Case 2:16-cv-00060-JAD-GWF Document 1 Filed 01/08/16 Page 1 of 27 1 Vernon A. Nelson, Jr., Esq. Nevada Bar No. 6434 2 Email: Vernon.Nelson@wilsonelser.com WILSON, ELSER, MOSKOWITZ, EDELMAN & DICKER LLP 300 South 4th Street, 11th Floor 3 Las Vegas, NV 89101-6014 Telephone: (702) 727-1400 Facsimile: (702) 727-1401 5 Attorneys for Defendants XL AMERICA, INC., XL INSURANCE AMERICA, INC., XL SELECT PROFESSIONAL, PEARL INSURANCE GROUP, LLC, 7 GREENWICH INSURANCE GROUP 8 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT 9 FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA 10 Case No.: 15-10110-led In re: 11 AMERI-DREAM REALTY, LLC Chapter 7 12 Debtor. Adversary Proceeding No. 15-01183-led 13 VICTORIA NELSON, In Her Capacity As The **DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO WITHDRAW** 14 Chapter 7 Trustee Of AMERI-DREAM THE REFERENCE OF THIS ADVERSARY REALTY, LLC, PROCEEDING PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. § 15 157(d) AND FEDERAL RULE OF 16 Plaintiff. **BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE 5011, JURY** DEMAND, AND SUPPORTING 17 v. MEMORANDUM OF LAW 18 XL AMERICA, INC.; XL INSURANCE AMERICA, INC.; XL SELECT 19 **Hearing Date: OST Requested** PROFESSIONAL; PEARL INSURANCE **Hearing Time: OST Requested** 20 GROUP, LLC; GREENWICH INSURANCE COMPANY; and DOES I through X; and ROE 21 CORPORATE DEFENDANTS XI through XX, 22 Defendants. 23 XL AMERICA, INC., XL INSURANCE AMERICA, INC., XL SELECT PROFESSIONAL, 24 PEARL INSURANCE GROUP, LLC, and GREENWICH INSURANCE COMPANY (collectively 25 "Insurers" or "Defendants") by and through their counsel, WILSON ELSER MOSKOWITZ 26 EDELMAN & DICKER, hereby submits this Motion to Withdraw Reference of this Adversary 27 Proceeding Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(d) and Federal Rule Of Bankruptcy Procedure 5011 28 ("Motion"), Jury Demand, and Memorandum of Law in support of their Motion to Withdraw the 893040v.3

Reference of this Adversary Proceeding Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(d) and Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 5011 and its Jury Demand. In support of their Motion and Jury Demand, the Insurers respectfully state as follows.

## **INTRODUCTION**

The Complaint alleges causes of action for Breach of Contract, Breach of Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing, Breach of Fiduciary Duty, Violations of NRS 686A.310, and Declaratory Relief. The Complaint alleges that the Insurers are required to reimburse the Debtor for the loss of certain "Security Deposits" (as defined below). The causes of action asserted in the Complaint arise out of state law. The causes of action fall within the non-core, related-to jurisdiction of the Bankruptcy Court because they do not arise under the Bankruptcy Code and could arise outside of a bankruptcy case. Contemporaneously herewith, the Insurers have filed a Motion to Dismiss. The Motion to Dismiss also raises issues of state coverage law that fall within the Bankruptcy Court's non-core, related-to jurisdiction. Further, in the event the Motion to Dismiss is denied, the Insurers hereby demand a jury trial on all issues. If the Motion to Dismiss is denied, the Insurers intend to file an Answer and Counterclaim.

The Court should grant the Defendants' Motion to Withdraw the Reference because the Complaint sets forth causes of action for non-core matters and the Defendants can show cause for the withdrawal of the reference because they have a right to a jury trial on all factual issues to be decided in this case. The Insurers submit that the Court should withdraw the reference *now* because: (1) the claims fall within the Bankruptcy Court's non-core/related-to jurisdiction; (2) the Insurers have not consented to the entry of final orders or judgments by the Bankruptcy Court; and (3) the Insureds have made the Jury Demand contained herein. Thus, the Bankruptcy Court can only make proposed findings of fact and conclusions of, which the District Court must review *de novo*. The Bankruptcy Court does not possess any special knowledge or training with respect to the insurance coverage issues in this case; which arise under Nevada state law. Thus, if the Motion to Withdraw the Reference is not granted, the Bankruptcy Court and District Court could both be required to use their limited resources decide this case. Such a duplication of effort contradicts the principles of judicial economy. Further, if the Motion to Withdraw the Reference is denied, the Bankruptcy estate would

be required to use its limited resources to brief issues for the Bankruptcy Court, and to re-brief issues for the District Court's *de novo* review. Thus, the Insurers submit that the Court should grant the Motion to Withdraw the Reference, now.

#### **BACKGROUND**

On January 9, 2015, the Debtor filed voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 7 of Title 11 of the United States Code. ("Bankruptcy Code").On October 29, 2015, the Trustee filed the Complaint in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nevada against the Insurers. The Complaint asserts five causes of action against the Insurers that are all related to that certain Real Estate Professionals Errors and Omissions Policy, Policy No. PEG9145932-6 (the "Policy") for the policy period of June 14, 2013, through June 14, 2014. The Policy was delivered in the State of Nevada and is governed by Nevada law.

The Complaint is related to the actions of Ms. Pelada-Brown a licensed real estate agent. The Complaint alleges that Ms. Pelada Brown was a member, manager, and property manager for the Debtor. The Complaint alleges the Debtor managed residential real properties (the "Business") and that the Debtor held certain security deposits (the "Security Deposits") on behalf of its customers' tenants. The Security Deposits were held in a separate bank account (the "Security Deposit Account"). The Complaint also alleges that Ms. Pelada-Brown orchestrated various unauthorized transactions, which transactions included the wire transfers of the majority of the Security Deposits to the Philippines in breach of her fiduciary duties.

The Complaint further alleges that the Policy constituted a contract between the Debtor and the Insurers. The First Claim for Relief in the Complaint alleges that the Insurers breached the contract by not reimbursing the Debtor for the loss of Security Deposits as required under the Policy. The Complaint also alleges, that by not reimbursing the Debtor for the loss of the Security Deposits, the Insurers: (1) breached the Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing with respect to the Policy; (2) breached certain fiduciary duties to Debtor; and (3) engaged in unfair business practices in settling claims in violation of NRS 686A.310. Finally, the Complaint seeks Declaratory Relief and requests that the Court determine "whether the Policy requires the Insurers to reimburse the [Debtor] for the actions of Ms. Pelada-Brown and the loss of the Security Deposits.

Contemporaneously with this motion, the Insurers have filed a Motion to Dismiss pursuant to Rule 12(b)(6) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure The Insurers do not consent to a jury trial in Bankruptcy Court and have made the Jury Demand set forth herein. If the Motion to Dismiss is denied, the Insurers will file their Answer and Counterclaim. If the Insurers are required to file an Answer and Counterclaim, they will seek a ruling that the Policy does not require the Insurers to reimburse the Debtor for the loss of the Security Deposits.

## **RELIEF REQUESTED**

The Insurers request that the Court grant the Motion to Withdraw the Reference of this Adversary Proceeding and that it accept the Insured's Jury Demand contained herein.

## **ARGUMENT**

"The district court may withdraw, in whole or in part, any case or proceeding referred under this section, on its own motion or on timely motion of any party, for cause shown." 28 U.S.C. § 157(d). The Motion is timely filed because it is being filed contemporaneously with the Rule 12(b)(6) Motions to Dismiss and the Jury Demand.

The Bankruptcy Code does not define what constitutes cause under 28 § 157(d). However, courts have looked at a number of factors, including, (1) whether action is core or non-core; (2) judicial economy, (3) uniform bankruptcy administration, (4) reduction of forum shopping, (5) economical use of debtors' and creditors['] resources, (6) expediting the bankruptcy process, and (7) the presence of a jury demand"). *See In re Access Insurance Services, Inc.* 2014 WL 6065641 (U.S.D.C Nev. 2014)(citing Sec. Farms v. Int'l Bhd. of Teamsters, Chauffers, Warehousemen & Helpers, 124 F.3d 999, 1008 (9th Cir.1999))(citing In re Orion Pictures Corp., 4 F.3d 1095, 1101 (2d Cir.1993)).

In the case at bar, cause exists to withdraw the reference because the Insurers would be entitled to a jury trial on numerous factual issues if the Court denies the Insurers' Motion to Dismiss. The Insurers submit that the Court should withdraw the reference, now, because the causes of action set forth in the Complaint are non-core, and the Bankruptcy Court cannot enter final orders or judgments on such matters without the Insurers' consent. The Insurers have not consented and will not consent. Therefore, if this case proceeds in the Bankruptcy Court, the District Court would have

to review the Bankruptcy Court's findings and conclusions *de novo*. This would result in a duplication of judicial effort. Withdrawing the reference now, promotes judicial economy and also conserves the assets of the bankruptcy estate.

