## EXHIBIT A

## **DECLARATION OF TRUST**

# DECLARATION OF TRUST FOR THE

## **2022** Litigation Settlement Trust

BY AND AMONG

## DEBTORS: INFOW, L.L.C., IWHEALTH, L.L.C. AND PRISON PLANET TV, L.L.C.

**AND** 

## THIRD-PARTY FUNDING CONTRIBUTORS

AND

The 2022 LITIGATION SETTLEMENT TRUSTEES
(AS NAMED HEREIN AND FROM
TIME TOTIME)

Dated as of April 14, 2022

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#### **DECLARATION OF TRUST**

This Declaration of Trust (this "<u>Declaration</u>") establishing the "2022 Litigation Settlement Trust" (the Litigation Settlement Trust) dated as of April 14, 2022, by and among the

- i. Debtors InfoW, LLC (formerly known as Inforwars, Inc.), IWHealth, LLC (formerly known as Infowars Health, LLC) and Prison Planet TV, LLC ("PPTV") (IWI, IWHealth and PPTV collectively the "Debtors" and later the "Reorganized Debtors");
  - ii. the initial Trustee Robert Dew ("Initial Trustee);
- iii. the two (2) Trustees named in any order entered by a Court of competent jurisdiction and approved by the Third-Party Funding Contributor[s] (the "<u>Litigation</u> Settlement <u>Trustees</u>"),
- iv. the Third-Party Funding Contributor[s] that initially fully fund this 2022 Litigation Settlement Trust (the "<u>Litigation Settlement Trust</u>" or "<u>Declaration</u>") as provided herein and that may, from time to time, fund this Trust to accomplish "Payment in Full" as provided herein; and
- v. the Plan Support Agreement (the "PSA") and its parties ("PSA Parties") by which certain covenants and provided toward Payment in Full and by which the following assets are furnished by the Third-Party Funding Contributor[s], including cash and the transfer and assignment of ownership and voting rights of InfoW, LLC, IWHealth, LLC and PPTV, as provided herein

is executed in order to establish this Litigation Settlement Trust in connection with the proposal for "Payment in Full" of the "Litigation Settlement Trust Claims" (hereinafter defined) to ultimately be included in a confirmed plan of reorganization for the Debtors under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code, which filing shall be on or before April 17, 2022 (as it may be amended, modified, or supplemented, prior to confirmation the "Plan" and upon confirmation "Confirmed Plan") as may be authorized by the Initial Trustee. Capitalized terms used in this Declaration and not otherwise defined herein shall have the respective meanings ascribed to them in this Declaration, in the Glossary of Defined Terms (attached hereto as Exhibit "A"), or in the Plan Support Agreement; all other capitalized terms used herein are defined in Section 11.8 hereof.

### WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, this Litigation Settlement Trust, created for the benefit of the Debtors and the Third-Party Funding Contributor[s], is intended to facilitate and underwrite the "Payment in Full" of the Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiaries filed and allowed claims (the "Litigation Settlement Trust Claims"), as may exist from time to time and as may be funded for this purpose from time to time to achieve Payment in Full; and

WHEREAS, one or more of the Debtors referenced herein may file its respective voluntary petitions pursuant to Subchapter V of Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas, Victoria Division (the

"Bankruptcy Court"), commencing a case and seeking to jointly administered the cases (the "Chapter 11 Cases") under the exclusive control of the Trustees named herein, as provided herein, and funded by Third-Party Funding Contributor[s] as herein provided; and

WHEREAS in order for the Litigation Settlement Trust to achieve the stated goal of Payment in Full of all Litigation Settlement Trust Claims, the Trust will be funded from time to time through funding committed by the Third-Party Funding Contributor[s], initially being Alex Jones and Free Speech Systems, LLC, agreeing to initially fund the obligations of this Litigation Settlement Trust with cash, assets and liens (as set out and limited herein) to support the goal of providing and assuring "Payment in Full" of all Litigation Settlement Trust Claims as provided herein and to receive the Resulting Releases as provided herein; and

WHEREAS, the Litigation Settlement Trust is created pursuant to, and to effectuate, the confirmation of Confirmed Plan(s) and shall exist for such purpose only and shall administer, as the case may be, each and all of the claims of all of the Plaintiffs' arising out of the Litigation Settlement Trust Claims filed in and administered by the Trustees in the Chapter 11 Cases and liquidated as set out herein by settlements, channeling injunction and mediation, or jury trial or trial in the United States District Court; and

WHEREAS, in the Bankruptcy Court, through a Confirmed Plan, the Trustees shall seek an order that incorporates into any Confirmed Plan this pre-filing established and created Litigation Settlement Trust to (a) in an expeditious but orderly manner, prosecute, settle, or otherwise dispose of the Litigation Settlement Trust Claims by Payment in Full, as successor to and representative of the estates of the Debtors in accordance with Sections 1145(a)(1) and 1123(b)(3)(B) of the Bankruptcy Code and (b) make timely distributions to the Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiaries in conformity with the Confirmed Plan to achieve Payment in Full;

WHEREAS, in fulfilling its purpose, the Litigation Settlement Trust shall have both the objective and authority to continue or engage in the conduct of a trade or business to the extent reasonably necessary to, and consistent with, the purpose of the Litigation Settlement Trust; to conduct discovery under Rule 2004, of the Bankruptcy Rules of Procedure, compel production of documents as to any third party authorized under the Rule, and to protect the Debtors and the funding of the Debtors for the purposes of this Litigation Settlement Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein and in the Confirmed Plan, the Debtors, Third-Party Funding Contributor[s] (herein sometimes the "Settlors"), and the Trustees agree as follows:

# ARTICLE 1 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LITIGATION SETTLEMENT TRUST

#### 1.1 Declaration of Trust.

(a) The Debtors and the Litigation Settlement Trustees hereby establish the Litigation Settlement Trust, which shall be known as the "Litigation Settlement Trust" on behalf of the Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiaries and the Trustees hereby accept

such rights and properties assigned and transferred to them and the trust imposed upon them pursuant to this Declaration.

(b) The principal office of the Litigation Settlement Trust is Heritage Mark Building, 5606 N. Navarro, Suite 300-W and 302-C, Victoria, TX 77904 [Mail Address: IwHealth, LLC, PO Box 1819 Houston, TX 77251-1819] and all Trust affairs, assets, books and records, shall be in care of the Initial Trustee in Austin, Texas acting on behalf of the two Litigation Settlement Trustees at such offices or other offices as designated from time to time by the Litigation Settlement Trustees.

### 1.2 Litigation Settlement Trust Assets.

- (a) In accordance with this Declaration and any future Confirmed Plan, as of the Effective Date, the Third-Party Funding Contributor[s], subject to the provisions of this Declaration and any subsequent Confirmation Order, hereby transfer, assign, and deliver to the Litigation Settlement Trustees for the benefit of the Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiaries, and the Initial Trustee, on behalf of the two (2) Litigation Settlement Trustees hereby accepts on behalf of the Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiaries:
  - (i) all of the ownership rights, title, and voting rights in and to the Debtors and all of the Debtors' rights, title and interest in all, each and every tangible and intangible asset which such assignment of the ownership and governance shall specially provide that Alex Jones, his affiliate Free Speech Systems, LLC their agents, or anyone in any way related or affiliated to or related to them are barred and excluded from any active, direct or indirect control or participation in the management of any Chapter 11 Case Debtor; and
  - (ii) all of the Debtors' respective rights, title, and interest in the Debtors' Privileges, defenses, counterclaims, and cross claims associated with the Litigation Settlement Trust Claims; and
  - (iii) the "Litigation-Settlement Expense Fund" of not less than \$725,000.00 in cash designated to pay the costs of administration, including the Initial Trustee and the Litigation Settlement Trustees retention, and retention by the Trustees of all professionals deemed necessary to accomplish the purpose of this Trust, including the Chapter 11 proceedings authorized by this Declaration and the Initial Trustee; and provided that the Third-Party Funding Contributor[s] shall maintain for not less than 120 days a balance after payment of all initial administrative expense retainers to Trustees and the Debtor's professionals, the minimum sum of \$200,000.00 for continued payment of the costs of Administration of the Trust and the Chapter 11 Cases.
  - (iv) Upon the transfer of these cash assets to the Litigation Settlement Trust, the Debtors shall have no interest in or obligation with respect to

such assets or, except as described in this <u>Section 1.2</u>, <u>Section 1.3</u> or Section 1.4, the Litigation Settlement Trust.

(v) such other assets and interests provided by the Third-Party Funding Contributor[s] or as provided in the Plan Support Agreement or as may be required under the agreed terms of the Confirmed Plan to be contributed by Third Parties.

All property, cash and rights described in this Section 1.2 are collectively referred to as the "Assets")

- (b) The Initial Trustee shall only have only the following rights and authority unless additional authority is expressly approved by all parties to this Declaration:
  - (i) To receive Assets and all contributions of cash;
  - (ii) To safeguard all Assets and cash and open bank accounts or otherwise provide for the handling and accounting of all transactions prior to the approval and appointment of the two Trustees;
  - (iii) To act on behalf of all of the Debtors as the sole officer and director of each respective Debtor, including the authority to authorize the filing of Chapter 11 (11 U.S.C.§ 1101, et seq) cases for each or all of the Debtors;
  - (iv) To cause to be made distributions of cash only with respect to retention of counsel and other case professionals retained by the Debtors in connection with the filing of the Chapter 11Cases, which shall be expressly authorized to include such related expenses and execute the retention agreement of such counsel;
  - (v) To turn-over all such Assets to the two (2) Litigation Settlement Trustees upon their appointment and approval, at which time all duties, rights and responsibilities shall end, and provided, however, all indemnity, exculpations, releases and protections of the Trustees shall apply equally to the Initial Trustee, who shall have no liability whatsoever for service as the Initial Trustee except for willful fraud or theft.
  - (vi) The Third-Party Funding Contributor[s] shall be solely responsible for all compensation of the Initial Trustee who shall not be compensated by this Trust.
- (c) Upon approval and appointment, the Litigation Settlement Trustees shall collect all Assets and income earned with respect to, and all Litigation-Settlement Proceeds being the aggregate of, and derivative of, or attributable to, all proceeds available for payments made on account of, the Assets of the Litigation Settlement Trust, and contributed from any

source, including the Third Party Funding Contributors, which shall thereupon be added to the assets of the Litigation Settlement Trust and held as a part thereof (and which title shall be vested in the Litigation Settlement Trustees).

- On or as promptly as practicable after the Effective Date of any (d) Confirmed Plan the Reorganized Debtors shall (i) deliver or cause to be delivered to the Litigation Settlement Trustees any and all documents (or copies thereof) to the extent relating to the Litigation Settlement Trust Claims held by the Debtors, their employees, agents, advisors, attorneys, accountants, or any other professionals hired by the Debtors and (ii) provide reasonable access to the Litigation Settlement Trustees and its advisors to such employees of the Debtors, their agents, advisors, attorneys, accountants, or any other professionals hired by the Debtors with knowledge of matters relevant to the Litigation Settlement Trust Claims for the purpose of enabling the Litigation Settlement Trustees to fulfill its obligations under this Declaration, including the prosecution of the Litigation Settlement Trust Claims. Reorganized Debtors shall, pursuant to and subject to the terms and conditions of the Confirmed Plan, facilitate access to the Litigation Settlement Trustees and its advisors to employees and books and records of the Plan Support Agreement in connection with the obligations of the Litigation Settlement Trustees under this Declaration, including the settlement or defense and liquidation of the Litigation Settlement Trust Claims. Requests for such access shall be made through Reorganized Debtors or its representatives only and all such information, disclosures, and documents shall be held in the utmost confidence.
- (e) At any time and from time to time on and after the Effective Date, the Trustees and Reorganized Debtors agree (i) at the reasonable request of the Litigation Settlement Trustees to execute and/or deliver any instruments, documents, books, and records (including those maintained in electronic format and original documents as may be needed) and (ii) to take, or cause to be taken, all such further actions as the Litigation Settlement Trustees may reasonably request, in each case, in order to evidence or effectuate the transfer of the Litigation Settlement Trust Claims to the Litigation Settlement Trustees and to otherwise carry out the intent of the Confirmed Plan.

## 1.3 <u>Funding of the Litigation Settlement Trust.</u>

- (a) In accordance with this Litigation Settlement Trust, and as may be later provided in the Plan Support Agreement and the Confirmed Plan, Debtors and Reorganized Debtors shall, on the Effective Date:
  - (i) transfer to the Litigation Settlement Trust the Initial Litigation-Settlement Expense Fund and
  - (ii) from time to time thereafter may deliver additions to the Litigation-Settlement Expense Fund to the extent required by this Trust, the Plan Support Agreement and the Confirmed Plan.
- (iii) The Third-Party Funding Contributor[s] shall upon execution of this Declaration, assign to the Litigation Settlement Trust, all governance, in form satisfactory to the Trustees, of the respective Reorganized Debtors as may have filed from time

to time a Chapter 11 Case, which such assignment of the governance shall exclude Alex Jones and his affiliate Free Speech Systems, LLC from any active, direct or indirect control or participation in the management of any Chapter 11 Case Debtor. As part of the assignment of governance, the Trustees shall be permitted to file any Title 11 case the Trustees deem advisable or proper from time to time (other than any involuntary case against any Third-Party Funding Contributor) and to prosecute such Chapter 11 Case as the sole and exclusive governing body of such Debtors upon approval of such governance by the respective Bankruptcy Court in which the Chapter 11 Case is filed.

(iv). Except pursuant to the terms of the Confirmed Plan, none of the Debtors and the Third-Party Funding Contributors shall have any further obligation to provide any funding with respect to the Litigation Settlement Trust; provided, however, to the extent that Payment in Full is not achieved as set out herein, none of the Third-Party Funding Contributor[s] shall be entitled to the Resulting Release provided herein. The Litigation Settlement Trustees shall use the Litigation-Settlement Expense Fund consistent with the purposes of this Litigation Settlement Trust and subject to the terms and conditions of this Declaration, and any Confirmed Plan.

