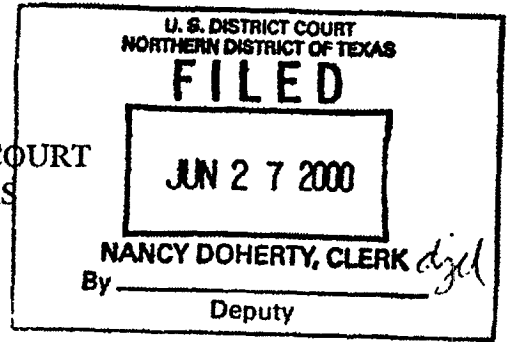


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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
 DALLAS DIVISION



MICHAEL J. QUILLING, as Receiver
 for Howe Financial Trust, MVP
 Network, Inc. d/b/a MVP Trust,
 and Treds Financial Trust

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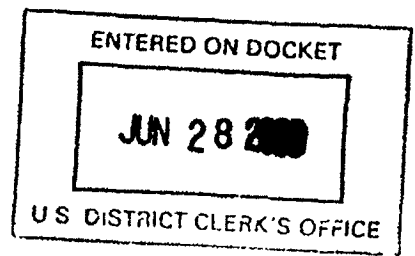
Plaintiff,

NO. 3-99-CV-2699-M

VS.

JAMES W. CONWAY, ET AL.

Defendants.



ORDER

This is a civil action brought by Michael J. Quilling, as Receiver for Howe Financial Trust and related entities, to recover monies allegedly paid to defendants in furtherance of an illegal "ponzi" scheme. In an effort to control the costs of this litigation and maximize the return of funds to defrauded investors, the Court determines that the Receiver should prepare a litigation budget for this case.¹ Accordingly, the Receiver is ordered to complete the following budget by **July 25, 2000**:

<u>Stage</u>	<u>Total Hours (Estimate)</u>	<u>Attorney Compensation (Hourly Rate)</u>	<u>Estimated Costs</u>	<u>Total</u>
Preliminary Investigation	_____	_____	_____	_____
Legal Research	_____	_____	_____	_____
Pleading Preparation	_____	_____	_____	_____
Formal Discovery	_____	_____	_____	_____

¹ The Receiver has already been paid more than \$800,000 for work performed in a related lawsuit, *Securities and Exchange Commission v. Funding Resource Group a/k/a FRG Trust, et al.*, No. 3-98-CV-2689-M.

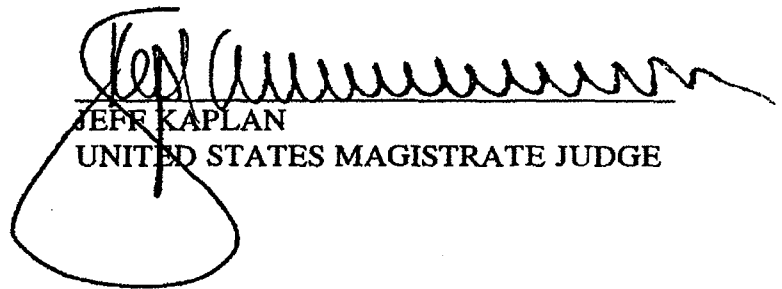
Expert Witnesses	_____	_____	_____	_____
Dispositive Motions	_____	_____	_____	_____
Trial Preparation	_____	_____	_____	_____
Trial	_____	_____	_____	_____
			Total Estimated Fee:	<u> </u>

The Receiver shall also provide the Court with a good faith estimate of the amount of money he realistically expects to recover on behalf of the defrauded investors as a direct result of this lawsuit.

Upon review of this budget, the Court will either approve or disapprove the projected attorney's fees and expenditures and establish a mechanism for the payment of fees to the Receiver.

SO ORDERED.

DATED: June 27, 2000.



 JEFF KAPLAN
 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE