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March 13, 2023

Thomas Dewey  
Dewey, Cheatham, and Howe, LLP  
101 Lost State of Franklin Blvd.  
Jonesborough, TN 37659

Re: Continued Administration of Estate of **John Q. Citizen**  
Probate Case Number: **P3052**

Dear Mr. Dewey:

We have reviewed our file on the above referenced estate opened NOVEMBER 1, 2016. Please provide our office with an estimate of the time necessary to complete the administration of this estate which may include filing the following documents:

1. Sworn Statement of Notice to Creditors;
2. Releases from each Beneficiary; and,
3. Final Accounting (or sworn statement in lieu of same).

If you have any pending Claim Exceptions or Motions, please contact our office immediately upon receipt of this letter to set a hearing date or the Court will set a date at its discretion.

Your immediate attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

SARAH LAWSON, CLERK AND MASTER

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By: Deputy Clerk and Master

IN THE CHANCERY COURT  
FOR THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
AT CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE

IN THE MATTER OF:

Petitioners

,  
vs.

Respondents.

Civil Action No.

***NOTICE TO INCARCERATED PARENT OF THE PARENT'S RIGHTS  
UNDER TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED SECTION 36-1-113***

TAKE NOTICE that you are a respondent or defendant in a petition or cause action that seeks to terminate your parental rights to the child listed above. Take further notice that upon a parent's request, and when the parent is indigent, the Court will appoint legal counsel to represent a parent in a parental termination case. This is done pursuant to the law and the rules of court found at TENN. CODE ANN. § 36-1-113 and TENN. S. CT. R. 13 §1 (d)(2).

Further it appears in the pleadings and upon information and belief that you may be a parent or guardian who is incarcerated or who was incarcerated at the time of the petition seeking the termination of your parental or guardian rights was initiated. Accordingly, pursuant to TENN. CODE ANN. § 36-1-113, you are notified of the following:

- (1) You are entitled to notice of the time and place of the hearing to terminate your parental rights;

(2) the hearing regarding the petition to termination your parental will determine whether the rights of you as an incarcerated parent or guardian should be terminated;

(3) As the incarcerated parent or guardian, you have the right to participate in the hearing and contest the allegation that your rights as a parent or guardian should be terminated, and, at the discretion of the court, such participation may be achieved through personal appearance, teleconference, telecommunication or other means deemed by the court to be appropriate under the circumstances;

(4) That as the incarcerated parent or guardian that if you wish to participate in the hearing and contest the allegation, that as such parent or guardian:

(A) if indigent, your will be provided with a court-appointed attorney to assist you in contesting the allegations and petition that seek to terminate your parental rights; and

(B) you have the right to perpetuate your testimony or that of any witness by means of depositions or interrogatories as provided by the Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure; and

(5) If, by means of a signed waiver by you, the court determines that you as an incarcerated parent or guardian has voluntarily waived the right to participate in the hearing and contest the allegation, or if such parent or guardian takes no action after receiving notice of such rights, the court may proceed with such action without your participation.

Further, a Uniform Affidavit of Indigency has been provided to you with this notice. If you desire to contest these proceedings and you desire representation by a court-appointed attorney, you must complete the Uniform Affidavit of Indigency and promptly file it with the Court. Upon review, the Court will enter an Order determining whether a court-appointed attorney will be provided to you. If you take no action after receiving this notice, the court may proceed with the action to terminate your parental rights without your participation.

TAKE NOTICE AND GOVERN YOURSELF ACCORDINGLY.

CLERK AND MASTER

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by:

IN THE CHANCERY COURT  
FOR THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
AT WASHINGTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

	Civil Action No.
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*FIAT*

TO THE CLERK & MASTER OF THIS COURT:

In all cases seeking the termination of parental rights, serve a *NOTICE TO PARENT OF THE PARENT'S RIGHTS TO HAVE AN ATTORNEY PROVIDED IF THE PARENT IS INDIGENT* and an *Affidavit of Indigency* upon each and every Respondent or Defendant.

SO ORDERED, this 22nd day of May 2014.

\_\_\_\_\_  
CHANCELLOR JOHN C. RAMBO

In the Chancery Court  
for the First Judicial District

In Re: Delinquent Tax Suits for  
Carter, Johnson, Unicoi,  
and Washington Counties

General Order Regarding  
Delinquent Tax fees

This matter came before the Honorable John C. Rambo, Chancellor for the First Judicial District of Tennessee, upon the joint meeting of the Clerk and Masters and Delinquent Tax Attorneys for the counties of the First Judicial District, for the purposes of establishing an Order setting forth the various fees charged by the counties' delinquent tax attorneys for their assistance to the Court in preparing orders and other pleadings related to the delinquent tax suit.

It is Ordered that the following fees for services are hereby established in the First Judicial District in delinquent tax suits:

1. \$150.00 fee for court appearance on contested redemption filings.
2. \$200.00 fee for court appearance and for preparing an Order to Claim Excess Funds.
3. \$75.00 fee for preparing an Agreed Order to Claim Excess Funds.

4. \$100.00 fee for preparation of a Delinquent Tax Deed, if requested by tax sale purchaser.
5. Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated §67-5-2502(c)(2) the Court sets a reasonable attorney fee for a reasonable search of the public record of \$25.00 per parcel and taxing entity for each tax year.
6. For Carter, Johnson, and Unicoi Counties, the Court sets a fee of \$275.00 for each County parcel, or city parcel if no county taxes are due, for a written title opinion update. This fee shall not be duplicated for multiple government entities claiming delinquent taxes on the parcel.
7. For Washington County, the Court sets a fee of \$175.00 for each County Parcel, or city parcel if no county taxes are due, for a written title opinion update. This fee shall not be duplicated for multiple government entities claiming delinquent taxes on the parcel.

This is a standing order and shall remain in effect until a subsequent scheduling order is filed.

*So Ordered*, this \_\_\_\_ day of June 2019.

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Chancellor John C. Rambo

In the Chancery Court  
for the First Judicial District

In Re: Delinquent Tax Suits for  
Carter, Johnson, Unicoi,  
and Washington Counties

General Order Regarding  
Scheduling of Delinquent  
Tax Suits

This matter came before the Honorable John C. Rambo, Chancellor for the First Judicial District of Tennessee, upon a joint meeting of the Clerk and Masters and Delinquent Tax Attorneys for the counties of the First Judicial District, for the purposes of establishing a uniform scheduling order related to the scheduling, fee assessment, and scheduling of delinquent tax sales in each county.

It is Ordered that the following deadlines are hereby established:

1. The tax suit shall be filed on April 1 each year, or the following Monday if April 1<sup>st</sup> falls on a weekend.
2. On or before April 15th of each year, the Clerk and Master shall verify the tax roll.
3. On or before April 30<sup>th</sup> of each year, the previous tax sale deeds shall be prepared and completed.



4. On or before May 20<sup>th</sup> of each year, any amendment to the Complaint must be filed.
5. On or before May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, at least one half of the tax summonses shall be issued. The remaining summonses shall be issued by May 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.
6. On or before June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year, all title opinions shall be completed and submitted in Carter, Johnson and Unicoi Counties. On or before August 31<sup>st</sup> of each year, all title opinions shall be completed and submitted in Washington County. Unicoi County shall have until August 31<sup>st</sup> for the year 2019 to submit title opinions. Thereafter, the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline shall apply.
7. On or before August 31<sup>st</sup> of each year, all service of process shall be reviewed by the tax attorney and summons reissued, if necessary. Summons for new owners to be issued by August 31.
8. On or before September 30<sup>th</sup> of each year, publication of Non-resident Notice shall be made.
9. On or before December 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, the Motion for Default shall be filed.
10. On or before December 15<sup>th</sup> of each year, the Order of Reference shall be submitted for entry.
11. On or before December 30<sup>th</sup> of each year, Notice of Hearing shall be served on all interested parties/lienholders, including the IRS.
12. On or before January 20<sup>th</sup> of each year, Motion for Default shall be heard and the corresponding order shall be entered.

13. On or before February 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, presentment of properties to be sold at the tax sale shall be submitted to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners.
14. On or before January 31<sup>st</sup> of each year, the Publication of Tax Sale Notice shall occur.
15. On or before February 28<sup>th</sup> of each year, the IRS agreed order shall be entered.
16. On or before March 25<sup>th</sup> of each year, the annual tax sale shall be conducted. Carter and Washington County shall not hold their tax sale on the same date.
17. On or before March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year, the Order of Confirmation shall be entered and recorded.

This is a standing order and shall remain in effect until a subsequent scheduling order is filed.

*So Ordered*, this \_\_\_\_ day of June 2019.

