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

U.S. DISTRICT COURT
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION

Plaintiff,

VS.

FUNDING RESOURCE GROUP
f/k/a FRG TRUST, ET AL.

Defendants.

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NO. 3-98-CV-2689-M

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ORDER

Michael J. Quilling, as Receiver for Funding Resource Group and related entities, has retained various law firms to handle certain matters out-of-state. To date, these lawyers have been paid more than \$50,000.00 for services performed and costs incurred on behalf of the Receivership Estate. An application for \$20,444.80 in fees and expenses is currently pending before the Court. In an effort to control the costs of litigation and maximize the return of funds to defrauded investors, the Court determines that the law firms retained by the Receiver should prepare a litigation budget for each matter assigned to them. Accordingly, the Receiver is ordered to direct out-of-state counsel to complete the following budget by **April 6, 2001**:

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

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| Expert Witnesses | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Dispositive Motions | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Trial Preparation | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Trial | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

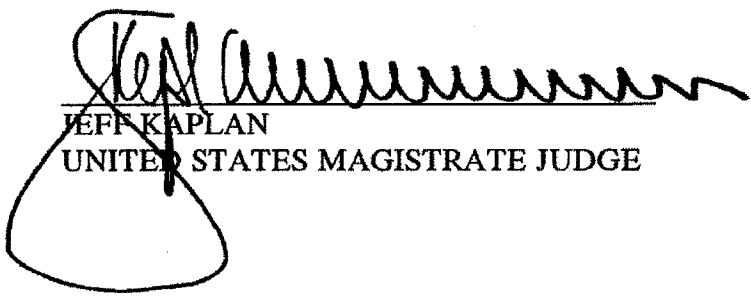
Total Estimated Fee: _____

The Receiver and out-of-state counsel shall also provide the Court with a good faith estimate of the amount of money they realistically expect to recover on behalf of the defrauded investors as a direct result of each lawsuit.

Upon review of this budget, the Court will either approve or disapprove the litigation budget and establish a mechanism for the payment of fees to out-of-state counsel.

SO ORDERED.

DATED: March 7, 2001.



 JEFF KAPLAN
 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE