UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	v	
IN RE PLATINUM-BEECHWOOD LITIGATION,	: :	No. 18 Civ. 6658 (JSR)
MARTIN TROTT and CHRISTOPHER SMITH, as Joint Official Liquidators and Foreign Representatives of PLATINUM PARTNERS VALUE ARBITRAGE FUND L.P. (in OFFICIAL LIQUIDATION) and PLATINUM PARTNERS VALUE ARBITRAGE FUND L.P. (in OFFICIAL LIQUIDATION),	:	No. 18 Civ. 10936 (JSR)
Plaintiffs,	:	
$\mathbf{v}.$	: :	
PLATINUM MANAGEMENT (NY) LLC, et al.,	:	
Defendants.	: :	
	X	

#### **DECLARATION OF NATHANIEL AMENT-STONE**

NATHANIEL AMENT-STONE, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, declares as follows:

- 1. I am an attorney at Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP ("Curtis"), counsel for defendant David Bodner in these consolidated actions. I submit this declaration in support of Bodner's Motion *in Limine* to Exclude Reference to Unrelated Matters That Occurred 17 to 30 Years Ago.
- 2. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of excerpts from the November 12, 2019 deposition of David Bodner in this litigation.
- 3. Attached hereto as <u>Exhibit B</u> is a true and correct copy of excerpts from the November 26, 2019 deposition of Murray Huberfeld in this litigation.

4. Attached hereto as <u>Exhibit C</u> is a true and correct copy of a February 18,2005 agreement, which was Exhibit 377, Tab 138, at Bodner's deposition.

5. Attached hereto as <u>Exhibit D</u> is a true and correct copy of a January 4,2011 article in *Hedge Funds Review*.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on November 16, 2022.

