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24 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
25 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

26 SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE  
27 COMMISSION,

28 Plaintiff,

vs.

MATTHEW WADE BEASLEY; BEASLEY  
LAW GROUP PC; JEFFREY J. JUDD;  
CHRISTOPHER R. HUMPHRIES; J&J  
CONSULTING SERVICES, INC., an Alaska  
Corporation; J&J CONSULTING SERVICES,  
INC., a Nevada Corporation; J AND J  
PURCHASING LLC; SHANE M. JAGER;  
JASON M. JONGEWARD; DENNY  
SEYBERT; ROLAND TANNER; LARRY  
JEFFERY; JASON A. JENNE; SETH  
JOHNSON; CHRISTOPHER M. MADSEN;  
RICHARD R. MADSEN; MARK A.  
MURPHY; CAMERON ROHNER; AND  
WARREN ROSEGREEN,

Defendants.

THE JUDD IRREVOCABLE TRUST; PAJ  
CONSULTING INC.; BJ HOLDINGS LLC;  
STIRLING CONSULTING, L.L.C.; CJ  
INVESTMENTS, LLC; JL2 INVESTMENTS,  
LLC; ROCKING HORSE PROPERTIES, LLC;  
TRIPLE THREAT BASKETBALL, LLC;  
ACAC LLC; ANTHONY MICHAEL  
ALBERTO, JR.,; and MONTY CREW LLC,

Relief Defendants.

**CASE NO.:** 2:22-cv-00612-CDS-EJY

**PROPOSED INTERVENORS' REPLY  
TO RECEIVER'S OPPOSITION TO  
THEIR JOINT MOTION TO  
INTERVENE**

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1 **MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

2 **INTRODUCTION**

3 Charging Intervenor with a “series of mischaracterizations of law and fact” that  
4 “undermine the very purpose of the receivership” is a classic case of the pot calling the kettle  
5 black. The receiver’s own litany of mischaracterizations is too long to list. Portraying Intervenor’s  
6 motion as a tug of war for control of the litigation also misses the point. ***The critical question this***  
7 ***Court must answer is whether the equitable remedy of a resulting trust applies to all investments***  
8 ***in Defendants’ Ponzi scheme.*** If so, Intervenor (and all similarly situated investors) have  
9 significant ownership rights in the same assets now held by the Receivership Estate. Though the  
10 receiver cannot assert this remedy himself, he adamantly refuses to *recognize* Intervenor’s  
11 ownership rights—much less their right to intervene. If the Court is swayed by the receiver’s  
12 warning of gloom and doom, Intervenor’s interests will be impaired in four significant ways:  
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- 15 1. The receiver will be vulnerable to Nevada’s *in pari delicto* defense;
  - 16 2. The SEC will be limited to recovering Defendants’ ill-gotten gains;
  - 17 3. The assets’ owners will have little say in how their recovery is distributed;<sup>1</sup>
  - 18 4. Much of the recovery will go to the U.S. Treasury instead of the victims.

19 As a result of these impairments, the total amount awarded to victims could decline  
20 significantly—including Intervenor’s share. Fortunately, the same rights that will be impaired if  
21 they don’t intervene are the same rights that will benefit all victims if they do. As set forth below,  
22 Intervenor seeks to assist the SEC and receiver by representing all Ponzi victims for the *limited*  
23 *purpose* of fortifying Defendants’ liability, enhancing investors’ recovery, and foreclosing copycat  
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27 <sup>1</sup> Contrary to the receiver’s suggestion, Intervenor is not conjecturing about his preferred  
28 allocation method. At the recent investor meeting, Mr. Winkler announced he will use the MIMO  
method (which impacts how he will treat funds returned to “net losers” in the pro-rata distribution).  
See, e.g. *SEC v. Ralph T. Iannelli*, Case No. 2:18-cv-05008 (CD Cal.), ECF No. 131 at 4.

1 litigation. Apart from meeting Rule 24’s requirements, Intervenor’s ask the Court to grant their  
2 motion for the sake of all concerned.

