

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 21-61644-CIV-SINGHAL

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

MJ CAPITAL FUNDING, LLC,
MJ TAXES AND MORE, INC., and
JOHANNA M. GARCIA,

Defendants.

ORDER¹

THIS CAUSE is before the Court upon the Receiver's Motion to Approve Payment of Holdback of Fees for Professionals (DE [312]). In the instant motion, Bernice C. Lee, as Receiver (the "Receiver"), over MJ Capital Funding, LLC, MJ Taxes and More Inc., Pavel Ruiz MJCF LLC and UDM Remodeling, LLC, seeks authority to pay the 20% holdback of fees for professionals from the first through fifteenth fee applications, (DE [107]), (DE [114]), (DE [133]), (DE [149]), (DE [167]), (DE [177]), (DE [202]), (DE [211]), (DE [221]), (DE [227]), (DE [234]), (DE [245]), (DE [271]), (DE [280] and (DE [292]). The Receiver states that she has issued initial distribution checks totaling over \$11.8 million dollars to over 6,100 investors under the pro rata rising tide analysis approved by the Court (DE [288]), and as of October 1, 2025, investors have deposited initial distribution checks totaling more than \$10.5 million dollars. The Receiver further states that as of October 1, 2025, the receivership estate has unencumbered funds totaling more than

¹ In Granting this Motion, the Court has adopted the language proffered by the parties with minor alterations.


\$8.7 million dollars, and the MJ Capital Wells Fargo Settlement Fund has funds totaling more than \$21.1 million dollars.

The Court previously found that the fees represent actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of the Receiver's duties, (DE [118]), (DE [126]), (DE [145]), (DE [155]), (DE [191]), (DE [195]), (DE [205]), (DE [212]), (DE [226]), (DE [228]), (DE [235]), (DE [246]), (DE [272]), (DE [281]) and (DE [293]), for which the Receiver and her professionals are entitled to compensation pursuant to the Order Appointing Receiver (DE [17]) and (DE [79]). Having considered the motion, the record, and finding good cause exists, it is hereby

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED as follows:

1. The Receiver's Motion to Approve Payment of Holdback of Fees for Professionals (DE [312]) is **GRANTED**.
2. The Receiver is authorized to pay the 20% holdback of approved fees from the assets held by the Receivership Estate as follows: (a) \$136,395 to the Receiver, (b) \$358,298 to Kozyak, Tropin & Throckmorton LLP as counsel for the Receiver (c) \$173,125.60 to KapilaMukamal, LLP, and (d) \$118,654.32 to Stretto, Inc.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 19th day of November 2025.



RAAG SINGHAL
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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