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16	SOUTHERN DIVISION		
17	SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,	Case No. 8:09-cv-0818-DOC (RNBx)	
18	Plaintiff,	EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR	
19	v.	ORDER SHORTENING TIME ON MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH	
20	MEDICAL CAPITAL HOLDINGS, INC.; MEDICAL CAPITAL	EDWARD K. BLODNICK AND EDWARD K. BLODNICK &	
21	CORPORATION; MEDICAL PROVIDER FUNDING	ASSOCIATES, P.C.	
22	CORPORATION VI; SIDNEY M. FIELD; and JOSEPH J.	Ctrm: 9D	
23	LAMPARIELLO,	Judge: Hon. David O. Carter	
24	Defendants.		
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Thomas A. Seaman ("Receiver"), Court-appointed permanent receiver for Medical Capital Holdings, Inc., Medical Capital Corporation, Medical Provider Funding Corporation VI, and their subsidiaries and affiliates (collectively, "Medical Capital" or the "Receivership Entities"), hereby applies for an order shortening time on his Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement with Edward K. Blodnick and Edward K. Blodnick & Associates, P.C. ("Settlement Approval Motion").

On September 29, 2010, the Receiver and Mr. Blodnick submitted a joint stipulation regarding continuance of the evidentiary hearing set for September 30, 2010 ("Stipulation"). The parties stated that the basic terms of a settlement had been reached. The basic terms, which were laid out in the stipulation, include that Mr. Blodnick and the Blodnick Firm would make full financial disclosures to the Receiver no later than October 11, 2010. The Receiver would then decide whether

Blodnick Firm that their combined net worth is less than \$300,000. If the Receiver

was reasonably satisfied that the disclosures supported the representation, he would

file a motion for approval of the settlement no later than October 15, 2010, and

the financial disclosures support the representation by Mr. Blodnick and the

request a hearing date of November 15, 2010. The Court approved the Stipulation

18 and continued the evidentiary hearing to November 15, 2010 at 8:30 a.m.

Mr. Blodnick and the Blodnick Firm did not make their financial disclosures on October 11, 2010. On October 13, 2010, Mr. Blodnick and the Blodnick Firm produced most of the required disclosures. The remaining disclosures were made on October 14 and October 21, 2010. Thus, the filing of the Settlement Approval Motion was delayed. However, now having reviewed the disclosures as a whole, the Receiver is reasonably satisfied that they support the representation concerning the combined net worth of Mr. Blodnick and the Blodnick Firm. Accordingly,

It was later agreed that the combined net worth calculation would not include Mr. Blodnick's personal 401(k) retirement account, which would be protected under New York law and federal bankruptcy law.

concurrently-filed herewith is the Receiver's motion for approval of the settlement, a 1 2 copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1 ("Settlement Approval Motion"). 3 The Receiver requests an order shortening the notice time for the Settlement Approval Motion so that it may be heard on November 15, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., the 4 same date and time as the continued evidentiary hearing. The basic terms of the 5 settlement, which have not changed, were announced in the Stipulation filed on 6 7 September 29, 2010. Accordingly, anyone who opposes the Settlement Approval 8 Motion has had ample time to prepare opposition papers. The Receiver proposes 9 that opposition be due November 8, 2010, and any reply be due November 10, 2010. 10 Prior to filing this Application, the Receiver circulated the same to counsel for the Securities and Exchange Commission and Defendants Sidney Field and Joseph 11 Lampariello. The Receiver's counsel was advised by counsel for the Commission 12 that the Commission has no opposition. The Receiver's counsel was advised by 13 counsel for Defendants Field and Lampariello that Defendants Field and 14 15 Lampariello have no opposition. 16 WHEREFORE, the Receiver requests entry of an order shortening the notice 17 time for the attached Settlement Approval Motion, setting the hearing date for the 18 Settlement Approval Motion for November 15, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., setting the 19 deadline for opposition for November 8, 2010, and setting the deadline for reply for 20 November 10, 2010. 21 22 Dated: November 2, 2010 ALLEN MATKINS LECK GAMBLE MALLORY & NATSIS LLP 23 By: /s/ Ted Fates 24 TED FATES Attorneys for Receiver Thomas A. Seaman 25 26 27

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TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Thomas A. Seaman ("Receiver"),
Court-appointed permanent receiver for Medical Capital Holdings, Inc., Medical
Capital Corporation, Medical Provider Funding Corporation VI, and their
subsidiaries and affiliates (collectively, "Medical Capital" or the "Receivership
Entities"), has filed a motion for approval of a settlement agreement with Edward K.
Blodnick and Edward K. Blodnick & Associates, P.C. ("Motion"). The Receiver
has requested that a hearing date for the Motion be set for November 15, 2010, at

8:30 a.m., in Courtroom 9D of the above-entitled Court located at 411 West Fourth Street, Santa Ana, California 92701.

