# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

| SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, | §<br>§                             |
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| Plaintiff,                          | \$<br>\$<br>\$                     |
| v.                                  | § Civil Action No. 3:09-cv-0298-N  |
| STANFORD INTERNATIONAL BANK,        | <b>§</b><br><b>§</b>               |
| LTD., et al.,                       | §<br>§                             |
| Defendants.                         |                                    |
| RALPH S. JANVEY, et al.             | §<br>§                             |
| Plaintiffs,                         | 8<br>§<br>8                        |
| v.                                  | § Civil Action No. 3:13-cv-03980-N |
| WILLIS OF COLORADO INC., et al.     | §<br>§                             |
| Defendants.                         |                                    |

## **SCHEDULING ORDER**

This matter is before the Court on (a) the Expedited Request for Entry of Scheduling Order and Motion to Approve Proposed Settlement with the Willis Defendants, to Enter the Bar Order, and to Enter the Final Judgment and Bar Orders filed by Ralph S. Janvey (the "Receiver"), as Receiver for the Receivership Estate in *SEC v. Stanford International Bank, Ltd.*, No. 3:09-CV-0298-N (N.D. Tex.) (the "SEC Action"), and the Official Stanford Investors Committee (the "Committee"), as a party to the SEC Action and, along with the Receiver, as a plaintiff in *Janvey v. Willis of Colorado Inc.*, No. 3:13-CV-03980-N (N.D. Tex.) (the "Janvey Litigation"), and Samuel Troice, Martha Diaz, Paula Gilly Flores, Punga Punga Financial, Ltd., Manual Canabal, Daniel Gomez and Promontora Villa Marina, C.A., on behalf of a putative

class of Stanford investors (collectively, the "Investor Plaintiffs"),<sup>1</sup> as plaintiffs in *Troice v. Willis of Colorado, Inc.*, No. 3:09-cv-01274-L (N.D. Tex. (the "Troice Litigation") [SEC Action, ECF No. 2369; Janvey Litigation, ECF No. 104 (the "Scheduling/Approval Motion").], and (b) Plaintiffs' Motion for an Award of Attorneys' Fees in Connection with the Settlements with Willis and BMB Defendants. [SEC Action, ECF No. 2398; Janvey Litigation, ECF No. 109 (the "Attorneys' Fees Motion")].<sup>2</sup> The Motions concern a proposed settlement (the "Settlement") among and between, on the one hand, the Receiver; the Committee; the Court-appointed Examiner, John J. Little (the "Examiner");<sup>3</sup> and the Investor Plaintiffs; and, on the other hand, the Willis Defendants<sup>4</sup> as defendants in the Janvey Litigation and the Troice Litigation. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this order shall have the meaning assigned to them in the settlement agreement attached as Exhibit 1 to the appendix accompanying the Scheduling/Approval Motion (the "Settlement Agreement").

In the Scheduling/Approval Motion, the Plaintiffs seek the Court's approval of the terms of the Settlement, including entry of a final bar order in the SEC Action (the "Bar Order"), and entry of final judgment and bar orders in the Janvey Litigation and all other actions filed against any of the Willis Defendants that are pending before the Court and that relate to the same subject matter as the Janvey Litigation and the Troice Litigation<sup>5</sup> (the "Judgments and Bar Orders").

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Receiver, the Committee and the Investor Plaintiffs are collectively referred to herein as "Plaintiffs."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Scheduling/Approval Motion and the Attorneys' Fees Motion are collectively referred to herein as the "Motions."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Examiner executed the Settlement Agreement to indicate his approval of the terms of the Settlement and to confirm his obligation to post Notice on his website, as required herein, but is not otherwise individually a party to the Settlement Agreement, the Janvey Litigation, or the Troice Litigation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> "Willis Defendants" refers, collectively, to Willis Towers Watson Public Limited Company (f/k/a/ Willis Group Holdings Limited), Willis Limited, Willis North America, Inc., Willis of Colorado, Inc., Willis of Texas, Inc., and Amy S. Baranoucky.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The other actions filed against the Willis Defendants that relate to the same subject matter as the Janvey Action and the Troice Action (collectively, the "Other Willis Litigation") include: (i) *Ranni v. Willis of Colorado, Inc., et al.*, C.A. No. 9-22085, filed on July 17, 2009 in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida; (ii) *Rupert v. Winter, et al.*, Case No. 20090C116137, filed on September 14, 2009 in Texas state court (Bexar

After reviewing the terms of the Settlement and considering the arguments presented in the Motion, the Court preliminarily approves the Settlement as adequate, fair, reasonable, and equitable. Accordingly, the Court enters this scheduling order to: (i) provide for notice of the terms of the Settlement, including the proposed Bar Order in the SEC Action and the proposed Judgment and Bar Orders in the Janvey Litigation and the Other Willis Litigation (to the extent pending before the Court); (ii) set the deadline for filing objections to the Settlement, the Bar Order, the Judgment and Bar Orders or the Attorneys' Fees Motion; (iii) set the deadline for responding to any objection so filed; and (iv) set the date of the final approval hearing regarding the Settlement, the Bar Order in the SEC Action, the Judgment and Bar Orders in the Janvey Litigation and the Other Willis Litigation (to the extent pending before the Court) and the Attorneys' Fees Motion (the "Final Approval Hearing"), as follows:

1. <u>Preliminary Findings on Potential Approval of the Settlement</u>: Based upon the Court's review of the terms of the Settlement Agreement, the arguments presented in the Motions, and the Motions' accompanying appendices and exhibits, the Court preliminarily finds that the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and equitable; has no obvious deficiencies; and is the product of serious, informed, good-faith, and arm's-length negotiations. The Court, however,

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County); (iii) Casanova v. Willis of Colorado, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 3:10-CV-01862-O, filed on September 16, 2010 in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas; (iv) Rishmague v. Winter, et al., Case No. 2011C12585, filed on March 11, 2011 in Texas state court (Bexar County); (v) MacArthur v. Winter, et al., Case No. 2013-07840, filed on February 8, 2013 in Texas state court (Harris County); (vi) Barbar v. Willis Group Holdings Public Limited Company, et al., Case No. 13-05666CA27, filed on February 14, 2013 in Florida state court (Miami-Dade County); (vii) de Gadala-Maria v. Willis Group Holdings Public Limited Company, et al., Case No. 13-05669CA30, filed on February 14, 2013 in Florida state court (Miami-Dade County); (viii) Ranni v. Willis Group Holdings Public Limited Company, et al., Case No. 13-05673CA06, filed on February 14, 2013 in Florida state court (Miami-Dade County); (ix) Tisminesky v. Willis Group Holdings Public Limited Company, et al., Case No. 13-05676CA09, filed on February 14, 2013 in Florida state court (Miami-Dade County); (x) Zacarias v. Willis Group Holdings Public Limited Company, et al., Case No. 13-05678CA11, filed on February 14, 2013 in Florida state court (Miami-Dade County); and (xi) Martin v. Willis of Colorado, Inc., et al., Case No. 2016-52115, filed on August 5, 2016 in Texas state court (Harris County).

reserves a final ruling with respect to the terms of the Settlement until after the Final Approval Hearing referenced below in Paragraph 2.

- 2. Final Approval Hearing: The Final Approval Hearing will be held before the Honorable David C. Godbey of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, United States Courthouse, 1100 Commerce Street, Dallas, Texas 75242, in Courtroom 1505, at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 20, 2017, which is a date at least ninety (90) calendar days after entry of this Scheduling Order. The purposes of the Final Approval Hearing will be to: (i) determine whether the terms of the Settlement should be finally approved by the Court; (ii) determine whether the Bar Order attached as Exhibit C to the Settlement Agreement should be entered by the Court in the SEC Action; (iii) determine whether the Judgment and Bar Orders attached as Exhibit D to the Settlement Agreement should be entered by the Court in the Janvey Litigation and the Other Willis Litigation (to the extent pending before the Court); (iv) rule upon any objections to the Settlement, the Bar Order, or the Judgment and Bar Orders; (v) rule upon the Attorneys' Fees Motion; and (vi) rule upon such other matters as the Court may deem appropriate.
- 3. <u>Notice</u>: The Court approves the form of Notice attached as Exhibit A to the Settlement Agreement and finds that the methodology, distribution, and dissemination of Notice described in the Motion: (i) constitute the best practicable notice; (ii) are reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise all Interested Parties of the Settlement, the releases therein, and the injunctions provided for in the Bar Order and the Judgment and Bar Orders; (iii) are reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise all Interested Parties of the right to object to the Settlement, the Bar Order or the Judgment and Bar Orders, and to appear at the Final Approval Hearing; (iv) constitute due, adequate, and sufficient notice; (v) meet all

requirements of applicable law, including the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the United States Constitution (including Due Process), and the Rules of the Court; and (vi) will provide to all Persons a full and fair opportunity to be heard on these matters. The Court further approves the form of the publication Notice attached as Exhibit G to the Settlement Agreement. Therefore:

- a. The Receiver is hereby directed, no later than twenty-one (21) calendar days after entry of this Scheduling Order, to cause the Notice in substantially the same form attached as Exhibit A to the Settlement Agreement to be sent via electronic mail, first class mail, or international delivery service to all Claimants; to be sent via electronic service to all counsel of record for any Person who has been or is, at the time of Notice, a party in any case included in *In re Stanford Entities Securities Litigation*, MDL No. 2099 (N.D. Tex.) (the "MDL"), the SEC Action, the Troice Litigation, the Janvey Litigation or the Other Willis Litigation, who are deemed to have consented to electronic service through the Court's CM/ECF System under Local Rule CV- 5.l(d); and to be sent via facsimile transmission and/or first class mail to any other counsel of record for any other Person who has been or is, at the time of service, a party in any case included in the MDL, the SEC Action, the Troice Litigation, the Janvey Litigation, or the Other Willis Litigation.
- b. The Receiver is hereby directed, no later than twenty-one (21) calendar days after entry of this Scheduling Order, to cause the notice in substantially the same form attached as Exhibit G to the Settlement Agreement to be published once in the national edition of *The Wall Street Journal* and once in the international edition of *The New York Times*.
- c. The Receiver is hereby directed, no later than twenty-one (21) calendar days after entry of this Scheduling Order, to cause the Settlement Agreement, the Motions, this Scheduling Order, the Notice, and all exhibits and appendices attached to these documents, to be

posted on the Receiver's website (<a href="http://stanfordfinancialreceivership.com">http://stanfordfinancialreceivership.com</a>). The Examiner is hereby directed, no later than twenty-one (21) calendar days after entry of this Scheduling Order, to cause the Settlement Agreement, the Motions, this Scheduling Order, the Notice, and all exhibits and appendices attached to these documents, to be posted on the Examiner's website (<a href="http://lpf-law.com/examiner-stanford-financial-group">http://lpf-law.com/examiner-stanford-financial-group</a>).

- d. The Receiver is hereby directed promptly to provide the Settlement Agreement, the Motions, this Scheduling Order, the Notice, and all exhibits and appendices attached to these documents, to any Person who requests such documents via email to Margaret Hagelman, an attorney at Strasburger & Price, LLP, at <a href="margaret.hagelman@strasburger.com">margaret.hagelman@strasburger.com</a>, or via telephone by calling Margaret Hagelman at 210-250-6001. The Receiver may provide such materials in the form and manner that the Receiver deems most appropriate under the circumstances of the request.
- e. No less than ten days before the Final Approval Hearing, the Receiver shall cause to be filed with the Clerk of this Court written evidence of compliance with subparts (a) through (d) of this Paragraph, which may be in the form of an affidavit or declaration.
- 4. Objections and Appearances at the Final Approval Hearing: Any Person who wishes to object to the terms of the Settlement, the Bar Order, the Judgment and Bar Orders, or the Attorneys' Fees Motion, or who wishes to appear at the Final Approval Hearing, must do so by filing an objection, in writing, with the Court in the SEC Action (3:09-CV-0298-N), by ECF or by mailing the objection to the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, 1100 Commerce Street, Dallas, Texas 75242, no later than December 30, 2016. All objections filed with the Court must:

contain the name, address, telephone number, and (if applicable) an email a.

address of the Person filing the objection;

contain the name, address, telephone number, and email address of any b.

attorney representing the Person filing the objection;

be signed by the Person filing the objection, or his or her attorney; c.

state, in detail, the basis for any objection; d.

attach any document the Court should consider in ruling on the Settlement, e.

the Bar Order, the Judgment and Bar Orders or the Attorneys' Fees Motion; and

f. if the Person filing the objection wishes to appear at the Final Approval

Hearing, make a request to do so.

No Person will be permitted to appear at the Final Approval Hearing without filing a

written objection and request to appear at the Final Approval Hearing as set forth in subparts (a)

through (f) of this paragraph. Copies of any objections filed must be served by ECF, or by email

or first class mail, upon each of the following:

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Any Person filing an objection shall be deemed to have submitted to the jurisdiction of this Court for all purposes of that objection, the Settlement, the Bar Order, and the Judgment and Bar Orders. Potential objectors who do not present opposition by the time and in the manner set forth above shall be deemed to have waived the right to object (including any right to appeal)

and to appear at the Final Approval Hearing and shall be forever barred from raising such objections in this action or any other action or proceeding. Persons do not need to appear at the Final Approval Hearing or take any other action to indicate their approval.

- 5. Responses to Objections: Any Party to the Settlement may respond to an objection filed pursuant to Paragraph 4 by filing a response in the SEC Action no later than January 13, 2017. To the extent any Person filing an objection cannot be served by action of the Court's CM/ECF system, a response must be served to the email and/or mailing address provided by that Person.
- 6. Adjustments Concerning Hearing and Deadlines: The date, time, and place for the Final Approval Hearing, and the deadlines and date requirements in this Scheduling Order, shall be subject to adjournment or change by this Court without further notice other than that which may be posted by means of ECF in the MDL, the SEC Action, the Janvey Litigation, the Troice Litigation, and the Other Willis Litigation (under their federal civil action numbers).
- 7. <u>Retention of Jurisdiction</u>: The Court shall retain jurisdiction to consider all further applications arising out of or connected with the proposed Settlement.
- 8. Entry of Injunction: If the Settlement is approved by the Court, the Court will enter the Bar Order in the SEC Action and the Judgment and Bar Orders in the Janvey Litigation and the Other Willis Litigation (to the extent pending before the Court). If entered, each order will permanently enjoin all Persons and all Interested Parties, including Stanford Investors and Claimants, among others, from bringing, encouraging, assisting, continuing, or prosecuting Settled Claims against any of the Willis Defendants or any of the Willis Released Parties.

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9. <u>Stay of Proceedings</u>: The Janvey Litigation, the Troice Litigation and the Other

Willis Litigation are hereby stayed as to the Willis Defendants only, except to the extent

necessary to give effect to the Settlement.

10. Use of Order: Under no circumstances shall this Scheduling Order be construed,

deemed, or used as an admission, concession, or declaration by or against any of the Willis

Defendants of any fault, wrongdoing, breach or liability. Nor shall the Order be construed,

deemed, or used as an admission, concession, or declaration by or against Plaintiffs that their

claims lack merit or that the relief requested is inappropriate, improper, or unavailable, or as a

waiver by any party of any defenses or claims he, she or it may have. Neither this Scheduling

Order, nor the proposed Settlement Agreement, or any other settlement document, shall be filed,

offered, received in evidence, or otherwise used in these or any other actions or proceedings or in

any arbitration, except to give effect to or enforce the Settlement or the terms of this Scheduling

Order.

11. Entry of This Order: This Scheduling Order shall be entered separately on the

dockets in the SEC Action, the Janvey Litigation, the Troice Litigation, and the Other Willis

Litigation to the extent pending before this Court (under their federal civil action numbers).

SIGNED on October 19, 2016.

DAVID C. GODBEY

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

| SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,        | §<br>§                             |
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| Plaintiff,                                 | \$<br>\$<br>8                      |
| v.   | § Civil Action No. 3:09-cv-0298-N  |
| STANFORD INTERNATIONAL BANK, LTD., et al., | \$<br>\$                           |
| Defendants.                                | \$<br>\$<br>\$                     |
| RALPH S. JANVEY, et al.                    | _                                  |
| Plaintiffs,                                | \$<br>\$<br>8                      |
| v.   | § Civil Action No. 3:13-cv-03980-N |
| WILLIS OF COLORADO INC., et al.            | 8<br>8<br>8                        |
| Defendants.                                | _                                  |

## NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT AND BAR ORDER PROCEEDINGS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Ralph S. Janvey, in his capacity as the Court-appointed Receiver for the Stanford Receivership Estate (the "Receiver"), the Official Stanford Investors Committee (the "Committee"), and Samuel Troice, Martha Diaz, Paula Gilly-Flores, Punga Punga Financial, Ltd., Manuel Canabal, Daniel Gomez Ferreiro and Promotora Villa Marino, C.A. (collectively, the "Investor Plaintiffs" and with the Receiver and the Committee, the "Plaintiffs"), have reached an agreement (the "Settlement Agreement") to settle all claims asserted or that could have been asserted against Willis Towers Watson Public Limited Company (f/k/a Willis Group Holdings Limited), Willis Limited, Willis North America, Inc. ("Willis NA"), Willis of Colorado, Inc., Willis of Texas, Inc., and Amy S. Baranoucky (collectively, the

"Willis Defendants" by the Plaintiffs in *Janvey v. Willis of Colorado, Inc., et al.*, No. 3:13-CV-03980-N (N.D. Tex.) (the "Janvey Litigation"), and by the Investor Plaintiffs in *Troice v. Willis of Colorado, Inc. et al.*, No. 3:09-CV-1274-L (N.D. Tex.) (the "Troice Litigation").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Plaintiffs have filed in SEC v. Stanford International Bank, Ltd, No. 3:09-CV-0298-N (N.D. Tex.) (the "SEC Action") an Expedited Request for Entry of Scheduling Order and Motion to Approve Proposed Settlement with Willis, to Approve the Proposed Notice of Settlement with Willis, to Enter the Bar Order, and to Enter the Final Judgment and Bar Orders (the "Scheduling/Approval Motion"), and a Motion for Plaintiffs' Attorneys' Fees (the "Attorneys' Fees Motion," and together with the Scheduling/Approval Motion, the "Motions"). Copies of the Settlement Agreement, the Motions, and other supporting papers may be obtained from the Court's docket in the SEC Action [ECF and also available the websites the Receiver on (http://www.stanfordfinancialreceivership.com) and the Examiner (www.lpf-law.com/examinerstanford-financial-group/). Copies of these documents may also be requested by email, by sending the request to margaret.hagelman@strasburger.com; or by telephone, by calling Margaret Hagelman at 210-250-6001. All capitalized terms not defined in this Notice of Settlement and Bar Order Proceedings are defined in the Settlement Agreement, attached as Exhibit 1 of the Appendix to the Scheduling/Approval Motion.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Scheduling/Approval Motion requests that the Court approve the Settlement and enter bar orders permanently enjoining, among others, Interested Parties,<sup>1</sup> including Stanford Investors,<sup>2</sup> Claimants,<sup>3</sup> and any Person<sup>4</sup>, from pursuing

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "Interested Parties" means the Receiver, the Receivership Estate, the Committee, the members of the Committee, the Plaintiffs, the Stanford Investors, the Claimants, the Examiner, or any Person or Persons alleged by the Receiver, the Committee, or other Person or entity on behalf of the Receivership Estate to be liable to the Receivership Estate, whether or not a formal proceeding has been initiated.

Settled Claims,<sup>5</sup> including claims you may possess and/or may have already asserted against any of the Willis Defendants.

Each Releasor expressly waives, releases, and relinquishes any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law or principle, in the United States or elsewhere, which governs or limits the release of unknown or unsuspected claims, including, without limitation, California Civil Code §1542, which provides:

A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS WHICH THE CREDITOR DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, WHICH IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER MUST HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR.

Each Releasor acknowledges that he, she, or it may hereafter discover facts different from, or in addition to, those which such Releasor now knows or believes to be true with respect to the Settled Claims, but nonetheless agrees that the Settlement Agreement, including the releases granted therein, will remain binding and effective in all respects notwithstanding such discovery. Unknown Claims include contingent and non-contingent claims, whether or not concealed or hidden, without regard to the subsequent discovery or existence of different or additional facts. These provisions concerning unknown and unsuspected claims and the inclusion of Unknown Claims in the definition of Settled Claims were separately bargained for and are an essential element of the Settlement Agreement and the Settlement.

"Stanford Entities" means Robert Allen Stanford, James M. Davis, Laura Pendergest-Holt, Gilbert Lopez, Mark Kuhrt, Stanford International Bank, Ltd., Stanford Group Company, Stanford Capital Management, LLC, Stanford Financial Group, the Stanford Financial Bldg Inc., the entities listed in Exhibit E to the Settlement Agreement [ECF No. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and any entity of any type that was owned or controlled by Robert Allen Stanford, James M. Davis, Laura Pendergest-Holt, Gilbert Lopez, Mark Kuhrt, Stanford International Bank, Ltd., Stanford Group Company, Stanford Capital Management, LLC, Stanford Financial Group, or the Stanford Financial Bldg Inc., on or before February 16, 2009.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "Stanford Investors" means customers of Stanford International Bank, Ltd., who, as of February 16, 2009, had funds on deposit at Stanford International Bank, Ltd., and/or were holding certificates of deposit issued by Stanford International Bank, Ltd.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> "Claimants" refers generally to any Persons who have submitted a Claim to the Receiver or to the Joint Liquidators.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> "Person" means any individual, entity, governmental authority, agency or quasi-governmental person or entity, worldwide, of any type, including, without limitation, any individual, partnership, corporation, estate, limited liability company, trust, committee, fiduciary, association, proprietorship, organization or business regardless of location, residence, or nationality.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> "Settled Claims" means any action, cause of action, suit, liability, claim, right of action, debt, sums of money, covenants, contracts, controversies, agreements, promises, damages, contribution, indemnity, specific performance, attorneys' fees and demands whatsoever, whether or not currently asserted, known, suspected, existing, or discoverable, and whether based on federal law, state law, foreign law, common law, or otherwise, and whether based on contract, tort, statute, law, equity or otherwise, that a Releasor ever had, now has, or hereafter can, shall, or may have, directly, representatively, derivatively, or in any other capacity, for, upon, arising from, relating to, or by reason of any matter, cause, or thing whatsoever, that, in full or in part, concerns, relates to, arises out of, or is in any manner connected with (i) the Stanford Entities (defined below), (ii) any certificate of deposit, depository account, or investment of any type with any one or more of the Stanford Entities, (iii) any one or more of the Willis Defendants' relationships with any one or more of the Stanford Entities, (iv) the Willis Defendants' provision of services to any of the Stanford Entities, and any other acts, errors or omissions by the Willis Defendants for or related to the Stanford Entities or (v) any matter that was asserted in, could have been asserted in, or relates to the subject matter of the SEC Action, the Troice Litigation, the Janvey Litigation, the Other Willis Litigation, or any proceeding concerning the Stanford Entities pending or commenced in any Forum. "Settled Claims" specifically includes, without limitation, all claims each Releasor does not know or suspect to exist in his, her, or its favor at the time of release, which, if known by that Person, might have affected their decisions with respect to the Settlement Agreement and the Settlement ("Unknown Claims").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the settlement amount is one hundred twenty million U.S. dollars (\$120,000,000.00) (the "Settlement Amount"). The Settlement Amount, less any fees and costs awarded by the Court to the attorneys for Plaintiffs and expenses paid by the Receiver (the "Net Settlement Amount"), will be deposited with and distributed by the Receiver pursuant to a Distribution Plan hereafter to be approved by the Court in the SEC Action (see subparagraph (e) below).

## This matter may affect your rights and you may wish to consult an attorney.

The material terms of the Settlement Agreement are as follows:

- a) Willis NA will pay \$120 million, which will be deposited with the Receiver as required pursuant to the Settlement Agreement;
- b) Plaintiffs will fully release the Willis Defendants and the Willis Released Parties<sup>6</sup> from all Settled Claims;
- The Settlement Agreement requires entry of a Final Bar Order in the SEC Action and entry of Final Judgment and Bar Orders in the Receiver Litigation and the Other Willis Litigation<sup>7</sup> (to the extent pending before the Court), each of which permanently enjoins, among others, Interested Parties, including all Stanford Investors and Claimants, and any other Person, whether before the Court or not, from bringing or continuing any legal proceeding or asserting, encouraging,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> "Willis Released Parties" means the Willis Defendants, and each of their counsel, and each of their respective past, present and future, direct or indirect parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, related entities, divisions, partnerships, corporations, and each of its and their respective directors, officers, legal and equitable owners, shareholders, members, managers, principals, employees, associates, representatives, distributees, agents, attorneys, trustees, general and limited partners, lenders, insurers and reinsurers, executors, administrators, heirs, beneficiaries, assigns, predecessors, predecessors-in-interest, successors, and successors-in-interest. Notwithstanding the foregoing, "Willis Released Parties" does not include any Person, other than the Willis Defendants, against whom, as of March 31, 2016, any of the Plaintiffs was asserting a claim or cause of action in any Forum, and does not include any Person who becomes employed by, related to, or affiliated with the Willis Defendants after March 31, 2016 and whose liability, if any, arises out of or derives from actions or omissions before becoming employed by, related to, or affiliated with the Willis Defendants.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> "Other Willis Litigation" refers to the actions identified in Exhibit B to the Settlement Agreement.

assisting, continuing, or prosecuting any cause of action, including contribution or indemnification claims, arising from or relating to a Settled Claim, against any of the Willis Defendants or any of the Willis Released Parties, including, without limitation, in the Troice Litigation, the Janvey Litigation, or the Other Willis Litigation;

- d) The Receiver will disseminate notice of the Settlement Agreement (i.e. this Notice) to Interested Parties, through one or more of the following: mail, email, international delivery, CM/ECF notification, facsimile transmission, and/or publication on the Examiner (<a href="www.lpf-law.com/examiner-stanford-financial-group/">www.lpf-law.com/examiner-stanford-financial-group/</a>) and Receiver (<a href="http://www.stanfordfinancialreceivership.com">http://www.stanfordfinancialreceivership.com</a>) websites;
- e) The Receiver will develop and submit to the Court for approval a plan for disseminating the Net Settlement Amount (the "Distribution Plan");
- f) Under the Distribution Plan, once approved, the Net Settlement Amount will be distributed by the Receiver, under the supervision of the Court, to Stanford Investors who have submitted Claims that have been allowed by the Receiver; and
- g) The Troice Litigation will be dismissed with prejudice as to the Willis Defendants, with each party bearing its own costs and attorneys' fees (except as otherwise agreed among the Willis Defendants).

Attorneys for the Committee and the Investor Plaintiffs seek a fee award based upon 25% of the Settlement Amount, pursuant to 25% contingency fee agreements with the Committee and the Investor Plaintiffs. Twenty-five percent of the net recovery from the Settlement is to be calculated but shall not exceed \$30,000,000.00

The final hearing on the Motion is set for [\_\_\_\_\_], 2016 (the "Final Approval Hearing"). Any objection to the Settlement Agreement or its terms, the Motions, the Final Bar Order, the Final Judgment and Bar Orders, or the request for approval of the Committee's and Investor Plaintiffs' attorneys' fees must be filed, in writing, with the Court in the SEC Action no later than [insert date of 21st day before Final Approval Hearing]. Any objections not filed by this date will be deemed waived and will not be considered by the Court. Those wishing to appear and to orally present their written objections at the Final Approval Hearing must include a request to so appear within their written objections.

# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

| SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE      | § |                                 |
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| COMMISSION,                  | § |                                 |
|                              | § |                                 |
| Plaintiff,                   | § |                                 |
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| V.                           | § | Civil Action No. 3:09-CV-0298-N |
|                              | § |                                 |
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| LTD., et al.,                | § |                                 |
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| Defendants.                  | § |                                 |

## **FINAL BAR ORDER**

Before the Court is the Expedited Request for Entry of Scheduling Order and Motion to Approve Proposed Settlement with the Willis Defendants, 1 to Enter the Bar Order, and to Enter the Final Judgment and Bar Orders (the "Motion") of Ralph S. Janvey, the Receiver for the Receivership Estate (the "Receiver") and a plaintiff in *Janvey, et al. v. Willis of Colorado Inc., et al.*, Civil Action No. 3:13-cv-03980-N-BG (the "Janvey Litigation"); the Court-appointed Official Stanford Investors Committee (the "Committee"), as a party to this action and a plaintiff in the Janvey Litigation; and Samuel Troice, Martha Diaz, Paula Gilly-Flores, Punga Punga Financial, Ltd., Manuel Canabal, Daniel Gomez Ferreiro and Promotora Villa Marino, C.A. (collectively, the "Investor Plaintiffs"), plaintiffs in the Janvey Litigation (Messrs. Troice and Canabal only) and in *Troice, et al. v. Willis of Colorado Inc., et al.*, Civil Action No. 3:09-cv-01274-L (the "Troice Litigation") (collectively, the Receiver, Committee and the Investor Plaintiffs are the "Plaintiffs"). [ECF No. \_\_\_\_]. The Motion concerns a proposed settlement (the "Willis Settlement") among and between the Plaintiffs and the Willis Defendants. The Court-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The "Willis Defendants" refers, collectively, to Willis Towers Watson Public Limited Company (f/k/a Willis Group Holdings Limited), Willis Limited, Willis North America Inc. ("Willis NA"), Willis of Colorado, Inc., Willis of Texas, Inc., and Amy S. Baranoucky.

appointed Examiner signed the Willis Settlement Agreement<sup>2</sup> as chair of the Committee, and as Examiner solely to evidence his support and approval of the Willis Settlement and to confirm his obligations to post the Notice on his website, but is not otherwise individually a party to the Willis Settlement, the Janvey Litigation, or the Troice Litigation.

Following notice and a hearing, and having considered the filings and heard the arguments of counsel, the Court hereby GRANTS the Motion.

## I. INTRODUCTION

The Troice Litigation, the Janvey Litigation, and this case all arise from a series of events leading to the collapse of Stanford International Bank, Ltd. ("SIBL"). On February 16, 2009, this Court appointed Ralph S. Janvey to be the Receiver for SIBL and related parties (the "Stanford Entities"). [ECF No. 10]. After years of diligent investigation, the Plaintiffs believe that they have identified claims against a number of third parties, including the Willis Defendants, that Plaintiffs claim enabled the Stanford Ponzi scheme. In the Troice Litigation and the Janvey Litigation, the Investor Plaintiffs allege, *inter alia*, that the Willis Defendants aided and abetted violations of the Texas Securities Act and aided, abetted or participated in a fraudulent scheme and a conspiracy. In addition, in the Janvey Litigation, the Receiver and the Committee allege, *inter alia*, that the Willis Defendants aided, abetted or participated in breaches of fiduciary duty, aided, abetted or participated in a fraudulent scheme, and aided, abetted or participated in fraudulent transfers. The Willis Defendants have always denied and continue to expressly deny any and all allegations of wrongdoing.

Lengthy, multiparty negotiations led to the Willis Settlement. In these negotiations, potential victims of the Stanford Ponzi scheme were well-represented. The Investor Plaintiffs,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The "Willis Settlement Agreement" refers to the Settlement Agreement that is attached as Exhibit 1 of the Appendix to the Motion.

the Committee—which the Court appointed to "represent[] in this case and related matters" the "customers of SIBL who, as of February 16, 2009, had funds on deposit at SIBL and/or were holding certificates of deposit issued by SIBL (the 'Stanford Investors')" (ECF No. 1149)—the Receiver, and the Examiner—who the Court appointed to advocate on behalf of "investors in any financial products, accounts, vehicles or ventures sponsored, promoted or sold by any Defendant in this action" (ECF No. 322)—all participated in the extensive, arm's-length negotiations that ultimately resulted in the Willis Settlement and the Willis Settlement Agreement. The parties reached an agreement-in-principle at a mediation with the retired Honorable Layn R. Phillips on March 31, 2016, and the parties executed the Willis Settlement Agreement on August , 2016.

Under the terms of the Willis Settlement, Willis NA will pay \$120,000,000 to the Receivership Estate, which (less attorneys' fees and expenses) will be distributed to Stanford Investors. In return, the Willis Defendants seek global peace with respect to all claims that have been, could have been, or could be asserted against any of the Willis Defendants and any of the Willis Released Parties by any Person arising out of or related to the events leading to these proceedings, and with respect to all claims that have been, could have been, or could be asserted against any of the Willis Defendants and any of the Willis Released Parties by any Person arising from or related to the Willis Defendants' relationship with the Stanford Entities. Obtaining such global peace is a critical and material component of the Settlement. Accordingly, the Willis Settlement is conditioned on, among other things, the Court's approval and entry of this Final Bar Order enjoining any Person from asserting, maintaining or prosecuting claims against any of the Willis Defendants or any of the Willis Released Parties.

| On, 2                              | 016, Plaintiffs fil | ed the Motion. [ECF N | o].        | The Court   |
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| thereafter entered a Scheduling Or | der on              | , 2016 [ECF No        | _], which, | inter alia, |

authorized the Receiver to provide notice of the Willis Settlement, established a briefing schedule on the Motion, and set the date for a hearing. On \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2016, the Court held the scheduled hearing. For the reasons set forth herein, the Court finds that the terms of the Willis Settlement Agreement are adequate, fair, reasonable, and equitable, and that the Willis Settlement should be and is hereby **APPROVED**. The Court further finds that entry of this Final Bar Order is appropriate.

### II. ORDER

It is hereby **ORDERED**, **ADJUDGED**, **AND DECREED** as follows:

- Terms used in this Final Bar Order that are defined in the Willis Settlement
  Agreement, unless expressly otherwise defined herein, have the same meaning as in the Willis
  Settlement Agreement.
- 2. The Court has "broad powers and wide discretion to determine the appropriate relief in [this] equity receivership," including the authority to enter the Final Bar Order. *SEC v. Kaleta*, 530 F. App'x 360, 362 (5th Cir. 2013) (internal quotations omitted); *see also SEC v. Parish*, 2010 WL 8347143 (D.S.C. Feb. 10, 2010). Moreover, the Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action, and Plaintiffs are proper parties to seek entry of this Final Bar Order.
- 3. The Court finds that the methodology, form, content and dissemination of the Notice: (i) were implemented in accordance with the requirements of the Scheduling Order; (ii) constituted the best practicable notice; (iii) were reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise all Interested Parties of the Willis Settlement, the Willis Settlement Agreement, the releases therein, and the injunctions provided for in this Final Bar Order and in the Final Judgment and Bar Orders to be entered in the Janvey Litigation and the Other Willis Litigation

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(to the extent pending before the Court);<sup>3</sup> (iv) were reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise all Interested Parties of the right to object to the Willis Settlement, the Willis Settlement Agreement, this Final Bar Order, and the Final Judgment and Bar Orders to be entered in the Janvey Litigation and the Other Willis Litigation (to the extent pending before the Court), and to appear at the Final Approval Hearing; (v) were reasonable and constituted due, adequate, and sufficient notice; (vi) met all applicable requirements of law, including, without limitation, the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the United States Constitution (including Due Process), and the Rules of the Court; and (vii) provided to all Persons a full and fair opportunity to be heard on these matters.

4. The Court finds that the Willis Settlement was reached following an extensive investigation of the facts and resulted from vigorous, good faith, arm's-length, mediated negotiations involving experienced and competent counsel. The claims asserted against the Willis Defendants contain complex and novel issues of law and fact that would require a substantial amount of time and expense to litigate, with a significant risk that Plaintiffs may not ultimately prevail on their claims. By the same token, it is clear that the Willis Defendants would

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The "Other Willis Litigation" is defined in the Willis Settlement Agreement to include the 11 additional actions relating to the same subject matter as the Troice Litigation and the Janvey Litigation: (i) Ranni v. Willis of Colorado, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 9-22085, filed on July 17, 2009 in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida; (ii) Rupert v. Winter, et al., Case No. 20090C116137, filed on September 14, 2009 in Texas state court (Bexar County)(the "Rupert Action"); (iii) Casanova v. Willis of Colorado, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 3:10-CV-1862-O, filed on September 16, 2010 in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas; (iv) Rishmague v. Winter, et al., Case No. 2011C12585, filed on March 11, 2011 in Texas state court (Bexar County)(the "Rishmague Action"); (v) MacArthur v. Winter, et al., Case No. 2013-07840, filed on February 8, 2013 in Texas state court (Harris County)(the "MacArthur Action"); (vi) Barbar v. Willis Group Holdings Public Limited Company, et al., Case No. 13-05666CA27, filed on February 14, 2013 in Florida state court (Miami-Dade County)(the "Barbar Action"); (vii) de Gadala-Maria v. Willis Group Holdings Public Limited Company, et al., Case No. 13-05669CA30, filed on February 14, 2013 in Florida state court (Miami-Dade County); (viii) Ranni v. Willis Group Holdings Public Limited Company, et al., Case No. 13-05673CA06, filed on February 14, 2013 in Florida state court (Miami-Dade County)(the "Ranni Action"); (ix) Tisminesky v. Willis Group Holdings Public Limited Company, et al., Case No. 13-05676CA09, filed on February 14, 2013 in Florida state court (Miami-Dade County); (x) Zacarias v. Willis Group Holdings Public Limited Company, et al., Case No. 13-05678CA11, filed on February 14, 2013 in Florida state court (Miami-Dade County); and (xi) Martin v. Willis of Colorado, Inc., et al., Case No. 2016-52115, filed on August 5, 2016 in Texas state court (Harris County).

never agree to the terms of the Willis Settlement unless they were assured of global peace with respect to all claims that have been, could have been, or could be asserted against any of the Willis Defendants and any of the Willis Released Parties by any Person arising out of or related to the events leading to these proceedings, and with respect to all claims that have been, could have been, or could be asserted against any of the Willis Defendants and any of the Willis Released Parties by any Person arising from or related to the Willis Defendants' relationship with the Stanford Entities. The injunction against such claims is therefore a necessary and appropriate order ancillary to the relief obtained for victims of the Stanford Ponzi scheme pursuant to the Willis Settlement. *See Kaleta*, 530 F. App'x at 362 (entering bar order and injunction against investor claims as "ancillary relief" to a settlement in an SEC receivership proceeding); *Parish*, 2010 WL 8347143 (similar).

- 5. Pursuant to the Willis Settlement Agreement and upon motion by the Receiver, this Court will approve a Distribution Plan that will fairly and reasonably distribute the net proceeds of the Willis Settlement to Stanford Investors who have claims approved by the Receiver. The Court finds that the Receiver's claims process and the Distribution Plan contemplated in the Willis Settlement Agreement have been designed to ensure that all Stanford Investors have received an opportunity to pursue their claims through the Receiver's claims process previously approved by the Court (ECF No. 1584).
- 6. The Court further finds that the Parties and their counsel have at all times complied with the requirements of Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
- 7. Accordingly, the Court finds that the Willis Settlement is, in all respects, fair, reasonable, and adequate, and in the best interests of all Persons claiming an interest in, having authority over, or asserting a claim against any of the Willis Defendants and any of the Willis

Released Parties, the Stanford Entities or the Receivership Estate, including but not limited to the Plaintiffs, the Claimants, the Stanford Investors, the Interested Parties, the Receiver, and the Committee. The Willis Settlement, the terms of which are set forth in the Willis Settlement Agreement, is hereby fully and finally approved. The Parties are directed to implement and consummate the Willis Settlement in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Willis Settlement Agreement and this Final Bar Order.

- 8. Pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 38 of the Willis Settlement Agreement, as of the Settlement Effective Date, each of Plaintiffs, including, without limitation, the Receiver on behalf of the Receivership Estate and each of Plaintiffs' respective past and present, direct and indirect, parent entities, subsidiaries, affiliates, heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors and assigns, in their capacities as such, and anyone who can claim through any of them, fully, finally, and forever release, relinquish, and discharge, with prejudice, all Settled Claims against the Willis Defendants and the Willis Released Parties. Further pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 38 of the Willis Settlement Agreement, as of the Settlement Effective Date, each of the Willis Defendants, including, without limitation, the Willis Defendants' respective past and present, direct and indirect, parent entities, subsidiaries, affiliates, heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors and assigns, in their capacities as such, and anyone who can claim through any of them, fully, finally, and forever release, relinquish, and discharge, with prejudice, all Settled Claims against Plaintiffs, the Plaintiffs Released Parties, and each of the other Willis Defendants.
- 9. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Final Bar Order, the foregoing releases do not release the Parties' rights and obligations under the Willis Settlement or the Willis Settlement Agreement or bar the Parties from seeking to enforce or effectuate the terms of

the Willis Settlement or the Willis Settlement Agreement. Further, the foregoing releases do not bar or release any claims, including but not limited to the Settled Claims, that any of the Willis Defendants may have against any Willis Released Party (other than any of the other Willis Defendants), including but not limited to its insurers, reinsurers, employees and agents.

10. The Court hereby permanently bars, restrains and enjoins the Receiver, the Plaintiffs, the Claimants, the Interested Parties, and all other Persons or entities, whether acting in concert with the foregoing or claiming by, through, or under the foregoing, or otherwise, all and individually, from directly, indirectly, or through a third party, instituting, reinstituting, intervening in, initiating, commencing, maintaining, continuing, filing, encouraging, soliciting, supporting, participating in, collaborating in, or otherwise prosecuting, against any of the Willis Defendants or any of the Willis Released Parties, now or at any time in the future, any action, lawsuit, cause of action, claim, investigation, demand, complaint, or proceeding of any nature, including but not limited to litigation, arbitration, or other proceeding, in any Forum, whether individually, derivatively, on behalf of a class, as a member of a class, or in any other capacity whatsoever, that in any way relates to, is based upon, arises from, or is connected with the Stanford Entities; this case; the Troice Litigation; the Janvey Litigation; the Other Willis Litigation; or the subject matter of this case, the Troice Litigation, the Janvey Litigation, the Other Willis Litigation or any Settled Claim. The foregoing specifically includes, but is not limited to, any claim, however denominated, seeking contribution, indemnity, damages, or other remedy where the alleged injury to such Person, entity, or Interested Party, or the claim asserted by such Person, entity, or Interested Party, is based upon such Person's, entity's, or Interested Party's liability to any Plaintiff, Claimant, or Interested Party arising out of, relating to, or based in whole or in part upon money owed, demanded, requested, offered, paid, agreed to be paid, or

required to be paid to any Plaintiff, Claimant, Interested Party, or other Person or entity, whether pursuant to a demand, judgment, claim, agreement, settlement or otherwise. Notwithstanding the foregoing, there shall be no bar of any claims, including but not limited to the Settled Claims, that any of the Willis Defendants may have against any Willis Released Party (other than any of the other Willis Defendants), including but not limited to its insurers, reinsurers, employees and agents. Further, the Parties retain the right to sue for alleged breaches of the Willis Settlement Agreement.

- 11. The Willis Defendants shall file motions to dismiss with prejudice all claims against all Willis Defendants in all of the Other Willis Litigation not pending before this Court,<sup>4</sup> which motions shall include this Final Bar Order as an exhibit. The plaintiffs in the Other Willis Litigation shall not oppose such motions to dismiss, and are hereby enjoined and barred from continuing to prosecute the Other Willis Litigation against any of the Willis Defendants.
- 12. Nothing in this Final Bar Order shall impair or affect or be construed to impair or affect in any way whatsoever, any right of any Person, entity, or Interested Party to (a) claim a credit or offset, however determined or quantified, if and to the extent provided by any applicable statute, code, or rule of law, against any judgment amount, based upon the Willis Settlement or payment of the Settlement Amount by or on behalf of the Willis Defendants and the Willis Released Parties; (b) designate a "responsible third party" or "settling person" under Chapter 33 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code; or (c) take discovery under applicable rules in other litigation; provided for the avoidance of doubt that nothing in this paragraph shall be interpreted to permit or authorize (x) any action or claim seeking to recover any monetary or other relief from any of the Willis Defendants or the Willis Released Parties, or

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> This includes the *Rupert* Action, the *Rishmague* Action, the *MacArthur* Action, the *Barbar* Action, the *Ranni* Action, and the *Martin* action. *See* p. 5, n. 3, *supra*, for the full captions and case numbers of these actions and the courts in which they are pending.

- (y) the commencement, assertion or continuation of any action or claim against any of the Willis Defendants or the Willis Released Parties, including any action or claim seeking to impose any liability of any kind (including but not limited to liability for contribution, indemnification or otherwise) upon any of the Willis Defendants or Willis Released Parties.
- 13. The Willis Defendants and the Willis Released Parties have no responsibility, obligation, or liability whatsoever with respect to the cost associated with or the content of the Notice; the notice process; the Distribution Plan; the implementation of the Distribution Plan; the administration of the Willis Settlement; the management, investment, disbursement, allocation, or other administration or oversight of the Settlement Amount, any other funds paid or received in connection with the Willis Settlement, or any portion thereof; the payment or withholding of Taxes; the determination, administration, calculation, review, or challenge of claims to the Settlement Amount, any portion of the Settlement Amount, or any other funds paid or received in connection with the Willis Settlement or the Willis Settlement Agreement; or any losses, attorneys' fees, expenses, vendor payments, expert payments, or other costs incurred in connection with any of the foregoing matters. No appeal, challenge, decision, or other matter concerning any subject set forth in this paragraph shall operate to terminate, cancel or modify the Willis Settlement, the Willis Settlement Agreement or this Final Bar Order.
- 14. Nothing in this Final Bar Order or the Willis Settlement Agreement and no aspect of the Willis Settlement or negotiation thereof is or shall be construed to be an admission or concession of any violation of any statute or law, of any fault, liability or wrongdoing, or of any infirmity in the claims or defenses of the Parties with regard to any of the complaints, claims, allegations or defenses in the Troice Litigation, the Janvey Litigation, the Other Willis Litigation, or any other proceeding. The Willis Defendants have always denied and continue to expressly

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deny any liability or wrongdoing with respect to the matters alleged in the complaints in the Troice Litigation, the Janvey Litigation, the Other Willis Litigation and any other claims related to the Stanford Entities.

- 15. Willis NA is hereby ordered to deliver or cause to be delivered the Settlement Amount (\$120 million) as described in Paragraph 25 of the Willis Settlement Agreement. Further, the Parties are ordered to act in conformity with all other provisions of the Willis Settlement Agreement.
- 16. Without in any way affecting the finality of this Final Bar Order, the Court retains continuing and exclusive jurisdiction over the Parties for purposes of, among other things, the administration, interpretation, consummation, and enforcement of the Willis Settlement, the Willis Settlement Agreement, the Scheduling Order, and this Final Bar Order, including, without limitation, the injunctions, bar orders, and releases herein, and to enter orders concerning implementation of the Willis Settlement, the Willis Settlement Agreement, the Distribution Plan, and any payment of attorneys' fees and expenses to Plaintiffs' counsel.
- 17. The Court expressly finds and determines, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 54(b), that there is no just reason for any delay in the entry of this Final Bar Order, which is both final and appealable, and immediate entry by the Clerk of the Court is expressly directed.

| 18.           | This Final Bar Order shall be served by counsel for the Plaintiffs, via email, first |
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| class mail o  | r international delivery service, on any person or entity that filed an objection to |
| approval of t | the Willis Settlement, the Willis Settlement Agreement, or this Final Bar Order.     |
| Signed on _   | , 2016   |
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|               | DAVID C. GODBEY  |
|               | UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE   |

## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

RALPH S. JANVEY, IN HIS CAPACITY AS

COURT-APPOINTED RECEIVER FOR THE

STANFORD RECEIVERSHIP ESTATE, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

Plaintiffs,

V.

WILLIS OF COLORADO INC., et al.,

Defendants.

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Civil Action No. 3:13-cv-03980-N-BG

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WILLIS OF COLORADO INC., et al.,

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Defendants.

## FINAL JUDGMENT AND BAR ORDER

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between the Plaintiffs; and the Willis Defendants as defendants in the above-captioned action and the Troice Litigation. The Court-appointed Examiner signed the Willis Settlement Agreement<sup>2</sup> as chair of the Committee, and as Examiner solely to evidence his support and approval of the Willis Settlement and to confirm his obligations to post the Notice on his website, but is not otherwise individually a party to the Willis Settlement, this action, or the Troice Litigation.

Following notice and a hearing, and having considered the filings and heard the arguments of counsel, the Court hereby GRANTS the Motion.

## I. INTRODUCTION

The SEC Action, the Troice Litigation, and this case all arise from a series of events leading to the collapse of Stanford International Bank, Ltd. ("SIBL"). On February 16, 2009, this Court appointed Ralph S. Janvey to be the Receiver for SIBL and related parties (the "Stanford Entities"). [SEC Action ECF No. 10]. After years of diligent investigation, the Plaintiffs believe that they have identified claims against a number of third parties, including the Willis Defendants, that Plaintiffs claim enabled the Stanford Ponzi scheme. In the Troice Litigation and this case, the Investor Plaintiffs allege, *inter alia*, that the Willis Defendants aided and abetted violations of the Texas Securities Act and aided, abetted or participated in a fraudulent scheme and a conspiracy. In addition, in this case, the Receiver and the Committee allege, *inter alia*, that the Willis Defendants aided, abetted or participated in breaches of fiduciary duty, aided, abetted or participated in a fraudulent transfers. The Willis Defendants have always denied and continue to expressly deny any and all allegations of wrongdoing.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The "Willis Settlement Agreement" refers to the Settlement Agreement that is attached as Exhibit 1 of the Appendix to the Motion.

Lengthy, multiparty negotiations led to the Willis Settlement. In these negotiations, potential victims of the Stanford Ponzi scheme were well-represented. The Investor Plaintiffs, the Committee—which the Court appointed to "represent[] in this case and related matters" the "customers of SIBL who, as of February 16, 2009, had funds on deposit at SIBL and/or were holding certificates of deposit issued by SIBL (the 'Stanford Investors')" [SEC Action ECF No. 1149]—the Receiver, and the Examiner—who the Court appointed to advocate on behalf of "investors in any financial products, accounts, vehicles or ventures sponsored, promoted or sold by any Defendant in this action" [SEC Action ECF No. 322]—all participated in the extensive, arm's-length negotiations that ultimately resulted in the Willis Settlement and the Willis Settlement Agreement. The parties reached an agreement-in-principle at a mediation with the retired Honorable Layn R. Phillips on March 31, 2016, and the parties executed the Willis Settlement Agreement on August \_\_\_, 2016.

Under the terms of the Willis Settlement, Willis NA will pay \$120,000,000 to the Receivership Estate, which (less attorneys' fees and expenses) will be distributed to Stanford Investors. In return, the Willis Defendants seek global peace with respect to all claims that have been, could have been, or could be asserted against any of the Willis Defendants and any of the Willis Released Parties by any Person arising out of or related to the events leading to these proceedings, and with respect to all claims that have been, could have been, or could be asserted against any of the Willis Defendants and any of the Willis Released Parties by any Person arising from or related to the Willis Defendants' relationship with the Stanford Entities. Obtaining such global peace is a critical and material component of the Willis Settlement. Accordingly, the Willis Settlement is conditioned on, among other things, the Court's approval and entry of this

Final Judgment and Bar Order enjoining any Person from asserting, maintaining or prosecuting claims against any of the Willis Defendants or any of the Willis Released Parties.

On \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2016, Plaintiffs filed the Motion. [ECF No. \_\_\_\_\_]. The Court thereafter entered a Scheduling Order on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2016 [ECF No. \_\_\_\_\_], which, *inter alia*, authorized the Receiver to provide notice of the Willis Settlement, established a briefing schedule on the Motion, and set the date for a hearing. On \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2016, the Court held the

scheduled hearing. For the reasons set forth herein, the Court finds that the terms of the Willis

Settlement Agreement are adequate, fair, reasonable, and equitable, and that the Willis

Settlement should be and is hereby **APPROVED**. The Court further finds that entry of this Final

Judgment and Bar Order is appropriate.

### II. ORDER

It is hereby **ORDERED**, **ADJUDGED**, **AND DECREED** as follows:

- 1. Terms used in this Final Judgment and Bar Order that are defined in the Willis Settlement Agreement, unless expressly otherwise defined herein, have the same meaning as in the Willis Settlement Agreement.
- 2. The Court has "broad powers and wide discretion to determine the appropriate relief in [this] equity receivership," including the authority to enter this Final Judgment and Bar Order. SEC v. Kaleta, 530 F. App'x 360, 362 (5th Cir. 2013) (internal quotations omitted); see also SEC v. Parish, 2010 WL 8347143 (D.S.C. Feb. 10, 2010). Moreover, the Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action, and Plaintiffs are proper parties to seek entry of this Final Judgment and Bar Order.
- 3. The Court finds that the methodology, form, content and dissemination of the Notice: (i) were implemented in accordance with the requirements of the Scheduling Order; (ii) constituted the best practicable notice; (iii) were reasonably calculated, under the circumstances,

to apprise all Interested Parties of the Willis Settlement, the Willis Settlement Agreement, the releases therein, and the injunctions provided for in the Final Bar Order to be entered in the SEC Action, this Final Judgment and Bar Order, and the Final Judgment and Bar Orders to be entered in the Other Willis Litigation (to the extent pending before the Court);<sup>3</sup> (iv) were reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise all Interested Parties of the right to object to the Willis Settlement, the Willis Settlement Agreement, the Final Bar Order to be entered in the SEC Action, this Final Judgment and Bar Order, and the Final Judgment and Bar Orders to be entered in the Other Willis Litigation (to the extent pending before the Court), and to appear at the Final Approval Hearing; (v) were reasonable and constituted due, adequate, and sufficient notice; (vi) met all applicable requirements of law, including, without limitation, the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the United States Constitution (including Due Process), and the Rules of the Court; and (vii) provided to all Persons a full and fair opportunity to be heard on these matters.

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- 5. Pursuant to the Willis Settlement Agreement and upon motion by the Receiver in the SEC Action, this Court will approve a Distribution Plan that will fairly and reasonably distribute the net proceeds of the Willis Settlement to Stanford Investors who have claims approved by the Receiver. The Court finds that the Receiver's claims process and the Distribution Plan contemplated in the Willis Settlement Agreement have been designed to ensure that all Stanford Investors have received an opportunity to pursue their claims through the Receiver's claims process previously approved by the Court (SEC Action ECF No. 1584).
- 6. The Court further finds that the Parties and their counsel have at all times complied with the requirements of Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

- 7. Accordingly, the Court finds that the Willis Settlement is, in all respects, fair, reasonable, and adequate, and in the best interests of all Persons claiming an interest in, having authority over, or asserting a claim against any of the Willis Defendants and any of the Willis Released Parties, the Stanford Entities or the Receivership Estate, including but not limited to the Plaintiffs, the Claimants, the Stanford Investors, the Interested Parties, the Receiver, and the Committee. The Willis Settlement, the terms of which are set forth in the Willis Settlement Agreement, is hereby fully and finally approved. The Parties are directed to implement and consummate the Willis Settlement in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Willis Settlement Agreement and this Final Judgment and Bar Order.
- 8. Pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 38 of the Willis Settlement Agreement, as of the Settlement Effective Date, each of Plaintiffs, including, without limitation, the Receiver on behalf of the Receivership Estate and each of Plaintiffs' respective past and present, direct and indirect, parent entities, subsidiaries, affiliates, heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors and assigns, in their capacities as such, and anyone who can claim through any of them, fully, finally, and forever release, relinquish, and discharge, with prejudice, all Settled Claims against the Willis Defendants and the Willis Released Parties. Further pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 38 of the Willis Settlement Agreement, as of the Settlement Effective Date, each of the Willis Defendants, including, without limitation, the Willis Defendants' respective past and present, direct and indirect, parent entities, subsidiaries, affiliates, heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors and assigns, in their capacities as such, and anyone who can claim through any of them, fully, finally, and forever release, relinquish, and discharge, with prejudice, all Settled Claims against Plaintiffs, the Plaintiffs Released Parties, and each of the other Willis Defendants.

- 9. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Final Judgment and Bar Order, the foregoing releases do not release the Parties' rights and obligations under the Willis Settlement or the Willis Settlement or bar the Parties from seeking to enforce or effectuate the terms of the Willis Settlement or the Willis Settlement Agreement. Further, the foregoing releases do not bar or release any claims, including but not limited to the Settled Claims, that any of the Willis Defendants may have against any Willis Released Party (other than any of the other Willis Defendants), including but not limited to its insurers, reinsurers, employees and agents.
- 10. The Court hereby permanently bars, restrains and enjoins the Receiver, the Plaintiffs, the Claimants, the Interested Parties, and all other Persons or entities, whether acting in concert with the foregoing or claiming by, through, or under the foregoing, or otherwise, all and individually, from directly, indirectly, or through a third party, instituting, reinstituting, intervening in, initiating, commencing, maintaining, continuing, filing, encouraging, soliciting, supporting, participating in, collaborating in, or otherwise prosecuting, against any of the Willis Defendants or any of the Willis Released Parties, now or at any time in the future, any action, lawsuit, cause of action, claim, investigation, demand, complaint, or proceeding of any nature, including but not limited to litigation, arbitration, or other proceeding, in any Forum, whether individually, derivatively, on behalf of a class, as a member of a class, or in any other capacity whatsoever, that in any way relates to, is based upon, arises from, or is connected with the Stanford Entities; this case; the Troice Litigation; the Other Willis Litigation; or the subject matter of this case, the Troice Litigation, the Other Willis Litigation or any Settled Claim. The foregoing specifically includes, but is not limited to, any claim, however denominated, seeking contribution, indemnity, damages, or other remedy where the alleged injury to such Person,

entity, or Interested Party, or the claim asserted by such Person, entity, or Interested Party, is based upon such Person's, entity's, or Interested Party's liability to any Plaintiff, Claimant, or Interested Party arising out of, relating to, or based in whole or in part upon money owed, demanded, requested, offered, paid, agreed to be paid, or required to be paid to any Plaintiff, Claimant, Interested Party, or other Person or entity, whether pursuant to a demand, judgment, claim, agreement, settlement or otherwise. Notwithstanding the foregoing, there shall be no bar of any claims, including but not limited to the Settled Claims, that any of the Willis Defendants may have against any Willis Released Party (other than any of the other Willis Defendants), including but not limited to its insurers, reinsurers, employees and agents. Further, the Parties retain the right to sue for alleged breaches of the Willis Settlement Agreement.

11. Nothing in this Final Judgment and Bar Order shall impair or affect or be construed to impair or affect in any way whatsoever, any right of any Person, entity, or Interested Party to (a) claim a credit or offset, however determined or quantified, if and to the extent provided by any applicable statute, code, or rule of law, against any judgment amount, based upon the Willis Settlement or payment of the Settlement Amount by or on behalf of the Willis Defendants and the Willis Released Parties; (b) designate a "responsible third party" or "settling person" under Chapter 33 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code; or (c) take discovery under applicable rules in other litigation; provided for the avoidance of doubt that nothing in this paragraph shall be interpreted to permit or authorize (x) any action or claim seeking to recover any monetary or other relief from any of the Willis Defendants or the Willis Released Parties, or (y) the commencement, assertion or continuation of any action or claim seeking to impose any

liability of any kind (including but not limited to liability for contribution, indemnification or otherwise) upon any of the Willis Defendants or Willis Released Parties.

- 12. The Willis Defendants and the Willis Released Parties have no responsibility, obligation, or liability whatsoever with respect to the cost associated with or the content of the Notice; the notice process; the Distribution Plan; the implementation of the Distribution Plan; the administration of the Willis Settlement; the management, investment, disbursement, allocation, or other administration or oversight of the Settlement Amount, any other funds paid or received in connection with the Willis Settlement, or any portion thereof; the payment or withholding of Taxes; the determination, administration, calculation, review, or challenge of claims to the Settlement Amount, any portion of the Settlement Amount, or any other funds paid or received in connection with the Willis Settlement or the Willis Settlement Agreement; or any losses, attorneys' fees, expenses, vendor payments, expert payments, or other costs incurred in connection with any of the foregoing matters. No appeal, challenge, decision, or other matter concerning any subject set forth in this paragraph shall operate to terminate, cancel or modify the Willis Settlement, the Willis Settlement Agreement or this Final Judgment and Bar Order.
- 13. Nothing in this Final Judgment and Bar Order or the Willis Settlement Agreement and no aspect of the Willis Settlement or negotiation thereof is or shall be construed to be an admission or concession of any violation of any statute or law, of any fault, liability or wrongdoing, or of any infirmity in the claims or defenses of the Parties with regard to any of the complaints, claims, allegations or defenses in this case, the Troice Litigation, the Other Willis Litigation, or any other proceeding. The Willis Defendants have always denied and continue to expressly deny any liability or wrongdoing with respect to the matters alleged in the complaints

in this case, the Troice Litigation, the Other Willis Litigation, and any other claims related to the Stanford Entities.

- 14. Willis NA is hereby ordered to deliver or cause to be delivered the Settlement Amount (\$120 million) as described in Paragraph 25 of the Willis Settlement Agreement. Further, the Parties are ordered to act in conformity with all other provisions of the Willis Settlement Agreement.
- 15. Without in any way affecting the finality of this Final Judgment and Bar Order, the Court retains continuing and exclusive jurisdiction over the Parties for purposes of, among other things, the administration, interpretation, consummation, and enforcement of the Willis Settlement, the Willis Settlement Agreement, the Scheduling Order, and this Final Judgment and Bar Order, including, without limitation, the injunctions, bar orders, and releases herein, and to enter orders concerning implementation of the Willis Settlement, the Willis Settlement Agreement, the Distribution Plan, and any payment of attorneys' fees and expenses to Plaintiffs' counsel.
- 16. The Court expressly finds and determines, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 54(b), that there is no just reason for any delay in the entry of this Final Judgment and Bar Order as to the Willis Defendants, which is both final and appealable as to the Willis Defendants, and immediate entry by the Clerk of the Court as to the Willis Defendants is expressly directed.
- 17. This Final Judgment and Bar Order shall be served by counsel for the Plaintiffs, via email, first class mail or international delivery service, on any person or entity that filed an objection to approval of the Willis Settlement, the Willis Settlement Agreement, or this Final Bar Order.

18. All relief as to the Willis Defendants that is not expressly granted herein, other than Plaintiffs' request for approval of Plaintiffs' attorneys' fees, which will be addressed by a separate order, is denied. This is a final judgment. The Clerk of the Court is directed to enter Judgment as to the Willis Defendants in conformity herewith.

| Signed on | , 2016 |
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DAVID C. GODBEY UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

| SALVADOR CASANOVA, ET AL.,        | § |                                    |
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|                                   | § |                                    |
| Plaintiffs,                       | § |                                    |
|                                   | § | CIVIL ACTION No. 3:10-CV-1862-N-BL |
| V.                                | § |                                    |
|                                   | § |                                    |
| WILLIS OF COLORADO, INC., ET AL., | § |                                    |
|                                   | § |                                    |
| Defendants.                       | § |                                    |

## FINAL JUDGMENT AND BAR ORDER

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Receiver, the Committee, and the Investor Plaintiffs are referred to collectively as the "Troice-Janvey Plaintiffs."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The "Willis Defendants" refers, collectively, to Willis Towers Watson Public Limited Company (f/k/a Willis Group Holdings Limited), Willis Limited, Willis North America Inc. ("Willis NA"), Willis of Colorado, Inc., Willis of Texas, Inc., and Amy S. Baranoucky.

appointed Examiner signed the Willis Settlement Agreement<sup>3</sup> as chair of the Committee, and as Examiner solely to evidence his support and approval of the Willis Settlement and to confirm his obligations to post the Notice on his website, but is not otherwise individually a party to the Willis Settlement, the Janvey Litigation, or the Troice Litigation.

#### I. INTRODUCTION

The SEC Action, the Troice Litigation, the Janvey Litigation, and this case all arise from a series of events relating to the collapse of Stanford International Bank, Ltd. ("SIBL"). On February 16, 2009, this Court appointed Ralph S. Janvey to be the Receiver for SIBL and related parties (the "Stanford Entities"). [SEC Action ECF No. 10]. After years of diligent investigation, the Troice-Janvey Plaintiffs believe that they have identified claims against a number of third parties, including the Willis Defendants, that the Troice-Janvey Plaintiffs claim enabled the Stanford Ponzi scheme. The Troice-Janvey Plaintiffs and the plaintiffs in this action allege, *inter alia*, that certain of the Willis Defendants aided and abetted the Stanford Ponzi scheme. In addition, in the Janvey Litigation, the Receiver and the Committee allege, *inter alia*, that certain of the Willis Defendants aided, abetted or participated in breaches of fiduciary duty, aided, abetted or participated in a fraudulent scheme, and aided, abetted or participated in fraudulent transfers. The Willis Defendants have always denied and continue to expressly deny any and all allegations of wrongdoing.

Lengthy, multiparty negotiations led to the Willis Settlement. In these negotiations, potential victims of the Stanford Ponzi scheme were well-represented. The Investor Plaintiffs, the Committee-which the Court appointed to "represent[] in this case and related matters" the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The "Willis Settlement Agreement" refers to the Settlement Agreement that is attached as Exhibit 1 of the Appendix to the Expedited Request for Entry of Scheduling Order and Motion to Approve Proposed Settlement with Willis, to Approve the Proposed Notice of Settlement with Willis, to Enter the Bar Order, and to Enter the Final Judgment and Bar Orders (the "Motion") filed in the SEC Action and the Janvey Litigation.

"customers of SIBL who, as of February 16, 2009, had funds on deposit at SIBL and/or were holding certificates of deposit issued by SIBL (the 'Stanford Investors')" [SEC Action ECF No. 1149]—the Receiver, and the Examiner—who the Court appointed to advocate on behalf of "investors in any financial products, accounts, vehicles or ventures sponsored, promoted or sold by any Defendant in this action" [SEC Action ECF No. 322]—all participated in the extensive, arm's-length negotiations that ultimately resulted in the Willis Settlement and the Willis Settlement Agreement. The parties reached an agreement-in-principle at a mediation with the retired Honorable Layn R. Phillips on March 31, 2016, and the parties executed the Willis Settlement Agreement on August \_\_\_\_, 2016.

Under the terms of the Willis Settlement, Willis NA will pay \$120,000,000 to the Receivership Estate, which (less attorneys' fees and expenses) will be distributed to Stanford Investors. In return, the Willis Defendants seek global peace with respect to all claims that have been, could have been, or could be asserted against any of the Willis Defendants and any of the Willis Released Parties by any Person arising out of or related to the events leading to these proceedings, and with respect to all claims that have been, could have been, or could be asserted against any of the Willis Defendants and any of the Willis Released Parties by any Person arising from or related to the Willis Defendants' relationship with the Stanford Entities. Obtaining such global peace is a critical and material component of the Settlement. Accordingly, the Willis Settlement is conditioned on, among other things, the Court's approval and entry of final bar orders enjoining any Person from asserting, maintaining or prosecuting claims against any of the Willis Defendants or any of the Willis Released Parties.

| On                    | , 20                     | 116, the Troice-Janve | ey Plaintiffs filed | the Motion in |
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| the SEC Action and th | ne Janvey Litigation. [S | SEC Action ECF No     | ; Janvey A          | ction ECF No. |

| No; Janvey Action ECF No], which, inter alia, authorized the Receiver to provide                 |
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| Notice of the Willis Settlement, established a briefing schedule on the Motion, and set the date |
| for a hearing. On, 2016, the Court held the scheduled hearing. For the reasons set               |
| forth in the Final Bar Order and herein, the Court finds that the terms of the Willis Settlement |
| Agreement are adequate, fair, reasonable, and equitable; and the Court approves the Willis       |
| Settlement. The Court further finds that entry of this Final Judgment and Bar Order is           |
| appropriate.   |

### II. ORDER

It is hereby **ORDERED**, **ADJUDGED**, **AND DECREED** as follows:

- 1. Terms used in this Final Judgment and Bar Order that are defined in the Willis Settlement Agreement, unless expressly otherwise defined herein, have the same meaning as in the Willis Settlement Agreement.
- 2. The Court has "broad powers and wide discretion to determine the appropriate relief in [this] equity receivership," including the authority to enter the Final Bar Order. *SEC v. Kaleta*, 530 F. App'x 360, 362 (5th Cir. 2013) (internal quotations omitted); see also *SEC v. Parish*, 2010 WL 8347143 (D.S.C. Feb. 10, 2010). Moreover, the Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action, and the Troice-Janvey Plaintiffs are proper parties to seek entry of this Final Judgment and Bar Order.
- 3. The Court finds that the methodology, form, content and dissemination of the Notice: (i) were implemented in accordance with the requirements of the Scheduling Order; (ii) constituted the best practicable notice; (iii) were reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise all Interested Parties of the Willis Settlement, the Willis Settlement Agreement, the releases therein, and the injunctions provided for in this Final Judgment and Bar Order, the Final

Bar Order to be entered in the SEC Action, and the Final Judgment and Bar Orders to be entered in the Janvey Litigation and the Other Willis Litigation (to the extent pending before the Court);<sup>4</sup> (iv) were reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise all Interested Parties of the right to object to the Willis Settlement, the Willis Settlement Agreement, this Final Judgment and Bar Order, the Final Bar Order to be entered in the SEC Action, and the Final Judgment and Bar Orders to be entered in the Janvey Litigation and the Other Willis Litigation (to the extent pending before the Court), and to appear at the Final Approval Hearing; (v) were reasonable and constituted due, adequate, and sufficient notice; (vi) met all applicable requirements of law, including, without limitation, the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the United States Constitution (including Due Process), and the Rules of the Court; and (vii) provided to all Persons a full and fair opportunity to be heard on these matters.

