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In re:	) Case No. 2:16-cv-00060-JAD-GWF
AMERI-DREAM REALTY, LLC,	) Case No.: 15-10110-LED
Debtor.	) ) Chapter 7
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VICTORIA NELSON, In Her Capacity As The	)
Chapter 7 Trustee Of AMERI-DREAM	, )
REALTY, LLC,	)
Plaintiff,	) Adv. Proceeding No.: 15-01183-LED
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Ve	) COMPLAINT
VS.	)
XL AMERICA, INC.; XL INSURANCE	)
AMERICA, INC.; XL SELECT	)
PROFESSIONAL; PEARL INSURANCE	)
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GROUP, LLC; GREENWICH INSURANCE	)
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CORPORATE DEFENDANTS XI through	)
XX,	, )
Defendants.	)
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# **COMPLAINT**

The Chapter 7 Trustee, Victoria L. Nelson (the "**Trustee**" or the "**Plaintiff**"), by and through her attorneys, Schwartz Flansburg PLLC, complains and alleges against the Defendants as follows:

# JURISDICTION, PARTIES AND VENUE

1. Ameri-Dream Realty, LLC (the "**Company**") was a real estate sales and property management company based in Las Vegas, Nevada prior to filing for relief under Chapter 7 of the United States Bankruptcy Code.

2. The Company is a resident of the State of Nevada and conducted significant business activities in the District of Nevada.

3. The Plaintiff is the Court-appointed Chapter 7 Trustee over the Company in Case No. 15-10110-LED, United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nevada (the "Action").

4. XL America, Inc., XL Insurance America, Inc. and XL Select Professional (collectively, "**XL America**") are U.S. Based insurers offering insurance and reinsurance coverages and services.

5. Pearl Insurance Group, LLC ("**Pearl**") is an Illinois limited liability company which operates as an insurance broker, administrator, and marketer of custom insurance solutions in the United States.

6. Greenwich Insurance Company ("**Greenwich**") is a member of XL America and a domestic insurance company which offers a variety of insurance coverage to individuals and corporations throughout the United States.

7. XL America, Pearl and Greenwich are hereinafter at times each referred to as a "**Defendant**" and collectively as the "**Defendants**."

8. The names and capacities, whether individuals, corporations, associates or otherwise of Defendants named herein as DOE and ROE CORPORATION are unknown or not vet confirmed. Upon information and belief, said DOE and ROE CORPORATION Defendants are responsible for damages suffered by Plaintiff and, therefore, Plaintiff sues said Defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiff will ask leave to amend this Complaint to show the true names and capacities of each DOE and ROE CORPORATION Defendant at such time as the same has been ascertained.

9. This Court has supplemental jurisdiction over all claims in this case because they are asserted in connection with the Trustee's duties to recover assets on behalf of the estate, and because the allegations in this lawsuit share a common nexus of facts with those in the Action.

This Court has personal jurisdiction over the Defendants and venue is proper in 10. the Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nevada because: (i) the Defendants engaged in significant business in this District; and (ii) the Company is a debtor before this Court, and holds the claims asserted in this Complaint.

# **INSURANCE POLICY**

11. The Defendants provided a 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, to the Company.

12. The Company is named as an insured and entitled to coverage under the Policy.

# **COMPANY BACKGROUND**

13. The Company was managed by John M. Brown ("Mr. Brown") and his former spouse, Elsie Pelada-Brown ("Ms. Peladas-Brown").

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14. As part of its business, the Company managed residential rental properties (the "**Business**"). In the normal course of its Business, the Company received and held rental security deposits on behalf of its customers' tenants. At the time of the wrongful actions asserted herein, the Company held in excess of \$1,200,000 of tenant security deposit money (the "**Security Deposits**").

15. Under Nevada Revised Statutes Section 645.310(1), security deposits for tenants are to be retained until the termination of the underlying lease or rental transaction.

## THE UNAUTHORIZED TRANSFERS

16. In late March 2014, the Company discovered that significant funds were missing from the bank account designated to hold tenant security deposits. At the time of the discovery, the Company held security deposits for more than 1,000 tenants.

17. Mr. Brown subsequently discovered that significant funds had been transferred from a bank account designated to hold those tenant Security Deposits on behalf of the Company.

18. Unkown to Mr. Brown or the Company, Ms. Pelada-Brown orchestrated various unauthorized transactions, which transactions included the wire transfers of the majority of the Security Deposits to the Philippines.

19. Specifically, on the following dates, Ms. Peladas-Brown Brown transferred money from the Company's general account at JP Morgan Chase Bank (the "General Account") and/or security deposit account at JP Morgan Chase Bank (the "Security Deposit Account") to Unibank, Inc. Metro Philippines (the "Philippines Bank"):

a. On February 27, 2013, Ms. Peladas-Brown transferred \$25,000 from the General Account to the Philippines Bank;

1	b. On May 14, 2013, Ms. Peladas-Brown transferred \$50,000 from the						
2	Security Deposit Account to the Philippines Bank;						
3	c. On April 10, 2013, Ms. Peladas-Brown transferred \$49,263 from the						
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5	Security Deposit Account to the Philippines Bank;						
6 7	d. On April 17, 2013, Ms. Peladas-Brown transferred \$24,600 from the						
8	Security Deposit Account to the Philippines Bank;						
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10	e. On May 17, 2013, Ms. Peladas-Brown transferred \$97,930 from the						
11	Security Deposit Account to the Philippines Bank;						
12	f. On May 24, 2013, Ms. Peladas-Brown transferred \$49,000 from the						
13	Security Deposit Account to the Philippines Bank;						
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15 16	g. On June 25, 2013, Ms. Peladas-Brown transferred \$71,500 from the						
17	Security Deposit Account to the Philippines Bank;						
18	h. On July 18, 2013, Ms. Peladas-Brown transferred \$35,000 from the						
19 20	security deposit account to the Philippines Bank;						
20 21	i. On September 10, 2013, Ms. Peladas-Brown transferred \$7,670 from the						
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23	Security Deposit Account to the Philippines Bank;						
24	j. On September 23, 2013, Ms. Peladas-Brown transferred \$18,700 from						
25	the Security Deposit Account to the Philippines Bank;						
26	k. On September 27, 2013, Ms. Peladas-Brown transferred \$23,255 from						
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28 29	the Security Deposit Account to the Philippines Bank;						
30	1. On October 9, 2013, Ms. Peladas-Brown transferred \$10,020 from the						
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1	m. On October 22, 2013, Ms. Peladas-Brown transferred \$13,960 from the					
2	Security Deposit Account to the Philippines Bank;					
3 4	n. On October 24, 2013, Ms. Peladas-Brown transferred \$11,700 from the					
5	Security Deposit Account to the Philippines Bank; and					
6 7	o. On December 20, 2013, Ms. Peladas-Brown transferred \$8,000 from the					
8	Security Deposit Account to the Philippines Bank.					
9	20. Including, but not limited to, the specific transactions listed above, Ms. Peladas-					
10 11	Brown embezzled a total of \$1,174,373.63 in Security Deposits from the Company.					
12	THE INNOCENCE OF THE COMPANY AND MR. BROWN					
13 14	21. Neither the Company nor Mr. Brown had any knowledge of Ms. Peladas-					
15	Brown's scheme; and on May 4, 2015, Mr. Brown was divorced from Ms. Peladas-Brown. The					
16 17	divorce decree, which was uncontested, requires Ms. Peladas-Brown to indemnify Mr. Brown					
18	and the Company for her unilateral embezzlement of the Security Deposits.					
19	22. At all times relevant herein, Ms. Peladas-Brown was a member, manager and the					
20 21	property manager for the Company. Ms. Peladas-Brown was also a licensed real estate agent					
22	and property manager in the State of Nevada, and a member of the Greater Association of Las					
23 24	Vegas Realtors.					
25	THE PROSECUTION OF MS. PELADAS-BROWN					
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27	23. As a licensed realtor and property manager in the State of Nevada, Ms. Peladas-					
28 29	Brown is charged with the knowledge and responsibility of safeguarding the Security Deposits.					
30	It is undeniable in light of Ms. Peladas-Brown's licenses that she knew sending the Security					
31	Deposits to the Philippines would be a violation of the law, and would cause her to lose her real					
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estate licenses, which licenses are now inactive. Ms. Peladas-Brown also knew she had a duty to manage the Security Deposits prudently and in a fashion that minimized risk.

24. In sum, Ms. Peladas-Brown had the knowledge and the motive to breach her fiduciary duties to the Company, its customers and its tenants, and in fact did breach such duties by secretly transferring the Security Deposits to the Philippines. The transfers of the Security Deposits were made for no consideration at all, and Ms. Peladas-Brown understood the Security Deposits could not possibly be repaid.

25. On September 16, 2015, the Nevada Real Estate Commission held a hearing regarding Ms. Peladas-Brown's actions, where her attorney, Mr. Lance Maningo, indicated Ms. Peladas-Brown's acquiescence to the factual allegations listed above, and admitted the funds were used to support Ms. Peladas-Brown's family and friends in the Philippines after catastrophic events.

26. The Security Deposits were disbursed by Ms. Peladas-Brown in the Philippines and are not recoverable. Ms. Peladas-Brown disbursed the Security Deposits to friends and family in need after the damage caused by catastrophic events in the Philippines.

## ADVERSARY PROCEEDING AGAINST MS. PELADAS-BROWN

27. On May 21, 2015, the Trustee, in her capacity as Chapter 7 Trustee for the Company, initiated that certain adversary proceeding against Ms. Peladas-Brown in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nevada, Adversary Case No. 15-01087-LED.

28. In her complaint, the Trustee asserted four claims for relief against Ms. Peladas-Brown: (i) breach of fiduciary duty to the Company; (ii) common law misrepresentation to the Company; (iii) negligent misrepresentation to the Company; and (iv) declaratory relief that the

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Company and Mr. Brown are innocent and had no knowledge of Ms. Peladas-Brown's wrongdoings (collectively, the "**Peladas-Brown Claims for Relief**").

29. On October 26, 2015, the United States Bankruptcy Court (the "**Bankruptcy Court**") held a hearing on the Trustee's motion for summary judgment on all of the Peladas-Brown Claims for Relief.

30. On October 27, 2015, the Bankruptcy Court entered an order granting summary judgment on all Peladas-Brown Claims for Relief, with findings of fact and conclusions of law. <u>See</u> Adv. Case No. 15-01087-LED, Docket Nos. 20 and 21.

31. The Judgment against Ms. Peladas-Brown is in the amount of \$1,174,373.63, together with prejudgment interest at the rate of 5.75%, compounded annually and compounded from February 1, 2013, and post-judgment interest at the rate established by 28 U.S.C. § 1961, compounded annually. <u>See</u> Adv. Case No. 15-01087-LED, Docket No. 21.

#### **INSURANCE CLAIMS**

32. On April 9, 2014, Ryan J. Works, Esq., as counsel for the Company and Mr. Brown, sent a Notice of Claim letter to XL America regarding the actions of Ms. Peladas-Brown. A copy of the Notice of Claim Letter is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**.

33. Pursuant to the terms of the Policy, Greenwich agreed to pay for claims, up to \$1,000,000.00, resulting from an act or omission in the performance of real estate services for which the insured (the Company) is obligated to pay.

34. Although the Policy excludes coverage under Section IV(C) for claims "based on arising out of any dishonest, intentionally fraudulent, criminal or malicious act or omission by the Insured," under the facts described herein, the Company and Mr. Brown constitute "Innocent Insureds" under Section VI(D) of the Policy:

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D. Innocent Insureds

If coverage of this policy would not apply because of Exclusion C. or because of noncompliance with Condition B., such Exclusion or Condition will not apply to any Insured who did not commit, participate in, or have knowledge of any of the acts described in Exclusion C. and whose conduct did not violate Condition B.

