

RECEIVER'S PROPOSED LITIGATION BUDGET

TO THE HONORABLE JEFF KAPLAN, UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE:

COMES NOW, Michael J. Quilling ("Receiver") and, pursuant to this Court's Order entered on June 28, 2000, submits this his proposed litigation budget¹:

Nature of Action And Good Faith Recovery Estimate

This is an action by the Receiver against defendant Kentucky lawyer, James Conway with respect to his dealings with receivership defendant Howe Financial Trust. Although the damages sought by the Receiver are in excess of \$1.5 million, any recovery will probably be limited to the \$500,000.00 (less burnoff) malpractice insurance policy maintained by defendant Conway.

This budget is submitted even though your Honor has recommended dismissal to the District Court. If the case is dismissed by the District Court, the Receiver may decide to pursue an appeal. Those fees and costs are not addressed by this budget.

Litigation Budget

<u>Stage</u>	Total Hours (<u>Estimate</u>)	Attorney Compensation (Hourly Rate)		Estimated <u>Costs</u>	<u>Total</u>
Preliminary Investigation	Completed				
Legal Research	65	\$	150.00	\$ 250.00	\$10,000.00
Pleading Preparation	Completed				
Formal Discovery	100	\$	250.00	\$25,000.00	\$50,000.00
Expert Witnesses	If the case is not dismissed, then retention of an expert on Kentucky legal practice standards will be necessary. The cost has not yet been investigated nor is it known.				
Dispositive Motions	75	\$	250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 9,000.00
Trial Preparation	40	\$	250.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$11,000.00
Trial	100	\$	250.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$30,000.00
	Total Estimated Fees and Costs:				\$120,000.00

DATED this 25th day of July 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

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