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## BY OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Office of Applications and Report Services  
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Re: Civil Action Documents Filed with Respect to Pacific Select Fund (File No. 811-5141)

Dear Sir or Madame:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of the registered investment company captioned above, pursuant to Section 33 of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, are copies of the Civil Cover Sheet, Summons, Complaint, and Notice of Interested Parties and Corporate Disclosure Statement, each dated February 17, 2010, in *Pacific Select Fund v. The Bank of New York Mellon and BNY Mellon, N.A.*, (U.S.D.C., C.D. Cal.) (Case No. SACV10-198 DOC (ANx)).

Please acknowledge receipt of this filing by date stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it in the envelope provided. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Enclosures

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1 Pursuant to Local Rule 7.1-1 and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 7.1,  
2 Plaintiff Pacific Select Fund makes the following disclosure:

3 The undersigned, counsel of record for Pacific Select Fund, certifies that the  
4 following listed parties may have a direct, pecuniary interest in the outcome of this  
5 case. These representations are made to enable the Court to evaluate possible  
6 disqualification or recusal.

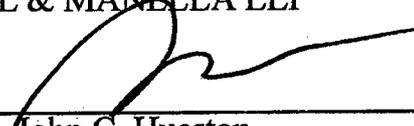
- 7 1. Pacific Select Fund states that it is a variable insurance trust established  
8 by Pacific Life Insurance Company.
- 9 2. Pacific Life Insurance Company ("Pacific Life") states that it is a  
10 Nebraska corporation, whose parent is Pacific LifeCorp., a Delaware  
11 Stock Holding Company, which owns 100% of the stock of Pacific  
12 Life. Pacific LifeCorp, in turn, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Pacific  
13 Mutual Holding Company, a Nebraska mutual insurance holding  
14 company. No publicly held company owns 10% or more of any of  
15 these entities.

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17 Dated: February 17, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

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25 DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

1 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332, Plaintiff Pacific Select Fund (“Plaintiff” or  
2 “PSF”) files this Complaint on behalf of its Board of Trustees against Defendant  
3 BNY Mellon, N.A. (“BNY Mellon”) and The Bank of New York Mellon (“the  
4 Bank” and, collectively with BNY Mellon, the “Defendants”), by and through its  
5 attorneys of record, and alleges as follows:

### 6 INTRODUCTION

7 1. Offering insurance since 1868, Pacific Life Insurance Company  
8 (“Pacific Life”) provides a wide range of life insurance products, annuities, and  
9 mutual funds, and offers a variety of investment products and services to  
10 individuals, businesses, and pension plans.

11 2. PSF is the proprietary variable insurance trust that was established by  
12 Pacific Life in 1988. PSF is an investment company registered under the Investment  
13 Company Act of 1940 and is comprised of approximately 35 distinct portfolios,  
14 each representing a separate pool of assets and each serving as a separate investment  
15 option for Pacific Life’s variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance  
16 policies.

17 3. Pacific Life Fund Advisors LLC (“PLFA”), a wholly-owned subsidiary  
18 of Pacific Life, serves as the investment adviser to PSF. PLFA is registered under  
19 the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. In its role as investment adviser to PSF,  
20 PLFA recommends investment managers to manage the assets of the PSF portfolios.  
21 PLFA monitors, on behalf of PSF, the management of PSF’s portfolios and provides  
22 regular updates to PSF regarding the management and performance of the portfolios.

23 4. Pursuant to a Third Party Securities Lending Authorization Agreement  
24 (“Securities Lending Agreement” or “Agreement”) executed in January 2007  
25 between Mellon Bank, N.A. and PSF, Mellon Bank contracted to act as PSF’s  
26 lending agent and to establish, manage and administer a Securities Lending Program  
27 with respect to the lendable securities of PSF’s portfolios. Defendants received, as  
28 compensation for its services, a percentage of the net revenues generated through

1 the Securities Lending Program. The Securities Lending Agreement provides that it  
2 shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the  
3 State of California.

4 5. Pursuant to the Securities Lending Agreement, Defendants – successors  
5 by merger to Mellon Bank – loaned securities owned by PSF to third-party  
6 borrowers in return for cash collateral. Defendants were charged under the  
7 Securities Lending Agreement with investing the cash collateral for the benefit of  
8 PSF pursuant to certain “Investment Guidelines.” The cash collateral under the  
9 Securities Lending Program was invested by Defendants in the Mellon GSL DBT II  
10 Collateral Fund (“Collateral Fund”), a series of a trust established by Mellon Bank  
11 (DE) National Association (succeeded by BNY Mellon Trust of Delaware, an  
12 affiliate of Defendants) exclusively for “the investment and reinvestment of such  
13 cash collateral as may be contributed thereto by or on behalf of the securities  
14 lending clients of certain affiliates of the Trustee.” Defendants or their affiliates  
15 serve as the investment manager and Trustee of this Collateral Fund. As such,  
16 Defendants were responsible for establishing the daily pricing of units of the  
17 Collateral Fund. Defendants priced these units at \$1 per unit at all times pertinent to  
18 this Complaint.

19 6. Under the Securities Lending Agreement, Defendants committed to  
20 perform their obligations with “the care, skill, prudence, and diligence which, under  
21 the circumstances then prevailing, a professional securities lending agent acting in a  
22 like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the conduct of an  
23 enterprise of a like character and with like aim.” The Agreement also provides that  
24 Defendants are liable for losses incurred by PSF or by any PSF portfolio to the  
25 extent that such losses “result from the agent’s negligence, willful misconduct,  
26 recklessness, bad faith, malfeasance or misfeasance in its administration of the  
27 Program, or the failure of the agent to comply with the provisions of the agreement,  
28 including the Investment Guidelines.”

1           7.     The Investment Guidelines that served as the basis for the investment  
2 of the cash collateral under the Securities Lending Agreement established as the  
3 “key objectives” for the management of cash collateral in the Collateral Fund the  
4 following: (1) safeguard principal; (2) assure that all cash collateral is invested in a  
5 timely manner; (3) maintain a diversified portfolio of investments; (4) maintain  
6 adequate liquidity to meet the anticipated needs of clients and/or their investment  
7 advisors; and (5) consistent with these objectives, to optimize the spread between  
8 the collateral earnings and the rebate paid to the borrower of securities.