35. Ms. Peladas-Brown's unilateral wrongdoings triggered Greenwich's obligation

to indemnify the Company for the loss of the Security Deposits.

36. On April 10, 2014, Mr. Works, as counsel for the Company and Mr. Brown, submitted a claim report form to the Defendants (the "**Claim**"), providing additional notice of a claim under the Policy and the obligations of the Defendants to reimburse the Company based on Ms. Peladas-Brown's actions. A copy of the Claim is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**.

37. Upon initiation of the Adversary Proceeding, Defendants were once again provided Notice of the Claim, particularly that Defendants were ignorant and innocent of Ms. Peladas-Brown's unilateral wrongdoings, which is attached as **Exhibit 3**.

38. As of the date hereof, the Defendants have not paid any monies to the Company or Mr. Brown for claims made under the Policy.

# **FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF** (Breach of Contract)

39. The Plaintiff hereby realleges the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through37, as if fully set forth herein.

40. The Defendants wrote the Policy of insurance naming the Company as an insured under the Policy.

41. As an insured, the Policy constituted a contract between the Company and Defendants.

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42. The Company satisfied all conditions precedent to the Policy.

43. On April 9, 2014, and April 10, 2014, the Company submitted its Claim under the Policy.

44. To date, the Defendants have not reimbursed the Company for the loss of Security Deposits as required under the Policy.

45. The Defendants breached the Policy by not reimbursing the Company for the loss of the Security Deposits.

46. As a direct and proximate cause of the Defendants' breach, the Company has been damaged, the exact amount to be proven at trial.

47. The Plaintiff has been required to obtain the services of counsel to prosecute this claim, and is entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees and other costs incurred in this matter as special damages, in addition to any other relief to which it may be entitled.

# SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

# (Breach of Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing)

48. The Plaintiff hereby realleges the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through46, as if fully set forth herein.

49. The Defendants wrote the Policy of insurance naming the Company as an insured under the Policy.

50. As an insured, the Policy constituted a contract between the Company and Defendants.

51. A covenant of good faith and fair dealing is implied into every contract construed pursuant to Nevada law, including the Policy.

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52. The Defendants breached the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing in various ways, including but not limited to denying the Company's claims, and as such, performed in a manner unfaithful to the terms of the Policy.

53. As a direct and proximate cause of the Defendants' breaches, the Company has been damages, in the exact amount to be proven at trial.

54. By their actions, Defendants are guilty of breaching the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing and as such, the Company may recover compensatory damages.

55. The Plaintiff has been required to obtain the services of counsel to prosecute this claim, and is entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees and other costs incurred in this matter as special damages, in addition to any other relief to which it may be entitled.

#### THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Breach of Fiduciary Duty)

56. The Plaintiff hereby realleges the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through55, as if fully set forth herein.

57. A fiduciary duty exists where one has the right to expect trust and confidence in the integrity and fidelity of another.

58. In Nevada, the duty owed by an insurer to an insured is fiduciary in nature.

59. Accordingly, at all times relevant and material hereto, the Defendants owed the Company a fiduciary duty.

60. The Defendants breached their fiduciary duties to the Company in various ways, including but not limited to denying the Company's claims, and as such, performed in a manner unfaithful to the terms of the Policy.

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61. The tortious conduct of the Defendants proximately caused damage to the Company because the Company was not reimbursed for the loss of Security Deposits as required by the Policy.

62. By their actions, the Defendants are guilty of oppression, fraud and/or malice, express or implied.

63. Accordingly, the Company, in addition to compensatory damages, may recover punitive damages for the sake of example and by way of punishing the Defendants.

64. The Plaintiff has been required to obtain the services of counsel to prosecute this claim, and is entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees and other costs incurred in this matter as special damages, in addition to any other relief to which it may be entitled.

#### **FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF** (Violations of NRS 686A.310)

65. The Plaintiff hereby realleges the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through64, as if fully set forth herein.

