# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION 

| SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE | $\S$ |
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| COMMISSION, | $\S$ |
| Plaintiff, | $\S$ |
| vs. | $\S$ |
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| MAURICIO CHAVEZ, GIORGIO | $\S$ |
| BENVENUTO and CryptoFX, LLC, | $\S$ |
|  | $\S$ |
| Defendants. | $\S$ |
| CBT Group, LLC, | $\S$ |
| Relief Defendant. | $\S$ |

CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:22-CV-03359<br>JUDGE ANDREW S. HANEN

## RECEIVER'S FOURTH CERTIFIED INTERIM FEE APPLICATION

Pursuant to paragraphs 57-62 of this Court's Order Appointing Receiver ("Receivership Order") (Doc. No. 11), John Lewis, Jr. ("Receiver"), the Court-appointed Receiver for Mauricio Chavez ("Chavez"), Giorgio Benvenuto ("Benvenuto"), CryptoFX, LLC ("CryptoFX") and CBT Group, LLC ("CBT") (collectively, the "Receivership Defendants"), files his Fourth Certified Interim Fee Application, showing the Court as follows:

## SUMMARY OF FEE REQUEST

1. This Fourth Certified Interim Fee Application ("FCIFA") covers the period from July 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023 (the "Application Period") and is submitted in accordance with the Receivership Order, the local rules of this Court, and the Billing Instructions for Receivers in Civil Actions Commenced by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") (the "Billing Instructions"). Receivership Order at $9 \mathbb{1} \mid 56-58$.
2. This is the fourth fee application that the Receiver has made for himself and his retained professionals. On February 23, 2023, the Receiver filed his first certified fee application covering the period from September 29, 2022 to December 31, 2022, which was granted by the Court on March 23, 2023. (Doc. Nos. 54, 67). On June 16, 2023, the Receiver filed his second certified fee application covering the period from January 1, 2023 to March 31, 2023, which at the time of this filing has not been ruled on. (Doc No. 75). The Receiver also filed Third Interim Fee Application for Hays Financial Consulting, LLC ("HFC") on August 8, 2023, at the request of HFC, and then filed his own Third Interim Fee Application August 17, 2023.
3. The fees incurred during the Application Period by the Receiver and professionals retained by the Receiver and for which payment is requested, are as follows: $\$ 15,435.00$ John Lewis, Jr. (see Receiver's Invoice attached as Exhibit A); \$65,900.54 Shook, Hardy \& Bacon L.L.P. ("SHB") (see SHB Invoice attached as Exhibit B); and \$30,857.40 Hays Financial Consulting, LLC ("Hays") (see Hays Invoice attached as Exhibit C. The Receiver's professional fees listed above have been reduced by $\$ 4,305.00$. Further, his counsel's fees have been reduced by $\$ 3,145.00$.
4. The Receiver served a copy of this FCIFA, together with all exhibits and billing information to counsel for the SEC. The Receiver and counsel for the SEC have conferred about the FCIFA and its compliance with the SEC Billing Guidelines and this Court's Receivership Order. The SEC does not oppose the Receiver's Application or the relief requested herein.
5. The Receiver respectfully requests that this Court enter an order approving and authorizing, on an interim basis, the payment of fees incurred during the FCIFA as follows: to the Receiver in the amount of $\$ 15,435.00$; to Shook Hardy and Bacon, LLP in the amount of $\$ 65,900.54$; and Hays in the amount of $\$ 30,857.40$. The Receiver further asks that the Court authorize the Receiver to
reimburse the out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred by the Receiver in the ordinary course of the administration and operation of the Receivership in the aggregate amount of \$135.04.

## STANDARDIZED FUND ACCOUNTING REPORT

6. Attached as Exhibit D is the Standardized Fund Accounting Report ("SFAR") for the Receivership for the Application Period.

## CASE STATUS

7. Cash on Hand: The Receivership Estate has $\$ 2,639,671.22$ deposited in four trust accounts named for each of the Defendants as of the end of the Application Period (June 30, 2023). These funds were received by (i) taking possession of cash located at the Defendants' office located at 1124 Blalock, Houston, Texas 77055 (\$53,345.56); (ii) taking possession of safes located at the Defendants' office (\$392,765.37); (iii) taking possession of First Community Credit Union bank accounts owned by Benvenuto (\$451,448.14); (iv) taking possession of Bank of America bank accounts owned by Benvenuto (\$21,325.14); (v) taking possession of a Simmons bank account owned by Benvenuto (\$80,763.55); (vi) taking possession of a Simmons bank account owned by CBT ( $\$ 247,916.46$ ); (vii) taking possession of a Regions bank account owned by Chavez (\$781.62); (viii) proceeds from liquidating Coinbase, Inc. account (\$982,924.31); (ix) proceeds from liquidating Blockchain.com account (\$1,161,140.95); (x) taking possession of the balance of a retainer from Burford Perry LLC (\$155,631.00); (xx) taking possession of the balance of retainers from Gerger Hennessy \& Martin LLP (\$214,487.50); taking possession of the balance of retainers from Jones Walker LLP (\$102, 228.70); taking possession of CryptoFX funds turned over by Defendant Mauricio Chavez $(\$ 55,000)$; proceeds from liquidating real property at 0 Hogan Lane ( $\$ 64,758.11$ ); and proceeds from liquidating televisions $(\$ 3,040.00)$.
8. All four Receivership trust accounts are held with Flagstar Bank, N.A., a whollyowned subsidiary of New York Community Bankcorp, Inc. The four trust accounts were
previously held with Signature Bank, N.A., which was acquired by Flagstar in March 2023. Flagstar acquired all deposits of Signature Bank. All Receivership deposits are fully insured by the FDIC and the full faith and credit of the U.S. government up to $\$ 250,000$ and are fully collateralized and insured by a separate surety bond through the Receiver's banking vendor for any amounts above $\$ 250,000$. Additionally, Flagstar continues to be an approved depository by the U.S. Trustee in bankruptcy cases.
9. Other Assets: In addition to the cash on hand listed above, as of the end of the Application Period (September 30, 2023), the Receiver has on hand the following assets.

| Asset | Estimated Amount/Value |
| :--- | ---: |
| Various Laptops and desktop computers | $\$ 5,000$ |
| Real Property: Mack Washington, Hempstead, <br> TX | $\$ 1,080,000$ |
| Bitcoin (BTC) | $\$ 14,031.12$ |
| Tether (USDT) | $\$ 62,923.86$ |
| Solana (SOL) | $\$ .10$ |

10. It is the Receiver's plan to prudently market real estate and other assets of the Receivership for the highest prices obtainable. The Court approved the Receiver's Motions to Approve the Sale of real property located at 0 Hogan Lane and 28 Lawrence Marshall Dr. (Doc. Nos. 57, 62). Additionally, the Court granted the Receiver's Motion to approve the sale of personal property relating to Chavez's 2020 Volkswagen Tiguan, (Doc. No. 67) as well as the sale of Chavez's Mercedes and BMW (Doc. No. 70). The Receiver anticipates filing a motion to approve the sale of the Mack Washington property in due course and anticipates netting approximately $\$ 950,000$.
11. The Receiver is continuing his investigation to locate additional assets of the Receivership Estate and will develop a distribution plan, subject to the Court's approval.
12. Expenses: The Receiver and his team have incurred administrative expenses in the amount of $\$ 135.04$ as a result of efforts to marshal and preserve the assets of the Receivership. Of these expenses, $\$ 135.04$ were advanced by SHB.
13. Investor/Creditor Claims: The Receiver is still evaluating investments made with CryptoFX based upon CryptoFX and CBT records, documents produced by third parties, deposition testimony, and interviews with former CryptoFX and CBT employees as well as sales agents/sponsors/leaders and investors. At present, the Receiver, through an incomplete forensic review, has credible evidence that estimates that approximately 40,000 individuals invested in CryptoFX.
14. The Receiver is working on formulating a claims process, including procedures for (i) providing notice to potential claimants, (ii) receiving and reviewing claims, (iii) recommending to the court payment or denial of claims; and (iv) disposing of claims. To date, the Receiver has not dispersed any funds to any investors.
15. At this stage, it is difficult to predict how long it will take the Receiver to complete his work. As the Receivership moves forward, the Receiver and his team will continue their efforts to most efficiently recover and realize the value of assets for the benefit of the Receivership Estate.
16. Receiver Claims: The Receiver's investigation of claims against third parties is in its early stages. Recovered CryptoFX business records indicate transfers of large amounts of money to Defendants' family members and associates, CryptoFX sales persons/sponsors/leaders, related business entities, and other third parties, all of which support the strong likelihood that the Receivership Estate will have substantial causes of action against these third parties.
17. Additionally, because the Ponzi scheme was primarily a cash-based scheme, it is going to require significant forensic and/or investigatory resources to unravel the claims of the

Receivership estate. Forensic accounting data indicates that the majority of the investments as well as payments of returns on CryptoFX contracts were made in cash.
18. Furthermore, many investors paid and were paid in cryptocurrency. The current investigation of the available cryptocurrency transactions conducted by BlockTrace, the third party engaged by the Receiver to assist with cryptocurrency transaction tracing, has revealed that even though Defendants raised over $\$ 300$ million in investor funds, their gains from cryptocurrency trading was minimal and woefully insufficient to pay the promised $15 \%$ monthly returns as well as the commissions and bonuses to sponsors/leaders. The Receiver will have substantial claims for bonuses and commissions for a large number of third parties and will have to evaluate collectability from these parties. Other claims will have to be researched and evaluated.
19. The Receiver filed a notice of receivership in all relevant jurisdictions where assets of the Receivership are believed to be located.

## FEE APPLICATION

20. On September 19, 2022, the SEC filed a Complaint against Defendants Chavez, Benvenuto, CryptoFX, and CBT, along with an application for the appointment of a receiver for the Receivership Entities. (Doc. Nos. 3 \& 6). On September 29, 2022, the Court appointed John Lewis, Jr. to serve as Receiver over all the assets of the Receivership Defendants. (Doc. No. 11).
21. The Receivership Order allows the Receiver to retain professionals to assist the Receiver in carrying out his duties and responsibilities. Receivership Order at 957 . Engagement of professionals by the Receiver must be approved by the Court. Id. On December 1 and 3, 2022, the Court entered orders authorizing the Receiver to employ SHB as legal counsel (Doc. No. 38) and Hays, as financial consultants and accountants (Doc. No. 37). SHB began working on this matter on September 29, 2022. Hays began working on this matter on September 30, 2022. The Court entered orders authorizing the Receiver to employ Pugh Accardo as Louisiana counsel on

November 10, 2022 (Doc. No. 29), and BlockTrace Inc. as cryptocurrency consultants on January 5, 2023 (Doc. No. 43).
22. The Receivership Order further provides that the Receiver and Retained Personnel shall apply to the Court for compensation and expense reimbursement from the Receivership Estates, and that prior to filing the fee application with all exhibits and relevant billing information must be provided to SEC counsel. Receivership Order at $\mathbb{\$ 1 5}$. The Order also provides that the fee applications of the Receiver and Retained Personnel may be subject to a holdback in the amount of $20 \%$ of the amount of fees and expenses for each application filed with the Court. Id. $\mathbb{\|} 60$.
23. The hours worked, hourly billing rate, and total fees of the Receiver are listed in Exhibit A. The flat hourly billing rate of the Receiver is $\$ 525.00$.
24. The names, hours worked, hourly billing rates, and total fees of all SHB professionals who have billed time to this matter are listed in Exhibit B. The flat hourly rate of each SHB attorney working on this matter is $\$ 425.00$. The flat hourly rate of SHB timekeepers who are not attorneys is their standard rate.
25. The total actual fees and expenses incurred for the Application Period are summarized as follows:

## Receiver <br> Fees for Application Period

| Hours | Hourly <br> Rates | Total Fees | Total Expenses | Fees and <br> Expenses |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 37.60 | See Ex. A | $\$ 15,435.00$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 15,435.00$ |

## Receiver's Counsel, Shook, Hardy \& Bacon L.L.P. Fees and Expenses for Application Period

| Hours | Hourly <br> Rates | Total Fees | Total Expenses | Fees and <br> Expenses |
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| 165.10 | See Ex. B | $\$ 65,765.50$ | $\$ 135.04$ | $\$ 65,900.54$ |

## Receiver's Accountant, Hays Financial Consulting, LLC Fees and Expenses for Application Period

| Hours | Hourly <br> Rates | Total Fees | Total Expenses | Fees and <br> Expenses |
| :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| 120.10 | See Ex. C | $\$ 30,752.40$ | $\$ 105.00$ | $\$ 30,857.40$ |

26. The Receiver asks the Court to approve payments to SHB, on an interim basis in the amount of $\$ 65,900.54$ for the Application Period. The Receiver asks the Court to approve payments to the Receiver, on an interim basis in the amount of $\$ 15,435.00$ for the Application Period. The Receiver asks the Court to approve payments to Hays in the amount of \$30,857.40 for the Application Period.
27. In accordance with the Billing Instructions, the Receiver and his advisors have separately categorized their services by task. The following table summarizes the respective number of hours incurred relative to each task category during the Application Period:

Receiver John Lewis, Jr.

| Task Description | Hours Worked | Total Fees |
| :---: | ---: | ---: |
| Asset Analysis | 23.10 | $\$ 7,822.50$ |
| Case Administration | 2.20 | $\$ 1,155.00$ |
| Data Analysis | 2.50 | $\$ 1,312.50$ |
| Status Reports | 8.10 | $\$ 4,252.50$ |
| Litigation | 1.7 | $\$ 892.50$ |

Receiver's Counsel, Shook, Hardy \& Bacon L.L.P.

| Task Description | Hours Worked | Total Fees |
| :---: | ---: | ---: |
| Asset Analysis | 2.80 | $\$ 1,141.00$ |
| Asset Disposition | 3.10 | $\$ 1,317.50$ |
| Case Administration | 110.70 | $\$ 45,177.50$ |
| Claims Administration | 1.10 | $\$ 467.50$ |
| Accounting | 1.90 | $\$ 807.50$ |
| Data Analysis | 0.40 | $\$ 72.00$ |
| Status Reports | 21.60 | $\$ 7,905.00$ |
| Litigation Consulting | 1.50 | $\$ 637.50$ |
| Litigation | 22.00 | $\$ 8,240.00$ |

Receiver's Accountant, Hays Financial Consulting, LLC

| Task Description | Hours Worked | Total Fees |
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| Accounting | 4.20 | $\$ 1,185.00$ |
| :---: | ---: | ---: |
| Asset Analysis \& Recovery | 0.70 | $\$ 193.20$ |
| Business Analysis | 2.30 | $\$ 486.40$ |
| Case Administration | 6.90 | $\$ 2,373.40$ |
| Claims Administration | 1.30 | $\$ 358.80$ |
| Communications | 0.7 | $\$ 253.40$ |
| Fee Application | 11.40 | No Charge |
| Forensic Accounting | 0.7 | $\$ 253.40$ |
| Litigation Consulting | 0.40 | $\$ 110.40$ |
| Status Reports | 2.80 | 979.20 |
| Tax Issues | 88.30 | $\$ 24,491.20$ |

## ARGUMENT AND AUTHORITES IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION

28. In support of this application for allowance of compensation and reimbursement of expenses, the Receiver and his advisors respectfully direct this Court's attention to those factors generally considered by Courts in awarding compensation to professionals for services performed in connection with the administration of a receivership estate. As stated by the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in Reed v. Rhodes, 179 F.3rd 453, 471 (6th Cir. 1999), "the primary concern in an attorney's fee case is that the fees awarded be reasonable." A reasonable fee is "one that is adequate to attract competent counsel. . ." See Blum v. Stenson, 465 U.S. 886, 893-94 (1984). (internal citation omitted). Under the twelve factor test enunciated by the Fifth Circuit in Johnson v. Georgia Hwy. Express, Inc., 488 F.2d 714, 717 (5th Cir. 1974), and adopted by the Supreme Court in Hensley v. Eckerhart, 461 U.S. 424, 432 (1983), a court must first determine the loadstar amount by multiplying the reasonable number of hours billed by a reasonable billing rate. Johnson, 488 F.2d at 717. That amount can then be adjusted by the "Johnson Factors."
29. The compensation requested is allowable pursuant to the twelve-factor test (the "Johnson Factors") set forth in Johnson, 488 F.2d at 717-19. The Johnson Factors and their applicability in this case are as follows:
30. Time and Labor Required: The Receiver and his advisors expended the hours
detailed in the attached exhibits in performing Services during the Application Period. In support of this application, the Receiver submits the following exhibits for the Court's review.

- Exhibit A demonstrates professional fees (including (i) the date the services were rendered, (ii) the nature of the services rendered, (iii) the time required for the performance of such services, and (iv) the fees charged for each service rendered and expenses of the Receiver in connection with the administration of the Receivership;
- Exhibit B demonstrates professional fees (including (i) the date the services were rendered, (ii) the nature of the services rendered, (iii) the time required for the performance of such services, and (iv) the fees charged for each service rendered and expenses of SHB in connection with the administration of the Receivership;
- Exhibit C demonstrates professional fees (including (i) the date the services were rendered, (ii) the nature of the services rendered, (iii) the time required for the performance of such services, and (iv) the fees charged for each service rendered and expenses of Hays in connection with the administration of the Receivership
- Certification of John Lewis, Jr. stating the reasonableness of the rates charged and hours billed by professionals at SHB.
a. Novelty and Difficulty of Questions Presented: The Services performed involved issues of varying complexity, as set forth in substantial detail in the billing statements attached to this Application.
b. Skill Requisite to Perform Professional Services: The Receiver and his professional team possess substantial expertise and experience in bankruptcy, receiverships, litigation, and related fields and are well-qualified to perform the professional Services.
c. Preclusion of Other Employment Due to Acceptance of the Cases: The Receiver and his team devoted time and resources to this case to the possible preclusion of involvement in other matters.
d. Customary Fees for the Type of Services Rendered: SHB have charged fees that are at or below the standard billing rates for the professionals working on this matter, and those
fees are at or below customary fees charged by like professionals in their respective markets. SHB's flat rate of $\$ 425.00$ per hour is a significant discount to the normal billing rate of $\$ 600.00$ $\$ 730.00$ per hour for the attorneys working on this matter.
e. In addition, the Receiver's professional fees listed above have been reduced by $\$ 4,305.00$. And, SHB's fees have been reduced by $\$ 3,145.00$. SHB's expenses are billed with no mark-up added.
f. Whether the Fee is Fixed or Contingent: The requested fees are subject to Court approval and are primarily based upon hourly rates without any fixed or flat fees. See also Order setting all counsel rates in this case at $\$ 425 / \mathrm{hr}$. (Doc. No. 67). Compensation is "contingent" only in the sense that there are risks of non-allowance or non-payment.
g. Time Limitations Imposed by the Client or Other Circumstances: The time requirements during the period covered by this application have been substantial. The tasks performed by the Receiver and his team include investigating, locating, taking possession, and liquidating Defendants' assets; responding to investors; analyzing new information learned from the ongoing investigation; monitoring and updating the Receiver's website; analyzing company documents, documents produced by witnesses at depositions or interviews, and documents produced by third parties in response to subpoenas; responding to investor questions and concerns; motion practice; and reporting information as necessary to the Court.
h. The Amount Involved and Results Obtained: Furthermore, the Receiver and his advisors have performed tasks that have added value to the Receivership by locating, taking possession of, and liquidating Receivership assets. The Receiver and his advisors have taken actions during the Application Period including, but not limited to, the following:
a. Maintaining a Receiver Website (cryptofxreceiver.com), email address (receivership@shb.com), and phone number (713-546-5614) so that
investors can receive information pertaining to the receivership in both English and Spanish.
b. Communicating with investors by phone and email;
c. Conducting interviews of investors;
d. Conducting interviews of additional sales agents;
e. Identifying and securing receivership assets;
f. Maintaining cryptocurrency wallets and/or accounts containing Bitcoin cryptocurrency;
g. Coordinating valuation and sale of Receivership personal property;
h. Corresponding with third parties to identify potential receivership assets;
i. Analyzing emails, text messages, and other records to evaluate Receivership Defendant assets;
j. Preparing charts showing amount of assets received by CryptoFX;
k. Preparing of paper and electronic records for a detailed forensic analysis;

1. Reviewing CryptoFX and CBT business records obtained from investors or in response to third-party subpoenas;
m . Serving subpoenas to third parties for the collection of documents and information to financial institutions, crypto currency platforms, professionals retained by the Defendants, and other fact witnesses in order to locate additional assets;
n. Analyzing company records to evaluate potential claims against third parties;
o. Managing a Relativity database in order to store and review company documents.
p. Conducting public records searches and related due diligence to affiliated parties, entities, and other potential relief defendants;
q. Preparing the Receiver's Third Interim Status Report;
r. Working with Dimas Realty team to prepare the Mack Washington Property for sale.
s. Reviewing records received from third parties to perform asset tracing analysis;
t. Working with real estate broker and real estate appraisers to evaluate and liquidate real property;
u. Working with Webster's Auction Palace to appraise and evaluate the value of personal property.
i. The Experience, Reputation, and Ability of the Professional: The Receiver and his team have extensive experience in receivership, bankruptcy, and litigation matters.
j. Undesirability of the Case: This factor is inapplicable to the present case.
k. Nature and Length of Professional Relationship with the Client: SHB and Hays have worked with the Receiver prior to being retained in these proceedings and maintains an ongoing relationship.
2. Awards in Similar Cases: The Receiver and the professionals of the Receiver are regularly awarded compensation in receivership cases on the same basis as requested herein.
3. Each of these tasks detailed in the Receiver's Third Interim Fee Application was reasonably necessary to secure assets of the Receivership and to evaluate potential sources of other assets. Further, each task was performed efficiently by the Receiver or his advisors at SHB and Hays.

## CONFERRAL WITH THE SEC

32. The Receiver and counsel for the SEC have conferred regarding the Receiver's SCIFA and its compliance with the SEC's Billing Guidelines and this Court's Receivership Order, and the reasonableness of the costs and expenses incurred in the ordinary course of the administration and operation of the Receivership.
33. The SEC does not oppose the Receiver's request for an order approving and authorizing, on an interim basis, the payment of fees and expenses as follows:
(a) That the Receiver be conditionally awarded fees incurred during the Fourth Interim Fee Application in the amount of $\$ 15,435.00$;
(b) That the Receiver's Retained Professionals be awarded fees incurred during the Fourth Interim Fee Application as follows: Shook Hardy \& Bacon, LLC for $\$ 65,900.54$; and Hays for $\$ 30,857.40$.
(c) That the out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred by the Receiver in the ordinary course of the administration and operation of the Receivership, as set out more fully in this TCIFA in the aggregate amount of $\$ 135.04$, are reasonable and necessary, and that they be approved for immediate reimbursement by the Receiver.

## CONCLUSION

34. Based on the foregoing, the Receiver respectfully requests that the Court enter an order approving the Receiver's Fourth Certified Interim Fee Application for the Receiver and His Retained Professionals and authorizing the Receiver to immediately pay the fees requested in the FCIFA as follows: (1) to the Receiver in the amount of $\$ 15,435.00$; (2) to Shook Hardy \& Bacon, LLC for $\$ 65,900.54$; and (3) to Hays for $\$ 30,857.40 .00$.
35. The Receiver further asks that the Court find and determine that the costs and expenses incurred by the Receiver in the ordinary course of the administration and operation of the Receivership, as set out more fully in this Application, were reasonable and necessary and that they be approved for immediate reimbursement by the Receiver in the aggregate amount of \$135.04.

Dated: November 17, 2023

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## CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE

The undersigned hereby certifies that he has conferred with counsel for Plaintiff US Securities and Exchange Commission, and the SEC does not oppose this Application and supports granting the relief requested herein.
/s/ Poston E. Pritchett
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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this the 17th day of November, 2023, the above and foregoing document was filed electronically through the CM/ECF system, which sent notification of such filing to all known counsel of record.

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Exhibit A


SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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SEC vs. Mauricio Chaves, et al. - John Lewis, Jr. Receiver; Receivers Invoice
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| 41428407 | 07/13/2023 | 19690 | John Lewis Jr. | 1.50 | \$787.50 | 1.50 | \$787.50 | Turns of status report. | SEC04 |
| 41384446 | 07/19/2023 | 19690 | John Lewis Jr. | 1.00 | 525.00 | 1.00 | 525.00 | Call with atters. | SEC04 |
| 41384448 | 07/20/2023 | 19690 | John Lewis Jr. | 1.20 | 630.00 | 1.20 | 630.00 | Call with | SEC04 |
| 41384551 | 07/20/2023 | 19690 | John Lewis Jr. | 1.10 | 577.50 | 1.10 | 577.50 | Call with | SEC04 |
| 41430283 | 07/24/2023 | 19690 | John Lewis Jr. | 1.50 | 787.50 | 1.50 | 787.50 |  | SEC04 |
| 41404328 | 07/31/2023 | 19690 | John Lewis Jr. | 0.90 | 472.50 | 0.90 | 472.50 | Analysis of issues with team including timing of establishing claims database, offensive claims/relief defendants and status conference request. | SEC04 |
| 41443113 | 07/31/2023 | 19690 | John Lewis Jr. | 0.60 | 315.00 | 0.60 | 315.00 | Attention to banking and confirming authorizing wire transfers for approved compensation to BlockTrace | SEC04 |
| 41621604 | 08/01/2023 | 19690 | John Lewis Jr. | 0.90 | 472.50 | 0.90 | 472.50 | Review outline of substantive elements of draft motion for status conference. | SEC04 |
| 41604563 | 08/03/2023 | 19690 | John Lewis Jr. | 5.00 | 2,625.00 | 5.00 | 2,625.00 | NO charge. Attention to fee application package. | SEC04 |
| 41621641 | 08/15/2023 | 19690 | John Lewis Jr. | 0.70 | 367.50 | 0.70 | 367.50 | Attention to authorizing Benvenuto wire transfer. Review and approval auctioneer agreement for Chavez personalty. | SEC04 |
| 41660378 | 08/17/2023 | 19690 | John Lewis Jr. | 2.50 | 1,312.50 | 2.50 | 1,312.50 | NO CHARGE - attention to fee application materials review. | SEC04 |
| 41644431 | 08/31/2023 | 19690 | John Lewis Jr. | 1.50 | 787.50 | 1.50 | 787.50 | Attention to banking and reconciliations following status conference with court. | SEC04 |
| 41877120 | 09/13/2023 | 19690 | John Lewis Jr. | 1.40 | 735.00 | 1.40 | 735.00 | Attention to federal income tax returns for CBT Group. Discuss questions and details with accountants. | SEC04 |
| 41876083 | 09/15/2023 | 19690 | John Lewis Jr. | 1.10 | 577.50 | 1.10 | 577.50 | Attention to review and filing of Texas Franchise tax and income returns for CBT group. | SEC04 |
| 41922457 | 09/22/2023 | 19690 | John Lewis Jr. | 0.80 | 420.00 | 0.80 | 420.00 | Strategic discussion with G. Hays and P. Pritchett regarding | SEC04 |
| 41922454 | 09/25/2023 | 19690 | John Lewis Jr. | 0.80 | 420.00 | 0.80 | 420.00 | Attention to review of results of auction of Chavez personal property, claimed auctioneer commission and related report of sale to Court. | SEC04 |
| 41922930 | 09/25/2023 | 19690 | John Lewis Jr. | 0.60 | 315.00 | 0.60 | 315.00 | Exchanges with team regarding | SEC04 |
| 40954917 | 07/11/2023 | 19690 | John Lewis Jr. | 1.10 | 577.50 | 1.10 | 577.50 | Call with L. Ferm regarding | SEC05 |
| 41430254 | 07/14/2023 | 19690 | John Lewis Jr. | 1.10 | 577.50 | 1.10 | 577.50 | Turns of status report. | SEC05 |
| 40952986 | 07/10/2023 | 19690 | John Lewis Jr. | 2.50 | 1,312.50 | 2.50 | 1,312.50 | Attention to Blocktrace | SEC10 |
| 40931462 | 07/03/2023 | 19690 | John Lewis Jr. | 1.50 | 787.50 | 1.50 | 787.50 | Interim Report drafting | SEC11 |
| 40931862 | 07/06/2023 | 19690 | John Lewis Jr. | 4.50 | 2,362.50 | 2.50 | 1,312.50 | Revisions to status report draft. Discuss with J. Daniels regarding ongoing BlockTrace work. | SEC11 |

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 85．00 Review Mack Washington lien release．
 compare with contract for sale of real property

Bill Amount Description $\$ 85.00$ Review new offer on Mack Washington property．
85.00 Review communications between auction house and attoreny
regarding additional Chavez property．
170．00 Attend team meeting regarding items outstanding for 4th report of the receiver．
255．00 Attend team call regarding additional relief defendants to add． 255．00 Verify continued SalesForce data integrity and access． 42．50 Communicate with SalesForce regarding issues with access． 85．00 Continue verification of SalesForce data integrity and access． 36．00 Yara Rashad（CHI）：Research to obtain docket and $\square$ 127．50 Confer with Blocktrace regarding possible further work and expected recovery． 85．00 Review compliance with disposition of Mack Washington property． 85．00 Further attention to disposition of Mack Washington property． 807．50 Revise motion for sale of real property located at 0 Mack Washington in accordance with revisions to latest contract． 85．00 Confer with Webster＇s auction． 85．00 Follow up with realtor regarding disposition of Mack Washington property
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 722.50 to prepare for sale of Mack Washington property．

