## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

## **CASE NO. 20-CIV-81205-RAR**

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

COMPLETE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS GROUP, INC. d/b/a PAR FUNDING, et al.,

Defendants.	

## ORDER GRANTING IN PART DEFENDANT DEAN J. VAGNOZZI'S EXPEDITED MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF INSURANCE PREMIUMS

THIS CAUSE comes before the Court upon Defendant Dean J. Vagnozzi's Expedited Motion to Approve Payment of Insurance Premiums [ECF No. 203] ("Motion"), filed on August 27, 2020. In the Motion, Mr. Vagnozzi requests that the Court enter an order approving payment of life insurance premiums by non-Receivership entities that are legally managed by Receivership entity ABFP Management Company LLC ("ABFP Management"). *See* Mot. at 1. Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") filed a response to the Motion on August 27, 2020 [ECF No. 204]. On August 28, 2020, Mr. Vagnozzi filed a Reply [ECF No. 205]. Pursuant to an Order of the Court [ECF No. 207], Receiver Ryan K. Stumphauzer filed a response to the Motion on August 31, 2020 [ECF No. 208].

The Court subsequently entered an Order directing Mr. Vagnozzi to serve an affidavit on the Receiver and the SEC containing additional information the Receiver requested to confirm that the life insurance premium payments would not come from funds belonging to any Receivership Entity [ECF No. 211]. Mr. Vagnozzi filed a Declaration Regarding Life Insurance Premiums and

Jancarski Settlement [ECF No. 217] on September 1, 2020. Receiver then filed a response indicating that he does not oppose the payment of life insurance premiums on behalf of Pillar Life Settlement Fund LP, Pillar II Life Settlement Fund LP, Pillar 3 Life Settlement Fund LP, Pillar 4 Life Settlement Fund LP, Pillar 5 Life Settlement Fund LP, Pillar 6 Life Settlement Fund LP, and Pillar 8 Life Settlement Fund LP (collectively, the "Pillar Entities") from the Citizen's Bank accounts specific to each Pillar Entity. *See* Receiver Ryan K. Stumphauzer's Response to Declaration of Dean Vagnozzi in Connection with Expedited Motion to Approve Payment of Insurance Premiums [ECF No. 218] at 2.

However, Receiver believes that ABFP Multi-Strategy Investment Fund LP and ABFP Multi-Strategy Fund 2 LP ("Multi-Strategy Entities") should be included in the receivership because those entities contain investments in promissory notes from Par Funding. *Id.* Receiver states that he "will attempt to resolve with Mr. Vagnozzi an agreed expansion of the receivership to include the Multi-Strategy Entities or, if the parties cannot reach an agreement, the Receiver will file an expedited motion with the Court seeking this relief." *Id.* 

Having considered the Motion, the responses from the SEC and Receiver, Mr. Vagnozzi's Reply, and Mr. Vagnozzi's Declaration, and being otherwise fully advised, it is

**ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that the Motion [ECF No. 203] is **GRANTED IN PART** as follows:

- 1. ABFP Management is hereby authorized to pay all life insurance premiums due on policies owned by the Pillar Entities from the Citizen's Bank accounts specific to each Pillar Entity. No other payments out of such accounts are authorized by this Order.
- 2. The Court will reserve ruling on the payment of life insurance premiums due on policies owned by the Multi-Strategy Entities to allow additional time for the Receiver and Mr.

Vagnozzi to resolve whether the Multi-Strategy Entities should be included in the receivership. On or before **6:00 P.M. on Wednesday, September 2, 2020**, Receiver shall update the Court on the status of his discussions with Mr. Vagnozzi regarding this issue, as well as provide the Court with Receiver's position on whether the life insurance premiums due on policies owned by the Multi-Strategy Entities can be paid without dissipating assets associated with Par Funding promissory notes.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 1st day of September, 2020.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE