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Thomas C. Hebrank ("Receiver"), Court-appointed receiver for First Financial Planning Corporation d/b/a Western Financial Planning Corporation ("Western"), its subsidiaries and the General Partnerships listed on Schedule 1 to the Preliminary Injunction Order entered on March 13, 2013 (collectively, "Receivership Entities"), submits this Thirty-Third Interim Report, which focuses on the Receiver's activities during the third quarter of 2020.

#### I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Receiver continued his work to preserve and protect the assets of the Receivership Entities, including marketing and selling properties pursuant to the Court-approved Modified Orderly Sale Procedures. The Receiver also continued to address other legal issues unique to certain properties. In addition, the Receiver prepared his Thirty-Second Interim Report, which was filed on September 10, 2020. Dkt. 1785.

At this point, there are only a few receivership properties remaining to be sold. The Receiver hopes to complete those sales in the first half of 2021 and begin the process of closing the receivership, including seeking authority to make a final distribution to investors with allowed claims.

#### II. SUMMARY OF RECEIVER'S ACTIVITIES

The Receiver's primary focus since his appointment has been on preserving and protecting the Receivership Entities' assets. These activities fall into the following general categories:

### A. <u>Business Operations</u>

The Receiver continued to operate the Receivership Entities, process receipts and disbursements, and address issues regarding real properties, letters of intent from potential purchasers, and related issues.

### B. <u>Closed and Pending Property Sales</u>

Like most business sectors and markets, the real estate market has been adversely affected by the global COVID-19 pandemic. The Receiver is closely

monitoring the pandemic's effects on the values for the remaining assets in this receivership. However, to date, the Receiver has closed 33 sales of receivership properties and only three properties remain to be sold. The Receiver is in escrow on one property, and in negotiations with buyers for the remaining two properties.

The property that is currently under contract is the previously approved Washoe III property. As discussed in the last report, the property went to auction and the winning bidder backed out of the transaction after the Court approved the sale. The winning bidder did not complete their due diligence of the property despite having time do perform that due diligence and after signing a fully noncontingent overbid purchase and sale agreement. After various attempts to negotiate with the winning bidder to either continue the sale or for the release of their deposit to the Receiver failed, the Receiver began to market the property for sale again. Recently, the winning bidder has indicated they are willing to purchase the property, but at a price approximately 60% lower than their approved price. Instead, the Receiver has accepted a higher offer from a competing prospective buyer that is still significantly lower than the previously approved price. Assuming that the prospective buyer removes their contingencies, the Receiver will seek Court approval of that sale. While seeking that approval, the Receiver intends to seek an Order from the Court determining that the Receiver is entitled to the previous earnest money deposit from the prior Court-approved sale. The escrow company has previously indicated that they are open to such an Order from the Court to resolve the dispute concerning the deposit funds.

The Receiver is expecting to complete negotiations for the other two remaining properties, the Western owned property in Dayton that is listed for \$125,000 and the remainder of the Minden property that is expected to sell for about \$900,000, in November 2020. Once due diligence is completed for each respective property, the Receiver will seek approval for both sales. In particular, the Minden property may take some time as the County is still finalizing the parcel

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split and that work must be completed before the buyer completes their due diligence. It is anticipated that the Receiver will be seeking approval for both sales in December 2020 or January 2021.

#### III. RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Attached hereto as Exhibits A and B are (a) a summary of the receipts and disbursements for the consolidated receivership accounts, and (b) the Standardized Fund Accounting Report for the third quarter of 2020. Receipts during the period were comprised of property sales and bank interest earned. During this past quarter, because of the higher balances expected to accrue for a short period of time, the Receiver was able to negotiate a higher rate of interest<sup>1</sup> for the bank account that holds the majority of cash in the receivership estate.

### IV. INVESTOR COMMUNICATIONS

The Receiver has continued to update his website, <a href="www.ethreeadvisors.com">www.ethreeadvisors.com</a>, with orders entered by the Court, Receiver reports, and briefs filed by the parties that pertain directly to the receivership. The Receiver and his staff have also responded to numerous inquiries from investors and other interested parties about the receivership, distribution checks, and have updated the Case Updates section of the Receiver's website to address common questions and themes in correspondence from investors. The Receiver has provided answers to Frequently Asked Questions to address common investor questions and misconceptions about the receivership.

Investors are again reminded of the importance of informing the Receiver of any change in their email address or physical address, especially if they have an allowed claim and have not received an interim distribution check.

The Receiver continues to provide periodic email updates to all investors.

The emails provide investors with updates on new and anticipated developments in

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The interest rate was doubled by Banner Bank as compared to its regular market rate.

the receivership, including sales of properties. Each case update reminds investors 1 to provide updated contact information if their contact information changes. 2 3 Investors are able to sign up to receive these updates on the Receiver's website or to "unsubscribe" from receiving them if they choose. Investors are also invited to 4 5 submit offers on any remaining properties. V. RECOMMENDATIONS 6 7 The Receiver recommends the receivership continue pursuant to the Court's orders until the remaining properties have been sold, the distribution process 8 pursuant to the Court-approved Distribution Plan has been completed, and the 9 Receiver has provided his final report and accounting. As noted above, the 10 Receiver hopes to complete the sales of remaining receivership properties in the 11 first half of 2021 and begin the process of closing the receivership, including 12 13 seeking authority to make a final distribution to investors with allowed claims. **CONCLUSION** 14 VI. Based on the foregoing, the Receiver requests approval of this Thirty-Third 15 Interim Report and his recommendations discussed above. 16 17 Dated: November 24, 2020 ALLEN MATKINS LECK GAMBLE 18 MALLORY & NATSIS LLP 19 /s/ Edward Fates By: EDWARD G. FATES 20 Attorneys for Receiver THOMAS C. HEBRANK 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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# **EXHIBIT A**

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		Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Q3 2020 TOTAL
	Balance - Money Market Account	2,963,570	2,964,826	3,221,624	3,221,624
	Balance - Operating Account	496,591	490,836	436,179	436,179
	Total	3,460,162	3,455,662	3,657,803	3,657,803
Re	eceipts - Money Market Account				
	36000 · Interest - Money Market Account	1,255	1,311	1,364	3,930
	37000 - Linmar Settlement	.,	-,	.,	0,000
	48000 · Sales - Partnership Property		255,488	489,348	744,835
	67000 · Property Tax - Refund		200,400	400,040	144,000
Tot	tal Receipts - Money Market Account	1,255	256,799	490,712	748,766
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Re	ceipts - Operating Account				
	Transfer to Operating Account from Money Market/Claim Accounts	-	1 <b>=</b> 0	-	191
	47900 ·Sales - WFPC Property		197	-	-
	48000 · Sales - Partnership Property	-		-	
	66500 · LLC Filing Fees - Refund	-	-	•	¥
	67000 · Property Tax - Refund	-	<u>12</u> 0	<b>2</b>	-
	68600 · Utilities - Refund	-		-	-
Tot	tal Receipts -Operating Account			-	-
Dis	sbursements - Money Market Account				
	Transfer from Money Market Account to Operating Account		120	\ _	_
	Transfer from Money Market Account to Claims Distribution				
Tot	tal Disbursements - Money Market Account	-			
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DIS	sbursements - Operating Account				
	60000 · Marketing of Property Sales	1,574	<u>₩</u> 1)	<u> </u>	1,574
	60400 - Bank Service Charges	15	11	16	42
	61700 · Computer and Internet Disbursementss	619	479	619	1,717
	63300 · Insurance Disbursements		-		-
	63400 · Interest on Mortgages			<u> -</u> 1	-
	63450 · Mortgage Payoff Fees		-	-	-
	63451 - Mortgage Late Penalties		-	-	-
	63460 · Loan Write Off - Paid in Full		4		
	63500 · Maintenance		_	3	3
	65000 · Postage & Shipping Fees	_	_	3	3
	65500 · Printing Services	_		_	_
	66500 · LLC Filing Fees	125	_	650	775
	66650 · Legal Fees	-	5,706	-	5,706
	66700 · Professional Fees		0,700		3,700
	66750 · Receiver Fees		11 572	-	44 572
			11,573	-	11,573
	66800 · Tax Preparation Services	-	-	-	-
	66830 · Permit Fees				
	67000 · Property Tax	*	3,823	4,604	8,427
	67050 - Property Tax Special Assessment	-	32,101	X11/102/00	32,101
	67500 · Storage	960	963	963	2,886
	68000 · Taxes - Federal and State	•	4	ā	, · ·
	68600 · Utilities		- 1	=	-
	68800 - Claims Distribution	2,463		20,747	23,210
	69000 · WFP-Partnership Capital Contribution Refunds		-	-	
Tot	tal Disbursements - Operating Account	5,755	54,657	27,604	88,016
	Ending Balance - Money Market Account	2,964,826	3,221,624	3,712,336	3,712,336
	Ending Balance - WFP Receivership	490,836	436,179	408,575	408,575
	Total Ending Balance	And the Control of th			
	Total Elluling balance	3,455,662	3,657,803	4,120,911	4,120,911

# **EXHIBIT B**

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# STANDARDIZED FUND ACCOUNTING REPORT

CIVIL - RECEIVERSHIP FUND

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, Plaintiff,

v.

LOUIS V. SCHOOLER and FIRST FINANCIAL PLANNING CORPORATION d/b/a WESTERN FINANCIAL PLANNING CORPORATION,

Case No. 3:12-cv-02164-GPC-JMA

REPORTING PERIOD 07/01/2020 TO 09/30/2020

	INTING (See instructions):	Detail	Subtotal	Grand Total
Line 1	Beginning Balance (As of 07/01/20):	3,460,162		3,460,16
	Increases in Fund Balance:			
Line 2	Business Income			
Line 3	Cash and Securities	-		_
Line 4	Interest/Dividend Income	3,930		3,93
Line 5	Business Asset Liquidation	744,836		744,83
Line 6	Personal Asset Liquidation	-		
Line 7	Third-Party Litigation Income	-		_
Line 8	Misc - Insurance & Prop Tax Refunds	-		_
	Total Funds Available (Lines 1 - 8):	4,208,928		4,208,92
	Decreases in Fund Balance:			
Line 9	Disbursements to Investors	(23,210)		(23,21
Line 10	Disbursements to Receivership Operations			
Line 10a	Disbursement to Receiver or Other Professionals	(17,279)		(17,27
Line 10b	Business Asset Expenses	(47,528)		(47,52
Line 10c	Personal Asset Expenses	- 1		-
Line 10d	Investment Expenses	-		
Line 10e	Third-Party Litigation Expenses			-
	1. Attorney Fees	- 1		
	2. Litigation Expenses			
	Total Third-Party Litigation Expenses	-		-
Line 10f	Tax Administrator Fees and Bonds			
	Federal and State Tax Payments			
Line 10g	Total Disbursements for Receivership Operations			(64,80
Line 11a	Distribution Plan Development Expenses:  1. Fees: Fund Administrator	_		-
	Independent Distribution Consultant (IDC)	-		-
	Distribution Agent	-		-
	Consultants	~		-
	Legal Advisors	-		-
	Tax Advisors	-		
	2. Administrative Expenses	-		-
	3. Miscellaneous  Total Plan Developmental Expenses			
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Line 11b	Distribution Plan Implementation Expenses:  1. Fees:			
	Fund Administrator	-		1
	IDC	-		11-
	Distribution Agent	9-		
	Consultants	-		THE STATE OF
	Legal Advisors	-		
	Tax Advisors	-		1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
	2. Administrative Expenses	- 1		-
	3. Investor Identification:			
	Notice/Publishing Approved Plan	-		-
	Claimant Identification			
	Claims Processing	2 1		
	Web Site Maintenance/Call Center	5		-
	4. Fund Administrator Bond	-		-
	5. Miscellaneous	-		-
	6. Federal Account for Investor Restitution			
	(FAIR) Reports Expenses  Total Plan Implementation Expenses			7
	Total Disbursements for Distribution Expenses Paid b	v the Fund		-
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ine 12	Disbursements to Court/Other:			
Line 12a	Investment Expenses/Court Registry Investment			
	System (CRIS) Fees	-		-
Line 12b	Federal Tax Payments			
Services Viteral Services	Total Disbursement to Court/Other:			-
	Total Funds Disbursed (Lines 9 - 11):			(88,01
ine 13	Ending Balance (As of 09/30/2020):		2.00	4,120,9

#### Reporting Period 07/01/2020 to 09/30/2020

	Ending Balance of Fund - Net Assets:		
ash & Cash Equivalents	4,120,911		
nvestments			
Other Assets or Uncleared Funds			
otal Ending Balance of Fund - Net Assets	4,120,911		
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	Report of Items NOT to be Paid by the Fund:	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>	Grand Total
Line 15	Disbursement for Plan Administration Expenses Not Pa	id by the Fund:		
Line 15a	Plan Development Expenses Not Paid by the Fund:			
	1. Fees:			
	Fund Administrator	- 1		_
	IDC			
	Distribution Agent	-		_
	Consultants	/ -		_
	Legal Advisors	-		
	Tax Advisors	-		
	2. Administrative Expenses	_		
	3. Miscellaneous			
	Total Plan Developmental Expenses Not Paid by the Fu	nd		-
Line 15b	Plan Implementation Expenses Not Paid by the Fund			
	1. Fees:			
	Fund Administrator	-		-
	IDC	1.00		-
	Distribution Agent	-		-
	Consultants	-		
	Legal Advisors	-		-
	Tax Advisors	130		-
	2. Administrative Expenses			
	3. Investor Identification			
	Notice/Publishing Approved Plan	-		
	Claimant Identification	-		-
	Claims Processing	-		-
	Web Site Maintenance/Call Center	-		-
	4. Fund Administrator Bond	-		_
	5. Miscellaneous	-		
	6. FAIR Reporting Expenses	-		<u>-</u>
	Total Plan Implementation Expenses Not Paid by the Fu	ınd		-
Line 15c	Tax Administrator Fees & Bonds Not Paid by the Fund			-
	Total Disbursements for Plan Administration Expenses	Not Paid by the Fu	nd	-
ine 16	Disbursements to Court/Other Not Paid by the Fund:			
	Investment Expenses/CRIS Fees			
		- 1		3
Line 10D	Federal Tax Payments			-
	Total Disbursement to Court/Other Not Paid by the Fund	1:		-
ine 17	DC & State Tax Payments	-		
ine 18	No. of Claims:			
CALIFORNIA POLICIA				
	# of Claims Received This Reporting Period			
	# of Claims Received Since Inception of Fund			
ine 19	No. of Claimants/Investors:			
Line 19a	# of Claimants/Investors Paid this Reporting Period			
Line 19b	# of Claimants/Investors Paid Since Inception of Fund			33

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