UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION	· • •
Plaintiff, vs.	Case No. 1:10-CV-457 (GLS/CFH))
McGINN, SMITH & CO., INC., McGINN, SMITH ADVISORS, LLC McGINN, SMITH CAPITAL HOLDINGS CORP., FIRST ADVISORY INCOME NOTES, LLC, FIRST EXCELSIOR INCOME NOTES, LLC, FIRST INDEPENDENT INCOME NOTES, LLC, THIRD ALBANY INCOME NOTES, LLC, TIMOTHY M. McGINN, AND DAVID L. SMITH, GEOFFREY R. SMITH, Individually and as Trustee of the David L. and Lynn A. Smith Irrevocable Trust U/A 8/04/04, LAUREN T. SMITH, and NANCY McGINN,	· · · · · · · · · · ·
Defendants,	
LYNN A. SMITH and NANCY McGINN,	• • • •
Relief Defendants. and	• • •
GEOFFREY R. SMITH, Trustee of the David L. and Lynn A. Smith Irrevocable Trust U/A 8/04/04,	· · · ·
Intervenor.	· · ·

#### NOTICE OF FOURTH CLAIMS MOTION OF WILLIAM J. BROWN, AS RECEIVER, FOR AN ORDER (A) DISALLOWING PREFERRED INVESTOR PAPER CLAIMS AND (B) APPLYING PREFERENTIAL PAYMENT OFFSET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that upon the Fourth Claims Motion of William J.

Brown, as Receiver, for an Order (a) disallowing Preferred Investors' paper claims and (b)

applying the Preferential Payment Offset to certain Preferred Investor Claims ("Motion"),

Phillips Lytle LLP will move before the Hon. Christian F. Hummel, United States

Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Northern District of New York,

James T. Foley - U.S. Courthouse, 445 Broadway, Albany, New York 12207-2924, on August 16, 2018 at 9:30 a.m., seeking an Order to be entered approving the Motion.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that objections, if any, to the relief requested in the Motion must be made in writing, and should be filed and served upon the undersigned at the address listed below in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Local Rules for the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if no responses are timely filed and served with respect to the Motion or any claim listed in Exhibits A-1 through A-3, B-1 or B-2 to the Motion, the Court may enter an Order granting the Motion and disallowing any claim without further notice or opportunity to be heard offered to any party. Dated: July 6, 2018

#### PHILLIPS LYTLE LLP

By /s/ Catherine N. Eisenhut

William J. Brown (Bar Roll #601330) Catherine N. Eisenhut (Bar Roll #520849) Attorneys for Receiver Omni Plaza 30 South Pearl Street Albany, New York 12207 Telephone No. (518) 472-1224

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William J. Brown, as Receiver ("Receiver"), by his counsel, Phillips Lytle LLP,

moves (the "Motion") for an order disallowing the Preferred Investors' paper claims listed

and applying the Preferential Payment Offset to certain Preferred Investor Claims (each as defined in the accompanying Declaration), and respectfully represents as follows:

The Receiver files the Motion to request entry of an Order (a) disallowing Preferred Investors' paper claims listed on Exhibits A-1 through A-3 to the Motion and (b) applying the Preferential Payment Offset to certain Preferred Investor Claims as shown on Exhibits B-1 and B-2 based on the accompanying Memorandum of Law and Declaration of William J. Brown, as Receiver ("Declaration"), each dated July 6, 2018.

#### **RELIEF REQUESTED**

The Receiver requests that the Court enter an Order substantially in the form attached as Exhibit C ("Order") (a) disallowing Preferred Investors' paper claims listed on Exhibits A-1 through A-3 to the Motion and (b) applying the Preferential Payment Offset to certain Preferred Investor Claims as set forth on Exhibits B-1 and B-2 to the Motion, together with such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

The Receiver reserves all rights to object on any other basis to the claims of all investors or claimants, including the Preferred Investors.

Dated: July 6, 2018

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## Exhibit A-1

Claim No.	Description of Investment	Amount of Claim on Receiver's Website		An	nount of Paper Claim
4811	Third Albany Income Notes, LLC 10.25%, due 12/15/09	\$	66,000.00	\$	66,000.00
4815	TDM Verifier Trust 08 10%, due 12/31/10	\$	10,000.00	\$	10,000.00
4814	Third Albany Income Notes, LLC 10.25%, due 12/15/09	\$	10,000.00	\$	10,000.00
4891	TDM Cable Trust 06 9.25%, due 11/15/10	\$	10,000.00	\$	10,000.00
4889	Third Albany Income Notes, LLC 10.25%, due 12/15/09	\$	25,000.00	\$	25,000.00
4827-4833	First Advisory Income Notes 10.25%, due 11/15/10	\$	880,000.00	\$	880,000.00
4835	First Excelsior Income Notes 7.75%, due 1/30/09	\$	250,000.00	\$	250,000.00
4834	First Excelsior Income Notes 10.25% Secured Junior Notes, due 1/30/09	\$	525,000.00	\$	525,000.00
4836-4846	First Independent Income Notes 10.25% Secured Jr Notes, due 12/15/08	\$	3,393,595.00	\$	3,393,595.00
4860-4862	Third Albany Income Notes, LLC 10.25%, due 12/15/09	\$	1,200,000.00	\$	1,200,000.00
4863	Third Albany Income Notes LLC 7.75%, due 12/15/09	\$	165,000.00	\$	165,000.00
4867-4868	TDM Cable Trust 06 9.25%, due 11/15/10	\$	325,000.00	\$	325,000.00
4864-4866	TDM Cable Trust 06 10%, due 11/15/10	\$	530,000.00	\$	530,000.00

Claim No.	Description of Investment	Amount of Claim on Receiver's Website		Amount of Paper Claim
4876	TDM Verifier Trust 08 8.50%, due 06/30/08	\$	100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
4849-4856	McGinn Smith Transaction Funding Corp. 8.00%, due 7/1/12	\$	605,000.00	\$ 605,000.00
4881	TDM Cable Trust 06 9.25%, due 11/15/10	\$	10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
4879	Third Albany Income Notes, LLC 10.25%, due 12/15/09	\$	25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
4803	TDM Cable Trust 06 9.25%, due 11/15/10	\$	35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
4791	First Independent Income Notes 7.5%, due 12/15/08	\$	25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
4799	Third Albany Income Notes, LLC 10.25%, due 12/15/09	\$	15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
5992	TDM Cable Trust 06 9.25%, due 11/15/10	\$	10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
4788 & 4790	First Independent Income Notes 7.5%, due 12/15/08	\$	25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
5990	Third Albany Income Notes, LLC 10.25%, due 12/15/09	\$	15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
4783	First Excelsior Income Notes LLC 10.25%, due 01/30/09	\$	9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
4804	TDM Cable Trust 06 9.25%, due 11/15/10	\$	40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
4784	First Excelsior Income Notes LLC 10.25%, due 01/30/09	\$	21,000.00	\$ 21,000.00
4785-4787	First Independent Income Notes LLC 10.25%, due 12/15/08	\$	81,000.00	\$ 81,000.00

Claim No.	Description of Investment	Amount of Claim on Receiver's Website	Amount of Paper Claim
4789 & 4792	First Independent Income Notes 7.5%, due 12/15/08	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
4801	Third Albany Income Notes, LLC 10.25%, due 12/15/09	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 130,000.00
4782	First Advisory Income Notes 10.25%, due 11/15/10	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
4897	TDM Cable Trust 06 9.25%, due 11/15/10	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
4893	First Independent Income Notes 7.5%, due 12/15/08	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
4825	TDM Cable Trust 06 9.25%, due 11/15/10	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
4824	TDM Cable Trust 10%, due 11/15/10	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 17,000.00
4821	McGinn Smith Transaction Funding Corp. 8.00%, due 7/1/12	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
4818	First Advisory Income Notes 10.25%, due 11/15/10	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
4819	First Excelsior Income Notes LLC 10.25%, due 01/30/09	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
4822 &4823	Third Albany Income Notes, LLC 10.25%, due 12/15/09	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 95,000.00
4812	TDM Cable Trust 06 9.25%, due 11/15/10	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
4810	Third Albany Income Notes, LLC 10.25%, due 12/15/09	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
4806	First Excelsior Income Notes LLC 10.25%, due 01/30/09	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
4808 & 4809	McGinn Smith Transaction Funding Corp. 8.00%, due 7/1/12	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
4859	Third Albany Income Notes, LLC 10.25%, due 12/15/09	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00

