IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE No: 12-34121 (07) Complex Litigation Unit

MARGARET J. SMITH as Managing General Partner of P&S ASSOCIATES, GENERAL PARTNERSHIP, a Florida limited partnership, and S&P ASSOCIATES, GENERAL PARTNERSHIP, a Florida limited partnership; P&S ASSOCIATES, GENERAL PARTNERSHIP, a Florida limited partnership; and S&P ASSOCIATES GENERAL PARTNERSHIP, a Florida limited partnership; and S&P ASSOCIATES GENERAL PARTNERSHIP, a Florida limited partnership,

Plaintiffs,

VS.

JANET A. HOOKER CHARITABLE TRUST, a charitable trust, DIANE M. DEN BLEYKER, an individual, ETTOH LTD., a Florida limited partnership, JOHN AND/OR LOIS COMBS, an individual, ERSICA P. GIANNA, Trustee, CATHERINE B. & BERRY C. SMITH, individuals, EDNA A. PROFE REV. LIV. TRUST, HERBERT IRWIG REVOCABLE TRUST. HAMPTON FINANCIAL GROUP, INC., a Florida corporation, EDITH ROSEN, an individual, RICHARD F. AND BETTE WEST, individuals, GREGG WALLICK, an individual, JAMES AND VALERIA BRUCE JUDD, individuals, JULIANNE M. JONES, an individual, JESSE A. AND LOIS GOSS, Trustees, LISA RYAN, an individual, GERTRUDE GORDON, an individual, SAM ROSEN, an individual, PARAGON VENTURES, LTD., an Austrian limited partnership, HOLY **GHOST FATHERS INTERNATIONAL** FUND #2, a Tax-exempt Organization,

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SUSAN E. MOLCHAN OR THOMAS A WHITEMAN, individuals, JANET B. MOLCHAN TRUST DTD 05/19/94, ROBERT A UCHIN REV TRUST, HOLY GHOST FATHERS. COMPASSION FUND, a Tax-exempt Organization, HOLY GHOST FATHERS HG-MOMBASA, a Tax-exempt Organization, HOLY GHOST FATHERS INTERNATIONAL FUND #1, a Tax-exempt Organization, HOLY GHOST FATHERS HG-IRELAND/KENEMA, a Tax-exempt Organization, CONGREGATION OF THE HOLY GHOST - WESTERN PROVIDENCE, a Tax-exempt Organization, ABRAHAM OR RITA NEWMAN, individuals, JOHN T. CROWLEY, AND/OR JONATHAN CROWLEY, individuals, ALEX E. MOLCHAN TRUST DTD 05/19/94, and ANN OR MICHAEL SULLIVAN, individuals,

Defendants.	

DEFENDANTS, HOLY GHOST FATHERS, COMPASSION FUND, HOLY GHOST FATHERS HG-MOMBASA, HOLY GHOST FATHERS INTERNATIONAL FUND #1, HOLY GHOST FATHERS INTERNATIONAL FUND #2, AND HOLY GHOST FATHERS HG-IRELAND/KENEMA, MATERIAL FACTUAL STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

Defendants, Holy Ghost Fathers HG-Kenema, Holy Ghost Fathers International Fund #1, Holy Ghost Fathers International Fund #2, Holy Ghost Fathers Compassion Fund, and Holy Ghost Fathers HG-Mombasa (collectively, the "Holy Ghost Entities"), by and through undersigned counsel, and pursuant to Fla. R. Civ. P. 1.5101, hereby submits this Material Factual Statement in support of its motion for summary judgment against the Plaintiffs. In support thereof, the Holy Ghost Entities state as follows:

The Complaint contains four counts against the Holy Ghost Entities: Count I for Breach of Contract, Count II for Unjust Enrichment, Count III for Money Had and Received, and Count IV for Avoidance of Fraudulent Transfers Pursuant to Section 726.105(1)(a) of the Florida Statutes. (Compl., passim). Plaintiffs allege that P&S Associates, General Partnership and the S&P Associates, General Partnership (collectively the "Partnerships") were formed for the purpose of engaging in the business of investing. (Compl., ¶ 38). Each of the Partnerships is governed by a corresponding Partnership Agreement. (Compl., ¶ 37). As partners, the Holy Ghost Entities are alleged to have invested money in one of the Partnerships. (Compl., ¶¶ 23, 27-30). Specifically, the Holy Ghost Entities are alleged to have invested an aggregate of \$3,308,379.71 into the Partnerships. Id. It is further alleged that the Holy Ghost Entities received an aggregate of \$4,445,939.47 in Partnership distributions. Id.

Pursuant to the governing Partnership Agreements, the profits and losses attributable to the Partnerships were to be allocated in equal proportion among the Partners in accordance with each Partner's capital contribution relative to the aggregate total capital contribution of all of the Partners. (Compl., ¶ 41). Partnership distributions, if any, were to be made at least once per year. (Compl., ¶ 42). The Partnerships' investments were to be overseen by the Managing General Partners of the Partnerships, Michael D. Sullivan and Greg Powell, the "S" and "P" of the partnerships. (Compl., ¶ 44).

On August 29, 2012, an Agreed Order was entered whereby Plaintiff, Margaret Smith, was named sole Managing General Partner. (Compl., ¶ 45). Plaintiffs allege that the former Managing General Partners breached their fiduciary duties of loyalty and care to the Partners and the Partnerships by making improper distributions to the Holy Ghost Entities, among others, that

were made from the principal contributions of other Partners rather than from the Partnerships' profits. (Compl., ¶ 46).

Plaintiffs' Complaint fails to indicate specific dates for when these improper distributions were received. However, counsel for Plaintiffs subsequently provided information which definitively demonstrates that the last distribution received by <u>any</u> of the Holy Ghost Entities, as noted on the records of the Partnerships, was on July 23, 2008. <u>See</u> Affidavit of Joanne M.F. Wilcomes, Esq. ("Wilcomes Aff."), attached hereto as Exhibit "A" at ¶ 5 and Ex. A. The Complaint was filed December 12, 2012.

On September 12, 2013, counsel for the Holy Ghost Entities received from counsel for Plaintiffs a spreadsheet showing receipts from the Holy Ghost Entities, as well as dates and amounts of distributions from P&S to each of the Holy Ghost Entities. <u>Id.</u> at ¶ 4 and Ex. A. According to Plaintiffs' own records, the last receipt and distribution for each of the Holy Ghost Entities were as follows:

**Holy Ghost Fathers International Fund #1** 

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
9/11/2002	\$50,000.00
2/11/2003	\$55,000.00
2/11/2003	\$409,542.43
4/7/2003	\$225,000.00
4/13/2003	\$153,185.00
4/5/2004	\$200,000.00
3/31/2005	\$57,000.00
11/17/2005	\$37,000.00

9/27/2007	\$119,393.88
1/31/2008	\$2,496.36
TOTAL DISTRIBUTED	\$1,308,617.67
LESS TOTAL INVESTED	\$1,181,331.35
TOTAL GAIN	\$127,286.32

 $\underline{\text{Id.}}$  at ¶ 5 and Ex. A.

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013 a true and correct copy of the foregoing was SENT VIA E-MAIL to: LEONARD K. SAMUELS, Esq., ETAN MARK, Esq., and STEVEN D. WEBER, Esq., c/o Berger Singerman, Attorneys for Plaintiffs, 350 East Las Olas Boulevard, Suite 1000, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301: lsamuels@bergersingerman.com; emark@bergersingerman.com; sweber@bergersingerman.com; DRT@bergersingerman.com; VLeon@bergersingerman.com; ERIC N. ASSOULINE, Esq., c/o Assouline & Berlowe, P.A., Attorneys for Ersica P. Gianna, 213 E. Sheridan Street, Suite 3, Dania Beach, Florida 33004: ena@assoulineberlowe.com; and ah@assoulineberlowe.com; JULIAN H. KREEGER, Esq., Attorneys for James Bruce Judd and Valeria Judd, 2665 S. Bayshore Drive, Suite 220-14, Miami, Florida 33133-5402: juliankreeger@gmail.com; JOSEPH P. KLAPHOLZ, Esq., Attorney for Abraham Newman, Rita Newman & Gertrude Gordon, c/o Joseph P. Klapholz, P.A., 2500 Hollywood Boulevard, Suite 212, Hollywood, Florida 33020: jklap@klapholzpa.com; dml@klapholzpa.com; PETER G. HERMAN, Esq., c/o Tripp Scott Law Offices, 110 S.E. Sixth Street, Suite 1500, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301: PGH@trippscott.com; MICHAEL C. FOSTER, Esq., and ANNETTE M. URENA, Esq., c/o

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