9           8.     Beginning in early 2007, Defendants decided to invest a substantial  
10 portion of the cash collateral in medium-term notes issued by Sigma Finance, Inc.  
11 (“SFI”). SFI is a Delaware corporation organized for the sole purpose of issuing  
12 debt securities for its Cayman Islands parent company, Sigma Finance Corporation  
13 (“Sigma”). The debt securities – in this case medium-term notes – were secured  
14 only by a “floating lien” on the assets of Sigma, which was subject to subordination  
15 to the lien interests of Sigma’s other creditors.

16           9.     By August 2007 – shortly after Defendants invested hundreds of  
17 millions of dollars in Sigma medium-term notes using the cash collateral received  
18 by Defendants from PSF’s securities loans – analysts following Sigma and other  
19 similar structured investment vehicles (“SIVs”) publicly warned that the lack of  
20 liquidity in the credit market and sharp declines in the market value of assets  
21 backing many SIVs threatened their viability.

22           10.    By December 2007, analysts predicted that Sigma would not be able to  
23 repay the medium-term notes that Defendants purchased with PSF’s collateral upon  
24 maturity. Despite Defendants’ duty to invest as a reasonably prudent professional  
25 securities lending agent, and their commitment to “safeguard principal” in  
26 accordance with the key objectives of the Investment Guidelines, Defendants did not  
27 sell Sigma’s securities at that time.

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1           11. Concerned about the widespread reports of failing SIVs, PLFA  
2 requested a meeting with Defendants on December 18, 2007 to discuss the potential  
3 risks facing PSF by virtue of its participation in the Securities Lending Program and,  
4 in particular, the risks associated with the Collateral Fund's holdings in SIVs. At  
5 that meeting, Defendants assured PLFA that the Collateral Fund's holdings in SIVs  
6 would pay off at par at maturity and that there was no reason to sell them. In  
7 particular, Defendants assured PLFA that the Collateral Fund's holdings in SIVs  
8 were not excessively risky because the majority of the SIVs were backed by major  
9 banks that would bail them out if necessary and because the Collateral Fund held  
10 senior positions in the SIV investments.

11           12. At the same time, Defendants informed PLFA that, given current  
12 market conditions, if PSF wanted to redeem all or a significant portion of its units  
13 out of the Collateral Fund, whether at one time or over a period of time, Defendants  
14 would not permit PSF to redeem its units for cash at \$1 per unit but would instead  
15 redeem PSF's units for "securities in-kind" (that is, by paying with a pro rata share  
16 of holdings in the Collateral Fund). Defendants knew that restricting redemption to  
17 "securities in-kind" would deter PSF from exiting the Collateral Fund because  
18 effecting such a redemption was not only operationally and technically complicated,  
19 but also could have resulted in losses for PSF because the market values for certain  
20 of the Collateral Fund's holdings, including the SIV holdings, were currently below  
21 par. A cash redemption at par value, on the other hand, would permit PSF to exit  
22 with virtually no losses.

23           13. Defendants assured PLFA that this in-kind redemption restriction  
24 applied to all participants invested in the Collateral Fund – regardless of size. PLFA  
25 was comforted that the Collateral Fund was not susceptible to a "run on the bank"  
26 scenario because other investors were also precluded from cash redemptions.  
27 However, because PSF desired to protect its investment from additional exposure to  
28 the Collateral Fund's holdings, among other things, if others were permitted to cash

1 out, PLFA demanded immediate notice when and if the in-kind redemption  
2 restriction was lifted.

3 14. PLFA's demand to be immediately notified when the in-kind  
4 redemption restriction was lifted put Defendants on notice that applying the in-kind  
5 redemption restriction to all participants in the Collateral Fund was essential to  
6 PSF's decision to continue its participation in the Securities Lending Program.  
7 Knowing that the across-the-board, in-kind redemption restriction was material to  
8 PSF's decision to continue its participation in the Securities Lending Program,  
9 Defendants agreed to provide such notice.

10 15. PSF – through PLFA – relied on Defendants' representations regarding  
11 the Collateral Fund and continued its participation in the Securities Lending  
12 Program.

13 16. Unbeknownst to PSF or PLFA, a mere *four days later*, Defendants or  
14 their affiliates signed an agreement with Hartford Series Fund, Inc., Hartford HLS  
15 Series Fund II, Inc., The Hartford Mutual Funds, Inc., and The Hartford Mutual  
16 Funds II, Inc. (collectively, "Hartford"), a co-investor with PSF in the Collateral  
17 Fund, that resulted in Hartford's cash redemption of its units at a value of \$1 per  
18 unit from the Collateral Fund. Hartford's investment in the Collateral Fund  
19 represented approximately \$2.6B, or 9% of the total outstanding units, at December  
20 31, 2007. Hartford's cash redemption and exit from the Collateral Fund exposed  
21 PSF to increased risk by virtue of its increased proportionate exposure to the  
22 Collateral Fund and its holdings, including (but not limited to) the Sigma holdings.

23 17. Defendants never affirmatively informed PSF or PLFA of their special  
24 deal with Hartford. Indeed, PSF only learned about the deal by stumbling upon a  
25 footnote buried in the Collateral Fund's Financial Statements and Schedules, which  
26 were provided by Defendants to PSF many months later – and after significant  
27 losses had already been sustained.

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1           18. Incredibly, three weeks after Defendants struck the deal with Hartford,  
2 Defendants reassured PSF's Board of Trustees on January 15, 2008 that all  
3 participants in the Collateral Fund wishing to redeem all or substantially all of their  
4 units, whether at one time or over a period of time, were restricted to in-kind  
5 redemptions. Again relying on Defendants' representations that all investors were  
6 precluded from cash redemptions, PSF continued to participate in the Securities  
7 Lending Program and did not seek to redeem its shares.

8           19. Meanwhile, analysts were becoming even more pessimistic on SIVs in  
9 general and Sigma in particular in January 2008 and the months that followed.  
10 During this time, PSF's Board of Trustees and PLFA actively questioned  
11 Defendants and demanded regular updates regarding the Collateral Fund's holdings,  
12 including its SIV holdings. Defendants continued to assure PSF's Board of  
13 Trustees and PLFA that the Collateral Fund's SIV holdings were sound and should  
14 not be sold.

15           20. Unaware that a significant investor had been permitted by Defendants  
16 to cash out its units in the Collateral Fund, PSF continued its participation in  
17 Defendants' Securities Lending Program – relying on Defendants' unique access to  
18 issuer information regarding the investments in the Collateral Fund, their purported  
19 credit analysis and investment management expertise, their purported risk oversight  
20 process, and their assurances that all participants in the Collateral Fund were  
21 restricted to the in-kind redemption restriction.

22           21. In July 2008, however, as PSF became more concerned about the  
23 Collateral Fund amid increasingly troubling market warnings, PSF asked  
24 Defendants for an extra measure of protection against potential losses from Sigma  
25 and the Collateral Fund's other holdings. Specifically, PSF asked Defendants to  
26 amend the Securities Lending Program to include a guarantee of \$20 million against  
27 “negative earnings” resulting from the amortization of any principal losses.

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1           22. While Defendants and PSF were negotiating the terms of this  
2 amendment, the warnings regarding Sigma proved true. Sigma's creditors seized  
3 over \$25 billion of its approximately \$27 billion of assets in late September and  
4 early October 2008, leaving approximately \$1.9 billion as security for  
5 approximately \$6.2 billion of outstanding medium-term notes and other secured  
6 debt. By October 6, 2008, Sigma was in receivership.

7           23. On October 16, 2008, Defendants and PSF executed the amendment to  
8 the Securities Lending Agreement, which was made effective September 1, 2008,  
9 whereby Defendants agreed to guarantee up to \$20 million against "negative  
10 earnings" if PSF would agree to remove the \$16 million securities lending annual  
11 income guarantee that was in effect under the Agreement. The amendment provides  
12 that it shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws  
13 of the State of California. Defendants expressly stated in a conference call with the  
14 Board of Trustees and PLFA on October 16, 2008 that payments relating to the  
15 Sigma losses under the Guarantee would be calculated and become due to PSF when  
16 Defendants determined a more definitive amount of loss on the Sigma SIV.  
17 Defendants, however, have refused to honor their obligations under the Guarantee.  
18 Although Defendants have since acknowledged that the Sigma securities are  
19 "permanently impaired" and realized a loss of \$324,064,872 on the Sigma securities,  
20 as noted in the Collateral Fund's financial statements as of December 31, 2008,  
21 Defendants now disingenuously contend that the Guarantee was never meant to  
22 apply to the Sigma losses.

23           24. Defendants' representations to PSF that all participants in the Collateral  
24 Fund wishing to redeem all or a substantial portion of their units in the Collateral  
25 Fund, whether at one time or over a period of time, were restricted to in-kind  
26 redemptions – all the while knowing this to be untrue – induced PSF to retain its  
27 investments in the Collateral Fund and continue its participation in the Securities  
28 Lending Program. As a direct, proximate and producing result of Defendants'

1 breach of the Securities Lending Agreement, misrepresentations, and breach of  
2 fiduciary duty, PSF suffered tens of millions of dollars in damages, the exact  
3 amount to be proven at trial.

4 25. Defendants' refusal to sell the medium-term notes before Sigma's  
5 collapse – despite having access to information that should have led Defendants to  
6 know that such a collapse was imminent – constitutes negligence, a breach of  
7 fiduciary duty, and a breach of their obligations under the Securities Lending  
8 Agreement. Moreover, Defendants negligently misrepresented to PSF that the  
9 Collateral Fund's SIV holdings were not excessively risky, which they should have  
10 known to be untrue given market warnings, their self-proclaimed credit analysis and  
11 investment management expertise, their stated comprehensive risk oversight, and  
12 their unique access to issuer information. As a direct, proximate and producing  
13 result of Defendants' conduct, PSF suffered tens of millions of dollars in damages,  
14 the exact amount to be proven at trial.

15 26. Finally, Defendants' failure to honor their obligations under the \$20  
16 Million Negative Earnings Guarantee, despite their assurances that the Guarantee  
17 would apply to the Sigma losses, gives rise to claims for breach of contract and  
18 breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing. As a direct, proximate and  
19 producing result of Defendants' conduct, PSF suffered a loss of \$20 million.

20 27. Accordingly, PSF brings this action to recover damages to compensate  
21 for these losses and disgorgement of the fees Defendants earned in connection with  
22 the Securities Lending Program.

### 23 PARTIES

24 28. Plaintiff PSF is a Massachusetts Business Trust with its principal place  
25 of business in Newport Beach, CA. PSF brings this action on behalf of its Board of  
26 Trustees. PSF's Declaration of Trust provides that the name "Pacific Select Fund"  
27 refers to the Trustees as Trustees, and not individually. The Declaration of Trust  
28 further provides that (1) the Trustees have the power to prosecute all claims relating

1 to the Trust property; (2) the Trustees shall sue in the name of the Trust to the extent  
2 practicable; (3) all of the assets of the Trust "shall at all times be considered as  
3 vested in the Trustees"; and (4) the Trustees have full authority and absolute power  
4 and control over the Trust property and the business of the Trust. The business and  
5 affairs of PSF are managed under the control and direction of the Board of Trustees  
6 pursuant to PSF's Declaration of Trust.

7       29. James T. Morris serves as a Trustee of PSF, as well as its Chief  
8 Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board. Mr. Morris resides in Laguna  
9 Niguel, CA, and has resided in California during all times relevant to this litigation.

10       30. Frederick K. Blackmon serves as a Trustee of PSF. Mr. Blackmon  
11 resides in Williamsburg, VA, and has resided in Virginia during all times relevant to  
12 this litigation.

13       31. Gale K. Caruso serves as a Trustee of PSF. Ms. Caruso resides in  
14 Yarmouth, ME, and has resided in Maine during all times relevant to this litigation.

15       32. Lucie H. Moore serves as a Trustee of PSF. Ms. Moore resides in  
16 Newport Beach, CA, and has resided in California during all times relevant to this  
17 litigation.

18       33. Nooruddin S. Veerjee serves as a Trustee of PSF. Mr. Veerjee resides  
19 in Marina del Rey, CA, and has resided in California during all times relevant to this  
20 litigation.

21       34. G. Thomas Willis serves as a Trustee of PSF. Plaintiff Willis resides in  
22 Oxnard, CA, and has resided in California during all times relevant to this litigation.

23       35. Throughout this Complaint, the terms "Plaintiff" or "PSF" refer  
24 collectively to the Board of Trustees of PSF and PSF.

25       36. On July 1, 2007, The Bank of New York Company, Inc. and Mellon  
26 Financial Corporation merged into The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation,  
27 with The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation being the surviving entity. The  
28 Defendants are the two principal bank subsidiaries of The Bank of New York

1 Mellon Corporation. As a result of the merger with Mellon, Defendants and/or their  
2 affiliates became the successors by operation of law to Mellon Bank, N.A., the  
3 original securities lending agent under the Securities Lending Agreement with PSF.

4 37. After the merger, Defendant BNY Mellon acted as the securities  
5 lending agent for PSF under the Securities Lending Agreement and managed the  
6 investment of cash collateral at issue in this case. Defendant BNY Mellon is a  
7 nationally-chartered bank. BNY Mellon's principal place of business is in  
8 Pittsburgh, PA. Defendant BNY Mellon may be served with process through any of  
9 its officers or directors, including Robert P. Kelly, Chairman and Chief Executive  
10 Officer, One Wall Street, New York, New York 10286 and Carl Krasik, General  
11 Counsel, One Wall Street, New York, New York 10286.

12 38. Since at least July 2008, Defendant The Bank of New York Mellon  
13 has housed BNY Mellon Asset Servicing, the business through which The Bank of  
14 New York Mellon Corporation offers its securities lending programs. Accordingly,  
15 the Bank acted as the securities lending agent for PSF under the Securities Lending  
16 Agreement and managed the investment of cash collateral at issue in this case. The  
17 Bank also executed the amendment to the Securities Lending Agreement relating to  
18 the \$20 Million Negative Earnings Guarantee. The Bank is a New York state  
19 chartered bank. The Bank's principal place of business is in New York, NY. The  
20 Bank may be served with process through any of its officers or directors, including  
21 Robert P. Kelly, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, One Wall Street, New  
22 York, New York 10286 and Carl Krasik, General Counsel, One Wall Street, New  
23 York, New York 10286.

24 39. Throughout this Complaint, the term "Defendants" refers collectively  
25 to BNY Mellon, the Bank, and Mellon Bank, N.A..

26 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

27 40. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1332  
28 because the amount in controversy exceeds the value of \$75,000 exclusive of costs

1 and interest, and there is complete diversity of citizenship between the Plaintiff and  
2 Defendants.

3 41. This Court has both specific and general jurisdiction over Defendants.  
4 The Defendants engage in continuous and systematic activities within the State of  
5 California. These activities include, but are not limited to, entering into and  
6 performing agreements with Plaintiff, two of which are the subjects of Plaintiff's  
7 causes of action alleged herein.

8 42. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(a) because a  
9 substantial part of the events giving rise to the claims occurred in this judicial  
10 district, including but not limited to the execution of the Securities Lending  
11 Agreement (and subsequent amendments thereto) and representations made by  
12 Defendants to PLFA and PSF's Board of Trustees.

13 **BACKGROUND FACTS**

14 **A. THE SECURITIES LENDING AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT**

15 43. Pursuant to the Securities Lending Agreement, Defendants loaned  
16 securities owned by PSF to third-party borrowers. In return for the loaned  
17 securities, Defendants received for the benefit of PSF cash collateral from the  
18 borrowers in an amount exceeding the market value of the loaned securities.

19 44. Defendants were charged with investing the cash collateral received  
20 from PSF's securities loans pursuant to certain "Investment Guidelines" set forth in  
21 an attachment to the Securities Lending Agreement. Defendants commingled this  
22 cash collateral in the Collateral Fund – which was created and maintained by  
23 Defendants and/or their affiliates and for which they served as investment manager  
24 and Trustee – with cash collateral received by their other clients participating in the  
25 Securities Lending Program. As of the end of September 2008, the cash collateral  
26 received by Defendants from PSF's securities loans made up approximately 26% of  
27 the total commingled funds in the Collateral Fund.

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1 45. Defendants received, as compensation for its services, a percentage of  
2 the net revenues generated through the Securities Lending Program.

3 **B. OBJECTIVES AND GUIDELINES FOR INVESTMENT OF**  
4 **COLLATERAL**

5 46. Because the cash collateral invested by Defendants for the benefit of  
6 PSF had to be returned to the borrowers of the PSF securities upon return of those  
7 securities from the borrowers, Defendants were contractually required to invest the  
8 cash collateral conservatively and prudently, consistent with the primary objective  
9 of the Securities Lending Agreement – safeguarding principal.

10 47. In particular, the Securities Lending Agreement required Defendants to  
11 follow certain guidelines and/or policies in the investment of the cash collateral (the  
12 “Investment Guidelines”).

13 48. The Investment Guidelines – which were attached to the Securities  
14 Lending Agreement – define the following “key objectives” for the management of  
15 the cash collateral supporting securities loans:

- 16 - safeguard principal,
- 17 - assure that all cash collateral is invested in a timely manner,
- 18 - maintain a diversified portfolio of investments,
- 19 - maintain adequate liquidity to meet the anticipated
- 20 needs of clients and/or their investment advisors,
- 21 and
- 22 - consistent with these objectives, to optimize the
- 23 spread between the collateral earnings and the
- 24 rebate paid to the borrower of securities.

25 **C. STANDARD OF CARE UNDERTAKEN BY DEFENDANTS**

26 49. Through the Securities Lending Agreement, Defendants also pledged to  
27 manage the investment of PSF’s cash collateral (a) with the care, skill, prudence,  
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1 and diligence which, under the circumstances then prevailing, a professional  
2 securities lending agent acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters  
3 would use in the conduct of an enterprise of a like character and with like aims, and  
4 (b) in accordance with the provisions of the Securities Lending Agreement,  
5 including the Investment Guidelines.

6 50. Moreover, as PSF's lending agent, Defendants owed PSF a fiduciary  
7 duty to act with due care and in utmost good faith – a standard that requires a high  
8 degree of honesty, loyalty, integrity, impartiality, and the most faithful service. The  
9 duty of loyalty entails, among other things, a duty to avoid conflicts of interest,  
10 including undisclosed favoritism to other investors, and to disclose and resolve any  
11 conflicts promptly when they occur. The duty of care requires Defendants to  
12 (a) conduct an independent and thorough investigation into, and continually  
13 monitor, the merits and prudence of the investments they make; (b) convey to their  
14 clients complete and accurate information material to the circumstances; and (c)  
15 correct inaccurate or misleading information.

16 51. Additionally, as PSF's lending agent, Defendants owed a duty to PSF  
17 to not act negligently – that is, a duty of care to not cause harm or injury to PSF.  
18 Pursuant to the Securities Lending Agreement, Defendants expressly assumed  
19 liability for any losses resulting from their negligence in the Securities Lending  
20 Program.

21 **D. DEFENDANTS' INVESTMENT OF CASH COLLATERAL**

22 52. Since January 2007, Defendants invested up to \$6 billion dollars of  
23 cash received as collateral for the loans of PSF's securities made to third-party  
24 borrowers by Defendants on PSF's behalf.

25 53. Defendants invested the cash collateral in the Collateral Fund.  
26 Defendants or their affiliates acted as the investment manager and Trustee for the  
27 Collateral Fund.

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1           54. Through the Collateral Fund, Defendants used the cash collateral  
2 received from PSF's securities loans to purchase the medium-term notes ("MTNs")  
3 of SFI. For example, between January 2007 and September 2008, Defendants  
4 purchased approximately \$530 million of the SFI-issued MTNs through the  
5 Collateral Fund.

6           55. SFI, a Delaware corporation, is the wholly owned subsidiary of Sigma,  
7 an entity organized and existing under the laws of the Cayman Islands. SFI was  
8 organized for the sole purpose of issuing and selling debt securities as a nominee for  
9 Sigma. SFI is not permitted by its certificate of incorporation to engage in any other  
10 business.

11           56. Sigma is a SIV managed by the British firm Gordian Knot Limited. A  
12 SIV is a pool of investment assets that attempts to profit from credit spreads  
13 between short-term debt and long-term structured finance products. SIVs issue  
14 short term debt, typically in the form of MTNs and commercial paper, to finance the  
15 acquisition of long-term, high-yielding assets, such as mortgage-backed securities.  
16 SIVs earn revenues based on the difference in yield between the debt they issue and  
17 the investment assets they own. SIVs are less regulated than other investment pools,  
18 and are typically not recorded on the balance sheet by large financial institutions  
19 such as commercial banks and investment houses.

20           57. The MTNs issued by SFI are guaranteed by Sigma and secured by a  
21 "first priority floating lien" on the assets of Sigma, except with respect to assets  
22 used as collateral for repurchase agreements ("repo transactions")<sup>1</sup> or other secured  
23 borrowing arrangements (subject to the funds raised thereby being at least equal to  
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26 <sup>1</sup> In a repo transaction, the SIV sells a portion of its assets to a "repo  
27 counterparty," typically a bank with the highest possible short-term rating. At the  
28 same time, the SIV agrees to repurchase the assets at a specific point in the future  
(the repo term) and pays interest to the repo counterparty over the term of the  
transaction. To protect itself from default by the SIV, the repo counterparty insists  
that the SIV post collateral valued in excess of the amount the SIV borrows from the  
repo counterparty.

1 90% of the then current market value of such assets) in which case the lien will rank  
2 second in respect of such assets.

3 58. During the summer of 2007, Sigma was the largest of approximately 30  
4 SIVs in the world, and the only SIV not backed by a major bank. At its peak, Sigma  
5 had almost \$60 billion in assets.

6 **E. MARKET WARNINGS REGARDING SIGMA**

7 59. Just a few months after Defendants invested nearly a hundred million  
8 dollars of PSF's cash collateral in the Sigma MTNs, analysts began issuing  
9 warnings regarding the viability of SIVs.

10 60. On June 21, 2007, two hedge funds, created and managed by a  
11 subsidiary of the former investment bank Bear Stearns & Co., whose investment  
12 strategy relied on financing its investment activities by borrowing against long-term  
13 assets like mortgage-backed securities, faced a liquidity crisis as the hedge funds'  
14 lenders were reluctant to lend money to an entity whose collateral was principally  
15 based on mortgage-backed securities. These hedge funds had to be bailed out by  
16 their parent, Bear Stearns, and in August 2007, they were shut down.

17 61. The collapse of the Bear Stearns hedge funds fueled a liquidity crisis  
18 among SIVs that held assets similar to these hedge funds. In August 2007,  
19 according to Citigroup analysts, illiquidity in the credit markets and sharp declines  
20 in the market value of assets backing many SIVs had already caused forced selling  
21 of assets among the world's major SIVs to support their revolving debt.

22 62. Between August and October 2007, more than a dozen SIVs failed  
23 following downgrades by rating agencies over the quality of their assets. Of the  
24 many SIVs that failed, most were subsidiaries of or had been set up by major banks.  
25 As such, these banks essentially absorbed their failures.

26 63. Sigma, however, was unique in that it was a standalone entity and had  
27 no investment or commercial bank backing it. Nevertheless, while many of the  
28 smaller SIVs were collapsing in the fall of 2007, Sigma barely managed to stay alive

1 during this period in large part because, unlike most SIVs, Sigma had eliminated  
2 certain market-value triggers from its operating structure in 2003 that would have  
3 forced it to wind up when the market value of its assets fell below a set point. *See*  
4 Neil Unmack, *Pioneers of Structured Investments Fight for Survival of Flagship*  
5 *Fund*, Bloomberg News (Apr. 8, 2008). The removal of these triggers, however,  
6 simply prolonged Sigma's inevitable death.

7         64. Unable to issue new MTNs or commercial paper because of the  
8 liquidity crisis, Sigma was forced to finance its activities using repo transactions.  
9 These transactions encumbered an overwhelming majority – approximately \$25  
10 billion – of its \$27 billion in assets to the detriment of PSF (whose security interest  
11 was subordinated to the security interests of the repurchase agreement  
12 counterparties). Like the removal of market-value triggers from Sigma's operating  
13 structure, however, these repo transactions only extended Sigma's survival  
14 temporarily.

15         65. As the Financial Times wrote on December 17, 2007, Sigma, despite  
16 weathering the first SIV liquidity storm, was certain to be caught up in a second  
17 liquidity storm when its MTNs came due:

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19                 The funding problems for the structured investment  
20 vehicles (SIVs) that have been at the centre of this year's  
21 liquidity troubles are far from over in spite of a number of  
22 banks stepping in to support their vehicles. **January will**  
23 **bring the start of a second wave of liquidity problems**  
24 **for SIVs as the vast majority of medium-term funding**  
25 **starts to come due for repayment**, according to a report  
26 from Dresdner Kleinwort analysts to be published on  
27 Wednesday. SIVs rely on cheap, short-term debt to fund  
28 investments in longer-term, higher-yielding securities.

1           **They have been hurt as funding has dried up and asset**  
2           **values have declined.** This cheap debt has come from  
3           both the very short-term commercial paper (CP) markets  
4           and from the slightly longer maturity medium-term note  
5           (MTN) markets. CP funding has long dried up and much  
6           of what was sold has matured . . . **According to the**  
7           **DrK analysts' calculations, two-thirds of all MTN**  
8           **funding for SIVs comes due for repayment by the end**  
9           **of next September. Almost \$40bn is to be repaid from**  
10          **January to March alone. This second liquidity**  
11          **squeeze will affect some SIVs more than others. Sigma**  
12          **Finance, run by Gordian Knot, accounts for 22.5 per**  
13          **cent of all outstanding MTNs issued by SIVs. It must**  
14          **repay about \$22.5bn by the end of September and**  
15          **another \$2.5bn in the final quarter.**

16          See Paul J. Davis, Second Wave of SIV Liquidity Problems Looms, FT.com (Dec.  
17          17, 2007) (emphasis added).

18                 66. Thus, by as early as December 2007, analysts were predicting that  
19          Sigma would face a liquidity crisis by at least the end of September 2008.

20          **F. DEFENDANTS PROVIDE FALSE ASSURANCES TO PSF**

21                 67. Although PSF had limited knowledge regarding Sigma based on  
22          information available in the financial press, PSF relied on Defendants' ongoing  
23          assurances regarding the Sigma SIV because of Defendants' superior knowledge  
24          regarding the investments in the Collateral Fund, their purported credit analysis and  
25          investment management expertise, their purported rigorous risk oversight  
26          committees, and their stated unique access to issuer information regarding those  
27          investments, including the Sigma securities.  
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1           68.   Indeed, concerned about these market warnings, PLFA requested a  
2 meeting with Defendants on behalf of PSF on December 18, 2007 to discuss the  
3 potential risks facing PSF by virtue of its participation in the Securities Lending  
4 Program and, in particular, the risks associated with the Collateral Fund's SIV  
5 holdings. At that meeting, Defendants assured PLFA that the Fund's holdings in  
6 SIVs would pay off at par at maturity and that there was no reason to sell them. In  
7 particular, Bob Fort, The Bank of New York Mellon's Chief Investment Officer and  
8 the person in charge of all Mellon legacy collateral reinvestment activities for  
9 Defendants' securities lending programs, assured PLFA that the majority of the  
10 SIVs in the Collateral Fund were backed by major banks that would bail them out if  
11 necessary. Mr. Fort further assured PLFA that the SIVs were safe investments by  
12 virtue of the senior positions held by the Collateral Fund in those investments.

13           69.   At the same meeting, Mr. Fort advised PLFA that, given current  
14 market conditions, if PSF wanted to redeem all or a substantial portion of its units in  
15 the Collateral Fund, whether at one time or over a period of time, Defendants would  
16 have to redeem PSF with "securities in-kind" rather than in cash at \$1 per unit. Mr.  
17 Fort assured PLFA that this restriction applied to all participants invested in the  
18 Collateral Fund, regardless of size. Defendants knew that restricting redemption to  
19 "securities in-kind" would deter PSF from exiting the Collateral Fund because  
20 effecting such a redemption was not only operationally and technically complicated,  
21 but also could have resulted in losses for PSF because the market values for certain  
22 of the Collateral Fund's holdings, including the SIV holdings, were currently below  
23 par. A cash redemption at par value, on the other hand, would permit PSF to exit  
24 with virtually no losses.

25           70.   Precluded from a cash redemption, PLFA was comforted that the  
26 Collateral Fund was not susceptible to a "run on the bank" scenario because other  
27 investors were also precluded from cash redemptions. Moreover, at the insistence of  
28 PLFA, Mr. Fort promised that Defendants would notify PLFA and/or PSF

1 immediately if and when the “securities in-kind” redemption restriction was lifted.  
2 PLFA’s demand to be notified when the in-kind redemption restriction was lifted  
3 put Mr. Fort on notice that applying the in-kind redemption restriction to all  
4 participants in the Collateral Fund was essential to PSF’s decision to continue its  
5 participation in the Securities Lending Program.

6 71. Relying on Mr. Fort’s representations regarding the Collateral Fund’s  
7 holdings and the across-the-board application of the in-kind redemption restriction,  
8 PSF continued its participation in the Securities Lending Program.

9 72. Unbeknownst to PSF, a mere *four days later*, on December 22, 2007,  
10 Defendants or their affiliates signed an agreement with Hartford permitting Hartford  
11 to redeem its units in cash from the Collateral Fund at a value of \$1 per unit. The  
12 cash redemption was scheduled to occur in six monthly payments, beginning on  
13 January 15, 2008. Hartford’s investment in the Collateral Fund represented  
14 approximately \$2.6B, or 9% of the total outstanding units, at December 31, 2007.  
15 Hartford’s cash redemption and exit from the Collateral Fund exposed PSF to  
16 increased risk by virtue of its increased proportionate exposure to the Collateral  
17 Fund and its holdings, including (but not limited to) Sigma holdings.

18 73. Despite Mr. Fort’s explicit agreement to do so, Defendants did not  
19 notify PSF or PLFA of the lifting of the in-kind redemption restriction with respect  
20 to Hartford’s investment.

21 74. On January 15, 2008, only three weeks after Defendants struck the deal  
22 with Hartford to redeem in cash, Kathy Rulong, Executive Vice President and  
23 Executive Director of The Bank of New York Mellon’s Global Securities Lending,  
24 reassured PSF’s Board of Trustees that all participants in the Collateral Fund  
25 wishing to redeem all or substantially all of their units, whether at one time or over a  
26 period of time, were restricted to in-kind redemptions. Bob Fort and David Tant,  
27 The Bank of New York Mellon’s Senior Vice President and Chief Reinvestment  
28 Credit Officer, also attended this Board meeting. Despite knowing that special

1 treatment had already been extended to Hartford, Ms. Rulong once again assured  
2 PSF that it would be immediately informed should the restriction be lifted for any of  
3 the participants in the Collateral Fund. Rulong, Fort and Tant further reassured PSF  
4 that the investments in the Collateral Fund were subject to rigorous risk oversight  
5 and that the discounts applied by the credit markets to the SIVs in the Collateral  
6 Fund did not reflect their long-term value. Relying on Defendants' representations,  
7 PSF continued to participate in the Securities Lending Program and did not seek to  
8 redeem its shares.

9       75. Defendants never affirmatively informed PSF or PLFA of their special  
10 deal with Hartford. Indeed, PSF only learned about the deal by stumbling upon a  
11 footnote buried in the Collateral Fund's Financial Statements and Schedules, which  
12 were provided by Defendants to PSF many months later – and after significant  
13 losses had already been sustained.

14 **G. NEGATIVE PREDICTIONS FOR SIGMA CONTINUE**

15       76. Echoing the sentiments about Sigma expressed in the Financial Times  
16 on December 17, 2007, a Citigroup analyst again sounded alarm bells regarding  
17 Sigma's impending demise in a January 25, 2008 report, noting that it had not  
18 secured the financing it would need to survive:

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[T]he largest unknown factor seems to be Gordian Knot, not only the largest but also the only non-bank sponsored SIV still looking to secure support. While initially in a better position due to its longer-term debt profile ... 60% of the total MTNs will mature in 2008, one-third in the first quarter. Moody's has told us that Gordian Knot seems close to securing funding, but nothing has been confirmed to date. The worsening climate in markets does not help, we think.

