

# Jeffrey E. Brandlin Receiver

# **Investor Presentation**

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# Receivership Overview & Purpose

## Jeffrey E. Brandlin, Receiver

- NTV Financial Group, Inc. ("NTV") and Richard Nguyen (collectively, "Defendants")
   Mai Do ("Relief Defendant").
- 2. Defendants purported to invest investors' monies but used a significant amount of it to fund their personal lifestyles.
- 3. The receivership was granted by the court to preserve documents relevant to the case, prevent additional dissipation of assets, and prevent the Defendants from continuing "business as usual."
- 4. NTV <u>did not</u> maintain books & records and <u>did not</u> utilize an accounting system. Therefore, the Receiver engaged Brandlin & Associates ("B&A") to perform a forensic accounting of the NTV business and its transactions.
- 5. The Receiver is supervised by the court and charged with efficiently administrating the Estate for the benefit of the investors!
- 6. Parties involved: Receiver / B&A / Smiley Wang-Ekvall (counsel) / Ervin Cohen & Jessup, LLP (Clawback counsel) / Citrin Cooperman (tax) / SEC

# **Timeline of Events**

## 46 case-related filings have been made since the receivership began

The Receivership has been in existence for **30 months** 

5/5/20 9/18/20 Commence Court Est. Circa 6/14/19 9/3/19 Litigation to 12/6/21 Approved Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> 1st SEC 2019 Recover Order to sell Asset Website Status Fraudulent Commercial Status Created Transfers Freeze Report Property Report 6/24/19 8/29/19 2/4/20 12/13/20 6/18/20 4th Status 3<sup>rd</sup> **JEB** Defendants Court Receiver Held in Civil Approved Status Report Contempt Order to Report sell Personal Real Estate Receivership Website: www.donlinrecano.com/Clients/brandlin/Index

Forensic accounting, asset analysis, asset recoveries and other critical procedures have been performed throughout the receivership to identify and recover assets for the benefit of the investors.

# Forensic Accounting, Asset Analyses & Recoveries

Inception-to-date gross recoveries: \$1,020,092 (through 10/31/21)

- 1. Onsite seizure of all NTV business documentation (computers, documents & other items).
- 2. Information obtained was reviewed and analyzed (e.g., investor documentation, emails, related party documents and other), and scanned.
- 3. Subpoenaed banks (9 accts.) & brokerage firms (8 accts.) for statements.
- 4. Banking and brokerage activity scheduled and analyzed (forensic "tracing" of funds).
- 5. Identified sources of recoveries
  - 1. Bank accounts;
  - 2. Brokerage accounts;
  - 3. Personal real estate; and
  - 4. Fraudulent transfers ("Clawback" Litigation).

# **Investor Accounts**

## **Investor Recap**

Total No. of Investors	100
Total Funds Invested	\$ 2,935,201
Investor Capital Repaid	\$ (979,327)
Investor Dividends Paid	\$ (185,769)
Subtotal: Investor Payments	\$ (1,165,096)
Net Amount Owed to NTV Investors	\$ 1,770,105

#### Notes:

- NTV <u>did not</u> maintain books & records and <u>did not</u> utilize an accounting system.
- B&A used bank records and brokerage account statements to create and identify the sources and uses of NTV funds which is summarized on the following page.