 595．00 Create spreadsheet maintaining running task list of all receivership activity and upcoming deadlines．
680.00 Draft demand letter to information as required by the duties of the receiver． 935．00 Review and analyze filings in receivership cases 382.50 Revise running task list spreadsheet to include assets within
receivership estate． 297．50 Meet with P．Pritchett，G．Hayes，S．Askue，and J．Lewis to discuss case status and ongoing tasks． 85．00 Summarize status of discrete action items from status call and responsibilities for same．

85．00 Review inquiry from counsel． 297．50 Correspond with broker regarding proposed revisions to contract for 425.00 Sale of real property located at Mack Washington． 425．00 Call with Poston．
170．00 Attention to status
170．00 Attention to status report．
127．50 Correspond with internal

807．50 Draft BlockTrace fee application．
127．50 Confer with Y．Rashad regarding status of specific action items from status call．
85.00 Respond to inquiry from Paul Flack． 85．00 Respond to inquiry from attomey for G．Benvenuto． 340．00 Correspond with broker for Mack Washington property regarding buyer＇s revisions to offer period in contract and correspond with J
Lewis and P．Pritchett regarding same．
85．00 Response to $P$ ．Flack regarding motion for bank account access． 85．00 Review proposed motion and order from P．Chavez．
297．50 Revise demand letters to 425.00 Prepare for and participate in call with

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127.50 Correspond with real estate broker and Correspond with real estate broker and J．Lewis regarding sale of
Mack Washington property in preparation for sale and court order Mack Washington property in preparation for sale and court order
requesting same． requesting same．

1，105．00 Revise motion for sale of real property per edits from J．Lewis and P． Pritchett．
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170．00 Participate in status call regarding outstanding action items． 170．00 Draft informational blurb regarding offshoot scam to be posted to the Receivership＇s website in response to claims reported to the SEC． 85．00 Response to inquiry from $\square$
85．00 Analyze P．Flack revisions to order on motion to compel． 170．00 Strategy discussion with J．Lewis．
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# SEC v CryptoFX <br> John Lewis, Receiver 

## For the Period from 7/1/2023 to 9/30/2023

October 11, 2023

Professional Services

|  | Hours | Amount |
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|  |  |  |
| Accounting | 4.20 | $1,185.00$ |
| Asset Analysis \& Recovery | 0.70 | 193.20 |
| Business Analysis | 2.30 | 486.40 |
| Case Administration | 6.90 | $2,373.40$ |
| Claims Administration \& Objections | 1.30 | 358.80 |
| Communications and Reporting | 0.70 | 253.40 |
| Data Analysis | 0.40 | 68.00 |
| Fee / Employment Applications \& Objection | 11.40 | NO CHARGE |
| Forensic Accounting | 0.70 | 253.40 |
| Litigation Consulting | 0.40 | 110.40 |
| Status Reports | 2.80 | 979.20 |
| Tax Issues | 88.30 | $\mathbf{2 4 , 4 9 1 . 2 0}$ |
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For the Period from 7/1/2023 to 9/30/2023
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Professional Services

|  | Hrs/Rate | Amount |
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| Dwaine A. Butler | 3.20 | 340.00 |
|  | 106.25/hr |  |
| James R. Jennings, CPA | 76.40 | 21,086.40 |
|  | 276.00/hr |  |
| S. Gregory Hays, CTP, CIRA | 13.30 | 4,054.40 |
|  | 304.84/hr |  |
| Scott S. Askue | 27.20 | 5,271.60 |
|  | 193.81/hr |  |
| For professional services rendered | 120.10 | \$30,752.40 |
| Additional Charges |  |  |
| Tax Return Filing Fees |  | 105.00 |
| Total costs |  | \$105.00 |
| Total amount of this bill |  | \$30,857.40 |

## SEC v CryptoFX <br> John Lewis, Receiver

For the Period from 7/1/2023 to 9/30/2023
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Professional Services

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| Accounting |  |  |  |  |
| 7/17/2023 | SSA | Drafted email to Lisa Ferm regarding transaction ledger to date. | $\begin{gathered} 0.20 \\ 276.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 55.20 |
|  | SSA | Prepared updated asset and recovery analysis. | 1.90 | 524.40 |
|  |  | Prepared SFAR for the period ending 6/30/23. | 276.00/hr |  |
| 7/19/2023 | SSA | Prepared updated report of Receipts and | 0.90 | 248.40 |
|  |  | Disbursement during the bankruptcy case for interim report. | 276.00/hr |  |
| 8/15/2023 | SSA | Reviewed and responded to email from Poston | 0.30 | 82.80 |
|  |  | Pritchett regarding SFAR and other reporting. | 276.00/hr |  |
| 8/29/2023 | SSA | Prepared analysis of the allocation of awarded professional fees and expenses to the various receiver estates. | $\begin{gathered} 0.60 \\ 276.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 165.60 |
| 8/31/2023 | SGH | Reviewed calculation of fees to be paid and allocation to various estate. Corresponded with Receiver. | $\begin{gathered} 0.30 \\ 362.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 108.60 |
|  |  | Subtotal | 4.20 | 1,185.00 |
|  | Ass | et Analysis \& Recovery |  |  |
| 7/26/2023 | SSA | Reviewed for supporting documents relating to claims against PLS. Drafted email to Poston Pritchett regarding same. | $\begin{gathered} 0.70 \\ 276.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 193.20 |
|  |  | Subtotal | 0.70 | 193.20 |
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| 7/12/2023 | SSA | Researched for contract information for Reyna | 0.70 | 193.20 |
|  |  | Guifarro. Drafted email to Mia Fleming regarding same. | 276.00/hr |  |
| 8/11/2023 | SSA | Reviewed for analyses on select leaders. Drafted | 0.20 | 55.20 |
|  |  | email to Yara Rashad regarding same. | 276.00/hr |  |
| 9/21/2023 | DAB | Reviewed leader analysis and researched Relativity for | 1.40 | 238.00 |
|  |  | information regarding leader transactions and transfers. | 170.00/hr |  |
|  |  | Subtotal | 2.30 | 486.40 |
|  | Cas | e Administration |  |  |
| 7/5/2023 | DAB |  | 0.20 | 34.00 |
|  |  | issues, potential recoveries, and research of Relativity for specific wallet address detail. | 170.00/hr |  |
| 7/10/2023 | SSA | Weekly conference with receiver team. | 0.50 | 138.00 |
|  |  |  | 276.00/hr |  |


