IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, § § § Plaintiff, § Civil Action No. 3:17-CV-420-L v. PATRICK O. HOWARD; § § **HOWARD CAPITAL HOLDINGS, LLC;** § and OPTIMAL ECONOMICS CAPITAL § § PARTNERS, LLC, § Defendants.

ORDER

Before the court is the Receiver's Unopposed Motion to Retain Reid Collins & Tsai LLP as Special Litigation Counsel (hereinafter, the "Unopposed Motion") (Doc. 109), filed April 19, 2018. The court determines that the motion should be, and is hereby, **granted**. Accordingly, the Receiver is authorized to sign the engagement letter attached to the Unopposed Motion as <u>Exhibit</u> A and retain Reid Collins & Tsai LLP as Special Litigation Counsel pursuant to the terms identified in <u>Exhibit A</u> to the Unopposed Motion.

It is so ordered this 14th day of June, 2018.

Sam A. Lindsay

United States District Judge