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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, SOUTHERN DIVISION

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

RICHARD VU NGUYEN, A/K/A
NGUYEN THANH VU, AND NTV
FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.,

Defendants,

and

MAI DO,

Relief Defendant.

Case No. SACV19-1174-SVW
(KESX)

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON FIRST
INTERIM APPLICATION FOR
ALLOWANCE AND PAYMENT OF
FEES OF:**

**(1) JEFFREY BRANDLIN,
RECEIVER, AND BRANDLIN &
ASSOCIATES; AND**

(2) SMILEY WANG-EKVALL, LLP

**[First Interim Application and
Declaration of Kyra Andrassy
filed concurrently]**

DATE: March 14, 2022

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

CTRM: 10A

First Street Courthouse
350 W. 1st Street,
Los Angeles, California

JUDGE: Hon. Stephen V. Wilson

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TO ALL PARTIES IN INTEREST:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT unless appearances are excused prior to the hearing, on **March 14, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.** in Courtroom 10A of the above-captioned Court, located at 350 W. 1st Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, the Court is scheduled to hold a hearing on the First Interim Application for Allowance and Payment of Fees of (1) Jeffrey Brandlin and Brandlin & Associates, and (2) Smiley Wang-Ekvall, LLP (the "Application"). Investors and creditors do not need to attend the hearing on March 14, 2022, unless they have filed written objection to the relief sought in the Application. Please consult with Kyra Andrassy or Michael Simon, counsel for the Receiver, before attending the hearing to make sure it is going forward.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any opposition to the relief sought in the Application must be filed with the Court and served on counsel for the Receiver no later than twenty-one (21) days before the hearing on the Motion. Failure to timely file a written opposition may be deemed by the Court to be consent to the granting of the relief sought in the Application. A summary of the relief sought in the Application is as follows:

SUMMARY OF THE RELIEF BEING SOUGHT

For the period from June 25, 2019, through October 31, 2021, Jeffrey Brandlin (the "Receiver") and his firm, Brandlin & Associates, seek allowance of fees totaling \$221,206.25 and costs of \$1,142.81. The fees reflect a reduction of 23% off of the normal hourly rates of the Receiver and Brandlin & Associates.

The Receiver's counsel, Smiley Wang-Ekvall, is seeking allowance of fees totaling \$192,638.20, plus costs of \$16,275.54, for the same period.

1 These fees reflect a reduction of 10% from the firm's standard hourly rates
2 and an additional voluntary reduction of \$10,000.00.

3 The Receiver also seeks authorization to pay 80% of the allowed fees
4 and 100% of the expenses from available funds, with the 20% balance to be
5 held back pending approval of the Receiver's final report.

6 The Application is posted on the website that the Receiver maintains
7 for this receivership, which is at the following website address:
8 <https://www.donlinrecano.com/Clients/brandlin/Index>. It is also available by
9 contacting counsel for the Receiver at kandrassy@swelawfirm.com.

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12 Respectfully submitted,

13 DATED: February 11, 2022

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16 By: /s/ Kyra E. Andrassy
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18 Counsel for Jeffrey E. Brandlin,
19 Receiver
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PROOF OF SERVICE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ORANGE

At the time of service, I was over 18 years of age and not a party to this action. I am employed in the County of Orange, State of California. My business address is 3200 Park Center Drive, Suite 250, Costa Mesa, CA 92626.

On 2/11/2022, I served true copies of the following document(s) described as
NOTICE OF HEARING ON FIRST INTERIM APPLICATION FOR ALLOWANCE AND PAYMENT OF FEES OF: (1) JEFFREY BRANDLIN, RECEIVER, AND BRANDLIN & ASSOCIATES; AND (2) SMILEY WANG-EKVALL, LLP
on the interested parties in this action as follows:

SEE ATTACHED SERVICE LIST

(X) (BY COURT VIA NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING ("NEF")). Pursuant to United States District Court, Central District of California, Local Civil Rule 5-3, the foregoing document will be served by the court via NEF and hyperlinked to the document. On 2/11/2022, I checked the CM/ECF docket for this case and determined that the aforementioned person(s) are on the Electronic Mail Notice List to receive NEF transmission at the email address(es) indicated.

() (BY MAIL). I enclosed the document(s) in a sealed envelope or package and placed the envelope for collection and mailing, following our ordinary business practices. I am readily familiar with the practice of Smiley Wang-Ekvall, LLP for collecting and processing correspondence for mailing. On the same day that correspondence is placed for collection and mailing, it is deposited in the ordinary course of business with the United States Postal Service, in a sealed envelope with postage fully prepaid. I am a resident or employed in the county where the mailing occurred. The envelope was placed in the mail at Costa Mesa, California.

() (BY E-MAIL). By scanning the document(s) and then e-mailing the resultant pdf to the e-mail address indicated above per agreement. Attached to this declaration is a copy of the e-mail transmission.

() (BY FACSIMILE). I caused the above-referenced documents to be transmitted to the noted addressee(s) at the fax number as stated. Attached to this declaration is a "TX Confirmation Report" confirming the status of transmission. Executed on _____, at Costa Mesa, California.

() STATE I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.

(X) FEDERAL I declare that I am employed in the office of a member of the bar of this court at whose direction the service was made.

Executed on February 11, 2022, at Costa Mesa, California.

/s/ Lynnette Garrett

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