

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN
AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY,
FLORIDA

PHILIP J. VON KAHLE, as Conservator of
P&S ASSOCIATES, GENERAL
PARTNERSHIP, and S&P ASSOCIATES
GENERAL PARTNERSHIP, MARGARET J.
SMITH, as Managing General Partner of P&S
ASSOCIATES, GENERAL PARTNERSHIP,
AND S&P ASSOCIATES, GENERAL
PARTNERSHIP, Florida General Partnerships,

CASE NO.: CACE12034121
COMPLEX LITIGATION UNIT

Plaintiffs,

vs.

JANET A. HOOKER CHARITABLE TRUST,
a Charitable Trust, et al.,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF DEATH

COME NOW Harris K. Solomon, Esq. and Arthur H. Rice, Esq., the Court-appointed Inventory Attorneys (“Inventory Attorneys”) for the Law Firm of Rotella Law, P.A. (“Rotella Law”), and file this Notice of Death and state that:

1. On March 4, 2015, Gary J. Rotella, Esq. (“Rotella”) passed away.
2. At that time, Rotella was the sole director and sole shareholder in Rotella Law, as well as the only attorney working for or employed by Rotella Law.
3. Rotella was the sole counsel of record for the Defendant ERSICA P. GIANNA.
4. Inventory Attorneys were appointed by an Order entered on March 6, 2015. A copy of this order is attached as **Exhibit “A.”** The Inventory Attorneys’ sole task is to wind down the business of Rotella Law, and in the process to make certain that clients of Rotella Law

are properly informed and, where necessary, advise these clients that they must seek new counsel, and that these clients are given the opportunity to have all their papers, documents, and pleadings, both original and copies, returned to them by a method of their choice in a timely manner, so that they can retain new counsel to represent them if they so choose.

5. Any and all future correspondence, court filings, and other communication with respect to this case should be directed to new counsel for Defendant, ERSICA P. GIANNA if she obtains new counsel or after a reasonable period of time in which no new counsel is obtained to Defendant ERSICA P. GIANNA at 3101 Northeast 47th Court, Apt. 102, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308.

6. The Inventory Attorneys will make their best efforts to have Rotella Law's files in this matter available to Ms. Gianna within 14 days of this Notice.

7. Given the circumstances as they exist with regard to Rotella Law at this time, it is not possible for this law firm to continue in business, and it is presently in the process of being dissolved by the Inventory Attorneys, Mr. Solomon and Mr. Rice.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that the foregoing document has been furnished to all parties on the attached certificate of service, via electronic service of the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal and the following other means if selected: __ U.S. Mail; __ hand-delivery; __ facsimile on this 30th day of March, 2015.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

In Re:

Harris K. Solomon and Arthur H. Rice
Petitioners, regarding
Gary J. Rotella,
a deceased attorney.

Case No.: CACE15004147

ORDER APPOINTING INVENTORY ATTORNEY

THIS CAUSE came on to be heard upon the Petition of HARRIS K. SOLOMON and ARTHUR H. RICE for appointment of inventory attorneys pursuant to Rule 1-3.8, Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, and the Court being otherwise fully advised in the premises and finding that:

GARY J. ROTELLA has died and that no executor, partner, or responsible party capable of conducting his law practice affairs is known to exist; and that GARY J. ROTELLA has in his actual or constructive possession files of clients or former clients and has not returned those files to such clients; and that in order to protect the rights of all concerned including GARY J. ROTELLA and his clients and former clients, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:

1. HARRIS K. SOLOMON, a member of The Florida Bar, 200 East Las Olas Blvd., Suite 1900, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301 and ARTHUR H. RICE, a member of The Florida Bar, 101 NE 3rd Ave., Suite 1800, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301, are hereby appointed as inventory attorneys for GARY J. ROTELLA with full powers and duties pursuant to Rule 1-3.8, Rules Regulating The Florida Bar to carry out the function of inventory attorney.

2. The Inventory Attorneys are directed to proceed as soon as possible to inventory the files of GARY J. ROTELLA and to take such action as they believe are indicated to protect

EXHIBIT

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the interests of the clients of GARY J. ROTELLA and Rotella Law, P.A. as well as the interests of Gary J. Rotella and Rotella Law, P.A.

3. HARRIS K. SOLOMON and ARTHUR H. RICE are specifically authorized to accept employment as attorney in connection with the activities of cases found in the files inventoried as long as each client is given a free choice for the further employment of counsel.

4. HARRIS K. SOLOMON and ARTHUR H. RICE shall not be obligated to accept employment as attorney in connection with any or all the active cases found in the files inventoried but they, at their option, may refuse to handle such files.

5. The inventory attorney shall furnish a progress report to this Court with copies to The Florida Bar, c/o Cheryl Soler, Lake Shire Plaza II, 2300 Concord Terrace, Suite 130, Sunrise, Florida 33323 within 30 days of this order, and shall thereafter furnish periodic progress reports as this court may direct until completion of the duties as inventory attorney and approval of a final report by this Court.

6. The Clerk of this Court shall issue, upon application of Harris K. Solomon and Arthur H. Rice, such writs as may be necessary to carry out this order.

7. The inventory attorneys, HARRIS K. SOLOMON and ARTHUR H. RICE, shall have specific authority to have access to any and all bank accounts of GARY J. ROTELLA, whether such bank account is operating, escrow, trust, estate or in any representative capacity and to issue instruments on said accounts including making deposits, withdrawing funds, signing checks, directing wire transfers, and closing said accounts and shall comply with the provisions of Rules 5-1 and 5-2, Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, as applicable, in all transactions involving said accounts.

8. The Clerk of this Court shall issue such writs as are necessary to enable the inventory attorney to carry out their duties under this court forthwith upon application of either of said inventory attorneys.

9. Inventory Attorneys shall have full access to and exclusive control over the premises at which Gary J. Rotella and Rotella Law, P.A. maintained a law office at 1500 N. Federal Highway, Suite 250, Fort Lauderdale, Florida during the course of this proceeding subject to the rights of the landlord to seek relief from this court.

10. All persons in possession of any files, records, or other property belonging to Rotella Law, P.A. that are necessary to the Inventory Attorneys carrying out the above described functions are, upon receipt of a copy of this Order, ordered to deliver over same to the Inventory Attorneys.

11. Inventory Attorneys shall have the authority to take all actions necessary on behalf of Rotella Law, P. A. as to all matters involving the United States Internal Revenue Service and shall have the authority to execute a power of attorney form 2848 on the firm's behalf.

12. Inventory Attorneys shall have the authority to direct the preparation of final bills on behalf of Rotella Law. P.A. and to resolve billing and payment issues with clients of Rotella Law, P.A.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida, this
____ day of _____, 2015.

MICHAEL L. GATES
Circuit Judge

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Circuit Judge

Copies Provided To:

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