Claim No.	Description of Investment	Amount of Claim on Receiver's Website		Amo	unt of Paper Claim
4817	TDM Cable Trust 06 9.25%, due 11/15/10	\$	10,000.00	\$	10,000.00
5945	First Excelsior Income Notes LLC 10.25%, due 01/30/09	\$	700,000.00	\$	700,000.00
6320	First Independent Income Notes 10.25%, due 12/15/08	\$	25,000.00	\$	25,000.00
6322-6326	Third Albany Income Notes, LLC 10.25%, due 12/15/09	\$	101,000.00	\$	101,000.00
6327 & 6328	TDM Cable Trust 06 10%, due 11/15/10	\$	40,000.00	\$	40,000.00
6336	TDM Cable Trust 06 10%, due 11/15/10	\$	20,000.00	\$	20,000.00
6337	TDM Cable Trust 06 9.25%, due 11/15/10	\$	14,000.00	\$	14,000.00
6331	First Independent Income Notes 10.25%, due 12/15/08	\$	30,000.00	\$	30,000.00
6332-6335	Third Albany Income Notes, LLC 10.25%, due 12/15/09	\$	45,000.00	\$	45,000.00
6346	TDM Cable Trust 06 10%, due 11/15/10	\$	20,000.00	\$	20,000.00
6347	TDM Cable Trust 06 9.25%, due 11/15/10	\$	20,000.00	\$	20,000.00
6342-6345	Third Albany Income Notes, LLC 10.25%, due 12/15/09	\$	65,000.00	\$	65,000.00
4688	First Advisory Income Notes 10.25%, due 11/15/10	\$	25,000.00	\$	25,000.00
5976	TDM Cable Trust 06	\$	10,000.00	\$	10,000.00
5822	TDM Verified Trust 07 9%, due 08/15/10	\$	200,000.00	\$	200,000.00

Claim No.	Description of Investment	Amount of Claim on Receiver's Website		Amount of Paper Claim
5820	TDM Cable Trust 06 10%, due 11/15/10	\$	50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
5819	Third Albany Income Notes LLC 10.25%, Secured Junior Note due 2009	\$	60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
5817	First Independent Income Notes, LLC 7.5% Secured Senior Subordinated Note due 2008	\$	83,000.00	\$ 83,000.00
5816	First Independent Income Notes, LLC 7.5% Secured Senior Subordinated Note due 2008	\$	83,000.00	\$ 83,000.00
5815	First Independent Income Notes, LLC 10.25% Secured Junior Note, due 12/15/08	\$	56,000.00	\$ 56,000.00
5814	First Independent Income Notes, LLC 10.25% Secured Junior Note, due 12/15/08	\$	56,000.00	\$ 56,000.00
5981	First Independent Income Notes, LLC 10.25% Secured Junior Note, due 12/15/08	\$	9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
5979	First Independent Income Notes, LLC 10.25% Secured Junior Note, due 12/15/08	\$	1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
5983	First Independent Income Notes, LLC 7.5% Secured Senior Subordinated Note due 2008	\$	2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
5984	First Independent Income Notes, LLC 7.5% Secured Senior Subordinated Note due 2008	\$	13,000.00	\$ 13,000.00
5989	Third Albany Income Notes LLC 10.25%, Secured Junior Note due 2009	\$	15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
5977	First Excelsior Income Notes LLC 10.25% Secured Junior Note, due 2009	\$	12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
5992	TDM Cable Trust 06 9.25%, due 11/15/10	\$	10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
5986	First Independent Income Notes, LLC 7.5% Secured Senior Subordinated Note due 2008	\$	29,000.00	\$ 29,000.00
5994	TDM Cable Trust 06 9.25%, due 11/15/10	\$	45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
5990	Third Albany Income Notes LLC 10.25%, Secured Junior Note due 2009	\$	15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
5978	First Excelsior Income Notes LLC 10.25% Secured Junior Note, due 2009	\$	13,000.00	\$ 13,000.00

Claim No.	Description of Investment		Amount of Claim on Receiver's Website		nt of Paper Claim
5985	First Independent Income Notes, LLC 7.5% Secured Senior Subordinated Note due 2008	\$	25,000.00	\$	25,000.00
5980	First Independent Income Notes, LLC 10.25% Secured Junior Note, due 2008	\$	8,000.00	\$	8,000.00
5982	First Independent Income Notes, LLC 10.25% Secured Junior Note, due 2008	\$	17,000.00	\$	17,000.00
5993	TDM Cable Trust 06 9.25%, due 11/15/10	\$	25,000.00	\$	25,000.00
5991	Third Albany Income Notes LLC 10.25%, Secured Junior Note due 2009	\$	85,000.00	\$	85,000.00
5997	TDM Verifier Trust 07 9% due 08/15/10	\$	300,000.00	\$	300,000.00
4468	First Independent Income Notes, LLC 7.5% Secured Senior Subordinated Note due 2008	\$	81,000.00	\$	81,000.00
4471	Cruise Charter Venture, LLC	\$	50,000.00	\$	50,000.00
4472	First Independent Income Notes, LLC 10.25% Secured Junior Note, due 2008	\$	220,000.00	\$	220,000.00
4467	First Independent Income Notes, LLC 10.25% Secured Junior Note, due 2008	\$	10,000.00	\$	10,000.00

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Claim No.	Description of Investment	Amount of Allowed Claim	Amount of Paper Claim
4807	First Independent Income Notes, LLC 10.25%, due 12/15/08	\$ 311,405.00	\$ 311,045.00
4797	Integrated Excellence 10%, due 12/1/13	\$ 19,317.92	\$ 20,000.00
4793	Firstline Trust 07 11%, due 05/01/12	\$ 8,977.10	\$ 10,000.00
4869-4874	TDM Luxury Cruise Trust 07 10%, due 09/01/11	\$ 638,250.00	\$ 675,000.00
4848	Firstline Sr Trust 07 Series B 9.5% due 10/01/11	\$ 49,660.67	\$ 59,368.54
4847	Firstline Trust 07 11%, due 05/01/12	\$ 80,793.90	\$ 90,000.00
4875	TDM Verifier Trust 07 9% due 02/15/09	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 310,000.00
4908	McGinn Smith Funding LLC Promissory Note 10%, due 10/08/08	\$ 835,000.00	\$ 250,000.00
4908	McGinn Smith Funding LLC Promissory Note 10%, due 10/30/08	\$ 835,000.00	\$ 85,000.00
4858	Seton Hall Associates	\$ 21,576.97	\$ 22,329.20
4892	Firstline Trust 07 11%, due 05/01/12	\$ 8,977.10	\$ 10,000.00
4798	Integrated Excellence 10%, due 12/1/13	\$ 19,317.92	\$ 20,000.00
4794	Firstline Trust 07 11%, due 05/01/12	\$ 8,977.10	\$ 10,000.00

Claim No.	Description of Investment	Amount of Allow	ved Claim	Amount of Paper Claim
4882	Firstline Trust 07 11%, due 05/01/12	\$	8,977.10	\$ 10,000.00
4895	TDM Luxury Cruise Trust 07 10%, due 09/01/11	\$	46,250.00	\$ 50,000.00
4894	Firstline Trust 07 11%, due 05/01/12	\$	179,542.00	\$ 200,000.00
4826	TDM Luxury Cruise Trust 07 10%, due 09/01/11	\$	18,500.00	\$ 20,000.00
4820	Integrated Excellence 10%, due 12/1/13	\$	9,658.96	\$ 10,000.00
4813	TDM Luxury Cruise Trust 07 10%, due 09/01/11	\$	13,875.00	\$ 15,000.00
4816	Firstine Trust 07 11%, due 05/01/12	\$	13,465.65	\$ 15,000.00
6329	TDM Luxury Cruise Trust 07 10%, due 09/01/11	\$	9,250.00	\$ 10,000.00
6321	Integrated Excellence 10%, due 12/1/13	\$	9,658.96	\$ 10,000.00
5975	Firstline Trust 07	\$	8,977.10	\$ 10,000.00
5995	Firstline Trust 07 11%, due 05/01/12	\$	8,977.10	\$ 10,000.00
5998	Firstline Trust 07 11%, due 05/01/12	\$	8,977.10	\$ 10,000.00
5821	TDM Luxury Cruise Trust 07 10%, due 09/01/11	\$	92,500.00	\$ 100,000.00
5818	Firstline Trust 07 11%, due 05/01/12	\$	17,954.20	\$ 20,000.00
5823	McGinn Smith Funding LLC	\$	92,450.00	\$ 115,177.00
5988	Firstline Trust 07 11%, due 05/01/12	\$	26,931.30	\$ 30,000.00
5987	Firstline Trust 07 11%, due 05/01/12	\$	8,977.10	\$ 10,000.00
5996	TDM Luxury Cruise Trust 07 10%, due 09/01/11	\$	46,250.00	\$ 50,000.00
4474	Seton Hall Associates	\$	22,440.03	\$ 26,000.00

## Discrepant Paper Claims

Claim No.	Description of Investment	Amount of Allowed Claim	Amount of Paper Claim
4473	First Independent Income Notes, LLC 7% Secured Senior Subordinated Note due 2007	\$ 45,466.43	\$ 50,000.00
4470	Third Albany Income Notes, LLC 7% Secured Senior Note due 2007	\$ 45,466.43	\$ 40,000.00
4469	Seton Hall Associates	\$ 5,178.41	\$ 6,000.00

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Claim No.	Description of Investment	Amount of Paper Claim	Reason for Disallowance
4887	TDM Cable Trust 06 7.75%, due 11/15/08	\$ 20,000.00	No liability claim
4885	McGinn Smith Funding LLC Promissory Note 10%, due 9/11/08	\$ 30,000.00	No liability claim
4907	Verifier, LLC	\$ 300,000.00	Claim for investment in non- Receivership Entity
4827-4876	SAI Trust 00 12.50%, due 07/01/11	\$ 21,584.83	Claim for investment in entity excluded from Receivership pursuan to Plan of Distribution
4827-4876	SAI Trust 03 12.50% Senior Notes, due 08/01/11	\$ 45,000.00	Claim for investment in entity excluded from Receivership pursuan to Plan of Distribution
4906	TDM Cable Trust 06 7.75%, due 11/15/08	\$ 60,000.00	No liability claim
4827-4876	TDM Cable Trust 06 9.25%, due 11/15/10	\$ 54,000.00	No liability claim
4827-4876	TDM Cable Trust 10%, due 11/15/10	\$ 60,000.00	No liability claim
4827-4876	Third Albany Income Notes, LLC 10.25%, due 12/15/09	\$ 275,000.00	No liability claim
4827-4876	Integrated Excellence 08 10%, due 12/1/13	\$ 60,000.00	No liability claim
4903	Firstline Trust 07 11%, due 05/01/12	\$ 190,000.00	No liability claim
4902	First Excelsior Income Notes LLC 10.25%, due 01/30/09	\$ 20,000.00	No liability claim
4827-4876	TDM Luxury Cruise Trust 07 10%, due 09/01/11	\$ 10,000.00	No liability claim
4827-4876	First Independent Income Notes LLC 10.25%, due 12/15/08	\$ 55,000.00	No liability claim
4899	TDM Cable Trust 06 7.75%, due 11/15/08	\$ 20,000.00	No liability claim
4898	McGinn Smith Funding LLC Promissory Note 10%, due 9/11/08	\$ 30,000.00	No liability claim

### **Other Paper Claims**

Claim No.	Description of Investment	Amo	unt of Paper Claim	Reason for Disallowance
4818-4826	SAI Trust 12.5%, due 07/01/11	\$	8,633.93	Claim for investment in entity excluded from Receivership pursuan to Plan of Distribution
4818-4826	SAI Trust 03 12.50% Senior Notes, due 08/01/11	\$	102,680.84	Claim for investment in entity excluded from Receivership pursuan to Plan of Distribution
4827-4876	TDM Luxury Cruise Trust 07 10%, due 09/01/11	\$	15,000.00	No liability claim
6349-6352	SAI Trust 03 12.50% Senior Notes, due 08/01/11	\$	11,675.11	Claim for investment in entity excluded from Receivership pursuan to Plan of Distribution
6353-6355	SAI Trust 03 12.50% Senior Notes, due 08/01/11	\$	30,870.74	Claim for investment in entity excluded from Receivership pursuan to Plan of Distribution
5977-5994	Seton Hall Associates	\$	7,000.00	No liability claim
4475	TDM Verifier Trust 11 9%, due 02/15/11	\$	50,000.00	No liability claim

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			Proposed First	Preferential	Adjusted First
Claim No.	Description	Claim Amount	Distribution (10%)	Payment	Distribution
	FIIN SECURED SENIOR SUBORDINATED NOTES				
4788-4792	DUE 12/15/2009	\$140,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$2,625.00	\$11,375.00
	FIIN 10.25% SECURED JUNIOR NOTES DUE				
4785-4787	12/15/2008	\$81,000.00	\$8,100.00	\$7,290.00	\$810.00
	FEIN 10.25% SECURED JUNIOR NOTES DUE				
4784-4783	01/30/2010	\$30,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,238.76	\$761.24
	TAIN SECURED JUNIOR NOTES DUE				
4799-4801	12/15/2010	\$160,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$16,500.01	(\$500.01)
	FAIN 10.25% SECURED JUNIOR NOTES DUE				
4779-4782	11/15/2011	\$20,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,800.00	\$200.00
	FEIN 10.25% SECURED JUNIOR NOTES DUE				
4806	01/30/2009	\$35,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$1,356.25	\$2,143.75
	TAIN SECURED JUNIOR NOTES DUE				
4810-4811	12/15/2010	\$111,000.00	\$11,100.00	\$4,640.63	\$6 <i>,</i> 459.37
	TAIN SECURED JUNIOR NOTES DUE				
4814	12/15/2009	\$10,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,031.25	(\$31.25)
	FEIN 10.25% SECURED JUNIOR NOTES DUE				
4819	01/30/2009	\$20,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$512.50	\$1,487.50
	TAIN SECURED JUNIOR NOTES DUE				
4822-4823	12/15/2010	\$95,000.00	\$9,500.00	\$4,868.76	\$4,631.24
	FAIN 10.25% SECURED JUNIOR NOTES DUE				
4818	11/15/2010	\$25,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,250.01	\$249.99
	FIIN 10.25% SECURED JUNIOR NOTES DUE				
4836-4846	12/15/2009	\$3,393,595.00	\$339,359.50	\$78,631.25	\$260,728.25
	FEIN 10.25% SECURED JUNIOR NOTES DUE				
4834	01/30/2009	\$525,000.00	\$52 <i>,</i> 500.00	\$18,296.88	\$34,203.12
	TAIN SECURED JUNIOR NOTES DUE				
4859-4862	12/15/2010	\$1,210,000.00	\$121,000.00	\$106,475.00	\$14,525.00
	TAIN SECURED SENIOR SUBORDINATED NOTES				
4863	7.75% DUE 12/15/2009	\$165,000.00	\$16,500.00	\$3,196.88	\$13,303.12
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Claim No.	Description	Claim Amount	Proposed First Distribution (10%)	Preferential Payment	Adjusted First Distribution
	FAIN 10.25% SECURED JUNIOR NOTES DUE				
4827-4833	11/15/2011	\$880,000.00	\$88,000.00	\$79,100.04	\$8,899.96
	FIIN 10.25% SECURED JUNIOR NOTES DUE				
6320	12/15/2008	\$25,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,025.00	\$1,475.00
	TAIN SECURED JUNIOR NOTES DUE				
6322-6326	12/15/2010	\$101,000.00	\$10,100.00	\$6,201.26	\$3,898.74
	FIIN 10.25% SECURED JUNIOR NOTES DUE				
6331	12/15/2008	\$30,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,406.25	(\$406.25)
	TAIN SECURED JUNIOR NOTES DUE				
6332-6335	12/15/2010	\$45,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,326.25	\$173.75
	TAIN SECURED JUNIOR NOTES DUE				
6342-6345	12/15/2010	\$65,000.00	\$6 <i>,</i> 500.00	\$6,645.00	(\$145.00)
	TAIN SECURED JUNIOR NOTES DUE				
4879	12/15/2009	\$25,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,578.13	(\$78.13)
	TAIN SECURED JUNIOR NOTES DUE				
4889	12/15/2009	\$25,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,578.13	(\$78.13)
	FIIN SECURED SENIOR SUBORDINATED NOTES				
4893	DUE 12/15/2008	\$10,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$187.50	\$812.50
	FIIN SECURED SENIOR SUBORDINATED NOTES				
5983-5986	DUE 12/15/2009	\$69,000.00	\$6,900.00	\$1,293.75	\$5,606.25
	FIIN 10.25% SECURED JUNIOR NOTES DUE				
5979-5982	12/15/2009	\$35,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,150.01	\$349.99
	FEIN 10.25% SECURED JUNIOR NOTES DUE				
5977-5978	01/30/2010	\$25,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$968.75	\$1,531.25
	TAIN SECURED JUNIOR NOTES DUE				
5989-5991	12/15/2010	\$115,000.00	\$11,500.00	\$11,859.39	(\$359.39)
	FIIN 10.25% SECURED JUNIOR NOTES DUE				
5814-5815		\$112,000.00	\$11,200.00	\$10,080.00	\$1,120.00

## Preferential Payment Offset

Claim No.	Description	Claim Amount	Proposed First Distribution (10%)	Preferential Payment	Adjusted First Distribution
	FAIN 10.25% SECURED JUNIOR NOTES DUE				
5910	11/15/2010	\$25,000.00	\$2 <i>,</i> 500.00	\$2,250.01	\$249.99
	FIIN 10.25% SECURED JUNIOR NOTES DUE				
4467	12/15/2008	\$10,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$900.00	\$100.00
	FIIN 10.25% SECURED JUNIOR NOTES DUE				
4472	12/15/2008	\$220,000.00	\$22,000.00	\$5,637.50	\$16,362.50

## Exhibit B-2

## Preferential Payment Offset

### (Unspecified Preferential Payments)

	Preferential				
	Aggregate Four Funds	<b>Proposed First</b>	Payments	Unspecified	Further Adjusted
Claim No.	Claims	Distribution (10%)	(see Ex. B-1)	Preferential Payment	Distribution
4779-4805	\$431,000.00	\$43,100.00	\$30,453.77	\$1,449.00	\$11,197.23
4818-4826	\$140,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$7,631.27	\$28,970.00	(\$22,601.27)
4827-4876	\$6,423,595.00	\$642,359.50	\$285,700.05	\$26,140.00	\$330,519.45
4893-4897	\$10,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$187.50	\$25,567.89	(\$24,755.39)
5946-5948	\$700,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$0.00	\$29,007.50	\$40,992.50
4471-4475	\$265,466.43	\$26,546.64	\$5,637.50	\$5,637.50	\$15,271.64

# Exhibit C

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	_
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David L. and Lynn A. Smith Irrevocable:Trust U/A 8/04/04,:Intervenor.:	Relief Defendants. and	•
	David L. and Lynn A. Smith Irrevocable	
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#### ORDER APPROVING FOURTH CLAIMS MOTION OF WILLIAM J. BROWN, AS RECEIVER, FOR AN ORDER (A) DISALLOWING PREFERRED INVESTOR PAPER CLAIMS AND (B) APPLYING PREFERENTIAL PAYMENT OFFSET

Upon the Fourth Motion of William J. Brown, as Receiver, for an Order (a)

Disallowing Preferred Investor Paper Claims and (b) Applying Preferential Payment Offset;

and notice of the Motion having been given to the Securities and Exchange Commission,

each Preferred Investor listed on Exhibits A-1, A-2, A-3, B-1 and B-2 to the Motion, by first

class mail, and all parties who have filed a Notice of Appearance in this action by ECF, and

all creditors of the McGinn, Smith entities and other parties in interest via the Receiver's

website, which notice is deemed good and sufficient notice; and the Court having deemed that sufficient cause exists; it is therefore

ORDERED, that the Motion is approved, and it is further

ORDERED, that each of the Paper Claims listed on Exhibits A-1 through A-3 to the Motion is disallowed; and the rights of the Receiver to object on any other basis to the claims of all investors or claimants is expressly preserved; and it is further

ORDERED, that the application of the Preferential Payment Offset to reduce the distributions to Preferred Investors is approved as set forth on Exhibits B-1 and B-2 to the Motion.

Dated: \_\_\_\_, 2018

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	
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Relief Defendants. and	• • •
GEOFFREY R. SMITH, Trustee of the David L. and Lynn A. Smith Irrevocable Trust U/A 8/04/04,	· · · ·
Intervenor.	· : :

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Karen M. Ludlow, being at all times over 18 years of age, hereby certify that on July 6, 2018, true and correct copies of the (i) Fourth Motion of William J. Brown, as Receiver, for an Order (A) Disallowing Preferred Investor Paper Claims and (B) Applying Preferential Payment Offset ("Motion"), (ii) Declaration of William J. Brown, as Receiver, in Support of the Motion, and (iii) Memorandum of Law in Support of the Motion (collectively, "Motion Documents") were caused to be served by e-mail upon all parties who receive electronic notice in this case pursuant to the Court's ECF filing system, and by First Class Mail to the parties indicated below:

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#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, Plaintiff, VS. McGINN, SMITH & CO., INC., McGINN, SMITH ADVISORS, LLC, McGINN, SMITH CAPITAL HOLDINGS CORP., FIRST ADVISORY INCOME NOTES, LLC, FIRST EXCELSIOR INCOME NOTES, LLC, FIRST INDEPENDENT INCOME NOTES, LLC, THIRD ALBANY INCOME NOTES, LLC, TIMOTHY M. McGINN, AND DAVID L. SMITH, GEOFFREY R. SMITH, Individually and as Trustee of the David L. and Lynn A. Smith Irrevocable Trust U/A 8/04/04, LAUREN T. SMITH, and NANCY McGINN, Defendants, LYNN A. SMITH and NANCY McGINN, Relief Defendants, - and -GEOFFREY R. SMITH, Trustee of the David L. and Lynn A. Smith Irrevocable Trust U/A 8/04/04,

Intervenor.

#### DECLARATION OF WILLIAM J. BROWN, AS RECEIVER, IN SUPPORT OF FOURTH CLAIMS MOTION FOR AN ORDER (A) DISALLOWING PREFERRED INVESTOR PAPER CLAIMS <u>AND (B) APPLYING PREFERENTIAL PAYMENT OFFSET</u>

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William J. Brown, as Receiver, declares, under the penalty of perjury, pursuant to 28

U.S.C. § 1746, as follows:

Case No. 1:10-CV-457 (GLS/CFH) 1. I am the Receiver of McGinn, Smith & Co. Inc., et al. ("MS & Co.") appointed by the Court in this action pursuant to the Preliminary Injunction Order dated July 26, 2010 (Docket No. 96).

2. I make this Declaration in support of the Receiver's Fourth Claims Motion ("Motion") for an Order (a) disallowing Preferred Investors' paper claims listed on Exhibits A-1 through A-3 to the Motion and (b) applying the Preferential Payment Offset to certain Preferred Investor Claims (each as defined below).

#### PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

3. MS & Co. was a broker-dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") with its headquarters in Albany, New York from 1981 to 2009. From 2003 through 2010, the broker-dealer was owned by David L. Smith ("Smith"), Timothy M. McGinn ("McGinn"), and Thomas E. Livingston.

4. On April 20, 2010, the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") filed a Complaint initiating the above-captioned action (Docket No. 1). Also, on April 20, 2010, this Court granted a Temporary Restraining Order (Docket No. 5), which, among other things, froze certain assets of the above-captioned Defendants and Relief Defendants, and appointed the Receiver as temporary receiver with respect to numerous entities controlled or owned by Defendants Timothy M. McGinn and David L. Smith including those listed on Exhibit A to the Preliminary Injunction Order entered in this action (Docket No. 96) (collectively, the "MS Entities"). (Docket No. 49 at 6).

5. On July 26, 2010, following a hearing, the Court entered an order granting the SEC's Motion for a Preliminary Injunction and appointing the Receiver as

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receiver, pending a final disposition of the action ("Preliminary Injunction Order") (Docket No. 96).

6. On August 3, 2010, the SEC filed an Amended Complaint (Docket No. 100). On June 8, 2011, the SEC filed a Second Amended Complaint (the "Complaint") (Docket No. 334). On February 17, 2015, the Court issued its Memorandum-Decision and Order (Docket No. 807) ("MDO") granting the SEC's motion for summary judgment. The Court entered judgments in favor of the SEC in 2016 (Docket Nos. 835, 836, 837).

7. Generally, McGinn and Smith "orchestrated an elaborate Ponzi scheme, which spanned over several years, involved dozens of debt offerings, and bamboozled hundreds of investors out of millions of dollars." MDO at 7. McGinn and Smith raised over \$136 million between 2003 and 2010 in over twenty unregistered debt offerings, including the Four Funds -- FAIN, FEIN, FIIN, and TAIN -- and various Trust Offerings, by representing that investor money would be "invested," when instead it was "funneled" into various entities owned or controlled by McGinn and Smith. That money was then used to fund unauthorized investments and unsecured loans, make interest payments to investors in other entities and offerings, support McGinn's and Smith's "lifestyles," and cover the payroll at MS & Co. MDO at 7.

#### **THE FOUR FUNDS**

8. The Four Funds—FAIN, TAIN, FIIN, and FEIN— were singlepurpose, New York limited liability companies formed between September 2003 and October 2005. The private placement memoranda ("PPMs") for each of the Four Funds were substantively identical, and each offered \$20 million worth of Notes, with the exception of TAIN, which offered \$30 million. The offerings had three tranches of Notes,

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which paid quarterly interest of 5% to 10.25%, and promised a return of principal at maturity in one, three or five years. MDO at 10.

9. McGinn and Smith engaged in a course of conduct and dealings that were contrary to the PPMs issued for the Four Funds. First, investor proceeds from the Four Funds were used to purchase contracts from pre-2003 trusts for the purpose of redeeming or making interest payments to investors. Second, the Four Funds used investor money to directly invest in, rather than purchase investments from, affiliates. Many of the affiliated investments provided no cash flow to the Four Funds and were ultimately considered worthless. Finally, proceeds from the Four Funds were funneled through McGinn Smith Transaction Funding Corporation ("MSTF") and then used to pay MS & Co.'s payroll. MDO at 11-12.

10. In late 2007, David Smith received an e-mail from David Rees, MS & Co.'s comptroller, which showed a \$48.8 million deficit in the Four Funds. Notwithstanding that deficit, Smith continued to solicit new investments in the Four Funds. MDO at 12. On January 18, 2008, Smith sent a letter to investors in the Four Funds notifying investors that interest payments on the junior tranches of Notes were being reduced to 5%. *See* Letter attached hereto as Exhibit A. By April 2008, interest payments on the junior tranches of Notes were eliminated entirely. *See* Letter attached hereto as Exhibit B. The reduction, and subsequent elimination, of interest payments were attributed by McGinn and Smith to the collapse of various debt and credit markets and the "sub prime mess." In October 2008, David Smith sent a letter to all Note holders in the Four Funds, outlining a restructuring plan which extended the maturity dates of the Notes, reduced

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interest payments for all tranches, and forfeited all future fees due to MS & Co. *See* Letter attached as Exhibit C; MDO at 12-13.

#### PREFERENTIAL INTEREST PAYMENTS

11. All investors in the junior tranches of the Four Funds Notes, except a subset of preferred investors ("Preferred Investors"), received reduced interest payments in January 2008, and stopped receiving interest payments altogether by April 2008. The Preferred Investors, however, continued to receive interest payments on their junior Notes ("Preferential Payments") in excess of what other investors were receiving. In February 2008, the Preferred Investors received a reduced 5% interest payment that other investors received, and, in addition, they received Preferential Payments making up the difference between the reduced 5% interest payment and the full 10.25% interest payment that all investors were supposed to receive. Beginning in April 2008, and in some instances continuing after all interest payments on all tranches of the Four Funds Notes were suspended in October 2008, the Preferred Investors continued to receive interest payments on their Four Funds Notes, while the remaining investors received nothing.

12. The Preferential Payments came from MSTF funds, not proceeds from the Four Funds. MDO at 12-13. These Preferential Payments were designed to be "lulling" payments, meant to keep the Preferred Investors satisfied with their investments and to prevent the Preferred Investors from seeking redemptions of their investments. A total of seventeen Preferred Investors received Preferential Payments totaling \$510,671.96 in connection with their investments in the Four Funds. The Preferential Payments were made between February 2008 and November 2008.

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13. The Receiver's Claims Website (defined below) includes all of the claims of the Preferred Investors ("Preferred Investor Claims"), including claims arising out of investments in the Four Funds ("Four Funds Claims"). All of the Preferred Investor Claims, including the Four Funds Claims, have been adjusted for pre-Receivership distributions of principal and interest like all other investor claims. The Four Funds Claims, however, have not been adjusted to account for the Preferential Payments.

### **CLAIMS PROCEDURE**

14. On March 9, 2012, in my capacity as Receiver, I filed a Motion ("Claims Procedure Motion") (Docket No. 466) for entry of an Order approving, among other things, the Receiver's proposed procedure for the administration of claims against the MS Entities.

15. On March 27, 2012, the Court entered an Order granting the Claims Procedure Motion (Docket No. 475), which was subsequently amended by an Order dated April 17, 2012 ("Claims Procedure Order") (Docket No. 481). Each investor and known creditor of the MS Entities was mailed on May 1, 2012 an Access Notice describing the claims process and enclosing (i) Notice of the Claims Bar Date and Claims Procedure and (ii) a Claim Form. A confidential password providing access to the Receiver's Claims Website at www.mcginnsmithreceiver.com ("Claims Website") was also provided. If an investor or creditor agreed with the description and amount of their claim(s) as listed on the Claims Website and the claim(s) were not listed as disputed, contingent or unliquidated, the investor or creditor did not need to take any further action. All other investors and creditors needed to timely file a paper claim before the bar date of June 19, 2012, as further described in detail on the Claim's Website. I listed each Preferred Investor's claim as "Disputed."

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16. The Claims Procedure Order established June 19, 2012 ("Bar Date") as deadline for creditors and investors to file claims against the MS Entities.

17. In accordance with the Claims Procedure Order, nearly six hundred creditors and investors timely filed paper claims prior to the Bar Date. In addition, more than 3,127 claims of investors and creditors were included on the schedules posted by the Receiver on the Claims Website in accordance with the Claims Procedure Order.

18. The Receiver conducted an initial review of the paper claims timely filed by creditors and investors in accordance with the Claims Procedure Order and determined it was necessary to establish a reserve as to investor claims totaling approximately \$23,617,190 since those claims have been listed by the Receiver as disputed, contingent or unliquidated.

## PAPER CLAIMS

19. Certain of the Preferred Investors submitted paper claims ("Paper Claims") because they did not agree with the claims granted by the Receiver and listed on the Claims Website and also presumably because the Claims Procedure Order required a claimant to file a Paper Claim to have their claim considered if it had been categorized as disputed, contingent, or unliquidated on the Receiver's Claims Website. The Preferred Investors submitted a total of ninety-eight Paper Claims, which are described on Exhibits A-1, A-2 and A-3 to the Motion. The Paper Claims can be categorized as Duplicate Claims, Discrepant Claims, Non-Receivership Claims, No Liability Claims, and Excluded, as described in further detail in the Memorandum of Law in Support of the Receiver's Motion for an Order (a) Disallowing Preferred Investor Paper Claims and (b) Applying the Preferential Payment Offset.

### PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION PROCESS

20. On December 30, 2015, the Receiver filed a Motion (Docket No. 847) ("Plan Distribution Motion") to seek approval of (i) a plan of distribution of assets of the MS Entities to investors ("Plan of Distribution"); and (ii) interim distributions to investors with allowed claims scheduled or timely filed in accordance with the Claim Procedure Order.

21. On October 31, 2016, the Court entered a Memorandum-Decision and Order (Docket No. 904) ("Plan Distribution Order") granting the Plan Distribution Motion, overruling objections, approving the Plan of Distribution, and allowing the Receiver to make interim distributions as set forth in the Plan Distribution Motion.

22. Among other things, the Plan of Distribution provides for a reserve for disputed claims to allow the Receiver to make initial distributions, but to also provide for funds to be reserved until any objections to disputed claims can be heard and decided by final order of the Court. As of July 6, 2018, \$6,308,887 has been distributed to investors with allowed claims as a First Distribution.

23. The Plan of Distribution provides that all investor claims would be calculated by using the "Net Investment" methodology, i.e., the claim amount is equal to the amount of the initial investment made less any distributions received prior to the appointment of the Receiver, including any distributions of principal or interest. Plan of Distribution, Art. IV. The Plan of Distribution further provides for a collateral recovery offset ("Collateral Recovery Offset"), where distributions made on account of investor claims will be reduced on a dollar-for-dollar basis to the extent the investor has received a

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recovery from a source other than the Receivership in connection with their claimed loss. *Id.* Art. II.

# **CLAIMS MOTIONS**

24. On September 21, 2017, in my capacity as Receiver, I filed a Motion (Docket No. 937) ("First Claims Motion") to seek disallowance of certain filed paper claims that were duplicative of the corresponding claims granted by the Receiver. On November 9, 2017, I filed a Statement (Docket No. 957) in furtherance of the First Claims Motion, adjourning the First Claims Motion with respect to those duplicative investor paper claims filed by investors whose Receiver-granted claims have been disputed by the Receiver. On December 28, 2017, the Court entered an Order granting the First Claims Motion and disallowing the duplicative paper claims other than with respect to those filed by investors with disputed claims (Docket No. 966).

25. On February 15, 2018, in my capacity as Receiver, I filed a Motion (Docket No. 974) ("Second Claims Motion") to seek disallowance of certain filed paper claims for which there is no basis for payment in the books and records of MS & Co. On April 13, 2018, the Court entered an Order granting the Second Claims Motion and disallowing the paper claims.

26. On March 19, 2018, in my capacity as Receiver, I filed a Motion (Docket No. 984) ("Third Claims Motion") to seek disallowance of certain claims of former MS & Co. brokers. On May 4, 2018, I filed a Reply (Docket No. 1002) to the Response of Frank Chiappone (Docket No. 995) to the Third Claims Motion.

# **APPLICATION OF THE PREFERENTIAL PAYMENT OFFSET**

27. To apply the Preferential Payment Offset, I have used the books and records of MS & Co. to determine when the Preferential Payments were made, to whom, and on account of which specific investment the Preferential Payment was made. The Preferential Payment Offset was then applied to the distribution for the particular Four Funds Claim for which the Preferred Investor received the Preferential Payment. In instances where a Preferred Investor has several claims for the same Four Funds entity, the Preferential Payment Offset has been applied to the aggregate distribution for those Four Funds Claims. In certain instances, the Receiver has evidence that Preferential Payments were made to Preferred Investors, but is unable to determine which of the Four Funds such Preferential Payments were made in connection with. The Receiver has elected to apply those Preferential Payments ("Unspecified Preferential Payments") to further reduce the aggregate distribution on all of that Preferred Investor's Four Funds Claims, as shown in Exhibit B-2 to the Motion.

# **NOTICE**

28. In connection with service of the Motion and all accompanying papers, including this Declaration, I will cause to be mailed to each of the Preferred Investors listed on Exhibits A-1 - A-3 and B-1 - B-2 to the Motion, a copy of the Motion and related pleadings.

Dated: July 6, 2018

<u>/s/ William J. Brown</u> William J. Brown

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# Exhibit A

January 15, 2008

Re: \$\_\_\_\_\_Third Albany Income Notes, LLC – Internal Investment #\_\_\_\_\_ Registration:

Dear:

As an investor in one of the following mezzanine debt funds (FUNDS) managed by McGinn, Smith Advisors (MSA), we thought that it was important to communicate with you the general status of the funds, our view on the current credit markets and their impact on your fund, how MSA views the markets going forward, and steps that we are considering to address the present credit conditions. The FUNDS include:

- First Independent Income Notes, LLC
- First Excelsior Income Notes, LLC
- Third Albany Income Notes, LLC
- First Advisory Income Notes, LLC

Each of the LLC's has three series of notes that have been issued: Senior Notes, Senior Subordinated Notes, and Junior Notes, all with varying interest rate coupons and maturities. In each of the LLC's, the notes starting with the Senior down through the Junior have a primary call on the assets and cash flow of the various investments in each of the LLC's. Thus, the Senior Notes receive all of the income and asset value of the entire LLC until satisfied, followed by the Senior Subordinate Notes, and finally the Junior Notes are entitled to asset coverage and cash flow only after the Senior and Senior Subordinate Notes are satisfied. You are an investor in the Junior Notes.

MSA is the sole equity member of all the FUNDS, and therefore as the managing member is responsible for all the decisions impacting the business of the FUNDS. MSA has a fiduciary responsibility to manage the FUNDS in a manner consistent with the investment goals and to best preserve the assets of the FUNDS.

Over the last several months, a number of investors have inquired as to the impact on the FUNDS due to the turmoil, and in some cases collapse, of the various debt and credit markets, as a result of the sub-prime mortgage debt crises that started to boil over in July of 2007. As the impact has grown, and in our judgment the crisis shows less and less probability of being resolved quickly and easily, MSA has begun an effort to get

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ahead of events and formulate strategies that will protect the value of the LLC's and your investment in them.

While the media, including newspapers and financial publications, have provided a daily accounting of the credit market crisis and the subsequent financial impact, I realize some of you may not be in a position or have the interest to follow what has been taking place, so I have provided a brief summary. First, it should be understood that the credit crisis is primarily a result of the major Wall Street investment banks and the largest commercial banks in the country developing and marketing a variety of investment instruments built on a shaky foundation of sub prime mortgages. Sub prime mortgages can be defined as those mortgages offered to borrowers with spotty credit, mortgages that required too little equity, mortgages on properties in less desirable areas or where the supply of housing was growing beyond the demand, and where the terms of the mortgage often emphasized "teaser rates" or interest only requirements early in the amortization schedule. While these types of mortgages carry a high risk of default, the early years of the recent housing boom produced unusually low rates of default and created a false sense of security for the mortgage lenders.

In pure destructive power, the sub prime mess has become Wall Street's version of Hurricane Katrina. It has reeked havoc on the nation's largest brokerage firm, Merrill Lynch, and biggest bank, Citigroup, which have announced billions of dollars in losses and have fired their celebrated CEOs. Dozens of similar companies in the mortgage business have folded completely. As stunning as today's losses are, more carnage lies ahead. Wall Street banks are holding tens of billions in risky securities on their books, and no one seems to have any idea what they are worth. The follow on crisis is that confidence in the value of all securities, but mostly the smaller and more illiquid securities, is destroyed. Investors are reluctant to pay any price because they are not sure what the real value is, and if they are forced to sell them in the future they may do so only by slashing prices. Thus, investors go on strike and refuse to bid any price. In addition, many of these securities were purchased with debt. As prices go down, lenders require more security through increased equity. To get equity and raise cash, investors have to sell the illiquid securities. With no real markets, prices are driven forever lower, and a vicious cycle is started. In a high number of cases, there is simply no price that investors are willing to pay, and the value of the securities must be further marked down, generally based on some theoretical model put together by the investment bankers. That is why Merrill Lynch predicted a \$4.5 billion sub prime loss for the third quarter, then jolted investors and analysts three weeks later by announcing that its real default was \$7.9 billion, or 76% more than the initial estimate. And just last week, Merrill Lynch again announced an increase in their losses to over \$15 billion dollars, approximately 3 1/2 times their original estimate. And Merrill is not alone. Losses on CDO's, asset backed securities, and other structured products include announced losses by Citigroup (\$9.8 billion, followed by an additional \$24 billion dollars as of January 14th). UBS (\$4.4 billion), and Morgan Stanley (\$3.7 billion). These conditions, aside from producing real and enormous losses for the holders of these debt instruments are creating a far more difficult problem for the capital markets in general. The aforementioned lack of liquidity, or the inability to sell ones investments, causes enormous difficulty throughout the investment cycle. For example, companies who are looking to raise equity either in the private or public markets often borrow capital in the form of short term debt in order to

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"bridge" the time between the present and when they can complete their equity offering, a time that can easily take up to one year. This type of credit has become increasingly scarce as lenders are withdrawing from the markets until they have a better level of comfort regarding risk and their own financial condition. Merger and acquisition activity that is often financed with debt has dramatically decreased. The last six months has seen daily announcements of the withdrawal of financings for these types of transactions. Meanwhile, the funds at the heart of the situation known as structured investment vehicles or SIV's - need to find investors for billions of dollars coming due in the next six to twelve months. However, as ratings firms come out with reports that lower the ratings of these type of securities, this causes a further depression in the value of those investments and a large number of buyers are now precluded from investing because their corporate indenture prevents them from investing in lower rated securities. Holders of the SIV notes are bearing the brunt of this fallout because they face two options: they risk losing money if the SIV sells assets at a loss in order to meet their capital needs, including the payment of maturing notes, or try to provide liquidity for the SIV's by buying more of its debt. The FUNDS in which you are invested have some of those similar problems.

The impact on the FUNDS from the aforementioned credit crisis has primarily been on liquidity and the upcoming need to sell assets in the next year to pay off maturing notes. While there have been losses in the FUND's investments, we have a limited and manageable exposure to the real estate markets, including the mortgage market. Our real concern is the present and future ability to sell our present investments at a value that is needed to meet the FUND's obligations. When managing the FUND's assets, MSA always had to be mindful of meeting the future liquidity needs. It was always anticipated that those needs would be able to be met through a combination of having some of the assets mature at approximately the same time as its liabilities, that some of the assets would be invested in public securities with a ready market, that the FUNDS would have the ability to raise new capital from either present or new investors, and that some of the assets would be able to be sold to other investors. The credit crisis has impacted all of those strategies, and unless the markets dramatically improve over the next year, we will face the same challenges that we do today.

As mentioned previously, there presently is no market at fair prices that exist for non-public debt securities. Investors are now looking for the safest most liquid securities until the crisis is better understood or is resolved. In addition, many of the investments in these companies are dependent on new financings to have the capital to pay off their existing debt to the FUNDS. Several of our investments fall into this category. For example, we have an investment in several of the FUNDS in a company that provides print and advertising financing for the independent film industry. For the last nine months they have had a commitment from an investment bank to raise approximately \$10 mm in equity, contingent on the company's ability to secure a credit line of \$10-15 mm. That capital is to be used to retire their obligation to the FUNDS. To date, the company has been unable to procure the credit line, and thus the equity raise has been put on hold. They have no source of funds to repay us until that capital raise is completed. Thus, we have no choice but to extend their debt, probably past the time when our obligations to our debt holders are due. Another example is a company that we have financed that is in the business of evaluating and providing capital to companies based on the worth of the company's intellectual property. A major investment bank has given the company a term sheet that will provide \$750 million of financing over the next five years. However, the original structure called for a substantial portion of that capital to be provided up front and that would be used to repay our debt. The investment bank is now only willing to provide the capital on a staggered basis over the next five years, with the result that while we are confident of being repaid in full, it is not likely that we will be paid out until the fourth and fifth year of their commitment. Again, a decision that will impact our liquidity for next year.

MSA has determined that we need to be very proactive over the next year to be in a position to overcome these credit market conditions and the lack of liquidity now present. If we have learned anything in being in the business for over 30 years, it is that a financial crisis is never solved in a short time or without substantial pain to investors. We don't believe that this one will be any different. We believe that the credit markets are likely to continue to be under very severe pressure and that a two to three year time horizon is the minimum for a return to normality.

MSA has spent the last several months reviewing a variety of strategies that will address the present problems and give our investors liquidity within a reasonable time frame from what they had originally expected.

First, any strategic approach has to recognize the capital structure of the FUNDS that calls for assets and cash flow to be pledged in their entirety to the most senior class of securities. Thus, as notes mature next year we need to be in a position to first retire the senior one year notes. We are confident that we will be in a position to maintain the current level of interest, and as long as conditions do not materially worsen; we will be able to retire the debt on a timely basis. The second class of securities issued by the LLCs is the Senior Subordinated Notes. Here too, as long as present conditions remain relatively stable, we believe that the current rate of interest will be maintained. However, the ability to retire the entire issue at the same time as the Senior notes is most unlikely. Our present thinking is that these notes will have to be extended for two-three years in order to establish the capital resources to pay off the debt. The third class of securities, the junior notes, present the biggest challenge because they are subordinate to the claims on assets and cash flow of the senior securities. In order to meet the obligations of the Senior securities, the FUNDS have to pledge all of their cash flow to them, thus at the present time the rate of interest is being reduced to 5% on the Junior notes until such time as some of our investments return to a timely cash flow or we can refinance our debt or raise additional capital. MSA is presently working on plans to provide the needed liquidity and help some of our investments restructure their debt in order to meet their obligations.

MSA is making a significant contribution to increasing the cash flow for all of the Funds by suspending the commissions due to McGinn, Smith & Co., the advisory fee due to MSA, and the administrative fee due to McGinn, Smith Capital Holdings. These fees for the combined Funds amount to \$2,827,500, annually. Over the next year we will hopefully be able to get a better handle on how to evaluate our investments. This difficulty to evaluate remains the number one problem for credit markets today. During this summer's credit crunch, more than 80% of investors in bonds tied to the mortgage market said they had trouble obtaining price quotes from their bond dealers. "Michael Vranos, recently told investors in his large hedge-fund company, Ellington Management Group, that he was suspending investor redemptions because he couldn't figure out values for some of the fund's investments". "There is no way to determine values that would be simultaneously fair both to investors redeeming from the funds and to investors remaining in the funds", he wrote in a September 30<sup>th</sup> letter. Recently the Federal Reserve, in a move to make credit markets more liquid, announced a plan that is designed to enable banks to borrow money directly from the Fed at belowmarket rates. However, there can be no assurances that this plan will ease the current credit and liquidity crisis.

In conclusion, MSA believes that by trying to get out in front of the problem of having sufficient liquidity by next year when the FUNDs notes become due, they are both doing the right thing and will lesson the anticipated challenges a year from now. The Senior and Senior Subordinated note holders will maintain current interest payments, while Junior note holders will have their interest reduced to 5%. Over the course of the year we will communicate with you regarding the progress and plans that we are making to address the liquidity needs for next December. Our obvious goal is first preservation of your investment and second to maximize cash flow to the FUNDs in order to have sufficient cash to meet the interest payments.

If there are any questions concerning this communication, please contact your McGinn, Smith & Co. representative.

David L. Smith Managing Member McGinn, Smith Advisors

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Re: \$25000 First Independent Income Notes, LLC – Internal Investment # 1800 Registration:

Dear

In our communication of January 15, 2008 we outlined for you the negative impact that the present credit crisis resulting from the sub-prime mortgage collapse was having on First Independent Income Notes (FIIN), LLC. We provided the background leading to the crisis and reasons why we felt it was likely to worsen before the markets were able to stabilize. We cited the tremendous losses that the major commercial and investment banks were being forced to take and that these losses were spreading to institutions worldwide and to credit markets far beyond the mortgage business. We mentioned that the major impact was on market liquidity and that debt holders were being forced to sell securities and investments at prices below fair market value in an effort to deleverage their balance sheets and to meet forced margin calls. Unfortunately, all the problems that we cited have become more acute, and by now the daily news brings repeated announcements of the adverse effects the crisis is having on the general economy and of major financial institutional failures such as the collapse of Bear Stearns, Inc.

The central theme for all fixed income investments and managed funds of such investments has been the inability to refinance their investments and thus be forced to cease or eliminate interest payments and distributions. Leading the way in this category has been the area of Auction Rate Securities (ARS) which are long term municipal bonds, corporate bonds, and preferred stocks that are traded at auctions that set the instrument's interest rate and ultimately the price of the security. The market in total is somewhere around \$320 billion and it is estimated that \$80 billion or 25% of the market has recently failed. These investments were often marketed as substitutes for money market accounts with a higher yield. Many businesses invested their excess cash in these instruments and now find themselves not only not receiving interest, but with no access to their cash as well. The good news is that the majority of the underlying investments are still paying interest, but the funds just are not able to refinance them at rates that allow them to pay investors their principal.

Since our last communication with you, two of our investments have been forced to eliminate their dividend or cease distributions. One was a result of their loss of refinancing from a bank that was a major lender to Countrywide Credit, the country's largest sub-prime mortgage lender and who suffered major losses from that relationship and had to withdraw their commitment. The other was a holder of only AAA mortgages and who in November assured us that they were at limited risk and the dividend was safe. In February, they were forced to sell most of their portfolio to meet margin calls and suffered losses that have wiped out their earnings

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and their ability to pay their dividend. This in turn has put increased pressure on our cash flow and our ability to meet our obligations. Consequently, we are being forced to eliminate the interest payment to the Junior Subordinated debt holders for this quarter.

In keeping with our goal to solve the longer term problem of capital preservation we have been working on two fronts. First, we are working with individual companies within our portfolio to help them gain access to capital that would allow them to operate during this crisis. I am pleased to report, that in two of our investments we have been successful and that I am confident that later in the year both of these companies will be successful in obtaining permanent financing that will bring liquidity back to our investment.

The second area is to restructure the Funds, or at least the Junior Subordinated debt, in order to have a plan that will provide investors with an eventual exit. The issues here are complex because of the need to preserve the rights of the Senior and Senior Subordinated Noteholders. We have engaged securities counsel to assist us with the restructuring, but they have not yet been willing to provide a legal opinion as to a particular course of action. One of the ideas that we are pursuing is that instead of a total restructuring that will carry the risk that the Senior Noteholders might find objectionable we will keep the structure intact, but offer Junior Subordinated Noteholders an opportunity to receive equity in other investments that will provide them an additional source of return for their investment in the FUNDS.

In addition to having the cash flow in the FUNDS recently reduced and therefore causing us to suspend the quarterly interest for the Junior Subordinated Noteholders, we have also been advised by counsel that distributions at this time quite probably reflect a return of capital and not interest, and therefore distributions might be considered an invasion of the principal due to the Senior and Senior Subordinated Noteholders. This is a result of not knowing how and where to price our investments in these very illiquid markets. We have also heard from several Junior Subordinated Noteholders that until market conditions become clearer, they would rather suspend their distributions which are taxable interest in order to preserve future distributions of return of capital which of course are not taxable.

We do expect to have a better picture by next quarter as to a specific plan of action available to us going forward and of course the hope that markets will at least stabilize and stop retreating. However, we repeat, we do not view this crisis to be easily settled or to exhaust itself anytime soon. There has been severe and long lasting damage to the U.S. and world financial markets that will require patience to work through.

As always, if there are any questions regarding your account or this memorandum, please contact your McGinn, Smith & Company representative.

David L. Smith Managing Member MS Advisors, LLC

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# Exhibit C

**PLAINTIFF'S** EXHIBIT NO. FOR IDENTIFICATION 1/19/201 DATE: RPTR:

# First Independent Income Notes, LLC

99 Pine Street Albany, NY 12207 Phone 518-449-5131 Fax 518-449-4894

October 13, 2008



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Re: \$5,000 First Independent Income Notes 7% due 12/15/08 Internal Investment # Registration:

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Mayberry:



This communication is being sent to investors of First Independent Income Notes, LLC (the FUND) in each of the three classes of Notes, Senior, Senior Subordinated, and Junior maturing on December 15, 2008. The purpose of the communication is to apprise you of the status of your investment and also inform you of the restructuring plan that has been presented to the FUND's Trustee, McGinn, Smith Capital Holdings Corp. by the FUND's managing member, McGinn, Smith Advisors, LLC.

McGinn, Smith Advisors, LLC (MSA) has determined that as a result of losses incurred in the FUND's investments and the total illiquidity for the vast majority of the FUND's investments it is not possible to redeem the Notes on the due date of December 15, 2008 and will require a restructuring of all classes of Notes. In restructuring the notes, MSA has taken into account the responsibility of the Trustee to address both the principal and interest payments due to the Senior noteholders and therefore must reschedule future interest and principal payments for all three classes of noteholders, giving priority to the Senior noteholders. Based on best estimates of current cash flow and present liquidity, MSA has developed a plan that alters scheduled interest and principal payments for all three classes. All three classes are having their maturities extended and their interest payments reduced. MSA has the responsibility to manage the FUND consistent with the provisions of the note's indenture and in a manner that best protects the assets of the FUND. Accordingly, MSA will be presenting a plan outlined later in this communication that in its sole judgment provides for an orderly liquidation of assets, payment of reasonably expected cash flows, and gives priority to the Senior Noteholders over the Senior Subordinated Noteholders and the Junior Noteholders. The plan takes into account that current conditions in financial credit markets presently offer

no liquidity for almost any financial instrument other than U.S. Treasury Notes and Bonds. The investments in the FUND are primarily non public securities that presently have no secondary market for resale and in fact do not have the ability to even establish a fair market value. The plan makes assumptions that cannot be relied upon with any certainty. Events in the US and world financial markets have been changing with a degree of volatility never before experienced at any time in history. The Credit market crisis that started approximately 18 months ago with the troubles in the sub prime mortgage market has accelerated to the point that threatens to impair the entire world's financial foundations and has spread from Wall Street to Main Street. Under these conditions, any planning has to be subject to changing events. We have assumed that markets will continue to be unstable and primarily illiquid for at least two years. The damage to the world's banking system and investment markets is very severe and in our judgment will dramatically change the nature of markets for years to come. While governments, worldwide are rushing to shore up the system with liquidity and taking steps to restore confidence the fact is that no one knows what the ultimate impact of their actions and the reaction of markets will be. What was initially a financial crisis is now a full blown worldwide economic crisis with unknown consequences. MSA is fully confident that financial markets will eventually stabilize and that investor confidence and liquidity will be restored. Anything less is just not acceptable, and therefore the allocation of resources, new efforts of governmental oversight and regulation, and cooperation on a global scale of financial markets is expected to ultimately resolve the present crisis. But the aforementioned intervention in markets will certainly change the way markets work and with any change comes the need for patience and time for investors to first understand and then accept those changes.

As I write this memo the US Stock Market has just finished the day with the Dow Jones Industrial average down over 500 points and down almost 900 points for the last two days. This of course is subsequent to the "rescue bill" or formally the "Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008" signed into law last Friday after several weeks of Congressional wrangling. While in my opinion this was a necessary first step, the idea in some circles that its ultimate passage would bring instant cure to what was ailing the credit markets was ill founded. The stock market's decline is just a symptom of the credit crisis, and while I am in total sympathy for all of us suffering market losses, the real issue is the total lack of liquidity in the credit markets. This is the major issue that impacts your investment in the FUND. Lack of liquidity simply means that there are no efficient markets to buy and sell investments because investors have lost confidence that they can fairly judge what those investments are worth. As the events of the mortgage markets and eventually all fixed income markets played out over the last 18 months, investors repeatedly got burned on making a decision to invest. A sophisticated hedge fund investor made a \$1.8 billion investment last April in Washington Mutual, the country's largest saving bank, only to see it reduced to zero after being taken over by the FDIC last month. National political leaders assured us this summer that Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, our two leading GSE (Government Sponsored Enterprises) mortgage lenders, were financially sound only to be declared bankrupt and taken over by the FDIC in mid September. Three of the five largest investment banks, Bear Stearns, Merrill Lynch, and Lehman Brothers no longer exist. AIG, the world's largest insurance

company required an \$85 billion cash infusion and equity investors were wiped out. Hundreds of banks and mortgage companies have been closed including the forced sales of Wachovia to Wells Fargo and Citi Corp. Virtually all financial institutions have had to either cut or eliminate dividends in order to strengthen their balance sheets. Other evidence of the cessation of liquidity in the credit markets include:

- 1.) billion dollar hedge funds such as D.B. Zwirn and Pardus Capital Management refused to allow investors to redeem because they were unable to sell assets to raise cash
- 2.) last week \$120 billion of commercial paper not marketable, causing companies to lose liquidity for normal operating functions like payroll
- 3.) despite a lowering of interest rates, banks refusing to lend overnight to other banks from fear of not knowing the financial soundness of the borrower
- 4.) Reserve Money Market Fund assets fall below the one dollar redemption price and overnight withdrawal of \$40 billion of the \$60 billion in assets forces the fund to cease redemptions
- 5.) The College Fund, who manages assets for 1500 college endowments and their operating funds restrict access to their money market fund to 38% of their deposits and state that 100% of your capital won't be available until 2010

There are hundreds of other examples that have occurred and demonstrate the liquidity crisis. Most of you are aware of this because the media has been giving this story full attention for months. The reason that it is important for you to be aware of the freezing of the credit markets is because it impacts the investments in the FUND in a variety of ways. First, if the most liquid and strongest investment assets such as money market funds, commercial paper, and mortgages are having difficulty in finding buyers, than the ability for almost all other assets to have liquidity is impossible. Second, if forced to sell these assets in order to redeem the notes, the market price would be far below fair market value. As an example, Merrill Lynch in July, in an effort to get some of these assets off their balance sheet and receive cash, sold \$30 billion worth for just 22 cents on the dollar. And even then, the buyer forced Merrill Lynch to finance 75% of the purchase with a non-recourse loan which meant the true cost of the purchase was just 6 cents on the dollar. Third, many of the assets, including loans of the companies in our portfolio, were dependent on subsequent financing in order to repay us. Often, our loans were bridge loans to companies until they could get permanent financing through stock or bond offerings. The initial public offerings (IPO's) hit a 5 year low in July and included only some of the most visible companies in the world such as Visa International. Of the 25 billion dollars in offerings through July, Visa accounted for 18 billion dollars, leaving just 6 billion dollars for the other 23 companies taken public. Thus, the companies in our portfolio have been totally shut out, and in several instances the capital raises included money to satisfy their debts to us or to provide us with liquidity for our investments. When these offerings will once again be available is not determinable, but it is not likely to be anytime soon.

So what is next for what former Chairman of the Federal Reserve, Alan Grenspan, has identified as the once in a century financial crisis? First, the Federal Government continues to be active through all of its agencies. As mentioned earlier, Congress recently passed a bill that is to provide \$700 billion dollars to help purchase some of these distressed assets and restore liquidity to the banks so that they can begin to make the loans and provide the credit that allows our economy to begin to function normally. The SEC has decreed that short selling in financial stocks is no longer permitted until further notice. The FDIC has instituted an insurance program for money market funds. They have raised FDIC insurance on bank deposits from \$100,000 per account to \$250000. This week they have opened the discount window, normally reserved only for banks, to allow for the purchase of commercial paper. Those actions are designed to both restore a semblance of confidence and provide sufficient liquidity for the most critical markets of our economy. However, time is what ultimately is required for banks and financial institutions to deleverage their balance sheets and restore sufficient liquidity that will allow them to once again start lending to businesses and consumers. J.P. Morgan, one of our leading financial institutions, believes that credit losses will eventually exceed 4 trillion dollars and that the housing price decline will bottom out down 30% from 2006 levels and last until 2010.

MSA has tried to evaluate and model the impact of the current crisis on its own investments and put forth a plan that provides for all classes of note holders to first get their principal back and second provide them with some return on their investment in the interim. We have communicated with some of you earlier in the year indicating that MS was working on a plan to meet those objectives, mindful of the Senior notes and the subordination issues of the other two classes. Anything that we would have proposed earlier this year certainly would have already proven to be too optimistic. Thus, our current plan we believe to be very achievable, and we are hopeful that as markets and liquidity are restored to a more normal operational mode, we in fact may be able to accelerate the repayment. However, we must emphasize that we are in unchartered waters and what we have learned from the last 18 months is to expect the unexpected.

The plan calls for immediate implementation on the next interest payment due date. We have taken great care, and with consultation with our attorneys, to present a plan that we believe to be fair, protect all classes, and still give priority to the rule of seniority. We understand that many of you have personal liquidity issues due to retirement or other financial needs and this plan may put a personal hardship on you. MSA and its affiliate McGinn, Smith & Co. will be making its own sacrifice. Management fees, commissions, and administrative fees aggregate approximately \$2,750,000 per year for all of our FUNDs that are part of this reorganization. In an effort to improve liquidity we have agreed to forfeit all such future fees while this reorganization plan is in effect. Legal fees attributed to defense of our actions and fees incurred in the pursuit of recovering any of our investments will be the responsibility of the FUNDs. The plan will be implemented for the benefit of all investors. Obviously, to be fair and acceptable to all investors, we cannot entertain a different approach for individual investors. If circumstances change in the future, hopefully for the better, we reserve the right to restructure and implement a new plan.



In conclusion, we thank you in advance for your patience and understanding of the very difficult position that we are in. If there are any questions regarding your accounts or this memorandum, please contact your McGinn, Smith & Company representative.

Sincerely, 2

David L. Smith Managing Partner McGinn, Smith Advisors

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The attached is the restructuring plan for First Independent Income Notes, LLC (FIIN) for the Senior, Senior Subordinated, and Junior Noteholders. This Schedule makes no attempt to configure the benefit of asset sales beyond approximately 8% per year of the capital base for the first 6 years due to the manager's inability to predict the timing and price received for asset sales. While we believe that the market environment will remain difficult for the first 2-3 years for asset sales, we remain optimistic that the market should improve subsequent to that period. Fifty percent of the proceeds of those sales will be a return of principal to the Senior noteholders until they are paid in full. Subsequently, the same 50% of asset sales will be returned as principal to the Senior Subordinated noteholders. When both Senior and Senior Subordinated noteholders are paid out in full, distribution of future sales to the Junior noteholders will be at the discretion of MSA, deemed to be consistent with successfully being able to return full principal to those Junior noteholders.

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## First Independent Income Notes, LLC Restructuring Plan of October 2008

Senior Notes 7%, due December 15, 2008

Payments: October 15<sup>th</sup> January 15<sup>th</sup> April 15<sup>th</sup> July 15<sup>th</sup>

- 1. Starting October 15, 2008 through July 15, 2009 Annual rate of 5%, interest only
- Starting October 15, 2009 through October 15, 2014 Annual rate of 5% 10 year amortization
- 3. Maturity October 15, 2014

Example of \$100,000 note:

1<sup>st</sup> year: 5% interest 4 quarterly payments of \$1,250

2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> year - 5% interest, 10 year amortization 20 quarterly payments of \$3,192.14

Maturity payment - \$56,179.51

*Note:* 50% of all liquidated investment proceeds will be applied immediately to principal.

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Senior Subordinated Notes 7.5%, due December 15, 2008



Payments: October 15<sup>th</sup> January 15<sup>th</sup> April 15<sup>th</sup> July 15<sup>th</sup>

- 1. 1<sup>st</sup> payment October 15, 2010 through July 15, 2013 Annual rate of 3%, 10 year amortization
- Starting October 15, 2013 through July 15, 2020 Annual rate of 6%
  7 year amortization

Final payment July 15, 2020

#### Example of \$100,000 note:

Year 1-2	no payments
Year 3-5	3% interest, 10 year amortization
•	12 quarterly payments of \$2,903.02
Year 6-12	6% interest, 7 years amortization
	28 quarterly payments of \$3,215.20

Note:

Starting in year 7, 50% of all liquidated investment proceeds will be applied immediately to principal.

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- Junior Subordinated Notes 10.25%, due December 15, 2008
- Payments: October 15<sup>th</sup> January 15<sup>th</sup> April 15<sup>th</sup> July 15<sup>th</sup>
- 1<sup>st</sup> payment October 15, 2010 through July 15, 2014 5% principal only
- Starting October 15, 2014 through July 15, 2023 Annual rate of 5%, 15 year amortization
- 3. Maturity July 15, 2003

#### Example of \$100,000 note:

Year 1-2	no payments
Year 3-6	5% principal only 16 quarterly payments of \$1,250
Year 7-15	5% cpn, 15 year amortization
	36 payments of \$1,903.19

Maturity payment - \$39,251.93