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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

> Case No. 19-0118 (Administratively Consolidated)

MOTION FOR ORDER GRANTING LIMITED RELIEF FROM THE AUTOMATIC STAY RE; PENDING PERSONAL INJURY CLAIM OF FLORENDA LECLAIR AND NOTICE

TO THE HONORABLE FRANK L. KURTZ, THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRUSTEE, THE DEBTORS, AND COUNSEL TO THE DEBTORS:

In accordance with Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 4001 and Local Bankruptcy Rules 4001-1 and 4001-3, Florenda LeClair, moves the Court for an order granting the her limited relief from the automatic stay (the "Motion"); in order to liquidate her claim to judgment against the debtor and other related parties, up to and including entry of judgment but barring any attempt to collect the proceeds of the judgment from the debtor or from assets of the debtor, except to allow satisfaction of said claim solely from the proceeds from medical bodily injury liability insurance policies issued to Sunnyside Community Hospital Associates and its agents and employees.

This Motion is made pursuant to Bankruptcy Code (the "Code") § 362(d)(1) for cause. The Motion is based upon the following grounds:

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In re: Astria, Case No. 19-01189 Motion for Limited Relief From the Automatic Stay LeClair

- 1. In September and October of 2016, Valentin Antoci, M.D. was an orthopedic surgeon, licensed to practice in the state of Washington, employed by the Sunnyside Community Hospital Association.
- 2. On October 5, 2016 Florenda LeClair submitted to a right shoulder total arthroplasty surgery with Dr. Antoci, at Sunnyside Community Hospital. Dr. Antoci totally botched that surgery. Ms. LeClair required medical transport to Swedish Medical Center, in Seattle, for emergency surgery by a vascular surgeon and an orthopedic surgeon. She also required subsequent, multiple surgical attempts by other Seattle orthopedic surgeons to try to salvage some of the use of her right upper extremity. Ms. LeClair basically has been left with a flail arm and hand. She basically has no use of her dominant arm and hand, and never will.
- 3. The law firm of Johnson & Johnson (the "Firm") was retained by Ms. LeClair to represent her in her claims against the debtor and its agents. The Firm has collected all of their medical records and had independent review of standard of care done by other practicing orthopedic surgeons. The independent reviews of her case resulted in a report that the treatment LeClair received from Dr. Antoci was well below the accepted standard of care for an orthopedic surgeon practicing in the state of Washington, under the same or similar circumstances.
- 4. Dr. Antoci is the subject of multiple complaints filed against him with the Medical Quality Assurance Commission of the state of Washington Department of Health concerning the extremely poor care provided by Dr. Antoci. Those complaints are pending a hearing before the commission sometime during the coming year.
- 5. The Firm presented a claim for Ms. LeClair to the Washington State Physicians Insurance Association, Inc., a/k/a Physicians Insurance, a Mutual Company, which was / is the errors and omissions insurer for the Sunnyside Community Hospital Association, and its employees, including Dr. Antoci. The parties were not able to amicably resolve the claim.
- 6. On August 15, 2018 LeClair had filed a Summons and Complaint, as plaintiff, against Valentin Antoci, M.D., and the Sunnyside Community Hospital Association, as defendants, in Yakima County Superior Court. That case was assigned cause number 18–2–

02842–39 and has a current trial date beginning on January 6, 2020. A true and correct copy of that complaint is attached as Exhibit "1" (the "Complaint") to the Declaration of Richard R. Johnson filed in support of this motion and is incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth.

- 7. LeClair requests entry of an order modifying the automatic stay of 11 USC Sec. 362(a) to allow her to pursue her civil claims in state court to liquidation and recovery from the medical bodily injury liability insurance policy(ies) issued to the Sunnyside Community Hospital Association, and it's agents and employees, including Dr. Antoci.
- 8. The insurance proceeds from Physicians Insurance should be more than adequate to cover any awards or settlement Ms. LeClair may receive in connection with her claims asserted in her civil actions against Dr. Antoci and the Sunnyside Community Hospital Association.
- 9. The debtors in this bankruptcy proceeding will not suffer any prejudice when creditors such as Ms. LeClair obtain stay relief to liquidate claims that are covered by medical liability bodily injury insurance proceeds.
- 10. Ms. LeClair, on the other hand, will suffer great hardship if she is denied relief from the stay. She suffered serious and painful injuries for which she has not been compensated. Additional delay compounds the already significant hardship that she has suffered. Prejudice is suffered from delay due to the lost time value of money.
- 11. The lapse of time could well adversely affect Ms. LeClair's ability to effectively prosecute her claims because witnesses and documentary evidence may become unavailable.

 Ms. LeClair is also in serious jeopardy of losing the January 6, 2020 trial date if the stay is not lifted in the very near future.
 - WHEREFORE, based upon the foregoing, LeClair respectfully requests that this Court enter an order:
 - A. Granting LeClair relief from the automatic stay;
 - B. Allow her to prosecute the Complaint to judgment;

1	C.	Allow her to enforce any judgment in her favor against the Debtor's insurance
2		carrier's coverage; and
3	D.	Granting such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and appropriate
4		under the facts and circumstances of these cases.
5	THE ST	AY WILL BE TERMINATED WITH RESPECT TO THE PARTY SEEKING
6	RELIEF	UNLESS THE DEBTOR FILES AND SERVES A WRITEEN OBJECTION. IF
7	YOU OI	BJECT TO THE RELIEF REQUESTED, YOU MUST FILE WITH THE CLERK
8	OF THE	E BANKRUPTCY COURT AT P.O. BOX 2164, SPOKANE, WA, 99210 AND
9	SERVE ON THE MOVING PARTY A WRITTEN OBJECTION WITHIN SEVENTEEN	
10	(17) DAY	YS OF THE DATE OF SERVICE OF THIS MOTION. A STATEMENT OF THE
11	GROUN	DS FOR THE OBJECTION MUST BE INCLUDED. FAILURE TO FILE AN
12	OBJECTION WITHIN THE SPECIFIED TIME MAY RESULT IN THE COURT	
13	ENTERING AN ORDER GRANTING THE MOTION WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE	
14	OR HEARING.	
15	D	OATED this 19th day of August, 2019.
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