DISTRICT COURT, DENVER COUNTY, COLORADO

Court Address:

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Defendant(s) GARY DRAGUL et al.

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Order: Third Application for Professional Fees and Expenses w/ attach

The motion/proposed order attached hereto: APPROVED.

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DISTRICT COURT, DENVER COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Denver District Court 1437 Bannock St. Denver, CO 80202 (720) 865-8612

**Plaintiff:** David S. Cheval, Acting Securities 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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## THIRD APPLICATION FOR PROFESSIONAL FEES AND EXPENSES

Harvey Sender, the duly-appointed receiver ("Receiver") for Gary Dragul ("Dragul"), GDA Real Estate Services, LLC, GDA Real Estate Management, LLC, and related entities (collectively, "Dragul and the GDA Entities"), submits this Third Application for Fees and Expenses (the "Application"), which covers the period from April 1, 2019, through October 31, 2019.

- 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.
- 2. On August 30, 2018, the Court entered its Order Appointing Receiver ("Receivership Order"), which appointed Harvey Sender Receiver for Dragul (limited to the definition of the "Receivership Property" or "Receivership Estate" as defined in the Receivership Order), GDA Real Estate Services, LLC, and GDA Real Estate Management, LLC.
- 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. This Application covers the period from April 1, 2019, through October 31, 2019, and requests the following fees and expenses, which are specifically set forth in **Exhibits 1-6**:

Ex.	Provider	Description	Amount Sought
1.	Harvey Sender	Receiver	$$154,800^{1}$
2.	Allen Vellone Wolf Helfrich & Factor P.C.	Counsel for the Receiver	\$482,831.602
3.	RubinBrown LLP	Accountants (forensic accounting, expert witness, and tax preparation)	\$482,063.503

The Receiver has not billed for paralegal time spent on this case, so the Receiver's fees reflect an effective discount of 20-25%.

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This includes costs of \$12,046.99 and legal fees of \$470,784.61 (\$553,864.25 discounted by 15% (\$83,079.64)).

This includes costs of \$817.26 and reflects a discount of \$151,741.44 (24%). In addition, as a matter of practice, RubinBrown does not bill for significant time spent addressing administrative and operational matters or supervising junior staff.

Ex.	Provider	Description	Amount Sought
4.	Waldrep LLP	North Carolina local counsel for the Receiver	\$1,717.10
5.	Frost Brown Todd, LLC	Ohio local counsel for the Receiver	\$2,842.20
6.	Revesco Property Services	Property manager (commercial and residential)	\$203,511.43
	Total	: 8	\$1,327,765.83

5. As of May 13, 2018, the Estate had paid the following professional fees and expenses as detailed in the Receiver's first two fee applications (submitted on December 6, 2018 – covering the period between August 30, 2018, and November 30, 2018; and on April 19, 2019, covering the period between December 1, 2018, and, for the most part, March 31, 2019):

Provider	Description	Amount Paid
Harvey Sender	Receiver	\$274,928.00
Allen Vellone Wolf Helfrich & Factor P.C.	Counsel for the Receiver	\$577,985.10
RubinBrown LLP	Accountants (forensic accounting, expert witness, and tax preparation)	\$175,759.76
Waldrep LLP	North Carolina local counsel for the Receiver	\$8,801.75
Frost Brown Todd, LLC	Ohio local counsel for the Receiver	\$68,348.36
Revesco Property Services	Property manager (commercial and residential)	\$71,986.01
Kelly Reinhart	Accountant (former GDA accountant; tax preparation)	\$41,200
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6. Court approval of any motion filed by the Receiver shall be given as a matter of course unless a party objects within ten days after service. This Application and its Exhibits are available at www.dragulreceivership.com.

Dated: November 14, 2019.

ALLEN VELLONE WOLF HELFRICH & FACTOR P.C.

By: /s/ Michael T. Gilbert

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ATTORNEYS FOR THE RECEIVER

Attachinent to order.

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on November 14, 2019, a true and correct copy of the **Third Application for Professional Fees and Expenses** was filed and served via the Colorado Courts E-Filing system to the following:

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Counsel for Defendants, Gary Dragul, GDA Real Estate Services, LLC and GDA Real Estate Management, LLC

## CERTIFICATION OF E-SERVICE ON KNOWN CREDITORS

In accordance with this Court's February 1, 2019 Order clarifying notice procedures for this case, I also certify that a copy of the foregoing is being served by electronic mail on all currently known creditors of the Receivership Estate to the addresses set forth on the service list maintained in the Receiver's records.

By: Isl Teresa Silcox