	Case 3:16-cv-01386-EMC Document 6	693 Filed 02/21/23 Page 1 of 5				
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9		DISTRICT COURT ICT OF CALIFORNIA				
9 10		SCO DIVISION				
10 11 12 13	SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, Plaintiffs,	Case No.: 3:16-cv-01386-EMC SIXTEENTH INTERIM ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION FOR AN				
14 15 16	v. JOHN V. BIVONA; SADDLE RIVER ADVISORS, LLC; SRA MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES, LLC; FRANK GREGORY MAZZOLA,	ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION FOR AN ORDER PURSUANT TO LOCAL RULE 7-11 FOR THE APPROVAL OF FEES AND EXPENSES FOR THE SUCCESSOR RECEIVER, RAINES FELDMAN LLP, AND MILLER KAPLAN ARASE LLP, FROM				
17 18 19	Defendants, and SRA I LLC; SRA II LLC; SRA III LLC; FELIX INVESTMENTS, LLC; MICHELE J. MAZZOLA; ANNE BIVONA; CLEAR SAILING GROUP IV LLC; CLEAR	OCTOBER 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022 Date: No Hearing Set Time: No Hearing Set				
20	SAILING GROUP V LLC,	Judge: Edward M. Chen				
21 22	Relief Defendants.					
23						
24						
25						
26						
27						
28						
	3:16-CV-01386-EMC SIXTEENTH INTERIM ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION FOR FEES AND EXPENSES					

Case 3:16-cv-01386-EMC Document 693 Filed 02/21/23 Page 2 of 5

1	Kathy Bazoian Phelps, the successor receiver herein (the "Receiver") of SRA				
2	Management Associates, LLC, SRA I, LLC, SRA II, LLC, SRA III, LLC, SRA Management				
3	Associates, Clear Sailing Group IV, LLC, Clear Sailing Group V, LLC, Felix Multi-				
4	Opportunity Fund I, LLC, Felix Multi-Opportunity Fund II, LLC, Felix Management				
5	Associates, LLC, NYPA Fund I, LLC, NYPA Fund II, LLC, NYPA Management Associates,				
6	LLC and Solis Associates Fund LLC, hereby files this Administrative Motion under Local				
7	Civil Rule 7-11 for Order approving fees and expenses for the Receiver, Raines Feldman LLP,				
8	and Miller Kaplan Arase LLP for the period of October 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022				
9	(the "Motion"). ¹				
10	I. RELIEF REQUESTED				
11	The Receiver seeks approval of compensation and reimbursement of expenses for				
12	herself and her professionals for the period of October 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022				
13	("Motion Period") in the following amounts:				
14	Receiver: Fees \$11,160.00 ² and Costs \$110.00.				
15	Raines Feldman LLP ("Raines Feldman"): Fees \$16,732.17.				
16	Miller Kaplan Arase LLP ("Miller Kaplan"): Fees \$1,631.00.				
17	This Motion is supported by the Declarations of the Receiver and Julia Damasco of				
18	Miller Kaplan.				
19	II. CASE STATUS				
20	The Court approved the Receiver's Plan of Distribution ("Plan") on May 25, 2020				
21	(Dkt. No. 613). The estate has now either distributed or sold all of its publicly traded				
22					
23	¹ The Notice of Motion, the Motion, and supporting documents will be served on all interested parties pursuant to Civil Local Rule 66-6 and will be posted on the Receivership website at <u>https://www.raineslaw.com/saddle-river-receiver/</u> . The Receiver has conferred with counsel				
24					
25	for the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Investor Advisory Committee, who each do not oppose the Motion, and with counsel for Progresso Ventures LLC who does not express				
26	any comment or opposition in response. A stipulation with all parties was deemed impractical given, among other things, the entry of judgment against the defendants and pending				
27	bankruptcy of defendant John Bivona. L.R. 7-11(1)(a). ² The Receiver has agreed to a holdback of 20% of this amount (\$2,232.00) and therefore				
28	requests authority to pay \$8,928.00.				
	3:16-CV-01386-EMC SIXTEENTH INTERIM ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION FOR FEES AND EXPENSES				

1 securities.