The Motion is based on the Memorandum of Points and Authorities below, and the Declaration of Thomas A. Seaman filed herewith. The Motion and supporting papers are available at the Receiver's website, http://www.medicalcapitalreceivership.com, or may be reviewed at the Clerk's Office during normal business hours at 411 West Fourth Street, Santa Ana, California 92701.

<u>Procedural Requirements</u>: If you oppose this Motion, you are required to file your written opposition with the Office of the Clerk, United States District Court, 411 West Fourth Street, Santa Ana, California 92701, and serve the same on the undersigned. The Receiver has requested that the deadline to file and serve opposition papers be November 8, 2010.

IF YOU FAIL TO FILE AND SERVE A WRITTEN OPPOSITION by the above date, the Court may grant the requested relief without further notice. This Motion is made following the conference of counsel pursuant to L.R. 7-3.

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1	WHEREFORE, the Receiver requests that the Court grant the relief requested	
2	herein and such other relief as may be appropriate under the circumstances.	
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4	Dated: November 2, 2010	ALLEN MATKINS LECK GAMBLE
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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I. INTRODUCTION

At this point, the Receiver's dispute with Edward K. Blodnick ("Blodnick") and Edward K. Blodnick & Associates, P.C. (the "Blodnick Firm") is well-known to the Court and the parties, and well-documented on the Court's docket. Starting in May 2010, the dispute has produced numerous filings by the Receiver, Blodnick and the Blodnick Firm, several orders issued by the Court, and an evidentiary hearing held on September 7, 2010. By way of this Motion, the Receiver asks the Court to approve a settlement agreement with Blodnick and the Blodnick Firm.

Blodnick has represented to the Receiver that the combined net worth of Blodnick and the Blodnick Firm is less than \$300,000. Based primarily on that representation, and subject to Court approval, the Receiver has agreed to accept \$438,400 in full satisfaction of Blodnick and the Blodnick Firm's obligations to the receivership estate. As part of the settlement, Blodnick has provided financial disclosures which, to the Receiver's reasonable satisfaction, support the representation regarding Blodnick and the Blodnick Firm's combined net worth.¹

Additionally, as part of the settlement, Thomas R. Fazio ("Fazio"), former General Counsel for Medical Capital and current principal of Blodnick, Fazio & Associates, P.C. (the "Blodnick/Fazio Firm"), has agreed to release all claims against the receivership estate held by himself and his former firm Fazio, Rynsky & Associates, LLP ("FRA"). Fazio claims to be owed wages and bonuses, and FRA claims to be owed legal fees for handling various collection matters.

Subject to Court approval, the Receiver, Blodnick, the Blodnick Firm, the Blodnick/Fazio Firm, Fazio and FRA have executed a Settlement Agreement & Release ("Agreement"), the terms of which are discussed in greater detail below.

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Under the proposed settlement agreement, the Receiver is required to keep confidential the financial disclosure provided by Blodnick and the Blodnick Firm. If the Court wishes to review the disclosures, the Receiver will seek permission to file them under seal for *in camera* review.

The Receiver believes that the receivership estate's claims for turnover, contempt and sanctions against Blodnick and the Blodnick Firm are meritorious. The Receiver is also aware, however, that additional litigation would be expensive and time consuming. If Blodnick and the Blodnick Firm were financially capable of satisfying a turnover, contempt and sanctions order in the Receiver's favor, the expense and delay would be less of a concern. Blodnick's representations and supporting financial disclosures show, however, that Blodnick and the Blodnick Firm would likely be unable to pay the full turnover amount (\$650,000), let alone the full amount of fees and costs incurred by the Receiver as a result of Blodnick's failure to comply with the Preliminary Injunction (approximately \$125,000). Therefore, in all likelihood, continuing to incur litigation expenses (in this Court and on appeal) would simply reduce the receivership estate's net recovery from Blodnick and the Blodnick Firm. The Receiver believes that the Agreement will generate the highest net recovery for the receivership estate, and therefore requests that it be approved.

II. FACTS

Starting in 1999, Medical Capital made loans to Dr. Robert Schepp and his medical practices, Deajess Medical Imaging, P.C., Boston Post Road Medical Imaging, P.C., and Preferred Medical Imaging, P.C. (collectively, "Schepp"), and the management companies he contracted with, MRI Global Imaging Services, Inc. and Forum Medical Management, Inc. The loans were secured by Schepp's rights to payment from insurance carriers. Seaman Declaration ¶ 2.

Patients who received radiology diagnostic services from Schepp did so as a result of being in automobile-related accidents. Accordingly, the relevant insurance claims are governed by the New York Comprehensive Automobile Insurance Reparations Act, commonly known as the New York "No-Fault" insurance system. Seaman Declaration ¶ 3.

LAW OFFICES Ien Matkins Leck Gamble Mallory & Natsis LLP Starting in 2005, the manner in which the Schepp medical practices were operated and financed became the subject of substantial litigation in New York between various insurance carriers and Schepp ("Schepp Litigation"). The insurance carriers argued that the way the medical practices were operated and financed violated New York "No-Fault" laws, rendering the relevant insurance claims uncollectible. The insurance carriers also sought to recover payments previously made, which payments had gone directly to Medical Capital. Schepp contested these allegations, arguing that his medical practices were operated and financed in compliance with New York law. The Blodnick Firm represented Schepp in the Schepp Litigation. Seaman Declaration ¶ 4.

Schepp was not only unable to repay the loans from Medical Capital, he was also unable to pay the Blodnick Firm's legal bills. Accordingly, in order to collect on the insurance claim receivables that were its collateral, Medical Capital made additional loans to Schepp in the form of direct payments to Blodnick. Between September 2005 and February 2009, Medical Capital paid \$5,208,602.11 directly to Blodnick. Seaman Declaration ¶ 5.

Medical Capital was late in paying some of the Blodnick Firm's bills in 2008. In September 2008, Medical Capital agreed to pay Blodnick a flat fee of \$30,000 per week, \$25,000 for ongoing fees and \$5,000 for prior bills. This arrangement was later modified via a letter dated December 11, 2008 from Blodnick that was countersigned by then Medical Capital President Joseph Lampariello. The letter agreement gives the Blodnick Firm the right to twenty (20%) percent of all settlements in addition to the weekly flat fee of \$25,000 (the "Letter Agreement"). Seaman Declaration ¶ 6.

Medical Capital made some of the weekly payments to Blodnick, but not others. Accordingly, when settlements with insurance carriers were executed and settlement checks were received by Blodnick, he deducted his twenty (20%) percent

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fee and the weekly payments not made by Medical Capital. Seaman Declaration 2 ¶ 7. 3 On July 16, 2009, the Securities and Exchange Commission commenced an enforcement action against Medical Capital Holdings, Inc., Medical Capital 4 5 Corporation, Medical Provider Funding Corporation VI, Sidney M. Field and Joseph J. Lampariello ("Defendants"), alleging various violations of securities laws ("SEC Action"). The SEC Action was filed in the United States District Court for the Central District of California ("District Court"). On the same day, the Commission filed an Ex Parte Application for Temporary Restraining Order and Orders: (1) Freezing Assets; (2) Appointing a Temporary Receiver; (3) Prohibiting the Destruction of Documents; (4) Granting Expedited Discovery, and (5) Requiring 11 Accountings; and Order to Show Cause Re: Preliminary Injunction and Appointment of a Permanent Receiver. Seaman Declaration ¶ 8. 13 On August 3, 2009, the Court entered the Temporary Restraining Order and 14 Orders: (1) Freezing Assets; (2) Appointing a Temporary Receiver; (3) Prohibiting 15 the Destruction of Documents; and (4) Requiring Accountings; and Order to Show Cause Re: Preliminary Injunction and Appointment of a Permanent Receiver 17 18 ("TRO"). The TRO appointed Thomas A. Seaman as temporary receiver for the Receivership Entities. On August 18, 2009, the Court entered a Preliminary 19 Injunction and Order Appointing A Permanent Receiver ("Preliminary Injunction"), 20 extending the provisions of the TRO and making the Receiver's appointment 21 permanent. Seaman Declaration ¶ 9. 22 23 Shortly after the TRO was entered on August 3, 2009, a notice and copy thereof was filed in the Schepp Litigation, putting all parties and their counsel on 24 notice of the Receiver's appointment. Prior to the Receiver's appointment, the 26 Medical Capital entities had been represented in the Schepp Litigation by New York attorney Kenneth C. Henry, Jr. Pursuant to the powers granted to him in the TRO 27 28 and Preliminary Injunction, the Receiver retained Mr. Henry to continue to represent

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the Medical Capital entities. Additionally, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 754, the Receiver filed the TRO as its own miscellaneous case in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York. Seaman Declaration ¶ 10.

