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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:

Chapter 11

Medley LLC,¹

Case No. 21-10526 (KBO)

Debtor.

MEDLEY LLC LIQUIDATING TRUST,

Plaintiff,

Adv. Pro. No. 23-50121 (KBO)

v.

Re: Adv. Docket No. 4

EVERSHEDS SUTHERLAND (US) LLP,

Defendant.

REPLY TO COUNTERCLAIM

The Medley LLC Liquidating Trust ("Plaintiff"), established pursuant to the terms and conditions of the *Modified Third Amended Combined Disclosure Statement and Chapter 11 Plan of Medley LLC* (the "Plan"),² by and through its undersigned counsel, files this reply ("Reply") in response to Defendant Eversheds Sutherland (US) LLP's purported Fifth Affirmative Defense and Counterclaim (the "Counterclaim").

In reply to the Counterclaim, Plaintiff replies as follows: Denied.

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The Counterclaim, in whole or in part, fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted. Among other things, set off and recoupment are affirmative defenses. Neither doctrine provides grounds for Defendant to make an independent claim for relief.

Docket No. 445-1. Capitalized terms used but otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Plan.



The Debtor's current mailing address is c/o Medley LLC Liquidating Trust, c/o Saccullo Business Consulting, LLC, 27 Crimson King Drive, Bear, DE 19701.

SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Defendant's Counterclaim is barred, in whole or in part, by equitable estoppel, waiver, unclean hands, *in pari delicto*, or other equitable doctrines.

STATEMENT PURSUANT TO LOCAL RULE 7012-1

Plaintiff consents to the entry of final orders and judgments by the Court.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, as to the Counterclaim, Plaintiff requests that the Court:

- A. Dismiss the Counterclaim with prejudice;
- B. Award Plaintiff the costs and expenses of this action, including, without limitation, attorneys' fees under applicable law; and
- C. Grant Plaintiff such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

Dated: July 14, 2023

Wilmington, Delaware

Respectfully submitted,

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