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Chancellor John C. Rambo

IN THE CHANCERY COURT  
CARTER COUNTY PROBATE DIVISION  
AT ELIZABETHTON, TENNESSEE

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF

Robert Frank Shields,  
Deceased

Mike R. Allen  
Personal Representative

Civil Action No. P190174

***NOTICE OF INTENT  
TO DISMISS PROBATE CASE WITHOUT PREJUDICE***

TO:           x     PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(s)

                  x     ATTORNEY(s) FOR THE ESTATE

                  x     BENEFICIARY/BENEFICIARIES OF THE ESTATE

                  x     CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE

Take notice that, pursuant to TENN. CODE ANN. § 30-2-324 - dismissing probate case without prejudice after notice; the Clerk and Master of the Probate Court will present this probate case to the Honorable John C. Rambo, Chancellor of the First Judicial District, who will be holding the Probate Court at the Carter County Courthouse, 801 E. Elk Avenue, Second Floor, Elizabethton, Tennessee, 37643 on **Thursday, January 19, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.** or as soon thereafter as the cause can be heard, and shall continue from day-to-day thereafter until completed. At this hearing, the Clerk and Master will report that no order of disposition has been entered in this probate case. The Clerk and Master will further report that a sufficient period of time has passed to allow for the

disposition of this probate case, as this estate has been opened since September 20, 2019. The Clerk and Master will further report the administration of the estate remains incomplete. Finally, the Clerk and Master will seek a dismissal, without prejudice, of this probate case to close the administration.

This the \_\_\_\_ day of December, 2022.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Andrew J. LaPorte, Clerk and Master

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the Notice of Intent was served upon the following by depositing in the U.S. Mail with sufficient first-class prepaid postage, addressed as follows:

William J. Byrd Attorney for Personal Representative 110 South Main Street Elizabethton, TN 37643	Mike Allen Personal Representative P.O. Box 1313 Monticello, FL 32345
Michael Allen 5130 Poplar Place SW Mableton, GA 30126	DCM Services/Emergency Physicians of Mid-America 7601 Penn Avenue South, Suite A600 Minneapolis, MN 55423
DCM Services/Discover Bank 7601 Penn Avenue South, Suite A600 Minneapolis, MN 55423	Ballad Health/Bristol Regional Medical Center P.O. Box 2308 Johnson City, TN 37605
MCOT Inc./Wellmont Health System 2004 American Way, Suite 101 Kingsport, TN 37660	

This the \_\_\_\_ day of December, 2022.

Andrew J. LaPorte, Clerk & Master

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk & Master

Probate Court for the First Judicial District  
at Washington County, Tennessee

The estate of

John Q. Citizen,

John Q. Citizen, Jr.,

Personal  
Representatives.

Civil Action No. 20-PR-001

**Notice of Status Hearing**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Petitioner will appear before the Honorable John C. Rambo, Chancellor for the Chancery Court for Washington County, Tennessee, for hearing on STATUS OF THE ESTATE on AUGUST 29, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the George P. Jaynes Justice Center, 108 W. Jackson Blvd., Jonesborough, Tennessee, in courtroom 5.

Failure to attend this hearing could result in relief being granted against you, or a dismissal of requested relief. Please take note and govern yourself accordingly.

Sarah Lawson, Clerk and Master

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy Clerk and Master

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that on June \_\_\_\_, 2021, I have caused a copy of this foregoing Notice to be served upon all counsel of record and self-represented parties, if any, by placing a copy of the foregoing order in the United States Mail with postage prepaid to the following addresses:

Attorney for the Personal Representative  
Personal Representative

Sarah Lawson, Clerk and Master

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by: Deputy Clerk and Master

IN THE PROBATE COURT  
FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY  
AT JONESBOROUGH, TENNESSEE

IN RE:

THE ESTATE OF

John Q. Citizen,

Deceased.

Civil Action No. P2099

***ORDER TO CLOSE INACTIVE ESTATE***

WHEREAS, it appears to the Court that the Petition for Appointment for Service of Process was filed for administration on October 24<sup>th</sup> 2013, and

WHEREAS, it appears to the Court that the administrator never took the oath of administration, and

WHEREAS, it appears to the Court that no letters of administration have ever been issued.

WHEREAS, this matter is still treated as “pending” for Tennessee Judicial Information System (TJIS) purposes, and

WHEREAS, it appears to the Court that no known beneficiary or creditor will be prejudiced by declaring this estate now closed for all purposes.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED:**

1. This estate is hereby declared inactive and closed for all purposes.
2. This estate is closed without prejudice and may be reopened upon the timely filing of an appropriate petition by an interested party, with notice to all interested parties.
3. The personal representative shall remain liable for any costs, fees, expenses, claims, and liabilities that have or may result from the failure to properly complete the administration of this estate.
4. Remaining costs are assessed jointly and severally against the personal representative and sureties, for which execution may issue.

Enter, pursuant to *Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rule 58.

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**CHANCELLOR JOHN C. RAMBO**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of this Order has been mailed to the personal representative in this action at the last known address in the file.

**Personal Representative:**

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of June 2016.

**SARAH LAWSON, CLERK & MASTER**

**BY:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Deputy Clerk and Master**



State of Tennessee	<b>CHANCERY COURT</b> FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT	
<b>Order Dismissing All Pending Motions and Petitions</b>		Case No.

It appears to the Court that the above case remains opens as there is one or more pending motions or petitions in this case that have not been adjudicated. As there has been no timely action to schedule these outstanding motion(s) or petition(s), these matters should be dismissed for failure to prosecute as it appears to the Court that the moving party or parties has failed to timely and diligently prosecute the pending motion(s) or petition(s), and neither party has scheduled the motions for hearing or petitions for trial.

It is therefore, ORDERED, sua sponté, that all motions or claims for relief not previously addressed by final order of this Court are hereby DENIED and DISMISSED, without prejudice, pursuant to *Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure 41.02(1)*, as well as Local Rule 4.01(A)(2). This case is now removed from the Court's active docket.

Costs remain taxed as previously ordered, but any post-judgment costs are taxed to the filing petitioner or moving party.

Clerk & Master enter and serve this Order.

So ORDERED, this the       day of

\_\_\_\_\_  
JOHN C. RAMBO, CHANCELLOR

*CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE*

I certify that on the date below that I served a copy of this Notice upon the parties, or counsel, at the following addresses:

by ☐ personal delivery ☐ U.S. Mail

by ☐ personal delivery ☐ U.S. Mail

by ☐ personal delivery ☐ U.S. Mail

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Chancery Court for the First Judicial District  
at Washington County, Tennessee

,  
Plaintiff,

v.

,  
Defendant.

Civil Action No.  
21-DM-1002

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***Order Mediation and  
Setting Trial***

Order of Chancellor Rambo:

This matter is pending before the Honorable John C. Rambo, upon the filing of a Complaint for divorce filed on December 9, 2021. No record of mediation is filed, and the parties have not docketed the case for trial.

*Sua Sponte*, the Court Orders as follows:

1. The parties must participate in the mediation as established by this order, with regard to all disputed issues.
2. The appearance of counsel who will try the case and each party is mandatory.
3. The court may impose sanctions against parties who do not attend the mediation or violate the terms of this Order.
4. At least *five* days before the mediation, each side shall present to the mediator a *brief*, written summary of the case containing a list of issues as to each party. Further, each party shall submit a compliant Rule

9 Statement of Income and Expenses and proposed parenting plan and child support worksheet for the minor child or children. If the attorney filing the summary desires its contents to remain confidential, the attorney should advise the mediator in writing at the same time the summary is submitted. Names of all participants in the mediation shall be disclosed to the mediator in the summary prior to the session.

5. The mediator shall be compensated by the parties at the rate of \$175 per hour unless otherwise agreed in writing, and each party shall bear the cost in equal proportion.

6. The mediator shall have no power to compel or enforce settlement agreements and shall not render legal advice to any party. Upon settlement being reached, the attorneys shall reduce the agreement to writing in the form of a marital dissolution agreement or agreed parenting plan and child support worksheet, or both, at the conclusion of the mediation conference and before the parties leave the mediation. The attorneys shall coordinate that at least one attorney will bring, in electronic format, an outline of a marital dissolution agreement and parenting plan to facilitate the quick drafting of agreed documents at the mediation.

7. If no settlement is reached, the mediator shall have 10 days to file a report with the Clerk and Master and the parties.

8. The parties' attorneys shall be responsible for obtaining a mediator and scheduling the mediation conference within 10 days of this Order. The parties shall attempt to agree upon a mediator. A date and time for mediation convenient to all shall be obtained from the mediator.

9. If the parties cannot agree on a mediator within 10 days of this Order, the Plaintiff's attorney shall notify the court within *Three* days of the expiration of the 10-day period (written notice filed with the Clerk and Master, courtesy copy to chambers, and served on opposing counsel), and the Court shall appoint a mediator.

10. Mediation shall commence on or before December 16, 2022. Mediation shall be completed within *one* week of the first mediation conference unless extended by order of the court.

11. The Clerk and Master is *Ordered* to place this matter on the Court's docket for trial on January 17, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

12. The Clerk and Master shall serve a copy of this Order on all parties or their counsel.

So *Ordered*, this \_\_\_\_ day of August 2022.

