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

In re:	ş	Chapter 11
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HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,	§	Case No. 19-34054-sgj11
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Debtor.	§	
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THE CHARITABLE DAF FUND, L.P.	§	
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Plaintiff,	§	Adversary Proceeding No.
	§	
VS.	§	22-03052-sgj11
	§	
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,	§	
	§	
Defendant.	§	
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APPELLANT'S AMENDED STATEMENT OF ISSUES AND DESIGNATION OF RECORD ON APPEAL

Pursuant to Rules 8009(a)(1)(A)-(B) and (a)(4) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, The Charitable DAF Fund, L.P. ("Appellant") hereby designates the following items to be included in the record and identifies the following issues with respect to its appeal of the Order Granting Defendant's Amended Motion to Dismiss Adversary Proceeding [Doc.43] which

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Appellant's Amended Statement of Issues and Designation of Reco

was entered by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas on September 30, 2022.

I. STATEMENT OF ISSUES TO BE PRESENTED ON APPEAL

Whether the Bankruptcy Court erred in granting Defendant's Amended Motion to Dismiss Adversary Proceeding.

II. DESIGNATION OF ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE RECORD

- 1. Notice of Appeal for Bankruptcy Case Adversary Proceeding No. 21-03067-sgj11 [Doc. 46].
- 2. The judgment, order, or decree appealed from: Order Granting Amended Motion to Dismiss Adversary Proceeding [Doc. 43].
- 3. Any opinion, findings of fact and conclusions of law of the bankruptcy court relating to the issues on appeal, including transcripts of all oral rulings: None.
- 3. Docket Sheet kept by the Bankruptcy Clerk.
- 4. Documents listed below and as described in the Docket Sheet for Bankruptcy Case Proceeding No. 22-03052-sgj.

No.	Date	Docket	Description/Document Text
	Filed	No.	
1	5/25/22	1	(18 pgs; 4 docs) Adversary case 22-03052. ORDER
	(7/22/21)		REFERRING CASE 3:21-CV-1710-N from U.S District
			Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division to
			U.S. Bankruptcy Court for Northern District of Texas, Dallas
			Division and Complaint by Charitable DAF Fund, LP against
			Highland Capital Management, L.P. Fee Amount \$350
			(Attachments: # <u>1</u> Original Complaint # <u>2</u> Civil Cover Sheet
			# <u>3</u> Docket Sheet from 21-CV-1710). Nature(s) of suit: 02
			(Other (e.g., other actions that would have been brought in
			state court if unrelated to bankruptcy)). (Okafor, Marcey)
2	5/25/22	8	(8 pgs; 2 docs) MOTION for Reconsideration re 7 Order on
	(10/5/21)		Motion to Stay (Highland Capital Management, L.P.'s Motion
			for Reconsideration of Stay Order) filed by Highland Capital
			Management LP (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A) Attorney
			Zachery Z. Annable added to party Highland Capital
			Management LP(pty: dft) (Annable, Zachery)
			[ORIGINALLY FILED IN 21-CV-1710 AS #8 ON

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			10/05/2021 IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
			NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, DALLAS DIVISION]
			(Okafor, Marcey)
3	5/25/22	9	(15 pgs) Brief/Memorandum in Support filed by Highland
	(10/5/21)		Capital Management LP re 8 MOTION for Reconsideration re
	(7 Order on Motion to Stay (Highland Capital Management,
			L.P.'s Motion for Reconsideration of Stay Order) (Annable,
			Zachery) [ORIGINALLY FILED IN 21-CV-1710 AS #9 ON
			10/05/2021 IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
			NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, DALLAS DIVISION]
			(Okafor, Marcey)
4	5/25/22	10	(1012 pgs; 28 docs) Appendix in Support filed by Highland
	(10/5/21)		Capital Management LP re 8 MOTION for Reconsideration re
			7 Order on Motion to Stay (Highland Capital Management,
			L.P.'s Motion for Reconsideration of Stay Order)
			(Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1 # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2 # <u>3</u> Exhibit 3
			# <u>4</u> Exhibit 4 # <u>5</u> Exhibit 5 # <u>6</u> Exhibit 6 # <u>7</u> Exhibit 7
			# 8 Exhibit 8 # 9 Exhibit 9 # 10 Exhibit 10 # 11 Exhibit 11
			# <u>12</u> Exhibit 12 # <u>13</u> Exhibit <u>13</u> # <u>14</u> Exhibit <u>14</u> # <u>15</u> Exhibit
			15 # 16 Exhibit 16 # 17 Exhibit 17 # 18 Exhibit 18
			# 19 Exhibit 19 # 20 Exhibit 20 # 21 Exhibit 21 # 22 Exhibit
			22 # 23 Exhibit 23 # 24 Exhibit 24 # 25 Exhibit 25
			# 26 Exhibit 26 # 27 Exhibit 27) (Annable, Zachery)
			[ORIGINALLY FILED IN 21-CV-1710 AS #10 ON
			10/05/2021 IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
			NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, DALLAS
			DIVISION](Okafor, Marcey)
5	5/25/22	11	
5	5/25/22	11	(8 pgs; 2 docs) MOTION to Dismiss (Highland Capital
	(10/5/21)		Management, L.P.'s Motion to Dismiss) filed by Highland
			Capital Management LP (Attachments: $\# \underline{1}$ Exhibit A)
			(Annable, Zachery) [ORIGINALLY FILED IN 21-CV-1710
			AS #11 ON 10/05/2021 IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR
			THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, DALLAS
			DIVISION] (Okafor, Marcey)
6	5/25/22	12	(10 pgs) Brief/Memorandum in Support filed by Highland
	(10/5/21)		Capital Management LP re 11 MOTION to Dismiss
			(Highland Capital Management, L.P.'s Motion to Dismiss)
			(Annable, Zachery [ORIGINALLY FILED IN 21-CV-1710
			AS #12 ON 10/05/2021 IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR
			THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, DALLAS
			DIVISION] (Okafor, Marcey)
7	5/25/22	13	((238 pgs; 4 docs) Appendix in Support filed by Highland
	(10/5/21)		Capital Management LP re 11 MOTION to Dismiss
			(Highland Capital Management, L.P.'s Motion to Dismiss)
			(Attachments: # 1 Exhibit 1 # 2 Exhibit 2 # 3 Exhibit 3)
			(Annable, Zachery) [ORIGINALLY FILED IN 21-CV-1710
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			AS #13 ON 10/05/2021 IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR
			THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, DALLAS
			DIVISION] (Okafor, Marcey)
8	5/25/22	15	(3 pgs) RESPONSE filed by Charitable DAF Fund LP re: 8
	(10/27/21)		MOTION for Reconsideration re 7 Order on Motion to Stay
	````		(Highland Capital Management, L.P.'s Motion for
			Reconsideration of Stay Order) (Sbaiti, Mazin)
			[ORIGINALLY FILED IN 21-CV-1710 AS #15 ON
			10/27/2021 IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
			NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, DALLAS DIVISION]
			(Okafor, Marcey)
9	5/25/22	16	(7 pgs) REPLY filed by Highland Capital Management LP re:
,	(11/5/21)	10	8 MOTION for Reconsideration re 7 Order on Motion to Stay
	(11/3/21)		(Highland Capital Management, L.P.'s Motion for
			Reconsideration of Stay Order) (Annable, Zachery)
			[ORIGINALLY FILED IN 21-CV-1710 AS #16 ON
			11/05/2021 IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
			NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, DALLAS DIVISION]
			(Okafor, Marcey)
10	5/25/22	18	
10		10	(2 pgs) ORDER re: 8 Motion for Reconsideration. The Court
	(11/21/21)		grants Defendant's motion, lifts the stay, and refers this case
			to Judge Stacey G.C. Jernigan of the United States
			Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas, to be
			adjudicated as a matter related to the Chapter 11 Bankruptcy
			of HCM., Chapter 11 Case No. 10-34054. The Clerk of this
			Court and the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court to which this
			case is referred are directed to take such actions as are
			necessary to docket this matter as an Adversary Proceeding
			associated with the aforementioned consolidated bankruptcy
			case. (Ordered by Judge David C Godbey on 5/19/2022) (oyh)
			(Main Document 18 replaced on 5/23/2022) (twd). (Entered:
			05/20/2022) [ORIGINALLY FILED IN 21-CV-1710 AS #18
			ON 11/21/2021 IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
			NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, DALLAS DIVISION]
			(*ERROR IN ENTRY: CORRECT CASE NUMBER IS: 19-
			34054*) (Okafor, Marcey)
11	5/27/22	19	(8 pgs; 2 docs) Amended Motion to dismiss adversary
			proceeding (related document(s): <u>11</u> ) filed by Defendant
			Highland Capital Management, L.P. (Attachments:# 1 Exhibit
			AProposed Order) (Annable, Zachery)
12	5/27/22	20	(12 pgs) Brief in support filed by Defendant Highland Capital
			Management, L.P. (RE: related document(s)19 Amended
			Motion to dismiss adversary proceeding (related
			document(s): <u>11</u> )). (Annable, Zachery)
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	5/27/22	21	(637 pgs) Support/supplemental document (Appendix in

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			Motion to Dismiss) filed by Defendant Highland Capital
			Management, L.P. (RE: related document(s)19 Amended
			Motion to dismiss adversary proceeding (related
			document(s): <u>11</u> )). (Annable, Zachery)
14	6/1/22	23	(6 pgs; 2 docs) Notice of hearing filed by Defendant Highland
			Capital Management, L.P. (RE: related document(s)
			<u>19</u> Motion to dismiss adversary proceeding filed by
			Defendant Highland Capital Management, L.P.). Hearing to
			be held on 8/3/2022 at 02:30 PM at <u>https://us</u>
			courts.webex.com/meet/jerniga for <u>19</u> and for <u>19</u> ,
			(Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A)(Hayward, Melissa)
15	7/5/22	30	(12 pgs) Response opposed to (related document(s): <u>19</u>
			Amended Motion to dismiss adversary proceeding (related
			document(s): <u>11</u> ) filed by Defendant Highland Capital
			Management, L.P.) filed by Plaintiff Charitable DAF Fund,
			LP. (Ecker, C.) (Entered: 07/06/2022)
16	7/26/22	31	(15 pgs) Reply to (related document(s): <u>30</u> Response filed by
			Plaintiff Charitable DAF Fund, LP) filed by Defendant
			Highland Capital Management, L.P (Annable, Zachery)
17	7/26/22	32	(865 pgs) Support/supplemental document (Amended
			Appendix in Support of Highland Capital Management, L.P.'s
			Amended Motion to Dismiss) filed by Defendant Highland
			Capital Management, L.P. (RE: related document(s)
			21 Support/supplemental document). (Annable, Zachery)
18	8/1/22	34	(867 pgs; 23 docs) Witness and Exhibit List (Reorganized
			Debtor's Witness and Exhibit List with Respect to Evidentiary
			Hearing to Be Held on August 3, 2022) filed by Defendant
			Highland Capital Management, L.P. (RE: related document(s)
			<u>19</u> Amended Motion to dismiss adversary proceeding (related
			document(s): <u>11</u> )). (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1 # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2
			# <u>3</u> Exhibit 3 # <u>4</u> Exhibit 4 # <u>5</u> Exhibit 5 # <u>6</u> Exhibit 6
			# <u>7</u> Exhibit 7 # <u>8</u> Exhibit 8 # <u>9</u> Exhibit 9 # <u>10</u> Exhibit 10
			# <u>11</u> Exhibit 11 # <u>12</u> Exhibit 12 # <u>13</u> Exhibit 13 # <u>14</u> Exhibit
			14 # <u>15</u> Exhibit 15 # <u>16</u> Exhibit 16 # <u>17</u> Exhibit 17
			# <u>18</u> Exhibit 18 # <u>19</u> Exhibit 19 # <u>20</u> Exhibit 20 # <u>21</u> Exhibit
			21 # <u>22</u> Exhibit 22) (Annable, Zachery)
19	8/3/22	37	Hearing held on 8/3/2022. (RE: related document(s)
			<u>19</u> Amended Motion to dismiss adversary proceeding (related
			document(s): <u>11</u> ) filed by Defendant Highland Capital
			Management, L.P.) (Appearances: G. Demo and Z. Annabel
			for Movant/Highland; J. Bridges for Respondant/Charitable
			DAF. Evidentiary hearing. Motion granted. Court to issue
			Opinion and Order.) (Edmond, Michael)
20	8/3/22	40	(1 pg) Court admitted exhibits date of hearing August 3, 2022
			(RE: related document(s) <u>19</u> Amended Motion to dismiss
			adversary proceeding (related document(s): <u>11</u> ) filed by

21	9/30/22	42	Defendant Highland Capital Management, L.P. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit AProposed Order)) COURT ADMITTED EXHIBIT 17. COURT TOOK JUDICIAL NOTICE OF EXHIBITS 1-13, 21 AND 22. (Ellison, T.) (Entered: 08/04/2022) (28 pgs) Memorandum of opinion regarding Defendant's amended motion to dismiss adversary proceeding (RE: related document(s) <u>19</u> Motion to dismiss adversary proceeding filed by Defendant Highland Capital Management, L.P.). Entered on 9/30/2022 (Okafor, Marcey)
22	8/4/22	41	41 Transcript regarding Hearing Held 08/03/2022 (45 pages) RE: Motion to Dismiss Adversary Proceeding (19). THIS TRANSCRIPT WILL BE MADE ELECTRONICALLY AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC 90 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF FILING. TRANSCRIPT RELEASE DATE IS 11/2/2022. Until that time the transcript may be viewed at the Clerk's Office or a copy may be obtained from the official court transcriber. Court Reporter/Transcriber Kathy Rehling, kathyrehlingtranscripts@gmail.com, Telephone number 972-786-3063. (RE: related document(s) 37 Hearing held on 8/3/2022. (RE: related document(s)19 Amended Motion to dismiss adversary proceeding (related document(s): <u>11</u> ) filed by Defendant Highland Capital Management, L.P.) (Appearances: G. Demo and Z. Annabel for Movant/Highland; J. Bridges for Respondant/Charitable DAF. Evidentiary hearing. Motion granted. Court to issue Opinion and Order.)). Transcript to be made available to the public on 11/2/2022. (Rehling, Kathy)

Dated: October 20, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was filed electronically through the Court's ECF system, which provides notice to all parties of interest, on this 20th day of October, 2022.

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