

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

CASE NO. 20-CV-81205-RAR

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

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

Defendants.

**ORDER GRANTING RECEIVER'S MOTION
FOR ORDER OF REFERRAL TO UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE
JUDGE BRUCE E. REINHART FOR SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE**

THIS CAUSE comes before the Court upon Ryan K. Stumphauzer, Esq., Court-Appointed Receiver's ("Receiver") Motion for Order of Referral to United States Magistrate Judge Bruce E. Reinhart for Settlement Conference, [ECF No. 1723] ("Motion"), filed on October 12, 2023. The Court having reviewed the Motion and the record in this matter, and being otherwise fully advised, it is hereby

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED as follows:

1. The Motion, [ECF No. 1724], is **GRANTED**.
2. In the Receiver's Motion, the Receiver has notified the Court about a dispute between and among: (a) the Receiver and class counsel for various investors ("Class Counsel"), on the one hand, and (b) Defendant Dean Vagnozzi and non-parties Alec Vagnozzi, Albert Vagnozzi, and Terry Kohler (collectively, the "Vagnozzi Group"), on the other hand, regarding the Vagnozzi Group's potential objections (the "Potential Objections") to the Receiver's

anticipated motion to seek the Court's approval of a settlement in principle the Receiver and Class Counsel have reached with Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC ("Eckert Seamans"), John W. Pauciulo, and Eckert Seamans' insurance carriers to resolve certain claims against Eckert Seamans and Mr. Pauciulo.

3. The dispute between and among the Receiver, Class Counsel, and the Vagnozzi Group over the Potential Objections is hereby **REFERRED** for purposes of a settlement conference before United States Magistrate Judge Bruce E. Reinhart.

4. The Receiver, a representative from Class Counsel, and the Vagnozzi Group shall participate in the settlement conference. Except as provided under Local Rule 16.2.E, the appearance of counsel and each party, or representatives of each party with full authority to enter into a full and complete settlement, is mandatory.

5. All discussions, representations, and statements made at the settlement conference shall be confidential and privileged. If the dispute over the Potential Objections is settled at the settlement conference, counsel shall promptly notify the Court by filing a notice of settlement signed by counsel of record within **three (3) days** of the conference.

6. Failure to comply with **ANY** of these procedures may result in the imposition of appropriate sanctions.

DONE AND ORDERED in Miami, Florida, this 12th day of October, 2023.



RODOLFO A. RUIZ II
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE