

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CAPE GIRARDEAU COUNTY, MISSOURI
PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE ESTATE OF)
)
MATTHEW PAUL JOSEPH, deceased.) Estate No: 13CG-PR00169

CLAIM AGAINST ESTATE

COMES NOW, John D. Ryan and the law firm of Lathrop & Gage, LLP, on behalf of claimants, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (collectively the "Claimants") and states the following:

- 1) Most of these Claimants are residents of the state of Missouri.
- 2) Claimant [REDACTED] is a resident of Illinois; Claimant [REDACTED] is a resident of Tennessee.
- 3) All of these Claimants are represented by Counsel.
- 4) The individual claims due from this estate are an aggregate of \$523,334.62 which stem from losses related to the George Joseph Family Investment Club.
- 5) Upon information and belief, the totality of the Joseph family wealth and remaining assets were funded with money ill-gotten through fraud perpetuated on the Claimants and others similarly situated.
- 6) The fraud, referred to in recent months as a Ponzi Scheme, may well have affected even the heirs of the estate and the estate should not benefit by that fraud without restitution to those that funded the Joseph family wealth.
- 7) An itemized statement of the claim showing amounts is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as Exhibit A. The claimants do not hold security interest for said claims.

- 8) Affiant is the attorney for Claimants and all credit to said estate for payments and offsets to which it is entitled and that the balance claimed as above stated is justly due.
- 9) The undersigned swears that the matters set forth in the foregoing pleadings are true and correct according to the undersigned's best knowledge and belief and subject to penalty for making a false affidavit or declaration.

Dated: October 29, 2013

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing was sent via U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, this 29th day of October, 2013 to the following:

Wade Pierce
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/s/ John D. Ryan

Exhibit A

Name	Amt Claimed
[REDACTED]	\$8,120
[REDACTED]	\$34,500
[REDACTED]	\$1,100
[REDACTED]	\$22,717.62
[REDACTED]	\$33,000
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]	\$12,800
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]	\$9,670
[REDACTED]	\$65,000
[REDACTED]	\$65,000
[REDACTED]	\$135,000
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]	\$58,200
[REDACTED]	\$12,000
[REDACTED]	\$20,000
[REDACTED]	\$9,227
[REDACTED]	\$20,000
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]	\$17,000

* Service of all notice is waived: _____

* Consent for immediate hearing is given: _____

* Consent is given to judgment allowing claim for \$ _____ (If signed, strike any part not agreed to.)

Date of first publication: _____ . Claim allowed on
_____, in the amount of \$ _____ and placed in Class _____.

Judge

Commissioner