



ORDERED in the Southern District of Florida on April 2, 2014.

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**Paul G. Hyman, Chief Judge
United States Bankruptcy Court**

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
WEST PALM BEACH DIVISION
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In re:

CHAPTER 11

PALM BEACH FINANCE PARTNERS, L.P.,
PALM BEACH FINANCE II, L.P.,

Case No. 09-36379-PGH
Case No. 09-36396-PGH
(Jointly Administered)

Debtors.

**ORDER GRANTING LIQUIDATING TRUSTEE'S MOTION TO
APPROVE (1) SETTLEMENT WITH THE ASHTON REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST
AND MARIE ASHTON AND (2) PAYMENT OF CONTINGENCY FEE [ECF NO. 1704]**

THIS CAUSE came before the Court on April 1, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. ("**Hearing**") upon the Liquidating Trustee's Motion to Approve (1) Settlement with The Ashton Revocable Living Trust and Marie Ashton and (2) Payment of Contingency Fee [ECF No. 1704] (the "**Motion**").¹ The Court, having previously resolved the only objection to the Motion pursuant to its findings of fact and conclusions of law entered on March 6, 2014 [ECF No. 2181] ("**Findings and**

¹ All capitalized terms not defined in this Order shall have the meaning ascribed to such term as set forth in the Motion.

Conclusions”), having reviewed the Motion, and the evidence presented by the Liquidating Trustee at the Hearing, including the unopposed proffer of the testimony of Michael S. Budwick, Esq., finds that the notice of the proposed compromise and settlement is sufficient to comply with Bankruptcy Rules 9019 and 2002(a)(3), and any other applicable notice requirement, and accordingly, it is:

ORDERED as follows:

1. The proffer of the testimony of Michael S. Budwick, Esq. is accepted.
2. The Motion is **GRANTED**.
3. The settlement agreement, in the form of Exhibit 1 admitted into evidence at the Hearing (“*Settlement Agreement*”), is **APPROVED**.
4. Transferee shall pay (or cause to be paid) \$225,000.00 (the “*Settlement Payment*”) within 30 days from the date of the entry of this Order. Of the total Settlement Payment, \$90,000.00 will be paid to the Liquidating Trustee and \$135,000.00 will be paid to the PCI Trustee. The Liquidating Trustee’s portion of the Settlement Payment (\$90,000.00) may be made via (i) wire transfer pursuant to written instructions to be provided by the Liquidating Trustee or his counsel or (ii) check made payable to “Barry E. Mukamal, Liquidating Trustee” and delivered to Jessica L. Wasserstrom, Esq., Meland Russin & Budwick, P.A., 200 South Biscayne Blvd., Suite 3000, Miami, Florida 33131.
5. The Liquidating Trustee’s portion of the Settlement Payment will be allocated and apportioned among the Liquidating Trusts as follows: 18% to the Palm Beach Finance Partners Liquidating Trust and 82% to the Palm Beach Finance II Liquidating Trust (the “*Pro Rata Allocation Formula*”), and the wire transfers and/or checks referenced in paragraph 3 above as

the mechanism for the Settlement Payment shall be made in the amounts in accordance with this allocation.

6. MRB's Contingency Fee in the amount of \$9,000.00 is approved. The Liquidating Trustee is authorized and directed to make payment of the Contingency Fee without the need of further Court Order, in accordance with the Pro Rata Allocation Formula, promptly upon receipt of the Settlement Payment.

7. To the extent that the Transferee has any scheduled claim or proof of interest or has filed a proof of claim or proof of interest in the Debtors' chapter 11 cases, such claim or interest is deemed disallowed in its entirety.

8. The Court retains jurisdiction to enforce the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

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Jessica L. Wasserstrom, Esquire, is directed to serve copies of this Order on all parties in interest and to file a Certificate of Service.