305 Cortez Road West Operations, LLC, 15204 West Colonial Drive Operations, LLC, New Port Richey Facility Operations, LLC, 11565 Harts Road Operations, LLC, Brandon Facility Operations, LLC, 9355 San Jose Boulevard Operations, LLC, 702 South Kings Avenue Operations, LLC, Orange Park Facility Operations, LLC, (collectively, the "Consulate Entities"), Synergy Healthcare Services, Inc., NSPIRE Healthcare Inc., and Aspire Healthcare, LLC (collectively, the "Transferees"), and Daniel E. Dias, Esquire (the "Control Individual"), all of which are collectively referred to herein as the "Defendants," and alleges:

A. <u>PRELIMINARY ALLEGATIONS</u>

- 1. The Recovery Corp. is a Florida corporation, doing business in Hillsborough County, Florida.
- 2. Each of the Consulate Entities is a business entity, doing business in Miami-Dade County, Florida, or elsewhere in the State of Florida.
- 3. Each of the Transferees is a business entity, doing business in Miami-Dade County, Florida, or elsewhere in the State of Florida.
- 4. The Control Individual is an individual, <u>sui juris</u>, doing business in Miami-Dade County, Florida that has subjected himself to the jurisdiction of this Court.
 - 5. Pursuant to Florida Statutes §26.012(2)(a), and other applicable law, jurisdiction

for each count alleged in this complaint (this "Complaint") lies with this Court because this Complaint seeks damages in excess of \$50,000, exclusive of attorneys' fees, court costs, and related expenses arising from acts that occurred or had impact in Miami-Dade County, Florida.

- 6. Pursuant to <u>Florida Statutes</u> §47.011, and other applicable law, venue is proper in Miami-Dade County, Florida.
- 7. All requirements and conditions precedent to the bringing of this action have been satisfied, performed by the Recovery Corp. or its predecessors-in-interest, or waived by the applicable Defendants.
- 8. The Recovery Corp. has retained the undersigned law firm as counsel of record herein and has agreed to compensate and reimburse it for services rendered and costs incurred in connection with enforcement of the rights and remedies more fully set forth below.

B. THE CONTRACTUAL BASIS FOR THE CLAIMS

- 9. The Consulate Entities have owned and operated a series of skilled nursing facilities (the "SNFs") throughout the State of Florida and beyond. The Consulate Entities have been the frequent targets of claims for nursing home abuse and related causes of action.
- 10. With respect to each of the SNFs, and all residents including the Claimants, the Consulate Entities owed a duty to exercise reasonable care in the operation pursuant to <u>Florida Statutes</u> §400.023. Moreover, each of the Consulate Entities was subject to the provisions of 42 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 483, Chapter 400, <u>Florida Statutes</u>, and Chapter 59 A-4, Florida Administrative Code.
- 11. On March 28, 2024, the Recovery Corp. was formed by a set of claimants (collectively, the "Claimants"), all of whom had a set of undisputed claims (the "Claims") against one or more of the Consulate Entities.

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- 12. In all instances, the Claimants originally asserted Claims based upon failure to maintain the required level of care for residents is imposed pursuant to <u>Florida Statutes</u> §400.022. Each of the Claims arose on the date that injuries were experienced by the residents in question.
- 13. The Claims were all reduced to Settlement Documents evidenced by release documents that were substantially identical to one another (collectively, the "Settlement Documents"). An exemplar of a Settlement Document is attached hereto as Exhibit "A," and the Settlement Documents are so voluminous that it would be inappropriate to include the same as exhibits to this Complaint, as provided under Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.130.
- 14. In connection with the formation of the Recovery Corp., the Claimants executed an assignment (collectively, the "Assignments") that assigned the Claims to the Recovery Corp. in exchange for equity ownership interests commensurate with their respective Claims. An exemplar of an Assignment is attached hereto as Exhibit "B," and the Assignments are so voluminous that it would be inappropriate to include the same as exhibits to this Complaint, as provided under Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.130.
- 15. A schedule of ninety-seven (97) Claimants, and their Claims amounting to \$8,678,877 (collectively, the "Aggregate Outstanding Balance"), is attached hereto as Exhibit "C." The Aggregate Outstanding Balance is calculated as the sum of settlement payments promised but not made under the Settlement Documents, exclusive of interest, attorneys' fees, costs, punitive damages, or other claim components that may be due based upon the underlying nucleus of operative facts.
- 16. All the Settlement Documents provided for the payment by applicable Consulate Entities of settlement payments over time to the Claimants on account of their respective Claims.

 Many but not all of the Claims have been the subject of nursing home negligence actions

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(collectively, the "Negligence Actions"), with Courts presiding over the Negligence Actions each reserving jurisdiction to enforce the underlying settlements.

- 17. At least three (3) Courts presiding over Negligence Actions brought by Claimants have entered judgments in favor of the applicable Claimants and against the applicable Consulate Entity (collectively, the "Final Judgments"), for failure to make payments as agreed. Copies of the Final Judgments are attached as Composite Exhibit "D."
- 18. The Final Judgments remain due and owing to the Recovery Corp., as successor to all Claimants. The judgment amounts set forth therein are subject to adjustment upward to include statutory interest, attorneys' fees, and costs. Pursuant to <u>Florida Statutes</u> §57.111 and other applicable law, attorneys' fees and costs incurred in connection with the collection of a judgment are properly awarded as an additional form of relief.
- 19. Because the Final Judgments are final, the Recovery Corp. as assignee is now entitled as a matter of law to assert his rights and remedies against the Consulate Entities. Because the Consulate Entities have operated as a single unit, and because numerous payment obligations previously due to the Claimants are in a state of uncured default, it is undisputable that the Consulate Entities are insolvent in that they are not paying their debts as they come due and owing in the ordinary course. It is also clear that the Consulate Entities are unable or unwilling to pay the Aggregate Outstanding Balance, and all sums due and owing under the Settlement Documents are therefore properly accelerated.
- 20. As of the date that the Claims arose that were asserted against the Consulate Entities in the events leading up to the execution of the various Settlement Documents, the Claimants each became a "creditor" of the Consulate Entities, for purposes of obtaining relief under Florida's codification of the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act, codified at <u>Florida Statutes</u> §726.101 <u>et seq.</u>

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("FUFTA") and other applicable law. The Recovery Corp. now stands in the Claimants shoes as successor.

C. DEFENDANTS' PLANNED DEFAULTS UNDER SETTLEMENT DOCUMENTS

- 21. The defaults of the Consulate Entities under the Settlement Documents were not accidental or unexpected, they were engineered.
- 22. As noted above, the Claimants are part of a larger universe of nursing home negligence victims who were nursing home residents, or survivors of residents, who suffered serious neglect, injuries, and/or death at SNFs operated by the constituent Consulate Entities.
- 23. The Claims and other similar claims by victims, were analyzed by the Control Individual, who is both an executive for some of the Defendants and a defense attorney who worked as counsel of record opposite a set of fifteen (15) law firms throughout the State of Florida (collectively, the "Plaintiffs Firms"), for purposes of negotiating the settlements in question.
- 24. Although the Consulate Entities attributed payment defaults under under the Settlement Documents to cash flow problems, neither the Claimants nor the Plaintiffs Firms were aware that the Consulate Entities were experiencing cash flow difficulties was because they were transferring SNFs and other valuable assets (collectively, the "Assets") as part of corporate restructurings. For purposes of this Complaint, the actions of transferring Assets from the Consulate Entities to the Transferees are collectively referred to herein as the "Transfers." The Transfers had the effect of enabling the Consulate Entities to avoid liabilities they knew of at the time that the Transfers were occurring.
- 25. When payments fell into arrears under the Settlement Documents, it became obvious to the Plaintiffs Firms and the Claimants that the Consulate Entities had adopted a business plan intended to maximize profits by (a) skimping on the expenses normally associated with the

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quality level of care required under Florida law for licensed skilled nursing home facilities, (b) failing to carry appropriate insurance coverage on any of the SNFs, and (c) utilizing a shifting shell game of business entities to place core business assets beyond the reach of anticipated tort claimants, the victims of negligent care. The gravamen of this Complaint focuses upon the third element of this business plan.

- 26. The Claimants clearly fall within the universe of creditors that the Consulate Entities were intending to avoid paying by migrating Assets from the Consulate Entities to the Transferees. Other such victims include those who never brought a lawsuit, brought a lawsuit but did not reach a conclusion, or who have a settlement that has been breached but are not parties to this action. However, because the Claimants fall within a unique set of creditors with acknowledged claims based upon statutory violations of care referenced above, with liquidated sums owed, their Claims were all very similar.
- 27. As defense counsel and corporate executive for the Consulate Entities, the Control Individual is upon information and belief most responsible for the calculated decision to negotiate settlements with the Plaintiffs Firms while simultaneously effectuating the Transfers in order to avoid the liabilities memorialized thereunder. He (a) represented the Consulate Entities as counsel in dealings with Plaintiffs Firms and other similarly situated law firms representing other nursing home negligence victims, (b) migrated to management of the Consulate Entities for purposes of planning a specific strategy of transferring assets such as SNFs to the Transferees, and (c) formulated and implemented the transfers pursuant to which Assets were transferred to the Transferees leading to payment defaults under the Settlement Documents.
- 28. The existence of the Transfers, and the strategy of the Consulate Entities in placing the Assets beyond the reach of creditors such as the Claimants, can hardly be considered a secret.

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The Tampa Bay Times recently reported that "In the wake of a bankruptcy filing and a slew of bad press over the last few years, the privately held chain — the sixth-largest nursing home company in the nation — has quietly divided its Florida facilities into three separate companies. All three appear to still be affiliated with Consulate." A copy of the referenced article is provided as Exhibit "E." And yet the corporate machinations are very difficult to trace, and deliberately so.

- 29. In connection with any change of ownership of the Consulate Entities responsible to the various Claimants under the corresponding Settlement Documents, the Claimants and the Plaintiffs Firms were entitled to notice. Florida Nursing Home Residents Rights statutes were recently amended to require nursing homeowner/operators and licensees to provide proper written notice of any proposed change or ownership or change of operator <u>before</u> any such transactions could be approved. <u>See Florida Statutes</u> §400.024, Florida Agency for Health Care Administration ("ACHA").
- 30. Notwithstanding the mandatory notice provisions set forth above, none of the Consulate Entities provided any notice to any of the Claimants or any of the Plaintiffs Firms that changes of ownership were contemplated, even though the purpose of the change of ownership was quite obviously to make it impossible for the Claimants to recover on their Settlement Documents.
- 31. Separately, each of the Claimants were virtually powerless to face the corporate behemoth that had perpetrated this cruel trick on victims and families of nursing home abuse that has tacitly been acknowledged in Settlement Documents amounting to \$10,763,500 in original settlement liability. However, as a group, the Claimants have formed the Recovery Corp. were to pursue (a) all the Consulate Entities for the Aggregate Outstanding Balance, (b) all Claims against the Transferees who appear to be operating the SNFs and holding the Assets beyond the reach of

the Claimants, and (c) the Control Individual for all claims arising from his role in orchestrating the Consulate Entities' defaults under the Settlement Documents that he personally negotiated with the Claimants and the Plaintiffs Firms while signing on with the Transferees.

COUNT I: INTENTIONALLY FRAUDULENT TRANSFERS

- 32. This is an action by the Recovery Corp., as successor-in-interest to the Claimants, against the Consulate Entities and the Transferees (collectively, the "UFTA Defendants"), for damages pursuant to Florida Statutes §§726.105(1)(a) and (b), 726.108, and 726.109(2) and (3) and other applicable law.
- 33. The Recovery Corp. realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 30 of this Complaint as fully set forth herein.
 - 34. With respect to the Transfers:
 - a. the Transfers were made with the actual intent to hinder, delay, and defraud creditors of the Consulate Entities, and specifically the Claimants;
 - b. the Transfers were made for less than reasonably equivalent value of the assets transferred, primarily the going concern value of the Consulate Entities;
 - c. the Transfers were concealed, as evidenced by the failure to give required statutory notice to the Claimants and the Plaintiffs Firms;
 - d. the Transferees are insiders of the Consulate Entities;
 - e. the Consulate Entities were insolvent, undercapitalized, or became insolvent shortly after the Transfers were made; and
 - f. the Transfers occurred in connection with changes in the status of significant debt of the Consulate Entities, including a veritable "litigation pandemic" against the Consulate Entities for their incorrigible nursing home negligence

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violations of <u>Florida Statutes</u> §400.022, 400.023, and Chapter 59 A-4 of the Florida Administrative Code.

- 35. Other "badges of fraud" are also present in this fact scenario including:
 - a. The Control Individual has retained control of the Assets through the Transferees;
 - b. before the Transfers were made, the Consulate Entities had been sued by the Claimants, among others, and serious liability was evident; and
 - c. the Transfers occurred shortly before or shortly after a substantial debt to the Recovery Corp. was identified in connection with the Settlement Documents placing payment requirements on the applicable Consulate Entities.
- 36. Based upon the foregoing, the Transfers constitute fraudulent transfers to the Transferees and unjustly inured to the benefit of the Transferees in that the Transfers were made, as a matter of law, with actual intent to hinder, delay, and defraud the Recovery Corp. and others having claims or interests in the Transfers.

WHEREFORE, the Recovery Corp. requests relief in her favor and against the UFTA Defendants that shall provide for:

a. entry of a judgment for damages against the UFTA Defendants for the full value of the Assets, including the going concern value of the operating businesses that has been transferred without a day of operations having been interrupted, subject to appropriate adjustment as the equities may require as set forth pursuant to Florida Statutes §§726.109(2) and (3), which equities should specifically include the recognition of any appreciation or other income generated from the Assets since the time of the Transfers;

- b. the recovery of all of the Recovery Corp.'s attorneys' fees, court costs, and related expenses incurred as a result of the Transfers, to the extent recoverable under applicable law; and
- c. such other or additional relief as is necessary and appropriate.

COUNT II: CONSTRUCTIVELY FRAUDULENT TRANSFERS

- This is an action by the Recovery Corp. for damages against the UFTA Defendants pursuant to Florida Statutes §§726.105(1)(b), 726.108(1)(a) and (2), and 726.109(2) and (3) and other applicable law.
- 38. The Recovery Corp. realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 30 of this Complaint as fully set forth herein.
 - 39. With respect to the Transfers:
 - a. the relevant Consulate Entities made the Transfers to the Transferees and the
 Transferees were the recipients of the Transfers;
 - b. the value of the consideration received by the Consulate Entities in exchange for the Transfers was not reasonably equivalent to the value of the Assets; and
 - a. the Transfers constituted a transfer of all the meaningful assets of the Consulate
 Entities at the time of the Transfers.
- 40. At the time of the Transfers, because the Consulate Entities transferred to the Transferees all Assets and the ability to continue operating the SNFs:
 - a. the Consulate Entities were engaged or were about to engage in a business and in a transaction for which their remaining assets were unreasonably small in relation to the Transfers; and/or
 - b. the Consulate Entities intended to incur, believed, or reasonably should have

believed that they would incur debts beyond their ability to repay them as they came due.

41. Based upon the foregoing, the Transfers constitute constructively fraudulent transfer and unjustly inured to the benefit of the Transferees in that the Transfers were made, as a matter of law, for less than reasonably equivalent value and are constructively fraudulent as to the Recovery Corp., as successor-in-interest to the Claimants.

WHEREFORE, the Recovery Corp. requests relief in his favor and against the Defendants that shall provide for:

- a. entry of a judgment for damages against the UFTA Defendants for the full value of the Transfers, subject to appropriate adjustment as the equities may require as set forth pursuant to <u>Florida Statutes</u> §726.109(2) and (3), which equities should specifically include the recognition of any appreciation or other income generated from the Transfers since the time of the Transfers;
- b. the recovery of all the Recovery Corp.'s attorneys' fees, court costs, and related expenses incurred as a result of the Transfers, to the extent recoverable under applicable law; and
- c. such other and additional relief as is necessary and appropriate.

COUNT III: DECLARATORY RELIEF REGARDING CONTINUATION OF BUSINESS LIABILITY AGAINST TRANSFEREES

- 42. This is an action by the Recovery Corp. against the Transferees for declaratory relief, based upon a controversy pertaining to the Transferees' liability under a continuation of business theory based upon their continuation of the respective business of the respective Consulate Entities (the "Transferees Liability Controversy").
 - 43. The Recovery Corp. realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through

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30 of this Complaint as fully set forth herein.

- 44. The Recovery Corp. asserts, as successor-in-interest to the Claimants, that the threshold liability of the Transferees is established in the preceding paragraphs as a threshold for adjudicating the merits of the Transferees Liability Controversy.
- 45. Under Florida law, the pattern of business activity as between the Consulate Entities and the corresponding Transferees leaves no doubt that in substance and in form, by intent and in effect, the Transferees represent nothing more than a continuation of the business SNFs, without any change to any business dynamic or attribute whatsoever. Without any defining moment separating the extinguishment of the Consulate Entities and the emergence of the corresponding Transferees, (a) the same name of the business remains unchanged, (b) the same website, phone number, domain names, and other intellectual property associated with the business remain the same, (c) all executory contracts and going concern assets remained intact, and (d) profit margins, financial governance, and fraudulent intent continued uninterrupted.
- 46. The relief requested herein relates to the Transferees Liability Controversy, that must be adjudicated pursuant to <u>Florida Statutes</u> §86.011 <u>et seq</u>. By way of background, it is noted that successor liability is imposed when there is a continuity of the successor entity evidenced by such things as the same management, personnel, assets, location, and ownership.
- 47. The rationale for successor liability is rooted in the notion that no business entity should be permitted to commit a tort or breach a contract and avoid liability through corporate transformation in form only. Here, as much as the Transferees may claim otherwise, all of the elements of a mere continuation are present.
- 48. There is a <u>bona fide</u>, actual, present practical need for a declaration of the rights and duties of the Recovery Corp. and the Transferees (collectively, the "Parties") with respect to

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the Transferees Liability Controversy.

- 49. The facts surrounding the Transferees Liability Controversy are readily ascertainable and can be readily established. The Parties require timely adjudication of the Transferees Liability Controversy as the status of current business, financial, and legal affairs continue to create an unacceptable situation for all involved.
- 50. The Recovery Corp. seeks declaratory relief regarding the Transferees Liability Controversy.
- 51. The rights of the Parties, and other interested parties, are dependent upon the adjudication of the Transferees Liability Controversy.
- 52. The Parties are all before this Court, and thus this is the correct forum in which to determine the rights of the Parties.
- 53. A range of equitable considerations, including a weighing of the relative burdens on the Parties to this proceeding, and the equitable nature and authority of this Court, dictate that declaratory relief regarding the Transferees Liability Controversy is appropriate currently.
- 54. The Transferees Liability Controversy presented in this Count is ripe. The Parties are unsure as to their relative rights and remedies as to the Transferees Liability Controversy. The Parties require this Court's declaratory relief to proceed.
- 55. Against the foregoing alleged facts, the Transferees refuse to take responsibility for the pattern of conduct perpetrated at the expense of the Recovery Corp., as successor-in-interest to the Claimants. Accordingly, all the Transferees should be deemed liable for the Aggregate Outstanding Balance, as if each executed the underlying Settlement Documents from the outset.

WHEREFORE, the Recovery Corp. requests declaratory judgment regarding all aspects of the Transferees Liability Controversy, in its favor and against the Transferees, finding the Case 24-55507-pmb Doc 470-1 Filed 09/30/24 Entered 09/30/24 10:41:48 Desc Exhibit Composite Page 164 of 223

Transferees to be liable for all the same liabilities of the Consulate Entities as set forth above, and finding that the Aggregate Outstanding Balance is owed by the Transferees, on a continuation of business theory, and all other appropriate relief.

COUNT IV: DECLARATORY RELIEF REGARDING DE FACTO MERGER LIABILITY AGAINST TRANSFEREES

- 56. This is an action by the Recovery Corp. against the Transferees for declaratory relief, based upon a controversy pertaining to the Transferees liability under a <u>de facto</u> merger theory based upon their continuation and absorption of the respective business of the respective Consulate Entities (the "Transferees Merger Controversy").
- 57. The Recovery Corp. realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 30 of this Complaint as fully set forth herein.
- 58. The Recovery Corp., as successor-in-interest to the Claimants, asserts that the threshold liability of the Transferees is established in the preceding paragraphs as a threshold for adjudicating the merits of the Transferees Merger Controversy.
- 59. Under Florida law, the pattern of business activity as between the respective Consulate Entities and the corresponding Transferees leaves no doubt that in substance and in form, by intent and in effect, the Transferees represent nothing more than a dissolution and merger of the Business into that of the Transferees, without any change to any business dynamic or attribute whatsoever.
- 60. Without any defining moment separating the extinguishment of the each of the Consulate Entities and the emergence of the corresponding Transferees, (a) the same name of the business remains unchanged, (b) the same website, phone number, domain names, and other intellectual property associated with the business remain the same, (c) the Control Individual fully controls and maintains all Assets, (d) the business essentially ceases to operate as it previously did

under the control of each of the Consulate Entities, and (e) profit margins, financial governance, and fraudulent intent have continued uninterrupted.

- 61. The relief requested herein relates to the Transferees Merger Controversy, that must be adjudicated pursuant to <u>Florida Statutes</u> §86.011 <u>et seq</u>. By way of background, it is noted that <u>de facto</u> merger liability is imposed when one corporation is absorbed by another, i.e., there is a continuity of the selling corporation evidenced by such things as the same management, personnel, assets, location, and stockholders.
- 62. There is a <u>bona fide</u>, actual, present practical need for a declaration of the rights and duties of the Parties with respect to the Transferees Merger Controversy.
- 63. The facts surrounding the Transferees Merger Controversy are readily ascertainable and can be readily established.
- 64. The Parties require timely adjudication of the Transferees Merger Controversy as the status of current business, financial, and legal affairs continue to create an unacceptable situation for all involved.
- 65. The Recovery Corp. seeks declaratory relief regarding the Transferees Merger Controversy.
- 66. The rights of the Parties, and other interested parties, are dependent upon the adjudication of the Transferees Merger Controversy.
- 67. The Parties are all before this Court, and thus this is the correct forum in which to determine the rights of the Parties.
- 68. A range of equitable considerations, including a weighing of the relative burdens on the Parties to this proceeding, and the equitable nature and authority of this Court, dictate that declaratory relief regarding the Transferees Merger Controversy is appropriate currently.

- 69. The Transferees Merger Controversy presented in this Count is ripe. The Parties are unsure as to their relative rights and remedies as to the Transferees Merger Controversy. The Parties require this Court's declaratory relief to proceed.
- 70. Against the foregoing alleged facts, the Transferees refuse to take responsibility for the pattern of conduct perpetrated at the expense of the Recovery Corp.

WHEREFORE, the Recovery Corp. requests declaratory judgment regarding all aspects of the Transferees Merger Controversy, in its favor and against the Transferees, finding the Transferees to be liable for all the same liabilities of each of the Consulate Entities as set forth above, and finding that the Aggregate Outstanding Balance is owed by the Transferees, on a defacto merger theory, and all other appropriate relief.

COUNT V: DECLARATORY RELIEF REGARDING CORPORATE VEIL PIERCING AGAINST TRANSFEREES

- 71. This is an action for declaratory relief by the Recovery Corp. against the Transferees, based upon a controversy as to whether the Control Individual's improper use and manipulation of the Consulate Entities has occurred in a context that justifies piercing the corporate veil so as to hold the Transferees accountable for the liabilities of the respective Consulate Entities (the "Veil Piercing Controversy").
- 72. The Recovery Corp. realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 30 of this Complaint as fully set forth herein.
- 73. The Recovery Corp. asserts that the threshold liability of the Consulate Entities is established in the preceding paragraphs as a threshold for adjudicating the merits of the Veil Piercing Controversy.
- 74. The Recovery Corp. has described how the Control Individual deliberately structured the Transfers as part of the standard operating procedure to prevent any scenario in

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which the ongoing business activities of the Transferees' enterprise would be held financially accountable for tort liability reduced to the Settlement Documents.

- 75. The Control Individual, first through the Consulate Entities and then through the Transferees, (a) maintain a set of nursing home businesses, including the SNFs, that are deliberately operated in a manner that would cause one to expect tort claims like those of the Claimants, (b) carry insufficient insurance coverage on the SNFs, (c) employ a shifting shell game strategy to place the Assets beyond the reach of creditors, and (d) maintain a structure that purports to shield the Control Individual from personal liability because their own management practices and corporate structure, and that of the Consulate Entities.
- 76. Relevant licensure and corresponding notice requirements to the Claimants and other prejudiced creditors were disregarded to effectuate the Transfers so as to place the Assets out of the reach of the Claimants and other creditors. Then, the Transferees took their places in continuing any obligations that the Control Individual deemed necessary to maintain profitability while evading the practical consequences of tort liability.
- 77. As part of the Consulate Entities standard operating procedure throughout the business matrix, the Control Individual deliberately orchestrated a scenario in which (a) residents of each of the SNFs receive substandard care, (b) the Control Individual acted to place Assets in the name of the Transferees, (c) the Transferees became the new owners of the SNFs and Assets, beyond the reach of the Claimants, and (d) the negligent operation of the SNFs will continue without economic ramifications proportionate to the negligence committed. None of this is acceptable, as a matter of law.
- 78. The relief requested herein relates to the Veil Piercing Controversy, that must be adjudicated pursuant to <u>Florida Statutes</u> §86.011 <u>et seq</u>. By way of background, it is noted that

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justification for piercing the corporate veil requires proof that (a) there was a lack of separateness between a business entity and its true owner, (b) improper conduct occurred in the use and manipulation of the business entity directed by its true owner, and (c) the improper conduct conducted through the business entity was the proximate cause of the alleged loss. These circumstances are present as relating to the Transferees, and justify the relief requested by the Recovery Corp.

- 79. There is a <u>bona fide</u>, actual, present practical need for a declaration of the rights and duties of the Parties with respect to the Veil Piercing Controversy.
- 80. The facts surrounding the Veil Piercing Controversy are readily ascertainable and can be readily established. The Parties require timely adjudication of the Veil Piercing Controversy as the status of current business, financial, and legal affairs continue to create an unacceptable situation for all involved.
- 81. The Recovery Corp. seeks declaratory relief regarding the Veil Piercing Controversy, piercing the veils of all of the Consulate Entities, such that the corporate separateness of the Consulate Entities should be ignored, and the Transferees held liable for the same liabilities of the Consulate Entities. Accordingly, the Recovery Corp. seeks to pierce the veils of the Transferees both vertically and horizontally as appropriate within the Control Individual's business matrix.
- 82. The rights of the Parties, and other interested parties, are dependent upon the adjudication of the Veil Piercing Controversy.
- 83. The Parties are all before this Court, and thus this is the correct forum in which to determine the rights of the Parties.
 - 84. A range of equitable considerations, including a weighing of the relative burdens

on the Parties to this proceeding, and the equitable nature and authority of this Court, dictate that declaratory relief regarding the Veil Piercing Controversy is appropriate currently.

- 85. The Veil Piercing Controversy presented in this Count is ripe. The Parties are unsure as to their relative rights and remedies as to the Veil Piercing Controversy. The Parties require this Court's declaratory relief to proceed.
- 86. Against the foregoing alleged facts, the Transferees will not accept financial responsibility for the corporate artifice that the Control Individual has created.

WHEREFORE, the Recovery Corp. requests declaratory judgment regarding all aspects of the Veil Piercing Controversy, in its favor and against the Transferees, finding that the Aggregate Outstanding Balance is owed by the Transferees, on a veil piercing theory, and all other appropriate relief.

COUNT VI: UNFAIR AND DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES

- 87. This is an action for damages by the Recovery Corp. against all of the Defendants, pursuant to the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act ("FDUTPA"), as amended, codified at Florida Statutes §501.201, et. seq.
- 88. The Recovery Corp. realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 88 of this Complaint as fully set forth herein.
- 89. The Recovery Corp. is a successor to the Claimants, who are "consumers" as defined by <u>Florida Statutes</u> §501.203.
- 90. The Defendants are actively engaged in trade and commerce in the State of Florida, and specifically in the Middle District of Florida.
- 91. The Defendants have engaged in unfair, deceptive, and unconscionable acts or trade practices in their trade and commerce.

- 92. Such acts and practices offend public policy and are immoral, unethical, oppressive, and unscrupulous. The facts accurately described above reflect that the Defendants' conduct is unconscionable.
 - 93. The conduct of the Defendants has been materially injurious to the Claimants.
- 94. The conduct of the Defendants was the actual and proximate cause of the damages sustained by the Claimants.
- 95. The Defendants' unfair and deceptive acts have caused the Claimants to sustain damages.

WHEREFORE, the Recovery Corp. demand judgment in its favor and against the Defendants for damages for its unfair and deceptive trade practices, plus attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to <u>Florida Statutes</u> §501.211(2), and all additional relief that is just and proper.

COUNT VII: DAMAGES FOR CIVIL CONSPIRACY

- 96. This is an action by the Recovery Corp. against the Control Individual and the Transferees for damages as a result of the civil conspiracy to interfere with the Settlement Documents.
- 97. The Recovery Corp. reincorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 30 above as though fully set forth herein.
- 98. The Claimants and the Consulate Entities were parties to a set of Settlement Documents, and the Consulate Entities were due to perform by paying the Aggregate Outstanding Balance.
- 99. The Control Individual and the Transferees collectively committed fraudulent and otherwise avoidable transfers as described above, for their own lucre, at the expense of the Claimants, the predecessors-in-interest to the Recovery Corp.

100. As a result of the foregoing overt acts, among others perpetrated in collusion by the Control Individual and the Transferees, the Recovery Corp. has sustained damages because the Aggregate Outstanding Balance remains outstanding and the Assets and SNFs are owned and controlled by the Transferees.

WHEREFORE, the Recovery Corp. requests judgment in its favor and against the Control Individual and the Transferees, jointly and severally, for the Aggregate Outstanding Balance, together with such other and further relief deemed just, equitable, and proper.

COUNT VIII: BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY AGAINST THE CONTROL INDIVIDUAL

- 101. This is an action by the Recovery Corp. against the Control Individual for damages relating to his breach of fiduciary duty post-closing with respect to the operations of the Consulate Entities following negotiation and execution of the Settlement Documents.
- 102. The Recovery Corp. realleges paragraphs 1 through 30 of this Complaint as though fully set forth herein.
- 103. As noted above, it cannot be reasonably disputed that the Control Individual, in his own right and on behalf of Consulate Entities, deliberately caused the Claimants to repose trust in him, in achieving each of the Settlement Documents.
- 104. The Control Individual knowingly accepted the Claimants' trust, only to betray it while mismanaging the Consulate Entities. Specifically, by orchestrating the Transfers, the Control Individual ensured that the Consulate Entities would be unable to meet their commitments and pay the Aggregate Outstanding Balance.
- 105. In addition to the foregoing, upon information and belief, the Control Individual held corporate positions in one or more of the Consulate Entities at times during which the Consulate Entities were insolvent. Under applicable law, officers and directors of a solvent

business entity have a statutory fiduciary duty to equity; however, officers and directors of an insolvent business entity have a duty to creditors: Engineering fraudulent transfers is inconsistent with the fiduciary duty owed to creditors of an insolvent enterprise.

- 106. The Recovery Corp.'s interest in the Consulate Entities has been substantially diminished as a result of the aforementioned actionable misconduct, including reduction commensurate with the value of the Assets as transferred.
- 107. The Recovery Corp. has been harmed as a result of all the foregoing aforementioned actionable misconduct.

WHEREFORE, the Recovery Corp. requests judgment for damages against the Control Individual, together with costs, and granting such other and further relief deemed just, equitable, and proper.

COUNT IX: UNJUST ENRICHMENT

- 108. This is an action for damages by the Recovery Corp. against the Control Individual and the Transferees for unjust enrichment.
- 109. The Recovery Corp. realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 30 of this Complaint as fully set forth herein.
- 110. The Consulate Entities transferred the Assets to the Transferees and the Transferees are now controlled by the Control Individual, who negotiated the Settlement Documents and then orchestrated the Transfers to make it impossible for the Consulate Entities to pay the Aggregate Outstanding Balance.
- 111. The Control Individual and the Transferees were aware of and appreciated the fact that the Assets were transferred clandestinely, for insufficient value, in an insolvency scenario, and with other circumstances indicative of bad faith and fraudulent intent.

- 112. The totality of the circumstances makes it inequitable for the Transferees to retain the Assets without paying the value thereof.
- 113. The Control Individual and the Transferees fully knew that the value received was inequitable under the totality of the circumstances.

WHEREFORE, the Recovery Corp. demands judgment against the Control Individual and the Transferees, for the aggregate value of the Aggregate Outstanding Balance, together with interest, costs and such other relief as this Court deems appropriate.

D. <u>JURY TRIAL DEMANDED</u>

114. The Recovery Corp. demands a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

Dated this 22nd day of April 2024.

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NOTICE OF APPEARANCE AND REQUEST FOR SERVICE OF PAPERS

Please take notice that John A. Anthony, Esquire ("Mr. Anthony"), of the law firm of Anthony & Partners, LLC, hereby enters his appearance as counsel for Healthcare Negligence Settlement Recovery Corp., LLC, Estate Of Bebee Abel, Sharon Acevedo, Estate Of Kevin R. Aker, Estate Of Philomene A. Antoine, Estate Of Mary Ashley, Harry Barrett, John Barry, Nelia Bershadski, Estate Of Bobby Blair, Estate Of Theresa Mary Burdieri, Estate Of Sylvia Celestin, Estate Of Nancy A. Cherba, Estate Of Rosenda Clavijo, Estate Of Doneatha Cobb, Jeffrey J. Cunningham, Estate Of Larry R. Davis (Claim #1), Estate Of Larry R. Davis (Claim #2), Estate Of Jose Rafael Diaz, Estate Of Charles Donald, Catherine Druelle, Estate Of Billy Joe Early, Estate Of Mildred G. Fluellen, Estate Of Mary Foster, Estate Of Ehud Gager, Donald Garrett, Estate Of Shirley Gates, Benny Gibson, Estate Of Madeline Graham, John M. Griffin, Estate Of Judy Guelich, Estate Of James Edward Hall, Mary J. Hause, Estate Of Joan Kay Higgins, Estate Of Roosevelt Hill, Estate Of Mary Holt, Estate Of Don Howard, Estate Of Juanita Jones, Estate Of Maria Joseph, Estate Of Peggy Knicley, Estate Of Mae Liza Knight, Estate Of Richard Kolbe, Estate Of Ingrid K. Lane, Gloria Mackey, Estate Of Buddy R. Malcomb, Estate Of Anthony Manuel, Estate Of Luz M. Martinez, Estate Of Alfonso Mazza, Estate Of Gwendolyn Mccray, Estate Of David Mcghee, Vickie Mchenry, Estate Of Stanley Mckenzie, Estate Of Nettie P.

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Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002, Mr. Anthony requests that his name be added to the mailing list maintained by the Clerk in the above case and that all notices given or required to be given in this case and all papers served or required to be served to be given in this case and all papers served or required to be served in this case be given to and served upon the following:

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Please take further notice that the foregoing request includes the notices and papers referred to in Rule 2002 of the Bankruptcy Rules and also includes, without limitation, notices of any

orders, pleadings, motions, applications, complaints, demands, hearings, requests or petitions, answering or reply papers, memoranda and briefs in support of any of the foregoing and any other document brought before this Court with respect to these proceedings, whether formal or informal, whether written or oral, and whether transmitted or conveyed by mail, delivery, telephone, telegraph, telex or otherwise.

Dated: this 4th day of June 2024.

/s/ John A. Anthony

JOHN A. ANTHONY, ESQ.

Florida Bar Number: 0731013 janthony@anthonyandpartners.com Secondary Email Addresses: cfosdick@anthonyandpartners.com eservice@anthonyandpartners.com

ANTHONY & PARTNERS, LLC 100 South Ashley Drive, Suite 1600

Tampa, Florida 33602 Telephone: 813-273-5616 Counsel for the Claimants

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on June 4, 2024, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was electronically filed with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF System and served by the Court's CM/ECF system on all counsel of record registered in this case through CM/ECF.

/s/ John A. Anthony

JOHN A. ANTHONY, ESQ.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. CACE20007100 DIVISION: 18 JUDGE: Fahnestock, Fabienne E. (18)

Angela Pinkney Plaintiff(s) / Petitioner(s) v. 1615 Miami Road Operations Llc Defendant(s) / Respondent(s)

FINAL JUDGMENT

THIS CAUSE, having come before the court upon Plaintiff's March 26, 2024 Motion to Enforce Settlement, and the Court having granted the parties' Agreed Order on said Motion on May 10, 2024, after the Parties executed a binding Settlement Release, and the Defendant nursing home has not paid the settlement funds as required by the Settlement Release. Therefore the court finding that the Defendant, 1615 MIAMI ROAD OPERATIONS, LLC. d/b/a HARBOR BEACH NURSING AND REHABILITATION CENTER, is indebted to the Plaintiff, ANGELA PINKNEY, as Personal Representative of the Estate of MAE LIZA KNIGHT, Deceased, for damages in the amount of \$75,000.00, and the Court being otherwise duly advised in the premises, it is thereupon,

CONSIDERED, ORDERED and ADJUDGED:

Plaintiff, ANGELA PINKNEY, as Personal Representative of the Estate of MAE LIZA KNIGHT, Deceased, 6202 Royal Poinciana Lane Tamarac, Florida, 33319, do have and recover of and from Defendant, 1615 MIAMI ROAD OPERATIONS, LLC. d/b/a HARBOR BEACH NURSING AND REHABILITATION CENTER, an Florida corporation, Florida Document No. L11000131264, FEI NO. 30-0706236, whose principal address is 850 Concourse Parkway, Suite 250, Maitland, FL 32751, and

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mailing address is 1040 Crown Pointe Parkway, Suite 600, Atlanta, GA 30338, the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars, (\$75,000.00) as principal damages, making a total due Plaintiff from Defendant of \$75,000.00, that shall bear interest at the statutorily mandated rate per year until satisfied, and for all of which let execution issue.