1 See Birgit Specht, European Securitized Products Outlook 2008, Citi European  
2 Securitized Products Strategy & Analysis (Jan. 25, 2008).

3 77. The reports concerning the failures of SIVs in general, and more  
4 specifically, Sigma's inability to secure the financing it would need to survive  
5 beyond September 2008, put Defendants on notice to investigate the dire financial  
6 conditions facing Sigma at least by the end of January 2008.

7 78. Given Defendants' self-proclaimed credit analysis and investment  
8 management expertise and comprehensive oversight, and their stated unique access  
9 to issuer information regarding the financial conditions facing Sigma, Defendants  
10 should have known they needed to liquidate PSF's positions in Sigma by at least  
11 January 31, 2008. A prudent securities lending professional acting with care, skill,  
12 prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing and with the  
13 information then available – particularly one whose chief objective was to safeguard  
14 principal – would have liquidated the Sigma positions by at least January 31, 2008,  
15 if not earlier.

16 79. As evidenced by Defendants' Global Securities Lending Holdings  
17 Reports, there was an active secondary market for the sale of the Sigma MTNs.

18 80. Had Defendants liquidated the Sigma MTNs held by the Collateral  
19 Fund on January 31, 2008, the total realized loss for that Fund on the Sigma MTNs  
20 would have been only \$7.09 million (1.75% of amortized price), as opposed to  
21 \$360.60 million (94.6% of amortized price) as of October 31, 2008, a mere nine  
22 months later.<sup>2</sup>

23 81. Defendants did not take prudent action, however, and as forecasted in  
24 late 2007, Sigma's viability continued to deteriorate throughout 2008.

25 82. In February 2008, a Citi analyst wrote, "Sigma, the largest (non-bank  
26 managed) SIV appears to be the only one left yet to secure support. On February

27 <sup>2</sup> All calculations of unrealized losses relating to the Sigma MTNs are based  
28 on the Market Value reported in the DBT II Global Securities Lending Holdings  
Reports.

1 27, Moody's put Sigma's CP/MTNs on review for downgrade." The report  
2 continued: "Moody's decision to finally place its senior debt ratings on Watch  
3 Negative has been based on its liquidity situation and current market valuations.  
4 The risk has been looming for weeks." See Birgit Specht, European Securitized  
5 Products Strategy, Citi European Securitized Products Strategy & Analysis, Feb.  
6 29, 2008, at 5 and 6.

7 83. Also in February 2008, the Financial Times reported, "Most other large  
8 SIVs are run by big banks, which have now stepped in to support their vehicles.  
9 The lack of a large bank behind Sigma leaves it vulnerable to collapse." See Paul J.  
10 Davis, Moody's to Review Sigma Rating, FT.com, Feb. 27, 2008.

11 84. By March 19, 2008, as Bloomberg later reported, Sigma acknowledged  
12 that its ability to sell commercial paper had "diminished significantly."

13 85. The day before, on March 18, 2008, S&P had issued a warning that  
14 Sigma's senior debt would be downgraded. In a March 28, 2008 report,  
15 commenting on this development, a Citi analyst expressed further concern over  
16 Sigma's viability. The analyst noted that the SIV was using asset sales to cover its  
17 maturing short-term debt and was increasingly resorting to "repo transactions" for  
18 financing purposes. According to the analyst, "Sigma is the only remaining SIV not  
19 to have secured support . . . asset prices have continued to decline, and SIVs  
20 continue to sell assets to meet maturing liabilities. . . The use of repo poses  
21 significant risk to other senior creditors . . . In the event of Sigma defaulting, the  
22 repo counterparty can seize these assets and sell them off at its discretion, only  
23 needing to cover the amount it is owned." See Birgit Specht, European Securitized  
24 Products Outlook 2008, Citi European Securitized Products Strategy & Analysis, at  
25 6 (Mar. 28, 2008).

26 86. Despite specific warnings of the risks that Sigma's repo transactions  
27 posed to creditors such as PSF, and Defendants' primary duty to "safeguard  
28 principal," Defendants failed to investigate the terms of these transactions or to

1 appreciate their significance. Moreover, Defendants continued to reassure PLFA -  
2 based on their supposed rigorous risk oversight, self-proclaimed credit analysis and  
3 investment management expertise, and stated unique access to issuer information -  
4 that the Sigma securities held in the Collateral Fund would pay in full at maturity.  
5 Had Defendants monitored Sigma consistent with their representations, they would  
6 have discovered that these repo transactions were significantly over-collateralized,  
7 putting PSF's invested principal at risk by virtue of its subordinate interests in the  
8 Sigma securities.

9       87. The news only got worse. On April 4, 2008 and April 7, 2008,  
10 respectively, both Moody's and S&P downgraded the MTNs issued by Sigma and  
11 held by the Collateral Fund.

12       88. On April 8, 2008, Bloomberg News explained the ratings agencies'  
13 downgrades were precipitated by the bleak prospect that Sigma could secure the  
14 funding it needed to remain viable:

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16               Gordian's Sigma Finance Corp. must refinance \$20  
17 billion of debt by September in a market where even the  
18 biggest banks are struggling to borrow, according to  
19 Moody's Investor Service. Moody's cut the \$40 billion  
20 fund's Aaa rating by five levels to A2 last week because  
21 of concern about Sigma's ability to weather the credit  
22 crunch. Standard & Poor's downgraded Sigma on  
23 Monday to AA- from AAA. The inability to replace the  
24 debt may cause Sigma to dissolve.

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26               [Sigma] ... has dodged the turmoil by finding financing  
27 alternatives after demand for the industry's primary  
28 source of cash, commercial paper, dried up. A failure

1 would signal a credit market freeze that began in July  
2 [2007] and led to the collapse of Bear Stearns isn't close  
3 to ending ....

4 *See* Neil Unmack, *Pioneers of Structured Investments Fight for Survival of Flagship*  
5 *Fund*, *Bloomberg News* (Apr. 8, 2008). The report also noted that by April 2008,  
6 money market funds had already reduced their investments in Sigma and rolled new  
7 money into more conservative programs. *See id.*

8 89. As a consequence of the downgrades, the Collateral Fund's unrealized  
9 losses for the Sigma MTNs as of May 6, 2008 were approximately \$122 million, or  
10 approximately 29.8% of the amortized price of these securities. *See* *DBT II Global*  
11 *Securities Lending Holdings Report*, as of May 6, 2008.