# **Receivership Accounting**

NTV Financial Crown Inc. Courses C. Uses		
NTV Financial Group, Inc Sources & Uses	Total Cash	Comments
Pasinning Cook Polones @ 3/1/10	Total Cash	Comments Total of NTV related bank accounts
Beginning Cash Balance @ 2/1/18	\$ 2,795	Total of NTV-related bank accounts
Sources		
Investors:		
Contributions from Investors	2,935,201	Investor deposits (investor count: 100)
Transfers In from Brokerage Accts.	2,016,550	Brokerage acct. transfers to NTV bank accts.
Subtotal: Investor Deposits	4,951,750	
Non-Investor Related:		
Advisory Fees - Managed Accounts	569,331	Advisory fees earned for "Managed Accounts"
Unknown / Undescriptive Bank Trans.	493,786	Primarily relate to BofA acct. nos. 8771, 8768 & 1210
Merchant Banked Transactions	161,953	Bank card credits (unidentified sources)
Other	232,429	
Subtotal: Non-Investor Related	1,457,498	
Total Sources	6,409,249	
Uses		
Investors:		
Transfers Out to Brokerage Accts.	(2,701,300)	NTV bank acct. transfers to Brokerage accts.
Amount Returned to Investors	(1,165,096)	See prior page
Total: Investor Withdrawals	(3,866,396)	
Non-Investor Related:		
Non-Investor Activity - Expenditures	(1,354,782)	Richard Nguyen personal expenditures (dissipation of estate assets)
Teller / ATM Withdrawals	(522,456)	Cash transactions
NTV Business Expenses	(217,203)	Includes payroll, media exp. & other business-related expenditures
Other	(444,030)	
Subtotal: Non-Investor Related	(2,538,471)	
Total Uses	(6,404,868)	
Ending Cash Balance @ 6/30/19	\$ 7,176	Ending cash transferred to Receivership estate

# Receivership Accounting (cont'd)

#### NTV Funds Transferred to Receiver

Funds Transferred to Receiver		
Petty Cash - June 2019	\$ 643	Recovered onsite (6/24/19) at NTV Business Office
Bank Accounts - August 2019	51,855	Subject to Asset Freeze
Brokerage Accounts - August 2019	404,962	Subject to Asset Freeze
Total Funds Transferred to Receiver	\$ 457,460	Receivership Inception
Receivership Activity:		
Real Estate Sales - Net Proceeds	\$ 311,359	Net proceeds from sales of 2 personal properties & NTV Business Office
Clawback Litigation	281,144	ECJ Recoveries received inception-to-date
Miscellaneous Deposits	1,660	
Total ITD Deposits	1,051,624	
Total Receivership Expenses - ITD	(31,532)	Litigation costs, HOA, Property Taxes, Ins., Utilities, Website, Taxes & Other
Ending Cash Balance @ 10/31/21	\$ 1,020,092	Agrees to QuickBooks Ending Balance

#### Notes:

- The forensic accounting is ongoing and reported amounts are subject to change.
- The Receiver is in the process of obtaining missing bank statements and other financial records that will assist in documenting all transactional details.

# **Clawback Litigation**

## Litigation Summary as of 12/2/21

NTV Financial Group, Inc.			Clawb	ack Liti						
	Original Judgment / Settlement			Net Re	Net Rec'd Legal Fees			Unpaid		
Other Non-Investor Related:	Claim Amt.	\$	;	%	to D	ite	\$	%	Balance	<u>Comments</u>
1. Luxury Bazaar (jewelry)	\$ 25,106	\$ 2	0,085	80%	\$ 9,80	14	\$ 5,260	26%	\$ 5,021	Installment payments
2. Mr. Diamonds Group Inc. / Wonder Jewelers	74,900	6	7,410	90%	21,3	3	10,057	15%	36,000	Installment payments
3. Watches of Switzerland LLC (Patek Phillipe Watch)	78,134		-	0%		-	-	0%	-	Pending
4. EuroLux (Ferrari)	80,000	8	30,000	100%		-	24,000	30%	56,000	Judgment appealed (est. Q2 2022 decision)
5. Philips Auto (2007 Porsche)	45,000	4	0,000	89%	27,9	2	12,048	30%	-	Settled
6. Tom Le (Rent - A Better Way LLC, NTV Motor - Unit 7B)	31,473	3	6,751	117%	24,63	1	12,120	33%	-	Settled
7. Credit Cards	402,014	29	5,971	74%	199,80	9	96,162	32%	-	Settled
8. Michelle Nguyen	57,345	5	7,345	100%		-	17,204	30%	40,142	Judgment against Michelle Nguyen
9. Nga Tuget Nguyen	30,262	3	0,262	100%	22,60	0	7,662	25%	-	Settled
10. SJ Distributors	21,893	2	.0,000	91%	13,9	6	6,024	30%	-	Settled
11. A Better Way, LLC	6,912		3,456	50%	2,1	3	1,303	38%	-	Settled
12. Southern California Edison (SCE) (utility company)	23,051	1	.9,593	85%	12,2	3	7,340	37%	-	Settled
Totals	\$ 876,091	\$ 67	0,873	77%	\$ 334,5	1	\$ 199,179	30%	\$ 137,163	



