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# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

-----x In re :

: Chapter 11

JCK LEGACY COMPANY, et al., : Case No. 20-10418 (MEW)

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Wind-Down Debtors.<sup>1</sup> : (Jointly Administered)

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# NOTICE OF HEARING TO CONSIDER PLAN ADMINISTRATION TRUSTEE'S EIGHTEENTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO CLAIMS (NO LIABILITY CLAIMS – PENSION CLAIMS)

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on October 19, 2020, Sean M. Harding, a Senior Managing Director with FTI Consulting, Inc. and the Plan Administration Trustee (the "Plan Administration Trustee") for JCK Legacy Company and certain of its affiliates (collectively, the "Debtors") filed the *Plan Administration Trustee's Eighteenth Omnibus Objection to Claims* (No Liability Claims – Pension Claims) (the "Objection").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a hearing on the Objection to consider the entry of an order disallowing and expunging certain claims for which the Debtors have no liability to the claimants asserting such claims will be held before the Honorable Michael E. Wiles, United States Bankruptcy Judge in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, One Bowling Green, Courtroom 617, New York, New York 10004 (the "Bankruptcy Court"), on November 19, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) (the "Hearing"), or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, unless the telephonic hearing procedures set forth in General Order M-543 (Morris, C.J.) (as may be amended) remain in effect as of that date, in which case the Hearing shall be held telephonically via Court Solutions LLC. Instructions to register for Court Solutions LLC are attached to Gen. Ord. M-543.

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# PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that responses or objections

(the "Responses"), if any, to the Objection, must be made in writing and (a) filed with the Bankruptcy Court no later than 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on November 12, 2020 (the "Response Deadline") and (b) served so as to be actually received by the following parties by the Response Deadline:

- (i) the Debtors, JCK Legacy Company, c/o FTI Consulting, Inc., 1201 W Peachtree Street, NW, Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia 30309, Attn.: Sean M. Harding (sean.harding@fticonsulting.com);
- (ii) counsel for the Plan Administration Trustee, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, One Manhattan West, New York, New York 10001, Attn.: Shana A. Elberg (shana.elberg@skadden.com) and Bram A. Strochlic (bram.strochlic@skadden.com), 300 South Grand Avenue, Suite 3400, Los Angeles, California 90071, Attn.: Van C. Durrer, II (van.durrer@skadden.com), and Destiny N. Almogue (destiny.almogue@skadden.com) and 525 University Avenue, Palo Alto, California 94301 Attn.: Jennifer Madden (jennifer.madden@skadden.com);
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- (iv) the Office of the United States Trustee, U.S. Federal Office Building, 201 Varick Street, Room 1006, New York, New York 10014, Attn.: Benjamin J. Higgins and Brian S. Masumoto;
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  - (ix) any party that has requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a copy of the Objection can be obtained through the Bankruptcy Court's electronic case filing system at www.nysb.uscourts.gov using a PACER password (to obtain a PACER password, go to the PACER website, www.pacer.gov) or the website maintained by the Debtors' noticing agent, Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC, at www.kccllc.net/McClatchy.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if no timely, written responses are filed and received in accordance with the foregoing, an order granting the relief sought in the Objection may be entered by the Court.

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TO THE HONORABLE MICHAEL E. WILES, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

Sean M. Harding, a Senior Managing Director with FTI Consulting, Inc. and the Plan Administration Trustee (the "Plan Administration Trustee") for JCK Legacy Company and certain of its affiliates (collectively, the "Debtors" or the "Company"), hereby submits this omnibus claims objection (the "Objection"), pursuant to sections 105(a) and 502 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") and Rule 3007 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), for an order, substantially in the form annexed hereto as Exhibit A (the "Proposed Order"), disallowing and expunging certain claims (the "No Liability Claims") listed on Exhibit 1 to the Declaration of Sean M. Harding (the "Declaration"), for which the Debtors have no liability to the claimants asserting the No Liability Claims. In support of this Objection, the Plan Administration Trustee relies on the Declaration, annexed hereto as Exhibit B, and respectfully represents:

#### **JURISDICTION**

- 1. This Court has jurisdiction to consider this Objection pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). Venue is proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.
- 2. The statutory predicates for the relief requested herein are sections 105(a) and 502 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 3007.

## **BACKGROUND**

- 3. On February 13, 2020 (the "**Petition Date**"),<sup>2</sup> each Debtor commenced a case by filing a petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code (collectively, the "**Chapter 11 Cases**"). The Chapter 11 Cases are jointly administered.
- 4. On February 26, 2020, the Office of the United States Trustee for the Southern District of New York appointed a creditors' committee in these Chapter 11 Cases [Docket No. 114].
- 5. Prior to the Petition Date, the Debtors were a diversified digital and print media business, focused on providing strong, independent local journalism to thirty communities in fourteen states, as well as national news coverage through the Debtors' Washington D.C.-based bureau. The Debtors also provided a full suite of both local and nationwide digital marketing services. The Debtors' businesses were comprised of websites and mobile applications, mobile news and advertising, video products, a digital marketing agency, daily newspapers, niche publications, other print and digital direct marketing services, and community newspapers. The Company's business operations, corporate and capital structures, and restructuring efforts are described in greater detail in the *Declaration of Sean M. Harding in Support of Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Papers* [Docket No. 23].
- 6. On April 28, 2020, the Debtors filed their schedules of assets and liabilities and statement of financial affairs (collectively, the "Schedules and Statements"). On

On March 24, 2020 (the "Additional Petition Date"), Debtor Oak Street Redevelopment Corporation ("Oak Street") also commenced a case by filing a chapter 11 petition. As used herein, the term "Petition Date" encompasses the Additional Petition Date, and the term "Chapter 11 Cases" includes the Oak Street chapter 11 case, which is being jointly administered with the Debtors' chapter 11 cases commenced on February 13, 2020. See Order (I) Directing Joint Administration of Cases and (II) Waiving Requirements of Bankruptcy Code Section 342(c)(1) and Bankruptcy Rules 1005 and 2002(n) [Docket No. 265].

June 16, 2020, the Debtors filed amendments to the Schedules and Statements.

- 7. Pursuant to the *Order Establishing Bar Dates for Filing Proofs of Claim and Approving Form and Manner of Notice Thereof*, dated May 21, 2020 [Docket No. 485] (the "Bar Date Order") and Bankruptcy Rule 3003(c)(3), the Court established July 10, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) as the deadline to file proofs of claim against the Debtors' estates on account of claims that arose or were deemed to have arisen prior to the Petition Date (the "General Bar Date"). Pursuant to the Bar Date Order and section 502(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Court established August 11, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) as the deadline for all governmental units to file proofs of claim against the Debtors' estates on account of claims that arose or were deemed to have arisen prior to the Petition Date (the "Governmental Bar Date," and together with the General Bar Date, the "Bar Dates"). Additionally, the Bar Date Order approved the form of proof of claim to be filed against the Debtors and the manner of giving notice of the Bar Dates.
- 8. Pursuant to the Bar Date Order, publication notice of the Bar Dates appeared in the *New York Times* on May 29, 2020. *See* Docket No. 513.
- 9. On September 21, 2020, the Debtors filed the *First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Distribution of JCK Legacy Company and its Affiliated Debtors and Debtors in Possession* [Docket No. 867, Exhibit A] (as may be amended, modified, and/or supplemented from time to time, the "**Chapter 11 Plan**").<sup>3</sup>
- 10. On September 25, 2020, the Court entered the Findings of Fact,

  Conclusions of Law, and Order Approving the Disclosure Statement and Confirming the First

  Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Distribution of JCK Legacy Company and its Affiliated

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Chapter 11 Plan.

Debtors and Debtors in Possession [Docket No. 879]. The Effective Date of the Chapter 11 Plan occurred on September 30, 2020 [Docket No. 886].

- 11. The Chapter 11 Plan established the deadline for filing proofs of or requests for payment of Administrative Claims as thirty (30) days after the Effective Date of the Chapter 11 Plan, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.
- 12. Pursuant to Article 6.6 of the Chapter 11 Plan, the Plan Administration

  Trustee was appointed as of the Effective Date. As set forth in the Chapter 11 Plan:

Except as otherwise specifically provided for in the Plan, after the Effective Date, the Plan Administration Trustee shall retain responsibility for (a) administering, disputing, objecting to, compromising, or otherwise resolving all Claims against, and Interests in, the Debtors, including (i) filing, withdrawing, or litigating to judgment objections to Claims or Interests, (ii) settling or compromising any Disputed Claim without any further notice to or action, order, or approval by the Bankruptcy Court, and (iii) administering and adjusting the claims register to reflect any such settlements or compromises without any further notice to or action, order, or approval by the Bankruptcy Court, and (b) making distributions (if any) with respect to all Claims and Interests; provided, however, that upon the creation of the GUC Recovery Trust, the GUC Recovery Trustee, on behalf of the GUC Recovery Trust, shall have the authority, but not the obligation, to object to, compromise, settle, otherwise resolve, or withdraw any objections to all General Unsecured Claims.

Chapter 11 Plan at Art. 8.2.

13. On October 13, 2020 the Court entered the *Order Authorizing the Debtors* to File Omnibus Claims Objections on Grounds Other Than as Set Forth in Bankruptcy Rule 3007(d) [Docket No. 908] (the "Omnibus Procedures Order").

14. Among other things, the Omnibus Procedures Order authorizes the Plan Administration Trustee to file omnibus objections to claims on the grounds that the claims seek recovery for which the Debtors are not liable. *See* Docket No. 908 at ¶ 2(c).

## RELIEF REQUESTED

15. Pursuant to sections 105(a) and 502 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 3007, the Plan Administration Trustee seeks entry of an order, substantially in the form of the Proposed Order, disallowing and expunging the No Liability Claims.

### **BASIS FOR RELIEF**

- 16. Section 502 of the Bankruptcy Code provides, in pertinent part:
  - (a) A claim or interest, proof of which is filed under section 501 of this title, is deemed allowed, unless a party in interest, including a creditor of a general partner in a partnership that is a debtor in a case under chapter 7 of this title, objects.

11 U.S.C. § 502(a).

- 17. Bankruptcy Rule 3001(f) provides that "[a] proof of claim executed and filed in accordance with [the Bankruptcy Rules] shall constitute prima facie evidence of the validity and amount of the claim." Fed. R. Bankr. P. 3001(f).
- Administration Trustee, and the GUC Recovery Trustee are authorized to file omnibus objections seeking reduction, reclassification, and/or disallowance of secured claims, administrative expense claims, priority claims, unsecured claims, interests, claims pursuant to section 510(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, and all other "claims" as that term is defined in section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code (collectively, "Claims"), on the grounds that the Claims seek recovery of amounts for which the Debtors are not liable.

- 19. As set forth in Bankruptcy Rule 3001(f), a properly executed and filed proof of claim constitutes *prima facie* evidence of the validity and the amount of the claim under section 502(a) of the Bankruptcy Code. *See In re Vanegas*, 290 B.R. 190, 193 (Bankr. D. Conn. 2003) (citing Bankruptcy Rule 3001(f) and holding that the evidence submitted by the debtor was insufficient to overcome the validity and amount of bank's proof of claim); *In re Rockefeller Ctr. Props.*, 272 B.R. 524, 539 n.13, 553 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2000) (citing Bankruptcy Rule 3001(f) in analysis of debtors' objection to former tenant's proof of claim and granting partial summary judgment with respect to the objection where there were no material facts in dispute).
- 20. To receive the benefit of *prima facie* validity, however, "the proof of claim must set forth the facts necessary to support the claim." *In re Marino*, 90 B.R. 25, 28 (Bankr. D. Conn. 1988) (holding that claimant's proof of claim was not entitled to the presumption of *prima facie* validity because it did not set forth the necessary facts); *see also* Fed. R. Bankr. P. 3001(c)(1) (requiring claimant to provide documentation where claim is based on a writing).
- 21. A party objecting to the proof of claim must only provide evidence sufficient to negate the *prima facie* validity of the claim by refuting one or more of the facts in the filed claim. *See In re Waterman Steamship Corp.*, 200 B.R. 770, 774–75, 777 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1996) (reopening discovery into asbestos claims due to insufficient information upon which to determine validity of claims). Once this occurs, "the burden reverts to the claimant to prove the validity of the claim by a preponderance of the evidence." *In re WorldCom, Inc.*, No. 02-13533 (AJG), 2005 WL 3832065, at \*4, \*9 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2005) (citing Bankruptcy Rule 3001(f) and holding that claimant did not meet its burden to prove validity of anticipatory

breach and unjust enrichment claims, but that further evidence was needed to assess the merits of lack of good faith claim) (quoting *In re Allegheny Int'l, Inc.*, 954 F.2d 167, 173–74 (3d Cir. 1992)); see also *In re St. Johnsbury Trucking Co.*, 206 B.R. 318, 323, 328 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1997) (citing Bankruptcy Rule 3001(f) and allowing claim where debtor failed to refute any of the material facts in proof of claim).

22. The claimant must prove the claim, not sit back while the objector attempts to disprove it. *See In re Bennett*, 83 B.R. 248, 252 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1988) (holding that debtor presented sufficient evidence to rebut the *prima facie* validity of claimant's claim and that claimant failed to prove claim by a preponderance of credible evidence).

### **OBJECTION TO NO LIABILITY CLAIMS**

- 23. The Plan Administration Trustee submits that the No Liability Claims should be disallowed and expunged because the Debtors are not liable to such claimants for the obligations asserted in the No Liability Claims.
- 24. Specifically, each of the No Liability Claims were filed by, or on behalf of, certain employees or former employees of the Debtors, and each asserts a claim on account of pension benefits related to The McClatchy Company Retirement Plan, a company-sponsored noncontributory defined benefit pension plan (the "Pension Plan") covered by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (the "PBGC").
- 25. On August 7, 2020, the Court entered an order approving, among other things, the sale of substantially all of the Debtors' assets free and clear of claims, liens, interests, and encumbrances (the "Sale Transaction") to SIJ Holdings, LLC ("Purchaser") pursuant to that Asset Purchase Agreement, dated as of July 24, 2020 (the "Acquisition Agreement").

  Pursuant to the terms of the Acquisition Agreement, upon consummation of the Sale

Transaction, the Purchaser was not responsible for claims, liens, liabilities, obligations, interests, and encumbrances related to the Pension Plan. This left no entity to support the Pension Plan.

- 26. Thus, as of August 31, 2020, the PBGC involuntarily terminated the Pension Plan, became trustee of the Pension Plan, and, subject to certain statutory limitations, pays the Pension Plan's unfunded benefits with its insurance funds. *See* 29 U.S.C. §§ 1321-1322, 1342, 1361. Moreover, pursuant to the Employee Retirement Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), the PBGC has the exclusive authority to properly assert a claim on account of benefits under a single-employer pension plan. The PBGC is the sole party entitled to recover from a bankrupt plan sponsor following termination of a pension plan and must allocate funds according to the provisions of 29 U.S.C. § 1322(c) and the priorities of 29 U.S.C. § 1344.
- 27. Accordingly, the Plan Administration Trustee respectfully requests that this Court disallow and expunge the No Liability Claims because each No Liability Claim asserts a protective claim against one or more of the Debtors for Pension Plan obligations by a party other than the PBGC, and only the PBGC has the authority to assert a valid claim on account of any obligations owing under the Pension Plan. Consequently, the Debtors have no liability to the claimants asserting the No Liability Claims.

## **RESERVATION OF RIGHTS**

- 28. The Plan Administration Trustee reserves the right to amend, modify, or supplement this Objection as to any of the No Liability Claims on any basis.
- 29. Additionally, the Plan Administration Trustee reserves the right to further object in the future on any ground to any of the No Liability Claims that are not disallowed and expunged pursuant to the Proposed Order. A separate notice and hearing will be scheduled for any

such objection. This Objection does not constitute, and cannot form the basis of, any admission by the Plan Administration Trustee with respect to the validity or amount of any of the No Liability Claims.

30. Nothing herein shall constitute a waiver of any rights that the Plan Administration Trustee may have to (a) bring avoidance actions under the applicable sections of the Bankruptcy Code against holders of the claims subject to the Objection or (b) exercise his right of setoff against the holders of such claims related to such avoidance actions.

### SEPARATE CONTESTED MATTER

31. To the extent that a response is filed regarding any No Liability Claim and the Plan Administration Trustee is unable to resolve any such response, each such No Liability Claim, and the Objection as it pertains to such No Liability Claim, will constitute a separate contested matter as contemplated by Bankruptcy Rule 9014, to the extent applicable. Further, the Plan Administration Trustee requests that any order entered by the Court granting the relief in this Objection be deemed a separate order with respect to each No Liability Claim.