The parties dispute whether Blodnick disclosed the Letter Agreement from the time of the Receiver's appointment through December 2009.

In November 2009, the Receiver was informed by Mr. Henry that one of the insurance carriers, State Farm, had agreed to the terms of a settlement ("State Farm Settlement"). Unlike most of the insurance carriers, State Farm had named the Medical Capital entities in its action. The proposed State Farm settlement, therefore, included releases in favor of State Farm from the Receiver on behalf of Medical Capital. Seaman Declaration ¶ 11.

In late December 2009, the Blodnick Firm sent a check and settlement breakdown worksheet to the Receiver, which was received by the Receiver in January 2010. The settlement breakdown worksheet shows \$2,011,522.75 in gross settlement proceeds, \$198,338.80 in payments to a third party lender on insurance claims not financed by Medical Capital, \$98,210 in payments to Schepp, other attorneys representing him, and Mr. Henry, \$1,174,158.73 in payments to the Blodnick Firm, and \$540,815.30 paid to the Receiver (the amount of the check enclosed with the worksheet). Seaman Declaration ¶ 12.

On February 2, 2010, the Blodnick Firm sent a second check and settlement breakdown worksheet. The settlement breakdown worksheet shows \$957,216.09 in gross settlement proceeds, \$83,309.29 in payments to a third party lender on insurance claims not financed by Medical Capital, \$25,434.43 in payments to Schepp, other attorneys representing him, and Mr. Henry, \$399,781.36 in payments to the Blodnick Firm, and \$448,691.01 paid to the Receiver (the amount of the check enclosed with the worksheet). Seaman Declaration ¶ 13.

In May of 2010, State Farm, Schepp and the Receiver executed the State Farm Settlement. The Receiver, the Blodnick Firm and Mr. Henry executed a

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separate Escrow Agreement providing that the full State Farm Settlement amount would go to Mr. Henry's trust account, the amount designated for an unrelated lender would be released to that lender, and, of the remaining amount, the twenty (20%) percent Blodnick was claiming would be released to the Blodnick Firm and held, and the rest would be released to the Receiver. The funds released to the Blodnick Firm are to be held pending an agreement between the Receiver and Blodnick or an order of a New York court of competent jurisdiction. Seaman Declaration ¶ 14.

On May 14, 2010, the Blodnick Firm sued the Receiver in New York state court for a declaration that he is entitled to \$38,400 from the State Farm settlement proceeds ("New York Action"). The Receiver moved to dismiss the New York Action, which motion is pending. Seaman Declaration ¶ 15.

On June 11, 2010, the Receiver filed a motion for order to show cause regarding contempt and sanctions against Blodnick and the Blodnick Firm for failure to turn over property of the receivership estate ("OSC Motion"). The Receiver alleged that Blodnick and the Blodnick Firm violated the Preliminary Injunction by failing to turn over \$650,000 in proceeds of Schepp-related settlements. The Receiver also sought a finding that Blodnick and the Blodnick Firm were in contempt and an order sanctioning them in the amount of the Receiver's fees and costs to obtain their compliance. Seaman Declaration ¶ 16.

The OSC Motion has been litigated to some extent. On August 3, 2010, the District Court issued an Order concerning the order to show cause. On August 16, 2010, Blodnick and the Blodnick Firm filed a Petition for Writ of Mandamus in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals concerning the August 3, 2010 order ("Writ of Mandamus"). On September 7, 2010, the District Court held an evidentiary hearing concerning the OSC Motion. On October 12, 2010, the Ninth Circuit denied the Writ of Mandamus. Seaman Declaration ¶ 17.

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III. THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Subject to Court approval, the Receiver, Blodnick, the Blodnick Firm, the Blodnick/Fazio Firm, Fazio and FRA have executed the Agreement, the basic terms of which are as follows:

- (1) Blodnick will pay \$438,400 cash to the Receiver. Blodnick will pay the \$38,400 he claims from the State Farm settlement to the Receiver (discussed further below) no later than November 10, 2010. Blodnick will pay the remaining \$400,000 to the Receiver within 48 hours of entry of an order approving the Agreement.
 - (2) Blodnick will dismiss the New York Action with prejudice.
- (3) Blodnick will take all steps necessary to close the State Farm settlement. The settlement is contingent on the Receiver having received \$192,000 (which includes the \$38,400 Blodnick has claimed) from the State Farm settlement no later than November 10.
- (4) Blodnick will release all claims against the Receiver, the Medical Capital receivership estate, and Medical Capital on behalf of himself, Edward K. Blodnick & Associates, P.C. and Blodnick, Fazio & Associates, P.C.
- (5) Fazio will release all claims against the Receiver, the Medical Capital receivership estate, and Medical Capital on behalf of himself and FRA.
- (6) The Receiver will release all claims against Blodnick and Edward K. Blodnick & Associates, P.C.

The Agreement is also contingent on full financial disclosures, which disclosures were made by Blodnick and the Blodnick firm on October 13, 2010. The Receiver has reviewed and accepted the disclosures as supportive of the representation that the combined net worth of Blodnick and the Blodnick Firm is less than \$300,000, not including Blodnick's 401(k) retirement account. Accordingly, this contingency has been satisfied. Under the Agreement, the Receiver is required to file a motion to approve the settlement by October 15 and

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request that the motion be heard on November 15, which obligation is satisfied by the filing of this Motion. Finally, as noted above, Blodnick is required to take all steps necessary to close the State Farm settlement such that the Receiver receives \$192,000 from the State Farm settlement no later than November 10. The Receiver will promptly notify the Court if this contingency is not satisfied.

IV. ARGUMENT

A federal equity receiver's power to compromise claims is subject to court approval. As noted by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in *S.E.C. v. Hardy*, 803 F.2d 1034, 1037 (9th Cir. 1986), "[a] district court's power to supervise an equity receivership and to determine the appropriate action to be taken in the administration of the receivership is extremely broad." With regard to settlements entered into by a federal equity receiver, the Court's supervisory role includes reviewing and approving those settlements in light of federal court policy to promote settlements before trial. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(c), Advisory Committee Notes.

Federal courts of equity often look to bankruptcy law for guidance in the administration of receivership estates. See SEC v. Capital Consultants, LLC, 397 F.3d 733, 745 (9th Cir. 2005); SEC v. American Capital Investments, Inc., 98 F.3d 1133, 1140 (9th Cir. 1996); SEC v. Basic Energy & Affiliated Resources, 273 F.3d 657, 665 (6th Cir. 2001); see also Local Civil Rule 66-8 ("a receiver shall administer the estate as nearly as possible in accordance with the practice in the administration of estates in bankruptcy"). A bankruptcy court may approve a compromise of claims asserted by or against the estate if the compromise is "fair and equitable." Woodson v. Fireman's Fund Insurance Co. (In re Woodson), 839 F.2d 610, 620 (9th Cir. 1988). The approval of a proposed compromise negotiated by a court-appointed fiduciary "is an exercise of discretion that should not be overturned except in cases of abuse leading to a result that is neither in the best

interest of the estate nor fair and equitable for the creditors." *In re MGS Marketing*, 111 B.R. 264, 266-67 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 1990).

The Court has great latitude in approving compromises. In passing on the proposed compromise, the Court should consider the following:

- a. The probability of success in litigation;
- b. The difficulties, if any, to be encountered in the matter of collection;
- c. The complexity of the litigation involved and the expense, inconvenience, and delay necessarily attending; and
- d. The paramount interest of the creditors and a proper deference to their reasonable views in the premises.

Woodson, 839 F.2d at 620.

Here, the Receiver believes that the receivership estate's claims for turnover, contempt and sanctions against Blodnick and the Blodnick Firm are meritorious. The Receiver is also aware, however, that additional litigation would be expensive and time consuming. If Blodnick and the Blodnick Firm were financially capable of satisfying a turnover, contempt and sanctions order in the Receiver's favor, the expense and delay would be less of a concern. Blodnick's representations and supporting financial disclosures show, however, that Blodnick and the Blodnick Firm would likely be unable to pay the full turnover amount (\$650,000), let alone the full amount of fees and costs incurred by the Receiver as a result of Blodnick's failure to comply with the Preliminary Injunction (approximately \$125,000). Therefore, in all likelihood, continuing to incur litigation expenses (in this Court and on appeal) would simply reduce the receivership estate's net recovery from Blodnick and the Blodnick Firm. The Receiver believes that the Agreement will generate the highest net recovery for the receivership estate, and therefore requests that it be approved.

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CONCLUSION V. WHEREFORE, the Receiver requests entry of an order granting the Motion and approving the Agreement. Dated: November 2, 2010 ALLEN MATKINS LECK GAMBLE MALLORY & NATSIS LLP By: /s/ Ted Fates **TED FATES** Attorneys for Receiver Thomas A. Seaman

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