Nathaniel Ament-Stone

## **EXHIBIT A**

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             Defendants.
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     (Caption continued)
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    Pages 411-421 have been designated Privileged and
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        Confidential and have been included herein
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24
    New York, on Tuesday, November 12, 2019,
25
    commencing at 10:37 a.m.
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1
                       David Bodner
 2
           Α
                  Yes.
 3
                  And tell me what you know about
 4
     that trust.
                  I think that was set up, if I'm not
 6
    mistaken, for my mother's estate.
7
                  Okay.
           Q
                  My mother passed away in 2009.
 8
                  Okay. So you would have set this
           Q
10
     trust up or had it set up?
11
                  I think I had it set up at that
12
     time.
              How about the 57th Street SPV
13
     Partners LLC?
14
15
                  I have no clue what that is.
16
                  Okay. How about the Broad Capital
           Q
17
     Associates Inc.?
18
                  That was the name of the company
     that was set up for my partnership with Murray.
19
20
     That's what we did business under.
21
                 Okay. So Broad Capital Associates,
22
     Inc., was a two-person partnership with you and
    Mr. Huberfeld?
23
24
           Α
                  As far as I recall.
25
           Q
                  Do you remember when that was set
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1
                       David Bodner
 2
           0
                  Why are you paying her lawyer if
 3
     she tried to blackmail you?
 4
                  Because I felt it was the right
     thing. She's in this case because of me. What
     she did to me was wrong, but I felt that -- you
 6
7
     know, somebody works for me -- I don't think
     she's a girl of means.
8
 9
                  Right. Okay. Let me just ask a
10
     question. Let's look at 137 quickly.
                  (Exhibit No. 377 Tab 137, Document,
11
12
           a Wall Street Journal article from
13
           March 15, 1990, entitled "US Probes Alleged
           Scam in Broker's Test," no Bates number,
14
15
           Document is marked by the reporter for
           identification.)
16
17
                  137, I don't have a Bates number.
18
     It's a Wall Street Journal article from 1990,
19
     March 15, 1990. And it's titled:
20
                  "US Probes Alleged Scam in Broker's
21
     Test."
22
                  And it says in the middle of the
23
     paragraph:
24
                  "Last month the US attorneys in
25
    Brooklyn filed a complaint that outlined the
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1
                       David Bodner
 2
     alleged scheme and named seven defendants, two of
 3
     whom have allegedly taken the seven series exam
     for four brokers: Murray Huberfeld, Jacob
 4
     Elbogen, Solomon Lonsfeld [phonetic], and David
     Bodner. The seventh individual, Aaron Elbogen,
 6
7
     allegedly served as a middleman making
     arrangements for Bowman [phonetic] to take the
 8
     test for her" brother -- "first brother Jake."
10
                  Do you remember this incident?
11
           Α
                  Yes.
12
                  What happened to it? What
           Q
13
     ultimately happened?
                  I pleaded quilty to iden -- I think
14
15
     so -- to identification, you know, something with
16
     identification. I got a misdemeanor and, I
17
     think, one-year probation.
18
           Q
                  Okay. So it was a misdemeanor?
19
           Α
                  Yes.
                  Okay. All right. If we look at
20
21
     138, I think we referenced this, but, again, no
22
     Bates number.
23
                  (Exhibit No. 377 Tab 138, FDIC
24
           Order, Document is marked by the reporter
25
           for identification.)
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1
                       David Bodner
                  But this is an FDIC order
 2
           0
 3
     apparently, I guess, or settlement, where it
 4
     says:
 5
                  "Whereas this agreement pertains to
     allegations that Bodner and Huberfeld did not
 6
7
     seek the prior approval of the FDIC pursuant to
     section 19 of the FDIC act before an investment
 8
     was made that became an beneficial interest in
10
     the name of Laura Huberfeld and Naomi Bodner
11
     Partnership of more than 25 percent in the
12
     Norcrown Trust, Livingston, New Jersey, an
13
     unregistered bank holding company that owns more
14
     than 99 percent of the voting shares of
15
     Norcrown."
16
                  Do you remember this incident?
17
           Α
                  Yes.
18
           Q
                  Okay. And did you pay a fine with
19
     regard to this settlement?
20
                  I don't think so.
21
                  Okay. So why did you use your wife
22
     when -- to run -- to own this bank apparently on
23
     the paperwork when, in fact, it was you?
24
                  MR. HERTZBERG: Form.
25
           Α
                  Again, you are saying it was me.
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1
                       David Bodner
 2
     It was not me. It was my wife. She opened it,
 3
     and it was her investment.
                  Right. But that's not what the
 4
 5
     FDIC found. The FDIC found that --
 6
           Α
                  I don't know.
7
                  -- basically you owned and you just
     used her as a front.
8
 9
           Α
                  I don't know if that's what they
10
     found, but she owned it; and she got the proceeds
11
     from it. It was her bank when it was sold.
12
                  Okay. So how do you know Kevin
           Q
13
     Cassidy?
                  I met him. I think I met him
14
           Α
15
     through Mark Nordlicht.
16
                  Okay. And when did you -- you
17
     understood he served time in prison?
18
           Α
                  I knew he served time in prison.
19
                  Do you know why?
           Q
                  I think it had to do with Option --
20
21
     I think he served time before Optionable for some
22
     violation of something, and then for Optionable
23
     he got into trouble.
24
                  Okay. All right. And then do you
25
     recall meeting with him soon after he was
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1
                        David Bodner
     week or two? How did it work?
 2
 3
                  No, I think it was a long overlap.
 4
     I think Angela was the secretary, and he was my
 5
     bookkeeper.
 6
                  He was your personal bookkeeper?
7
                  He did my personal stuff, yes,
     bills, stuff that the accountant needed.
 8
 9
                  Is that separate from the work that
10
     your accountant did for you?
11
                  Yes, the accountant asked him for
12
     certain things.
13
                  Was he employed by Platinum?
           Q
14
                  I'm not sure.
           Α
15
                  Did you -- I am talking about Motti
           Q
     Fox here.
16
17
           Α
                  Yes.
18
           Q
                  Did you pay him personally?
19
                  He might have been paid from Broad
           Α
20
     Capital.
21
                  What is Broad Capital?
           Q
22
                  Broad Capital was a partnership
23
     that I had with Murray.
24
                  Why wold he be paid out of Broad
25
     Capital?
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## **EXHIBIT B**