66. At all times relevant and material hereto, NRS 686A.310 was in full force and effect.

67. The Defendants violated NRS 686A.310 in various ways, including but not limited to:

a. Failing to acknowledge and act reasonably promptly upon communications with respect to claims arising under the Policy;

b. Failing to adopt and implement reasonable standards for the prompt investigation and processing of claims arising under the Policy;

c. Failing to effectuate prompt, fair and equitable settlements of claims in which liability of the insurer has become reasonably clear; and

d. Compelling insureds to institute litigation to recover amounts due under the Policy.

68. As a direct and proximate cause of the Defendants' breaches, the Company has been damaged, the exact amount to be proven at trial.

69. By their actions, the Defendants are guilty of oppression, fraud and/or malice, express or implied. Accordingly, the Company, in addition to compensatory damages, may recover punitive damages for the sake of example and by way of punishing the Defendants.

70. The Plaintiff has been required to obtain the services of counsel to prosecute this claim, and is entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees and other costs incurred in this matter as special damages, in addition to any other relief to which it may be entitled.

### FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Declaratory Relief)

71. The Plaintiff hereby realleges the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through70, as if fully set forth herein.

72. There exists between the Plaintiff and Defendants a justiciable controversy regarding the rights and obligations of the parties under the Policy, specifically, but not limited to, whether the Policy requires the Defendants to reimburse the Company for the actions of Ms. Peladas-Brown and the loss of the Security Deposits.

73. The Plaintiff seeks a declaratory judgment to resolve this controversy.

74. This action presents a justiciable controversy related to the obligations, rights, and limitations to the parties under the respective policies.

75. The Plaintiff and Defendants have adverse interests in this matter.

76. The Plaintiff asserts a legally protectable interest that is ripe for determination.

1		77.	The Plaintiff has been required to obtain the services of counsel to prosecute this						
2	claim, and is entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees and other costs incurred in this matter								
3	as special damages, in addition to any other relief to which it may be entitled.								
4 5	WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff prays for judgment as follows:								
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7		1.	For general damages in excess of \$75,000.00;						
8		2.	For special damages determined at the time of trial;						
9 10		3.	For punitive damages;						
11		4.	For a judicial declaration as to the rights, obligations, and liabilities of the parties						
12	to the Policy of insurance;								
13 14		5.	For an award of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of the suit incurred herein;						
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17		6.	For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.						
18		Dated this 29th day of October, 2015.							
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20			SCHWARTZ FLANSBURG PLLC						
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# **Exhibit 1**

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April 9, 2014

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## Re: Notice of Claim - Real Estate Professionals Errors and Omissions Policy Named Insured: Ameri-Dream Realty, LLC Policy No.: PEG9145932-6 Policy Period: June 14, 2013 – June 14, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

Ameri-Dream Realty, LLC ("<u>Ameri-Dream</u>") and John M. Brown ("<u>Mr. Brown</u>"), an Ameri-Dream member, have engaged McDonald Carano Wilson LLP to act as counsel and on their behalf in connection with recently discovered theft of certain security deposits held in trust in connection with the provision of certain real estate services. The information in this letter is being provided with the understanding that XL Select Professional Claims ("<u>XL Select</u>"), Ameri-Dream and Mr. Brown, an Insured under the above-referenced Real Estate Professionals Errors and Omissions Policy, Policy No. PEG9145932-6 (the "<u>Policy</u>"), have a common legal interest in the resolution of the circumstances described herein and, as such, this letter and its contents are and shall remain protected by the attorney-client privilege and work product doctrine and will be kept strictly confidential to extent permissible by law.

This correspondence constitutes written notice of Ameri-Dream and Mr. Brown's claim under the Policy and is also intended to satisfy Policy Section VI(B)(2) Conditions, Insured's Duties in the Event of a Claim or Potential Claim.

In connection with Ameri-Dream's provision of real estate services, Mr. Brown, a licensed Nevada real estate broker, accepts and holds tenant security deposits on behalf of his clients. Under Nevada statute, the security deposits are required to be retained until the termination of the underlying lease or rental transaction. *See* Nev. Rev. Stat. 645.310(1).