## I. The Motion Is Timely

A motion for withdrawal of the reference pursuant to 28 § 157(d) must be timely filed in accordance with Local Rule 5011. Local Rule 5011 provides that "[a] motion to withdraw the reference of an adversary proceeding, in whole or in part, must be served and filed on or before the date on which an answer, reply, or motion under Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7012 or 7015 is first due." *See also, In re McPherson,* 2014 WL 6611432 (USDC Nev. 2014) The Insurers were served on November 25, 2015 and they have until December 26, 2015 to respond. Thus, the Court should find that the Motion is timely filed.

## II. The Insurers' Right to a Jury Trial Is Sufficient Cause to Withdraw the Reference

The Insurers have a right to a jury trial on factual issues in this Adversary Proceeding. That fact alone provides cause for the Court to withdraw the reference.

## A. There Are a Number of Factual Issues that Might Be Raised in this Case

The Complaint asserts several non-core causes of action arising under state law. If the Insurers do not prevail on their Motion to Dismiss, then the Insurers would be required to contest multiple factual issues. For example, the Insurers may be required to contest that the Trustee is entitled to recover under an "Innocent Insured" theory. There would likely be factual issues of whether Mr. Brown assisted Ms. Peladas-Brown. There would likely be factual issues of whether Mr. Brown remained passive after having knowledge of the dishonest/fraudulent conduct of Ms. Peladas-Brown.

## B. The Insurers Are Entitled to Jury Trial on Any Factual Issues in this Case

The Insurers would be entitled to a jury trial on the factual issues discussed above, among others. There can be no doubt that the Insurers are entitled to a jury trial on the Plaintiff's claims for breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, and engaging in unfair business practices in settling claims in violation of NRS 686A.310. *See e.g. In re PW Supermarkets, Inc.*, 2015 WL 4456213 (USBC N.D. Cal. 2015). As the Insurers have not consented to a jury trial in the Bankruptcy Court,

the jury trial must be conducted in the District Court and the case must be certified to the District Court in accordance with Local Rule 9015.

Court in accordance with Local Rule 9015.

III. Because the Claims in this Case Are Non-Core, Withdrawal of the Reference, Now, Would Serve Judicial Economy

The claims in this case are non-core. Therefore, the Bankruptcy Court cannot enter final order or judgments with respect to such claims, but only findings of fact and conclusions of law. 28 U.S.C. § 157(c)(1). This Court must review the Bankruptcy Court's findings and conclusions *de novo*, *i.e.*, conduct its own independent assessment of the facts and provide its own independent review of the law. *Id.* That duplication of judicial effort can be avoided if the Court withdraws the reference at this time. Withdrawal of the reference, now, would eliminate the multiple rounds of briefing that would be necessary should this case proceed in the Bankruptcy Court.

## A. The Claims at Issue in this Case Fall Within the Bankruptcy Court's Non-Core, Related-To Jurisdiction

One of the most important of the factors that courts use in determining whether there is cause to withdraw the reference is whether the claims sought to be withdrawn are core or non-core. *In re PW Supermarkets, Inc.*, 2015 WL 4456213 (USBC N.D. Cal. 2015).

Bankruptcy courts may issue final judgments and orders in connection with "core proceedings." 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(1). 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(A)-(P) contains a non-exhaustive list of "core proceedings." The United States Supreme Court has held that in certain cases, bankruptcy courts lack constitutional authority to enter final judgments on "core" claims. *Stern v. Marshall*, 131 S.Ct. 2594, 2608–20 (2011). A bankruptcy court may also hear "non-core" proceedings that are otherwise related to the bankruptcy case. 28 U.S.C. § 157(c)(1). A bankruptcy court cannot, however, enter a final order or judgment on non-core claims without the consent of all parties. 28 U.S.C. § 157(c)(2). In lieu of entering a final order on non-core claims that are otherwise related to the bankruptcy case, a bankruptcy court "shall submit proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law to the district court, and any final order or judgment shall be entered by the district judge after considering the bankruptcy court's proposed findings and conclusions and after reviewing de novo those matters to which any party has timely and specifically objected." 28 U.S.C. § 157(c)(1).

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The Complaint sets forth claims for relief that arise entirely under Nevada law and are non-core. The Insurers have not consented to this court entering a final judgment herein. 28 U.S.C. § 157(e) authorizes the bankruptcy court to conduct a jury trial only with the express consent of the parties, and the Insurers have not consented. The Insurers are entitled to a jury trial on each of the claims set forth in the Complaint. Thus, the Insurers contend that the Motion to Withdraw the Reference Must be Granted.

# B. Withdrawal of the Reference, Now, Would Promote Judicial Economy, Conserve Judicial and Estate Resources, and Reduce Delay and Costs

Because the claims in this case are non-core, prompt withdrawal of the reference would serve judicial economy and conserve the bankruptcy estate's resources.

Because this is a non-core proceeding, the Bankruptcy Court cannot enter final orders or judgments without the consent of the parties; it can enter only findings of fact and conclusions of law that would be subject to *de novo* review by the District Court. 28 U.S.C. § 157(c); The Insurers have not consented (and will not consent) to the entry of final orders or a judgment by the Bankruptcy Court.

This case is only now beginning. The Bankruptcy Court has scheduled its first pre-trial conference in this case for January 25, 2016. No discovery deadline has been set. No dispositive motion deadline has been set. No final pretrial conference has been set. To date, no motion other than this Motion and the Motion to Dismiss has been filed. Thus, the Bankruptcy Court has no particular familiarity with the insurance coverage law at issue in this case, the facts relevant to determining insurance coverage, or any of the issues that will be briefed by the parties. Moreover, because there is no bankruptcy law at issue in this case, the Bankruptcy Court's expertise is not required. Thus, there is nothing to be gained by delaying withdrawal in anticipation of Bankruptcy Court rulings that will not be forthcoming for some time and which would be subject to *de novo* review by this Court in any event. *Bulk Petroleum Corp.*, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 21495, \*2 (citing *Travelers Ins. Co. v. Goldberg*, 135 B.R. 788, 792 (D. Md. 1992); *In re CIS Corp.*, 172 B.R. 748, 760 (S.D.N.Y. 1994); *Coe-Truman Techs.*, 214 B.R. at 187)).

Several courts have granted motions to withdraw references in cases involving insurance

coverage issues and similar non-core matters. For example, in *In re ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE*, 2013 WL 660018 (USDC E.D. Wisc. 2013), the Court granted the Defendant Insurer's motion to withdraw the reference. In so doing, the Court stated that it was better to withdraw the reference early on in the case as opposed to awaiting the outcome of lengthy and largely duplicative proceedings in bankruptcy court. *Id*. The Court also pointed out that the issues presented by the underlying claims were separate and distinct from insurance coverage issues. *See, e.g., In re Allied Prods.*, No. 02 C 8436, 2003 WL 503805, at \*2 (N.D.III. Feb. 24, 2003) ("the bankruptcy court is in no better position to resolve the insurance dispute than a district court because its familiarity with the bankruptcy case has no bearing on the insurance issues").

Similarly, in INNOVASYSTEMS, INC., v. PROVERIS SCIENTIFIC CORPORATION, 2013 WL 5539288 (U.S.D.C. Dist. NJ 2013), the Court promptly granted the Defendant's Motion for Withdrawal of the Reference. In so doing, the Court primarily relied on two factors. First, withdrawal was necessary to preserve Defendant's right to a jury trial, as bankruptcy courts are prohibited from holding jury trials in non-core matters. *Id.* (citing Orion Pictures Corp. v. Showtime Networks, Inc. (In re Orion Pictures Corp.), 4 F.3d 1095, 1101 (2d Cir.1993). Further, the Court held that judicial resources "would be most efficiently allocated by withdrawal, given the expertise and presence of magistrate judges in district court proceedings. Magistrate judges are well experienced in the discovery issues that arise in non-core proceedings, and litigants and the Court are well served by their involvement. Given the fact the Bankruptcy Court lacks this recourse, withdrawal is appropriate."

As these cases demonstrate, withdrawing the reference now would mean that only one Court must familiarize itself with the relevant facts and law in this case, rather than two, thus preserving scarce judicial resources. Similarly, because this Court is required to review the Bankruptcy Court's findings and conclusions *de novo*, withdrawing the reference now would preserve estate resources as the parties would not have to re-litigate issues. Thus, the Court should grant the Motion at this time.

# C. The Other Factors Relied Upon by Courts in Determining Whether There Is Cause to Withdraw the Reference Are Irrelevant Here

The other factors used by courts in analyzing whether cause exists to withdraw the

## Case 2:16-cv-00060-JAD-GWF Document 1 Filed 01/08/16 Page 9 of 27 reference are irrelevant here. The uniformity and efficiency of bankruptcy administration would be unaffected by withdrawal, as this adversary proceeding addresses issues of state law that would not otherwise be addressed in the bankruptcy case. Moreover, the fact that the Insurers are not forum shopping, having not previously litigated any matters in front of 4 Judge Davis, should make that factor irrelevant to the Court's decision. 5 CONCLUSION 6 The Defendants respectfully request that the Court grant the Motion and withdraw the 7 8 reference to this Adversary Proceeding at this time. DATED this 23rd day of December, 2015. 10 WILSON ELSER MOSKOWITZ EDELMAN & DICKER LLP \_/s/ Vernon A. Nelson, Jr. Vernon A. Nelson, Jr., Esq. Nevada Bar No. 6434 300 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor 14 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 Telephone: (702) 727-1400 Attorneys for Defendants 16 XL AMERICA, INC., XL INSURANCE AMERICA, INC., XL SELECT PROFESSIONAL, PEARL INSURANCE GROUP, LLC, GREENWICH INSURANCE GROUP 19 20 26

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Case 2:16-cv-00060-JAD-GWF Document 1 Filed 01/08/16 Page 10 of 27 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** 1 Pursuant to FRCP 5(b), I certify that I am an employee of WILSON ELSER MOSKOWITZ 2 3 EDELMAN & DICKER LLP, and that on this 23rd day of December, 2015, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO WITHDRAW THE REFERENCE 4 OF THIS ADVERSARY PROCEEDING PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. § 157(d) AND FEDERAL 5 RULE OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE 5011, JURY DEMAND, AND SUPPORTING 6 7 **MEMORANDUM OF LAW** as follows: 8 by placing same to be deposited for mailing in the United States Mail, in a sealed envelope upon which first class postage was prepaid in Las Vegas, Nevada; 9  $\boxtimes$ via electronic means by operation of the Court's electronic filing system, upon each 10 party in this case who is registered as an electronic case filing user with the Clerk; 11 Samuel A. Schwartz, Esq. 12 Schwartz Flansburg PLLC Email: sam@nvfirm.com 13 Attorney for Chapter 7 Trustee, Victoria L. Nelson 14 via hand-delivery to the addressees listed below; 15 via facsimile; 16 by transmitting via email the document listed above to the email address set forth 17 below on this date: 18 19 BY: \_/s/ Lani Maile\_ An Employee of 20 WILSON ELSER MOSKOWITZ EDELMAN & DICKER LLP 21 22 23 24 25 26

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that relief is sought from a United States District Judge. DATED this 28th day of December, 2015. WILSON ELSER MOSKOWITZ EDELMAN & DICKER LLP \_/s/ Vernon A. Nelson, Jr.\_ Vernon A. Nelson, Jr., Esq. Nevada Bar No. 6434 300 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 Telephone: (702) 727-1400 Attorneys for Defendants XL AMERICA, INC., XL INSURANCE AMERICA, INC., XL SELECT PROFESSIONAL, PEARL INSURANCE GROUP, LLC, GREENWICH INSURANCE GROUP 

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Case 2:16-cv-00060-JAD-GWF Document 1 Filed 01/08/16 Page 14 of 27 1 Vernon A. Nelson, Jr., Esq. Nevada Bar No. 6434 2 Email: Vernon.Nelson@wilsonelser.com WILSON, ELSER, MOSKOWITZ, EDELMAN & DICKER LLP 3 300 South 4th Street, 11th Floor Las Vegas, NV 89101-6014 Telephone: (702) 727-1400 Facsimile: (702) 727-1401 5 Attorneys for Defendants XL AMERICA, INC., XL INSURANCE AMERICA, INC., XL SELECT PROFESSIONAL, PEARL INSURANCE GROUP, LLC, 7 GREENWICH INSURANCE GROUP 8 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT 9 FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA 10 Case No.: 15-10110-led In re: 11 AMERI-DREAM REALTY, LLC Chapter 7 12 Adversary Proceeding No. 15-01183-led Debtor. 13 VICTORIA NELSON, In Her Capacity As The DESIGNATION OF THE RECORD TO 14 Chapter 7 Trustee Of AMERI-DREAM **DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO WITHDRAW** REALTY, LLC, THE REFERENCE OF THIS ADVERSARY 15 PROCEEDING PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. § 16 Plaintiff. 157(d) AND FEDERAL RULE OF **BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE 5011, JURY** 17 v. DEMAND, AND SUPPORTING MEMORANDUM OF LAW 18 XL AMERICA, INC.; XL INSURANCE AMERICA, INC.; XL SELECT 19 [RELIEF SOUGHT FROM A UNITED PROFESSIONAL; PEARL INSURANCE STATES DISTRICT JUDGE 20 GROUP, LLC; GREENWICH INSURANCE COMPANY; and DOES I through X; and ROE 21 CORPORATE DEFENDANTS XI through XX, 22 Defendants. 23 Pursuant to Local Rule 5011, Defendants XL AMERICA, INC., XL INSURANCE 24 AMERICA, INC., XL SELECT PROFESSIONAL, PEARL INSURANCE GROUP, LLC, and 25 GREENWICH INSURANCE COMPANY (collectively "Insurers" or "Defendants") by and through 26 their undersigned counsel, WILSON ELSER MOSKOWITZ EDELMAN & DICKER, hereby 27 submits its Designation of the Record for its Motion to Withdraw the Reference of this Adversary 28 Proceeding Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(d) And Federal Rule Of Bankruptcy Procedure 5011, Jury 894128v.1

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Demand, And Supporting Memorandum Of Law.

## **DESIGNATION OF THE RECORD**

- 1. Adversary Complaint (Dkt. No. 1).
  - 2. Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment (Dkt No. 16).
  - 3. Plaintiff's Statement of Undisputed Facts (Dkt. No. 17).
  - 4. Notice of Hearing on Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment (Dkt. No. 18).
  - 5. Defendants' Motion to Withdraw the Reference of this Adversary Proceeding Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(d) And Federal Rule Of Bankruptcy Procedure 5011, Jury Demand, And Supporting Memorandum Of Law (Dkt. No. 20).
    - 6. Ex Parte Motion for Order Shortening Time (Dkt. No. 22).
  - 7. Greenwich Insurance Company's Motion to Dismiss Case Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. Pro. 12(B)(6) (Dkt. No. 24).
  - 8. XL America, Inc., XL Insurance America, Inc., XL Select Professional, Pearl Insurance Group, LLC's Motion to Dismiss Case Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. Pro. 12(B)(6) (Dkt. No. 25).
    - 9. Jury Demand (Dkt. No. 26).
- 10. Notice of Hearing on XL America, Inc., XL Insurance America, Inc., XL Select Professional, Pearl Insurance Group, LLC's Motion to Dismiss Case Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. Pro. 12(B)(6) (Dkt. No. 27).
- 11. Notice of Hearing on Greenwich Insurance Company's Motion to Dismiss Case Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. Pro. 12(B)(6) (Dkt No. 28).
  - 12. Order Granting Motion for Order Shortening Time (Dkt. No. 30).
- 13. Errata to Defendants' Motion to Withdraw the Reference of this Adversary Proceeding Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(d) And Federal Rule Of Bankruptcy Procedure 5011, Jury Demand, And Supporting Memorandum Of Law (Dkt. No. 32).
- Defendants' respectfully request that the Court consider this Designation and that the Clerk transmit the appropriate documents to the United States District Court of the District of Nevada for the entry of an order granting its Motion to Withdraw the Reference and such other and further relief

as may be just and proper. DATED this 28th day of December, 2015. WILSON ELSER MOSKOWITZ EDELMAN & DICKER LLP \_/s/ Vernon A. Nelson, Jr.\_ Vernon A. Nelson, Jr., Esq. Nevada Bar No. 6434 300 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 Telephone: (702) 727-1400 Attorneys for Defendants XL AMERICA, INC., XL INSURANCE AMERICA, INC., XL SELECT PROFESSIONAL, PEARL INSURANCE GROUP, LLC, GREENWICH INSURANCE GROUP 

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Honorable Laurel E. Davis United States Bankruptcy Judge

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# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA

| In re:   | ) Case No.: 15-10110-LED   |
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| AMERI-DREAM REALTY, LLC,   | ) Chapter 7  |
| Debtor.  | )  |
| VICTORIA NELSON, In Her Capacity As The Chapter 7 Trustee Of AMERI-DREAM REALTY, LLC,  Plaintiff,  | ) ) ) Adv. Proceeding No.: 15-01183-LED )                            |
| VS.  | )  |
| XL AMERICA, INC.; XL INSURANCE AMERICA, INC.; XL SELECT PROFESSIONAL; PEARL INSURANCE GROUP, LLC; GREENWICH INSURANCE COMPANY; and DOES I through X; and ROE CORPORATE DEFENDANTS XI through XX, Defendants. | ) ) ) ) Hearing Date: January 11, 2016 ) Hearing Time: 1:30 p.m. ) ) |

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# ORDER APPROVING STIPULATION REGARDING DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO WITHDRAW THE REFERENCE AND OTHER PENDING MOTIONS

Victoria L. Nelson, in her capacity as the Chapter 7 Trustee (the "Plaintiff" or the "Trustee") of Ameri-Dream Realty, LLC (the "Debtor" or the "Company"), by and through her attorneys of record, Schwartz Flansburg PLLC, and XL America, Inc., XL Insurance America, Inc., XL Select Professional, Pearl Insurance Group, LLC and Greenwich Insurance Company (collectively, the "Defendants"), by and through their attorneys of record, Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker LLP, having stipulated and agreed as provided in that certain Stipulation Regarding Defendants' Motion to Withdraw the Reference and Other Pending Motions (the "Stipulation"); and the Court having considered the Stipulation and finds that the relief requested in the Stipulation is appropriate and sufficient cause exists to grant the relief; and for good cause appearing, it is hereby:

 $\label{eq:order_order_order} \textbf{ORDERED} \text{ that the Stipulation, attached here to as } \textbf{Exhibit A}, \text{ is approved; and it is} \\$  further

**ORDERED** that this Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from the implementation of this Order.

Submitted by:

Schwartz Flansburg PLLC

By /s/ Samuel A. Schwartz

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# Exhibit A

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            Victoria L. Nelson, in her capacity as the Chapter 7 Trustee (the "Plaintiff" or the
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     her attorneys of record, Schwartz Flansburg PLLC, and XL America, Inc., XL Insurance
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America, Inc., XL Select Professional, Pearl Insurance Group, LLC and Greenwich Insurance Company (collectively, the "**Defendants**"), by and through their attorneys of record, Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker LLP, hereby stipulate and agree to the following:

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2015, the Company filed a voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 7 of the United States Bankruptcy Code, whereby the Trustee was appointed as Chapter 7 Trustee;

WHEREAS, on October 29, 2015, the Trustee initiated the above-captioned adversary complaint (the "Complaint") against the Defendants, thereby commencing this adversary proceeding (the "Adversary Proceeding");

WHEREAS, December 22, 2015, the Trustee filed her Motion for Summary Judgment (the "MSJ");

WHEREAS, on December 23, 2015, the Defendants filed their Motion to Withdraw the Reference of this Adversary Proceeding (the "Withdrawal Motion");

WHEREAS, on December 23, 2015, Defendants XL America, Inc., XL Insurance America, Inc., XL Select Professional and Pearl Insurance Group, LLC filed their Motion to Dismiss the Complaint, and that same day, Defendant Greenwich Insurance Company filed its Motion to Dismiss the Complaint (collectively, the "MTDs");

WHEREAS, on December 28, 2015, this Court entered an order shortening time (the "OST") for hearing on the Withdrawal Motion, setting a hearing for January 11, 2016, at 1:30 p.m., and setting opposition and reply briefing deadlines for January 4, 2016, and January 8, 2016, respectively;

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WHEREAS, as the Withdrawal Motion needs to be heard by a district court judge, the parties hereby desire to stipulate and agree that all briefing deadlines for the Withdrawal Motion will be set by the district court; and

WHEREAS, the parties also desire to stipulate and agree that once the Withdrawal Motion is heard and decided by the district court, the parties will agree to appropriate hearing dates and briefing deadlines for the MSJ and MTDs, either before the district court or the bankruptcy court, pending the outcome of the Withdrawal Motion.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Trustee and Defendants hereby stipulate and agree to the following, and concurrently seek this Court's approval of the same.

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED that the all briefing deadlines with respect to the Withdrawal Motion shall be set by the district court; and

IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED that this Court's hearing on the Withdrawal Motion, currently scheduled for January 11, 2016, at 1:30 p.m., along with all related briefing deadlines set forth in the OST, shall be vacated; and

IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED that pending the district court's decision on the Withdrawal Motion, the parties shall address appropriate hearing dates and briefing deadlines for the MSJ and MTDs; and

IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED that at the Scheduling Conference on January 25, 2016, at 1:30 p.m., the parties shall discuss the status of the Withdrawal Motion before the district court and if appropriate, address appropriate hearing dates and briefing deadlines for the MSJ and MTD.

