

# Jeffrey E. Brandlin Receiver

## **Investor Presentation**

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#### Elevate Investments LLC

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# Receivership Overview & Purpose

## Jeffrey E. Brandlin, Receiver

- 1. Elevate Investments LLC ("Elevate") and Justin Robert King (collectively, "Defendants") Shannon Leigh King ("Relief Defendant").
- 2. Defendants invested investors' monies and incurred significant market losses as well as used investors' monies 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. Elevate <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 Elevate business and its transactions.
- 5. The Receiver is supervised by the court and charged with efficiently administrating the Estate for the benefit of the <u>investors</u>!
- 6. Parties involved: Receiver / B&A / Smiley Wang-Ekvall (counsel) / Citrin Cooperman (tax) / SEC

# **Timeline of Events**

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

#### The Receivership has been in existence for 12 months

2/4/21 Order to **Show Cause** 11/19/21 1/7/21 Status RE: Civil 1st Status 12/28/20 SEC Report of 2/25/21 Report Filed Contempt Complaint Defendants' Through **Temporary** against 10/31/21 Filed Receiver Defendants Accounting 1/19/21 12/28/20 2/5/21 5/27/21 Motion for Defendants' Consent JEB TRO, Asset Appointed Opposition Judgment as Freeze, & as to Ex Parte to Request for Permanent **Application** Defendant Receiver Receiver Justin R. King Receivership Website: https://www.donlinrecano.com/Clients/ei/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.

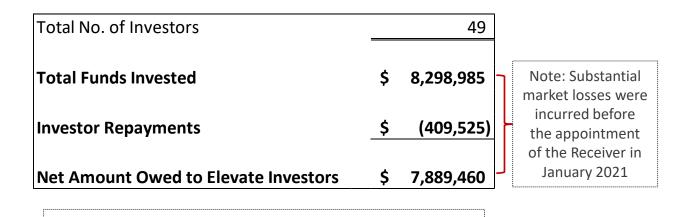
# Forensic Accounting, Asset Analyses & Recoveries

Inception-to-date gross recoveries: \$1,580,217 (through 10/31/21)

- 1. Onsite seizure of all Elevate 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 (9 accts.) for statements.
- 4. Banking and brokerage activity scheduled and analyzed (forensic "tracing" of funds). The period analyzed was 2/1/16 12/31/20.
- 5. Identified sources of recoveries
  - a) Bank accounts;
  - b) Brokerage accounts; and
  - c) Fraudulent transfers ("Clawback" Litigation).

# **Investor Accounts**

## **Investor Recap**



#### NOTES:

- Elevate <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 Elevate funds which is summarized on the following page.

Net Marker Losses ~ \$5.5 million

# **Receivership Accounting**

Elevate Investments - Sources & Uses		
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Tabal Dania dan Balanca di santata 2010 (A)	Total Cash	<u>Comments</u>
Total Beginning Balance - circa May 2019 (A)	\$ 13,802	Total of Elevate-related accounts
Sources		
<u>Investors:</u>		
Contributions from Investors	8,298,985	Investor deposits (investor count: 58), see prior page
Non-Investor Related:		
Intra & Inter Bank Transfers	739,898	
Bank Transfers to Brokerage Accts.	2,330,043	
Brokerage Transfers to Bank Accts.	1,563,296	
Intra Brokerage Transfers	1,030,372	
Other Sources	986,969	See page 9
Subtotal Non-Investor Related:	6,650,578	
Total Sources (A)	14,949,563	
Uses		
Investors:		
Distributions to Investors	(409,525)	14 individual pymts. (12 investors) between 2019 & 2020
Non-Investor Related:		
Intra & Inter Bank Transfers	(691,108)	
Brokerage Transfers to Bank Accts.	(1,253,165)	
Bank Transfers to Brokerage Accts.	(1,920,718)	
Intra Brokerage Transfers	(1,067,372)	
Other Uses	(2,312,678)	See page 9
Subtotal Non-Investor Related:	(7,245,042)	
Total Uses (A)	(7,654,567)	
Market Gains Realized	348,430	Trading was conducted in 7 separate Brokerage Accts.
Market Losses Realized	(5,883,007)	Brokerage accts: Ameritrade / Fidelity / Schwab
Market Losses, Net (A)	(5,534,576)	, , ,
Ending Balance - 12/31/20 (sum (A))	\$ 1,774,222	

# Receivership Accounting (cont'd)

#### Elevate Funds Transferred to Receiver

Elevate Investments - Sources & Uses (cont'd)		
	Total Cash	Comments
Ending Balance - 12/31/20	\$ 1,774,222	See prior page
Less: Funds Not Transferred to Receiver		
Chase (multiple bank accts.)	(86,720)	Note: The Receiver <u>did not</u> have authority over these accts.
Fidelity - Justin R. King	(2,732)	No evidence investor funds were commingled in these
Schwab - Shannon King	(39,373)	accts. However, counsel to the Receiver will be filing a
Schwab - Justin R. King	(80,154)	motion to transfer the frozen assets to the Receivership
Subtotal Funds Not Transferred to Receiver:	(208,980)	
Funds Transferred to Receiver:		
Acct. Balance transferred from Schwab 6211	\$ 1,565,242	
Act. Funds Transferred to Receiver - 1/11/21	\$ 1,581,932	Per Fund Accounting Report
Variance	\$ 16,690	Realized market gain
Receivership Activity:	Amount	Comments
Funds Transferred to Receiver 1/11/21	\$ 1,581,932	See above
Total Receivership Expenses - ITD	(1,715)	
Ending Cash Balance @ 10/31/21	\$ 1,580,217	Agrees to Fund Accounting Report