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In late March 2014, Mr. Brown discovered that significant funds have been stolen from a bank account that is designated to hold those tenant security deposits. The funds represent security deposits given by as many as 1,000 tenants to be held by Ameri-Dream on behalf of its landlord/owner clients until the conclusion of the respective lease terms, subject to the provisions of the operative lease agreements.

Specifically, Mr. Brown has reason to believe that Elsie Peladas-Brown ("Ms. Peladas-Brown"), his spouse and Ameri-Dream member, orchestrated various unauthorized wire transfers from the security deposit bank account to financial institutions located in the Philippines. Just prior to Mr. Brown's discovery, Ms. Peladas-Brown fled the country and is believed to be in the Philippines. In response to demands for her to return the stolen funds, Ms. Peladas-Brown has informed me that the funds have been disbursed and cannot be recovered. Mr. Brown asserts that, until he discovered that security deposits were missing, he had no knowledge, nor did he consent to Ms. Peladas-Brown's acts. Ameri-Dream and Mr. Brown, therefore, constitute "Innocent Insureds" under Section VI(D) of the Policy.

Pursuant to the terms of the Policy, Greenwich Insurance Company ("<u>Greenwich</u>") agreed to pay for claims resulting from an act or omission in the performance of real estate services for which the Insured is obligated to pay. Although the Policy excludes coverage under Section IV(C) for claims "based on or arising out of any dishonest, intentionally fraudulent, criminal or malicious act or omission by the Insured," under the facts described herein, Ameri-Dream and Mr. Brown constitute "Innocent Insureds" under Section VI(D) of the Policy:

#### D. Innocent Insureds

If coverage of this policy would not apply because of Exclusion C. or because of noncompliance with Condition B., such Exclusion or Condition will not apply to any Insured who did not commit, participate in, or have knowledge of any of the acts described in Exclusion C. and whose conduct did not violate Condition B.

Accordingly, Ms. Peladas-Brown's theft has triggered Greenwich's obligation to indemnify Ameri-Dream and Mr. Brown for the loss of security deposit funds.

Ameri-Dream is in the process of ascertaining the identity of potential claimants, the amount of each claimant's potential claim and the full scope of the possible damages stemming from Ms. Peladas-Brown's wrongful acts. Ameri-Dream is also in the process of reviewing its books and records to ascertain the amount of security deposit funds that have been wrongfully taken by Ms. Peladas-Brown; however, as a preliminary estimate, Ameri-Dream has informed me that the theft may amount to more than \$500,000.00.

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I also note that the Policy provides supplementary payments in connection with disciplinary proceedings. I am currently unaware of any disciplinary proceeding that has been initiated against Ameri-Dream or Mr. Brown by the Nevada Real Estate Division. I will inform you if this changes. <u>However, we intend to report our findings to the Real Estate Division based on my clients' obligations under Nevada law no later than Friday, April 18, 2014</u>.

Finally, Ameri-Dream and Mr. Brown respectfully request that Greenwich provide its written consent to my Firm's continued representation of them, as contemplated by Endorsement #3, Section I(B), Defense and Settlement.

Based on the foregoing, Ameri-Dream and Mr. Brown now provide Greenwich and XL Select written notice of their claim under the Policy as well as the information required by Condition B(2). If you contend that the information provided herein does not satisfy Condition B(2), please let me know immediately so that my clients may supplement accordingly.

If you have any questions or comments, please let me know. Otherwise, I look forward to hearing from you.



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# REALTORS® ERRORS & OMISSIONS CLAIM REPORT

Notice of each and every incident, claim, or suit is to be sent immediately to XL Insurance Company at the address shown below. Tips and procedures on reporting claims can be found on the enclosed form. Any claims questions can be answered by contacting the Claim Helpline at 1-877-791-3777.

