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Meryl J. Sokoler  
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Re: McGinn Smith & Co. Inc. - Claim of Rita Sokoler  
(Claim No. 6514A)

Dear Ms. Sokoler:

I am writing to respond to your October 25, 2017 letter to Judge Sharpe.

You omitted from your letter my e-mail response to you on September 20, 2017 in which I described to you the legal issues associated with your claim and the requirements under Florida law as to both the Will and the Declaration of Trust. I will not repeat them in detail here given that they are private confidential facts, but I informed you in that e-mail and again on November 3 in our telephone conversation about a simplified legal process which would provide for the immediate processing and payment of the claim. In short, I suggest that you pursue a "small estate proceeding" in order to establish the legal authority as to whom the claim should be paid to since there are other interested parties who can make a claim to these monies. I am proceeding in accordance with law as I am required to do and have, on several occasions, given you the simplest way in which to accomplish that as other investors have been able to do. You may call me with any further questions.

Very truly yours,

  
William J. Brown  
Receiver

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