## **NOTICE**

32. Pursuant to Article 8.3 of the Plan, notice of this Objection has been given to: (a) parties on the master service list who have agreed to accept service by email; and (b) each of the parties listed on **Exhibit 1** to the Declaration. The Plan Administration Trustee submits that, in view of the facts and circumstances, such notice is sufficient and no other or further notice need be provided.

#### NO PREVIOUS REQUEST

33. No previous request for the relief sought herein has been made by the Plan Administration Trustee to this or any other court.

## **CONCLUSION**

WHEREFORE the Plan Administration Trustee respectfully requests that the Court enter an order, disallowing and expunging the No Liability Claims and granting such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

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# **EXHIBIT A**

**Proposed Order** 

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(Jointly Administered)

Wind-Down Debtors.<sup>1</sup>

# ORDER GRANTING PLAN ADMINISTRATION TRUSTEE'S EIGHTEENTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO CLAIMS (NO LIABILITY CLAIMS – PENSION CLAIMS)

Upon the omnibus claims objection (the "**Objection**"),<sup>2</sup> of the Plan Administration Trustee, seeking entry of an order (this "Order"), pursuant to sections 105 and 502 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 3007, disallowing and expunging the No Liability Claims, as more fully set forth in the Objection; and the Court having considered the Declaration of Sean M. Harding (the "Declaration") in support thereof; and this Court having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the Amended Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, dated January 31, 2012; and this Court having found that this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2), and that this Court may enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; and this Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Objection in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and due and sufficient notice of the Objection having been given under the particular circumstances; and it

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appearing that no other or further notice is necessary; and it appearing that the relief requested in the Objection is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest; and that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Objection establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and upon the hearing conducted before this Court to consider the Objection (the "Hearing") and upon the record of the Hearing; and after due deliberation thereon; and good and sufficient cause appearing therefor; it is hereby

### ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED THAT:

- 1. The relief requested in the Objection is GRANTED as set forth herein.
- 2. The No Liability Claims listed on **Exhibit 1** to the Declaration, annexed to the Objection, are hereby disallowed and expunged in their entirety.
- 3. Each claim and the objections by the Plan Administration Trustee to each claim as identified and set forth on **Exhibit 1** to the Declaration constitutes a separate contested matter as contemplated by Bankruptcy Rule 9014. This Order shall be deemed a separate order with respect to each claim. Any stay of this Order shall apply only to the contested matter that involves such creditor and its claim and shall not act to stay the applicability or finality of this Order with respect to the other contested matters and corresponding claims.
- 4. The Plan Administration Trustee shall have the right to further object in the future on any ground to any of the No Liability Claims that are not disallowed and expunged pursuant to this Order. Neither the Objection nor this Order shall constitute any admission or finding with respect to the validity or amount of the No Liability Claims that are not disallowed and expunged pursuant to this Order.

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5. The claims agent retained in the Debtors' Chapter 11 Cases is authorized

to reflect the disallowance and expungement of the No Liability Claims on the official claims

register maintained for the Debtors' cases.

The terms and conditions of this Order are effective immediately upon 6.

entry.

7. This Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from

or related to the implementation or interpretation of this Order.

Dated: New York, New York

[Month] , 2020

Honorable Michael E. Wiles

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

# **EXHIBIT B**

**Harding Declaration** 

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# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re : Chapter 11

JCK LEGACY COMPANY, et al., : Case No. 20-10418 (MEW)

Wind-Down Debtors.<sup>1</sup> : (Jointly Administered)

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# DECLARATION OF SEAN M. HARDING IN SUPPORT OF THE PLAN ADMINISTRATION TRUSTEE'S EIGHTEENTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO CLAIMS (NO LIABILITY CLAIMS – PENSION CLAIMS)

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I, Sean M. Harding, hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief:

- 1. Pursuant to Article 6.6 of the First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Distribution of JCK Legacy Company and its Affiliated Debtors and Debtors in Possession [Docket No. 867, Exhibit A] (as may be amended, modified, and/or supplemented from time to time, the "Chapter 11 Plan"), as of the Effective Date (as defined in the Chapter 11 Plan), which occurred on September 30, 2020, I was appointed as the Plan Administration Trustee for JCK Legacy Company and certain of its affiliates (collectively, the "Debtors").
- 2. I am in all respects competent to make this Declaration, which I submit in support of the *Plan Administration Trustee's Eighteenth Omnibus Objection to Claims (No Liability Claims Pension Claims)* (the "**Objection**"),<sup>2</sup> seeking entry of an order disallowing

The Wind-Down Debtors in these chapter 11 cases and the last four characters of each Wind-Down Debtor's tax identification number are: JCK Legacy Company (0478) and Herald Custom Publishing of Mexico, S. de R.L. de C.V. (5UZ1). The location of the Plan Administration Trustee's service address for purposes of these chapter 11 cases is: 1201 W Peachtree Street, NW, Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia 30309.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Objection.

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and expunging certain claims (the "No Liability Claims"), listed on Exhibit 1 annexed hereto.

3. Except as otherwise set forth herein, all statements in this Declaration are

based on my personal knowledge, my familiarity with the Debtors' books and records

(the "Books and Records"), the Debtors' Schedules and Statements, my review and

reconciliation of the filed proofs of claim, my discussions with the legal and financial

professionals familiar with the Debtors' Chapter 11 Cases, or my review of relevant documents.

If I were called upon to testify, I could and would testify competently to the facts set forth in the

Objection.

4. I have personally reviewed, have caused a member of the Debtors' staff

under my supervision to review, or have caused professionals under my supervision familiar with

these Chapter 11 Cases to review the No Liability Claims and compare the information

submitted in support thereof, if any, with the Books and Records, the Schedules and Statements,

the official claims register maintained in these Chapter 11 Cases, and/or the facts and

circumstances set forth in the Objection regarding the No Liability Claims.

5. Based upon this review, I have determined that the No Liability Claims

should be disallowed and expunged because each No Liability Claim asserts a protective claim

against one or more of the Debtors for Pension Plan obligations by a party other than the PBGC,

and only the PBGC has the authority to assert a valid claim on account of any obligations owing

under the Pension Plan. Consequently, the Debtors have no liability to the claimants asserting

the No Liability Claims.

Executed on this 19th day of October, 2020.

/s/ Sean M. Harding

Sean M. Harding

Plan Administration Trustee

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# **EXHIBIT 1**

No Liability Claims – Pension Claims

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(S) - Secured

(A) - Administrative

(B) - 503(b)(9)

(P) - Priority (U) - Unsecured (T) - Total Claimed EXHIBIT 1
No Liability Claims - Pension Claims

**Objectionable Claims** 

) - Total Claimed	Objectionable Claims						
Name/Address of Claimant	Claim #	Claim Amount					
William D Mcdonald	1405	6/26/20 The State Media Company	\$	-	(S)		
2050 N Beltline Blvd Apt 115W		20-10465		-	(A)		
Columbia, SC 29204				-	(B)		
				-	(P)		
				-	(U)		
			\$	-	(T)		
2 William D Truett	659	6/15/20 The Charlotte Observer Publishing Company	/ <b>\$</b>	-	(S)		
1005 E Clifton St		20-10463		-	(A)		
Tampa, FL 33604-6807				-	(B)		
				-	(P)		
			\$	-	(U)		
	1150	(/0.4/0.0 THE N.C. CL. + 1 C.		-	(T)		
William F Cooke	1158	6/22/20 The McClatchy Company	\$	-	(S)		
611 Manning Dr		20-10418		-	(A)		
Charlotte, NC 28209				-	(B)		
				-	(P) (U)		
			\$	_	(T)		
William Fleet	706	6/12/20 The McClatchy Company	\$				
	700	20-10418	Φ	-	(S)		
199 Wild Horse Lane Norco, CA 92860		20-10 <b>-</b> 10		-	(A) (B)		
NOICO, CA 72000				-	(D) (P)		
				_	(U)		
			\$	_	(T)		
William Heatter	1057	6/18/20 Miami Herald Media Company	\$		(S)		
1701 North Treasure Drive, Apt #2	100,	20-10450	Ψ.	_	(A)		
North Bay Village, FL 33141		20 10 100		_	(B)		
North Bay Vinage, 12 33111				_	(P)		
				_	(U)		
			\$	-	(T)		
William G Hunter	1561	7/2/20 The McClatchy Company	\$	-	(S)		
4678 Whyem Dr		20-10418		_	(A)		
Akron, OH 44319-4443				-	(B)		
,				-	(P)		
				-	(U)		
			\$	-	(T)		
William H. Case	2167	7/10/20 The McClatchy Company	\$	-	(S)		
420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 300		20-10418		-	(A)		
New York, NY 10107				-	(B)		
				-	(P)		
				39,207.02	(U)		
			\$	39,207.02	(T)		
B Howard Collins	610	6/13/20 The McClatchy Company	\$	-	(S)		
162 Weatherby Dr		20-10418		-	(A)		
Macon, GA 31210-8234				-	(B)		
				-	(P)		
				-	(U)		
			\$	-	(T)		
William H Davies	353	6/9/20 The McClatchy Company	\$	-	(S)		
1543 W Griffith		20-10418		-	(A)		
Fresno, CA 93705				-	(B)		
				-	(P)		
			\$	-	(U)		
0 *******		7/0/00 TI M CI : 1 C		-	(T)		
0 William Hathaway	1722	7/8/20 The McClatchy Company	\$	-	(S)		
13100 E 44th Street		20-10418		-	(A)		
Independence, MO 64055				-	(B)		
				-	(P)		
			\$	-	(U)		
1 WEB I C	2422	7/20/20 The McCletchy Commencer	\$	-	(T)		
1 William J Conroy	2422	7/20/20 The McClatchy Company	2	-	(S)		
1358 W California Ave		20-10418		-	(A)		
Falcon Heights, MN 55108-2101				-	(B)		
				-	(P)		
			•	-	(U) (T)		
2 William I Thornton	2009	7/9/20 Columbus Ledger Enquirer Inc	\$				
2 William J Thornton 6044 Bear Creek Ct	2098	7/9/20 Columbus-Ledger Enquirer, Inc. 20-10424	\$	-	(S) (A)		

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(S) - Secured

(A) - Administrative

(T) - Total Claimed

(B) - 503(b)(9) (P) - Priority (U) - Unsecured

**EXHIBIT 1** No Liability Claims - Pension Claims

**Objectionable Claims** 

(T) - Total Claimed		Objectionable Claims			
Name/Address of Claimant Columbus, GA 31909	Claim #	Filed Date Debtor/Case #	Claim Amou	int (B)	
Columbus, GA 31707			-	(P)	
			-	(U)	
12 17 17	402	(/0/20 Mr. : H. 11 M. F. C.	\$ -	(T)	
13 William K Huwer 13900 SW 73rd Ave	403	6/9/20 Miami Herald Media Company 20-10450	\$ -	(S)	
Palmetto Bay, FL 33158		20-10-30	-	(A) (B)	
Tumbuo Bay, 12 55150			-	(P)	
			-	(U)	
			\$ -	(T)	
14 William K Wells	658	6/15/20 Lexington H-L Services, Inc. 20-10435	\$ -	(S)	
166 S Killarney Ln Apt 24 Richmond, KY 40475-1991		20-10433	-	(A) (B)	
raeminina, KT 10175 1551			_	(P)	
			-	(U)	
			\$ -	(T)	
15 William L Candy	875	6/16/20 The McClatchy Company	\$ -	(S)	
3727 West Ave Ocean City, NJ 08226-1734		20-10418	-	(A) (B)	
Occan City, 103 00220-1734			-	(P)	
			-	(Ú)	
			\$ -	(T)	
16 William L Seigle	1913	7/8/20 The McClatchy Company	\$ -	(S)	
900 North Wendover Rd		20-10418	-	(A)	
Apt F Charlotte, NC 28211			-	(B) (P)	
Charlotte, No 20211			_	(U)	
			\$ -	(T)	
17 William L Staples	1248	6/29/20 The McClatchy Company	\$ -	(S)	
15849 Muscatel Street		20-10418	-	(A)	
Hesperia, CA 92345-3919			-	(B) (P)	
			-	(U)	
			\$ -	(T)	
18 William M Lehmberg	1478	6/29/20 The McClatchy Company	\$ -	(S)	
14000 Dundeewood Road		20-10418	-	(A)	
Biloxi, MS 39532			-	(B) (P)	
			-	(U)	
			\$ -	(T)	
19 William R Rothermel	1773	7/7/20 The McClatchy Company	\$ -	(S)	
844 Robinson Ave		20-10418	-	(A)	
Barberton, OH 44203-3725			-	(B)	
			-	(P) (U)	
			\$ -	(T)	
20 William R Schuyler	1857	7/7/20 The McClatchy Company	\$ -	(S)	
PO Box 761		20-10418	-	(A)	
Marina, CA 93933			-	(B)	
			47,677.00	(P) (U)	
			\$ 47,677.00	(T)	
21 William S Smith	2229	7/10/20 The McClatchy Company	\$ -	(S)	
601 Mount Vernon Dr		20-10418	-	(A)	
Venice, FL 34293-1117			2,285.76	(B)	
			2,283.70	(P) (U)	
			\$ 2,285.76	(T)	
22 William V Griffin III	576	6/12/20 The McClatchy Company	\$ -	(S)	
1860 Myrick Rd		20-10418	-	(A)	
Tallahassee, FL 32303-4336			-	(B)	
			-	(P) (U)	
			\$ -	(T)	
23 Williams J Mena	2373	7/16/20 The McClatchy Company	\$ -	(S)	
PO Box 410531		20-10418	10,000.00	(A)	
Kansas City, MO 64141-0531			-	(B)	
			-	(P)	
			-	(U)	

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**Objectionable Claims** 

	Name/Address of Claimant	Claim #	Filed Date	Debtor/Case #		Claim Amou	nt
					\$	10,000.00	(T)
24	Willie G Fuller 1088 Bookford Rd	652		Macon Telegraph Publishing Company 20-10436	\$	-	(S) (A)
	Macon, GA 31210					-	(B)
						-	(P)
					\$	-	(U)
25	Willie J Edwards	1133	6/22/20	The McClatchy Company	\$		(T) (S)
23	1105 Calloway Street	1133	0/22/20	20-10418	φ	-	(A)
	Tallahassee, FL 32304			20 10 110		_	(B)
						-	(P)
					•	-	(U)
2.0	Water A. D. L. I.	020	6/10/20	TI M CI 1 C	\$	-	(T)
26	Willie Lee Paschal 6226 Joyner Drive	920	6/10/20	The McClatchy Company 20-10418	\$	-	(S)
	Columbus, GA 31907			20-10418		-	(A) (B)
	Columbus, Gri 31707					_	(P)
						-	(U)
					\$	-	(T)
27	5	2307	7/13/20	The McClatchy Company	\$	-	(S)
	560 Hedstrom Road			20-10418		-	(A)
	Turlock, CA 95382					-	(B) (P)
						-	(U)
					\$	-	(T)
28	Wing K Lee	549	6/11/20	The McClatchy Company	\$	-	(S)
	43913 S Moray Street			20-10418		-	(A)
	Fremont, CA 94539					-	(B)
						-	(P)
					\$	-	(U) (T)
29	Winston C Cavin	949	6/16/20	The McClatchy Company	\$	_	(S)
	5308 Wood Valley Drive			20-10418	•	_	(A)
	Raleigh, NC 27613					-	(B)
						-	(P)
					\$	-	(U)
30	V:- V- V:	2143	7/10/20	The McClatchy Company	\$		(T)
30	Xia Va Xiong 315 N Douglas	2143	//10/20	20-10418	J.		(S) (A)
	Fresno, CA 93727			20-10-10		_	(B)
	1165116, 61175727					-	(P)
						-	(U)
					\$	-	(T)
31	Yvonne H Evridge	1039	6/22/20	Macon Telegraph Publishing Company	\$	-	(S)
	2540 Mosley Road Byron, GA 31008-7680			20-10436		-	(A)
						-	(B) (P)
						_	(U)
					\$	-	(T)
32	Zac T Bao	496	6/10/20	The McClatchy Company	\$	-	(S)
	10201 Grosvenor Place			20-10418		-	(A)
	Apt 1401					-	(B)
	Rockville, MD 20852-4620					-	(P) (U)
					\$	-	(T)
33	Zenon Franckowiak	721	6/12/20	The McClatchy Company	\$	-	(S)
	409 E Ellis St			20-10418		-	(A)
	Long Beach, CA 90805-4615					-	(B)
						-	(P)
					\$	-	(U)
3.1	Zoila Acevedo	1966	7/0/20	Miami Herald Media Company	\$	-	(T) (S)
J <b>4</b>	Assouline Berlowe, P.A.	1 700	119120	20-10450	Þ	-	(S) (A)
	100 SE 2nd Street, Suite 3105			· · · · · · ·		_	(B)
	Miami, FL 33131					-	(P)
					•	-	(U)
					\$	-	(T)