B104 (FORM 104) (08/07)

ADVERSARY PROCEEDING COVER SHEI (Instructions on Reverse)	ADVERSARY PROCEEDING NUMBER (Court Use Only)			
PLAINTIFFS	DEFENDANTS			
Stephen Darr, as he is the Trustee of the Chapter 11 Estates of Each of the Debtors	ATW Training & Consulting, Inc.			
ATTORNEYS (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone No.)	ATTORNEYS (If Known)			
Andrew G. Lizotte, Murphy & King, P.C., One Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108				
PARTY (Check One Box Only) □ Debtor □ U.S. Trustee/Bankruptcy Admin □ Creditor □ Other ✓ Trustee	PARTY (Check One Box Only) □ Debtor □ U.S. Trustee/Bankruptcy Admin □ Creditor ♥ Other □ Trustee			
CAUSE OF ACTION (WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE	OF ACTION, INCLUDING ALL U.S. STATUTES INVOLVED)			
To recover payments made to the Defendant within 90 days of the bankruptcy filing as fraudulent transfers, or, in the alternative, as preferential transfers. NATURE OF SUIT				
(Number up to five (5) boxes starting with lead cause of action as 1				
FRBP 7001(1) - Recovery of Money/Property 11-Recovery of money/property - §542 turnover of property 12-Recovery of money/property - §547 preference 13-Recovery of money/property - §548 fraudulent transfer 14-Recovery of money/property - other FRBP 7001(2) - Validity, Priority or Extent of Lien 21-Validity, priority or extent of lien or other interest in property	FRBP 7001(6) – Dischargeability (continued) 61-Dischargeability - §523(a)(5), domestic support 68-Dischargeability - §523(a)(6), willful and malicious injury 63-Dischargeability - §523(a)(8), student loan 64-Dischargeability - §523(a)(15), divorce or separation obligation (other than domestic support) 65-Dischargeability - other			
FRBP 7001(3) – Approval of Sale of Property 31-Approval of sale of property of estate and of a co-owner - §363(h)	FRBP 7001(7) – Injunctive Relief 71-Injunctive relief – imposition of stay 72-Injunctive relief – other			
FRBP 7001(4) – Objection/Revocation of Discharge 41-Objection / revocation of discharge - §727(c),(d),(e)	FRBP 7001(8) Subordination of Claim or Interest 81-Subordination of claim or interest			
FRBP 7001(5) – Revocation of Confirmation 51-Revocation of confirmation	FRBP 7001(9) Declaratory Judgment 91-Declaratory judgment			
FRBP 7001(6) – Dischargeability 66-Dischargeability - §523(a)(1),(14),(14A) priority tax claims 62-Dischargeability - §523(a)(2), false pretenses, false representation, actual fraud 67-Dischargeability - §523(a)(4), fraud as fiduciary, embezzlement, larceny (continued next column)	FRBP 7001(10) Determination of Removed Action 01-Determination of removed claim or cause Other SS-SIPA Case – 15 U.S.C. §§78aaa et.seq. 02-Other (e.g. other actions that would have been brought in state court if unrelated to bankruptcy case)			
☐ Check if this case involves a substantive issue of state law	☐ Check if this is asserted to be a class action under FRCP 23			
☐ Check if a jury trial is demanded in complaint	Demand \$			
Other Relief Sought				

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BANKRUPTCY CASE IN WHICH THIS ADVERSARY PROCEEDING ARISES				
NAME OF DEBTOR Telexfree, LLC, Telexfree, Inc., and Telexfree Financial, Inc.		BANKRUPTCY CASE NO. 14-40987-MSH		
DISTRICT IN WHICH CASE IS PENDING Massachusetts		DIVISION OFFICE Western	NAME OF JUDGE Hoffman	
RELATED ADVERSARY PROCEEDING (IF ANY)				
PLAINTIFF DE.	FENDANT		ADVERSARY PROCEEDING NO.	
DISTRICT IN WHICH ADVERSARY IS PENDING		DIVISION OFFICE	NAME OF JUDGE	
SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (OR PLAINTIFF) MALLE Axola				
DATE		PRINT NAME OF ATTORNEY (OR PLAINTIFF)		
April 1, 2016		Andrew G. Lizotte		

INSTRUCTIONS

The filing of a bankruptcy case creates an "estate" under the jurisdiction of the bankruptcy court which consists of all of the property of the debtor, wherever that property is located. Because the bankruptcy estate is so extensive and the jurisdiction of the court so broad, there may be lawsuits over the property or property rights of the estate. There also may be lawsuits concerning the debtor's discharge. If such a lawsuit is filed in a bankruptcy court, it is called an adversary proceeding.

A party filing an adversary proceeding must also must complete and file Form 104, the Adversary Proceeding Cover Sheet, unless the party files the adversary proceeding electronically through the court's Case Management/Electronic Case Filing system (CM/ECF). (CM/ECF captures the information on Form 104 as part of the filing process.) When completed, the cover sheet summarizes basic information on the adversary proceeding. The clerk of court needs the information to process the adversary proceeding and prepare required statistical reports on court activity.

The cover sheet and the information contained on it do not replace or supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, the Bankruptcy Rules, or the local rules of court. The cover sheet, which is largely self-explanatory, must be completed by the plaintiff's attorney (or by the plaintiff if the plaintiff is not represented by an attorney). A separate cover sheet must be submitted to the clerk for each complaint filed.

Plaintiffs and Defendants. Give the names of the plaintiffs and defendants exactly as they appear on the complaint.

Attorneys. Give the names and addresses of the attorneys, if known.

Party. Check the most appropriate box in the first column for the plaintiffs and the second column for the defendants.

Demand. Enter the dollar amount being demanded in the complaint.

Signature. This cover sheet must be signed by the attorney of record in the box on the second page of the form. If the plaintiff is represented by a law firm, a member of the firm must sign. If the plaintiff is pro se, that is, not represented by an attorney, the plaintiff must sign.

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

In re:

TELEXFREE, LLC, TELEXFREE, INC. and TELEXFREE FINANCIAL, INC.,

Debtors.

STEPHEN DARR, AS HE IS THE TRUSTEE OF THE CHAPTER 11 ESTATES OF EACH OF THE DEBTORS,

Plaintiff,

v.

ATW TRAINING & CONSULTING, INC.,

Defendant.

Chapter 11 Cases

14-40987-MSH 14-40988-MSH 14-40989-MSH

Jointly Administered

Adversary Proceeding No. 16-

COMPLAINT

Introduction

Stephen Darr is the duly appointed and acting trustee (the "<u>Trustee</u>") of the Chapter 11 bankruptcy estates ("<u>Estates</u>") of TelexFree, Inc. ("<u>Inc.</u>"), TelexFree, LLC ("<u>LLC</u>") and TelexFree Financial, Inc. ("<u>Financial</u>" and, collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>"). As Trustee, Mr. Darr brings this adversary proceeding to recover payments made to the Defendant within ninety (90) days of the bankruptcy filings as fraudulent transfers or, in the alternative, as preferential transfers.

Parties and Jurisdiction

- 1. The Trustee, who is the duly appointed Chapter 11 trustee of the Debtors, has a principal place of business in Boston, Massachusetts.
- 2. The Defendant is a corporation with a place of business at 11140 Aurora Avenue, Urbandale, IA 50322.
- 3. This adversary proceeding is brought pursuant to §§ 547, 548, 550 and 551 of Title 11 of the United States Code for the avoidance and recovery of fraudulent conveyances and preferential transfers.
- 4. This Court has jurisdiction over the adversary proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334.
- 5. This adversary proceeding is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(A)(F)(H) and (O).
 - 6. Venue in this district is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1409.

Statement of Facts

- 7. This case involves a massive Ponzi and pyramid scheme operated by the Debtors, which involved more than a million participants ("Participants") from multiple countries. The Debtors ostensibly operated a "multi-level marketing" company with its headquarters in Marlborough, Massachusetts. It represented itself as being in the business of selling telephone service plans that use "voice over internet protocol" ("VoIP") technology. The sale of VoIP, however, constituted only a minor portion of their business; the Debtors' actual business was the recruitment of Participants.
- 8. From April 2012 to April 2014, individuals throughout the world, including many Participants of the Brazilian and Dominican immigrant communities in the United States, purchased membership plans with a transaction value of approximately \$3,000,000,000. The

memberships promised substantial returns – 200% per year or more – for becoming "promoters" of the business. The Debtors promised to pay Participants for placing ads on obscure classified ad sites on the internet and recruiting other Participants to do the same. The membership fees from Participants constituted approximately ninety-nine percent (99%) of the monies taken in by the Debtors.

- 9. When in March of 2014, the Debtors changed their compensation plan so that Participants would be required to sell the VoIP service in order to qualify for bonuses and commissions, the scheme collapsed resulting in the bankruptcy filings.
- 10. On April 13, 2014 (the "<u>Petition Date</u>"), the Debtors filed voluntary Chapter 11 petitions with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nevada.
- 11. By order dated May 6, 2014, the Nevada Bankruptcy Court approved a motion to change venue filed by the Securities and Exchange Commission. The cases were transferred to this Court on May 9, 2014.
- 12. On May 30, 2014, this Court approved the motion of the Office of the United States Trustee to appoint a Chapter 11 trustee, and the Trustee was appointed on June 6, 2014.
- 13. On November 25, 2015, the Court, on motion by the Trustee and after notice, entered an Order, as amended on December 21, 2015, that the Debtors were engaged in a Ponzi and pyramid scheme and that this ruling was the law of the case in each of the jointly administered cases.
- 14. The Defendant, upon information and belief, provides corporate training seminars.
- 15. On April 11, 2014, the Debtors made a retainer payment to the Defendant (the "<u>Transfer</u>") in the amount of \$20,000.00.

COUNT ONE

Fraudulent Transfer -- Constructive - 11 U.S.C. §§ 548, 550 and 551

- 16. The Trustee realleges and repeats the allegations contained in the foregoing paragraphs and by reference incorporates them herein.
- 17. The aforementioned payment constitutes a "transfer," as that term is defined in 11 U.S.C. § 548, of an asset or interest in an asset of the Debtors.
 - 18. The Transfer was made within two years of the Petition Date.
 - 19. The Transfer was made while the Debtors were insolvent.
 - 20. The Transfer was made for less than reasonably equivalent value.
- 21. The Transfer constitutes a fraudulent transfer avoidable by the Trustee pursuant to § 548(a)(1)(B) of the Bankruptcy Code and recoverable from the Defendant pursuant to §§ 550 and 551 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 22. As a result of the foregoing, the Trustee is entitled to a judgment against the Defendant: (a) avoiding and preserving the Transfer, (b) directing that the Transfer be set aside, and (c) recovering the Transfer in the amount of \$20,000.00 from the Defendant for the benefit of the Estates.

COUNT TWO

Fraudulent Transfer – Actual Intent – 11 U.S.C. §§ 548, 550 and 551

- 23. The Trustee realleges and repeats the allegations contained in the foregoing paragraphs and by reference incorporates them herein.
 - 24. The Transfer was made within two years of the Petition Date.
- 25. The Transfer was made with the actual intent to hinder, delay or defraud some or all of the Debtors' then existing and/or future creditors.

- 26. The Transfer constitutes a fraudulent transfer avoidable by the Trustee pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 548(a)(1)(A) and recoverable from the Defendant pursuant to §§550 and 551 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 27. As a result of the foregoing, the Trustee is entitled to a judgment against the Defendant: (a) avoiding and preserving the Transfer, (b) directing that the Transfer be set aside, and (c) recovering the amount of \$20,000.00 from the Defendant for the benefit of the Estates.

COUNT THREE

Preferences – 11 U.S.C. §§ 547, 550 and 551

- 28. The Trustee realleges and repeats the allegations contained in the foregoing paragraphs and by reference incorporates them herein.
- 29. Within ninety (90) days of the Petition Date, the Debtors paid the Transfer to the Defendant.
 - 30. The Transfer was made:
 - (a) to or for the benefit of the Defendant, who claims to be a creditor at the time of the Transfer;
 - (b) for or on account of an antecedent debt owed by the Debtors before such Transfer was made;
 - (c) while the Debtors were insolvent;
 - (d) within 90 days of the Petition Date; and
 - (e) enabling the Defendant to receive more than the Defendant would receive if the cases were under Chapter 7, the Transfer was not made, and the Defendant received payment of such debt to the extent provided by the provisions of Title 11 of the United States Code.

- 31. The Transfer constitutes a preferential transfer avoidable by the Trustee pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 547 and recoverable from the Defendant pursuant to §§550 and 551 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 32. As a result of the foregoing, the Trustee is entitled to a judgment against the Defendant: (a) avoiding and preserving the preferential transfer, (b) directing that the preferential transfer be set aside, and (c) recovering the amount of \$20,000.00 from the Defendant for the benefit of the Estates.

WHEREFORE, Stephen Darr as he is the Trustee of the Chapter 11 Estates of the Debtors respectfully prays that the Court enter judgment for him against the Defendant as follows:

- 1. On Count One: (a) avoiding and preserving the Transfer as a fraudulent transfer, (b) directing the Transfer be set aside and (c) recovering \$20,000.00 from the Defendant for the benefit of the Estates;
- 2. On Count Two: (a) avoiding and preserving the Transfer as a fraudulent transfer, (b) directing the Transfer be set aside and (c) recovering \$20,000.00 from the Defendant for the benefit of the Estates;
- 3. On Count Three: (a) avoiding the payment received by the Defendant as a preferential payment, and (b) recovering \$20,000.00 for the benefit of the Estates;
 - 4. And for such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

STEPHEN DARR, CHAPTER 11 ESTATES OF EACH OF THE DEBTORS By his attorneys,

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