2. It is further ordered and adjudged that the judgment Defendant/Debtor, 1615 MIAMI ROAD OPERATIONS, LLC. d/b/a HARBOR BEACH NURSING AND REHABILITATION CENTER shall complete, under oath, Florida Rule of Civil Procedure Form 1.977 (Fact Information Sheet), including all required attachments, and serve it on the Plaintiff's attorney, William A. Dean. Esq. at his address listed below within 45 days from the date of this Final Judgment, unless the Final Judgment is satisfied or post-judgment discovery is stayed. The Judgment Defendant/Debtor shall also timely file a Notice with the Clerk of the Court, with a copy being sent to the Judgment Creditor Plaintiff's Attorney, certifying compliance with having timely completed and mailed the Fact Information Sheet.

Jurisdiction of this case is retained to enter any further Orders including orders on Motions to Compel, Motions For Contempt, Motions to Tax Prevailing Party Costs or any other Motion seeking appropriate relief, in the event it is necessary to compel and order the judgment Defendant/Debtor, 1615 MIAMI ROAD OPERATIONS, LLC. d/b/a HARBOR BEACH NURSING AND REHABILITATION CENTER, a Florida corporation to complete form 1.977, including the submission of all required attachments, and have it mailed and served on the judgment creditor's/Plaintiff's attorney.

NOTICE AND WARNING is hereby given to the Judgement Defendant/Debtor that the failure to comply with the foregoing shall be grounds for the Court to hold the Judgment Defendant/Debtor in contempt of Court. The original of said Fact Information Sheet is hereby being mailed to the Defendant, 1615 MIAMI ROAD OPERATIONS, LLC. d/b/a HARBOR BEACH NURSING AND REHABILITATION CENTER, an Florida corporation at the address listed below, in conjunction with the mailing of the copy of this Final Judgment.

3. The Court hereby specifically reserves and retains jurisdiction of this case to enter all Instr# 119588824 , Page 3 of 3, End of Document

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appropriate Orders and/or Judgments to determine and award attorney's fees and the taxing of costs in favor of the Plaintiff, as allowed by law, based upon proper timely motion and notice of hearing thereon.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Broward County, Florida on 20th day of May, 2024.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MANATEE COUNTY FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

MARY HOLT, Deceased, by and through TERESA MARGRAF, as Personal Representative of the Estate,

CASE NO.: 41-2017-CA004423AX

DIVISION: B

Plaintiff,

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6305 CORTEZ ROAD WEST PERATIONS LLC d/b/a BRADENTON HEALTH CARE and CMC II, LLC,

Defendants.

AMENDED FINAL JUDGMENT

THIS CAUSE came on to be heard before the Court on "Motion to Enforce Settlement" (the "Motion"), filed by Mary Holt, Deceased, by and through Teresa Margraf, as Personal Representative of the Estate (the "Plaintiff"), on March 26, 2024, whose address is 1112 Channelside Drive, Suite 5, Tampa Florida 33602. The Motion seeks relief against defendants, 6305 Cortez Road West Operations LLC, 1040 Crown Pointe Pkwy Ste 600 Atlanta, GA 30338-4741 ("Defendant") in the amount of \$225,000.00 (the "Judgment Amount"), based upon the undisputed failure to make certain payments under a settlement agreement (the "Settlement Agreement"), that this Court has jurisdiction to enforce.

For reasons stated orally on the record in open Court, that shall constitute the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and holding of this Court, this Court has determined that the Motion has merit, to the extent set forth in this Judgment. Accordingly, it is:

ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED as follows:

 Judgment is entered in favor of the Plaintiff and against the Defendant 6305 Cortez Road West Operations LLC in the Judgment Amount, for which let execution

issue.

2. Interest on the Judgment Amount shall accrue at the rate set forth in Florida Statute

§55.03, from the date of entry hereof, said rate currently being 9.34% per annum.

This Court reserves jurisdiction to adjudicate any motion for recovery of costs filed

in connection herewith.

3. The Defendant is hereby directed to complete, execute before a notary, and transmit

to the Plaintiff, within forty-five (45) days from the date of entry hereof, a "Fact

Information Sheet" that is complete, accurate, and truthful, in a manner consistent

with Florida Rule of Civil Procedure Form 1.977.

4. This Court reserves jurisdiction to enforce this Judgment, including replevin,

garnishment, charging orders, orders on proceedings supplementary, writs of

execution, discovery in aid of execution, and all other means of execution and levy

permitted by law and in equity. Pursuant to Florida Statutes §57.115, the Plaintiff

may be entitled to recovery of attorneys' fees and costs in connection with the

collection of this Judgment.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers in Manatee County, Florida.

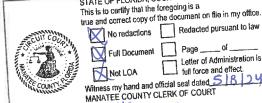
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 18th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO: 2020-CA-002814

DENNIS SAMPSON, as Personal Representative of the Estate of MARGUERITE SAMPSON,

Plaintiff,

VS.

710 NORTH SUN DRIVE OPERATIONS LLC
d/b/a LAKE MARY HEALTH AND REHABILITATION
CENTER, EPSILON HEALTH CARE PROPERTIES, LLC.,
CMC II LLC, FLORIDA HEALTH CARE PROPERTIES LLC,
LAVIE CARE CENTERS LLC, GENOA
HEALTHCARE GROUP LLC, CONSULATE HEALTH CARE,
and any other entity or related entity that owned, managed,
or operated the facility known as
LAKE MARY HEALTH AND REHABILITATION.

Defendants.	

FINAL JUDGMENT

THIS CAUSE, having come on for hearing before the Court on Plaintiff's Motion to Enforce Settlement and Motion for Interest, Attorneys Fees and Sanctions (Filing #195222421, E-Filed 04/01/2024) on May 1, 2024, in which the Court GRANTED Plaintiff's Motion ordering the Defendants to pay the settlement funds within ten (10) days as required by the Parties executed and binding Settlement Release. Further, if the settlement funds are not paid within ten (10) days, the Plaintiff shall file an Affidavit of Non-Payment (Filing #198694187, E-Filed 05/20/2024) the Plaintiff is entitled to a Final Judgment.

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The settlement funds have not been paid. Therefore, the Court finding that the Defendants, jointly and severally, 710 NORTH SUN DRIVE OPERATIONS LLC d/b/a LAKE MARY HEALTH AND REHABILITATION CENTER, EPSILON HEALTH CARE PROPERTIES LLC, FLORIDA HEALTH CARE PROPERTIES LLC, LAVIE CARE CENTERS LLC, GENOA HEALTHCARE GROUP LLC, and CONSULATE HEALTH CARE, are indebted to the Plaintiff, DENNIS SAMPSON, as Personal Representative of the Estate of MARGUERITE SAMPSON, Deceased, for damages in the total amount of \$210,000.00, and the Court being otherwise duly advised in the premises, it is thereupon,

CONSIDERED, ORDERED and ADJUDGED:

Plaintiff, DENNIS SAMPSON, as Personal Representative of the 1. Estate of MARGUERITE SAMPSON, Deceased, 20 Greate Bay Drive, Somers Point, New Jersey 08244, do have and recover of and from Defendants, jointly and severally, 710 NORTH SUN DRIVE OPERATIONS LLC d/b/a LAKE MARY HEALTH AND REHABILITATION CENTER, an Florida corporation, Florida Document No. L11000131288, FEI NO. 35-2428407, EPSILON HEALTH CARE PROPERTIES. LLC. an Florida corporation, Florida Document L04000012319, FEI NO. 20-1000013, FLORIDA HEALTH CARE PROPERTIES LLC. an Florida corporation, Florida Document No. L01000012603, FEI NO. 58-2639462, LAVIE CARE CENTERS LLC, an Florida foreign corporation, Florida Document No. M20000007018, FEI NO. 45-3515592, GENOA HEALTHCARE GROUP LLC, (not registered in Florida) and CONSULATE HEALTH CARE (not registered in Florida), the sum of Two Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars, (\$210,000.00) as principal damages, making a total due of \$210,000.00, that shall bear interest at the statutorily mandated rate per year until satisfied, and for all of which let execution issue.

2. It is further ordered and adjudged that the judgment Defendants/Debtors, 710 NORTH SUN DRIVE OPERATIONS LLC d/b/a LAKE MARY HEALTH AND REHABILITATION CENTER, EPSILON HEALTH CARE PROPERTIES LLC, FLORIDA HEALTH CARE PROPERTIES LLC, LAVIE CARE CENTERS LLC, GENOA HEALTHCARE GROUP LLC, and CONSULATE HEALTH CARE, shall each independently and separately complete, under oath, Florida Rule of Civil Procedure Form 1.977 (Fact Information Sheet), including all required attachments, and serve it on the Plaintiff's attorney, Jon M. Herskowitz, Esquire, at his address listed below within 45 days from the date of this Final Judgment, unless the Final Judgment is satisfied or post-judgment discovery is stayed. The Judgment Defendants/Debtors shall also timely file a Notice with the Clerk of the Court, with a copy being sent to the Judgment Creditor Plaintiff's Attorney, certifying compliance with having timely completed and mailed the Fact Information Sheets.

Jurisdiction of this case is retained to enter any further Orders including orders on Motions to Compel, Motions For Contempt, Motions to Tax Prevailing Party Costs or any other Motion seeking appropriate relief, in the event it is necessary to compel and order the judgment Defendants/Debtors, 710 NORTH SUN DRIVE OPERATIONS LLC d/b/a LAKE MARY HEALTH AND REHABILITATION CENTER, EPSILON HEALTH CARE PROPERTIES LLC, FLORIDA HEALTH CARE PROPERTIES LLC, GENOA HEALTH CARE GROUP LLC, and CONSULATE HEALTH CARE, to complete form

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1.977, including the submission of all required attachments, and have it

mailed and served on the judgment creditor's/Plaintiff's attorney.

NOTICE AND WARNING is hereby given to the Judgement

Defendant/Debtor that the failure to comply with the foregoing shall be

grounds for the Court to hold the Judgment Defendants/Debtors in contempt of

Court. The original of said Fact Information Sheet is hereby being mailed to

the Defendants, 710 NORTH SUN DRIVE OPERATIONS LLC d/b/a LAKE MARY

HEALTH AND REHABILITATION CENTER, EPSILON HEALTH CARE PROPERTIES

LLC, FLORIDA HEALTH CARE PROPERTIES LLC, LAVIE CARE CENTERS LLC.

GENOA HEALTHCARE GROUP LLC, and CONSULATE HEALTH CARE, at the

address listed below, in conjunction with the mailing of the copy of this Final

Judgment.

3. The Court hereby specifically reserves and retains jurisdiction of

this case to enter all appropriate Orders and/or Judgments to determine and

award attorney's fees and the taxing of costs in favor of the Plaintiff, as

allowed by law, based upon proper timely motion, and notice of hearing

thereon.

DONE and ORDERED in Chambers at Sanford, Seminole County,

Florida this Thursday, May 23, 2024.

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Christopher Sprysenski, Circuit Judge

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was furnished via U.S. Mail or via the e-filing portal to the parties listed below on Friday, May 24, 2024.

Jon M. Herskowitz, Esquire lon@bhfloridalaw.com, silvia@bhfloridalaw.com

Antonio A Cifuentes, Esquire Jonathan D. Shistle, Esquire tcifuentes@mdlegal.net, jshistle@mdlegal.net jbaning@mdlegal.net, efile@mdlegal.net msellers@mdlegal.net

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 18th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO: 2020-CA-002814

DENNIS SAMPSON, as Personal Representative of the Estate of MARGUERITE SAMPSON.

Plaintiff,

Defendants.

VS.

710 NORTH SUN DRIVE OPERATIONS LLC d/b/a LAKE MARY HEALTH AND REHABILITATION CENTER, EPSILON HEALTH CARE PROPERTIES LLC. CMC II LLC, FLORIDA HEALTH CARE PROPERTIES LLC, LAVIE CARE CENTERS LLC, GENOA HEALTHCARE GROUP LLC, CONSULATE HEALTH CARE. and any other entity or related entity that owned, managed, or operated the facility known as LAKE MARY HEALTH AND REHABILITATION.

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Copies of state and federal income tax returns for the past 3 years.

- 1. All bank, savings and loan, and other account books and statements for accounts in institutions in which the entity had any legal or equitable interest for the past 3 years.
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- 3. All deeds, leases, mortgages, or other written instruments evidencing any interest in ownership of real property at any time within the 12 months immediately preceding the date this lawsuit was filed.
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Copies of state and federal income tax returns for	or the past 3 year

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Notary Public

State of Florida

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 18th **JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR** SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO: 2020-CA-002814

DENNIS SAMPSON, as Personal Representative of the Estate of MARGUERITE SAMPSON,

Plaintiff,

Defendants.

VS.

710 NORTH SUN DRIVE OPERATIONS LLC d/b/a LAKE MARY HEALTH AND REHABILITATION CENTER, EPSILON HEALTH CARE PROPERTIES LLC, CMC II LLC, FLORIDA HEALTH CARE PROPERTIES LLC. LAVIE CARE CENTERS LLC, GENOA HEALTHCARE GROUP LLC, CONSULATE HEALTH CARE, and any other entity or related entity that owned, managed, or operated the facility known as LAKE MARY HEALTH AND REHABILITATION.

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GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO: 2020-CA-002814

DENNIS SAMPSON, as Personal Representative of the Estate of MARGUERITE SAMPSON,

Plaintiff,

VS.

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Nikki Alvarez-Sowles, Esq., Pasco County Clerk & Comptroller

DIN: 59

Return to:

William A. Dean, Esquire Ford, Dean & Rotundo, P.A. 3323 N.E. 163rd Street, Suite 605 North Miami Beach, FL 33160

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 6TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO.: 2019-CA-003349 CA

LYDIA MARTINEZ, as Personal Representative of the Estate of LUZ M. MARTINEZ, Deceased,

Plaintiff,

VS.

NEW PORT RICHEY FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC. d/b/a CONSULATE HEALTH CARE OF NEW PORT RICHEY,

FINAL JUDGMENT

THIS CAUSE, having come on for hearing before the Court on Plaintiff's Motion to Enforce Settlement on January 4, 2024, after the Parties executed a binding Settlement Release, and the Defendant nursing home has not paid the settlement funds as required by the Settlement Release. Therefore the court finding that the Defendant, NEW PORT RICHEY FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC. d/b/a CONSULATE HEALTH CARE OF NEW PORT RICHEY, is indebted to the Plaintiff, LYDIA MARTINEZ, as Personal Representative of the Estate of LUZ M. MARTINEZ, Deceased, for damages in the amount of \$75,000.00, and the Court being otherwise duly advised in the premises, it is thereupon,

CONSIDERED, ORDERED and ADJUDGED:

- 1. Plaintiff, LYDIA MARTINEZ, as Personal Representative of the Estate of LUZ M. MARTINEZ, Deceased, 7034 Fairfax Drive, Port Richey, FL 34668, do have and recover of and from Defendant, NEW PORT RICHEY FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC. d/b/a CONSULATE HEALTH CARE OF NEW PORT RICHEY, an Florida corporation, Florida Document No. M06000003835, FEI NO. 20-5112212, whose principal address is 850 Concourse Parkway S, Suite 250, Maitland, FL 32751, and mailing address is 1040 Crown Pointe Parkway, Suite 600, Atlanta, GA 30338, the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars, (\$75,000.00) as principal damages, making a total due Plaintiff from Defendant of \$75,000.00, that shall bear interest at the statutorily mandated rate per year until satisfied, and for all of which let execution issue.
- 2. It is further ordered and adjudged that the judgment Defendant/Debtor, NEW PORT RICHEY FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC. d/b/a CONSULATE HEALTH CARE OF NEW PORT RICHEY shall complete, under oath, Florida Rule of Civil Procedure Form 1.977 (Fact Information Sheet), including all required attachments, and serve it on the Plaintiff's attorney, William A. Dean, Esq. at his address listed below within 45 days from the date of this Final Judgment, unless the Final Judgment is satisfied or post-judgment discovery is stayed. The Judgment Defendant/Debtor shall also timely file a Notice with the Clerk of the Court, with a copy being sent to the Judgment Creditor Plaintiff's Attorney, certifying compliance with having timely completed and mailed the Fact Information Sheet.