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Chancellor John C. Rambo

Certificate of Service

I, Sarah Lawson, Clerk & Master, do hereby certify that I have mailed a true and exact copy of the foregoing Order, postage prepaid, as follows:

On this the \_\_\_\_ day of August 2022.

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Sarah Lawson, Clerk and Master

Chancery Court for the First Judicial District  
at Washington County, Tennessee

Moore Freight Service, Inc.  
and FrankCrum,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Buddy Loudy,

Defendant.

Case No.

TCSES No:

***Order***

In this case, an attachment issued by the Clerk and Master upon order of this Court remains unserved. Pursuant to the Tennessee Judicial Information System Reporting Guidelines, page 21, category 9, this case is not dismissed, but it is retired until such time as the Attachment is served and Respondent is brought before the Court.

SO ORDERED, this day of December 2017.

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CHANCELLOR JOHN C. RAMBO

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Order was served upon Ms. Mitzi Privette, Child Support Enforcement, 1500 W. Elk Avenue, Ste. 206, Elizabethton, TN 37643 by hand delivery on the \_\_\_\_ day of December 2017.

Sarah Lawson, Clerk and Master

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk and Master

State of Tennessee	<b>CHANCERY COURT</b> FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Order of Involuntary Dismissal</b></p>		Case No.

It appears to the Court that the above case should be dismissed for failure to prosecute as it appears to the Court that Plaintiff has failed to timely and diligently prosecute this action, and neither party has scheduled the case for trial.

It is therefore, **ORDERED**, sua sponté, that the within styled cause is hereby **DISMISSED**, pursuant to *Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure 41.02(1)*, without prejudice, as well as Local Rule 4.01(A)(2).

Costs are taxed to \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk & Master enter and serve this Order.

So ORDERED, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
JOHN C. RAMBO, CHANCELLOR

*CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE*

I certify that on the date below that I served a copy of this Notice upon the parties, or counsel, at the following addresses:

by ☐ personal delivery ☐ U.S. Mail

by ☐ personal delivery ☐ U.S. Mail

by ☐ personal delivery ☐ U.S. Mail

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

IN THE PROBATE COURT  
FOR CARTER COUNTY  
AT ELIZABETHTON, TENNESSEE

In Re: Estate of \_\_\_\_\_

Civil Action No. \_\_\_\_\_

***ORDER REQUIRING STATUS REPORT***

The Clerk and Master's records indicate this decedent's estate has been open since

\_\_\_\_\_.

It is therefore ORDERED that the Personal Representative(s) shall file a written report to inform the Court of:

1. The status of the Estate;
2. The reason(s) it is still open;
3. A detailed listing of all that remains to be done to complete the administration of the Estate; and
4. The amount of time reasonably necessary to complete the administration of the estate.

The Report, which shall be reviewed by the Chancellor, shall be filed with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court within 60 days of this Order. A copy of the report shall be



served upon all interested parties, with their names and addresses noted on the report to confirm such notification.

Failure to timely file the required report may necessitate the removal of the Personal Representative and appointment of a successor or the retirement of the file with the Personal Representative(s) being held personally liable for costs and liabilities for failure to properly administer the estate as a court-appointed fiduciary.

SO ORDERED, this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
JOHN C. RAMBO, CHANCELLOR

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Order has been sent by U.S. Mail to the attorney of record for the estate.

This the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
CLERK & MASTER

Chancery Court for the First Judicial District  
at Washington County, Tennessee

To:

Washington County  
Clerk and Master

Standing Order

Order of Reference

Due to the scheduling limitations in Washington County, this Standing Order of the Chancery Court is entered to ensure that litigants are able to have *pendente lite* matters heard as soon as possible.

The Court finds that it is proper for reference is made to the Clerk and Master, in domestic cases, for the purpose of setting temporary spousal support, temporary parenting plan, and determining the parties' incomes, and the child support or spousal support due based on those incomes pursuant to the law of the State of Tennessee.

The Clerk and Master shall take proof on the limited issues of temporary support, and temporary parenting time. Further the Clerk and Master shall ascertain what payments, if any, have been made toward the support of the minor child or spouse. Upon the determination of these issues, the Clerk and Master shall determine the prospective amount of child support due, and in the case of temporary spousal support, the amount of support needed through the pendency of the divorce case. in the instant case and cause an Order to be entered setting forth her findings and orders. Said Order shall be approved by the Clerk and Master and entered by the Chancellor.

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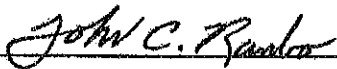
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Sarah Lawson, Clerk and Master

SO ORDERED this 6th day of February, 2018.

  
Chancellor John C. Rambo