

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.

HANNA SHEA CONSULTING, LLC,

Defendant.

Chapter 11 Cases

14-40987-MSH

14-40988-MSH

14-40989-MSH

Jointly Administered

Adversary Proceeding
No. 16-4028

STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT BETWEEN CHAPTER 11 TRUSTEE
AND HANNA SHEA CONSULTING, LLC

This stipulation (the "Stipulation") is entered into on this 30th day of September, 2016, by and between Stephen Darr, the duly appointed Chapter 11 Trustee (the "Trustee") of TelexFree, LLC, TelexFree, Inc. and TelexFree Financial, Inc. ("TelexFree" or the "Debtors"), and Hanna Shea Consulting, LLC ("Hanna"), the Defendant herein. The Trustee and Hanna (sometimes collectively referred to as the "Parties") stipulate and agree as follows:



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RECITALS

A. On April 13, 2014 (the "Petition Date"), the Debtors filed voluntary Chapter 11 petitions with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nevada.

B. 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.

C. 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.

D. 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 scheme and that this ruling was the law of the case in each of the jointly administered cases.

E. The Defendant provides executive search placement services.

F. In late 2013, Hanna entered into an agreement with the Debtors in connection with a search for the Debtor's new chief executive officer. Hanna's fee was to be 25% of the officer's first year salary. In this case, the fee was to be \$56,250.

G. In November 2013, the Debtors made an initial payment of \$18,750 to Hanna. The new employee was placed with the Debtors around February 2014. Hanna billed the Debtor for the balance of the fees in March 2014. In March 2014 and April 2014, the Debtors made two installment payment of \$10,000 each, for a total of \$20,000.

H. Hanna claims an outstanding balance owing of \$17,500.

I. On or about April 4, 2016, the Trustee commenced this action against Hanna seeking avoidance of the \$20,000 paid within 90 days of the Petition Date pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§547, 548, 550, 551.

J. Hanna has alleged that the payments were made in the ordinary course of business for consideration rendered.

K. The Parties have since had discussions and exchanged information regarding the merits of the Trustee's claims and any defenses. As a result of these discussions, and in order to avoid the costs, delays and uncertainty of litigation, the Parties have entered into this Stipulation.

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties hereby stipulate and agree, subject to the approval of the Court, as follows:

1. Hanna shall waive the balance of any claims it may have against the Debtors, the bankruptcy estates, or the Trustee.

2. The Trustee shall release any claims he may have against Hanna.

3. While the Trustee shall retain no causes of action against Hanna, nothing contained in the Stipulation shall impair, release, or discharge claims that have been or could be asserted, whether or not such claims have to date been asserted, by the plaintiffs in the multi-district litigation pending in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, *captioned* In re TelexFree Securities Litigation, MDL No. 4:14-md-2566- TSH. For the avoidance of doubt, the Trustee agrees he shall not attempt to assert any claims or causes of action against Hanna in this multi-district litigation or otherwise. Nothing in this release grants the plaintiffs in the multi-district litigation any claims or causes of action that they would otherwise not have absent the Stipulation.

4. Upon Court approval of this Stipulation, this adversary proceeding shall be dismissed.

5. This Stipulation shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties, and their respective administrators, representatives, successors and assigns.

6. This Stipulation constitutes the complete and exclusive agreement of the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous agreements and understandings, oral or written, between the Parties with respect to such subject matter.

7. This Stipulation shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code (11 U.S.C. § 101 *et seq.*) and the substantive law of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and shall have the force and effect of an instrument executed and delivered under seal under the law of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

8. This Stipulation may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, and all such counterparts together shall constitute one and the same instrument. This Stipulation may be executed by facsimile or portable document format (“pdf”).

9. Each party represents and warrants that it has had an opportunity to fully review the provisions of this Stipulation with attorneys of its own choice as a result of which the Parties hereto acknowledge and agree (a) that any rule of law that provides that ambiguities are to be construed against the drafting party shall not be employed in the interpretation of this Stipulation and (b) that each party signing this Stipulation is entering into this Stipulation knowingly, voluntarily and of its own free will.

10. The Court shall retain jurisdiction to resolve any dispute arising under or in connection with this Stipulation.

11. This Stipulation shall have no force or effect unless it is approved by the Court.

STEPHEN DARR AS HE IS THE
TRUSTEE OF THE CHAPTER 11
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*Pursuant to MLBR, Appendix 8, Rule 8, authorization of consent provided.
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