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| 7/10/2023 | SGH | Weekly Receiver Team conference call. | $\begin{gathered} 0.50 \\ 362.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 181.00 |
| 7/11/2023 | SGH | Reviewed and responded to wide variety of emails. Reviewed prior receiver reports for information on total estimated claims and number of creditors. Responded to email regarding Blocktrace fee application. Responded to email regarding Salesforce data. Emails to the Receiver. Emails to James Daniels of Blocktrace. | $\begin{gathered} 0.60 \\ 362.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 217.20 |
| 7/12/2023 | SGH | Corresponded with Receiver and Blocktrace. | $\begin{gathered} 0.20 \\ 362.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 72.40 |
| 7/14/2023 | SGH | Reviewed Blocktrace fee application and email to Receiver and Yara regarding suggested additions and getting BlockTrace paid to continue analysis efforts. Email to James Daniels. | $\begin{gathered} 0.40 \\ 362.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 144.80 |
| 7/16/2023 | SGH | Drafted email to Receiver regarding pending matters. | $\begin{gathered} 0.20 \\ 362.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 72.40 |
| 7/18/2023 | SGH | Emails with Receiver regarding the Blocktrace fee application, the Receiver's 4th Interim Report, and other matters. Emails with James Daniels. | $\begin{gathered} 0.40 \\ 362.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 144.80 |
| 7/28/2023 | SGH | Emails regarding status and approval of Blocktrace fees. Email with James Daniels regarding getting started working on case. | $\begin{gathered} 0.10 \\ 362.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 36.20 |
| 7/31/2023 | SGH | Participated in Zoom call with Receiver team. | $\begin{gathered} 0.60 \\ 362.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 217.20 |
| 8/8/2023 | SGH | Reviewed docket activity. | $\begin{gathered} 0.20 \\ 362.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 72.40 |
| 8/9/2023 | SGH | Reviewed emails regarding pending matters. | $\begin{gathered} 0.20 \\ 362.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 72.40 |
| 8/10/2023 | SGH | Reviewed docket and email to Receiver. | $\begin{gathered} 0.20 \\ 362.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 72.40 |
| 8/11/2023 | SGH | Research regarding pending matters before the court. Emails to Receiver and Poston Pritchett. Call to Sonila Themeli regarding same. | $\begin{gathered} 0.40 \\ 362.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 144.80 |
| 8/18/2023 | SGH | Reviewed docket activity and email to Receiver regarding required update. | $\begin{gathered} 0.20 \\ 362.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 72.40 |
| 8/27/2023 | SGH | Email to the Receiver and Carol Hahn regarding pending matters. | $\begin{gathered} 0.20 \\ 362.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 72.40 |
| 8/29/2023 | SGH | Email from the Receiver regarding status conference. Reviewed analysis of fees by case and drafted email to Receiver and Poston Pritchett regarding allocation of fees. Reviewed settlement agreement with defendants and downloaded for web site. | $\begin{gathered} 0.50 \\ 362.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 181.00 |
| 8/30/2023 | SGH | Participated in status conference. | $\begin{gathered} 0.30 \\ 362.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 108.60 |
| 9/22/2023 | SGH | Conference call with Receiver, Poston Pritchett, and Scott Askue regarding pending matter and recoveries. Discussed claim administration and possible litigation. | $\begin{gathered} 0.50 \\ 362.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 181.00 |
|  | SSA | Conference call with Receiver, Poston Pritchett, and Greg Hays regarding case matters, pending issues and next steps in case. | $\begin{gathered} 0.50 \\ 276.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 138.00 |
|  |  | Subtotal | 6.90 | 2,373.40 |

## Claims Administration \& Objections

| 7/12/2023 SSA | Drafted email to receiver team regarding status of <br> claims process. Researched and drafted email <br> regarding notice issues and contact information for <br> same. |
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| Subtotal | 1.30 | 358.80 |

## Communications and Reporting

7/20/2023 SGH Drafted email regarding web traffic and updated web site by down loading pleadings for creditors.
7/25/2023 SGH Reviewed report of web activity. Email to Receiver regarding same.

Subtotal
0.40
362.00/hr
0.30
362.00/hr
0.70 $\qquad$
Data Analysis
9/26/2023 DAB Researched Relativity portal for potential recoveries.

| 0.40 |
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| $170.00 / \mathrm{hr}$ | | 68.00 |
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| 0.40 |$\quad 68.00$

## Fee / Employment Applications \& Objection

| 7/5/2023 DAB | Reviewed and edited time entries in preparation of <br> Accountants Fee Application. |
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7/14/2023 SGH Reviewed pre-bill for Second Quarter fee application.
SSA Reviewed and edited fee invoice for the quarter ending 6/30/203.
7/15/2023 DAB Reviewed and edited time entries in preparation of Accountant's invoice.
7/26/2023 SGH Email to Receiver regarding payment of fees and filing second quarter fee statement with SEC.
8/3/2023 SGH Reviewed and edited the draft of the HFC fee application. Corresponded with Receiver and Poston Pritchett regarding filing the fee application and order ASAP.
SSA Drafted fee application.

Subtotal

## Forensic Accounting

7/6/2023 SGH Responded to emails from James Daniels of Blocktrace.
7/17/2023 SGH Email to James Daniels of Blocktrace.
9/4/2023 SGH Drafted email to James Daniels and Kevin Duberstein regarding the status of crypto tracing and next steps. Email to Poston Pritchett regarding subpoenas.

Subtotal

## Litigation Consulting

7/11/2023 SSA Reviewed and verified content of letter to Angelica Vargas.

Subtotal

| 0.40 <br> $276.00 / h r$ <br> 0.40 | 110.40 |
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|  | 110.40 |


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| Status Reports |  |  |  |  |
| 7/10/2023 | SGH | Edited copy of 4th Interim Report and email to parties regarding same with suggested changes. | $\begin{gathered} 0.40 \\ 362.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 144.80 |
| 7/13/2023 | SGH | Reviewed and edited the 4th Interim Report. | $\begin{gathered} 0.50 \\ 362.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 181.00 |
| 7/14/2023 | SGH | Researched information of 4th Interim Report. | $\begin{gathered} 0.40 \\ 362.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 144.80 |
| 7/17/2023 | SGH | Reviewed and edited the Receiver's 4th Interim Report and sent suggested edits to the Receiver and Caroline Gieser. | $\begin{gathered} 0.40 \\ 362.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 144.80 |
|  | SGH | Researched fee information to included in the 4th interim report and drafted email. | $\begin{gathered} 0.30 \\ 362.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 108.60 |
|  | SSA | Weekly team meeting regarding 4th interim report and other matters. | $\begin{gathered} 0.40 \\ 276.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 110.40 |
| 7/19/2023 | SGH | Research issues for Exhibit to 4th Interim report. Drafted email regarding excluding Exhibit A. Obtained additional information to file report. | $\begin{gathered} 0.40 \\ 362.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 144.80 |
|  |  | Subtotal | 2.80 | 979.20 |
|  | Tax Issues |  |  |  |
| 8/28/2023 | SGH | Telephone call to Carol Hahn at SEC regarding pending issues and tax returns for receivership entities. Drafted email to Receiver regarding tax returns that need to be filed. Email to staff regarding tax returns due on $9 / 15 / 23$. Reviewed email from Receiver regarding emergency hearing on 8/30/23. | $\begin{gathered} 0.40 \\ 362.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 144.80 |
| 8/30/2023 | SGH | Emails with Jim Jennings regarding filing tax returns. | $\begin{gathered} 0.30 \\ 362.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 108.60 |
| 8/31/2023 | JRJ | Reviewed and researched production of documents archive for Crypto FX and CBT. Discussed briefly with Scott Askue. Attempt to reconcile daily cash reports to multitude of bank statements beginning in 2020 through 2022. | $\begin{aligned} & 3.50 \\ & 276.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{aligned}$ | 966.00 |
| 9/1/2023 | JRJ | Set up cash journal for non bank cash receipts (custodial contributions, contract withdrawals, commissions, crypto sales, etc.). Reviewed all handwritten journals from 2/1/2021-5/3/2021. | $\begin{gathered} 2.50 \\ 276.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 690.00 |
|  | JRJ | Continued set up of cash journal for non bank cash receipts (custodial contributions, contract withdrawals, commissions, crypto sales, etc.). Reviewed all handwritten journals from 2/1/2021-5/3/2021. | $\begin{gathered} 2.50 \\ 276.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 690.00 |
| 9/2/2023 | JRJ | Entered all non bank cash activity into cash journal set up for January-February, 2021. | $\begin{gathered} 2.50 \\ 276.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 690.00 |
| 9/3/2023 | JRJ | Entered all non bank cash activity into cash journal set up for March, 2021. | $\begin{gathered} 1.50 \\ 276.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 414.00 |
| 9/4/2023 | SGH | Reviewed email from Jim Jennings. Email to Scott Askue regarding next steps and taxes. | $\begin{gathered} 0.20 \\ 362.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 72.40 |
|  | JRJ | Entered all non bank cash activity into cash journal set up for April, 2021. | $\begin{gathered} 3.50 \\ 276.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 966.00 |
|  | JRJ | Organized all non bank cash reports for May 1, 2021-December 31, 2021 and January 1, 2022-end. Inventoried all bank statements for Crypto FX LLC, CBT Group, Mauricio Chavez, and Maurizzio LLC. | $\begin{gathered} 3.10 \\ 276.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 855.60 |
| 9/5/2023 | JRJ | Entered all non bank cash activity into cash journal set up for May, 2021. | $\begin{gathered} 3.50 \\ 276.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 966.00 |


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| 9/5/2023 |  | Prepared 2020 cash journal for Crypto FX Cadence bank accounts 7103 and 7129. Discussed d briefly with Scott Askue. Reviewed all transfers out and deposits. | $\begin{gathered} 1.50 \\ 276.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 414.00 |
|  | SSA | Researched for historical tax documents for | 1.30 | 358.80 |
|  |  | Defendants for preparation of prior year tax returns. Discussed same with Jim Jennings. | 276.00/hr |  |
| 9/6/2023 | JRJ | Reviewed CBT Group LLC documentation and banking information. Set up cash journal and accounted for initial bank activity for November and December 2020. | $\begin{gathered} 1.50 \\ 276.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 414.00 |
|  | JRJ | Prepared initial 2020 Federal 1065 partnership return and Texas Franchise No Tax Due Report returns for | $\begin{gathered} 3.50 \\ 276.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 966.00 |
|  |  | CBT Group LLC. |  |  |
|  | JRJ | Prepared cash journal for cash activity from | 3.50 | 966.00 |
|  |  | 1/1/2021-5/31/2021 for CBT Group LLC Cadence Bank account ending in .. 7654 (excluding Lone Star and Simmons Bank accounts). | 276.00/hr |  |
|  | JRJ | Prepared cash journal for cash activity from | 1.50 | 414.00 |
|  |  | 5/1/2021-5/31/2021 for CBT Group LLC Lone Star | 276.00/hr |  |
|  |  | Bank account ending in . 0427 (Simmons Bank accounts). |  |  |
|  | SSA | Reviewed draft of year 2020 tax return for CBT. | 1.30 | 358.80 |
|  |  |  | 276.00/hr |  |
| 9/7/2023 | JRJ | Prepared cash journal for cash activity for CBT Group | 6.50 | 1,794.00 |
|  |  | LLC from 5/1/2021-12/31/2021 for Simmons Bank account ending in x9557 (Simmons Bank accounts). | 276.00/hr |  |
|  | SSA | Telephone call from Jim Jennings regarding CBT tax | 2.70 | 745.20 |
|  |  | returns. Researched for supporting documents for same. | 276.00/hr |  |
|  | JRJ | Prepared adjusting trial balance for CBT Group LLC | $\begin{gathered} 3.50 \\ 2760 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 966.00 |
|  |  | for year ended 12/31/2021 | 276.00/hr |  |
|  | SSA | Researched for payments from investor to CBT for tax returns. | $\begin{gathered} 1.70 \\ 276.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 469.20 |
| 9/8/2023 |  | Prepared adjusting trial balance for year ended | 3.50 | 966.00 |
|  |  | 12/31/2021 for CBT Group LLC after accounting for cash activity in Cadence, Lone Star, and Simmons bank accounts. Analyzed deposits for transfers from CryptoFX LLC. | 276.00/hr |  |
|  | JRJ | Prepared draft of Federal 1065 and Texas Franchise | 3.90 | 1,076.40 |
|  |  | Tax Return 158 for CBT Group LLC for year ended 12/31/2021. | 276.00/hr |  |
|  | JRJ | Prepared cash journal for cash activity for CBT Group | 4.10 | 1,131.60 |
|  |  | LLC for the months of January, February, March of | 276.00/hr |  |
|  |  | 2022. Accounted for all deposits. |  |  |
|  | SSA | Drafted email to Jim Jennings regarding CBT | ${ }^{0.20}$ | 55.20 |
|  |  | operations for background into flow of funds for preparation of tax returns. | 276.00/hr |  |
| 9/9/2023 | JRJ | Prepared cash journal for cash activity for CBT Group | 6.60 | 1,821.60 |
|  |  | LLC for the months April, May, June, July, August \& | 276.00/hr |  |
|  |  | September of 2022. Accounted for all deposits. |  |  |
|  | JRJ | Prepared journal entries and adjusting trial balance for year ended 12/31/2022 | $\begin{gathered} 2.30 \\ 27600 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 634.80 |
|  |  | year ended 12/31/2022, <br> Prepared draft of year ended 12/31/2022 Federal and | $\begin{gathered} 276.00 / \mathrm{hr} \\ 1.50 \end{gathered}$ | 414.00 |
|  | JRJ | Texas partnership tax returns for CBT Group LLC. | 276.00/hr |  |
| 9/11/2023 | JRJ | Updated 2022 activity for CBT Group LLC for receiver | 1.50 | 414.00 |
|  |  | bank account activity. Updated cash journal, journal entries, and revised trial balance. | 276.00/hr |  |
|  | JRJ | Updated 2022 partnership tax returns for CBT Group | 1.50 | 414.00 |
|  |  | LLC for receiver bank account activity. | 276.00/hr |  |


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|  |  | Hrs/Rate | Amount |
| 9/11/2023 JRJ | Processed 2020, 2021, and 2022 partnership tax returns for CBT Group LLC. Prepared transmittal letter and updated memo written which provides overview of reporting. | $\begin{gathered} 0.90 \\ 276.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 248.40 |
| SGH | Reviewed tax files from Jim Jennings for CFX and CBT. | $\begin{gathered} 0.50 \\ 362.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 181.00 |
| SSA | Telephone call from Jim Jennings regarding various issues regarding preparation of CBT tax returns. Prepared ledgers and reviewed for support for preparation of same. | $\begin{gathered} 2.10 \\ 276.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 579.60 |
| 9/12/2023 SSA | Drafted email to the Receiver regarding filing of the 2020, 2021 and 2022 tax returns for CBT. Prepared documents for transmission to same. | $\begin{gathered} 0.70 \\ 276.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 193.20 |
| 9/14/2023 SSA | Researched for Webfile ID for CBT. Drafted email to the Receiver regarding manual filing of Texas Franchise tax returns. Prepared mailing to same. | $\begin{gathered} 0.50 \\ 276.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 138.00 |
| 9/26/2023 JRJ | Reviewed workup of 2021 and 2022 non bank cash activity using template created for capturing theft income, return of investment, commissions, contract labor, and distributions to Mauricio Chavez. Prepared write up regarding same for circulation. | $\begin{gathered} 6.50 \\ 276.00 / \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | 1,794.00 |
|  | Subtotal | 88.30 | 24,491.20 |
| For professional services rendered |  | 120.10 | \$30,752.40 |

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Additional Charges :
Amount

## Expenses

9/30/2023 Tax software licensing fee for filing of forms 1065 for years 2020, 2021 and 2022.

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Total costs

Total amount of this bill
\$105.00
$\$ 30,857.40$

Exhibit D

STANDARDIZED FUND ACCOUNTING REPORT for
Receivership in SEC v. Mauricio Chavez, Giorgio Benvenuto and Crypto FX, LLC - Cash Basis
Receivership; Civil Court Docket No. 4:22-cv-3359
Reporting Period 07/01/2023 to 09/30/2023

| FUND ACCOUNTING (See Instructions:) |  |  |  |  |
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| Line 1 | Beginning Balance <br> Increases in Fund Balance: | $\frac{\text { Detail (for Current }}{\frac{\text { Period) }}{\$ 3,661,599.05}}$ | $\frac{\text { Subtotal (From }}{\text { Prior Period) }}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Grand Total } \\ & \text { (All Periods) } \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  |  |  | \$0.00 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Line 2 | Business Income | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Line 3 | Cash and Securities | \$0.00 | \$3,479,325.73 | \$3,479,325.73 |
| Line 4 | Interest/Dividends Income | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Line 5 | Business Asset Liquidation | \$0.00 | \$132,824.93 | \$132,824.93 |
| Line 6 | Personal Asset Liquidation | \$0.00 | \$80,262.93 | \$80,262.93 |
| Line 7 | Third-Party Litigation Income | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Line 8 | Miscellaneous - Other (Attorney Escrows) | \$0.00 | \$527,347.20 | \$527,347.20 |
|  | Total Funds Available (Lines 1-8) | \$3,661,599.05 |  | \$4,219,760.79 |
| $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \text { Line } 9 \\ \text { Line } 10 \end{array}$ | Decreases in Fund Balance: |  |  |  |
|  | Disbursements to Investors | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
|  | Disbursements for Receivership Operations |  |  |  |
| Line 10a | Disbursements to Receiver or Other Professionals | \$1,003,927.83 | \$375,336.50 | \$1,379,264.33 |
| Line 10b | Business Asset Expenses | \$0.00 | \$9,007.60 | \$9,007.60 |
| Line 10c | Personal Asset Expenses (Includes monthly budget for Defendant | \$18,000.00 | \$173,817.64 | \$191,817.64 |
| Line 10d | Investment Expenses | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Line 100 | Third-Party Litigation Expenses |  |  |  |
|  | 1. Attorney Fees | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
|  | 2. Litigation Expenses | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
|  | Total Third-Party Litigation Expenses | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Line 10f | Tax Administrator Fees and Bonds | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Line 10g | Federal and State Tax Payments | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Line 11 <br> Line 11a | Total Disbursements for Receivership Operations | \$1,021,927.83 | \$558,161.74 | \$1,580,089.57 |
|  | Disbursements for Distribution Expenses Paid by the Fund: |  |  |  |
|  | Distribution Plan Development Expenses: <br> 1. Fees: |  |  |  |
|  | Fund Administration | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
|  | Independent Distribution Consultant (IDC) | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
|  | Distribution Agent | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
|  | Consultants | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
|  | Legal Advisers | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
|  | Tax Advisers | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
|  | 2. Administrative Expenses | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
|  | 3. Miscellaneous | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
|  | Total Plan Development Expenses | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Line $11 b$ | Distribution Plan Implementation Expenses <br> 1. Fees: |  |  |  |
|  | Fund Administration | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
|  | IDC | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
|  | Distribution Agent | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
|  | Consultants | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
|  | Legal Advisers | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
|  | Tax Advisers | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
|  | 2. Administrative Expenses | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
|  | 3. Investor Identification |  |  |  |
|  | Notice/Publishing Approved Plan | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
|  | Claimant Identification | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
|  | Claims Processing | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
|  | Web Site Maintenance/Call Center | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
|  | 4. Fund Administrator Bond | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
|  | 5. Miscellaneous | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
|  | 6. Federal Account for Investor Restitution | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
|  | (FAIR) Reporting Expenses <br> Total Plan Implementation Expenses | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
|  | Total Disbursements for Distribution Expenses Paid by the Fund |  |  |  |
| Line 12 | Disbursements to Court/Other: |  |  |  |
| Line 12a | Investment Expenses/Court Registry Investment | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Line $12 b$ | System (CRIS) Fees |  |  |  |
|  | Federal Tax Payments | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
|  | Total Disbursement to Court/Other: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
|  | Total Funds Disbursed (Line 9-11): | \$1,021,927.83 | \$558,161.74 | \$1,580,089.57 |
| Line 13 | Ending Balance (As of 6/30/2023): | \$2,639,671.22 |  | \$2,639,671.22 |


| Line 14 | Ending Balance of Fund - Net Assets: |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Line 14a | Cash \& Cash Equivalents | $\$ 2,639,671.22$ | $\$ 0.00$ |
| Line 14b | Investments | $\$ 2,639,671.22$ |  |
| Line 14c | Other Assets or Uncleared Funds (Frozen Accounts) | $\$ 0.00$ | $\$ 0.00$ |
|  | Total Ending Balance of Fund - Net Assets | $\$ 0.00$ |  |



| Receiver: |
| :--- |
| By: $\overline{\text { (signature) }}$ |
| $\overline{\text { (printed name) }}$ |
| (title) |
| Date: |

# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION 

| SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE | $\S$ |  |
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| COMMISSION, | $\S$ |  |
| Plaintiff, | $\S$ |  |
| vs. | $\S$ |  |
|  | $\S$ |  |
| MAURICIO CHAVEZ, GIORGIO | $\S$ |  |
| BENVENUTO and CryptoFX, LLC, | $\S$ | CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:22-CV-03359 |
|  | $\S$ | JUDGE ANDREW S. HANEN |
| Defendants. | $\S$ |  |
| CBT Group, LLC, | $\S$ |  |
| Relief Defendant. | $\S$ |  |
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## ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF RECEIVER'S FOURTH CERTIFIED INTERIM FEE APPLICATION

On November 17, 2023, counsel for John Lewis, Jr., the Court-appointed Receiver for Mauricio Chavez ("Chavez"), Giorgio Benvenuto ("Benvenuto"), CryptoFX, LLC ("CryptoFX"), and CBT Group, LLC ("CBT"), filed an Application Authorizing Payment of Receiver's Fourth Certified Interim Fee Application ("FCIFA"), which seeks approval of the fees incurred by the Receiver and the Receiver's Retained Professionals from July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023 (the "Application Period").

Pursuant to the Receivership Order, paragraph 58, the Receiver served a copy of the proposed FCIFA, together with all exhibits and billing information to counsel for the SEC. Receiver and counsel for the SEC have conferred regarding the Receiver's FCIFA, its compliance with the SEC's Billing Guidelines and this Court's Receivership Order, and the reasonableness of the costs and expenses incurred in the ordinary course of the administration and operation of the Receivership. The SEC does not oppose the Receiver's Application. The Court finds and
determines that good cause exists to approve the Receiver's Fourth Certified Interim Fee Application. Accordingly, the Court finds and determines as follows:
(a) The Receiver's Fourth Certified Interim Fee Application should be and hereby is granted; it is further ordered that
(b) That the Receiver be conditionally awarded fees incurred during the Fourth Interim Fee Application in the amount of $\$ 15,435.00$; it is further ordered that
(c) That the Receiver's Retained Professionals be awarded fees incurred during the Third Interim Fee Application as follows: Shook Hardy \& Bacon, LLC for $\$ 65,900.54$; Hays Financial Consulting, LLC for $\$ 30,857.40$; it is further ordered that
(d) That the out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred by the Receiver in the ordinary course of the administration and operation of the Receivership, as set out more fully in this FCIFA in the aggregate amount of $\$ 135.04$, are reasonable and necessary, and that they be approved for immediate reimbursement by the Receiver.

IT IS SO ORDERED this $\qquad$ day of $\qquad$ , 2023.