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1
                     Murray Huberfeld
 2
     3.7 million. Is that ball -- in a ballpark,
 3
     correct?
 4
                  I'm not sure.
           Α
 5
                  And this says that the SEC alleged
     that to be a violation of the securities laws.
 6
7
                  That is correct; isn't it?
                  MR. DANIELS: Objection.
 8
 9
           Q
                  The SEC alleged that?
10
                  MR. DANIELS: Objection.
11
                  You may answer.
12
           Α
                  Yes. We had our own opinion, and
13
     they had their opinion.
                  The next paragraph -- well,
14
15
     actually, let me skip down a paragraph --
16
     actually, let me go to the next paragraph. It
17
     says:
18
                  "Broad Capital also was cited for
19
     failing to disclose as required by law that it
20
     held over 5 percent of IncomNet's outstanding
     securities."
21
22
                  Was, indeed, Broad Capital cited
     for that?
23
24
           Α
                  I don't recall.
25
           Q
                  Broad Capital was yours and
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1
                     Murray Huberfeld
     Mr. Bodner's business?
 2
 3
           Α
                  Yes, it was.
 4
           Q
                  The next sentence says that:
 5
                   "Broad, Huberfeld, and Bodner
 6
     settled the case without admitting or denying the
7
     SEC's allegations and were ordered to disgorge
     their profits plus interest."
8
 9
                  I'll just stop there.
10
                  Is that a true statement?
11
                  MR. DANIELS: Objection to the
12
           form.
13
                  You may answer.
                  I believe so.
14
           Α
15
                  And then it says that:
           Q
16
                  "Those profits plus interest
     totaled over $4.6 million."
17
18
                  Is that in the ballpark correct?
19
           Α
                  Something like that.
20
                  The next sentence says:
21
                  "Civil penalties also were imposed.
22
     Broad was ordered to pay 50,000, Huberfeld and
23
     Bodner 15,000 each."
24
                  Correct?
25
           Α
                  I don't remember that, but it's
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1
                     Murray Huberfeld
 2
     possible.
 3
                  Is anything in that sentence
 4
     incorrect about the civil penalties that were
 5
     imposed upon you?
                  I'm not sure.
 6
 7
                  The next sentence in the next
 8
     paragraph says:
                   "As a result the pair were
 9
10
     automatically statutorily disqualified from
11
     working for a broker licensed by the NASD."
12
                  Do you see that?
13
           Α
                  I do see it.
14
                  Is that a true statement?
           0
15
           Α
                  I don't know.
16
                  Were you disqualified from working
17
     for a broker licensed by the NASD?
                  I don't know.
18
           Α
19
                  When was the last time you worked
           Q
20
     for a broker licensed by the NASD?
21
           Α
                  I have not.
22
           Q
                  I'm sorry.
                  I don't think I did.
23
           Α
24
                  You don't think you ever did?
           Q
                   I think I worked as a broker back
25
           Α
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## **EXHIBIT C**

#### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

# BEFORE THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

#### WASHINGTON, D.C.

	)
Written Agreement re THE NORCROWN TRUST, LIVINGSTON, NEW JERSEY, an	)
unregistered bank holding company that controls	) FRB Dkt. Nos. 05-010-WA/RB-I2
NORCROWN BANK	) 05-010-WA/RB-I3
LIVINGSTON, NEW JERSEY	)
(An insured State Nonmember Bank)	) FDIC Dkt. No. 04-271 WA
	)
by and among	)
DAVID BODNER, and MURRAY HUBERFELD,	)
and	)
THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF	
NEW YORK,	)
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION	)
WASHINGTON, D.C.	
	)

WHEREAS, in recognition of their common goal to maintain the safety and soundness of bank holding companies and insured depository institutions, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York (the "Reserve Bank") and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") have mutually agreed to enter into this Written Agreement ("Agreement") with David Bodner ("Bodner") and Murray Huberfeld ("Huberfeld");

WHEREAS, this Agreement pertains to allegations that Bodner and Huberfeld did not seek the prior approval of the FDIC pursuant to Section 19 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (the "FDI Act")(12 U.S.C. § 1829) before an investment was made that became a beneficial

interest in the name of the Laura Huberfeld and Naomi Bodner Partnership of more than 25 percent in the NorCrown Trust, Livingston, New Jersey ("NorCrown"), an unregistered bank holding company that owns more than 99 percent of the voting shares of NorCrown Bank, Livingston, New Jersey, an insured State nonmember bank;

WHEREAS, the FDIC has issued a Statement of Policy Pursuant to Section 19 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, 63 Fed. Reg. 66177 (December 1, 1998), which Statement may be revised from time to time or withdrawn:

WHEREAS, this Agreement is being executed in accordance with the Rules Regarding Delegation of Authority of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the "Board of Governors"), specifically 12 C.F.R. § 265.11(a) (15), and the Reserve Bank has received the prior approval of the Director of the Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation and the General Counsel of the Board of Governors to enter into this Agreement with Bodner and Huberfeld; and

WHEREAS, the FDIC is authorized to enter into this Agreement pursuant to Section 9 of the FDI Act, 12 U.S.C. § 1819(a) (Seventh).

NOW, THEREFORE, Bodner and Huberfeld each respectively agree with the Reserve Bank and the FDIC as follows:

1. Bodner and Huberfeld agree that, except with the prior written consent of the FDIC in accordance with Section 19 of the FDI Act, each shall not (a) become, or continue as, an institution-affiliated party (as defined in Sections 3(u) and 8(b)(3) of the FDI Act (12 U.S.C. §§ 1813(u) and 1818(b)(3)), with respect to any insured depository institution (as defined in Section 3(c)(2) of the FDI Act, (12 U.S.C. § 1813(c)(2)) or any depository institution holding company (as defined in Section 3(w)(1) of the FDI Act (12 U.S.C. § 1813(w)(1)); (b) own or control, directly or indirectly, any insured depository institution or any depository institution

holding company; or (c) otherwise participate, directly or indirectly, in the conduct of any insured depository institution or depository institution holding company.

- 2. All communications regarding this Agreement shall be addressed to:
- (a) David Bodner 152 West 57th Street (54th floor) New York, NY 10019

#### with a copy to:

Eliot Lauer Curtis Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle, LLP 101 Park Ave. New York, New York 10178

(b) Murray Huberfeld 152 West 57th Street (54th floor) New York, NY 10019

#### with a copy to:

Eliot Lauer Curtis Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle, LLP 101 Park Ave. New York, New York 10178

- (c) William Rutledge
  Executive Vice President
  Federal Reserve Bank of New York
  33 Liberty Street
  New York, New York 10045
- (d) Christopher J. Spoth
  Regional Director
  Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
  20 Exchange Place
  New York, New York 10005
- 3. This Agreement, and each and every provision hereof, is binding individually upon Bodner and Huberfeld, respectively, and shall remain fully effective and enforceable until

expressly stayed, modified, terminated or suspended in writing by the Reserve Bank and the FDIC.

This Agreement is a "written agreement" for the purposes of section 8 of the FDI 4. Act (12 U.S.C. § 1818).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the 18thday offebruary, 2005.

David Bodner

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK

William L. Rutledge Executive Vice President Bank Supervision

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Associate Director

Division of Supervision and Consumer

Protection

## **EXHIBIT D**



04 Jan 2011

### Platinum Partners to run Centurion ABL strategy

Author: Kris Devasabai

Platinum Partners, the multi-strategy hedge fund run by Mark Nordlicht and Uri Landesman, is expanding into asset based lending with the addition of Centurion Credit Group Master Fund.

The fund was previously managed by Centurion Credit Group, the New York-based investment company founded in late 2005 by Murray Huberfeld.

Centurion originates loans to a range of businesses that cannot access capital elsewhere. It is also involved in a number of related strategies, including litigation financing. The fund has returned over 15% annually since inception with only one down month and has \$240 million in assets.

Platinum Partners assumed responsibility for the management of the Centurion fund on January 1, 2011. Nordlicht, Platinum's founder and chief investment officer (CIO), has overall responsibility for investment decisions and becomes the managing member of the general partner of the Centurion fund.

Huberfeld will continue to work with Platinum, focusing on raising capital for its family of funds and structuring products for investors. Huberfeld worked with Nordlicht prior to establishing Centurion in 2005. Platinum Partners currently runs the Platinum Partners Value Arbitrage (PPVA) Fund, a multistrategy vehicle investing in long/short equity, energy arbitrage and convertible ABL among other strategies. It also manages the Platinum Partners Liquid Opportunity (PPLO) Fund which invests in the most liquid sub-strategies of PPVA.

Nordlicht will continue to serve as CIO of PPVA and PPLO. Landesman, Platinum's president, becomes the sole managing member of the general partner of these funds, overseeing risk management and operations. Platinum Partners manages around \$515 million in PPVA and has \$30 million in PPLO. The addition of the Centurion Credit Group Master Fund to its platform brings Platinum's total assets under management to around \$780 million.

The decision to offer the Centurion Credit Group Master Fund as part of Platinum's family of funds reflects investor interest in ABL as a standalone strategy, according to Landesman. "We have a number of high net worth and family investors in PPVA that have told us they are interested in asset-based lending as a strategy and the Centurion fund in particular. They are also in the market to make one-off loans or a series of loans to companies in need of capital which the team at Centurion is able to structure," said Landesman. Platinum Partners has experience running direct lending strategies. One of the sub-strategies within PPVA is asset-based convertible debt, whereby Platinum provides capital for emerging healthcare and technology companies with potentially lucrative intellectual property rights. While similar, the Centurion Credit Group Master Fund will provide loans primarily to hard collateral business.