

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
TAMPA DIVISION**

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 8:20-cv-325-MSS-NHA

BRIAN DAVISON;
BARRY M. RYBICKI;
EQUIALT LLC;
EQUIALT FUND, LLC;
EQUIALT FUND II, LLC;
EQUIALT FUND III, LLC;
EA SIP, LLC;

Defendants, and

128 E. DAVIS BLVD, LLC, et al.,

Relief Defendants.

ORDER

THIS CAUSE comes before the Court for consideration of the Receiver's Unopposed Motion for Approval to File Interpleader Complaint Related to Claim 1333 and Hire Maryland Counsel. (Dkt. 1420) At the request of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), the Court appointed the Receiver on February 14, 2020 and directed him, in relevant part, to "[t]ake immediate possession of all property, assets and estates of every kind of the Corporate Defendants and Relief Defendants," and to "[m]ake or authorize such payments and disbursements from the funds and assets taken into control, or thereafter received by the Receiver." (Dkt. 11)

The Decedent submitted a timely claim for \$243,000 to the Receivership. His claim was allowed in full and assigned Claim Number 1333. Prior to the Decedent's death, the Receiver made two distributions to the Decedent pursuant to Claim Number 1333. After the Decedent passed away, the Receiver filed a Motion to Approve Third Interim Distribution, (Dkt. 1326), in which he noted that the proper recipient for Decedent had not yet been determined. Despite significant investigative efforts, the Receiver has been unable to identify the appropriate recipient for the remaining distributions of Claim 1333. As a result, the Receiver seeks leave to file an interpleader complaint (and to retain Maryland counsel to handle the litigation).

Accordingly, it is hereby **ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that:

1. The Receiver's Motion, (Dkt. 1420), is **GRANTED**.
2. The Receiver may file an interpleader action in the District of Maryland, Baltimore Division related to Claim 1333. The Receiver may retain Ms. Devon Maunz of Rifkin Weiner Livingston LLC at the reduced rate noted in the motion.

DONE and **ORDERED** in Tampa, Florida, this 6th day of August 2026.



MARY S. SCRIVEN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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