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

Plaintiff,

VS.

JAMES W. CONWAY, ET AL.

Defendants.

NO. 3-00-CV-2401-M

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<u>ORDER</u>

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. Accordingly, the Receiver is ordered to complete the following budget by April 6, 2001:

Stage	Total Hours (Estimate)	Attorney Compensation (Hourly Rate)	Estimated <u>Costs</u>	Total
Preliminary Investigation				
Legal Research			•	
Pleading Preparation		***************************************	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Formal Discovery		All the second of the second o		
Expert Witnesses		,		
Dispositive Motions				***************************************

	Total Estimated Fee:				
Trial				Northwest Multiple Company	
Trial Preparation					

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: March 7, 2001.

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE