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reassigned to the district judge and magistrate judge presiding over this action. As

set forth below, the Roshak Action is substantially related to this action because both

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cases involve the same series of events and transactions and, as such, both cases involve similar questions of fact. Indeed, the Receiver filed the Roshak Action under authority of this court's order that he pursue assets belonging to the receivership estate (see ECF No. 26). In such instances, LR 42-1(a) contemplates assignment to the same district judge and magistrate judge.

More specifically, this action concerns a Ponzi-scheme perpetrated by Brent and Joy Kovar, where the Kovars raised investor funds through a company called Profit Connect. The Kovars assured investors that their money would be invested in securities trading and cryptocurrencies based on recommendations made by an "artificial intelligence supercomputer." The Kovars told investors that they had the opportunity to invest by opening a "Wealth Builder" account and purchasing a supercomputer "seat" that represented "cycle time on our supercomputer system," and that such accounts "are not affected by the current market volatility" because "the supercomputer system guides the use of Profit Connect internal funds to be focused on long and short position in foreign currency, stocks, block-chain calculations, venture capital services and real estate opportunities." Needless to say, there was no supercomputer and such representations proved untrue.

The Kovars relied on agents, i.e., promoters, to tout Profit Connect, and from May 2018 through April 12, 2021, these agents were paid over \$3 million, or approximately 26% of the funds from investors. William Roshak—the principal defendant to the Roshak Action—was one such promoter and agent, as well as a Profit Connect employee. The Roshak Action seeks to unwind over \$500,000 in fraudulent transfers of investor funds made by the Kovars to William Roshak and his current wife, Tetiana Luzhanska.

As alleged in the complaint in the Roshak Action, William and Tetiana took such transfers in bad faith and without providing reasonably equivalent value, all the while participating in perpetration of the Profit Connect scheme. To make matters worse, they structured a significant portion of the fraudulent transfers to go

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directly to Tetiana so that William could avoid his child support obligations to his two eldest children from his first marriage to Melissa Roshak.

Profit Connect was harmed by this unauthorized course of conduct, which was effectuated by the Kovars, William, and Tetiana in furtherance of their schemes; their conduct dissipated Profit Connect's assets. To allow William and Tetiana to keep monies they received from Profit Connect would be inequitable and unjust, including to Profit Connect investors. The Receiver seeks to recover such amounts in the Roshak Action.

Given the overlapping events and transactions between the Roshak Action and this action, their assignment to the same district judge and magistrate judge is likely to effect a substantial savings of judicial effort. By proceeding before the same district judge and magistrate judge already familiar with this underlying action, the Receiver seeks to avoid a duplication of labor by both the litigants and the court. Accordingly, the Receiver asks that the court reassign this case to district judge and magistrate judge presiding over this action.

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