All of the initial liquidity of the Litigation Settlement Trust shall (b) be funded by the Third-Party Funding Contributor[s] in an amount estimated to provide for all costs and expenses associated with the administration of the Litigation Settlement Trust as such amounts are reasonably estimated, and thereafter, may be funded to accomplish, as the case may be, the "Payment in Full" of all Litigation Settlement Trust Claims, in exchange for a Resulting Release in favor of the Third-Party Funding Contributor(s) upon Payment in Full, but not prior Payment in Full. The initial funding shall be in amounts as agreed between the Third-Party Funding Contributor[s] and the Initial Trustee, as set for on Exhibit "B" [the Initial Litigation-Settlement Expense Fund] executed as a part and term of this Litigation Settlement Trust providing for future commitments to such funding for all purposes of this Litigation Settlement Trust; provided, however, nothing in this Litigation Trust obligates the Third-Party Funding Contributor(s) to fund any additional funds (whether by cash, cash equivalents, property or assets on liens on tangible and intangible property, after the payment of all initial funding set out on Exhibit "B"). It is the intention of the Third-Party Funding Contributor[s] to continue, prior to Plan Confirmation, to contribute sufficient liquidity to maintain a cash balance of \$200,000.00 in the Litigation Settlement Trust, after the initial payment of Trustee and professional retainers, and thereafter for 120 days to be certain that all Administrative Expenses are paid, and thereafter as determined by the Third-Party Funding Contributors in each Third-Party's sole discretion. Nothing in this Litigation Trust or Declaration creates a right or cause of action in any respect against any Third-Party Funding Contributor for any funding beyond the initial funding set out in Exhibit "B" and for the express purpose of clarity, no person or entity, claimant, creditor, Interest Holder may bring any action directly against any Third-Party Funding Contributor under this Litigation Settlement Trust or Declaration nor may any third party seize, attach, garnish or otherwise assert in any manner a lien or claim of any nature or origin to the Litigation Settlement Fund assets at any time.

(c) All costs and expenses associated with the Administration of the Litigation Settlement Trust, or the costs of administration of the Debtors' operations and Chapter

11 Cases shall be the responsibility of and paid by the Litigation Settlement Trust as approved and funded herein.

#### 1.4 Tax Matters.

- (a) Solely for tax purposes, the Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiaries and Reorganized Debtors (to the extent of its retained interest in the Litigation Settlement Trust for federal income tax purposes) (collectively, the "<u>Trust Tax Owners</u>") are treated as grantors and owners of the Litigation Settlement Trust pursuant to Section 671 et seq. of the Internal Revenue Code and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder (the "<u>Treasury Regulations</u>") and any similar provisions of state or local law. It is intended that the Litigation Settlement Trust be classified as a liquidating trust under Section 301.7701-4(d) of the Treasury Regulations.
- (b) For all federal, state and local income tax purposes, all persons (including, without limitation, the Debtors, the Trustees, and the Trust Tax Owners) shall take the position, subject to definitive guidance from the IRS or a court of competent jurisdiction to the contrary, that the transfer of assets to the Litigation Settlement Trust is a deemed transfer to the Trust Tax Owners (as of the Initial Distribution Date), followed by a deemed transfer by such Trust Tax Owners to the Litigation Settlement Trust.
- Trust Assets that is treated as having been transferred to each Trust Tax Owner pursuant to Section 1.4(b) hereof, and the fair market value of the portion of the Litigation Settlement Trust Assets that is treated for federal income tax purposes as having been transferred to any Trust Tax Owner or other distributee as a result of the allowance or disallowance of a Disputed Claim, shall be determined by the Litigation Settlement Trustees, and all persons (including, without limitation, the Litigation Settlement Trustees, the Trust Tax Owners, and the transferors, for tax purposes, of any assets transferred to the Litigation Settlement Trustees for all federal income tax purposes.
- (d) The Litigation Settlement Trustees shall allocate any items of income, gain, loss, deduction, and credit of the Litigation Settlement Trust for federal income tax purposes among current and/or former Trust Tax Owners, such allocation shall be binding on all current and former Trust Tax Owners for all federal, state, and local income tax purposes and the current and former Trust Tax Owners shall be responsible (on a current basis) for the payment of any federal, state, and local income tax due on the income and gain so allocated to them.

## 1.5 <u>Nature and Purpose of the Litigation Settlement Trust and Initial Trustee.</u>

(a) <u>Purpose</u>. Upon compliance with Section 3810 of the Delaware Statutory Trust Act, 12 <u>Del</u>. <u>C</u>., § 3801 et seq. (hereinafter the "<u>Act</u>"), the Litigation Settlement Trust shall be organized and established as a statutory trust pursuant to which the Litigation Settlement Trustees, subject to the terms and conditions contained herein and in a Confirmed Plan, is to (i) hold the assets of the Litigation Settlement Trust and dispose of the same in accordance with this Declaration and a Confirmed Plan in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 301.7701-4(d) and (ii) oversee and direct the expeditious but orderly liquidation of the

assets of the Litigation Settlement Trust received from time to time. Accordingly, the primary purpose of the Litigation Settlement Trust is to liquidate the Litigation Settlement Trust Claims and accomplish Payment in Full, with no objective to continue or engage in the conduct of a trade or business, except to the extent reasonably necessary to, and consistent with, the liquidating purpose of the Litigation Settlement Trust.

- (b) <u>Relationship</u>. This Declaration is intended to create a trust and a trust relationship and to be governed and construed in all respects as a trust under Texas law. The Litigation Settlement Trust is not intended to be, and shall not be deemed to be or treated as, a general partnership, limited partnership, joint venture, corporation, joint stock company or association, nor shall the Litigation Settlement Trustees, or the Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiaries, or any of them, for any purpose be, or be deemed to be or treated in any way whatsoever to be, liable or responsible hereunder as partners or joint venturers. The relationship of the Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiaries to the Litigation Settlement Trustees and the Litigation Settlement Trust Board shall be solely that of beneficiaries of a trust and shall not be deemed a principal or agency relationship, and their rights shall be limited to those conferred upon them by this Declaration and as set forth in the Confirmed Plan. In every event, the Trustees are not deemed in a fiduciary relationship to any Third-Party or any Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiaries and in every event shall only have liability for their actual fraud or gross misconduct established under clear and convincing evidence standards.
- (c) <u>Initial Trustee</u>: This Trust shall be initially administered by the Initial Trustee designated by the Third-Party Funding Contributors upon the initial funding. The sole duty of the Initial Trustee shall be to preserve all Trust Assets contributed by the Third-Party Funding Contributors, including cash, equity and control rights in not fewer than the four entities listed on Exhibit "C" including the new entity resulting from the Merger transaction between Free Speech Systems, LLC and the new entity. The Initial Trustee shall serve as the control person for each entity-asset of the Litigation Settlement Trust until the replacement two (2) Trustees are approved and commence service as Trustees under the provisions of this Trust, at which time the Initial Trustee shall resign and have no further rights or obligations under this Trust.
- 1.6 Incorporation of Confirmed Plan. Upon confirmation of a Plan, if any, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1129, the Confirmed Plan and the Confirmation Order are each hereby incorporated into this Declaration and made a part hereof by this reference; *provided, however*, to the extent that there is conflict between the provisions of this Declaration, the provisions of the Confirmed Plan, and/or the Confirmation Order, each such document shall have controlling effect in the following rank order: (i) this Declaration [which may not be modified or expanded by any Plan or Order unless fully agreed and consented to by all parties to this Declaration]; (ii) the Confirmation Order; and (iii) the Confirmed Plan; provided, however, nothing in any Confirmed Plan shall create a liability or obligation of any Third-Party Funding Contributor not expressly and in writing assumed; that is, a Confirmed Plan shall not compel payments of contributions by the Third-Party Funding Contributor not required under the Plan Support Agreement, nor grant a release until Payment in Full is reached.
- 1.7 <u>Appointment as Representative</u>.. Pursuant to this Declaration, and thereafter pursuant to section 1123(b)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Confirmed Plan appoints

the then-serving Litigation Settlement Trustees (as the duly appointed representative of the Debtors' Estates) and, as such, the Litigation Settlement Trustees succeeds to all of the rights and powers of a trustee in bankruptcy with respect to prosecution, sale, transfer, or other disposition, as applicable, of the Litigation Settlement Trust Claims for the ratable benefit of the Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiaries on all Litigation Trust Claims. To the extent that any Litigation Settlement Trust Claims cannot be transferred to the Litigation Settlement Trust because of a restriction on transferability under applicable non-bankruptcy law that is not superseded or preempted by section 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code or any other provision of the Bankruptcy Code, such Litigation Settlement Trust Claims shall be deemed to have been retained by Reorganized Debtors, and the Litigation Settlement Trustees shall be deemed to have been designated as a representative of the Estates pursuant to section 1123 (b)(3)(B) of the Bankruptcy Code to enforce, pursue, sale, transfer, or otherwise dispose of, as applicable, such Litigation Settlement Trust Claims on behalf of the Estates.

## ARTICLE 2 TRUSTEES

- 2.1 <u>Litigation Settlement Trustees</u>.. In accordance with this Litigation Settlement Trust, to be later incorporated in the Confirmed Plan and subject to the Confirmation Order, two individuals and citizens of the State of Texas are hereby named, constituted, and appointed as Litigation Settlement Trustees effective not later than 45 days after the date of funding and appointment of the Initial Trustee. Absence of such appointed Trustees, this Trust shall terminate, and all funds returned to the respective Third-Party Funding Contributor. Upon the appointment of the two Trustees, each shall promptly commence service and have all the rights, powers, and duties set forth herein and as otherwise provided by law including, which shall be broadly and liberally construed to accomplish the purpose of this Trust:
- (b) All of the powers and duties of managers of the Trust and of the Debtors for all purposes, including filing of any proceeding, case, suit, or other legal proceeding; operation of the Debtors as debtors, Debtors-in-Possession (with all rights and powers of a Trustee under 11 U.S.C. § 101, et. seq); and
- (c) All of the powers referenced, granted, or provided herein or as may be require to perform the duties of a Trustee provided herein and or in any proceeding brought under Title 11 U.S.C. ¶ 101 et. seq; and
- (d) All of the powers and duties provided under the laws of the State of Texas; and
  - (e) All of the powers and duties provided in the Confirmed Plan.

Each of the Litigation Settlement Trustees is willing and does hereby accept the appointment to act and serve as Litigation Settlement Trustees of the Litigation Settlement Trust.

(f) All other powers and duties set out in this Declaration, including those powers set out in §3.2 hereof.

- 2.2 <u>Third-Party Funding Contributor(s)</u>. In accordance with this Litigation Settlement Trust, to be incorporated in the Confirmed Plan and subject to the Confirmation Order, the Third-Party Funding Contributor(s) shall agree to contribute, from time to time for the purpose of the initial funding of the Litigation Settlement Trust and thereafter payment of all minimum balance of the Administrative Expenses (as that term is used in cases under 11 U.S.C.1101, et seq.) for the time provided herein, and thereafter, may agree to contribute, from time to time, sufficient funds to assure Payment in Full of all Litigation Settlement Trust Claims as may be provided in the Confirmed Plan, and until Termination as herein provided or until Payment in Full and recognition of the Resulting Releases to the Third-Party Contributor(s).
- Funding Contributors current financial information, operating information, assets or account information ("Information") as reasonably needed to determine that each Third-Party Funding Contributor is maintaining operations and business sufficient to not only maintain the minimum balance in the Litigation Settlement Trust, but also to Pay in Full, on such terms as may be incorporated the Confirmed Plan, so as reasonably to allow the Trustees to have adequate assurances of future performance of any required Payment Stream to accomplish Payment in Full. The Information shall be produced only under this provision, and to the extent that there is any disagreement on Information production requested, the Trustees may seek orders from any Federal Court having jurisdiction over the Litigation Settlement Trust. In every event the Information shall be held absolutely confidential and held pursuant to the confidentiality term of this Litigation Settlement Trust and such other confidentiality terms reasonably requested by the any Third-Party Funding Contributor and shall be received and held by the Trustees as "Trustees and Trustees' Professionals Eyes Only."
- (b) The Trustees shall not be subject to any subpoenas or efforts to pierce this confidentiality agreement other than the federal court having jurisdiction over the trust (this Trust being considered a Barton Doctrine Trust); provided, however, to the extent that the Litigation Claimants have formed a committee or a recognized *ad hoc* committee, and designated a representative of that committee (the "Committee Representative"), then in such event, the Trustees may, after disclosure to any Third-Party Funding Contributor with an opportunity to file any objections with any Federal Court having jurisdiction, allow such Committee Representative access to such Information upon execution of a sufficient confidentiality agreement to protect such Information for the purpose of Settlement, but not otherwise.
- (c) Nothing in this confidentiality agreement terms or other term in the Litigation Trust shall create any separate liability of any Third-Party Funding Contributor for any sums other than the obligation to maintain the Settlement Trust balances for payment of Administrative Expenses, including any Chapter 11 Administrative Expenses, but not otherwise unless agreed to in writing by any such Third-Party Funding Contributor.
- (d) Nothing in this § 2.2 replaces the terms and restriction on Information set out in Section 11.11.
- 2.3 <u>Tenure, Removal, and Replacement of the Litigation-Settlement and Litigation Settlement Trustees.</u>

- (a) The Litigation Settlement Trustees (each, a "<u>Trustee</u>" and, together, the "<u>Trustees</u>") will each serve until resignation and the appointment of a successor pursuant to subsection (b) below, removal pursuant to subsection (c) below, or death (if applicable).
- (b) A Trustee may resign by giving not less than 60 days' prior written notice to the Debtors, or post confirmation, to the Litigation Settlement Trust Board. Such resignation will become effective on the later to occur of: (i) the day specified in such notice and (ii) the appointment of a successor trustee as provided herein and the acceptance by such successor trustee of such appointment. If a successor trustee is not appointed or does not accept its appointment within 60 days following delivery of notice of resignation, the Litigation Settlement Trustee(s) may file a motion with the Bankruptcy Court or with the Delaware Court of Chancery (at the discretion of the Litigation Settlement Trustees and at the expense of the Litigation Settlement Trust), upon notice and hearing, for the appointment of a successor Trustee.
- (c) A Trustee may be removed by order of the Bankruptcy Court on motion of a majority of the members of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board. Any motion to remove a Trustee shall be "for cause" shown by clear and convincing evidence, and all costs and fees for the successful defense of any such action for cause shall be the obligation of the Litigation Settlement Trust.
- (d) In the event of a vacancy in the position of a Trustee (whether by removal, resignation, or (if applicable) death), the vacancy will be filled by the appointment of a successor trustee by (i) majority vote and resolution of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board, and the acceptance by the successor trustee in accordance with Section 2.3(e) or (ii) an order of the Bankruptcy Court after an opportunity for a hearing; provided, however, that only the Litigation Settlement Trust Board shall have standing to seek such an order, except as provided in Section 2.3(b). If a successor trustee is appointed by resolution, as provided in clause (i) of the preceding sentence, and such appointment is accepted by the successor trustee, the Litigation Settlement Trust Board shall file notice of such appointment and acceptance with the Bankruptcy Court, which notice will include the name, address, and telephone number of the successor trustee; provided that the filing of such notice shall not be a condition precedent to the vesting in the successor Trustee of all the estates, properties, rights, powers, trusts, and duties of its predecessor.
- (e) Any successor trustee appointed hereunder shall execute an instrument accepting such appointment and assuming all of the obligations of the predecessor Trustee hereunder and thereupon the successor trustee shall, without any further act, become vested with all the estates, properties, rights, powers, privileges, authorities, and duties of its predecessor in the Litigation Settlement Trust hereunder with like effect as if originally named herein and the successor trustee will not be liable personally for any act or omission of the predecessor Trustee.
- (f) Upon the appointment of a successor trustee, the predecessor Trustee (or the duly appointed legal representative of a deceased Trustee) shall, if applicable, when requested in writing by the successor trustee, execute and deliver an instrument or

instruments conveying and transferring to such successor trustee upon the trust herein expressed, without recourse to the predecessor Trustee, all the estates, properties, rights, powers, and trusts of such predecessor Trustee, and shall duly assign, transfer, and deliver to such successor trustee all property and money held hereunder, and all other assets and documents relating to the Litigation Settlement Trust, the Litigation Settlement Trust Claims, or the Litigation Settlement Trust Interests then in its possession and held hereunder.

- (g) During any period in which there is a vacancy in the position of a Trustee, the Litigation Settlement Trust Board may (to the extent permitted by the Act) appoint one of its members to serve as an interim Trustee, (the "Interim Trustee"). The Interim Trustee shall be subject to all the terms and conditions applicable to a Litigation Settlement Trustees hereunder. Such Interim Trustee shall not be limited in any manner from exercising any rights or powers as a member of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board merely by its appointment as Interim Trustee.
- (h) The death, resignation, retirement, removal, bankruptcy, dissolution, liquidation, incompetence, or incapacity to perform the duties of a Trustee shall not operate to dissolve, terminate, or annul the Litigation Settlement Trust.

### 2.4 <u>Compensation of the Trustees</u>.

- (a) As compensation, the Litigation Settlement Trustees shall be entitled to receive initially an hour rate set out below for all time involving Trustee services (or such other amount as agreed to from time to time by the Litigation Settlement Trustees and the Litigation Settlement Trust Board or as approved by the Bankruptcy Court, as the case may be), payable for the performance of services provided under and pursuant to this Declaration, and shall be reimbursed for all reasonable and documented expenses incurred in connection with the performance of its services hereunder.
- (b) The Litigation Settlement Trustees shall be entitled to receive compensation for services on an hourly rate, payable monthly on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of each month following the months such services were rendered, and shall be reimbursed for all reasonable and documented expenses incurred in connection with the performance of its services hereunder, or as may be ordered by the Bankruptcy Court
  - 2.5 No Bond. The Trustees shall serve without bond.
- 2.6 <u>Inquiries into Trustee's Authority</u>. Except as otherwise set forth in the Litigation Settlement Trust or in the Confirmed Plan, no Person dealing with the Litigation Settlement Trust shall be obligated to inquire into the authority of the Litigation Settlement Trustees in connection with the prosecution, protection, conservation, sale, or other disposition, as applicable, of the Litigation Settlement Trust Claims.

## ARTICLE 3 DUTIES AND LIMITATIONS OF TRUSTEES

3.1 <u>Role of the Litigation Settlement Trustees</u>. In furtherance of and consistent with the purpose of this Litigation Settlement Trust from execution date and as the

Confirmed Plan shall include, the Litigation Settlement Trustees, subject to the terms and conditions contained herein and later in the Confirmed Plan, shall, in an expeditious but orderly manner, liquidate and convert to Cash the assets of the Litigation Settlement Trust, engage in acts that would constitute ordinary performance of the obligations of a trustee under a liquidating litigation trust, make timely distributions of such Cash and not unduly prolong the duration of the Litigation Settlement Trust. The liquidation of the Litigation Settlement Trust Claims may be accomplished either through the prosecution, compromise and settlement, abandonment, dismissal, or other disposition of any or all claims, rights, or causes of action, or otherwise. In all circumstances, the Litigation Settlement Trustees shall act in the best interests of maximizing the value of the assets of the Litigation Settlement Trust for the Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiaries and in furtherance of the purpose of the Litigation Settlement Trust and shall, where required pursuant to the terms of this Declaration, consult with the Litigation Settlement Trust Board. All of the Litigation Settlement Trustees' decisions with respect to the pursuit or settlement of the Litigation Settlement Trust Claims shall be taken in good faith.

- 3.2 <u>Authority of Litigation Settlement Trustees</u>. Subject to any limitations contained herein (including, without limitation, Article 4 hereof) or in the Confirmed Plan, the Litigation Settlement Trustees shall have the full power, authority, and discretion to take any and all actions as are necessary or advisable to carry out its responsibilities hereunder and to effectuate the purposes of the Litigation Settlement Trust, including, without limitation:
- (a) full power, authority, and discretion to interpret, construe, and decide all questions and issues arising under any provision of this Declaration or of any agreement, notification, certificate, or document relating to or evidencing a Litigation Settlement Trust Interest (including, without limitation, the power, authority, and discretion to determine whether any particular holder or beneficial owner of a Litigation Settlement Trust Interest shall be entitled to exercise any right conferred hereunder or under any other relevant agreement, notification, certificate, document, or similar instrument), and the decisions of the Litigation Settlement Trustees with respect to all such matters shall be final, conclusive, and binding on all parties who have an interest in the Litigation Settlement Trust or any Litigation Settlement Trust Interest;
- (b) receiving (and accepting), managing, supervising, and protecting the assets of the Litigation Settlement Trust on behalf of and for the benefit of the Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiaries;
- Trust Beneficiaries in or arising from the assets of the Litigation Settlement Trust, and, in consultation with the Litigation Settlement Trust Board, protecting and enforcing the rights to the assets of the Litigation Settlement Trust vested in the Litigation Settlement Trustees by this Declaration by any method deemed appropriate, including, without limitation, by judicial proceedings or pursuant to any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, moratorium, or similar law, and general principles of equity;
- (d) in consultation with the Litigation Settlement Trust Board, filing, initiating, prosecuting, and if necessary and appropriate, selling, compromising and settling, abandoning, or dismissing the Litigation Settlement Trust Claims;

- (e) in consultation with the Litigation Settlement Trust Board, commencing and/or pursuing any and all actions involving assets of the Litigation Settlement Trust that could arise or be asserted at any time, unless otherwise waived or relinquished in the Confirmed Plan;
- (f) distributing to some or all of the Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiaries (as deemed appropriate by the Litigation Settlement Trustees) information regarding the Litigation Settlement Trust Claims and executing confidentiality agreements with such Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiaries satisfactory to the Litigation Settlement Trustees in connection therewith, and the Litigation Settlement Trustees shall have the full power, authority, and discretion to withhold or restrict the delivery of any such information to any Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiary if the Litigation Settlement Trustees determines in its reasonable discretion that such action is in the best interests of the Litigation Settlement Trust;
- (g) making all necessary filings in accordance with any applicable law, statute or regulation, and in consultation with counsel, seeking any advice or determination that may be necessary or appropriate under any such laws, statutes, or regulations;
- (h) executing and filing one or more registration statements and prospectuses (including any amendments or supplements thereto) under the Securities Act (if applicable) relating to the Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficial Interests and the preparation and filing of all periodic and other reports, forms, and other filings required under the Exchange Act and any other applicable federal or state securities laws;
- (i) taking of any action to cause the Litigation Settlement Trust to not be deemed an Investment Company under the Investment Act or subject to the Trust Indenture Act;
- (j) calculating and implementing of all distributions to be made to the Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiaries;
- (k) filing of all required tax and information returns and paying of taxes and all other obligations of the Litigation Settlement Trust;
- (l) requesting any appropriate tax determination with respect to the Litigation Settlement Trust;
- (m) paying all expenses and making all other payments relating to any assets of the Litigation Settlement Trust;
- (n) obtaining insurance coverage with respect to (i) the liabilities and obligations of the Trustees under this Agreement (in the form of an errors and omissions policy or otherwise) and (ii) real and personal property, which may become assets of the Litigation Settlement Trust, if any;
- (o) in consultation with the Litigation Settlement Trust Board, negotiating, receiving, or accepting of the assignment or transfer of claims, rights, suits,

judgments, causes of action, recoveries and/or proceeds therefrom, from the holders thereof, to the extent that an assignment and/or transfer to the Litigation Settlement Trust is deemed to be in the best interests of maximizing the value of the assets of the Litigation Settlement Trust for the Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiaries;

- (p) in consultation with the Litigation Settlement Trust Board, determining the amount of consideration to be provided for the assignment or transfer of claims, rights, suits, judgments, causes of action, recoveries, and/or proceeds therefrom;
- (q) in consultation with the Litigation Settlement Trust Board, compromising, adjusting, arbitrating, suing on or defending, abandoning, or otherwise dealing with and settling claims in favor of or against the Litigation Settlement Trust as the Litigation Settlement Trustees shall deem advisable;
- (r) determining and satisfying any and all liabilities created, incurred or assumed by the Litigation Settlement Trust;
- (s) in consultation with the Litigation Settlement Trust Board, retaining and paying such law firms, accounting firms, experts, advisors, consultants, investigators, appraisers, agents, employees, or other professionals and third parties as the Litigation Settlement Trustees may deem necessary or appropriate to assist the Litigation Settlement Trustees in carrying out the Litigation Settlement Trustees's powers and duties under this Declaration. The Litigation Settlement Trustees may commit the Litigation Settlement Trust to and shall pay all persons or entities retained or employed by the Litigation Settlement Trust reasonable compensation for services rendered and reasonable expenses incurred;
- (t) investing any moneys held as part of the assets of the Litigation Settlement Trust in accordance with, and subject to the limitations of, the terms of Section 3.7 and 3.8 hereof;
- (u) performing such other responsibilities as may be vested in the Litigation Settlement Trustees pursuant to the Confirmed Plan, this Declaration, orders of the Bankruptcy Court, or as may be necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of the Confirmed Plan; and
- (v) conducting the affairs of the Litigation Settlement Trust and operating the Litigation Settlement Trust so that the Litigation Settlement Trust will not fail to be classified as a liquidating trust within the meaning of Treasury Regulation 301.7701-4(d).

## 3.3 Payment of Litigation Settlement Trust Expenses.

(a) The Litigation Settlement Trustees shall maintain the Litigation-Settlement Expense Fund and expend the assets of the Litigation-Settlement Expense Fund as are reasonably necessary to meet contingent liabilities and to maintain the value of the assets of the Litigation Settlement Trust during liquidation, and to pay reasonable administrative expenses (including but not limited to, (i) costs and expenses of the Litigation Settlement Trustees, (ii) reasonable fees, costs, and expenses of professionals retained by the Litigation Settlement Trustees, (iii) the expenses of members of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board permitted under

this Declaration, (iv) any taxes imposed on the Litigation Settlement Trust, (v) fees and expenses in connection with, arising out of or related to the Litigation Settlement Trust Claims or the performance by the Litigation Settlement Trustees of his duties hereunder in accordance with this Declaration, and (vi) to satisfy other liabilities incurred or assumed by the Litigation Settlement Trust (or to which the assets are otherwise subject) in accordance with the Confirmed Plan or this Declaration (collectively the "Litigation Trust Expenses").

- (b) The Litigation Settlement Trustees may retain from the Litigation Settlement Trust Proceeds and add to the Litigation-Settlement Expense Fund, at any time and from time to time, such amounts as the Litigation Settlement Trustees deems reasonable and appropriate to ensure that the Litigation-Settlement Expense Fund will be adequate to meet the expenses and liabilities described in Section 3.3(a).
- (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Declaration to the contrary, the Litigation Settlement Trustees shall not be required to take any action or enter into or maintain any claim, demand, action, or proceeding relating to the Litigation Settlement Trust unless it shall have sufficient funds in the Litigation-Settlement Expense Fund for that purpose.

#### 3.4 Books and Records.

- (a) The Litigation Settlement Trustees shall maintain in respect of the Litigation Settlement Trust and the Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiaries, books and records relating to the assets and income of the Litigation Settlement Trust and the payment of expenses of, and liabilities of claims against or assumed by, the Litigation Settlement Trust in such detail and for such period of time as may be necessary to enable the Litigation Settlement Trustees to make full and proper accounting in respect thereof in accordance with the provisions hereof and to comply with applicable provisions of law. Nothing in this Declaration requires the Litigation Settlement Trustees to file any accounting or seek approval of any court with respect to the administration of the Litigation Settlement Trust, or as a condition for any payment or distribution out of the assets of the Litigation Settlement Trust.
- (b) Upon distribution of all Litigation-Settlement Proceeds and all other Cash from the Litigation Settlement Trust or the termination of the Litigation Settlement Trust, the Litigation Settlement Trustees shall retain the books, records, and files which shall have been delivered to or created by the Litigation Settlement Trustees.
- 3.5 <u>Compliance with Laws</u>. Any and all distributions of assets of the Litigation Settlement Trust and proceeds of borrowings, if any, shall be in compliance with applicable laws, including, without limitation, applicable federal and state securities laws.
- 3.6 <u>Reliance by Litigation Settlement Trustees</u>. Except as otherwise provided herein:
- (a) the Litigation Settlement Trustees may rely, and shall be protected in acting upon, any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, consent, order, or other paper or document believed by the Litigation Settlement Trustees to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper party or parties;

- (b) persons dealing with the Litigation Settlement Trustees shall look only to the assets of the Litigation Settlement Trust to satisfy any liability incurred by the Litigation Settlement Trustees to such Person in carrying out the terms of this Declaration, and neither the Litigation Settlement Trustees nor any member of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board shall have any personal obligation to satisfy any such liability; and
- (c) the Litigation Settlement Trustees shall have the right at any time to seek instructions concerning the administration of this Declaration from the Bankruptcy Court or, in the event that the Bankruptcy Cases are closed, any Delaware Court of Chancery.
- Investment and Safekeeping of Litigation Settlement Trust Assets. The Litigation Settlement Trustees shall invest all assets transferred to the Litigation Settlement Trustees (other than Litigation Settlement Trust Claims), all Litigation Settlement Trust Proceeds, the Litigation-Settlement Expense Fund and all income earned by the Litigation Settlement Trust (pending periodic distributions in accordance with the provisions of the Confirmed Plan) only in cash demand and time deposits, such as short-term certificates of deposit, in banks or other savings institutions, or other temporary, liquid investments, such as Treasury bills; provided, however, that (i) the scope of any such permissible investments shall be limited to include only those investments, or shall be expanded to include any additional investments, as the case may be, that a liquidating trust within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 301.7701-4(d) may be permitted to hold, pursuant to the Treasury Regulations, or any modification in the guidelines of the IRS, whether set forth in IRS rulings, other IRS pronouncements or otherwise, (ii) under no circumstances, shall the Litigation Settlement Trustees segregate the assets of the Litigation Settlement Trust on the basis of classification of the holders of Litigation Settlement Trust Interests, other than in accordance with the provisions of the Confirmed Plan, and (iii) the Litigation Settlement Trustees shall not "vary the investment" of the Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiaries, within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 301.7701-4(c).
- Limitation of Litigation Settlement Trustees's Authority. 3.8 Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Litigation Settlement Trustees shall not (i) be authorized to engage in any trade or business, (ii) take such actions inconsistent with the prompt and orderly liquidation of the assets of the Litigation Settlement Trust as are required or contemplated by applicable law, the Confirmed Plan, and this Declaration, (iii) be authorized to engage in any activities inconsistent with the treatment of the Litigation Settlement Trust as a liquidating trust within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 301.7701-4(d) and in accordance with Rev. Proc. 94-45, 1994-2 C.B. 684, or (iv) take any action to cause the Litigation Settlement Trust to be treated as a publicly traded partnership within the meaning of Section 7704 of the Internal Revenue Code, including, without limitation, any action to cause the Litigation Settlement Trust Interests, or any of them, to be traded on an established securities market or to be readily tradeable on a secondary market or the substantial equivalent thereof (if and only to the extent such limitation described in this clause (iv) is required to qualify and maintain the qualification of the Litigation Settlement Trust as a liquidating trust within the meaning of Treasury Regulation 301.7701-4(d)).
  - 3.9 <u>Responsibilities of the Litigation Settlement Trustees.</u>

- (a) The Litigation Settlement Trustees shall have no obligation or duty to manage the assets of the Litigation Settlement Trust or to take any other act except as expressly required hereunder. The Litigation Settlement Trustees's duties shall be limited to the following:
  - i. serve as registered agent for service of process for the Litigation Settlement Trust under Section 3804(b) of the Act;
  - ii. serve as the Delaware resident trustee under Section 3807(a) of the Act;
  - iii. maintain the registered office of the Litigation Settlement Trust and forward to the Litigation Settlement Trustees within a reasonable time any process served upon it; and
  - iv. perform all other requirements so that the Litigation Settlement Trust qualifies as a Delaware statutory trust under the Act.
- (b) The Litigation Settlement Trustees shall not have any duty or obligation with respect to the Litigation Settlement Trust Claims or any other assets of the Litigation Settlement Trust except as otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement, and the Litigation Settlement Trustees shall be a trustee of the Litigation Settlement Trust for the sole and limited purpose of fulfilling the requirements of Section 3807 of the Act. No implied duties or obligations shall be read into this Agreement against the Litigation Settlement Trustees. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Litigation Settlement Trustees deems necessary, convenient, or incidental to effect the purposes of the Litigation Settlement Trust, all as set forth in written instructions from the Litigation Settlement Trustees in accordance with this Declaration. The right of the Litigation Settlement Trustees to perform any act enumerated herein shall not be construed as a duty.
- 3.10 Standard of Care; Exculpation. To the fullest extent permitted by law, neither the Litigation Settlement Trustees persons acting under the direction of the Litigation Settlement Trustees, nor any of their respective members, designees or professionals, nor any of their duly designated agents or representatives, shall be liable, responsible, or accountable in damages or otherwise for any loss, damage, or claim incurred by reason of any act or omission taken or omitted to be taken by the other Trustee or such Trustee's agents or representatives, nor shall the Litigation Settlement Trustees or the Litigation Settlement Trustees be liable, responsible, or accountable in damages or otherwise for any loss, damage, or claim incurred by reason of any act or omission taken or omitted to be taken by either such Trustee in good faith other than acts or omissions resulting from each such Trustee's own bad faith, willful misconduct, gross negligence, actual fraud, or knowing violation of law determined by clear and convincing evidence. Each of the Litigation Settlement Trustees and each of their respective members may, in connection with the performance of their respective functions, and in each of their sole and absolute discretion, consult with their respective attorneys, accountants, financial advisors, and agents, and shall not be liable for any act taken, omitted to be taken, or suffered to be done in accordance with advice or opinions rendered by such Persons. Notwithstanding such

authority, neither the Litigation Settlement Trustees nor the Litigation Settlement Trustees nor any of their respective members shall be under any obligation to consult with their respective attorneys, accountants, financial advisors, or agents, and the good faith determination not to do so shall not result in the imposition of liability on either of the Litigation Settlement Trustees or, as applicable, their respective members or designees, unless such determination is based on bad faith, willful misconduct, gross negligence, or knowing violation of law. As provided herein, the Litigation Settlement Trustees shall not be in a fiduciary relationship in any respect, such relationship being expressly disclaimed by this Declaration.

# ARTICLE 4 LITIGATION SETTLEMENT TRUST BOARD PROVIDED IN THE PLAN

- 4.1 <u>Litigation Settlement Trust Board</u>. The Litigation Settlement Trust Board shall, if a Confirmed Plan occurs, be comprised of three Persons. The initial members of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board shall be appointed as described in and in accordance with the Confirmed Plan. Successor members of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board shall be appointed as described in <u>Section 4.7</u> below. The Litigation Settlement Trust Board shall be in all respect advisory only and shall not have the power or authority to direct or instruct the Trustees, provided, however, Litigation Settlement Trust Board acting by a majority of members, shall have standing to bring actions only in the bankruptcy court to enforce the provisions of the Confirmed Plan, but not otherwise.
- Litigation Authority of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board. The 4.2 Settlement Trust Board shall have the post-confirmation authority and responsibility to oversee, review, and guide and advise, but not direct or instruct, the activities and performance of the Litigation Settlement Trustees and shall have the authority to remove the Litigation Settlement Trustees in accordance with Section 2.3 "for cause" only. The Litigation Settlement Trustees shall reasonably consult with and provide information reasonably requested from to the Litigation Settlement Trust Board in accordance with and pursuant to the terms of the Confirmed Plan. At the sole expense of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board, it shall have the authority to select and engage such Persons, and select and engage such professional advisors, including, without limitation, any professional previously retained by the Debtors in accordance with the terms of the Confirmed Plan and this Declaration, as the Litigation Settlement Trust Board deems necessary and desirable to assist the Litigation Settlement Trust Board in fulfilling its obligations under the Confirmed Plan, and the Litigation Settlement Trustees may pay the reasonable fees of such Persons (including on an hourly, contingency, or modified contingency basis) and reimburse such Persons for their reasonable and documented out-of-pocket costs and expenses consistent with the terms of the Confirmed Plan if in the exclusive discretion of the Trustees such payment reimburses work in and for the actual benefit to the Litigation Trust Estate . All of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board's decisions with respect to the pursuit or settlement of the Litigation Settlement Trust Claims shall be taken in good faith and reflect their duties to use their best efforts to pursue only the legitimate issues and concerns of Trust performance.
  - 4.3 Meetings of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board.

- (a) Regular meetings of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board are to be held with such frequency and at such place as the members of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board may determine in their reasonable discretion, but in no event shall such meetings be held less frequently than quarterly. The Litigation Settlement Trustees shall attend and participate in these regularly scheduled meetings. The Litigation Settlement Trust Board shall establish by resolution the time or times and place or places for the holding of such meetings. Notice of any such regular meetings of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board need not be given.
- (b) Special meetings of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board may be held whenever and wherever called by the Litigation Settlement Trustees or any two members of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board. The Litigation Settlement Trustees shall attend and participate in any special meeting called by the Litigation Settlement Trustees and any other special meeting as requested by at least one member of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board.
- Notice and Waiver of Notice for Litigation Settlement Trustees and 4.4 Litigation Settlement Trust Board. Notice of the time and place (but not necessarily the purpose or all of the purposes) of any special meeting, or any change in time or place of a regular meeting, will be given to the Litigation Settlement Trustees and the members of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board in person or by telephone, or via mail, electronic mail, or facsimile transmission. Notice to the Litigation Settlement Trustees and the members of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board of any such special meeting or change in a regular meeting will be deemed given sufficiently in advance when (i) if given by electronic mail or facsimile transmission, the same is transmitted at least one business day prior to the convening of the meeting, or (ii) if personally delivered (including by overnight courier) or given by telephone, the same is handed, or the substance thereof is communicated over the telephone to the Litigation Settlement Trustees and the members of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board or to an adult member of his/her office staff or household, at least one business day prior to the convening of the meeting. Each of the Litigation Settlement Trustees and any member of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board may waive notice of any meeting and any adjournment thereof at any time before, during, or after it is held, as provided by law. Except as provided in the next sentence below, the waiver must be in writing, signed by the Litigation Settlement Trustees or the applicable member or members of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board entitled to the notice, and filed with the minutes or records of the Litigation Settlement Trust. The attendance of the Litigation Settlement Trustees or a member of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except when the person attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting, at the beginning of the meeting, to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

### 4.5 <u>Manner of Acting.</u>

(a) A majority of the total number of members of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board then in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board. The affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board present and entitled to vote at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board, except as otherwise required by law or as provided in this Declaration.

- (b) Each of the Litigation Settlement Trustees and any or all of the members of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board may participate in a regular or special meeting by, or conduct the meeting through the use of, conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting may hear each other, in which case any required notice of such meeting may generally describe the arrangements (rather than or in addition to the place) for the holding thereof. Each of the Litigation Settlement Trustees and any member of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board participating in a meeting by this means is deemed to be present in person at the meeting. Voting may, if approved by the majority of the members at a meeting, be conducted by electronic mail or individual communications by the Litigation Settlement Trustees and each member of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board.
- (c) Any member of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board who is present and entitled to vote at a meeting of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board when action is taken is deemed to have assented to the action taken, subject to the requisite vote of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board, unless: (i) such member of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board objects at the beginning of the meeting (or promptly upon his/her arrival) to holding it or transacting business at the meeting; or (ii) his/her dissent or abstention from the action taken is entered in the minutes of the meeting; or (iii) he/she delivers written notice (including by electronic or facsimile transmission) of his/her dissent or abstention to the Litigation Settlement Trust Board before its adjournment. The right of dissent or abstention is not available to any member of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board who votes in favor of the action taken.
- (d) Prior to the taking of a vote on any matter or issue or the taking of any action with respect to any matter or issue, each of the Litigation Settlement Trustees and each member of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board shall report to the Litigation Settlement Trust Board any conflict of interest such member has or may have with respect to the matter or issue at hand and fully disclose the nature of such conflict or potential conflict (including, without limitation, disclosing any and all financial or other pecuniary interests that such member might have with respect to or in connection with such matter or issue, other than solely as, or as a representative of, a Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiary). A Litigation Settlement Trust Board member who has or who may have a conflict of interest shall be deemed to be a "conflicted member" who shall not be entitled to vote or take part in any action with respect to such matter or issue (however such member shall be counted for purposes of determining the existence of a quorum); the vote or action with respect to such matter or issue shall be undertaken only by members of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board who are not "conflicted members."
- 4.6 <u>Litigation Settlement Trust Board's Action Without a Meeting</u>. Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Litigation Settlement Trust Board at a meeting may be taken without a meeting if the action is taken by unanimous written consent of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board as evidenced by one or more written consents describing the action taken, signed by all members of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board and recorded in the minutes or other transcript of proceedings of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board.
- 4.7 <u>Tenure, Removal, and Replacement of the Members of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board.</u> The authority of the members of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board will be effective as of the Effective Date and will remain and continue in full force and effect

until the Litigation Settlement Trust is terminated in accordance with <u>Article 9</u>. The service of the members of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board will be subject to the following:

- (a) the members of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board will serve until death or resignation pursuant to subsection (b) below, or removal pursuant to subsection (c) below.
- (b) a member of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board may resign at any time by providing a written notice of resignation to the remaining members of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board. Such resignation will be effective upon the date received by the Litigation Settlement Trust Board or such later date specified in the written notice.
- (c) members of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board may be removed as follows:
  - i. the member originally selected by the Debtors' Committee (the "Committee Board Member" or "Committee Representative") may be removed by the affirmative vote of the then-current Eligible Holders holding at least a majority of the Litigation Settlement Trust Interests;
  - ii. the Trustees or the Committee Representative may petition the Bankruptcy Court for removal, and the Bankruptcy Court may order such removal, of any member of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board for cause shown.
- (d) In the event of a vacancy on the Litigation Settlement Trust Board (whether by removal, death, or resignation), new members may be appointed to fill such vacancy.
- (e) For purposes of this Declaration, "<u>Eligible Holder</u>" means each Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiary in the Litigation Settlement Trust.
- (f) If there are no Eligible Holders of Litigation Settlement Trust Interests to select as a member of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board, the Litigation Settlement Trust Board shall proceed without a member selected by that class.
- (g) Only persons who are nominated in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Litigation Settlement Trust Agreement shall be eligible to serve as a replacement as the case may be, of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board. Nominations of persons for election as a replacement member of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board may be made by any Eligible Holder of Litigation Settlement Trust Interests who (i) is an interest holder of record both as of the record date established by the Litigation Settlement Trustees for such purpose and at the time of giving of notice provided for in this Section 4.7(g), (ii) shall be entitled to vote for the election of a replacement member of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board and (iii) complies with the notice procedures set forth in this Section 4.7(f). Such nominations shall be made pursuant to timely notice in writing to the Litigation Settlement Trustees. To be timely, an interest holder's notice shall be delivered to or mailed and received by the Litigation Settlement Trustees at the address set forth herein not later than the close of business on the calendar day prior to the date established by the Litigation Settlement Trustees

for such purpose. Such interest holder's notice shall set forth (A) as to the person whom the interest holder proposes to nominate for election as a replacement member of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board detailed information relating to the qualifications of such person to serve as a member of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board, including such person's written consent to being named as a nominee and to serving as a member of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board if elected and being bound by the terms and conditions of this Declaration, and the number of Litigation Settlement Trust Interests owned beneficially and/or of record by such individual or any Person affiliated with such individual; and (B) as to the Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiary giving the notice (i) the name and address, as they appear on the Litigation Settlement Trust Registrar, of such Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiary and (ii) the number of Litigation Settlement Trust Interests owned beneficially and/or of record by such by such Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiary. No person shall be eligible to serve as a Board Member of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board unless nominated in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section 4.7(f).

- (h) Following the receipt of nominations for a replacement a Board Member, of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board in accordance with Section 4.7(f), the Litigation Settlement Trustees shall mail a ballot to all Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiaries who are entitled to vote in the election of the replacement member of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board. With respect to the election of a replacement member of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board, each Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiary shall be entitled to one vote for each outstanding Litigation Settlement Trust Interest held by such Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiary and such Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiary shall submit such vote in accordance with the procedures established from time to time by the Litigation Settlement Trustees.
- (i) Immediately upon the appointment of any successor member of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board, all rights, powers, duties, authority, and privileges of the predecessor member of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board hereunder will be vested in and undertaken by the successor member of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board without any further act; and the successor member of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board will not be liable personally for any act or omission of the predecessor member of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board.
- 4.8 <u>Compensation of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board.</u> Each member of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board shall be paid the amount of \$2,500.00 per quarter, plus \$250.00 per meeting from proceeds of the Litigation Settlement Trust, when such member is required to attend a Litigation Settlement Trust Board meeting in person, as compensation for his or her services under this Agreement, and shall be reimbursed for all reasonable and documented expenses incurred by such member in connection with the performance of his or her services hereunder. The Litigation Settlement Trust shall have no further obligation for payment or reimbursement under this section to any member of Litigation Settlement Trust Board.
- 4.9 <u>Standard of Care; Exculpation</u>. To the fullest extent permitted by law, none of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board, its members, designees or professionals, nor any of their duly designated agents or representatives, shall be liable, responsible, or accountable in damages or otherwise for any loss, damage, or claim incurred by reason of any act or omission

taken or omitted to be taken by any other member, agent or representative of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board, nor shall the Litigation Settlement Trust Board or any of its members be liable, responsible, or accountable in damages or otherwise for any loss, damage, or claim incurred by reason of any act or omission taken or omitted to be taken by the Litigation Settlement Trust Board in good faith using its best efforts, other than acts or omissions resulting from the Litigation Settlement Trust Board's bad faith, willful misconduct, gross negligence, or knowing violation of law. The Litigation Settlement Trust Board and each of its members may, in connection with the performance of their respective functions, and in each of their sole and absolute discretion, consult with its attorneys, accountants, financial advisors, and agents, and shall not be liable for any act taken, omitted to be taken, or suffered to be done in good faith in accordance with advice or opinions rendered by such Persons. Notwithstanding such authority, neither the Litigation Settlement Trust Board nor any of its members shall be under any obligation to consult with their respective attorneys, accountants, financial advisors or agents, and its good faith determination not to do so shall not result in the imposition of liability on the Litigation Settlement Trust Board or, as applicable, its members or designees, unless such determination is based on bad faith, willful misconduct, gross negligence, or knowing violation of law.

## ARTICLE 5 LITIGATION SETTLEMENT TRUST INTERESTS

5.1 <u>Issuance of Litigation Settlement Trust Interests</u>. The issuance of the Litigation Settlement Trust Interests, shall be accomplished as set forth in the Confirmed Plan, including, and in every event shall be based on the filing of a Proof of Claim in these respective Debtor's case (an "Interest").

### 5.2 <u>Interests Beneficial Only</u>.

- (a) The ownership of a Litigation Settlement Trust Interest shall not entitle any Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiary to any title in or to the assets of the Litigation Settlement Trust as such (which title shall be vested in the Litigation Settlement Trustees) or to any right to call for a partition or division of the assets of the Litigation Settlement Trust or to require an accounting.
- (b) The Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiaries have no rights with respect to, or interest in the Debtors (or any successor thereto).
- (c) The Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiaries have no rights to direct the Litigation Settlement Trustees, the Litigation Settlement Trustees, or the Litigation Settlement Trust Board, except as set forth in Section 5.8 herein.
- (d) (i) The Litigation Settlement Trust Claims are solely assets of the Litigation Settlement Trust; (ii) the Litigation Settlement Trust Claims shall be conducted on behalf of the Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiaries solely in accordance with the instructions of the Litigation Settlement Trustees pursuant to this Declaration; (iii) the Litigation Settlement Trustees shall have the sole and exclusive right (subject to consultation with the Litigation Settlement Trust Board as set forth herein), to take (or not take), actions relating to such

Litigation Settlement Trust Claims as contemplated by this Declaration and may, among other things, dismiss, settle, or cease prosecuting such Litigation Settlement Trust Claims at any time without obtaining any cash or other recovery, or upon obtaining such cash or other recovery as the Litigation Settlement Trustees may determine; (iv) the Litigation Settlement Trustees has the sole and exclusive right (subject to consultation with the Litigation Settlement Trust Board as set forth herein), to take or not take other actions contemplated by this Declaration on behalf of the Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiaries relating to such Litigation Settlement Trust Claims (including, without limitation, any decision with respect to the incurrence of expenses); and (v) any liability of the Litigation Settlement Trustees, or any member of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board, is limited to the extent set forth in this Declaration.

- 5.3 Evidence of Beneficial Interests. The Litigation Settlement Trustees shall have full power, authority and discretion to determine whether ownership of any Litigation Settlement Trust Interest shall be represented by physical certificates, by book entries in lieu of physical certificates, or in any other form or manner. Regardless of such determination, the record holders of the Litigation Settlement Trust Interests shall be recorded and set forth in the Litigation Settlement Trust Register maintained by the Litigation Settlement Trust Registrar expressly for such purpose pursuant to Section 5.5. All references in this Declaration to Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiaries shall be read to mean holders of record as set forth in the official register maintained by the Litigation Settlement Trust Registrar and shall not mean any beneficial owner not recorded on such official register. Unless expressly provided herein, the Litigation Settlement Trustees may establish a record date, which the Litigation Settlement Trustees deems practicable for determining the holders for a particular purpose.
- (b) In the event certificates are to be issued to evidence ownership of any Litigation Settlement Trust Interests, (i) the form and content of such certificates shall be determined by the Litigation Settlement Trustees subject to approval by the Litigation Settlement Trust Board, and (ii) the Litigation Settlement Trustees shall cause to be placed on such certificates such legends as it deems to be necessary or appropriate under tax laws or regulations, securities laws or regulations or otherwise. Any Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiary to whom such a certificate is issued or transferred, by virtue of the acceptance thereof, shall assent to and be bound by the terms and conditions of this Declaration and the Confirmed Plan.

#### 5.4 Securities Law Matters.

(a) To the extent the Litigation Settlement Trust Interests are deemed to be "securities," the issuance of Litigation Settlement Trust Interests under the Confirmed Plan are exempt, pursuant to Section 1145 of the Bankruptcy Code, from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and any applicable state and local laws requiring registration of securities. If the Litigation Settlement Trustees determines, with the advice of counsel, that the Litigation Settlement Trust is required to comply with registration and reporting requirements of the Exchange Act, then the Litigation Settlement Trustees shall take any and all actions deemed necessary or appropriate by the Litigation Settlement Trustees to comply with such registration and reporting requirements, if any, and to file periodic reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). Notwithstanding the foregoing procedure, nothing in the Confirmed Plan shall be deemed to preclude the Litigation Settlement Trustees from amending this Declaration to make such changes as deemed necessary or appropriate by the Litigation

Settlement Trustees, with the advice of counsel, to ensure that the Litigation Settlement Trust is not subject to registration or reporting requirements of the Exchange Act, the Trust Indenture Act, or the Investment Company Act.

- (b) Exemptions may be sought from the SEC from all or some of the registration and reporting requirements that may be applicable to the Litigation Settlement Trust pursuant to the Exchange Act, the Trust Indenture Act, or the Investment Company Act, if it is determined that compliance with such requirements would be burdensome on the Litigation Settlement Trust.
- (c) The Litigation Settlement Trust is organized as a liquidating entity in the process of liquidation, and therefore should not be considered, and the Litigation Settlement Trust does not and will not hold itself out as, an "investment company" or any entity "controlled" by an "investment company," as such terms are defined in the Investment Company Act.

#### 5.5 Transfer and Exchange.

- (a) The Litigation Settlement Trustees shall appoint a Litigation Settlement Trust Registrar, which may be the Litigation Settlement Trustees, for the purpose of registering and transferring the Litigation Settlement Trust Interests as herein provided. The Litigation Settlement Trust Registrar may be a duly qualified institution or the Litigation Settlement Trustees itself. For its services hereunder, the Litigation Settlement Trust Registrar, unless it is the Litigation Settlement Trustees, shall be entitled to receive reasonable compensation from the Litigation Settlement Trust as an expense of the Litigation Settlement Trust.
- (b) The Litigation Settlement Trustees shall cause to be kept at the office of the Litigation Settlement Trust Registrar, or at such other place or places as shall be designated by it from time to time, the Litigation Settlement Trust Register. The Litigation Settlement Trust Register shall contain the names, addresses for payment and notice, and number of Litigation Settlement Trust Interests of each of the Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiaries and shall be maintained pursuant to such reasonable regulations as the Litigation Settlement Trustees and the Litigation Settlement Trust Registrar may prescribe.
- (c) Pursuant to such reasonable regulations as the Litigation Settlement Trustees and the Litigation Settlement Trust Registrar may prescribe, and subject to the Litigation Settlement Trustees' review and approval of any such proposed transaction in its sole and absolute discretion, the Litigation Settlement Trustees may permit to be transferred, assigned, pledged, hypothecated, or registered on the Litigation Settlement Trust Register any Litigation Settlement Trust Interests issued pursuant to this Declaration. Subject to the review and approval of any such proposed transaction by the Litigation Settlement Trustees and the other limitations set forth herein, any registered Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiary may transfer, assign, pledge, or hypothecate, in whole or in part, Litigation Settlement Trust Interests upon presentation of a duly executed written instrument of transfer in the form approved by the Litigation Settlement Trust Registrar, which instrument must be executed by the transferor and the transferee and must clearly identify the Litigation

Settlement Trust Interests being transferred, assigned, pledged, or hypothecated, and such other documents as they may reasonably require. The transferor shall pay reasonable transfer charges established by the Litigation Settlement Trustees or the Litigation Settlement Trust Registrar for the purpose of reimbursing the Litigation Settlement Trust and the Litigation Settlement Trust Registrar for the expense's incident thereto, including any legal fees, taxes, or other governmental charges.

- (d) No Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiary may transfer, assign, pledge, hypothecate, or otherwise dispose of any Litigation Settlement Trust Interests unless in compliance with the Securities Act and other state and federal securities laws. No transfer, assignment, pledge, hypothecation, or other disposition of a Litigation Settlement Trust Interest may be effected until (i) the Litigation Settlement Trustees has approved such proposed transaction in its sole and absolute discretion, and (ii) the Litigation Settlement Trustees and the Litigation Settlement Trust Board shall have received such legal or other information that they, in their sole discretion, deem necessary or appropriate to evidence such compliance.
- (e) In the event that the Litigation Settlement Trustees determines that the Litigation Settlement Trust Interests shall be represented by physical certificates, subject to the foregoing conditions of this Section 5.5, whenever any certificate shall be presented for transfer or exchange, the Litigation Settlement Trustees shall cause the Litigation Settlement Trust Registrar to issue, authenticate, and deliver in exchange therefor, the certificate for the Litigation Settlement Trust Interest(s) that the person(s) presenting such certificates shall be entitled to receive.
- In the event that the Litigation Settlement Trustees determines that the Litigation Settlement Trust Interests shall be represented by physical certificates, if a Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiary claims that his/her certificate (the "Original Certificate") has been mutilated, defaced, lost, stolen, or destroyed, the Litigation Settlement Trustees shall issue, and the Litigation Settlement Trust Registrar shall authenticate, a replacement certificate if such Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiary submits a notarized affidavit certifying that (i) he/she is the true, lawful, present, and sole owner of the Original Certificate, (ii) he/she has diligently searched all of his/her financial and other records and the Original Certificate is nowhere to be found, (iii) the Original Certificate and any rights or interests therein were not endorsed, and have not been pledged, sold, delivered, transferred, or assigned under any agreement, hypothecated or pledged for any loan, or disposed of in any manner by the Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiary or on his/her behalf, (iv) no other person or other entity has any right, title, claim, equity, or interest in, to, or respecting the Original Certificate, and (v) in the event of the recovery of the Original Certificate at any time after the issuance of a new certificate in exchange thereof, the Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiary will cause the recovered Original Certificate to be returned to the Litigation Settlement Trust for cancellation. In addition, such Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiary will indemnify, and if required by the Litigation Settlement Trustees or the Litigation Settlement Trust Registrar, provide a bond or other security sufficient in the reasonable judgment of the Litigation Settlement Trustees, the Litigation Settlement Trust Registrar or any authenticating agent, from any loss which any of them may suffer if the Original Certificate is replaced, including a loss resulting from the assertion by any entity or person of the right to payment under the Original Certificate. Such Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiary shall pay reasonable charges established by the Litigation Settlement Trustees

and the Litigation Settlement Trust Registrar for the purpose of reimbursing the Litigation Settlement Trust and the Litigation Settlement Trust Registrar for the expenses incident thereto, including any tax or other governmental charges. The Litigation Settlement Trustees shall incur no liability to anyone by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by it in good faith under the provisions of this Section 5.5(f). All Litigation Settlement Trust Interests shall be held and owned upon the express condition that the provisions of this Section 5.5(f) are exclusive in respect of the replacement or payment of mutilated, defaced, lost, stolen, or destroyed certificates and shall, to the extent permitted by law, preclude any and all other rights or remedies respecting such replacement or the payment in respect thereto. Any duplicate certificate issued pursuant to this Section 5.5(f) shall constitute original interests in the Litigation Settlement Trust. The Litigation Settlement Trustees and the Litigation Settlement Trust Registrar shall not treat the Original Certificate as outstanding.