Date: December 30, 2015 Date: December 30, 2015 1 /s/ Samuel A. Schwartz /s/ Vernon A. Nelson 2 Samuel A. Schwartz, Esq. Vernon A. Nelson, Esq. Nevada Bar No. 10985 Nevada Bar No. 6434 3 Bryan A. Lindsey, Esq. Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, 4 Nevada Bar No. 10662 Edelman & Dicker LLP The Schwartz Law Firm, Inc. 300 South 400 Street, Suite 1100 5 6623 Las Vegas Blvd. South, Suite 300 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 Las Vegas, Nevada 89119 Attorneys for the Defendants 6 Attorneys for Chapter 7 Trustee 7 8 Submitted by: 9 Schwartz Flansburg PLLC 10 By /s/ Samuel A. Schwartz 11 SAMUEL A. SCHWARTZ, ESQ. #10985 12 Attorneys for the Chapter 7 Trustee, Victoria L. Nelson 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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| 8                          | Victoria L. Nelson, Chapter 7 Trustee  |   |  |  |  |  |
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| 14                         | Debtor.  | )<br>)  |  |  |  |  |
| 15<br>16<br>17             | VICTORIA NELSON, In Her Capacity As The Chapter 7 Trustee Of AMERI-DREAM   | Adversary Case No. 15-01183-LED  SUPPLEMENTAL DESIGNATION OF  |  |  |  |  |
| 18<br>19<br>20             | REALTY, LLC, Plaintiff,  | <ul> <li>RECORD TO DEFENDANTS' MOTION</li> <li>TO WITHDRAW THE REFERENCE OF</li> <li>THIS ADVERSARY PROCEEDING</li> <li>PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. § 157(d) AND</li> <li>FEDERAL RULE OF BANKRUPTCY</li> </ul> |  |  |  |  |
| 21                         | vs.  | <ul> <li>PROCEDURE 5011, JURY DEMAND, AND</li> <li>SUPPORTING MEMORANDUM OF LAW</li> </ul>  |  |  |  |  |
| 23                         | ELSIE PELADAS-BROWN,   | )   |  |  |  |  |
| 24<br>25                   | Defendant.   | )<br>)  |  |  |  |  |
| 26<br>27                   | Plaintiff, Victoria L. Nelson, by and through her attorneys, Schwartz Flansburg PLLC, hereby   |   |  |  |  |  |
| 28                         | designates the following Supplemental Designation  | n of Record:  |  |  |  |  |
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## PLEADINGS FROM ADVERSARY CASE NO. 15-01087-LED

| Docket No. | Dated      | Title of Pleading   |
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| 1          | 05/21/2015 | Adversary Complaint   |
| 11         | 08/28/2015 | Motion for Summary Judgment   |
| 13         | 08/31/2015 | Request for Default   |
| 14         | 08/31/2015 | Declaration of Bryan A. Lindsey, Esq. in Support of Ex Parte Request for Entry of Default |
| 15         | 09/01/2015 | Statement of Undisputed Facts in Support of Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment       |
| 17         | 09/01/2015 | Clerk's Entry of Default Against Elsie-Peladas-Brown                                      |
| 18         | 10/08/2015 | Amended Statement of Undisputed Facts in Support of Motion for Summary Judgment           |
| 20         | 10/27/2015 | Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law   |
| 21         | 10/27/2015 | Order Granting Motion for Summary Judgment  |
| 22         | 10/28/2015 | Notice of Entry of Order/Judgment of Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law              |

Dated this 7th day of January, 2016

Respectfully Submitted,

22 /s/Samuel A. Schwartz

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  - Victoria L. Nelson, Chapter 7 Trustee

| 1   | <u>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</u>  |
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| 2   | I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was sent electronically via   |
| 3   | the Court's CM/ECF System on January 7, 2016, to the following:  |
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# **United States Bankruptcy Court District of Nevada**

Bankruptcy Case Number <u>15–10110–led</u>
Chapter 7
Adversary Proceeding Number <u>15–01183–led</u>
Related USDC Number

| In | re: AMERI-DREAM REALTY LLC , Debtor(s)  |
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|    | VICTORIA NELSON, Plaintiff(s)   |
|    | vs  |
|    | XL AMERICA, INC. et al., Defendant(s)   |
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|    | XL AMERICA, INC. ET AL., Movant(s)  |
|    | vs  |
|    | VICTORIA NELSON, CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEE OF AMERI–DREAM REALTY, LLC , Respondent(s) |
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#### TRANSMITTAL OF MOTION OF WITHDRAWAL OF THE REFERENCE

To: CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT Lloyd D. George U.S. Courthouse, 333 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas, NV 89101

The following documents are listed in the Designation of Record:

- 1. Motion for Withdrawal of the Reference;
- 2. Errata to Motion For Withdrawal of the Reference;
- 3. Notice of Designation of the Record;
- 4. Stipulated/Agreed Order; and
- 5. Supplemental Designation of Record to Defendant's Motion to Withdraw the Reference.

MOVANT(S) AND RESPONDENT(S) ARE TO FILE ALL MATTERS RELATING TO THE MOTION TO WITHDRAW THE REFERENCE WITH THE CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT. ALL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO OTHER MATTERS IN THIS CASE SHALL CONTINUE TO BE FILED WITH THE CLERK OF THE BANKRUPTCY COURT.

BY THE COURT

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Mary A. Schott Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court

This Notice of Transmittal will be noticed through BNC to: Vernon A. Nelson, Jr., Esq. Samuel A. Schwartz, Esq.