Jurisdiction of this case is retained to enter any further Orders including orders on Motions to Compel, Motions For Contempt, Motions to Tax Prevailing Party Costs or any other Motion seeking appropriate relief, in the event it is necessary to compel and order the judgment Defendant/Debtor, NEW PORT RICHEY FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC. d/b/a

CONSULATE HEALTH CARE OF NEW PORT RICHEY, a Florida corporation to complete form 1.977, including the submission of all required attachments, and have it mailed and served on the judgment creditor's/Plaintiff's attorney.

NOTICE AND WARNING is hereby given to the Judgement Defendant/Debtor that the failure to comply with the foregoing shall be grounds for the Court to hold the Judgment Defendant/Debtor in contempt of Court. The original of said Fact Information Sheet is hereby being mailed to the Defendant, NEW PORT RICHEY FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC. d/b/a CONSULATE HEALTH CARE OF NEW PORT RICHEY, an Florida corporation at the address listed below, in conjunction with the mailing of the copy of this Final Judgment.

3. The Court hereby specifically reserves and retains jurisdiction of this case to enter all appropriate Orders and/or Judgments to determine and award attorney's fees and the taxing of costs in favor of the Plaintiff, as allowed by law, based upon proper timely motion and notice of hearing thereon.

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Copies furnished to:

William A. Dean, Esquire Ford, Dean & Rotundo, P.A. Attorneys for Plaintiff 3323 N.E. 163rd Street, Suite 605 North Miami Beach, FL 33160

Antonio Cifuentes, Esquire Dias & Associates, P.A. Attorneys for Defendant 5110 Sunforest Drive, Suite 160 Tampa, FL 33634

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 6^{TH} JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO.: 2019-CA-003349 CA

LYDIA MARTINEZ, as Personal Representative of the Estate of LUZ M. MARTINEZ, Deceased,

Plaintiff,

VS.

NEW PORT RICHEY FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC. d/b/a CONSULATE HEALTH CARE OF NEW PORT RICHEY,

Defendant.	/				
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Names of officers, directors, members, or partners:

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UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, I SWEAR OR AFFIRM THAT THE FOREGOING ANSWERS ARE TRUE AND COMPLETE.

Judgment Debtor's Designated Representative/Title		
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COUNT OF		
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State of Florida My Commission Expires:		

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State of Florida, County of Pasco

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the document on file or of public record in this office.

Witness my hand and official seal this

day of 2 024

Nikki Alvarez-Sowles, Esq., Clerk & Comptroller

Pasco County, Florida

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 9TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 2020-CA-011946-O

HOWARD WILLIAMS, as Personal Representative of the Estate of NESSA WILLIAMS, deceased,

Plaintiff,

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9311 SOUTH ORANGE BLOSSOM TRAIL OPERATIONS LLC d/b/a PARKS HEALTHCARE AND REHABILITATION CENTER; and CMC II, LLC,

Defendants.

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FINAL JUDGMENT

Pursuant to the Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion to Enforce Settlement entered on March 29, 2024, in this action, it is:

ADJUDGED that Plaintiff HOWARD WILLIAMS, recover from Defendant 9311 SOUTH ORANGE BLOSSOM TRAIL OPERATIONS LLC d/b/a PARKS HEALTHCARE AND REHABILITATION CENTER, the sum of \$60,000, that shall bear interest at 9.09% per annum for the remainder of 2024, and thereafter at a legal rate fixed by the Comptroller for the State of Florida pursuant to Chapter 55, Florida Statutes, for which let execution issue.

This Court reserves ruling on sanctions.

DONE and Ordered in Orange County, Florida on the date shown on the electronic

signature.

eSigned by Margaret H. Schreiber 04/19/2024 10:17:51 фТ4оsNr ноп. магдагет н. эспгеюег

Circuit Judge

State of FLORIDA. County of ORANGE.

Per §668.50, F.S., which defines and permits electronic signatures, I certify that this is a true copy of the document as reflected in the Official Records.

PHIL DIAMOND, COUNTY COMPTROLLER

Lenore Crayton
Deputy Comptroller

05/01/2024

Date

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If there are parties not receiving service through the Florida Courts e-filing Portal, counsel will serve a copy of the order via U.S. Mail to the non-efiling parties and file a certificate of service in the court file no later than three days from the date of this order.

Electronic Service List
Antonio A Cifuentes <efile@mdlegal.net>, <nrodriguez@mdlegal.net>,
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO: <u>2020-024417-CA-01</u>

SECTION: CA10

JUDGE: Peter R. Lopez

Dennis W. Walker, Jr.

Plaintiff(s)

vs.

Miami Facility Operations, LLC et al

Defendant(s)

DEFAULT FINAL JUDGMENT

This cause has come before this Court on April 17, 2024, for entry of this Final Judgment based upon the Defendant's, MIAMI FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC, d/b/a FRANCO NURSING & REHABILITATION CENTER, failure to abide by the terms of a Settlement Agreement pertaining to this cause. This Court, having been advised on the Premises, having jurisdiction over this cause and over the Parties, finds and holds that the relief set forth in this Final Judgment is necessary, appropriate, as follows:

IT IS ADJUDGED that Plaintiff shall recover from Defendant, MIAMI FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC, d/b/a FRANCO NURSING & REHABILITATION CENTER, the sum of \$34,999.98, which represents installment payments not made as of the date of this Final Judgment, and that shall accrue interest at the statutory rate of 9.34% (the current effective rate) and at the adjusted statutory rates in effect thereafter until paid in full in accordance with Florida Statute Section 55.03, FOR ALL OF WHICH LET EXECUTION ISSUE.

Within forty-five (45) days from the date of this Final Judgment, the Defendant, MIAMI FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC, d/b/a FRANCO NURSING & REHABILITATION CENTER, shall complete, under oath, Florida Rule of Civil Procedure Fort PLOT Pact Information Sheet, CERTIFICATION ON LAST PAGE

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, ESQ. CLERK OF THE COURT AND COMPTROLLER

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including all required attachments, and serve it on Plaintiff's attorney of record, unless this Final Judgment is satisfied before that date.

Jurisdiction of this cause is reserved to settle other issues and to enter further orders and/or judgments as are proper, including, but not limited to, amended judgments on future monthly settlement payments not made, orders regarding attorneys' fees and costs, and to issue writs and grant post-judgment relief as appropriate under the circumstances.

DONE and **ORDERED** in Chambers at Miami-Dade County, Florida on this <u>16th day of May.</u> 2024.

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Hon. Peter R. Lopez

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Electronically Signed

Final Order as to All Parties SRS #: 12 (Other)

THE COURT DISMISSES THIS CASE AGAINST ANY PARTY NOT LISTED IN THIS FINAL ORDER OR PREVIOUS ORDER(S). THIS CASE IS CLOSED AS TO ALL PARTIES.

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Clerk of the Court and Comptrotter



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