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Policy #: PEG9145932-6			Policy Period: 06-14-2013 to 06-14-2014				
Name of Claimant: Insured			Date of Occurrence/Closing: Discovered late March 2014				
Address of Property Involved: N/A							
Name of Agent Involved: Elsie Peladas-Brown							
Type of Agent: Listing	Selling	Buyers		Dual Dual			
Has the suit been received: Yes		Date of Service:					
Specific Nature of Incident: In connection with Ameri-Dream's provision of real estate services. Mr. Brown, a licensed Nevada							

Specific Nature of Incident: In connection with Ameri-Dream's provision of real estate services, Mr. Brown, a licensed Nevada real estate broker, accepts and holds tenant security deposits on behalf of his clients. Under Nevada statute, the security deposits are required to be retained until the termination of the underlying lease or rental transaction. See Nev. Rev. Stat. 645.310(1).

In late March 2014, Mr. Brown discovered that significant funds have been stolen from a bank account that is designated to hold those tenant security deposits. The funds represent security deposits given by as many as 1,000 tenants to be held by Ameri-Dream on behalf of its landlord/owner clients until the conclusion of the respective lease terms, subject to the provisions of the operative lease agreements.

Specifically, Mr. Brown has reason to believe that Elsie Peladas-Brown ("Ms. Peladas-Brown"), his spouse and Ameri-Dream member, orchestrated various unauthorized wire transfers from the security deposit bank account to financial institutions located in the Philippines. Just prior to Mr. Brown's discovery, Ms. Peladas-Brown fled the country and is believed to be in the Philippines. In response to demands for her to return the stolen funds, Ms. Peladas-Brown has informed counsel for Ameri-Dream that the funds have been disbursed and cannot be recovered. Mr. Brown asserts that, until he discovered that security deposits were missing, he had no knowledge, nor did he consent to Ms. Peladas-Brown's acts. Ameri-Dream and Mr. Brown, therefore, constitute "Innocent Insureds" under Section VI(D) of the Policy.

A lawsuit has not yet been initiated; however, on April 10, 2014, the Nevada Division of Real Estate ("NRED") issued a Notice of Violation in connection with Ameri-Dream's late filing of its 2013 annual trust account reconciliation. See attached. The violation carries a \$1,000 penalty. On April 10, 2014, counsel for Ameri-Dream and Mr. Brown obtained a two-week extension from NRED, up to an including April 25, 2014, to submit its 2013 trust account reconciliation. Additionally, payment to satisfy the \$1,000 penalty has been remitted to NRED.

Note: Include type of demand (verbal or written) for damages that may result and a copy of all written demands/legal documents if a lawsuit has been initiated/served.

Requested by: Ryan Works, Esq.

Signature: /s/ Ryan Works

# REALTORS<sup>®</sup> CLAIM REPORT TIPS & PROCEDURES

- Your policy requires that immediate written notice be given to the insurance company as soon as possible after receiving notification of a claim or potential incident.
- Please complete the enclosed Claim Report and forward with all demands, suits or other papers
  immediately to the address on the Claim Report. If reporting an "incident" the following information
  should be available but there is no need to include it with your initial report or letter.
- Create a claims/incident file consisting of the following for use by the claim department and its representatives:
  - Listing Agreement
  - Sales Contract
  - Closing Documents
  - Any correspondence, notes, and phone messages related to the incident
  - Copies of any written/oral side agreements with the claimant or codefendant
- All parties involved with the claim/incident should prepare a chronological history of their participation and their understanding of the activities surrounding the claim/incident.
- Do not discuss the matter with anyone other than representatives of your insurer.
- Do not produce any of your records relative to this incident for inspection without clearance and/or approval from the insurer.
- The insurance company will retain appropriate counsel and will communicate with the named insured for all information regarding the claim/incident.

If you currently have the Deductible Reduction Endorsement JPP116 on your policy declarations page, please send the following documents in order for the endorsement to apply:

- A copy of the seller disclosure form that was signed by the seller and acknowledged in writing by the buyer prior to closing.
- Proof that a home warranty policy was purchased between the time the residential property was listed and up to and including 30 days after closing.
- A copy of the accredited written property inspection report that was performed on the property or a waiver of
  inspection in writing from the buyer.
- · A copy of the sales contract that was utilized.





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