3 **I. Requiring The Commission’s Consent Would Make a Mockery Of Rule 24.**

4 The Receiver’s rote reliance on Section 78’s vague prohibition against “consolidating” the  
5 SEC’s enforcement action with other actions without their consent belies both law and logic. Based  
6 on traditional principles of statutory construction, the vast majority of courts (including the only  
7 circuit court to rule on the subject) have found otherwise. Moreover, giving the Commission broad  
8 discretion in deciding whether to allow a particular intervention *when its own rule prohibits it*  
9 makes no sense. Since Intervenor’s have the right to an interlocutory appeal under 28 U.S.C.  
10 1292(b), denying their motion without considering the merits will also add needless months of  
11 delay. *In re Cinematronics, Inc.*, 916 F.2d 1444, 1446 (9th Cir. 1990). All roads lead to focusing  
12 on the actual task at hand: whether Intervenor’s satisfy all four elements for intervention of right  
13 under Rule 24.

14 **II. There Is Nothing Untimely About Intervenor’s Motion.**

15 Rule 24 traditionally receives liberal construction in favor of applicants for intervention.  
16 *Donnelly v. Glickman*, 159 F.3d 405, 409 (9th Cir.1998). With that in mind, the receiver’s  
17 complaint about the timeliness of Intervenor’s motion is much ado about nothing. A motion’s  
18 timeliness is determined “in light of all the circumstances.” *Okla. ex rel. Edmondson v. Tyson*  
19 *Foods, Inc.*, 619 F.3d 1223, 1232 (10th Cir. 2010). An application is not deemed untimely merely  
20 because of the passage of time. Instead, “the important question concerns actual proceedings of  
21 substance on the merits.” 6 Moore’s Federal Practice § 24.21 [1], at 83-84 (3d ed. 2008).

22 In the present case, several months of due diligence were required for Intervenor’s to review  
23 the documentation, to analyze the complexities, to explore the various theories, and to weigh the  
24 possible options before determining the motion’s impact on the competing interests involved. As  
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1 detailed in their supporting memorandum, intervening in the only case allowed to proceed will  
2 protect every investor's interest without impeding the SEC's mandate. Because other victims are  
3 now aware of the resulting trust theory, this Court should grant Intervenor's motion without delay.

### 4 **III. Intervenor's Equitable Right to Protect Their Investments By Resulting** 5 **Trusts Are 'Significantly Protectable' Interests In This Ponzi Litigation.**

6 Because there's no consensus about the type of interest needed to intervene, courts apply  
7 the policy behind the requirement to the particular facts. C. Wright, *Law of Federal Courts* 370  
8 (3rd ed. 1976); *Rosebud Coal Sales Co. v. Andrus*, 644 F.2d 849, 850 (10th Cir. 1981). An interest  
9 is 'significantly protectable' if it is recognized at law and relates to the claims at issue. *Sierra Club*  
10 *v. EPA*, 995 F.2d 1478, 1484 (9th Cir.1993). Since Intervenor's motion is driven by the express  
11 trust provision, this element raises two questions: (1) Are Intervenor's claims to protection under  
12 Nevada's resulting trust doctrine significantly protectable interests? (2) If so, how do their interests  
13 relate to the claims at issue? The answer to both begins by recognizing the inherently equitable  
14 nature of a resulting trust.  
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16 In cases as diverse as copyright, employee benefits and environmental law, SCOTUS has  
17 repeatedly insisted on distinguishing legal and equitable remedies.<sup>2</sup> The equitable remedies and  
18 related doctrines that survive today form a system with three interlocking components: (1)  
19 remedies (e.g. resulting trusts); (2) managerial devices (e.g. claim aggregation); and (3) constraints  
20 (e.g. equitable defenses). Samuel L. Bray, *The System of Equitable Remedies*, 63 *UCLA L. Rev.*  
21 530, 533-34 (2016). These components are particularly useful in circumstances (like here) crying  
22 out for a remedy that either compels or restrains specific action. *Id.*  
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27 <sup>2</sup> See, e.g., *Petrella v. Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Inc.*, 572 U.S. 663 (2014) (copyright); *Monsanto*  
28 *Co. v. Geertson Seed Farms*, 561 U.S. 139 (2010) (environmental law); *eBay Inc. v.*  
*MercExchange, LLC*, 547 U.S. 388 (2006) (patent); *Great-West Life & Annuity Ins. Co. v.*  
*Knudson*, 534 U.S. 204 (2002) (employee benefits).

