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Hon. Valerie E. Caproni United States District Judge Southern District of New York 40 Foley Square New York, NY 10007

Re: *CFTC* v. *Alexandre and EminiFX*, *Inc.*, No. 22 Civ. 3822 (VEC)
Application for Payment of Fees and Expenses – Third Quarter 2025

Dear Judge Caproni:

Pursuant to this Court's Order dated June 10, 2022 concerning applications for professional fees and expenses [Dkt. 47], as amended on February 2, 2023 [Dkt. 187] and on June 30, 2023 [Dkt. 209] (the "Employment Order"), David Castleman, the court-appointed receiver (the "Receiver") over Defendant EminiFX, Inc. ("EminiFX") and certain assets of Defendant Eddy Alexandre ("Alexandre"), in the above-referenced action (the "Civil Action") pursuant to the Consent Order for Preliminary Injunction [Dkt. 56] ("Consent Order"), respectfully submits this application (the "Application") for the payment of professional fees and expenses for the period of April 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025 (the "Application Period"). The Receiver requests approval of payment of fees and expenses to the Receiver and the following firms: Otterbourg P.C. ("Otterbourg"), J.S. Held LLC ("JS Held"), Deloitte Tax LLP ("Deloitte Tax"), Crowe LLP ("Crowe"), and Stretto, Inc., ("Stretto") (collectively, the "Professional Firms").

During the Application Period, the Receiver and the Professional Firms completed the labor-intensive task of resolving all users' disputed transactions. The Court approved the Receiver's final determinations and a final claims report was filed shortly after the Application Period ended. During the Application Period, the Receiver continued to make distributions as users updated and provided payment information as part of the initial distribution, bringing the number of completed distributions to over 23,000 users and the total completed distributions to \$91.8 million of the \$101.6 million budget. The Receiver also continued to litigate and pursue third party claims.

The Receiver and each of the Professional Firms have agreed to a public-service discount of their fees given the circumstances of the receivership. For the Application Period, (i) the Receiver requests fees of \$40,595.00; (ii) Otterbourg requests fees of \$268,710.50; (iii) JS Held

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¹ Ordinarily, a quarterly fee application is filed shortly after the related status report, but was delayed due to the government shutdown as set forth in the Third Quarter 2025 Status Report [Dkt. 546, at 10 & n.5]. Approximately one week after the shutdown ended in November 2025, the Receiver sent the time entries to the CFTC. The CFTC indicated its consent on December 2, 2025, after which this application was filed.



requests fees of \$72,382.50 and expenses of \$11,678.90; (iv) Deloitte Tax requests fees of \$1,742.00 and expenses of \$87.00; (v) Crowe requests fees of \$5,027.75; and (vi) Stretto requests fees of \$129,995.00 and expenses of \$3,967.66. The combined Receiver and Otterbourg discount totals \$95,074.50, as reflected in the respective invoices.

The total requested or incurred fees of \$518,452.75 and expenses of \$15,733.56 for the Application Period are reasonable given the significant complexity and substantial work completed, as set forth in detail in Part III. The total request is less than half the amount requested in the Second Quarter 2025, and is less than all prior quarters. The Standardized Fund Accounting Report annexed to the Receiver's affidavit shows the cash flows in and out of the Receivership.

The Receiver and his professionals have maintained and presented their time and expense charges as set forth in the Billing Instructions for Receivers in Civil Actions Commenced by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC") (the "CFTC Billing Instructions"), as required by the Employment Order. These detailed time entries have been approved by the CFTC, which consents to this request, and those time entries will be submitted to the Court separately under seal pursuant to the Employment Order. Attached as Exhibits 1-6 are affidavits setting forth narrative explanations of the services provided.

This Application will be posted on the homepage of the Receiver's website at www.eminifxreceivership.com. Any EminiFX members who have any questions regarding this Application may send an email to the Receiver's team at EminifX@Stretto.com, as directed by this Court in its order dated August 12, 2022 [Dkt. 106]. Unless a party has made a motion to intervene, and that motion has been granted by the Court, parties should not send any inquiries directly to the Court [Dkts. 174, 176].

I. Authority for Requested Relief

A receiver appointed by a court "who reasonably and diligently discharges his duties is entitled to be fairly compensated for services rendered and expenses incurred. The amount of the compensation is to be determined by the court in the exercise of its reasonable discretion." *SEC* v. *Byers*, 590 F. Supp. 2d 637, 644 (S.D.N.Y. 2008). "This presumption of reasonable compensation extends to a receiver's counsel and professionals." *SEC* v. *Morgan*, 504 F. Supp. 3d 221, 223 (W.D.N.Y. 2020) (quoting *SEC* v. *Platinum Mgmt. (NY) LLC*, No. 16-CV-6848, 2018 WL 4623012, at *4 (E.D.N.Y. Sept. 26, 2018)). "The Court considers several factors in determining a reasonable fee, including '(1) the complexity of problems faced, (2) the benefits to the receivership estate, (3) the quality of the work performed, and (4) the time records presented." *Id.* (quotations omitted). The Court may also consider "the reasonableness of the hourly rate charged and the reasonableness of the number of hours billed." *SEC* v. *Amerindo Inv. Advisors Inc.*, No. 05 Civ. 5231, 2015 WL 13678841, at *1 (S.D.N.Y. Sept. 14, 2015) (citations omitted).



"In addition, in a securities receivership, opposition or acquiescence by the [regulatory agency] to the fee application will be given great weight." *Byers*, 590 F. Supp. 2d at 644 (cleaned up).

II. Procedural History

The Receiver's Third Quarter 2025 Report, filed on October 31, 2025, sets forth in detail the procedural history during the Application Period [Dkt. 546, at 5-9].

On August 19, 2025, the Court entered an Opinion and Order granting the CFTC's motion for summary judgment, ruling that Mr. Alexandre and EminiFX are jointly and severally liable to pay restitution in the amount of \$228,576,962. Mr. Alexandre is also liable to pay disgorgement fees [Dkt. 517]. On August 25, Mr. Alexandre filed a notice of appeal of the order [Dkt. 521]. On August 26, Mr. Alexandre filed an emergency motion to stay pending the appeal [Dkt. 522]. On August 27, a Judgment was entered [Dkt. 520]. On September 9, the CFTC filed an objection to the stay motion [Dkt. 523]. On September 22, the Court denied the stay motion [Dkt. 526]. The appeal remains pending in the Second Circuit [Case Nos. 25-2094, 25-2481].

On February 19, 2025, the Receiver filed a motion to compel Alexandre to turnover assets and information (the "Motion to Compel") [Dkt. 448-451]. Mr. Alexandre filed a response on April 1 [Dkt. 466], and the Receiver replied on April 15 [Dkt. 470]. On August 19, 2025, the Court granted the Motion to Compel [Dkt. 516]. Mr. Alexandre filed an appeal in the Second Circuit and that appeal is pending [Case Nos. 25-2094, 25-2481].

On April 7, 2025, Mr. Alexandre filed a motion for leave to file counterclaim and cross-claim against the Receiver [Dkt. 468]. On April 8, the Court entered an order denying his motion [Dkt. 469]. On April 29, Mr. Alexandre filed a motion for reconsideration [Dkt. 475]. On May 1, the Court denied the motion for reconsideration stating it is an extraordinary remedy and Mr. Alexandre's motion lacks legal authority [Dkt. 482]. Mr. Alexandre filed an appeal to the Second Circuit [Case No. 25-1278] and on August 28, the Second Circuit granted the CFTC's motion to dismiss, with a mandate entered on October 28 [Dkt. 543].

On May 23 and July 17, 2025, the Receiver filed his notices of submission of user objections [Dkt. 496 and 503] requesting the Court enter an order overruling the user objections and verifying the disputed transactions at the Receiver's determined amount. On July 23, the Receiver filed a letter application formally seeking that the Court overrule the remaining user objections [Dkt. 506]. On August 19, 2025, the Court approved the Receiver's request [Dkt. 517]. On October 3, 2025, the Receiver filed his Notice of Final Claims Report [Dkt. 532].

On July 31, 2025, the Receiver filed his Second Quarter 2025 status report [Dkt. 511] and a fee application for the second quarter [Dkt. 512]. On August 19, 2025, the Court approved the Receiver's fee application [Dkt. 517].



III. Summary of Services During the Application Period

Transaction Verification and User Claims. During the Application Period the Receiver and his teams completed their review of all disputed transactions. Users were given multiple opportunities to submit additional documentation or proof of their transactions. These efforts resulted in the successful resolution of many user objections. At the end of the review, less than .5% of the total transactions were under dispute (the "Disputed Transactions"). On May 23 and July 17, 2025, the Receiver filed his first and final submissions of user objections ("User Objection Submissions") [Dkts. 496-497 and 503-504] containing schedules for the Disputed Transactions and the basis for the dispute. On July 23, the Receiver submitted a letter application to formally seek approval of the Receiver's determinations contained in the User Objection Submissions, given that all objections had been submitted to the Court. On August 19, the Court entered an order stating that users may submit replies by September 8 [Dkt. 517]. On September 12, the Receiver submitted all of the replies received [Dkts. 524-525]. On September 22, the Court granted the Receiver's application to overrule the remaining user objections [Dkt. 527]. On October 3, the Receiver filed his final claims report [Dkt. 532] completing the claims resolution process.

Distributions. On January 21, 2025, the Court approved the Receiver's Proposed Plan (the "Plan") [Dkt. 431]. The Receiver filed a Notice of Initial Distribution [Dkt. No. 434], announcing initial distribution and rising tide percentages at 45% for Class 3 and 55% for Class 3A. The total budget for the initial distribution is approximately \$100 million which is a majority of the over \$150 million held in the Receivership before distributions began.

As of the close of the Application Period, the Receiver and his team distributed approximately \$91.8 million to over 23,000 eligible users. The primary reason users have not received distributions is that they have not provided the Receiver with valid payment information. The Receiver set a final deadline of October 31, 2025 for users to enter payment or update their payment information. For the several thousand users who did not provide payment information, but for whom the Receiver has a last known address on file, the Receiver will mail a check that will be valid for 120 days, and anticipates that mailing will be complete by year end. Once all those checks have been negotiated, returned, or voided, the Receiver will file a final report on the Initial Distribution, but *at this stage* will not treat as abandoned any claims for which the Initial Distribution could not be made.

Tax Liability. During the Application Period, the Receiver worked with his tax advisors to monitor the status of the federal pre-receivership tax return for EminiFX and the qualified settlement fund tax return for post-Receivership activity. Both returns were filed with a request for prompt assessment.

Third Party Claims. The Receiver's legal team at Otterbourg, in consultation with and supervised by the Receiver, continued its investigation into potential claims that the receivership



may have against third parties. The Receiver continued an investigation into an issue concerning millions of dollars of EminiFX funds.

In addition, in light of information discerned during the non-user claims process, the Receiver discovered that over \$500,000 in EminiFX funds was used by Alexandre to purchase two luxury watches, and the Receiver initiated turnover request to Alexandre. Alexandre responded refusing to comply with the turnover request. As stated above, the Receiver filed the Motion to Compel which requests Alexandre to turnover the watches, any EminiFX assets and any information and passwords needed to access his EminiFX laptop as well as his Gmail password. On August 19, 2025, the Motion to Compel was granted [Dkt. 516]. The Receiver advised Alexandre that the order was entered and he was required to turnover the watches and information. The Receiver sent Alexandre multiple demands and has not received a response. Alexandre appealed the Motion to Compel and it is currently pending in the Second Circuit.

During the Application Period, the Receiver continued its litigation against Interactive Brokers LLC. As of June 20, 2025, the motion to dismiss has been fully briefed and a decision remains pending. A discovery stay is also in place until the motion to dismiss is decided. On September 13, 2025, the Receiver's counsel filed a letter regarding the status of the case after reassignment to a new justice.

During the Application Period, the Receiver continued prosecution of the action commenced against Clarelle Dieuveuil, the former Chief Financial Officer of EminiFX (the "CFO") and other senior executives, *David A. Castleman as Receiver for EminiFX, Inc. v. Clarelle Dieuveuil, et al.*, Index No. 651642/2025 in the Supreme Court for the County of New York. On July 9, 2025, the Receiver issued a discovery request to the CFO. A discovery schedule was entered on October 7, 2025. As of the date of this filing, there is a settlement with the other senior executives that has been submitted to the Court for approval [Dkt. 544].

Administration of the Estate and Case. The Receiver, assisted by his counsel at Otterbourg, supervised the administration of the estate, including monitoring bank accounts, redirecting and opening mail, and other tasks incidental to the management of the estate. The Receiver, with the assistance of Otterbourg, filed a status report advising the Court of the activities from the prior quarter [Dkt. 546]. The Receiver also continues to communicate with Alexandre regarding the Receivership as necessary via the CorrLinks system and the U.S. Mail.² In general, the Receiver expects to conserve estate resources by filing responses to motions by Alexandre only when necessary or when ordered by the Court.

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² The Receiver has not received a response from Alexandre for several months, but understands that Alexandre has had access to his CorrLinks email account through at least November 14, 2025 per an email filed at Dkt. No. 551-1.



IV. Summary of Fees and Expenses Requested

The Receiver includes herewith affidavits from himself and the lead from each of the Professional Firms. Pursuant to the Employment Order, detailed time entries are filed separately under seal. The aggregate fees being requested have been discounted for the public service each firm has been performing. The Receiver and the Professional Firms have reasonably and diligently exercised their duties during the Application Period, and the Receiver respectfully submits that they are entitled to be fairly compensated for services rendered.

The Receiver. As set forth above, the Receiver spent substantial time administering all aspects of the receivership. The Receiver respectfully requests the Court approve payment of \$40,595.00 in fees to the Receiver, which reflects a discount of over 50% from his normal rate. The Castleman Affidavit attached as Exhibit 1 includes additional detail on his billing, as well as his supervision of the various Professional Firms.

Otterbourg. As set forth above, Otterbourg spent substantial time assisting the Receiver in administering and providing legal advice concerning all aspects of the receivership, including assisting with the initial distribution, completing the labor-intensive process to resolve remaining user claims and investigating and litigating potential third-party claims. The Receiver respectfully requests the Court approve payment of \$268,710.50 in fees (reflecting the 15% public service discount and additional discounts as requested by the Receiver) to Otterbourg, all expenses were waived. The Feeney Affidavit attached as Exhibit 2 describes in more detail the work performed.

JS Held. JS Held continued to provide substantial forensic services to the estate, including the development and maintenance of the review platform and analysis of remaining user transactions in connection claims process, preparing and gathering information needed for the final claims report and assisting in the claims and distribution process. The Receiver respectfully requests the Court approve payment of \$72,382.50 in fees and \$11,678.90 in expenses to JS Held. The O'Malley Affidavit attached as Exhibit 3 describes in more detail the work performed.

Deloitte Tax. Deloitte Tax has provided the estate with tax analysis and strategic advice, in connection with determining EminiFX's pre-receivership tax liability. Deloitte Tax assisted in monitoring the status of the New York state corporate tax return. The Receiver respectfully requests the Court approve payment of \$1,742.00 in fees and \$87.00 in expenses to Deloitte Tax. The Young Affidavit attached as Exhibit 4 describes the work performed.

Crowe. Crowe has provided the estate with critical tax support and analysis, including assisting in preparing the corporate tax return.³ The Receiver respectfully requests the Court

³ A handful of time entries were from October but related to the work performed in September. Given the relatively modest amount, the Receiver has included those entries in this Application.



approve payment of \$5,027.75 in fees to Crowe. The Davis Affidavit attached as Exhibit 5 describes the work performed.

Stretto. Stretto continued to play a key role in implementing the initial distribution by collecting payment information through the Portal and preparing checks and wires for distribution. Stretto has managed all user communications and continued to play a key role in the transaction verification and claims process and the claims resolution and plan process, including finalizing all user claim amounts on the Portal. The Receiver respectfully requests the Court approve payment of \$129,995.00 in fees and \$3,967.66 in expenses to Stretto. The McElhinney Affidavit attached as Exhibit 6 describes in more detail the work performed.

V. Conclusion

The Receiver respectfully requests that the Court approve the fee and expense requests as set forth in this Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments

cc: Counsel of Record (via ECF) Eddy Alexandre (via U.S. Mail) Exhibit 1

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

22 Civ. 3822 (VEC)

-against-

EDDY ALEXANDRE and EMINIFX, INC.,

Defendants.

DECLARATION OF DAVID CASTLEMAN IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR FEES AND EXPENSES (JULY 1, 2025 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2025)

- 1. I am an attorney duly licensed to practice in the State of New York, a member of the firm at Otterbourg, P.C. ("Otterbourg"), and the Receiver appointed by the Court in the above-captioned case. I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth below and if called as a witness, I would and could testify competently to the matters stated herein.
- 2. On May 11, 2022, the Court entered a Statutory Restraining Order (the "SRO") appointing me as Temporary Receiver [Dkt. 9], and on June 15, 2022, the Court entered a Consent Order for Preliminary Injunction (the "Consent Order") appointing me as Receiver [Dkt. 56]. On June 10, 2022, the Court entered an order authorizing me to employ Raines Feldman LLP ("Raines Feldman"), Forchelli Deegan Terrana LLP ("FDT"), JS Held, LLC ("JS Held"), Crowe LLP ("Crowe"), and Stretto, Inc. ("Stretto") [Dkt. 47 (the "Employment Order")]. On February 2, 2023, the Court entered an order authorizing me to substitute Raines Feldman for Otterbourg as my counsel effective as of January 30, 2023 [Dkt. 187]. On June 30, 2023, the Court entered an order authorizing me to employ Deloitte Tax LLP ("Deloitte Tax") (the "Deloitte Retention Order")

[Dkt. 209]. For purposes of this declaration, Otterbourg, JS Held, Stretto, Crowe, and Deloitte Tax shall be referred to as the "Professional Firms."

- 3. This declaration is made in support of the Application for Fees and Expenses (the "Application") for the Receiver and the Professional Firms from July 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025 (the "Application Period"). Annexed to this declaration is a true and correct copy of the Standardized Fund Accounting Report ("SFAR") for the Third Quarter 2025 that I prepared for this matter.¹
- 4. I supervised generally the work of the Professional Firms and I have reviewed and approved their invoices as set forth herein, subject to review by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "CFTC") and approval of the Court.
- 5. The Professional Firms and I have maintained and presented our time and expense charges as set forth in the Billing Instructions for Receivers in Civil Actions Commenced by the CFTC (the "CFTC Billing Instructions"). The CFTC has approved the time and expense charges under the CFTC Billing Instructions and has advised me that it does not have any opposition to the Application.

MY WORK AS RECEIVER

6. During the Application Period, the Professional Firms and I performed a considerable amount of services for the benefit of the estate. The Professional Firms, acting under my direction, performed services administering the estate, implemented and developed the procedures for submitting transactions and claims, and assisted me with a broad range of matters that have arisen in the receivership. The primary focus of me and my team was to resolve all

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That SFAR was also attached to the Third Quarter 2025 Status Report [Dkt 546-3], given the expected delay in filing this Application due to the effect of the government shutdown.

claims of the remaining users with disputed transactions and continuing our efforts to make distributions to eligible EminiFX Users.

- 7. In the interests of the estate and pursuant to the Employment Order, I have discounted my regular billing rate to more than half, to \$575 per hour. I spent 70.6 hours on billable time during the Application Period, for a total of \$40,595.00 in requested fees² which is about half the amount requested in the prior application period. All of my time records reflect time recorded in the regular and ordinary course of administering the receivership estate contemporaneously with the services provided. True and correct copies of my time records are attached as Exhibit 1-1, and filed under seal pursuant to the Employment Order.
- 8. During the Application Period, I managed receivership operations with the assistance of Otterbourg as legal counsel, JS Held as financial advisor, Stretto as claims administrator, Crowe as tax professionals and Deloitte Tax as special tax professionals. I coordinated with Stretto regarding the claims process, website administration, and responding to investor communications.
- 9. Otterbourg and I drafted a status report Dkt. 511 filed on July 31, 2025 to apprise the Court and interested parties of the activities of the receivership for the second quarter of 2025.
- 10. In this civil action, as previously reported, Alexandre has been proceeding pro se. Otterbourg and I have been reviewing motions and requests filed by Alexandre and preparing and filing responses to those requests as necessary. Pursuant to this Court's April 2, 2024 Order [Dkt. 290], Alexandre has added me as an approved contact in the CorrLinks system. I have continued to communicate with Alexandre through the CorrLinks system regarding various issues in the

At my normal billing rate, the total fees would have been \$88,250.00. The total requested fees of \$40,595.00 reflect a discount of \$47,655.00, which is an effective 54% reduction.

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Receivership, including sending Alexandre emails with the docket entries of orders entered by the Court, as well as copies of those orders via U.S. Mail. Mr. Alexandre has not responded to an email on CorrLinks for several months.

- 11. Otterbourg and I continued to monitor activity in the criminal case, *U.S.* v. *Alexandre*, No. 22 Cr. 326 (JPC) (S.D.N.Y.) (the "Criminal Action") (in which a petition for post-conviction relief is currently pending), the civil case *Chelder v. General Conference Corporation et al.*, No. 25 Civ 04313 (S.D.N.Y.), along with numerous appellate cases filed in the Second Circuit. Otterbourg and I will continue to monitor these actions and any others that may arise in case they have any impact to the estate.
- 12. On August 19, 2025, the Court granted my motion to compel Mr. Alexandre to turn over all EminiFX assets and assets held by Mr. Alexandre traceable to EminiFX [Dkt. 516], including two luxury watches purchased with EminiFX funds and turnover passwords and any other necessary authentication to access Mr. Alexandre's laptop and Gmail account, which Mr. Alexandre used for EminiFX business. I communicated this information to Mr. Alexandre and requested numerous times that he return the watches and password and I have not received a response. Mr. Alexandre filed an appeal in the Second Circuit and that appeal remains pending. I also continued my investigation into an issue concerning millions of dollars of EminiFX funds.
- 13. During the first quarter, I commenced an action against Interactive Brokers LLC ("IBKR") in the Supreme Court of the State of New York County of New York, *David A. Castleman, as Receiver for EminiFX, Inc. v. Interactive Brokers LLC*, Index No. 659407/2024, seeking damages based on IBKR's alleged facilitation of transactions connected to EminiFX. IBKR filed a motion to dismiss and a request to stay discovery. An order was entered granting a

stay of discovery pending the motion to dismiss. The motion to dismiss has been fully briefed and a decision is pending.

- 14. Otterbourg and I continued prosecuting the action against some of the senior executives of EminiFX, including Clarelle Dieuveuil, the former Chief Financial Officer (the "CFO") and John Edvard Maisonneuve and Sophia Maisonneuve (the "Maisonneuves"), who both served in the client relation team.³ I reached a settlement with the Maisonneuves and have submitted that settlement for approval by the Court. I am continuing to prosecute the claims against the CFO, which is currently in discovery phase.
- transaction submissions. The results of the review were less than 0.5% users remaining under dispute. On May 23, 2025 and July 17, 2025, I filed my first and final submissions of user objections ("User Objection Submissions") Dkts. 496-497 and 503-504] containing schedules for the disputed transactions and reasons for the dispute. On July 23, 2025, I also submitted a letter motion seeking approval of my determinations [Dkt. 506]. On September 22, 2025, the court entered an order approving my determinations [Dkt. 527]. As a result, all user claims under the Claims Procedures are now fixed, and no further user objections remain pending. After the Order was entered, I worked with Otterbourg, JS Held and Stretto to prepare the Final Claims Report which was filed shortly after the conclusion of the Application Period and finalized user accounts on the portal.
- 16. During the Application Period, multiple meetings were held to discuss the distribution process. At my direction and under my supervision, JS Held and Stretto continued to

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³ The original complaint was filed on March 25, 2025 against CFO, captioned *David A. Castleman as Receiver for EminiFX, Inc. v. Clarelle Dieuveuil*, Index No. 651642/2025 in the Supreme Court for the County of New York. It was later amended on May 14, 2025 to include the Maisonneuves.

document and implement a rigorous quality control protocol to ensure distributions were being made correctly and securely, given the substantial volume of users and the practical impossibility of reversing most distributions. I received regular updates from JS Held and Stretto ensuring that this protocol was being implemented.

- 17. As of the close of the Application Period, my team and I have distributed approximately \$91.8 million to over 23,000 eligible users. The primary reason users have not received distributions is that they have not provided my team with valid payment information. A deadline was set for October 31, 2025 for users to submit their payment information. I will make one final payment before the end of the fourth quarter 2025 to complete the Initial Distribution, including sending checks to thousands of users who did not provide payment information but for whom I have a last known address on file.
- 18. During the Application Period, I continued to work with my tax advisors to monitor the status of the federal pre-Receivership tax return for EminiFX and the qualified settlement fund tax return for post-Receivership activity. I continue to maintain a reserve to ensure compliance with all applicable laws, including the payment of any tax liability if such is found to exist.

ATTESTATIONS

- 19. To the best of my knowledge, all the fees requested in my billing records attached hereto as Exhibit 1-1 are true and correct and comply with the CFTC Billing Instructions.
- 20. The fees that I have charged as Receiver are reasonable, necessary, and commensurate with the skill and experience required for the activity performed. My services and time expenditures are reasonable in light of the labor required for the matters for which I was appointed. I respectfully submit that I have not expended time unnecessarily and that I have rendered efficient and effective services.

21. In seeking reimbursement of services for which I purchased or contracted for from a third party, I have only requested reimbursement for the amount billed by the third-party vendor and paid to the vendor. I have not made a profit on such reimbursable services. I have not included in the amount for which reimbursement is sought the amortization of the cost of any investment, equipment, or capital outlay.

SUPERVISION OF PROFESSIONALS

- 22. I have reviewed the declaration submitted by Jennifer S. Feeney of Otterbourg attached as Exhibit 2, and the invoice and time entries for Otterbourg attached as Exhibit 2-1. During the Application Period, Otterbourg has assisted me with all aspects of the administration of this case, including drafting of status reports, communications with parties-in-interest, completing the transaction verification and claims process, analyzing potential third party claims and litigation of those claims, assisting with my analysis of the EminiFX tax liability, and assisting with and implementing the plan of distribution.
- 23. Otterbourg has spent a considerable amount of time assisting and giving legal advice regarding the claims process, procedures and next steps. Upon completion of the transaction review, Otterbourg played a key role in resolving the remaining disputed claims.
- 24. In my view, the fees that Otterbourg seeks are reasonable, necessary, and commensurate with the skill and experience required for the activity performed; and Otterbourg's services and time expenditures are reasonable in light of the labor required for the matters for which Otterbourg was retained and performed at my direction. In an effort to keep fees low, Otterbourg has been utilizing lower billers for ongoing, time-consuming tasks with senior attorney overview.

- 25. Otterbourg has, at my request, written off all expenses and additional otherwise billable items, which I believe is appropriate under the circumstances. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, all the fees and expenses requested in Exhibit 2-1 comply with the CFTC Billing Instructions.
- 26. I have reviewed the declaration submitted by Stephen O'Malley of JS Held attached as Exhibit 3, and the invoice and time entries for JS Held attached as Exhibit 3-1. JS Held spent considerable effort compiling the correct distribution numbers for all claimants, in ensuring that such payment amount data was properly sent to Stretto, and in implementing the rigorous quality control protocol regarding the initial distribution. JS Held also assisted in gathering information needed for the Final Claims Report. JS Held also provided the estate with financial advice and various project management and organizational functions, including the corporate tax return.
- 27. In my view, the fees that JS Held seeks are reasonable, necessary, and commensurate with the skill and experience required for the activity performed; and JS Held's services and time expenditures are reasonable in light of the labor required for the matters for which JS Held was retained and performed at my direction. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, all the fees and expenses requested in Exhibit 3-1 comply with the CFTC Billing Instructions.
- 28. I have reviewed the affidavit submitted by Daniel Young of Deloitte Tax attached as Exhibit 4, and the invoice and time entries for Deloitte Tax attached as Exhibit 4-1. During the Application Period, Deloitte Tax assisted in providing me with tax analysis and strategic advice related to the pre-receivership tax liability of EminiFX, in connection a pre-receivership New York state tax return.

- 29. In my view, the fees and expenditures that Deloitte Tax seeks are reasonable, necessary, and commensurate with the skill and experience required for the activity performed. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, all the fees and expenses requested in Exhibit 4-1 comply with the CFTC Billing Instructions and the Deloitte Retention Order concerning expenses [Dkt. 209, at 3 n.2].
- 30. I have reviewed the affidavit submitted by Conrad Davis of Crowe attached as Exhibit 5, and the invoice and time entries for Crowe attached as Exhibit 5-1. Crowe has served as the estate's tax advisor. During the Application Period, Crowe advised me on the Qualified Settlement Fund tax liability of the Receivership. Crowe also assisted in pre-receivership tax advice, where applicable.
- 31. In my view, the fees that Crowe seeks are reasonable, necessary, and commensurate with the skill and experience required for the activity performed; and Crowe's services and time expenditures are reasonable in light of the labor required for the matters for which Crowe was retained and performed at my direction. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, all the fees and expenses requested in Exhibit 5-1 comply with the CFTC Billing Instructions.
- 32. I have reviewed the declaration submitted by Daniel McElhinney of Stretto attached as Exhibit 6, and the invoice and time entries for Stretto attached as Exhibit 6-1. Stretto is a highly experienced claims administrator, and has been instrumental in advising of the claims administration process and in maintaining the EminiFX User Portal.
- 33. During the Application Period, at my direction, Stretto has played a key role in the distribution process. Stretto managed the payment process for both digital disbursements and for checks, ensuring that tens of thousands of payments were made to the correct investors. At my

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direction, Stretto took the lead in preparing a rigorous quality control protocol to ensure that the

correct payment amounts were made to the correct user payment information, and in implementing

that protocol throughout the Initial Distribution.

34. Stretto assisted me in updating the Receivership website with court filings, sending

notices regarding the claims process, and ensuring that the website, email communications and

town hall videos are also available in Haitian Creole and French. Stretto has also reviewed,

tracked, and responded to EminiFX investor communications (which were substantially higher

during the Application Period due to the implementation of the Initial Distribution); and circulated

investor communications reports.

35. In my view, the fees that Stretto seeks are reasonable, necessary, and commensurate

with the skill and experience required for the activity performed; and Stretto's services and time

expenditures are reasonable in light of the labor required for the matters for which Stretto was

retained and performed at my direction. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief

formed after reasonable inquiry, all the fees and expenses requested in Exhibit 6-1 comply with

the CFTC Billing Instructions.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the

foregoing is true and correct. Executed on this 2nd day of December 2025 at New York, New

York.

/s/ David A. Castleman

David A. Castleman

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General Receivership 2025 30

Total Balance

STANDARDIZED ACCOUNTING REPORT FOR EminiFX, Inc. and Alexandre Receivership Civil Court Docket No. 22 Civ. 3822 (VEC) (S.D.N.Y.)

Reporting period 07/01/2025 to 09/30/2025 Detail Subtotal **Grand Total** Notes Line 1 Beginning Balance (07/01/2025) \$62,056,204 \$62,056,204 **Total Balance Increases in Fund Balance** Line 2 **Business Income** Line 3 Cash and Securities Line 4 Interest/Dividend Income* \$327,959 Line 5 **Asset Liquidation** Line 6 Third Party Litigation Income Line 7 Other Miscellaneous **Total Funds Available - Total Lines 1-7** \$327,959 \$62,384,163 **Decreases in Fund Balance** Distribution Plan Line 9 Disbursements to Investors (\$3,857,476) [Dkt 431] Investors over \$1,000 (Class 3, 45%)** (\$3,790,230)Class 3 (45%) Investors under \$1,000 (Class 3A, 55%) (\$67,246) Class 3A (55%) Disbursements to Other Claimants Line Disbursements for Receivership 10 Operations Disbursements to Receiver/Other 2025 2Q Fees 10a Professionals (\$1,162,353)[Dkt 519] 10b Third Party Litigation Expenses 10c Asset expenses 10d Tax Payments Total Disbursements for Receivership Operations (\$1,162,353) Disbursements Related to Distribution Line 11 **Expenses** Line 12 Disbursements to Court/Other Line 13 Other **Total Funds Disbursed - Total Lines 9 - 13** (\$5,019,829) \$57,364,334

(\$4,691,870)

\$57,364,334

Line

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Ending Balance (as of 09/30/2025)

^{*} Due to a bank error that mistakenly paid interest on the ICS accounts at 20.5% instead of 2.05% for several days, an excess of \$84,217.08 in interest was applied to this account in September 2025 (during 3Q), and corrected in October 2025 (during 4Q). The number reflected above does not include the amount paid in error.

^{**} Includes \$703,618.47 currently held in a suspense account, which is not included in the total balance of the General Receivership, as that amount is treated as distributed to the claimant [see Dkt. 511, at 6 n.10].

General Receivership 2025 3Q

Other Supplemental Information		
Line		
15	Number of Claims	8 non-investor plus 32,965 investor claims
	No. of Claims Received This	
15a	Reporting Period	0 new claims
	No. of Claims Received Since	
15b	Inception of Estate	32,973
Line		32,973
16	Number of Claimants/Investors	(24,811 Class 3; 8,154 Class 3A; 8 Class 4)
	No. of Claimants/Investors Paid	700
16a	This Reporting Period	(490 Class 3; 210 Class 3A)
	No. of Claimants/Investors Paid	23,184
16b	Since Inception of Estate	(19,374 Class 3; 3,802 Class 3A; 8 Class 4)

Receiver: David Castleman

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David Castleman

Receiver

Date: October 30, 2025

Standardized Accounting Report Form

Exhibit 1-1 (filed under seal)

Exhibit 2

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

22 Civ. 3822 (VEC)

-against-

EDDY ALEXANDRE and EMINIFX, INC.,

Defendants.

DECLARATION OF JENNIFER FEENEY IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR FEES AND EXPENSES (JULY 1, 2025 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2025)

- 1. I am an attorney duly licensed to practice in the State of New York and a member of the firm at Otterbourg, P.C. ("Otterbourg" or "Firm"), counsel to the Receiver in the above-captioned case. Unless otherwise indicated, I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth below and if called as a witness, I would and could testify competently to the matters stated herein.
- 2. This declaration is made in support of the Application for Fees and Expenses from July 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025 (the "Application").
- 3. On February 2, 2023, the Court entered an order authorizing the Receiver to engage Otterbourg as general counsel to the Receiver effective as of January 30, 2023 [Dkt. 187] under the terms of the Employment Order entered by this Court on June 10, 2022 [Dkt. 47] (the "Employment Order"). I directly supervise the professionals and staff of Otterbourg with respect to this representation.

- 4. In the interests of the estate and pursuant to the Employment Order, Otterbourg has provided a public service accommodation of a 15% reduction on the aggregate recorded professional fees. Expenses are billed separately.
- 5. A true and correct copy of the Firm's invoice reflecting the detailed time entries for the services we provided from July 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025 (the "Application Period") has been submitted under seal as Exhibit 2-1, as required by the Employment Order. Otterbourg spent a total of 348.3 hours on the matter, and incurred fees in the amount of \$316,130.00 (the "Gross Services Amount"), subject to a 15% discount as set forth below, for a net fee request of \$268,710.50 which is over 55% less than the prior application period. Otterbourg waived all expenses.
- 6. The majority of Otterbourg's time was related to Otterbourg's key role in assisting the Receiver with the claims process, including distributions and the review and resolution of transaction submissions through the EminiFX User Portal (the "Portal"). During the Application Period, Otterbourg completed its review of the remaining users with disputed transactions. At the end of the review, less than .5% of the total transactions could not be resolved ("Disputed Transactions"). For the small percentage of Users that Otterbourg could not resolve, Otterbourg assisted the Receiver in preparing first and final submissions of Disputed Transactions [Dkts. 496-497 and 503-504] which were filed on May 23, 2005 and July 17, 2025. The submissions contained schedules of users with Disputed Transactions and the basis for the dispute. On July 23, 2025, Otterbourg assisted the Receiver by preparing a letter motion requesting the court approve the Receiver's determinations [Dkt. 506]. On September 22, 2025, the Court approved the Receiver's determinations.

- 7. In addition, Otterbourg assisted the Receiver in preparing a final claims report which was filed on October 3, 2025 [Dkt. 532]. This filing was a huge achievement in the case as it marked the end of the claims resolution process and finalized all claims for all users.
- 8. Otterbourg also assisted the Receiver in the net profit settlement program. Some users withdrew more funds than they deposited and the Receiver has requested those users to voluntarily return a portion of those funds for redistribution. Otterbourg has been communicating with those users through the Portal in an attempt to recover funds.
- 9. During the Application Period, Otterbourg continued to participate in multiple meetings with the Receiver and his professionals to discuss the logistics of the distribution process, including quality control procedures. The initial distribution has been processed in multiple waves and by the end of the Application period has distributed more than \$91.8 million to over 23,000 eligible Users.
- 10. During the Application Period, Otterbourg spent time assisting the Receiver with various matters, including aiding in the drafting of the Second Quarter 2025 Status Report filed on July 31, 2025 [Dkt. 511].
- 11. Throughout the Application Period, Otterbourg has been assisting the Receiver in reviewing various motions and requests filed by Alexandre. Otterbourg continues to assist the Receiver by preparing responses when necessary.
- 12. Otterbourg continued to monitor the related actions, including the criminal proceeding against Alexandre, *United States* v. *Alexandre*, No. 22 Cr. 326 (S.D.N.Y.) and *Chelder v. General Conference Corporation et al.*, No. 25 Civ 04313 (S.D.N.Y.). This case is still in the beginning phases and Otterbourg will continue to monitor it as it progresses.

- 13. In addition, Otterbourg has been monitoring multiple appeals which are pending in the Second Circuit [Case Nos. 25-632, 25-2094 and 25-2481]. Case Nos. 25-950 and 25-1278 were dismissed during the Application Period for lack of jurisdiction.
- 14. During the Application Period, Otterbourg continued to assist the Receiver in the action against Interactive Brokers LLC ("IBKR") pending in the Supreme Court of the State of New York County of New York, *David A. Castleman, as Receiver for EminiFX, Inc. v. Interactive Brokers LLC*, Index No. 659407/2024. On May 19, 2025, IBKR filed a motion to dismiss and a request to stay discovery pending the motion to dismiss. The Court granted the stay and the motion to dismiss remains pending.
- Dieuveuil, the former Chief Financial Officer (the "CFO") of EminiFX and John Edvard Maisonneuve and Sophia Maisonneuve (the "Maisonneuves"), who both served in the client relations team at EminiFX, captioned *David A. Castleman as Receiver for EminiFX, Inc. v. Clarelle Dieuveuil*, 651642/2025 in the Supreme Court for the County of New York, Index No. 651642/2025. During the Application Period, the Receiver reached a settlement in principle with the Maisonneuves. Otterbourg assisted in settlement discussions and negotiations and began drafting the settlement agreement. During the Application Period, Otterbourg began the discovery phase of litigation against the CFO which Otterbourg anticipates will continue into the next quarter.
- 16. The fees that Otterbourg has charged are reasonable, necessary, and commensurate with the skill and experience required for the activity performed. Otterbourg's services and time expenditures are reasonable in light of the labor required for the matters for which Otterbourg was retained. In an effort to keep fees low, Otterbourg has been using lower billers for time consuming

tasks with one senior attorney overseeing their work. Otterbourg respectfully submits that it has not expended time unnecessarily and that it has rendered efficient and effective services.

- 17. Otterbourg waived all expenses.
- 18. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, all the fees and expenses requested in the attached billing statements are true and correct and comply with the Billing Instructions for Receivers in Civil Actions Commenced by the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on this 2nd day of December 2025 at New York, New York.

/s/ Jennifer S. Feeney
Jennifer S. Feeney

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Exhibit 2-1 (filed under seal)

Exhibit 3

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

22 Civ. 3822 (VEC)

-against-

EDDY ALEXANDRE and EMINIFX, INC.,

Defendants.

DECLARATION OF STEPHEN O'MALLEY IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR FEES AND EXPENSES (JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2025)

- 1. I am a senior managing director at the firm of JS Held, LLC ("JS Held"), financial advisors to the Receiver in the above-captioned case. I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth below and if called as a witness, I would and could testify competently to the matters stated herein.
- 2. This declaration is made in support of the Application for Fees and Expenses from July 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025 ("Application").
- 3. The Receiver immediately retained JS Held as financial advisor following his appointment on May 12, 2022. On June 10, 2022, the Court entered an order authorizing the Receiver to employ JS Held (the "Employment Order"). I directly supervise the professionals and staff of JS Held that work on this matter.
- 4. In the interests of the estate and pursuant to the Employment Order, JS Held has provided public service accommodations for fees in the amounts of between 10% and 25%. Expenses are billed separately.

- 5. A true and correct copy of JS Held's invoice reflecting the detailed time entries for the services we provided from July 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025 (the "Application Period") has been submitted under seal as Exhibit 3-1, as required by the Employment Order. JS Held worked 202.8 hours and incurred fees in the amount of \$72,382.50 and expenses in the amount of \$11,678.90 during the Application Period.
- 6. During the Application Period, JS Held continued to assist with the claims administration process. JS Held participated in regular meetings to discuss and coordinate with the Receiver and other professionals the process for additional waves of plan distributions. JS Held continued to develop the code to calculate distribution amounts, including multiple quality assurance checks to ensure users would be receiving the correct amounts. The Receiver anticipates payments for the Initial Distribution to be complete by the end of 2025.
- 7. During the Application Period, the Receiver's legal team completed its review of the remaining user disputes, JS Held assisted in gathering, updating and transmitting the information to Stretto in order to update each user's Portal. JS Held continued to maintain a centralized electronic system to assist the Receiver and his team in reviewing and processing the remaining disputed transactions.
- 8. On September 22, 2025, the Court granted the Receiver's application to overrule the remaining user objections [Dkt. 527]. JS Held assisted the Receiver in gathering and preparing the information needed for Final Claims Report which was filed on October 3, 2025. The Final Claims Report reflects all the fully reconciled claim totals for all users and marks the end of the claims resolution process.
- 9. In addition, JS Held also participated in regular meetings with the Receiver, tax and legal professionals. JS Held continued to analyze transactional data for tax reporting.

10. The fees that JS Held has charged are reasonable, necessary, and commensurate with the skill and experience required for the activity performed. JS Held's services and time expenditures are reasonable in light of the labor required for the matters for which JS Held was

retained. JS Held respectfully submits that it has not expended time unnecessarily and that it has

rendered efficient and effective services.

11. JS Held incurred costs of \$11,678.90 during the Application Period for Iron

Mountain storage fees, hosting the document production on Disco and Azure SQL server

resources.

12. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief formed after reasonable

inquiry, all the fees and expenses requested in the attached billing statements are true and correct

and comply with the Billing Instructions for Receivers in Civil Actions Commenced by the U.S.

Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the

foregoing is true and correct. Executed on this 2nd day of December 2025 at New York, New

York.

/s/ Stephen O'Malley
Stephen O'Malley

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Exhibit 3-1 (filed under seal)

Exhibit 4

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

22 Civ. 3822 (VEC)

-against-

EDDY ALEXANDRE and EMINIFX, INC.,

Defendants.

DECLARATION OF DANIEL P. YOUNG OF DELOITTE TAX LLP IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR FEES AND EXPENSES (JULY 1, 2025 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2025)

- 1. I am a partner at the firm of Deloitte Tax LLP ("Deloitte Tax" or "Firm"), tax services provider engaged by the Receiver in the above-captioned case. I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth below and if called as a witness, I would and could testify competently to the matters stated herein.
- 2. This declaration is made in support of the Application for Fees and Expenses from July 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025 (the "Application").
- 3. The Receiver retained Deloitte Tax as tax services provider as of June 30, 2023 under the terms of an engagement letter between the Receiver and Deloitte Tax, dated June 29, 2023. On June 30, 2023, the Court entered an order authorizing the Receiver to employ Deloitte Tax (the "Employment Order"). I supervise the professionals of Deloitte Tax with respect to the services provided to the Receiver.
- 4. True and correct copies of the Firm's invoices reflecting the detailed time entries for the services we provided from April 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025 (the "Application Period")

have been submitted under seal as Exhibit 4-1, as required by the Employment Order. Deloitte

Tax spent 2.3 hours and incurred fees in the amount of \$1,742.00 and expenses of \$87.00 during

the Application Period.

5. Deloitte Tax previously prepared and filed a New York state tax return for EminiFX

arising from its pre-receivership tax liability with a relatively de minimis tax liability of \$9,750.00.

During the Application Period, Deloitte Tax monitored the status of the filing as well as researched

and corresponded with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance related to

requesting prompt assessment for EminiFX's New York pre-receivership tax liability. Deloitte

also participated in a status update call with the Receiver and other professionals.

6. The fees that Deloitte Tax has charged are reasonable, necessary, and

commensurate with the skill and experience required for the activity performed. Deloitte Tax's

services and time expenditures are reasonable in light of the labor required for the matters for

which Deloitte Tax was retained. Deloitte Tax respectfully submits that it has not expended time

unnecessarily and that it has rendered efficient and effective services.

7. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief formed after reasonable

inquiry, all the fees and expenses requested in the attached billing statements are true and correct

and substantially comply with the Billing Instructions for Receivers in Civil Actions Commenced

by the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the

foregoing is true and correct. Executed on this 2nd day of December 2025 at Boston,

Massachusetts.

/s/ Daniel P. Young

Daniel P. Young, Partner

Deloitte Tax LLP

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Exhibit 4-1

(filed under seal)

Exhibit 5

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

22 Civ. 3822 (VEC)

-against-

EDDY ALEXANDRE and EMINIFX, INC.,

Defendants.

AFFIDAVIT OF CONRAD DAVIS IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR FEES AND EXPENSES (JULY 1, 2025 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2025)

- 1. I am a partner at the firm of Crowe LLP ("Crowe" or "Firm"), tax professionals engaged by the Receiver in the above-captioned case. I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth below and if called as a witness, I would and could testify competently to the matters stated herein.
- 2. This affidavit is made in support of the Application for Fees and Expenses from July 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025 (the "Application").
- 3. The Receiver retained Crowe as tax advisors. On June 10, 2022, the Court entered an order authorizing the Receiver to employ Crowe (the "Employment Order"). I supervise the professionals and staff of Crowe with respect to the services provided to the Receiver.
- 4. In the interests of the estate and pursuant to the Employment Order, the Crowe rates have been discounted by 15%. Expenses are billed separately.
- 5. True and correct copies of the Firm's invoices reflecting the detailed time entries for the services we provided, and the expenses we incurred, from July 1, 2025 through September

30, 2025 (the "Application Period") has been submitted under seal as Exhibit 5-1, as required by the Employment Order. Crowe spent 13.3 hours and incurred fees in the amount of \$5,027.75 (which is inclusive of a 15% accommodation) during the Application Period.

- 6. During the Application Period, the firm prepared the qualified settlement fund tax return for the 2024 tax year and sent a final version for filing by the Receiver.
- 7. Crowe also participated in regular meetings with the Receiver and other professionals to discuss tax requirements and impacts on the Receivership from EminiFX's pre-receivership activities.
- 8. The fees that Crowe has charged are reasonable, necessary, and commensurate with the skill and experience required for the activity performed. Crowe's services and time expenditures are reasonable in light of the labor required for the matters for which Crowe was retained. Crowe respectfully submits that it has not expended time unnecessarily and that it has rendered efficient and effective services.
- 9. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, all the fees and expenses requested in the attached billing statements are true and correct and comply with the Billing Instructions for Receivers in Civil Actions Commenced by the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on this 2nd day of December 2025 at Sacramento, California.

<u>/s/ Conrad Davis</u> Conrad Davis Case 1:22-cv-03822-VEC Document 559-5 Filed 12/02/25 Page 4 of 4

Exhibit 5-1 (filed under seal)

Exhibit 6

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

22 Civ. 3822 (VEC)

-against-

EDDY ALEXANDRE and EMINIFX, INC.,

Defendants.

DECLARATION OF DANIEL C. MCELHINNEY IN SUPPORT OFAPPLICATION FOR FEES AND EXPENSES (JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2025)

- 1. I am a Senior Managing Director at the firm of Stretto, Inc. ("Stretto"), claims and noticing agent engaged by the Receiver in the above-captioned case. I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth below and if called as a witness, I would and could testify competently to the matters stated herein.
- 2. This declaration is made in support of the Application for Fees and Expenses from July 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025 (the "Application").
- 3. On June 10, 2022, the Court entered an order authorizing the Receiver to employ Stretto (the "Employment Order"). I directly supervise the professionals and staff of Stretto that work on this matter.
- 4. In the interests of the estate and pursuant to the Employment Order, Stretto has provided an accommodation of a reduction to its fees on a basis, which is tied to the amount on deposit by the Receiver at that time. Expenses are billed separately.

- 5. A true and correct copy of Stretto's invoice reflecting the detailed time entries for the services we provided from July 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025 (the "Application Period") has been submitted under seal as Exhibit 6-1, as required by the Employment Order. Stretto spent 654.8 hours and incurred fees in the amount of \$129,995.00 and expenses in the amount of \$3,967.66 during the Application Period.
- 6. The majority of Stretto's time was related to its major role in the claims and distributions process. During the Application Period, Stretto continued to collect payment information from users through the EminiFX User Portal (the "Portal"). Stretto continued to work with the Receiver and his professionals to implement the distribution process, including quality control procedures, reviewing addresses for accuracy and preparing checks and wires for distribution. The Receiver anticipates that the distribution process will be complete by the end of 2025.
- 7. During the Application Period, Stretto assisted the Receiver in continuing to make distributions to Users. Stretto also spent a significant amount of time responding to User inquiries by phone and email in connection with their distributions.
- 8. During the Application Period, Stretto continued to assist in developing, maintaining, and managing the Portal, which is the primary tool for the Receiver and Stretto to manage the claims process for over 35,000 claimants. The Receiver's legal team completed their review of the remaining disputed transactions and Stretto assisted in updating those User's portals as their transactions were resolved. During the Application Period, the Court approved the Receiver's Application to Overrule Remaining User Objections [Dkt. 527] and Stretto assisted in updating final amounts for all users' portals.

- 9. Stretto regularly communicated with the Receiver and his team regarding the Portal, including preparing weekly reports. Stretto is the first line of contact for EminiFX Users in connection with the Portal, and in that role Stretto assisted users with various portal access requests and issues.
- 10. Additionally, Stretto assisted the Receiver with case management; updating the Receivership website as requested by the Receiver; monitoring the case docket and updating the Receivership website with court filings; reviewing, tracking, and responding to EminiFX investor communications; responding to EminiFX creditor communications and maintaining the creditor matrix; and preparing and circulating investor communications reports. The bulk of the time spent responding to investor communications was handled by lower-billing personnel, as reflected in Exhibit 6-1.
- 11. The fees that Stretto has charged are reasonable, necessary, and commensurate with the skill and experience required for the activity performed. Stretto's services and time expenditures are reasonable in light of the labor required for the matters for which Stretto was retained. Stretto respectfully submits that it has not expended time unnecessarily and that it has rendered efficient and effective services.
- 12. Stretto incurred costs of \$3,967.66 during the Application Period, included printing, postage, and robotic process automation which includes monthly HTTPS usage, e-filing services for subscription-based docket notifications, USPS bulk mail operations, address validation, and related activities. Additional expenses incurred during the Application Period were related to the distributions, including printing and mailing distribution checks.
- 13. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, all the fees and expenses requested in the attached billing statements are true and correct

and comply with the Billing Instructions for Receivers in Civil Actions Commenced by the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on this 2nd day of December 2025 at New York, New York.

/s/ Daniel C. McElhinney
Daniel C. McElhinney

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Exhibit 6-1 (filed under seal)