4. The Court finds that the Willis Settlement was reached following an extensive investigation of the facts and resulted from vigorous, good faith, arm's-length, mediated negotiations involving experienced and competent counsel. The claims asserted against the Willis Defendants contain complex and novel issues of law and fact that would require a substantial amount of time and expense to litigate, with a significant risk that the Troice-Janvey

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- 6. Accordingly, the Court finds that the Willis Settlement is, in all respects, fair, reasonable, and adequate, and in the best interests of all Persons claiming an interest in, having authority over, or asserting a claim against any of the Willis Defendants and any of the Willis Released Parties, the Stanford Entities or the Receivership Estate, including but not limited to the

plaintiffs in this action, the Troice-Janvey Plaintiffs, the Claimants, the Stanford Investors, the Interested Parties, the Receiver, and the Committee.

7. The Court hereby permanently bars, restrains and enjoins the plaintiffs in this action, the Receiver, the Troice-Janvey Plaintiffs, the Claimants, the Interested Parties, and all other Persons or entities, whether acting in concert with the foregoing or claiming by, through, or under the foregoing, or otherwise, all and individually, from directly, indirectly, or through a third party, instituting, reinstituting, intervening in, initiating, commencing, maintaining, continuing, filing, encouraging, soliciting, supporting, participating in, collaborating in, or otherwise prosecuting, against any of the Willis Defendants or any of the Willis Released Parties, now or at any time in the future, any action, lawsuit, cause of action, claim, investigation, demand, complaint, or proceeding of any nature, including but not limited to litigation, arbitration, or other proceeding, in any Forum, whether individually, derivatively, on behalf of a class, as a member of a class, or in any other capacity whatsoever, that in any way relates to, is based upon, arises from, or is connected with the Stanford Entities; this case; the Troice Litigation; the Janvey Litigation; the Other Willis Litigation; or the subject matter of this case, the Troice Litigation, the Janvey Litigation, the Other Willis Litigation or any Settled Claim. The foregoing specifically includes, but is not limited to, any claim, however denominated, seeking contribution, indemnity, damages, or other remedy where the alleged injury to such Person, entity, or Interested Party, or the claim asserted by such Person, entity, or Interested Party, is based upon such Person's, entity's, or Interested Party's liability to any plaintiff, Claimant, or Interested Party arising out of, relating to, or based in whole or in part upon money owed, demanded, requested, offered, paid, agreed to be paid, or required to be paid to any plaintiff, Claimant, Interested Party, or other Person or entity, whether pursuant to a demand, judgment,

claim, agreement, settlement or otherwise. Notwithstanding the foregoing, there shall be no bar of any claims, including but not limited to the Settled Claims, that any of the Willis Defendants may have against any Willis Released Party (other than any of the other Willis Defendants), including but not limited to its insurers, reinsurers, employees and agents. Further, the Parties to the Willis Settlement Agreement retain the right to sue for alleged breaches of the Willis Settlement Agreement.

- 8. Nothing in this Final Judgment and Bar Order shall impair or affect or be construed to impair or affect in any way whatsoever, any right of any Person, entity, or Interested Party to (a) claim a credit or offset, however determined or quantified, if and to the extent provided by any applicable statute, code, or rule of law, against any judgment amount, based upon the Willis Settlement or payment of the Settlement Amount by or on behalf of the Willis Defendants and the Willis Released Parties; (b) designate a "responsible third party" or "settling person" under Chapter 33 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code; or (c) take discovery under applicable rules in other litigation; provided for the avoidance of doubt that nothing in this paragraph shall be interpreted to permit or authorize (x) any action or claim seeking to recover any monetary or other relief from any of the Willis Defendants or any of the Willis Released Parties, or (y) the commencement, assertion or continuation of any action or claim against any of the Willis Defendants or any of the Willis Released Parties, including any action or claim seeking to impose any liability of any kind (including but not limited to liability for contribution, indemnification or otherwise) upon any of the Willis Defendants or any of the Willis Released Parties.
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- 10. Nothing in this Final Judgment and Bar Order, the Final Bar Order or the Willis Settlement Agreement and no aspect of the Willis Settlement or negotiation thereof is or shall be construed to be an admission or concession of any violation of any statute or law, of any fault, liability or wrongdoing, or of any infirmity in the claims or defenses of the parties with regard to any of the complaints, claims, allegations or defenses in this action, the Troice Litigation, the Janvey Litigation, the Other Willis Litigation, or any other proceeding. The Willis Defendants have always denied and continue to expressly deny any liability or wrongdoing with respect to the matters alleged in the complaints in this action, the Troice Litigation, the Janvey Litigation, the Other Willis Litigation, and any other claims related to the Stanford Entities.
- 11. Without in any way affecting the finality of this Final Judgment and Bar Order, the Court retains continuing and exclusive jurisdiction over the parties to this action for purposes of, among other things, the administration, interpretation, consummation, and enforcement of the

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Willis Settlement, the Willis Settlement Agreement, the Scheduling Order, the Final Bar Order

and this Final Judgment and Bar Order, including, without limitation, the injunctions, bar orders,

and releases herein, and to enter orders concerning implementation of the Willis Settlement, the

Willis Settlement Agreement, and the Distribution Plan.

12. The Court expressly finds and determines, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil

Procedure 54(b), that there is no just reason for any delay in the entry of this Final Judgment and

Bar Order as to the Willis Defendants, which is both final and appealable as to the Willis

Defendants, and immediate entry by the Clerk of the Court as to the Willis Defendants is

expressly directed.

13. All relief as to the Willis Defendants that is not expressly granted herein is

denied. This is a final judgment. The Clerk of the Court is directed to enter Judgment as to the

Willis Defendants in conformity herewith.

Signed on , 2016

DAVID C. GODBEY

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

| ANNA LORENA NUILA DE         | §                        |            |
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| GADALAMARIA, ET AL.,         | §                        |            |
|                              | §                        |            |
| Plaintiffs,                  | §                        |            |
|                              | § CIVIL ACTION No. 3:13- | ev-02572-N |
| V.                           | §                        |            |
|                              | §                        |            |
| WILLIS GROUP HOLDINGS PUBLIC | §                        |            |
| LIMITED COMPANY, ET AL.,     | §                        |            |
|                              | §                        |            |
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## FINAL JUDGMENT AND BAR ORDER

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The Court-appointed Examiner signed the Willis Settlement Agreement<sup>3</sup> as chair of the Committee, and as Examiner solely to evidence his support and approval of the Willis Settlement and to confirm his obligations to post the Notice on his website, but is not otherwise individually a party to the Willis Settlement, the Janvey Litigation, or the Troice Litigation.

#### I. INTRODUCTION

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#### II. ORDER

It is hereby **ORDERED**, **ADJUDGED**, **AND DECREED** as follows:

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- 2. The Court has "broad powers and wide discretion to determine the appropriate relief in [this] equity receivership," including the authority to enter the Final Bar Order. *SEC v. Kaleta*, 530 F. App'x 360, 362 (5th Cir. 2013) (internal quotations omitted); *see also SEC v. Parish*, 2010 WL 8347143 (D.S.C. Feb. 10, 2010). Moreover, the Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action, and the Troice-Janvey Plaintiffs are proper parties to seek entry of this Final Judgment and Bar Order.
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4. The Court finds that the Willis Settlement was reached following an extensive investigation of the facts and resulted from vigorous, good faith, arm's-length, mediated negotiations involving experienced and competent counsel. The claims asserted against the Willis Defendants contain complex and novel issues of law and fact that would require a substantial amount of time and expense to litigate, with a significant risk that the Troice-Janvey Plaintiffs and the plaintiffs herein may not ultimately prevail on their claims. By the same token,

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- 6. Accordingly, the Court finds that the Willis Settlement is, in all respects, fair, reasonable, and adequate, and in the best interests of all Persons claiming an interest in, having authority over, or asserting a claim against any of the Willis Defendants and any of the Willis Released Parties, the Stanford Entities or the Receivership Estate, including but not limited to the

plaintiffs in this action, the Troice-Janvey Plaintiffs, the Claimants, the Stanford Investors, the Interested Parties, the Receiver, and the Committee.

7. The Court hereby permanently bars, restrains and enjoins the plaintiffs in this action, the Receiver, the Troice-Janvey Plaintiffs, the Claimants, the Interested Parties, and all other Persons or entities, whether acting in concert with the foregoing or claiming by, through, or under the foregoing, or otherwise, all and individually, from directly, indirectly, or through a third party, instituting, reinstituting, intervening in, initiating, commencing, maintaining, continuing, filing, encouraging, soliciting, supporting, participating in, collaborating in, or otherwise prosecuting, against any of the Willis Defendants or any of the Willis Released Parties, now or at any time in the future, any action, lawsuit, cause of action, claim, investigation, demand, complaint, or proceeding of any nature, including but not limited to litigation, arbitration, or other proceeding, in any Forum, whether individually, derivatively, on behalf of a class, as a member of a class, or in any other capacity whatsoever, that in any way relates to, is based upon, arises from, or is connected with the Stanford Entities; this case; the Troice Litigation; the Janvey Litigation; the Other Willis Litigation; or the subject matter of this case, the Troice Litigation, the Janvey Litigation, the Other Willis Litigation or any Settled Claim. The foregoing specifically includes, but is not limited to, any claim, however denominated, seeking contribution, indemnity, damages, or other remedy where the alleged injury to such Person, entity, or Interested Party, or the claim asserted by such Person, entity, or Interested Party, is based upon such Person's, entity's, or Interested Party's liability to any plaintiff, Claimant, or Interested Party arising out of, relating to, or based in whole or in part upon money owed, demanded, requested, offered, paid, agreed to be paid, or required to be paid to any plaintiff, Claimant, Interested Party, or other Person or entity, whether pursuant to a demand, judgment,

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- 9. The Willis Defendants and the Willis Released Parties have no responsibility, obligation, or liability whatsoever with respect to the cost associated with or the content of the

Notice; the notice process; the Distribution Plan; the implementation of the Distribution Plan; the administration of the Willis Settlement; the management, investment, disbursement, allocation, or other administration or oversight of the Settlement Amount, any other funds paid or received in connection with the Willis Settlement, or any portion thereof; the payment or withholding of Taxes; the determination, administration, calculation, review, or challenge of claims to the Settlement Amount, any portion of the Settlement Amount, or any other funds paid or received in connection with the Willis Settlement or the Willis Settlement Agreement; or any losses, attorneys' fees, expenses, vendor payments, expert payments, or other costs incurred in connection with any of the foregoing matters. No appeal, challenge, decision, or other matter concerning any subject set forth in this paragraph shall operate to terminate, cancel or modify the Willis Settlement, the Willis Settlement Agreement or this Final Judgment and Bar Order.

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12. All relief that is not expressly granted herein is denied. This is a final judgment.

The Clerk of the Court is directed to enter Judgment in conformity herewith.

Signed on \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2016

DAVID C. GODBEY UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

| REINALDO RANNI, individually and on behalf   | § |                                     |
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| of a class of all others similarly situated, | § |                                     |
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| Plaintiffs,                                  | § |                                     |
|  | § | CIVIL ACTION No. 3:09-cv-02042-N-BG |
| V.   | § |                                     |
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| Defendants.                                  | § |                                     |

### FINAL JUDGMENT AND BAR ORDER

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Notice; the notice process; the Distribution Plan; the implementation of the Distribution Plan; the administration of the Willis Settlement; the management, investment, disbursement, allocation, or other administration or oversight of the Settlement Amount, any other funds paid or received in connection with the Willis Settlement, or any portion thereof; the payment or withholding of Taxes; the determination, administration, calculation, review, or challenge of claims to the Settlement Amount, any portion of the Settlement Amount, or any other funds paid or received in connection with the Willis Settlement or the Willis Settlement Agreement; or any losses, attorneys' fees, expenses, vendor payments, expert payments, or other costs incurred in connection with any of the foregoing matters. No appeal, challenge, decision, or other matter concerning any subject set forth in this paragraph shall operate to terminate, cancel or modify the Willis Settlement, the Willis Settlement Agreement or this Final Judgment and Bar Order.

- 10. Nothing in this Final Judgment and Bar Order, the Final Bar Order or the Willis Settlement Agreement and no aspect of the Willis Settlement or negotiation thereof is or shall be construed to be an admission or concession of any violation of any statute or law, of any fault, liability or wrongdoing, or of any infirmity in the claims or defenses of the parties with regard to any of the complaints, claims, allegations or defenses in this action, the Troice Litigation, the Janvey Litigation, the Other Willis Litigation, or any other proceeding. The Willis Defendants have always denied and continue to expressly deny any liability or wrongdoing with respect to the matters alleged in the complaints in this action, the Troice Litigation, the Janvey Litigation, the Other Willis Litigation, and any other claims related to the Stanford Entities.
- 11. Without in any way affecting the finality of this Final Judgment and Bar Order, the Court retains continuing and exclusive jurisdiction over the parties to this action for purposes of, among other things, the administration, interpretation, consummation, and enforcement of the

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Willis Settlement, the Willis Settlement Agreement, the Scheduling Order, the Final Bar Order and this Final Judgment and Bar Order, including, without limitation, the injunctions, bar orders, and releases herein, and to enter orders concerning implementation of the Willis Settlement, the

12. All relief that is not expressly granted herein is denied. This is a final judgment.

The Clerk of the Court is directed to enter Judgment in conformity herewith.

Signed on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2016

Willis Settlement Agreement, and the Distribution Plan.

DAVID C. GODBEY UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

| CARLOS TISMINESKY, ET AL.,   | §                                  |
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|                              | §                                  |
| Plaintiffs,                  | §                                  |
|                              | §                                  |
| V.                           | § CIVIL ACTION No. 3:13-cv-02573-N |
|                              | §                                  |
| WILLIS GROUP HOLDINGS PUBLIC | §                                  |
| LIMITED COMPANY, ET AL.,     | §                                  |
|                              | §                                  |
| Defendants.                  | <b>§</b>                           |

### FINAL JUDGMENT AND BAR ORDER

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Receiver, the Committee, and the Investor Plaintiffs are referred to collectively as the "Troice-Janvey Plaintiffs."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The "Willis Defendants" refers, collectively, to Willis Towers Watson Public Limited Company (f/k/a Willis Group Holdings Limited), Willis Limited, Willis North America Inc. ("Willis NA"), Willis of Colorado, Inc., Willis of Texas, Inc., and Amy S. Baranoucky.

appointed Examiner signed the Willis Settlement Agreement<sup>3</sup> as chair of the Committee, and as Examiner solely to evidence his support and approval of the Willis Settlement and to confirm his obligations to post the Notice on his website, but is not otherwise individually a party to the Willis Settlement, the Janvey Litigation, or the Troice Litigation.

### I. INTRODUCTION

The SEC Action, the Troice Litigation, the Janvey Litigation, and this case all arise from a series of events relating to the collapse of Stanford International Bank, Ltd. ("SIBL"). On February 16, 2009, this Court appointed Ralph S. Janvey to be the Receiver for SIBL and related parties (the "Stanford Entities"). [SEC Action ECF No. 10]. After years of diligent investigation, the Troice-Janvey Plaintiffs believe that they have identified claims against a number of third parties, including the Willis Defendants, that the Troice-Janvey Plaintiffs claim enabled the Stanford Ponzi scheme. The Troice-Janvey Plaintiffs and the plaintiffs in this action allege, *inter alia*, that certain of the Willis Defendants aided and abetted the Stanford Ponzi scheme. In addition, in the Janvey Litigation, the Receiver and the Committee allege, *inter alia*, that certain of the Willis Defendants aided, abetted or participated in breaches of fiduciary duty, aided, abetted or participated in a fraudulent scheme, and aided, abetted or participated in fraudulent transfers. The Willis Defendants have always denied and continue to expressly deny any and all allegations of wrongdoing.

Lengthy, multiparty negotiations led to the Willis Settlement. In these negotiations, potential victims of the Stanford Ponzi scheme were well-represented. The Investor Plaintiffs, the Committee—which the Court appointed to "represent[] in this case and related matters" the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The "Willis Settlement Agreement" refers to the Settlement Agreement that is attached as Exhibit 1 of the Appendix to the Expedited Request for Entry of Scheduling Order and Motion to Approve Proposed Settlement with Willis, to Approve the Proposed Notice of Settlement with Willis, to Enter the Bar Order, and to Enter the Final Judgment and Bar Orders (the "Motion") filed in the SEC Action and the Janvey Litigation.

"customers of SIBL who, as of February 16, 2009, had funds on deposit at SIBL and/or were holding certificates of deposit issued by SIBL (the 'Stanford Investors')" [SEC Action ECF No. 1149]—the Receiver, and the Examiner—who the Court appointed to advocate on behalf of "investors in any financial products, accounts, vehicles or ventures sponsored, promoted or sold by any Defendant in this action" [SEC Action ECF No. 322]—all participated in the extensive, arm's-length negotiations that ultimately resulted in the Willis Settlement and the Willis Settlement Agreement. The parties reached an agreement-in-principle at a mediation with the retired Honorable Layn R. Phillips on March 31, 2016, and the parties executed the Willis Settlement Agreement on August , 2016.

Under the terms of the Willis Settlement, Willis NA will pay \$120,000,000 to the Receivership Estate, which (less attorneys' fees and expenses) will be distributed to Stanford Investors. In return, the Willis Defendants seek global peace with respect to all claims that have been, could have been, or could be asserted against any of the Willis Defendants and any of the Willis Released Parties by any Person arising out of or related to the events leading to these proceedings, and with respect to all claims that have been, could have been, or could be asserted against any of the Willis Defendants and any of the Willis Released Parties by any Person arising from or related to the Willis Defendants' relationship with the Stanford Entities. Obtaining such global peace is a critical and material component of the Settlement. Accordingly, the Willis Settlement is conditioned on, among other things, the Court's approval and entry of final bar orders enjoining any Person from asserting, maintaining or prosecuting claims against any of the Willis Defendants or any of the Willis Released Parties.

| On                         | _, 2016, the  | Troice-Janvey | Plaintiffs | filed the | Motion   | in | the | SEC |
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| The Court thereafter entered a Scheduling Order on, 2016 [SEC Action ECF No.                     |
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| ; Janvey Action ECF No], which, inter alia, authorized the Receiver to provide                   |
| Notice of the Willis Settlement, established a briefing schedule on the Motion, and set the date |
| for a hearing. On, 2016, the Court held the scheduled hearing. For the reasons set               |
| forth in the Final Bar Order and herein, the Court finds that the terms of the Willis Settlement |
| Agreement are adequate, fair, reasonable, and equitable; and the Court approves the Willis       |
| Settlement. The Court further finds that entry of this Final Judgment and Bar Order is           |
| appropriate.   |

### II. ORDER

It is hereby **ORDERED**, **ADJUDGED**, **AND DECREED** as follows:

- 1. Terms used in this Final Judgment and Bar Order that are defined in the Willis Settlement Agreement, unless expressly otherwise defined herein, have the same meaning as in the Willis Settlement Agreement.
- 2. The Court has "broad powers and wide discretion to determine the appropriate relief in [this] equity receivership," including the authority to enter the Final Bar Order. *SEC v. Kaleta*, 530 F. App'x 360, 362 (5th Cir. 2013) (internal quotations omitted); *see also SEC v. Parish*, 2010 WL 8347143 (D.S.C. Feb. 10, 2010). Moreover, the Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action, and the Troice-Janvey Plaintiffs are proper parties to seek entry of this Final Judgment and Bar Order.
- 3. The Court finds that the methodology, form, content and dissemination of the Notice: (i) were implemented in accordance with the requirements of the Scheduling Order; (ii) constituted the best practicable notice; (iii) were reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise all Interested Parties of the Willis Settlement, the Willis Settlement Agreement, the releases therein, and the injunctions provided for in this Final Judgment and Bar Order, the Final FINAL JUDGMENT AND BAR ORDER

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Bar Order to be entered in the SEC Action, and the Final Judgment and Bar Orders to be entered in the Janvey Litigation and the Other Willis Litigation (to the extent pending before the Court);<sup>4</sup> (iv) were reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise all Interested Parties of the right to object to the Willis Settlement, the Willis Settlement Agreement, this Final Judgment and Bar Order, the Final Bar Order to be entered in the SEC Action, and the Final Judgment and Bar Orders to be entered in the Janvey Litigation and the Other Willis Litigation (to the extent pending before the Court), and to appear at the Final Approval Hearing; (v) were reasonable and constituted due, adequate, and sufficient notice; (vi) met all applicable requirements of law, including, without limitation, the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the United States Constitution (including Due Process), and the Rules of the Court; and (vii) provided to all Persons a full and fair opportunity to be heard on these matters.

4. The Court finds that the Willis Settlement was reached following an extensive investigation of the facts and resulted from vigorous, good faith, arm's-length, mediated negotiations involving experienced and competent counsel. The claims asserted against the Willis Defendants contain complex and novel issues of law and fact that would require a substantial amount of time and expense to litigate, with a significant risk that the Troice-Janvey

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The "Other Willis Litigation" is defined in the Willis Settlement Agreement to include the 11 additional actions (including this action) relating to the same subject matter as the Troice Litigation and the Janvey Litigation: (i) Ranni v. Willis of Colorado, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 9-22085, filed on July 17, 2009 in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida; (ii) Rupert v. Winter, et al., Case No. 20090C116137, filed on September 14, 2009 in Texas state court (Bexar County); (iii) Casanova v. Willis of Colorado, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 3:10-CV-1862-O, filed on September 16, 2010 in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas; (iv) Rishmague v. Winter, et al., Case No. 2011C12585, filed on March 11, 2011 in Texas state court (Bexar County); (v) MacArthur v. Winter, et al., Case No. 2013-07840, filed on February 8, 2013 in Texas state court (Harris County); (vi) Barbar v. Willis Group Holdings Public Limited Company, et al., Case No. 13-05666CA27, filed on February 14, 2013 in Florida state court (Miami-Dade County); (vii) de Gadala-Maria v. Willis Group Holdings Public Limited Company, et al., Case No. 13-05669CA30, filed on February 14, 2013 in Florida state court (Miami-Dade County); (viii) Ranni v. Willis Group Holdings Public Limited Company, et al., Case No. 13-05673CA06, filed on February 14, 2013 in Florida state court (Miami-Dade County); (ix) Tisminesky v. Willis Group Holdings Public Limited Company, et al., Case No. 13-05676CA09, filed on February 14, 2013 in Florida state court (Miami-Dade County); (x) Zacarias v. Willis Group Holdings Public Limited Company, et al., Case No. 13-05678CA11, filed on February 14, 2013 in Florida state court (Miami-Dade County); and (xi) Martin v. Willis of Colorado, Inc., et al., Case No. 2016-52115, filed on August 5, 2016 in Texas state court (Harris County).

Plaintiffs and the plaintiffs herein may not ultimately prevail on their claims. By the same token, it is clear that the Willis Defendants would never agree to the terms of the Willis Settlement unless they were assured of global peace with respect to all claims that have been, could have been, or could be asserted against any of the Willis Defendants and any of the Willis Released Parties by any Person arising out of or related to the events leading to these proceedings, and with respect to all claims that have been, could have been, or could be asserted against any of the Willis Defendants and any of the Willis Released Parties by any Person arising from or related to the Willis Defendants' relationship with the Stanford Entities. The injunction against such claims is therefore a necessary and appropriate order ancillary to the relief obtained for victims of the Stanford Ponzi scheme pursuant to the Willis Settlement. *See Kaleta*, 530 F. App'x at 362 (entering bar order and injunction against investor claims as "ancillary relief' to a settlement in an SEC receivership proceeding); *Parish*, 2010 WL 8347143 (similar).

- 5. Pursuant to the Willis Settlement Agreement and upon motion by the Receiver in the SEC Action, this Court will approve a Distribution Plan that will fairly and reasonably distribute the net proceeds of the Willis Settlement to Stanford Investors who have claims approved by the Receiver. The Court finds that the Receiver's claims process and the Distribution Plan contemplated in the Willis Settlement Agreement have been designed to ensure that all Stanford Investors have received an opportunity to pursue their claims through the Receiver's claims process previously approved by the Court (SEC Action ECF No. 1584).
- 6. Accordingly, the Court finds that the Willis Settlement is, in all respects, fair, reasonable, and adequate, and in the best interests of all Persons claiming an interest in, having authority over, or asserting a claim against any of the Willis Defendants and any of the Willis Released Parties, the Stanford Entities or the Receivership Estate, including but not limited to the

plaintiffs in this action, the Troice-Janvey Plaintiffs, the Claimants, the Stanford Investors, the Interested Parties, the Receiver, and the Committee.

7. The Court hereby permanently bars, restrains and enjoins the plaintiffs in this action, the Receiver, the Troice-Janvey Plaintiffs, the Claimants, the Interested Parties, and all other Persons or entities, whether acting in concert with the foregoing or claiming by, through, or under the foregoing, or otherwise, all and individually, from directly, indirectly, or through a third party, instituting, reinstituting, intervening in, initiating, commencing, maintaining, continuing, filing, encouraging, soliciting, supporting, participating in, collaborating in, or otherwise prosecuting, against any of the Willis Defendants or any of the Willis Released Parties, now or at any time in the future, any action, lawsuit, cause of action, claim, investigation, demand, complaint, or proceeding of any nature, including but not limited to litigation, arbitration, or other proceeding, in any Forum, whether individually, derivatively, on behalf of a class, as a member of a class, or in any other capacity whatsoever, that in any way relates to, is based upon, arises from, or is connected with the Stanford Entities; this case; the Troice Litigation; the Janvey Litigation; the Other Willis Litigation; or the subject matter of this case, the Troice Litigation, the Janvey Litigation, the Other Willis Litigation or any Settled Claim. The foregoing specifically includes, but is not limited to, any claim, however denominated, seeking contribution, indemnity, damages, or other remedy where the alleged injury to such Person, entity, or Interested Party, or the claim asserted by such Person, entity, or Interested Party, is based upon such Person's, entity's, or Interested Party's liability to any plaintiff, Claimant, or Interested Party arising out of, relating to, or based in whole or in part upon money owed, demanded, requested, offered, paid, agreed to be paid, or required to be paid to any plaintiff, Claimant, Interested Party, or other Person or entity, whether pursuant to a demand, judgment,

claim, agreement, settlement or otherwise. Notwithstanding the foregoing, there shall be no bar of any claims, including but not limited to the Settled Claims, that any of the Willis Defendants may have against any Willis Released Party (other than any of the other Willis Defendants), including but not limited to its insurers, reinsurers, employees and agents. Further, the Parties to the Willis Settlement Agreement retain the right to sue for alleged breaches of the Willis Settlement Agreement.

- 8. Nothing in this Final Judgment and Bar Order shall impair or affect or be construed to impair or affect in any way whatsoever, any right of any Person, entity, or Interested Party to (a) claim a credit or offset, however determined or quantified, if and to the extent provided by any applicable statute, code, or rule of law, against any judgment amount, based upon the Willis Settlement or payment of the Settlement Amount by or on behalf of the Willis Defendants and the Willis Released Parties; (b) designate a "responsible third party" or "settling person" under Chapter 33 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code; or (c) take discovery under applicable rules in other litigation; provided for the avoidance of doubt that nothing in this paragraph shall be interpreted to permit or authorize (x) any action or claim seeking to recover any monetary or other relief from any of the Willis Defendants or any of the Willis Released Parties, or (y) the commencement, assertion or continuation of any action or claim against any of the Willis Defendants or any of the Willis Released Parties, including any action or claim seeking to impose any liability of any kind (including but not limited to liability for contribution, indemnification or otherwise) upon any of the Willis Defendants or any of the Willis Released Parties.
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Notice; the notice process; the Distribution Plan; the implementation of the Distribution Plan; the administration of the Willis Settlement; the management, investment, disbursement, allocation, or other administration or oversight of the Settlement Amount, any other funds paid or received in connection with the Willis Settlement, or any portion thereof; the payment or withholding of Taxes; the determination, administration, calculation, review, or challenge of claims to the Settlement Amount, any portion of the Settlement Amount, or any other funds paid or received in connection with the Willis Settlement or the Willis Settlement Agreement; or any losses, attorneys' fees, expenses, vendor payments, expert payments, or other costs incurred in connection with any of the foregoing matters. No appeal, challenge, decision, or other matter concerning any subject set forth in this paragraph shall operate to terminate, cancel or modify the Willis Settlement, the Willis Settlement Agreement or this Final Judgment and Bar Order.