- Settlement Trust Beneficiaries. Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiaries and their duly authorized representatives shall have the right, upon reasonable prior written notice to the Litigation Settlement Trust Registrar and the Litigation Settlement Trustees, and in accordance with the reasonable regulations prescribed by the Litigation Settlement Trust Registrar and the Litigation Settlement Trust Registrar and the Litigation Settlement Trust Registrar and the Litigation Settlement Trust Registrar in the Litigation Settlement Trust Register, in each case for a purpose reasonably related to such Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiary's interest in the Litigation Settlement Trust.
- 5.7 <u>Absolute Owners</u>. The Litigation Settlement Trustees may deem and treat the Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiary of record in the Litigation Settlement Trust Register as the absolute owner of such Litigation Settlement Trust Interests for the purpose of receiving distributions and payment thereon or on account thereof and for all other purposes whatsoever and the Litigation Settlement Trustees shall not be charged with having received notice of any claim or demand to such Litigation Settlement Trust Interests or the interest therein of any other Person.
- Limitation on Suits by Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiaries. To the 5.8 fullest extent permitted by law, no Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiary shall have any right by virtue of or by availing itself of any provision of this Declaration to institute any action or proceeding (other than a suit by such Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiary for nonpayment of amounts due and owing hereunder with respect to such Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiary's Litigation Settlement Trust Interest) at law or in equity or in bankruptcy or otherwise upon or under or with respect to this Declaration, or for the appointment of any trustee, receiver, liquidator, custodian, or other similar official or for any other remedy hereunder, unless such Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiary previously shall have given to the Litigation Settlement Trustees written notice of default, and unless such Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiary shall also have made written request upon the Litigation Settlement Trustees to institute such action or proceeding in its own name as Litigation Settlement Trustees hereunder and shall have offered to the Litigation Settlement Trustees such reasonable indemnity as it may require against the costs, expenses and liabilities to be incurred therein or thereby and the Litigation Settlement Trustees for 60 days after its receipt of such notice, request and offer of indemnity shall have failed to institute any such action or proceeding; it being understood and intended, and being expressly

covenanted by every Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiary with every other Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiary and the Litigation Settlement Trustees, that no one or more Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiaries shall have any right in any manner whatsoever by virtue or by availing itself or themselves of any provision of this Declaration to effect, disturb or prejudice the rights of any other such Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiary, or to obtain or seek to obtain priority over or preference to any other such Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiary or to enforce any right under this Declaration, except in the manner herein provided and for the ratable and common benefit of all Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiaries. For the protection and enforcement of the provisions of this Section, each and every Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiary and the Litigation Settlement Trustees shall be entitled to such relief as can be given either at law or in equity.

## ARTICLE 6 DISTRIBUTIONS

### 6.1 Use of Proceeds.

- (a) Pursuant to the Confirmed Plan, all Litigation-Settlement Proceeds, any proceeds therefrom, and any other Cash of the Litigation Settlement Trust (other than the Litigation Settlement Trust Expense Fund) received by the Litigation Settlement Trustees shall be applied as follows:
  - i. first, to (i) Litigation Trust Expenses (ii) satisfy other liabilities incurred or assumed by the Litigation Settlement Trust (or to which the assets are otherwise subject) in accordance with the Confirmed Plan or this Declaration, (iii) hold such amounts in reserve as the Litigation Settlement Trustees deems reasonably necessary to meet future expenses, contingent liabilities and to maintain the value of the assets of the Litigation Settlement Trust during liquidation (including the Litigation-Settlement Expense Fund) and (iv) pay the Trustees serving as the Plan Administrators such amounts as the Trustees are authorized to receive from time to time for the purpose of paying, or indemnifying Reorganized Debtors for, any taxes incurred or expected to be incurred by Reorganized Debtors in connection with the Litigation Settlement Trust as a result of the allocation of tax items by the Litigation Settlement Trustees or the allowance or disallowance of Disputed Claims;
  - ii. second, to pay any remaining amounts to the Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiaries (including to the Plan Administrator for deposit into the Disputed Claims Reserve on account of the Claims of any Claimant that would be a Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiary absent such objection) pro rata based on their Litigation Settlement Trust Interests. If the Plan Administrator holds proceeds of the Litigation Settlement Trust in the Disputed Claims Reserve on account of a Disputed Claim that is finally determined adversely to such Claimant, in whole or in part, the Plan Administrator shall return to the Litigation Settlement Trust the disallowed portion that the Plan Administrator received from the Litigation Settlement Trust on account of such Claim and shall pay any Allowed portion to such Claimant in accordance with the Confirmed Plan; and

- (b) Subject to clauses (i), and (ii) of Section 6.1(a), the Litigation Settlement Trustees shall distribute in accordance with Section 6.1(a) at least annually its net income and all net proceeds from the liquidation of the assets of the Litigation Settlement Trust (except to the extent any such failure to distribute is not inconsistent with the classification of the Litigation Settlement Trust as a liquidating trust under Section 301.7701-4(d) of the Treasury Regulations).
- (c) If, upon termination of the Litigation Settlement Trust, the Litigation Settlement Trust Expense Fund has funds remaining after the payment of all of the Litigation Settlement Trust's expenses, such remaining funds shall be paid to the Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiaries holding a Litigation Settlement Trust Interests (including the Plan Administrator on behalf of the Disputed Claims Reserve) pro rata based on their Litigation Settlement Trust Interests.
- (d) Notwithstanding the foregoing clauses of this Section 6.1, the Litigation Settlement Trustees may withhold from amounts distributable to any Person any and all amounts, determined in the Litigation Settlement Trustees' reasonable sole discretion, required by any law, regulation, rule, ruling, directive, or other governmental requirement to be withheld. Any amount so withheld from a distribution to a Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiary (or its designee) shall be treated as having been paid to, and received by, such Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiary for purposes of the Confirmed Plan and the Plan Documents consisting of all Exhibits, the Confirmation Order, and other schedules attached to either the Plan or the Confirmation Order.

### 6.2 Manner of Payment of Distributable Proceeds.

- (a) All distributions made by the Litigation Settlement Trustees to holders of Litigation Settlement Trust Interests shall be payable to the holders of Litigation Settlement Trust Interests of record as of the 20th day prior to the date scheduled for the distribution, unless such day is not a Business Day, then such day shall be the following Business Day. The Litigation Settlement Trustees shall promptly notify the Litigation Settlement Trust Registrar in writing of any such dates and the Litigation Settlement Trust Registrar shall promptly notify the Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiaries of the same.
- (b) If the distribution shall be in Cash, the Litigation Settlement Trustees shall distribute such Cash by wire, check, or such other method as the Litigation Settlement Trustees deems appropriate under the circumstances.
- Settlement Trust Interests shall be made at the address or to the account (as applicable) of such holder as set forth in the Litigation Settlement Trust Register or at such other address or in such other manner as such holder of Litigation Settlement Trust Interests shall have specified for payment purposes in a written notice to the Litigation Settlement Trustees and the Litigation Settlement Trust Registrar at least 20 days prior to such distribution date. In the event that any distribution to any holder is returned as undeliverable, the Litigation Settlement Trustees shall be entitled to rely on the most current information available from the Plan Administrator, as applicable, to determine the current address or account information of such holder, but no

distribution to such holder shall be made unless and until the Litigation Settlement Trustees has determined the then current address or account (as applicable) of such holder, at which time such distribution shall be made to such holder without interest; *provided*, *however*, that such undeliverable or unclaimed distributions shall be deemed unclaimed property at the expiration of one year from the date of distribution. The Litigation Settlement Trustees shall reallocate the undeliverable and unclaimed distributions for the benefit of all other Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiaries.

- (d) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Litigation Settlement Trustees shall not be required to make distributions or payments of fractions of dollars. Whenever any payment of a fraction of a dollar under the Confirmed Plan or this Declaration would otherwise be called for, the actual payment shall reflect a rounding of such fraction to the nearest whole dollar (up or down), with half dollars or more being rounded up.
- (e) The Litigation Trustees shall have the exclusive power and authority to deem any Litigation Settlement Trust Claim, or all Litigation Settlement Trust Claims, "Paid in Full" in compliance with this Declaration and the Confirmed Plan and recognize the Resulting Release of the Third-Party Funding Contributor(s). The Confirmed Plan shall include a provision for the reservation of jurisdiction to enter orders deeming the Payment in Full as determined by the Litigation Settlement Trust beneficiaries, upon notice and hearing.

# ARTICLE 7 INDEMNIFICATION

### 7.1 Indemnification of Litigation Settlement Trustees

- Trust, to the extent of its assets legally available for that purpose, shall indemnify and hold harmless each present and former Litigation Settlement Trustees and each of their respective directors, members, shareholders, partners, officers, agents, employees, attorneys, and other professionals (collectively, the "Indemnified Persons") from and against any and all losses, costs, damages, reasonable and documented out-of-pocket expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable fees and expenses of attorneys and other advisors and any court costs incurred by any Indemnified Person) or liability arising out of or relating to the Litigation Settlement Trust, the Litigation Settlement Trust Interests, the assets of the Litigation Settlement Trust, the Litigation Settlement Trust or any Indemnified Person in its capacity as a Litigation Settlement Trustees or agent, employee, or representative thereof; provided, however, that such act or omission was reasonably believed by the applicable Indemnified Person to be within the scope of authority granted to such Person under this Declaration and did not constitute bad faith, gross negligence, fraud, willful misconduct, or knowing violation of law established by clear and convincing evidence.
- (b) To the extent reasonable, the Litigation Settlement Trust may pay in advance or reimburse reasonable and documented out-of-pocket expenses (including advancing reasonable costs of defense) incurred by the Indemnified Person who is or is threatened to be named or made a defendant or a respondent in a proceeding concerning the business and affairs of the Litigation Settlement Trust. To the extent that any such expenses are

paid or reimbursed in advance of the final disposition of any such action, suit or proceeding, the Indemnified Person shall provide the Litigation Settlement Trust with an undertaking by or on behalf of such Indemnified Person to repay such amount if it shall ultimately be determined that such Person is not entitled to be indemnified by the Litigation Settlement Trust as authorized in this Article 7. Such expenses (including attorneys' fees) may be so paid upon such terms and conditions, if any, as the Litigation Settlement Trustees deems appropriate.

- (c) Any Indemnified Person may waive the benefits of indemnification under this Article 7, but only by an instrument in writing executed by such Indemnified Person.
- (d) The Litigation Settlement Trust shall have power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any potentially Indemnified Person against any liability asserted against such Person and incurred by such Person in connection with such Person's obligations under this Declaration, whether or not the Litigation Settlement Trust would have the power to indemnify such Person against such liability under the provisions of this Article 7.
- (e) The rights to indemnification under this Article 7 are not exclusive of other rights which any Indemnified Person may otherwise have at law or in equity, including without limitation common law rights to indemnification or contribution. Nothing in this Article 7 will affect the rights or obligations of any Person (or the limitations on those rights or obligations) under this Declaration or any other agreement or instrument to which that Person is a party.

## ARTICLE 8 REPORTS

#### 8.1 Financial, Tax, and Other Information.

- (a) At such times as may be required by the Exchange Act, if applicable, or otherwise as soon as practicable
  - i. after the end of each calendar year, and as soon as practicable upon termination of the Litigation Settlement Trust, the Litigation Settlement Trustees shall cause to be prepared, and shall submit to each Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiary a written report including: (a) audited financial statements of the Litigation Settlement Trust at the end of the calendar year or period and the receipts and disbursements of the Litigation Settlement Trustees for the period; (b) a description of any action taken by the Litigation Settlement Trustees in the performance of the Litigation Settlement Trustees's duties which materially affects the Litigation Settlement Trust and of which notice has not previously been given to the Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiaries; and (c) a description of any material judicial or arbitral decision with respect to, or any agreement to settle, the Litigation Settlement Trust Claims included in the assets of the Litigation Settlement Trust.
  - ii. after the end of each calendar quarter, the Litigation Settlement Trustees shall cause to be prepared, and shall submit to each Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiary a written report including: (a) unaudited financial statements of the Litigation Settlement Trust at the end of the calendar quarter, and the receipts and disbursements of

the Litigation Settlement Trustees for the quarter; and (b) a description of any action taken by the Litigation Settlement Trustees in the performance of the Litigation Settlement Trustees' duties which materially affects the Litigation Settlement Trust and of which notice has not previously been given to the Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiaries.

iii. promptly following the occurrence of a material event or change which effects either the Litigation Settlement Trust or the rights of the Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiaries hereunder, the Litigation Settlement Trustees shall cause to be prepared and shall submit additional reports to the Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiaries relating to such occurrences.

The information to be provided pursuant to this <u>Section 8.1(a)</u> shall satisfy any rights under the Delaware Statutory Trust Act, 12 Del. C. § 3801 et seq., or otherwise of the Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiaries to access to information regarding the business and financial condition of the Litigation Settlement Trust.

- (b) As soon as practicable after the end of each calendar year, and as soon as practicable upon the termination of the Litigation Settlement Trust, the Litigation Settlement Trustees shall cause to be prepared and shall submit to current and former Trust Tax Owners, as applicable, a statement setting forth, for federal income tax purposes, their allocable portions of items of income, gain, loss, deduction and credit of the Litigation Settlement Trust for such calendar year (as determined pursuant to Section 1.4(d) hereof), and the fair market value of the assets deemed to have been transferred to such current or former Trust Tax Owner during such calendar year (as determined pursuant to Section 1.4(d) hereof).
- (c) The Litigation Settlement Trustees shall submit to Reorganized Debtors, as soon as practicable after the Effective Date (but no later than January 20th of the year following the Effective Date), a statement setting forth, for federal income tax purposes, the total fair market value (as of the Effective Date) of each asset transferred to the Litigation Settlement Trust (including, without limitation, the Litigation Settlement Trust Claims), and the portion of such fair market value allocated to each Trust Tax Owner. The Litigation Settlement Trustees shall submit to Reorganized Debtors, as soon as practicable after the end of each calendar year, a statement setting forth the fair market value (as of the applicable deemed transfer dates) of the portion of the Litigation Settlement Trust's assets that is treated for federal income tax purposes as having been transferred to Trust Tax Owners or other Persons by Reorganized Debtors as a result of the allowance or disallowance of Disputed Claims during such year and the portion of such fair market value allocated to each Trust Tax Owner.
- (d) The Litigation Settlement Trustees shall be responsible for filing all federal, state, and local tax returns for the Litigation Settlement Trust and paying any taxes imposed on the Litigation Settlement Trust. The Litigation Settlement Trustees shall comply with all withholding and reporting requirements imposed by any federal, state, local, or foreign taxing authority. Subject to definitive guidance from the IRS or a court of competent jurisdiction to the contrary (including the issuance of applicable Treasury Regulations, the receipt by the Litigation Settlement Trustees of a private letter ruling if the Litigation Settlement Trustees so requests one, or the receipt of an adverse determination by the IRS upon audit if not contested by

the Litigation Settlement Trustees), the Litigation Settlement Trustees shall file tax returns (including all federal returns, and to the extent permitted under state and local law, state and local returns) for the Litigation Settlement Trust as a grantor trust of which the Trust Tax Owners are the deemed owners pursuant to Treasury Regulation Section 1.671-4(a) and any comparable provisions under applicable state and local law.

- 8.2 <u>Other Required Reports</u>. The Litigation Settlement Trustees shall also file (or cause to be filed) any other statements, returns, or disclosures relating to the Litigation Settlement Trust that are required by any governmental unit or regulatory agency.
- 8.3 <u>Certain Non-Public Information</u>. The Litigation Settlement Trustees may deliver certain non-public information to one or more Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiaries and such delivery shall in no way entitle any other Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiary to receive such information. Notwithstanding anything in this Declaration to the contrary, the Litigation Settlement Trustees may, in its sole discretion, withhold information from any Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiary if the Litigation Settlement Trustees believes in good faith that the delivery of such information to such Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiary (i) is or would be prohibited by any agreement with a Third-Party or (ii) is not in the best interest of the Litigation Settlement Trust or in the purpose of maximizing the value of the assets of the Litigation Settlement Trust, the assets of the Litigation Settlement Trust (including the Litigation Settlement Trust Claims and Privileges) or the business, operations, or purpose of the Litigation Settlement Trust.
- 8.4 <u>Electronic Reporting.</u> Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Litigation Settlement Trustees may post any report, notice, or other information required to be provided to the Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiaries on a web site maintained by the Litigation Settlement Trustees in lieu of actual delivery of such report, notice, or other information to the Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiaries, subject to providing notice that such a procedure is being (or will be) implemented.

# ARTICLE 9 TERM; TERMINATION OF THE LITIGATION SETTLEMENT TRUST

- 9.1 Term; Termination of the Litigation Settlement Trust.
  - (a) The Litigation Settlement Trust shall terminate on:
    - (i) Conversion or dismissal of the Debtors' Chapter 11 case;
    - (ii) On the failure to confirm a plan within 18 months of the date of this Declaration;
    - (iii) Upon Plan confirmation, the earlier of: (1) 30 days after the distribution of all of the assets of the Litigation Settlement Trust in accordance with the terms of this Declaration and the Confirmed Plan to reach Payment in Full; or (2) the seventh anniversary of the Effective Date; provided, however, that, on or prior to a date less than six

months (but not less than three months) prior to such termination after Plan confirmation, the Bankruptcy Court, upon motion by a party in interest, may extend the term of this Litigation Settlement Trust for a finite period if, based on the facts and circumstances, the Bankruptcy Court finds that such extension is necessary to the liquidating purpose of the Litigation Settlement Trust to accomplish Payment in Full of Claims. The Bankruptcy Court may approve multiple extensions of the term of the Litigation Settlement Trust; provided that (x) any such extension is so approved on or prior to a date less than six months (but not less than three months) prior to termination of the immediately preceding extended term and (y) the Litigation Settlement Trustees receives an opinion of counsel or a favorable ruling from the IRS that any further extension would not adversely affect the status of the Litigation Settlement Trust as a grantor trust for federal income tax purposes.

- (b) The Litigation Settlement Trustees and any Committee shall endeavor not to unduly prolong the duration of the Litigation Settlement Trust and shall at all times endeavor to resolve, settle, or otherwise dispose of all of the Litigation Settlement Trust Claims and to effect the distribution of the assets of the Litigation Settlement Trust to the holders of the Litigation Settlement Trust Interests in accordance with the terms of the Confirmed Plan as soon as practicable.
- After the termination of the 9.2 Continuance of Trust for Winding Up. Litigation Settlement Trust and for the purpose of liquidating and winding up the affairs of the Litigation Settlement Trust, the Litigation Settlement Trustees shall continue to act as such until its duties have been fully performed. Prior to the final distribution of all of the remaining assets of the Litigation Settlement Trust and upon approval of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board, the Litigation Settlement Trustees shall be entitled to reserve from such assets any and all amounts required to provide for its own costs and expenses, in accordance with Section 6.2 herein, until such time as the winding up of the Litigation Settlement Trust is completed. Upon termination of the Litigation Settlement Trust, the Litigation Settlement Trustees shall retain for a period of two years the books, records, Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiary lists, the Litigation Settlement Trust Register, and certificates and other documents and files that have been delivered to or created by the Litigation Settlement Trustees. At the Litigation Settlement Trustees' discretion, all of such records and documents may, but need not, be destroyed at any time after two years from the completion and winding up of the affairs of the Litigation Settlement Trust. Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, upon the termination of the Litigation Settlement Trust, the Litigation Settlement Trustees shall have no further duties or obligations hereunder.

### ARTICLE 10 AMENDMENT AND WAIVER

#### 10.1 Amendment and Waiver.

- The Litigation Settlement Trustees, with the consent of the Third-(a) Party Funding Contributors, up to and including Confirmation of a Plan, may amend, supplement or waive any provision of, this Declaration, without notice to or the consent of any Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiary or the approval of the Bankruptcy Court: (i) to cure any ambiguity, omission, defect, or inconsistency in this Declaration, provided that such amendments, supplements, or waivers shall not materially adversely affect the distributions to be made under this Declaration to any of the Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiaries, or materially adversely affect the U.S. federal income tax status of the Litigation Settlement Trust as a "liquidating trust" that is a grantor trust; (ii) to comply with any requirements in connection with the U.S. Federal income tax status of the Litigation Settlement Trust as a "liquidating trust" that is a grantor trust; (iii) to comply with any requirements in connection with maintaining any exemptions from or exceptions to the registration or reporting requirements of the Exchange Act, the Trust Indenture Act, or the Investment Company Act as deemed necessary or appropriate from time to time by the Litigation Settlement Trustees, including, without limitation, subject to the Asbestos Trust's rights under the Put Option (which rights may not be infringed or otherwise affected by the Debtors or the Litigation Settlement Trustees), to cause the Litigation Settlement Trust Interests (other than those interests subject to the Put Option) to be non-transferable; (iv) to make the Litigation Settlement Trust a reporting entity and, in such event, to comply with any requirements in connection with satisfying the registration or reporting requirements of the Exchange Act, the Trust Indenture Act, or the Investment Company Act as deemed necessary or appropriate from time to time by the Litigation Settlement Trustees; (v) to cause the Litigation Settlement Trust Interests to be non-transferable to the extent the Litigation Settlement Trustees determines such restraint on transferability to be in the best interests of the Litigation Settlement Trust; and (vi) to evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment hereunder by a successor trustee in accordance with the terms of this Declaration and the Confirmed Plan.
- (b) Except as provided in the foregoing subsection after Confirmation of a Confirmed Plan (a), any substantive provision of this Declaration may be amended or waived by the Litigation Settlement Trustees, subject to the prior approval of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board which shall not be unreasonably withheld, with the approval of the Bankruptcy Court upon notice and an opportunity for a hearing; *provided, however*, that no change may be made to this Declaration that would materially adversely affect the distributions to be made under this Declaration to any of the Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiaries, or materially adversely affect the U.S. Federal income tax status of the Litigation Settlement Trust as a "liquidating trust" that is a grantor trust, nor increase the obligations of any Third-Party Funding Contributor to increase the obligations to accomplish Payment in Full and the Resulting Releases. Notwithstanding this Section 10.1, any amendments to this Declaration shall not be inconsistent with the purpose and intention of the Litigation Settlement Trust to liquidate in an expeditious but orderly manner the Litigation Settlement Trust Claims in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 301.7701-4(d).

(c) For the purpose of this Declaration and any subsequent Confirmed Plan, the term "Payment in Full" means the amount of any Litigation Claim (i) settled by the Claimant and Interest Holder with the Trustees and the Third-Party Funding Contributors; (ii). resolved as to amount pursuant to the channeling injunction or other provisions of the Confirmed Plan for Claims resolution; or (iii). resolved by a trial in federal district court that preserves the Claimants right to a jury if timely and properly demanded; with such amount to be paid, including payments over time bearing interest at the federal judgment rate, to the settled Litigation Claim Claimant. For the purpose of this Declaration and any subsequent Confirmed Plan, the term "Resulting Release" in regards a Third-Party Funding Contributor means the full and complete release from any and all possible liability on a Claim that is Paid in Full, which release shall be as a matter of law, and as a matter of the binding effects of the terms of the Confirmation Order and Confirmed Plan which shall provide for this Resulting Release.

# ARTICLE 11 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- 11.1 <u>Intention of Parties to Establish the Litigation Settlement Trust</u>. This Declaration is intended to create a liquidating trust that is a grantor trust for federal income tax purposes and, to the extent provided by law, shall be governed and construed in all respects as such a trust and any ambiguity herein shall be construed consistent herewith and, if necessary, this Declaration may be amended in accordance with <u>Section 10.1</u> to comply with such federal income tax laws, which amendments may apply retroactively.
- Settlement Trustees, the Litigation Settlement Trust Board, or the Litigation Settlement Trust, as the case may be, is the prevailing party in a dispute regarding the provisions of this Declaration or the enforcement thereof, the Litigation Settlement Trustees, the Litigation Settlement Trust Board, or the Litigation Settlement Trust, as the case may be, shall be entitled to collect any and all costs, reasonable and documented out-of-pocket expenses, and fees, including attorneys' fees, from the non-prevailing party incurred by the Litigation Settlement Trustees, the Litigation Settlement Trust Board, or the Litigation Settlement Trust, as the case may be, in connection with such dispute or enforcement action.
- 11.3 <u>Laws as to Construction</u>. This Declaration shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware and U.S. bankruptcy laws, as applicable, without regard to whether any conflicts of law would require the application of the law of another jurisdiction.
- order of the Bankruptcy Court or to seek withdrawal of the reference with regard to any matter, and subject to the rights of the Litigation Settlement Trustees pursuant to Section 2.3(b) of this Declaration, (i) prior to the closure of the Bankruptcy Cases (a) the Bankruptcy Court shall retain exclusive jurisdiction to enforce the terms of this Declaration and to decide any claims or disputes which may arise or result from, or be connected with, this Declaration, any breach or default hereunder, or the transactions contemplated hereby, and (b) any and all actions related to the foregoing shall be filed and maintained only in the Bankruptcy Court, and (ii) following the closure of the Bankruptcy Cases, (x) the Delaware Courts of Chancery shall retain exclusive

jurisdiction to enforce the terms of this Declaration and to decide any claims or disputes which may arise or result from, or be connected with, this Declaration, any breach or default hereunder, or the transactions contemplated hereby, and (y) any and all actions related to the foregoing shall be filed and maintained only in a Delaware Court of Chancery, and the parties, including the Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiaries, and Holders of Claims and Equity Interests, hereby consent to and submit to the jurisdiction and venue of the Bankruptcy Court and the Delaware Courts of Chancery, as applicable.

- 11.5 <u>Severability</u>. If any provision of this Declaration or the application thereof to any Person or circumstance shall be finally determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable to any extent, the remainder of this Declaration, or the application of such provision to Persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby, and such provision of this Declaration shall be valid and enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 11.6 <u>Notices</u>. All notices, requests, or other communications to the parties hereto shall be in writing and shall be sufficiently given only if (i) delivered in person; (ii) sent by electronic mail or facsimile communication (as evidenced by a confirmed fax transmission report); (iii) sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested; or (iv) sent by commercial delivery service or courier. Until a change of address is communicated, as provided below, all notices, requests, and other communications shall be sent to the parties at the following addresses or facsimile numbers:

#### If to the Initial Trustee Robert Dew:

Kyung S. Lee Parkins Lee & Rubio LLP Pennzoil Place-13<sup>th</sup> Floor 700 Milam Houston, Texas 77002 klee@parkinslee.com

#### If to the Litigation Settlement Trustees:

To be named by Bankruptcy Court Order With a copy to: To be named by LST Trustees

### If to Debtors and Reorganized Debtors:

To: Marc Schwartz Chief Restructuring Officer of the Debtors Schwartz & Associates 712 Main Street, Ste 1830 Houston, Texas 77002 With a copy to:

Kyung S. Lee Parkins Lee & Rubio LLP Pennzoil Place-13<sup>th</sup> Floor 700 Milam Houston, Texas 77002 klee@parkinslee.com

If to Free Speech Systems, LLC As a Third-Party Funding Contributor

To: Ray Battaglia rbattaglialaw@outlook.com

**If to** Alex Jones As a Third-Party Funding Contributor

To: Shelby A. Jordan sjordan@jkhwclaw.com

All notices shall be effective and shall be deemed delivered (i) if by personal delivery, delivery service or courier, on the date of delivery; (ii) if by electronic mail or facsimile communication, on the date of receipt or confirmed transmission of the communication; and (iii) if by mail, on the date of receipt. Any party from time to time may change its address, facsimile number, or other information for the purpose of notices to that party by giving notice specifying such change to the other party hereto.

- 11.7 <u>Fiscal Year</u>. The fiscal year of the Litigation Settlement Trust will begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December of each year.
- 11.8 <u>Definitions</u>. Each of the terms set forth below has the meaning set forth in the provision set forth opposite such term in the following table:

Term	Provision
Act	Section 1.5(a)
Bankruptcy Court	Recitals
Chapter 11 Cases	Preamble
Covered Person	Section 11.11
Declaration	Preamble
Litigation Settlement Trustees	Preamble
Eligible Holder	Section 4.7(e)
Information	Sections 2.2(a) and 11.11
Indemnified Persons	Section 7.1(a)
Interim Trustee	Section 2.3(g)

Term

Provision

Initial Trustee
Original Certificate
Payment in Full
Plan and Plan Documents
Litigation Settlement Trust
Litigation-Settlement Proceeds
Litigation Settlement Trustees
Confirmed Plan
Reorganized Debtors
Resulting Release
Treasury Regulations
Third-Party Funding Contributor(s

Preamble
Section 5.5(f)
Section 10.1(c)
Section 6.1(d)
Preamble
Section 2.1(c)
Preamble
Preamble
Preamble
Section 10.1(c)
Section 1.4(a)

Third-Party Funding Contributor(s) Preamble, Section 2.2

Section 1.4(a) Section 2.3(a)

Trust Tax Owners
Trustee(s)

- 11.9 <u>Headings</u>. The section headings contained in this Declaration are solely for convenience of reference and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of this Declaration or of any term or provision hereof.
- 11.10 <u>Counterparts</u>. This Declaration may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original instrument, but all together shall constitute one agreement.
- 11.11 Confidentiality. The Litigation Settlement Trustees, the Litigation Settlement Trustees and each successor trustee and each member of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board and each successor member of the Litigation Settlement Trust Board (each a "Covered Person") including any member or counsel to either as well as any member of any Committee Representative having access to information defined below shall, during the period that they serve in such capacity under this Declaration and following either the termination of this Declaration or such individual's removal, incapacity, or resignation hereunder, hold strictly confidential and not use for personal gain any material, non-public information of or pertaining to any entity to which any of the assets of the Litigation Settlement Trust relates or of which it has become aware in its capacity (the "Information"), except to the extent disclosure is first obtained by a federal court and is shown to be required by applicable law, order, regulation, or legal process. In the event that any Covered Person is requested or required (by oral questions, interrogatories, requests for information or documents, subpoena, civil investigation, demand, or similar legal process) to disclose any Information, such Covered Person shall notify the Litigation Settlement Trust Board reasonably promptly (unless prohibited by law) so that the Litigation Settlement Trust Board may seek an appropriate protective order or other appropriate remedy or, in its discretion, waive compliance with the terms of this Section (and if the Litigation Settlement Trust Board seeks such an order, the relevant Covered Person will provide cooperation as the Litigation Settlement Trust Board shall reasonably request). In the event that no such protective order or other remedy is obtained, or that the Litigation Settlement Trust Board waives compliance with the terms of this Section and that any Covered Person is nonetheless legally compelled to disclose the Information, the Covered Person will furnish only

that portion of the Information, which the Covered Person, advised by counsel, is legally required and will give the Litigation Settlement Trust Board written notice (unless prohibited by law) of the Information to be disclosed as far in advance as practicable and exercise all reasonable efforts to obtain reliable assurance that confidential treatment will be accorded the Information.

- with the later Confirmed Plan, and the Confirmation Order shall constitute, the entire agreement by and among the parties hereto and there are no representations, warranties, covenants or obligations except as set forth herein or therein. This Declaration, the Confirmed Plan and the Confirmation Order supersede all prior and contemporaneous agreements, understandings, negotiations, discussions, written or oral, of the parties hereto, relating to any transaction contemplated hereunder. Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, in the Confirmed Plan or in the Confirmation Order, nothing in this Declaration is intended or shall be construed to confer upon or to give any person other than the named parties thereto and their respective heirs, administrators, executors, successors, or assigns any right to remedies under or by reason of this Declaration.
- 11.13 <u>Modification of this Declaration or the Litigation Settlement Trust Terms</u>: The Trustees may make changes and modifications of this Declaration or the Litigation Settlement Trust Terms to clarify its terms, or as the Trustees deem necessary to remedy any conflict in terms or to further the accomplishment of the purpose of this Trust. All such modifications shall require no approval of the bankruptcy court provided that within 20 days of the modification the Trustees cause a "Notice of Modification" is filed with the clerk of the Bankruptcy Court in the Chapter 11 Cases.
- 11.14 Jurisdiction and Venue: All actions, disputes, performance, declarations or determinations of or claims of breach of performance, by any Party or by any Third-Party, including any action seeking to determine or establish the rights or obligations of any Party or any Litigation Settlement Trustee shall be governed by the laws of the United States, including Title 11 § 101, et. seq. and the applicable laws of the State of Texas, with exclusive and continuing jurisdiction and venue in the United States Bankruptcy Court or the United States District Court, as the case may be, for the Southern District of Texas, Victoria Division, (collectively the Federal Court).

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have either executed and acknowledged this Declaration or caused it to be executed and acknowledged on their behalf by their duly authorized officers all as of the date first above written.

Effective Date: April 14/2022.

INITIAL LITIGATION SETTLEMENT

TRUSTEE

By: Name:

Robert Dew

Title:

Initial Trustee, and as sole officer and

Director of each Debtor entity

THIRD-PARTY FUNDING CONTRIBUTOR

ALEX JONES

By:

Name:

THIRD-PARTY FUNDING CONTRIBUTOR FREE SPEECH SYSTEMS, LLC

By: Name:

Title:

SIGNATURES LEFT BLANK PENDNG APPOINTMENT BY BANKRUPTCY COURT ORDER

Name:

Title: Litigation Settlement Trust Trustee and

Debtors' Independent Board Member

Name:

Title: Litigation Settlement Trust Trustee and

Debtors' Independent Board Member

## **EXHIBIT A**

#### **GLOSSARY OF CERTAIN DEFINED TERMS**

Applicable definitions contained in the Bankruptcy Code are incorporated into this Declaration except as modified in this Glossary of Defined Terms. The following definitions shall have the meanings as specified herein, and shall be designated, when such special definitions are applicable, with capital letters, and these definitions shall be enforceable as terms of the Declaration in conjunction with the respective matters to which they reference or define.

"Allowed" or "Allowed Claim" means a Litigation Settlement Trust Claims or Claim that is allowed: (i) in any stipulation executed by the Debtor (or the Litigation Settlement Trustees after the Confirmation Order becomes a Final Order), the Third Party Funding Contributors and the holder of the Litigation Settlement Trust Claim; (ii) in a Final Order; or (iii) pursuant to the terms of the Plan.

"Bankruptcy Cases" means collectively or individually the cases filed by the Debtors pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §1101, et seq.

"Bankruptcy Code" means title 11 of the United States Code.

"Confirmation Order" means the order of the Bankruptcy Court confirming the Plan(s) pursuant to section 1191 of the Bankruptcy Code.

"Confirmed Plan" means a Plan for which the Bankruptcy Court has entered a Confirmation Order which is a Final Order.

"Debtor" or "Debtors" shall refer individually and collectively to InfoW, LLC (XXXX), InfoHealth, LLC (XXXX), and Prison planet TV, LLC (XXXX), including any and all affiliated, predecessor, successors, assigns, agents, employees, partners, attorneys, representatives, administrators, investigators, consultants and other persons, acting or purporting to act on behalf of any of the above entities.

"Definitive Documents" means, with respect to the Plan(s), all material documents (including any related Bankruptcy Court orders, agreements, schedules, pleadings, motions, filings, or exhibits) that are contemplated by this Agreement and that are otherwise necessary or desirable to implement the Plan(s) and this Agreement, including (as applicable): (i) the Plan(s); (ii) Disclosure Statement(s) if ordered by the Bankruptcy Court; (iii) any other operative documents and/or agreements relating to the Plan(s) (including any documents necessary to implement the distributions contemplated thereunder); (iv) the Confirmation Order.

"Effective Date" means April 8, 2022.

"Final Order" means an order or judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction that has been entered on the docket maintained by the clerk of such court and has not been reversed, vacated or stayed and as to which (a) the time to appeal, petition for certiorari, or move for a stay, new trial, re-argument, or rehearing has expired and as to which no appeal, petition for certiorari or other

proceedings for a stay, new trial, reargument or rehearing shall then be pending or (b) if an appeal, writ of certiorari, stay, new trial, reargument or rehearing thereof has been sought, (i) such order or judgment shall have been affirmed by the highest court to which such order was appealed, certiorari shall have been denied or a stay, new trial, reargument or rehearing shall have been denied or resulted in no modification of such order and (ii) the time to take any further appeal, petition for certiorari, or move for a stay, new trial, reargument or rehearing shall have expired; provided, however, that no order or judgment shall fail to be a "Final Order" solely because of the possibility that a motion pursuant to section 502(j) or 1144 of the Bankruptcy Code or under Rule 60 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, or Bankruptcy Rule 9024 has been or may be filed with respect to such order or judgment.

"Litigation" means pending civil lawsuits, including but not limited to the following:

Marcel Fontaine vs. Alex E., Jones, Infowars, LLC, Free Speech Systems, LLC and Kit Daniels, Cause No. D-1-GN-18-001605 in the 459th Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas;

Neil Heslin vs. Alex E. Jones, Infowars, LLC, and Free Speech Systems, LLC, Cause No. D-1-GN-18-001835 in the 261st Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas;

Veronique de la Rosa and Leonard Pozner vs. Alex E. Jones, Inforwars, LLC, and Free Speech Systems, LLC, Cause No. D-1-GN-18-001842 in the 345th Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas;

Scarlett Lewis vs. Alex E. Jones, Inforwars, LLC, Free Speech Systems, LLC and Owen Shroyer, Cause No. D-1-GN-18-006623 in the 98th Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas;

Erica Lafferty, David Wheeler, Francine Wheeler, Jacqueline Barden, Mark Barden, Nicole Hockley, Ian Hockley, Jennifer Hensel, Jeremy Richman, Donna Soto, Carlee Soto-Parisi, Carlos Soto, Jillian Soto, and William Aldenberg v. Alex Emric Jones, Infowars, LLC, Free Speech Systems, LLC, Infowars Health, LLC, Prison Planet TV, LLC, Wolfgang Halbig, Corey T. Sklanka, Genesis Communications Network, Inc., and Midas Resources, Inc., Cause No. X06-UWY-CV-18-6046436-S in the Superior Court of Connecticut, Waterbury Division;

William Sherlach and Robert Parker v. Alex E. Jones, Infowars, LLC, Free Speech Systems, LLC, Infowars Health, LLC, and Prison Planet TV, Wolfgang Halbig, Cory T. Sklanka, Genesis Communications Network, Inc., and Midas Resources, Inc., Cause No. X06-UWY-CV-18-6046437-S in the Superios Court of Connecticut, Waterbury Division;

William Sherlach and Robert Parker v. Alex E. Jones, Infowars, LLC, Free Speech Systems, LLC, Infowars Health, LLC, and Prison Planet TV, Wolfgang Halbig, Cory T. Sklanka, Genesis Communications Network, Inc., and Midas Resources, Inc., Cause No. X06-UWY-CV-18-6046438-S in the Superios Court of Connecticut, Waterbury Division; and

Brennan M. Gilmore v. Alexander ("Alex") E. Jones, Infowars, LLC, Free Speech Systems, LLC, Lee Stanahan, Lee Ann McAdoo a/k/a Lee Ann Fleissner, Scott Creighton, James ("Jim") Hoft, Allen B. West, Derrick Wilburn, Michelle Hickford, and Words-n-Ideas, LLC, Cause No. 3:18-cv-00017-GEC in the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia, Charlottesville Division;

together with any other pending lawsuits against any of the Parties on the Effective Date of this Agreement (collectively, the "Litigation Claims").

"Initial Trust Funding" means \$725,000 in cash funded to the Litigation Settlement Trust by AJ from his Exempt property upon the Effective Date of this Agreement to pay the costs of administration of the Debtors' Bankruptcy Cases and the Litigation Settlement Trust, including retention of the Litigation Settlement Trustees and retention by the Trustees of all professionals deemed necessary to accomplish the purpose of this Trust and the commitment of the Third Party Funding Contributors to maintain for not less than 120 days after the Petition Date a balance of \$200,000 after payment of all initial administrative expense retainers to newly appointed Litigation Settlement Trustees and as the only members of the Debtors acting as independent Members, together with the Debtors' professionals from time to time, to be paid directly, or thereafter maintained in the Litigation Settlement Trust for continued payment of the costs of Administration of the Litigation Settlement Trust and the Debtors' Bankruptcy Cases.

"Litigation Settlement Trust" means the Litigation Settlement Trust dated April 14, 2022 for the benefit of the Debtors' as provided therein, including that Third-Party Funding Contributor[s] intended to facilitate and underwrite the "Payment in Full" Plan Class of Allowed Litigation Settlement Trust Claims and the Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiaries Litigation Settlement Trust Claims, as may exist from time to time and as may be funded by the Third Party Funding Contributors for this purpose from time to time to achieve Payment in Full.(s).

"Litigation Settlement Trustees" or "Trustees" means two individuals approved by the Bankruptcy Court to serve as Trustees of Litigation Settlement Trust who will replace the interim trustee serving in that capacity prior to the filing of the Bankruptcy Cases.

"Litigation Settlement Trust Claims Bar Date" means the bar date for filing Claims or Litigation Claims in the Bankruptcy Cases established by Order of the Bankruptcy Court;

"Litigation Settlement Trust Claims" means the Claims of any party arising out of or related to the Litigation Claims and evidenced by a proof of claim timely filed in the Debtors' Chapter 11 case(s).

"Litigation Settlement Trust Claims Estimation" means the estimation of the Litigation Settlement Trust Claims by the Bankruptcy Court in these Bankruptcy Cases pursuant to Sections 502(c) and 105 of the Bankruptcy Code and Rule 3018 of the Bankruptcy Rules of Procedure.

"Litigation Settlement Trust Beneficiary" Means the holder of a Litigation Settlement Trust Claim.

- "Litigation Trust Expenses" means all costs, expenses and professional fees incurred by the Litigation Settlement Trust and the Litigation Settlement Trustees during the Support Period, specifically including, but not limited to the allowed fees and expenses of the Debtors and their professionals incurred in connection with the prosecution of the Bankruptcy Cases and those incurred after the Plan Effective Date, approved by the Litigation Settlement Trustees.
- "Petition Date" means the date upon which the earliest of the Debtors' Bankruptcy Cases was commenced as a voluntary bankruptcy case.
- "Plan(s)" or "Plan(s) of Reorganization" means the chapter 11 plan(s) to be jointly proposed by the Debtors supported by the Third-Party Funding Contributors in each of the Bankruptcy Cases, that contains the same terms set forth in, and is otherwise materially consistent with this Agreement and that is an Approved Plan Document, as the same may be amended, supplemented, or otherwise modified as provided herein.
- "Plan Effective Date" means the date on which the Plan, as confirmed, becomes effective, as defined therein.
- "Reorganized Debtor(s)" means one or more of the Debtors after the Plan Effective Date, surviving after confirmation of the Plan.
- "Support Period" means, with respect to any Party, the period commencing on the later of (a) the Agreement Effective Date and (b) the Petition Date and ending on the date on the earlier of (i) 120 days following the commencement date and (ii) termination of this Agreement, provided however that if a Confirmation Order is entered, the Support Period shall remain in effect for not less than 5 years from the Plan Effective Date.

## **EXHIBIT "B"**

nes, Alex - Incoming Wire 4/6/22 - \$715,000.00 to Fund 2022LST			
Date	Description	Amount	
			<b>Exempt Proceeds from</b>
4/6/22	J&O IOLTA Deposit	\$715,000.00	Homestead sale
	Parkins, Kyun, Rubio - Debtor Counsel Retainer	\$175,000.00	Debors' counsel
	Jordan & Ortiz Fees (Dec, Jan, Feb, March)	\$98,150.00	Alex Jones Counsel
	Battaglia Fees -		
	Balance to Retainer	\$40,000.00	Free Speech Counse
	Victoria Lease - 6		2022 LST Office
	months - 2 suites	\$6,000.00	Space
	M. Schwartz CRO*	\$25,000.00	CRO retainer
	BALANCE	\$370,850.00	
			Balance of Exempt
	Transfer to Litigation		Proceeds from
	Settlement Trust	\$370,000.00	Homestead sale
	Proposed Judge Schmidt Trustee Retainer-Indpt Mgr	\$50,000.00	Chapter 11 Trustee's fees
	proposed Judge Nelms Trustee Retainer - Indpt Mgr	\$50,000.00	Chapter 11 Trustee's fees
	Trustee Retainer -	\$50,000.00 \$30,000.00	fees Chapter 11 Trustees
	Trustee Retainer - Indpt Mgr Proposed Trustees'		Chapter 11 Trustees

Note: These balances may change based on authorized distributions of the Initial Trustee and additional contributions by the Third-Party Funding Contributors prior to the appointment of the two Trustees by the bankruptcy court.