

Mass Joinder Receivership

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December 1, 2011 – Receiver is Proceeding with Facilities Shut Down and Liquidation

After receiving Orders on October 1, 2011 and October 25, 2011 which authorized the shut down of the Defendants' facilities and liquidation of the furniture and equipment on site, the Receiver commenced that process and has been working through the issues with each individual landlord and coordinating the best possible liquidation of the furniture and equipment. Unfortunately, in the current economy, the current market for used office furniture and equipment is saturated and we do not anticipate that the recovery from this liquidation process will be substantial. Thus, we are proceeding as prudently as possible to maximize the net return. We hope to complete this process by mid-December.

The Receiver is also reviewing all activities of the Non-Attorney Defendants and affiliates that worked with them to determine what additional remedies may be available that would provide a fund that might be available for mass joinder claims.

December 1, 2011 – Notice to Clients of Attorneys in Mass Joinder Cases

The State Bar of California has taken possession of the law practices of Krueger and Karlow, Michael J. Stein, Christopher Van Son, Paul Peterson (Miss Law Group), and Anthony Kansas (Kansas Law Group).

For information as to the handling of your case going forward, you need to contact the State Bar at one of the numbers below:

Law Offices of Krueger and Karlow: 213-765-1672

Michael J. Stein & Associates: 213-765-1670

Law Offices of Christopher Van Son: 213-765-1659

Paul W. Peterson: 213-765-1641 – The Peterson number provides information on Peterson and the number for Kansas because Kansas was using lines that had been provided to Peterson by the carrier.

Law Offices of Anthony J. Kansas: 213-765-1637

September 29, 2011

Receiver Seeking Court Approval to Dispose of Furniture and Equipment and Remove Licensed Officers to Landlords

The Receiver has applied to the Court for formal approval to commence the process of shutting down the various office sites of Defendants and removing the premises to the respective landlords. As part of that process, the Receiver will dispose of furniture and equipment on site acquired by Defendants as part of the business enterprise. The Receiver's application will be heard on Monday, October 7, 2011. [Click here](#) to read the Application.

September 5, 2011

ATTENTION: Clients of the following law firms must contact the State Bar at the telephone numbers indicated below for information on case status.

Law Offices of Krueger and Karlow: 213-765-1672

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September 3, 2011

Preliminary Injunction granted and Receiver appointment confirmed in California DOJ case; State Bar receives Interim Possession Order as to the law practices of Anthony Kansas aka Law Offices of Anthony Kansas and Kansas Law Group

Following a hearing on Friday, September 2, 2011 which was continued to Tuesday, September 6, 2011, the Superior Court in Van Nuys granted the California Department of Justice's application for a Preliminary Injunction and Asset Freeze and confirmation of the appointment of the Receiver. [Click here](#) to read a copy of the Order Confirming Appointment of Receiver and [here](#) for a copy of the Preliminary Injunction. As a result, the terms of the Temporary Restraining Order initially entered August 15, 2011 are no longer temporary.

On Wednesday, September 7, 2011, the Superior Court in Orange County granted the Ex Parte Application of the State Bar for an "Interim Order Asserting Jurisdiction over the Law Practice of Anthony J. Kansas." A copy of that Order can be accessed [here](#). Mr. Kansas' law practice is, therefore, now under the control of the State Bar. The State Bar will establish a dedicated phone number at the State Bar which Kansas clients can call for further information. We will post that number once it is set up.

August 26, 2011

RECOVER FILES PRELIMINARY REPORT

The Receiver has today filed his Preliminary Report with the Court. [Click here](#) to read. This report includes a lengthy Appendix of Exhibits that is not voluminous for posting on this site.

Paragraph 7 of the Order Appointing Receiver, filed August 15, 2011, specifically authorizes and directs the Receiver to "visit, inspect and conduct the business(es), or other operations of the business(es)" of the Non-Attorney Defendants over which the Receiver has been appointed. Any operational questions were dependent upon the Receiver being able to determine that the businesses could be operated lawfully and profitably without violating the Court's Orders.

As Section V, pages 44-45, of the Preliminary Report, the Receiver responds to this direction with the conclusion that the business of the Non-Attorney Defendants cannot be operated lawfully and profitably at this juncture because these businesses "are so intertwined in illegal, unethical, deceptive advertising, and illegal loan modifications that they cannot be operated lawfully."

As a result, the Receiver has suspended all operations of the sites of the Non-Attorney Defendants' businesses. That suspension will at minimum remain in effect until the Court holds its hearing and rules on the Order to Show Cause re Preliminary Injunction and Confirmation of Receiver. That hearing is scheduled for September 2, 2011 in Los Angeles Superior Court in Van Nuys.

August 25, 2011

NOTICE TO CLIENTS OF KANSAS LAW GROUP

Attorney Kansas has taken possession of all client files which have a sale or court date in the next two weeks. Please contact Attorney Kansas for further assistance.

August 23, 2011

NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES OF KANSAS LAW GROUP

Employees of the Kansas Law Group may come to the office between 12:00 noon and 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 24, 2011 to retrieve your personal belongings.

August 22, 2011

NOTICE TO CLIENTS OF KANSAS LAW GROUP

At a hearing today at 1:30 p.m., the Superior Court denied an application by Mr. Kansas to be lifted from the receivership. This does not mean, however, that the Receiver in any way represents you. Your attorney is still Kansas Law Group and Mr. Kansas. Within the next several days, the situation will be clarified as we await a decision by the State Bar.

August 16, 2011

NOTICE TO CLIENTS OF KANSAS LAW GROUP

The Receiver will not have information about the handling of your case until late Monday, August 22nd. Please check this website then.

NOTICE - 30 CORPORATE PARK, SUITES 400 AND 405, IRVINE, CA EMPLOYEES

Employees from the 30 Corporate Park, Suites 400 and 405, Irvine, CA location can stop by between 1:00 pm. and 7:00 pm., Friday, August 16, 2011 to pick up personal belongings.

August 15, 2011

Los Angeles County Superior Court Issues Temporary Restraining Order and Asset Freeze and Appoints Receiver as to Multiple Defendants Operating Mass Joinder Litigation Business On August 15, 2011, the California Department of Justice filed an action against multiple parties involved in the solicitation and management of so-called "Mass Joinder" litigation against major mortgage lenders in the United States. The Superior Court immediately issued a Temporary Restraining Order and Asset Freeze and appointed Thomas W. McNamara of the State Bar as the Receiver over the defendants and/or the defendants' assets.

Defendants named in the complaint are: Athensys Processing Center, LLC, also doing business as Athensys Processing Center, and Processing Center; Data Management, LLC; Home Retention Division; Law Offices of Krueger and Karlow, also doing business as K2 Law; Mass Litigation Alliance; and Consolidated Litigation Group; Miss Law Group Corp.; Michael J. Stein & Associates, Inc.; Mitigation Professionals, LLC, also doing business as K2 Law; Lewis Marketing Corp.; Pitt, Marler and Associates, Inc.; Clarence Iken, Gary D'Onofrio, Philip Krueger, Ryan Marler, Jason Pate, Paul Peterson, Thomas Peterson, Glen Roman, Michael Stein also doing business as Michael J. Stein & Associates; Bill Stephenson; Michael Tapia also doing business as Cornerstone Solutions Group; and Home Retention Division; and Christopher Van Son, also doing business as the Law Offices of Christopher J. Van Son, and Consolidated Litigation Group.

The Complaint filed by the California Attorney General's office alleges that the defendants prey on desperate consumer homeowners facing foreclosure and the loss of their homes by selling their participation in so-called mass joinder or multi-plaintiff lawsuits against mortgage lenders. The Complaint alleges that in doing this, defendants engaged in multiple unfair business practices, including false and misleading advertising and the illegal use of non-attorneys to solicit and process business for a lawyer or law firm.

The Receiver has established this website as a vehicle for information to consumers. We will place regular updates on this website as the matter progresses.

[Click here](#) to read the Complaint filed by the California Department of Justice. [Click here](#) to read the Temporary Restraining Order and Asset Freeze. [Click here](#) to read the Order Appointing Receiver. The court has set September 2, 2011 at 1:30 pm as the time for the hearing on whether a Preliminary Injunction should be issued and whether the appointment of a Receiver should be confirmed.

Documents

[Ex Parte Application for Order to Liquidate Furniture and Office Facilities](#)

[Order Confirming Appointment of Receiver](#)

[Receiver's Injunction](#)

[Order to Show Cause & Hearing Order Appointing Receiver, Gary Kansas Law Group](#)

[Notice to Signatories of Receivership](#)

[August 23, 2011 CA Attorney General's Press Release](#)

[Complete List of California Department of Justice](#)

[Temporary Restraining Order and Asset Freeze](#)

[Order Appointing Receiver](#)

NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES OF OBLIGANTS – The Receiver has temporarily suspended operations of the businesses of Defendants and their affiliates. You will be given a chance to retrieve your personal property from the office. Details will be posted here or via phone calls from your supervisors.