1 Because these components can be costly or abused, the American equitable system also  
2 includes natural checks and balances: equitable remedies require managerial devices; both  
3 equitable remedies and managerial devices require constraints. *Id.* This functional view of  
4 equitable relief captures policy differences overlooked in a binary view that detaches legal from  
5 equitable remedies (e.g., monetary vs. non-monetary remedies, specific vs. substitutionary  
6 remedies, property vs. liability rules). It also frees the court to ‘balance the equities’ between  
7 public and private interests. *FTC v. World Wide Factors, Ltd.*, 882 F.2d 344, 347 (9th Cir.1989).  
8 To that end, Rule 24 attempts to accommodate two competing policies: efficiently administrating  
9 legal disputes by resolving all related issues in one lawsuit without it becoming unnecessarily  
10 complex, unwieldy or prolonged. *United States v. Pitney Bowes, Inc.*, 25 F.3d 66, 69 (2d Cir.  
11 1994).

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14 Intervenor’s motion provides a prime example of how to strike this delicate balance. On  
15 one hand, recognizing Nevada’s resulting trust doctrine will trump all other issues; on the other  
16 hand, aggregating the resulting trust claims for equitable representation will avoid “wreaking  
17 havoc” on the SEC’s action. A purchase-money resulting trust is an equitable remedy designed to  
18 implement what the law *assumes* to be the intentions of a putative trustor. *In re Estate of Hock*,  
19 655 P.2d 1111, 1114 (Utah 1982). The resulting trust carries out the *inferred* intent of the parties.  
20 *Fidelity National Title Insurance Co. v. Schroeder* 179 Cal.App.4th 834, 847-848, 101 Cal.Rptr.3d  
21 854 (2009). A resulting trust will not arise if the *payor* does not manifest an intention to create  
22 one. RESTATEMENT (SECOND) OF TRUSTS § 441. The payor’s intent at the time of *transfer*  
23 is key, not later down the road. *Taylor v. Rupp*, 133 F.3d 1336, 1341 (10<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1998). Intervenor’s  
24 complaint meets all of these conditions:  
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27 • At the time Intervenor’s invested in the Ponzi scheme, they believed the PI contracts  
28 were legitimate.

- 1 • The PI Contracts explicitly acknowledged the parties’ intent to protect Intervenor’s
- 2 investments by express trusts until they received all ‘interest in the Proceeds’
- 3 • For purposes of Intervenor’s motion, the inclusion of an Express Trust provision in
- 4 each PI Contract provides sufficient grounds for assuming the parties’ mutual intent
- 5 • Neither did Intervenor’s manifest an intention that no resulting trust should arise
- 6 • While the unnamed victims who actually received Intervenor’s investments may have
- 7 also been unaware of the scheme, none gave present or valuable consideration in
- 8 exchange for the payment.
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10 Moreover, the individual serving as Defendants’ intermediary claims his own ignorance of  
11 the scheme at that time. Nearly a century ago, the Supreme Court conceded that the balance of  
12 equities favor applying the resulting trust doctrine under similar circumstances:

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14 They could have followed the money wherever they could trace it and have asserted  
15 possession of it on the ground that there was a resulting trust in their favor, or they  
16 could have established a lien for what was due them in any particular fund of which  
17 he had made it a part. These things they could do without violating any statutory  
18 rule against preference in bankruptcy, because they then would have been  
19 endeavoring to get their own money, and not money in the estate of the bankrupt.

20 *Cunningham v. Brown*, 265 U.S. 1, 11 (1924). Equally important, the court concluded  
21 Cunningham’s investment was exempt from Ponzi’s bankruptcy estate. *Id.* The only problem was  
22 his ability to “follow the money.” However, even *Cunningham* acknowledged the tracing rule is  
23 no impediment if all customers are treated equally. 265 U.S. at 13. Even if a victim’s funds were  
24 commingled with the fraudster’s, the Court would attribute any withdrawals to the wrongdoer’s  
25 lawful and honest use so the victim could “identify what remained as his res and assert his right to  
26 it by way of an equitable lien on the whole fund, or a proper pro rata share of it.” *Id.* at 426.

27 In any event, Intervenor’s initial memorandum proves that the inability to trace funds is no  
28 longer fatal to a resulting trust. Neither has the SEC offered any proof that Intervenor won’t  
actually be able to trace their investments after reviewing relevant documents. That the PI contracts

1 turned out to be fictitious is also irrelevant. By the time Intervenors heard about the opportunity,  
2 the Defendants had applied a thick veneer of legitimacy over the whole package. The very  
3 inclusion of an express trust provision, in fact, was designed to elicit their trust in order to open  
4 their wallets. The PI contract also preserves their right to enforce legitimate claims while excluding  
5 parole evidence that contradicts the parties' intent. In short, Intervenors' trust protection will never  
6 *expire* because the settlement funds simply do not exist.

8 Since all roads lead to a resulting trust, the only real question is how Nevada's theory will  
9 impact existing claims. Here is where the receiver paints a chaotic picture that is antithetical to the  
10 public's interest in deterring securities fraud. However, Intervenors do not pretend their claims are  
11 unique from all others, do not seek to prioritize them above every other claim, and do not hope to  
12 maximize their recovery at everyone else's expense. As clarified in their motion and complaint,  
13 Intervenors seek to *further* this enforcement action by using their significantly protectable interests  
14 to bolster the SEC's and receiver's efforts without opening the floodgates of private litigation.

16 Key to their plan is the Court's equitable jurisdiction. Federal equitable principles continue  
17 to govern the availability of equitable relief in cases arising under state law. *Guaranty Trust Co.*  
18 *v. York*, 326 U.S. 99, 104-05 (1945). Once invoked, "the scope of a district court's equitable powers  
19 [] is broad, for breadth and flexibility are inherent in equitable remedies." *Swann v. Charlotte-*  
20 *Mecklenburg Bd. of Ed.*, 402 U.S. 1, 15(1971).<sup>3</sup> This broad discretion also includes the right to  
21 *narrow* the scope of intervention in order to balance the equities in a particular case. For example,  
22 school districts in a highly-publicized racial segregation case were granted intervention for two  
23 limited purposes: "(a) To advise the court, by brief, of the legal propriety or impropriety of  
24 considering a metropolitan plan; and (b) To review any plan or plans for the desegregation of the  
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28 <sup>3</sup> This court's authority to appoint the receiver, for example, derives from its equitable power to  
fashion such relief—not from the securities laws. *See, S.E.C. v. Wencke*, 622 F.2d 1363 (9th Cir.  
1980).

1 so-called larger Detroit Metropolitan area, and submitting objections, modifications or alternatives  
2 to it or them.” *Milliken v. Bradley Allen Park Public Schools*, 418 U.S. 717, 731 (1974). However,  
3 they were not permitted to “assert any claim or defense previously adjudicated by the court” or to  
4 “reopen any question or issue which has previously been decided by the court.” *Id.*

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6 Consistent with the Court’s flexible powers, Intervenors suggest two ways to prevent their  
7 limited participation from disrupting the SEC’s enforcement. First, at the appropriate time, the  
8 Court may certify their restitution claim for class treatment and appoint Intervenors to represent  
9 all victims pursuant to FRCP 23(b)(2). If the Court grants leave to assert class allegations in an  
10 amended complaint, the receiver’s case management concerns will be alleviated because (1) the  
11 bar for certifying an injunctive relief class is much lower (2) prior notice of the putative class  
12 action is not required and (3) absent class members do not have the right to opt out. As a result,  
13 copycat litigation in other jurisdictions (and additional interventions in this case) will be  
14 foreclosed. Once counsel appreciates the serious problem posed by Nevada’s resulting trust  
15 doctrine and the unique solution proposed by Intervenors, the parties may be willing to stipulate  
16 to class certification in order to block further interruptions and eliminate the risk of appeal.  
17 (However, the receiver may still claim that Rule 23’s due process requirements will extend the  
18 resolution of SEC’s enforcement action.)

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21 Alternatively, the Court could exercise its general equitable powers to aggregate all  
22 resulting trust claims informally under Intervenors’ representative leadership. In such case,  
23 Intervenors would be charged with performing their limited role with the best interest of all victims  
24 in mind. The Court’s order would also prohibit any separate litigation or ‘follow up’ interventions  
25 asserting the resulting trust theory. This option applies Intervenors’ equitable claim to all similarly-  
26 situated victims without opening the floodgates of litigation or extending the SEC’s action due to  
27 Rule 23’s procedural requirements. Aggregate representation also removes any objection to  
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1 *permissive* intervention based on undue delay, complexity or confusion. *SEC v. Everest Mgmt.*  
2 *Corp.*, 475 F.2d 1236, 1240 (2d Cir. 1972). Both options replace the perceived conflict between  
3 public and private interests with an alliance that ensures all concerned will be treated with  
4 fundamental fairness. If deemed helpful, counsel for Intervenors will gladly address any questions  
5 or concerns the Court may have about their proposal at a hearing set for that purpose before ruling  
6 on the motion.  
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8 **IV. Given the Unique Nature of a Resulting Trust, It Is *Impossible* For the Receiver**  
9 **to Adequately Represent Intervenors' Interests In This Litigation.**

10 If Intervenors have alleged plausible facts to impose a resulting trust on their investments,  
11 the receiver simply lacks authority to pursue Intervenors' claims without their consent. On June 3,  
12 2022, the Court appointed Mr. Winkler to serve as receiver for the estates of the J&J Receivership  
13 Defendants, the assets of the Beasley IOLTA, and the assets of the Individual Receivership  
14 Defendants (collectively, the "Receivership Estate"). (ECF No. 88). Additional defendants were  
15 added to the Receivership Estate on July 28, 2022. (ECF No. 207). His stated powers include  
16 managing, controlling, operating and maintaining the Receivership Estate; holding Receivership  
17 Property in his possession, custody and control; and pursuing, resisting and defending all suits,  
18 actions, claims and demands which may be brought by or asserted against the Receivership Estate.  
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20 Since Intervenors retain equitable ownership of their investments by resulting trust, none  
21 of the funds transferred to the Receivership Defendants became their "assets" for purposes of the  
22 receivership. *In re Golden Triangle Capital, Inc.*, 171 B.R. 79, 82 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 1994) ("[A]  
23 resulting trust cannot be part of the debtor's estate"). Since he has no power over property that  
24 doesn't belong to the debtor, the receiver *cannot* adequately represent Intervenors' ownership  
25 interest in the Receivership Estate. Neither is he *willing* to do so.  
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1           **V.     The Impairment of Intervenor’s Rights Extends Beyond Personal Preferences.**

2           In characterizing Intervenor’s motion as a disagreement over litigation strategy, the  
3 receiver manages only to underscore a fundamental misunderstanding of the need for intervention.  
4 As demonstrated above, the pivotal question raised by this motion is whether Intervenor’s  
5 investments in Defendants’ Ponzi scheme qualify for protection under Nevada’s resulting trust  
6 doctrine. If so, Intervenor has retained important property interests in their Ponzi investments  
7 that are not subject to the receivership estate. Neither may the receiver represent Intervenor’s  
8 interest without their consent. That Intervenor’s interests will be significantly impaired under these  
9 circumstances is hard to deny. The receiver’s only supporting case, *SEC v. Am. Pension Servs.,*  
10 *Inc.*,<sup>4</sup> is easily distinguished. After rejecting the notion that intervention requires SEC consent, the  
11 court analyzed the merits under Rule 24(a). The movants claimed the receiver’s liquidation plan  
12 impaired their interests by forcing them to liquidate their IRAs for deposit in the receivership  
13 estate. They also complained there weren’t enough due process protections to ensure they would  
14 be heard. In denying the motion, the court explained their interests weren’t ‘impaired’ just because  
15 they disagreed with the receiver’s plan. The record also told a different story. First, movants’ prior  
16 objections to the initial plan had caused the receiver to clarify issues regarding loss allocation,  
17 financial penalties, and applicable exemptions. Second, other comments and arguments raised over  
18 several months had caused the receiver to submit an amended plan. The court subsequently  
19 allowed another claimant to intervene under different circumstances.<sup>5</sup>

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23           None of *Am. Pension Servs*’ indicia is present here. The receiver has not formulated a  
24 proposed liquidation plan; the court has not established due process protections to ensure  
25 Intervenor has an opportunity to be heard; no alterations to the proposed plan have been made  
26 in response to comments or arguments raised over several months. More importantly, the nature  
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28 <sup>4</sup> Case No. 2:14-cv-00309-RJS-DBP, (D. Utah, Jan. 20, 2015).

<sup>5</sup> Case No. 2:14-cv-00309-RJS-DBP, (D. Utah, June 7, 2016).

1 of Intervenors’ purported interest is actually exempt from the receivership estate. Contrary to the  
 2 receiver’s suggestion, *In re Technical Land, Inc.*<sup>6</sup> supports Intervenors’ position:

3 A receivership is an equitable proceeding designed to preserve and protect property  
 4 for the benefit of all of the parties who may hold interests in it. It places the  
 5 possession in the receivership court, granting that court exclusive jurisdiction to  
 6 deal with the property. [] ***This is not the same as a resulting trust, in which the  
 7 party with legal title to a property is deemed to hold that title in trust for the party  
 who furnished the consideration for its purchase.*** (citation omitted) (emphasis  
 added)

8 The receiver also dismisses his vulnerability to the *in pari delicto* defense by relying on  
 9 California’s rule. As shown in Intervenors’ motion, *Nevada’s* rule may require a different result.  
 10 Because he assumes Intervenors’ interests conflict with his mandate, the receiver is also *unwilling*  
 11 to protect them. The message gleaned from Mr. Winkler’s response to Intervenors’ motion  
 12 couldn’t be clearer—he will not acknowledge the theory’s legitimacy or give Intervenors a voice  
 13 in proceedings short of a court order. Mr. Winkler’s opposition suggests he isn’t satisfied with  
 14 *impairing* Intervenors’ significantly protectable property interests—he’s determined to *eliminate*  
 15 them.  
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## 17 VI. CONCLUSION

18 As demonstrated here and in their initial memorandum, Intervenors meet all requirements  
 19 to intervene as limited purpose plaintiffs under FRCP 24(a) or to intervene by permission of this  
 20 Court pursuant to FRCP 24(b). For purposes of their motion, the Court must “accept the movant’s  
 21 motions and pleadings as true, to the extent they are non-conclusory and well-pleaded.” *Sw. Ctr.*  
 22 *for Biological Diversity v. Berg*, 268 F.3d 810, 820 (9th Cir. 2001). Intervenors allege their  
 23 investments in Defendants’ Ponzi scheme qualify for protection under Nevada’s resulting trust  
 24 doctrine. Only granting their motion will provide Intervenors a fair opportunity to present  
 25 probative evidence in support of that claim. If their equitable property rights are affirmed by  
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<sup>6</sup> *Jarvis v Technical Land, Inc.*, 172 B.R. 429, fn. 6 (D.C. June 1, 1994)

1 declaratory judgment, Intervenor stand ready to cooperate with the SEC and receiver in a  
2 supportive role that *further*s—rather than impedes—the enforcement’s efficient and effective  
3 conclusion. Denying Intervenor’s motion, on the other hand, will invite counsel for other victims  
4 to assert the resulting trust theory through parallel litigation that could stall—if not derail—the  
5 progress already achieved.

6 DATED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

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18 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

19 Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5(b), I hereby certify that I am an employee  
20 of Jolley Urga Woodbury & Holthus and that on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022, I caused the  
21 document entitled **PROPOSED INTERVENORS’ REPLY TO RECEIVER’S OPPOSITION**  
22 **TO THEIR JOINT MOTION TO INTERVENE** to be served on the parties in this action via  
23 the Court’s CM/ECF System.  
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