2	In the fourth quarter 2022, the Receiver continued to evaluate options for disposition of				
3	the remaining three pre-IPO securities and will continue to do so throughout 2023. On October				
4	25, 2022, the Receiver filed a Motion for Order Directing ZocDoc, Inc. ("ZocDoc") to				
5	Transfer Shares (Doc. No. 684) (the "Motion"). The Motion asked the Court to issue an Order				
6	directing ZocDoc to transfer 20,104 shares of ZocDoc to the receivership estate's name on the				
7	capitalization table. The Court granted the Receiver's Motion on November 21, 2022 (Doc.				
8	No. 690) and directed ZocDoc to transfer the Shares to the receivership estate's name on the				
9	capitalization table. The Receiver intends to sell the Shares on the secondary market. The				
10	Receiver and her team are also preparing to move the Court to modify the Plan in light of the				
11	substantial activity in 2020 and 2021 and the realization of the tax benefits for certain of the				
12	Failed Investments. The Receiver and her advisers prepared a tax return for 2021 filed on April				
13	14, 2022 that resulted in federal and state tax refunds of \$306,200.70.				
14	III. CASH ON HAND AND ACCRUED EXPENSES				
15	As of December 31, 2022, the receivership estate has cash on hand as follows:				
16	Wells Fargo Checking \$6,176.37				
17	Anne Bivona Funds \$534,896.77				
10	Plan Fund Account \$4,444,896.87				
18	Tax Holding Account\$5,085,871.64Palantir Administrative Reserve\$13,259,817.12				
19	MongoDB Administrative Reserve \$404,205.43				
	Airbnb Administrative Reserve \$119,191.67				
20	Evernote Reserve \$96,937.00				
21	Total Cash on Hand \$23,951,992.87				
22	There are known accrued expenses and unpaid expenses of \$29,805.97 through				
23	December 31, 2022 for fourth quarter fees, and holdbacks of \$272,426.77. Attached to the				
24	Declaration of the Receiver as Exhibit "1" is a financial summary showing the cash status of				
25	the estate as of December 31, 2022. Funds in the amount of \$29,329.20 representing third				
26	quarter 2022 fees were disbursed during this period. The Standardized Fund Accounting				
27	Report required by the SEC for the fourth quarter 2022 is attached to the Receiver's				
28	Declaration as Exhibit "2."				
	2				
	3:16-CV-01386-EMC SIXTEENTH INTERIM ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION FOR FEES AND EXPENSES				

1

IV. PREVIOUS FEE MOTIONS AND HOLDBACKS

Fees and expenses have previously been granted as set forth in Exhibit "3" to the
Receiver's Declaration, filed concurrently herewith. As of December 31, 2022, there are
outstanding fee holdbacks from the prior fee applications for \$272,426.77 as follows: (i)
Sherwood Partners, the former receiver, in the amount of \$144,627.50; (ii) the Receiver in the
amount of \$108,980.07 when she was employed by Diamond McCarthy LLP; and (iii) the
Receiver in the amount of \$18,819.20 her employment at Raines Feldman.

8

V.

THE RECEIVER'S FEE REQUEST

9 As detailed in the Declaration of the Receiver, pursuant to the Receiver's proposal for 10 her appointment, and in recognition of the efficiencies and benefits to the estate, the Receiver 11 has established separate billing categories for services provided. For services provided with 12 respect to legal issues, the Receiver has discounted her hourly rate of \$725.00 to \$465.00, 13 thereby generating significant savings to the estate. The Receiver has agreed to charge 14 \$160.00 per hour for herself and her assistants for administrative services. The billing 15 statements itemizing the services provided and expenses incurred are contained in Exhibit "4" 16 attached to the Declaration of the Receiver. The Receiver performed services for each category 17 as follows:

18	Category	Hours	Fees
19	Case Administration (B110)	15.10	\$7,021.50
20	Asset Analysis and Recovery (B120)	8.90	\$4,138.50
21	TOTAL	24.00	\$11,160.00

During the Motion Period, the Receiver coordinated with the SEC and with her advisers and tax counsel in managing the estate and tax refunds, analyzed the disposition of the estate's pre-IPO shares of ZocDoc, Inc. and Lookout, Inc., and drafted motion papers and potential legal documents to effect the same.

26 VI. RAINES FELDMAN'S FEE REQUEST

27

28

As detailed in the Declaration of the Receiver, Raines Feldman has established billing categories for tasks performed and has significantly discounted its billing rates with senior

3:16-CV-01386-EMC

Case 3:16-cv-01386-EMC Document 693 Filed 02/21/23 Page 5 of 5

attorneys capping their hourly rate at \$465.00. Raines Feldman was appointed as counsel as of 2 April 23, 2021 pursuant to Court order (Doc No. 651). The billing statements itemizing the 3 services provided and expenses incurred are attached as Exhibit "5" to the Declaration of the 4 Receiver. Raines Feldman performed services for each category are as follows:

6	Category	Hours	Fees
,	Case Administration (B110)	17.30	\$6,625.17
′ _	Asset Analysis and Recovery (B120)	0.70	\$325.50
3	Asset Disposition (B130)	7.30	\$2,911.50
	Plan Implementation (B320)	17.00	\$6,870.00
)	TOTAL	42.30	\$16,732.17

11 During the Motion Period, Raines Feldman assisted the Receiver in drafting the status 12 report, net deficiency claims analysis, in analyzing the disposition of the estate's pre-IPO

13 shares of ZocDoc, Inc. and Lookout, Inc., and in drafting potential motion papers and legal

14 documents to effect the same.

1

5

15

16

VII. **MILLER KAPLAN'S FEE REQUEST**

As detailed in the Declaration of Julia Damasco and the billing statements attached as

17 Exhibit "6" to her Declaration, Miller Kaplan has incurred \$1,631.00 in fees in connection

18 with providing tax services to the Receiver.

19 WHEREFORE, the Receiver seeks entry of an order granting this Motion in all respects.

20 Dated: February 21, 2023 RAINES FELDMAN LLP 21 By: /s/ Kathy Bazoian Phelps 22 Kathy Bazoian Phelps Successor Receiver 23 24 25 26 27 28 4 3:16-CV-01386-EMC SIXTEENTH INTERIM ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION FOR FEES AND EXPENSES