- 10. Nothing in this Final Judgment and Bar Order, the Final Bar Order or the Willis Settlement Agreement and no aspect of the Willis Settlement or negotiation thereof is or shall be construed to be an admission or concession of any violation of any statute or law, of any fault, liability or wrongdoing, or of any infirmity in the claims or defenses of the parties with regard to any of the complaints, claims, allegations or defenses in this action, the Troice Litigation, the Janvey Litigation, the Other Willis Litigation, or any other proceeding. The Willis Defendants have always denied and continue to expressly deny any liability or wrongdoing with respect to the matters alleged in the complaints in this action, the Troice Litigation, the Janvey Litigation, the Other Willis Litigation, and any other claims related to the Stanford Entities.
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Willis Settlement, the Willis Settlement Agreement, the Scheduling Order, the Final Bar Order and this Final Judgment and Bar Order, including, without limitation, the injunctions, bar orders, and releases herein, and to enter orders concerning implementation of the Willis Settlement, the

12. All relief that is not expressly granted herein is denied. This is a final judgment.

The Clerk of the Court is directed to enter Judgment in conformity herewith.

| Signed on | , | 2016 |
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Willis Settlement Agreement, and the Distribution Plan.

DAVID C. GODBEY UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

| ANTONIO JUBIS ZACARIAS, ET AL., | §                |                     |
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|                                 | §                |                     |
| Plaintiffs,                     | §                |                     |
|                                 | §                |                     |
| V.                              | § CIVIL ACTION I | No. 3:13-ev-02570-N |
|                                 | §                |                     |
| WILLIS GROUP HOLDINGS PUBLIC    | §                |                     |
| LIMITED COMPANY, ET AL.,        | §                |                     |
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| Defendants.                     | §                |                     |

## FINAL JUDGMENT AND BAR ORDER

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### I. INTRODUCTION

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| On                               | _, 2016, the Troice-Janvey | Y Plaintiffs filed the Motion in the | ie SEC |
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| Agreement are adequate, fair, reasonable, and equitable; and the Court approves the Willis       |
| Settlement. The Court further finds that entry of this Final Judgment and Bar Order is           |
| appropriate.   |

### II. ORDER

It is hereby **ORDERED**, **ADJUDGED**, **AND DECREED** as follows:

- 1. Terms used in this Final Judgment and Bar Order that are defined in the Willis Settlement Agreement, unless expressly otherwise defined herein, have the same meaning as in the Willis Settlement Agreement.
- 2. The Court has "broad powers and wide discretion to determine the appropriate relief in [this] equity receivership," including the authority to enter the Final Bar Order. *SEC v. Kaleta*, 530 F. App'x 360, 362 (5th Cir. 2013) (internal quotations omitted); *see also SEC v. Parish*, 2010 WL 8347143 (D.S.C. Feb. 10, 2010). Moreover, the Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action, and the Troice-Janvey Plaintiffs are proper parties to seek entry of this Final Judgment and Bar Order.
- 3. The Court finds that the methodology, form, content and dissemination of the Notice: (i) were implemented in accordance with the requirements of the Scheduling Order; (ii) constituted the best practicable notice; (iii) were reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise all Interested Parties of the Willis Settlement, the Willis Settlement Agreement, the releases therein, and the injunctions provided for in this Final Judgment and Bar Order, the Final

Bar Order to be entered in the SEC Action, and the Final Judgment and Bar Orders to be entered in the Janvey Litigation and the Other Willis Litigation (to the extent pending before the Court);<sup>4</sup> (iv) were reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise all Interested Parties of the right to object to the Willis Settlement, the Willis Settlement Agreement, this Final Judgment and Bar Order, the Final Bar Order to be entered in the SEC Action, and the Final Judgment and Bar Orders to be entered in the Janvey Litigation and the Other Willis Litigation (to the extent pending before the Court), and to appear at the Final Approval Hearing; (v) were reasonable and constituted due, adequate, and sufficient notice; (vi) met all applicable requirements of law, including, without limitation, the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the United States Constitution (including Due Process), and the Rules of the Court; and (vii) provided to all Persons a full and fair opportunity to be heard on these matters.

4. The Court finds that the Willis Settlement was reached following an extensive investigation of the facts and resulted from vigorous, good faith, arm's-length, mediated negotiations involving experienced and competent counsel. The claims asserted against the Willis Defendants contain complex and novel issues of law and fact that would require a substantial amount of time and expense to litigate, with a significant risk that the Troice-Janvey

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The "Other Willis Litigation" is defined in the Willis Settlement Agreement to include the 11 additional actions (including this action) relating to the same subject matter as the Troice Litigation and the Janvey Litigation: (i) Ranni v. Willis of Colorado, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 9-22085, filed on July 17, 2009 in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida; (ii) Rupert v. Winter, et al., Case No. 20090C116137, filed on September 14, 2009 in Texas state court (Bexar County); (iii) Casanova v. Willis of Colorado, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 3:10-CV-1862-O, filed on September 16, 2010 in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas; (iv) Rishmague v. Winter, et al., Case No. 2011C12585, filed on March 11, 2011 in Texas state court (Bexar County); (v) MacArthur v. Winter, et al., Case No. 2013-07840, filed on February 8, 2013 in Texas state court (Harris County); (vi) Barbar v. Willis Group Holdings Public Limited Company, et al., Case No. 13-05666CA27, filed on February 14, 2013 in Florida state court (Miami-Dade County); (vii) de Gadala-Maria v. Willis Group Holdings Public Limited Company, et al., Case No. 13-05669CA30, filed on February 14, 2013 in Florida state court (Miami-Dade County); (viii) Ranni v. Willis Group Holdings Public Limited Company, et al., Case No. 13-05673CA06, filed on February 14, 2013 in Florida state court (Miami-Dade County); (ix) Tisminesky v. Willis Group Holdings Public Limited Company, et al., Case No. 13-05676CA09, filed on February 14, 2013 in Florida state court (Miami-Dade County); (x) Zacarias v. Willis Group Holdings Public Limited Company, et al., Case No. 13-05678CA11, filed on February 14, 2013 in Florida state court (Miami-Dade County); and (xi) Martin v. Willis of Colorado, Inc., et al., Case No. 2016-52115, filed on August 5, 2016 in Texas state court (Harris County).

Plaintiffs and the plaintiffs herein may not ultimately prevail on their claims. By the same token, it is clear that the Willis Defendants would never agree to the terms of the Willis Settlement unless they were assured of global peace with respect to all claims that have been, could have been, or could be asserted against any of the Willis Defendants and any of the Willis Released Parties by any Person arising out of or related to the events leading to these proceedings, and with respect to all claims that have been, could have been, or could be asserted against any of the Willis Defendants and any of the Willis Released Parties by any Person arising from or related to the Willis Defendants' relationship with the Stanford Entities. The injunction against such claims is therefore a necessary and appropriate order ancillary to the relief obtained for victims of the Stanford Ponzi scheme pursuant to the Willis Settlement. *See Kaleta*, 530 F. App'x at 362 (entering bar order and injunction against investor claims as "ancillary relief" to a settlement in an SEC receivership proceeding); *Parish*, 2010 WL 8347143 (similar).

- 5. Pursuant to the Willis Settlement Agreement and upon motion by the Receiver in the SEC Action, this Court will approve a Distribution Plan that will fairly and reasonably distribute the net proceeds of the Willis Settlement to Stanford Investors who have claims approved by the Receiver. The Court finds that the Receiver's claims process and the Distribution Plan contemplated in the Willis Settlement Agreement have been designed to ensure that all Stanford Investors have received an opportunity to pursue their claims through the Receiver's claims process previously approved by the Court (SEC Action ECF No. 1584).
- 6. Accordingly, the Court finds that the Willis Settlement is, in all respects, fair, reasonable, and adequate, and in the best interests of all Persons claiming an interest in, having authority over, or asserting a claim against any of the Willis Defendants and any of the Willis Released Parties, the Stanford Entities or the Receivership Estate, including but not limited to the

plaintiffs in this action, the Troice-Janvey Plaintiffs, the Claimants, the Stanford Investors, the Interested Parties, the Receiver, and the Committee.

7. The Court hereby permanently bars, restrains and enjoins the plaintiffs in this action, the Receiver, the Troice-Janvey Plaintiffs, the Claimants, the Interested Parties, and all other Persons or entities, whether acting in concert with the foregoing or claiming by, through, or under the foregoing, or otherwise, all and individually, from directly, indirectly, or through a third party, instituting, reinstituting, intervening in, initiating, commencing, maintaining, continuing, filing, encouraging, soliciting, supporting, participating in, collaborating in, or otherwise prosecuting, against any of the Willis Defendants or any of the Willis Released Parties, now or at any time in the future, any action, lawsuit, cause of action, claim, investigation, demand, complaint, or proceeding of any nature, including but not limited to litigation, arbitration, or other proceeding, in any Forum, whether individually, derivatively, on behalf of a class, as a member of a class, or in any other capacity whatsoever, that in any way relates to, is based upon, arises from, or is connected with the Stanford Entities; this case; the Troice Litigation; the Janvey Litigation; the Other Willis Litigation; or the subject matter of this case, the Troice Litigation, the Janvey Litigation, the Other Willis Litigation or any Settled Claim. The foregoing specifically includes, but is not limited to, any claim, however denominated, seeking contribution, indemnity, damages, or other remedy where the alleged injury to such Person, entity, or Interested Party, or the claim asserted by such Person, entity, or Interested Party, is based upon such Person's, entity's, or Interested Party's liability to any plaintiff, Claimant, or Interested Party arising out of, relating to, or based in whole or in part upon money owed, demanded, requested, offered, paid, agreed to be paid, or required to be paid to any plaintiff, Claimant, Interested Party, or other Person or entity, whether pursuant to a demand, judgment,

claim, agreement, settlement or otherwise. Notwithstanding the foregoing, there shall be no bar of any claims, including but not limited to the Settled Claims, that any of the Willis Defendants may have against any Willis Released Party (other than any of the other Willis Defendants), including but not limited to its insurers, reinsurers, employees and agents. Further, the Parties to the Willis Settlement Agreement retain the right to sue for alleged breaches of the Willis Settlement Agreement.

- 8. Nothing in this Final Judgment and Bar Order shall impair or affect or be construed to impair or affect in any way whatsoever, any right of any Person, entity, or Interested Party to (a) claim a credit or offset, however determined or quantified, if and to the extent provided by any applicable statute, code, or rule of law, against any judgment amount, based upon the Willis Settlement or payment of the Settlement Amount by or on behalf of the Willis Defendants and the Willis Released Parties; (b) designate a "responsible third party" or "settling person" under Chapter 33 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code; or (c) take discovery under applicable rules in other litigation; provided for the avoidance of doubt that nothing in this paragraph shall be interpreted to permit or authorize (x) any action or claim seeking to recover any monetary or other relief from any of the Willis Defendants or any of the Willis Released Parties, or (y) the commencement, assertion or continuation of any action or claim against any of the Willis Defendants or any of the Willis Released Parties, including any action or claim seeking to impose any liability of any kind (including but not limited to liability for contribution, indemnification or otherwise) upon any of the Willis Defendants or any of the Willis Released Parties.
- 9. The Willis Defendants and the Willis Released Parties have no responsibility, obligation, or liability whatsoever with respect to the cost associated with or the content of the

Notice; the notice process; the Distribution Plan; the implementation of the Distribution Plan; the administration of the Willis Settlement; the management, investment, disbursement, allocation, or other administration or oversight of the Settlement Amount, any other funds paid or received in connection with the Willis Settlement, or any portion thereof; the payment or withholding of Taxes; the determination, administration, calculation, review, or challenge of claims to the Settlement Amount, any portion of the Settlement Amount, or any other funds paid or received in connection with the Willis Settlement or the Willis Settlement Agreement; or any losses, attorneys' fees, expenses, vendor payments, expert payments, or other costs incurred in connection with any of the foregoing matters. No appeal, challenge, decision, or other matter concerning any subject set forth in this paragraph shall operate to terminate, cancel or modify the Willis Settlement, the Willis Settlement Agreement or this Final Judgment and Bar Order.

- 10. Nothing in this Final Judgment and Bar Order, the Final Bar Order or the Willis Settlement Agreement and no aspect of the Willis Settlement or negotiation thereof is or shall be construed to be an admission or concession of any violation of any statute or law, of any fault, liability or wrongdoing, or of any infirmity in the claims or defenses of the parties with regard to any of the complaints, claims, allegations or defenses in this action, the Troice Litigation, the Janvey Litigation, the Other Willis Litigation, or any other proceeding. The Willis Defendants have always denied and continue to expressly deny any liability or wrongdoing with respect to the matters alleged in the complaints in this action, the Troice Litigation, the Janvey Litigation, the Other Willis Litigation, and any other claims related to the Stanford Entities.
- 11. Without in any way affecting the finality of this Final Judgment and Bar Order, the Court retains continuing and exclusive jurisdiction over the parties to this action for purposes of, among other things, the administration, interpretation, consummation, and enforcement of the

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Willis Settlement, the Willis Settlement Agreement, the Scheduling Order, the Final Bar Order

and this Final Judgment and Bar Order, including, without limitation, the injunctions, bar orders,

and releases herein, and to enter orders concerning implementation of the Willis Settlement, the

Willis Settlement Agreement, and the Distribution Plan.

12. All relief that is not expressly granted herein is denied. This is a final judgment.

The Clerk of the Court is directed to enter Judgment in conformity herewith.

Signed on \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2016

DAVID C. GODBEY UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE