

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
ATLANTA DIVISION

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND	)	
EXCHANGE COMMISSION,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Case No.1:16-CV-01752-LMM
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HOPE ADVISORS, LLC, KAREN BRUTON,	)	
TODD WORTHMAN, and DAWN ROBERTS,	)	
	)	
Defendants,	)	
and	)	
	)	
JUST HOPE FOUNDATION,	)	
	)	
Relief Defendant.	)	
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**ORDER TO APPOINT A DISTRIBUTION AGENT**

The Court having reviewed the Securities and Exchange Commission's  
under posed  
("SEC" or "Commission") Motion and Memorandum in Support for an Order to  
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Appoint a Distribution Agent and for good cause shown.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

1. The Motion is **GRANTED**.
2. JND Legal Administration ("JND") is appointed to serve as the

Distribution Agent of the Fair Fund in this matter, pursuant to the terms of a distribution plan to be approved by this Court (the "Plan"). JND shall coordinate with the Court-appointed Tax Administrator, Miller Kaplan Arase LLP, to ensure that the Fair Fund, a Qualified Settlement Fund ("QSF") under Section 468B(g) of the Internal Revenue Code, and related regulations, 26 C.F.R. §§ 1.468B-1 through 5, complies with all related legal and regulatory requirements, including but not limited to, satisfying any reporting or withholding requirements imposed on distributions from the QSF.

3. JND shall invoice all administrative fees and expenses incurred in the administration and distribution of the Fair Fund to the SEC for review and approval by the SEC. Any unresolved objections to an invoiced amount will be referred to the Court.

4. Within forty-five (45) days of the Court's approval of the Plan, JND will provide a status report, and thereafter, will provide additional reports and quarterly account statements within thirty (30) days after the end of every quarter. Moreover, once the Fair Fund has been transferred to an escrow account opened by JND as Distribution Agent, JND will include with its quarterly reports a quarterly accounting report in a format to be provided by the SEC. The status report and quarterly accounting report will inform the Court and the SEC of the activities and

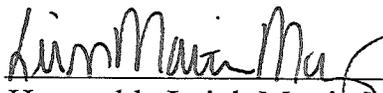
status of the Fair Fund during the relevant period and will specify, at a minimum (a) the location of the account(s) comprising the Fair Fund; and (b) an interim accounting of all monies in the Fair Fund as of the most recent month-end, including the value of the account(s), all monies earned or received into the account(s), funds distributed to harmed investors under the Court-approved Plan, and any monies expended from the Fair Fund, including fees, expenses, and taxes incurred by, or imposed on, the Fair Fund.

Upon completing its duties as Distribution Agent, JND, working with the Court-appointed tax administrator, will prepare a final report and final accounting for filing with the Court, in a format to be provided by the SEC.

5. JND may be removed *sua sponte* at any time by the Court or upon motion of the SEC and replaced with a successor. In the event JND decides to resign, it will first give written notice to the Court and to the SEC of such intention, and the resignation, if permitted, will not be effective until the Court appoints a successor.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: ~~November 25~~, 2019

  
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Honorable Leigh Martin May  
United States District Judge