

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF BERNALILLO  
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS DIVISION,  
Petitioner,

v.

NO. D-202-CV-2017-03838

DESERT STATE LIFE MANAGEMENT, *et al*,

Respondents

**RECEIVER'S NOVEMBER 2019, MONTHLY REPORT**

COMES NOW, Christopher Moya, court-appointed Receiver for Desert State Life Management (DSLML) and Acting Director of the Financial Institutions Division (FID) of the New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department, by and through the FID's attorney of record, Kevin A. Graham, and provides the Court with the following Receiver's November 2019, Monthly Report.

**CONTINUING ACTIVITIES OF THE RECEIVERSHIP**

1. **Funds:** The Receiver is in control of the following bank accounts and funds in the name of DSLML and account balances as November 5, 2019, stood at the following amounts:

DSLML Accounts with New Mexico Bank and Trust:

(1)	"Operations" account:	XXXX190	\$0.00
(2)	"Sweep" account:	XXXX041	\$0.00
(3)	"Pooled Savings" account:	XXXX119	\$321,007.99
(4)	"Trust Cash" account:	XXXX127	\$27,087.42
(5)	"Recovery" account:	XXXX309	\$0
(6)	"Trust Checks" account:	XXXX116	\$9,468.24

2. Examination of Records and Accounts:

Progress towards the completion of scanning client records of DSLM continues to be slow due to lack of available staff within the Financial Institutions Division. The Financial Institutions Division has hired an additional attorney, and continues in the effort to bring on staff a law clerk to assist with document scanning matters. The Receiver continues to prioritize the scanning of individual client files whenever contacted by trust beneficiaries/representatives seeking copies of individual client trust files.

3. Progress Toward the Appointment of Successor Trustees:

The Receiver filed a request for the Court to set a status conference for the above-captioned matter, with the primary goal of discussing with the Court plans for how best to accomplish the transfer to appropriate successor trustees the remaining trust accounts that remain under the trusteeship of the receivership for DSLM. As of the date of this report, no status conference has been set by the Court. The Receiver will follow up with the Court's staff in an attempt to get a status hearing date set. Given that many of the trusts at issue have either no current funds in trust, or only a very small amount of funds remaining, the options for finding qualified trustees who are willing to take on the trusts have been very limited. The receiver has determined it will be necessary to obtain orders from this court regarding specific client trusts in order to transfer the majority of remaining trust clients to permanent successor trustees. The Receiver believes it will be possible to transfer the majority of the remaining trust accounts to a certified New Mexico non-profit trust company to take over trustee duties for

those trusts that qualify as “special needs” trusts under relevant federal Medicaid and Social Security laws. The Receiver is working towards transferring trust accounts to the non-profit trust company in a series of steps, with a few of the most active trust accounts being transferred first, and then additional trust accounts being transferred over a period of the next few months.

The Receiver will endeavor to assure notice is provided to all required/interested parties concerning the proposed transfer of the remaining trust accounts to successor trustees. The Receiver anticipates a series of court hearing ) will be necessary to accomplish the transfer of these trusts to successor trustees. The Receiver believes a public hearing will be required on these motions in order to afford all required/interested parties an opportunity to be heard concerning the proposed transfers.

4. Insurance Policies/Coverage for DSLM: The Receiver continues to encourage all clients of DSLM to consult with their personal legal advisors and counsel regarding their legal rights and any claims they may have against the insurance coverage for DSLM. Those insurance companies, and contact information for the companies are as follows:

**“Directors and Officers Policy” # AZP349837/BCN-0007591**

Agent: Western Assurance Co.

P.O. Box 96400

Albuquerque, NM 87199-4600;

Or

3701 Paseo Del Norte Ne Ste 200

Albuquerque, NM 87113-1578

Telephone: 505-265-8481

Fax: 505-266-3500

Email: [receptionist@westernassurance.com](mailto:receptionist@westernassurance.com)

Agency Number: 30-001

Policy No. BCN-0007591

Company Issuing Policy: The Cincinnati Insurance Companies  
P. O. Box 145496  
Cincinnati, OH 45250-5496  
Telephone: 513-870-2000  
Policy Number: 05BCN0007591  
Policy No.: BCN0007591  
Notice Date: 03/28/2017  
Claim Number: 2864999  
Adjuster: [andrew\\_eminger@cinfin.com](mailto:andrew_eminger@cinfin.com)

**“Employee Dishonesty Policy” # AZP-340134**  
“E & O/GL policy”

Agent: Western Assurance Co.  
P.O. Box 96400  
Albuquerque, NM 87199-4600

Company Issuing Policy: Evanston Insurance Company ADCO General  
Policy # EO865156  
Billing/Payment Company: IPFS Corporation  
P.O. Box 412086  
Kansas City, MO 64141-2086  
Phone: 866-412-1793  
FAX 919-234-2760  
Account Number: AZP-340134

**“Other”**

The Travelers; Policy Number 105818345

Travelers  
385 Washington Street  
St. Paul, MN 55102  
Phone: (651) 301-8986  
Account Number: T1704210  
Directed to refer to matter number 086-FA1-T1704210-NR on all communications.  
Jessica Tabrizi  
Claim Counsel  
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Phone: (909) 612-3650  
Fax: (866) 842-9195  
Email: [JTABRIZI@travelers.com](mailto:JTABRIZI@travelers.com)

5. Pending Class Action Lawsuit Against DSLM and other Defendants:

An “Amended Class Action Complaint” was filed on December 17, 2018, in the New Mexico Second Judicial District, Case No. D-202-CV-2018-04655, captioned “Cameron

Graham, as trustee for Andrew Graham, *et al.* v. Desert State Life Management, *et al.*” The case has been assigned to the docket of the Hon. Judge Joshua Andrew Allison. A status conference in this case has been set for the date of November 26, 2019, at 10:30a.m. before Judge Allison. The Receiver continues to believe the class action status of the case will be certified by the court, and that this lawsuit may constitute a means whereby the individual trusts and/or individual trust beneficiaries that suffered losses due to the conduct of the former chief executive officer of DSLM may benefit from any judgment obtained on behalf of the proposed class. The Receiver has been following the progression of this civil suit and will endeavor to keep the Court apprised of any developments in that lawsuit that may impact the receivership.

6. Federal Criminal Prosecution of Paul Donisthorpe / Federal Civil

Forfeiture Action:

On February 22, 2019, Paul A. Donisthorpe was sentenced in United States District Court for the District of New Mexico [Case No. 2017-3311 JB, United States of America v. Paul A. Donisthorpe] on two federal felony criminal counts that arose from his conduct as Chief Executive Office of Desert State Life Management and in his capacity as trustee for the multiple trusts overseen by the company. Paul Donisthorpe is currently incarcerated with the United States Bureau of Prisons. The Receiver continues to work in coordination with the United States Attorney’s Office for the District of New Mexico on this matter. The Receiver has been informed by counsel from the U.S. Attorney’s Office that there has been a sale of some of the property located in Texas that was seized by the U.S.A. and that it is anticipated some funds will be made available for

restitution to be paid to the victimized trusts, but the final dollar amount available for restitution funds has not yet been calculated.

Any DSLM clients, or their representatives, or other interested parties, who have questions regarding the Donisthorpe plea, sentencing, or progress by the United States Attorney's Office to collect restitution or obtain funds to be applied toward restitution for the victims via the federal civil forfeiture process, are encouraged to contact:

Alyssa Skrepcinski  
Victim Advocate  
Office of the United States Attorney for the District of New Mexico  
(505) 224-1427  
201 Third St. NW, Suite 900, Albuquerque NM 87102.

7. Civil Action Filed in Federal Court by Evanston Insurance Company:

A bench trial was conducted on the days of October 7 - 9, 2019, in U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico, on the civil action brought by Evanston Insurance Company [Evanston Insurance Company v. Desert State Life Management, *et al.*, 1:18-cv-00654-LF-KK]. In that case Evanston seeks declaratory judgment that the insurance company will not be liable for the payment of any claims brought against DSLM that might have been subject to coverage under the "Errors and Omissions/Employee Dishonesty" policy [Policy # EO865156] purchased by DSLM. No decision has yet been rendered by the Court on that matter.


8. Civil Action Filed in Federal Court by The Cincinnati Insurance Companies:

A scheduling order has been issued for the civil action filed in the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico by the Cincinnati Insurance Companies [Cincinnati Insurance Company v. Desert State Life Management, *et al.*, 1:18-cv-00981-LF-SCY, filed October 22, 2018], wherein Cincinnati seeks declaratory judgment that the company is not liable for the

payment of any claims brought against DSLM that might have been subject to coverage under the “Directors and Officers” policy [Policy # AZP349837/BCN-0007591] purchased by DSLM. The Receiver has been named as a defendant in this action in his capacity as the receiver for DSLM. Litigation of the matter continues.

9. Action filed in Probate Court by Andrew Graham against Receiver Moya. The action filed in the Probate Court of the New Mexico Second Judicial District by Andrew R. Graham alleging damages owed by the Receiver was dismissed by order of the Court on September 4, 2019.

On behalf of the Receiver, Christopher Moya, the foregoing is respectfully submitted by:

  
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE:

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing pleading was delivered by service through the Court’s automated system, by electronic mail and/or by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to each of the following:

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