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Denver District Court 1437 Bannock St. Denver, CO 80202

Plaintiff: GERALD ROME, Securities Exchange

Commissioner for the State of Colorado

v.

Defendants: GARY DRAGUL, GDA REAL ESTATE

SERVICES, LLC, and GDA REAL ESTATE

MANAGEMENT, LLC

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RECEIVER'S NOTICE CONCERNING EMPLOYMENT OF ALLEN VELLONE WOLF HELFRICH & FACTOR P.C.

Harvey Sender, the duly-appointed Receiver in the above-captioned case, hereby gives notice he has employed Patrick D. Vellone, Michael T. Gilbert, and Rachel A. Sternlieb of the law firm, Allen Vellone Wolf Helfrich & Factor P.C., as counsel to represent him in this matter.

1. On August 15, 2018, Gerald Rome, Securities Commissioner for the State of Colorado (the "Commissioner), filed his Complaint for Injunctive and Other Relief against Gary Dragul, GDA Real Estate Services, LLC, and GDA Real Estate Management, LLC (collectively, "Dragul and the DGA Entities").

- 2. On August 30, 2018, the Court entered its Order Appointing Receiver ("Receivership Order") which appointed Harvey Sender of Sender & Smiley LLC as receiver for Dragul and the DGA Entities, as well as for their respective properties and assets, and interests and management rights in related affiliated and subsidiary businesses (the "Receivership Estate" or the "Estate"). Receivership Order at p. 2, ¶ 5.
- 3. The Receivership Order gives the Receiver the authority to "hire and pay general counsel, accounting, and other professionals as may be reasonably necessary to the proper discharge of the Receiver's duties, and to hire, pay and discharge the personnel necessary to fulfill the obligations of the Receiver hereunder, including the retention of . . . other third parties to assist the Receiver in the performance of its duties hereunder, all within the Receiver's discretion[.]" Receivership Order at p. 9, \P 13(l).
- 4. The Receiver hereby gives notice that he has retained Patrick D. Vellone, Michael T. Gilbert, and Rachel A. Sternlieb of the law firm, Allen Vellone Wolf Helfrich & Factor P.C., as his counsel to assist in him in administering the Receivership Estate. Mr. Vellone, Mr. Gilbert and Ms. Sternlieb will assist in establishing a claims administration process, identifying and liquidating estate assets, preparing reports concerning the Estate, preparing a plan of distribution, and handling all other matters necessary to the administration of the Estate.

DATED this 7th day of September 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

ALLEN VELLONE WOLF HELFRICH & FACTOR P.C.

By: s/Rachel A. Sternlieb

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on the 7th day of September 2018, a true and correct copy of **Receiver's Notice Concerning Employment of Allen Vellone Wolf Helfrich & Factor P.C.** was filed and served via the Colorado Courts E-Filing system to the following:

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s/ Terri M. Novoa

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In accordance with C.R.C.P. 121 § 1-26(7), a printed copy of this document with original signatures is being maintained by the filing party and will be made available for inspection by other parties or the Court upon request.



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