Receiver & Counsel have been successful in obtaining \$671K in Judgements / Settlements to date



Amounts are expected to be collected during 2022

# **Estimated Investor Return of Capital %**

NTV Financial Group, Inc.		
Estimated Investor Return of Capital		
	Amount	Comments
Ending Cash Balance at 10/31/21	\$ 1,020,092	
Projected Cash Receipts:		
Unpaid Clawback Balances - Net Settlements	137,163	See previous page
Richard Nguyen	1,396,382	SEC Settlement
Mai Do	352,600	Lawsuit to be filed / matter pending
Less: Reserve for lesser results	(1,748,982)	Contingency Reserve for negotiated settlements
Subtotal: Projected Cash Receipts, Net	137,163	
Receivership Expenditures - Inception-to-Date:		
Brandlin & Associates (B&A) / Receivership Fees & Exp.	(222,701)	See following page
Smiley Wang-Ekvall, LLP (Counsel) Fees & Exp.	 (208,914)	See following page
Subtotal: Actual Expenditures Inception-to-Date	(431,615)	Fees & Expenses through 10/31/21
Projected Cash Disbursements:		
Receivership & Counsel's Fees - est.	(100,000)	Receiver, legal & tax preparation fees
Miscellaneous Expenses - est.	(10,000)	3rd party costs of receivership
Subtotal: Projected Cash Disbursements - Est.	(110,000)	
Projected Ending Cash Balance Available for Distribution	\$ 615,640	
Net Amount Owed to NTV Investors	1,770,105	
Est. Receivership Estate Shortage / NTV Investors' Loss	\$ (1,154,465)	Loss primarily attributable to Richard Nguyen's
Estimated Loss %	-65%	personal expenditures.
Est. Net Amt. Owed to NTV Investors % (as of 12/2/21)	<b>35</b> %	

# **Professional Fees**

#### Incurred for the benefit of the Estate

		•	6/24/19 - 10/31/21							
				Less:						
		Total	Gross	Courtesy	Net	[3]				
Firm	Ref	Hours	Fees	Discount	Fees	Expenses	Total		Fees &	
Brandlin & Associates	[1]	574	\$ 285,752	\$ (64,194)	\$ 221,558	\$ 1,143	\$ 222,701	٦	expenses	
Discount %	•			-22%				Ш	are	
Smiley Wang-Ekvall, LL  Discount %		657	\$ 214,042	\$ (21,404) -10%	\$ 192,638	\$ 16,276	\$ 208,914		included in the previous	
Totals	_	1,232	\$ 499,795		\$ 414,196	\$ 17,418	\$ 431,615		page	

#### **COMMENTS:**

- [1] B&A's fees include the receivership administration, forensic accounting, asset analysis and recovery, and other ancillary services necessary to oversee the estate and to represent the investors.
- [2] SWK fees include legal representation of the receiver and court pleadings / filings and other on behalf of the estate.
- [3] 3<sup>rd</sup> party out-of-pocket costs incurred (e.g., scanning & photocopying, locksmith, courier, court fees, website, interpreter and other).

# Other / Conclusion

## **Next Steps**

- 1. 5<sup>th</sup> Status Report of Receiver to be filed with the court for the 10-month period ended October 31, 2021.
- 2. Investor Claims Process & Timing (IMPORTANT!).
- 3. Continued Clawback litigation & asset recovery efforts which is expected to increase the return to investors.
- 4. Interim (est. Q2 / Q3 2022) & Final (presently unknown) investor distributions.
- 5. File estate tax return "End of Receivership."

#### **Questions / Comments?**

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