#### 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.

# Receivership Accounting (cont'd)

#### Other Sources & Uses

		Est. Sources
Sources - Other	Amounts	of Recovery
1 Finance/Merchant/CC Receipts	\$ 41,572	
2 Defendants/Related Parties	97,202	
3 Cash Deposits	184,138	
4 3rd Party Receipts	314,619	
5 Unknown Receipts	304,261	
6 Non-Investor Individuals	29,465	
7 Miscellaneous	15,713	
Total Sources - Other	\$ 986,969	 N/A
<u>Uses - Other</u>		
1 Real Estate	\$ (82,340)	\$ 79,050
2 Auto Payments	(41,068)	11,924
3 Credit Cards	(683,069)	505,075
4 Known Payee	(173,339)	135,439
5 Defendant / Related Parties	(625,511)	-
6 Non-Investors Individuals	(368,865)	-
7 Mortgage / Rent Payments	(118,000)	-
8 Miscellaneous	(220,485)	-
Total Uses - Other	\$ (2,312,678)	\$ 731,488

#### **COMMENT:**

The sources of recovery (\$731,488) is an estimated amount based on preliminary analysis and <u>may be</u> subject to Clawback litigation. Independent counsel will be engaged on a contingency basis (30%) to potentially recover such amounts and other, if possible.

# **Estimated Investor Return of Capital %**

# The Defendant's Lost 67% of Investor's Money via Market Losses

Elevate Investments LLC		
Estimated Investor Return of Capital		
	Amount	<u>Comments</u>
Ending Cash Balance at 10/31/21	\$ 1,580,217	See prior page
Projected Cash Receipts:		
Frozen Assets to be transferred to Receivership Estate	\$ 208,980	Refer to pg. 8
Less: Diminution of Frozen Assets (realized market losses)	(35,000)	Estimated
Potential Clawback Litigation - Gross	731,488	Refer to pg. 9
Less: Contingency Fee (30%)	(219,446)	Contingency attorney would be engaged
Less: Reserve	(100,000)	Reserve for settlement(s)
Subtotal Projected Cash Receipts, Net	\$ 586,021	
Receivership Expenditures - Inception-to-Date:		
Brandlin & Associates (B&A) / Receivership Fees & Exp.	\$ (70,948)	See following page
Smiley Wang-Ekvall, LLP (Counsel) Fees & Exp.	(48,780)	See following page
Subtotal Actual Expenditures Inception-to-Date	\$ (119,727)	Fees & Expenses through 10/31/21
Projected Cash Disbursements:		
Receivership & Counsel's Fees - est.	\$ (100,000)	Receiver, legal & tax preparation fees
Miscellaneous Expenses - est.	(5,000)	3rd party costs of receivership
Subtotal Projected Cash Disbursements - Est.	\$ (105,000)	
Projected Ending Cash Balance Available for Distribution	\$ 1,941,511	
Net Amount Owed to Elevate Investors	7,889,460	Refer to pg. 6
Est. Receivership Estate Shortage / Elevate Investors' Loss	\$ (5,947,948)	Loss primarily attributable to Market Losses (67%)
Estimated Loss %	-75%	& Kings' personal consumption of monies (33%)
Est. Net Amt. Owed to Elevate Investors % (as of 12/9/21)	<b>25</b> %	

## **Professional Fees**

#### Incurred for the benefit of the Estate

			12/28/20 - 10/31/21										
	-	-				Less:							
		Total		Gross		Courtesy		Net		[3]			
Firm	Ref	Hours		Fees		Discount		Fees		Expenses	Total		Fees &
Brandlin & Associates	[1]	200	\$	85,633	\$	(14,795)	\$	70,838	\$	110	\$ 70,948	٦	expenses
Discount %						-17%							are
Smiley Wang-Ekvall, LL	P [2]	107	\$	50,199	\$	(5,020)	\$	45,179	\$	3,601	\$ 48,780		included in the previous
Discount %						-10%							page
Totals	5	308	\$	135,831	\$	(19,815)	\$	116,017	\$	3,711	\$ 119,727		<u>[</u>

#### **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] SWE 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 and other).

# Other / Conclusion

### Next Steps / Questions

- 1. Motion to expand scope of receivership estate to include frozen King bank accounts to be filed this month.
- 2. Finalization of forensic accounting.
- 3. Clawback litigation & asset recovery efforts which is expected to increase the return to investors.
- 4. Investor Claims Process & Timing (IMPORTANT!).
- 5. Interim (est. Q3 2022) & Final (presently unknown) investor distributions.
- 6. SEC to determine the amount of the disgorgement judgment against the Defendants.
- 7. File estate tax return "End of Receivership."

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

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