12 90. As Bloomberg reported, Sigma turned to \$26 billion in repo financing  
13 to temporarily survive and sold assets to repay maturing debt. Citing S&P, the  
14 report cautioned that while the repo arrangements "may" provide financing through  
15 June, some of the transactions had not yet been completed. *See* Neil Unmack,  
16 *Pioneers of Structured Investments Fight for Survival of Flagship Fund*, *Bloomberg*  
17 *News* (Apr. 8, 2008).

18 91. Through the summer of 2008, the alarms continued to sound about the  
19 financial troubles facing Sigma.

20 92. In July 2008, the Citi analyst that had been following Sigma warned,  
21 "Sigma's repo funding looks to be the greatest threat to senior creditors – and other  
22 investors in AAA ABS and bank floaters. If Sigma were to enter into  
23 enforcement/default on its debt, the repo counterparties would effectively rank  
24 ahead of senior noteholders. Banks would most likely sell the assets immediately,  
25 with discounts potentially extinguishing the equity, and perhaps even more." *See*  
26 *Birgit Specht, An Update on SIVs, European Fixed Income Strategy and Analysis*,  
27 (Jul. 1, 2008).

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1 93. Defendants ignored these red flags and/or dismissed them as misguided  
2 predictions.

3 94. Throughout this time period, PSF continued to rely on Defendants'  
4 representations and assurances regarding the viability of Sigma and the Collateral  
5 Fund's other holdings, given their stated unique access to issuer information about  
6 these investments, touted credit analysis and investment management expertise, and  
7 supposed rigorous risk oversight process. Moreover, throughout this time period,  
8 Defendants maintained that the in-kind redemption restriction applied to all  
9 participants in the Collateral Fund, and failed to disclose that a major institutional  
10 investor, Hartford, had been allowed to cash out of the Fund at \$1 per unit.

11 **H. SECURITIES LENDING AGREEMENT IS AMENDED TO INCLUDE**  
12 **A \$20 MILLION NEGATIVE EARNINGS GUARANTEE**

13 95. PSF asked Defendants in July 2008 for an extra measure of protection  
14 against potential losses from Sigma and the Collateral Fund's other holdings.  
15 Specifically, PSF asked Defendants to guarantee \$20 million in "negative earnings"  
16 resulting from the amortization of any principal losses.

17 96. On October 16, 2008, Defendants and PSF executed the amendment to  
18 the Securities Lending Agreement whereby Defendants agreed to guarantee up to  
19 \$20 million against "negative earnings" if PSF would agree to remove the \$16  
20 million securities lending annual income guarantee that was in effect under the  
21 Agreement. The amendment was made effective September 1, 2008.

22 97. The amendment to the Securities Lending Agreement provides that in  
23 the event that a Portfolio's share of all income and earnings from the investment of  
24 cash by the Collateral Fund ("Earnings") for a particular monthly accounting period  
25 is "less than the amount necessary to pay the entire rebate or other amount payable  
26 to a Borrower," after taking into account the impact that the sale of securities in the  
27 Collateral Fund "may have" on Earnings, the Bank of New York Mellon shall pay  
28 "the amount equal to the difference between such Earnings and the rebates payable"

1 (“Negative Earnings”), up to \$20 Million in the aggregate. “Any Negative Earnings  
2 which result from a decrease in the value of the [Collateral Fund] are included  
3 within the Lending Agent’s obligations.”

4 98. Prior to PSF’s ratification of this amendment – and after the Sigma  
5 default described below – Defendants explained to PSF’s Board of Trustees, in a  
6 conference call on October 16, 2008, how and when the \$20 Million Negative  
7 Earnings Guarantee would be applied. Defendants expressly stated to the Board that  
8 payments relating to the Sigma losses under the \$20 Million Negative Earnings  
9 Guarantee would be calculated and become due to PSF when Defendants  
10 determined a more definitive amount of loss on the Sigma SIV. Moreover,  
11 Defendants reviewed and approved examples provided to the Board by PLFA that  
12 explained how the \$20 Million Negative Earnings Guarantee would operate in the  
13 event that significant principal losses – such as the Sigma losses – resulted in  
14 negative earnings. The examples unambiguously contemplated that the \$20 Million  
15 Negative Earnings Guarantee would cover the negative earnings resulting from the  
16 amortization of such principal losses.

17 99. Relying on Defendants’ representations regarding the application of the  
18 \$20 Million Negative Earnings Guarantee and, in particular, their assurances that it  
19 would apply to the negative earnings resulting from Sigma losses once the amount  
20 of loss was determined, PSF’s Board of Trustees approved and ratified the \$20  
21 Million Negative Earnings Guarantee on October 16, 2008.

22 **I. ANALYSTS’ PREDICTIONS COME TRUE**

23 100. As predicted as early as fall of 2007, Sigma failed.

24 101. On September 29, 2008, JP Morgan, one of Sigma’s repo  
25 counterparties, terminated its repurchase agreement and served Sigma with a notice  
26 of default when Sigma could not provide sufficient collateral to JP Morgan in  
27 response to a margin call (prompted by a decline in value of the securities JP  
28 Morgan held as collateral).

1 102. Following JP Morgan, HSBC Holdings PLC and Royal Bank of  
2 Scotland Group PLC also terminated their repurchase agreements with Sigma.

3 103. As a result, these lenders seized the assets they held as senior secured  
4 creditors under the repurchase agreements. The defaults allowed Sigma's repo  
5 counterparties to sell the securities they held pursuant to the repo agreements.

6 104. On September 30, 2008, Moody's and S&P downgraded Sigma based  
7 on this news and warned, as predicted, that investors in roughly \$6 billion of  
8 Sigma's remaining debt (which included the MTNs) may not get their money back.

9 105. At the time of this default, of Sigma's approximately \$27 billion in face  
10 value of assets, approximately \$25 billion had been seized as repo collateral which  
11 left approximately \$1.9 billion in face value of unencumbered assets backing  
12 approximately \$6.2 billion in outstanding senior secured liabilities (primarily  
13 MTNs).

14 106. On October 1, 2008, Sigma announced it ceased trading and expected  
15 that a receiver would be appointed.

16 107. On the same day, Defendants notified PSF of Sigma's default and  
17 informed PSF that Sigma MTNs held by the Collateral Fund were transferred into a  
18 newly created segregated series of the same trust ("Segregated Series"). As a result,  
19 each shareholder of the Collateral Fund now owned shares of both the Collateral  
20 Fund and the Segregated Series.

21 108. By October 6, 2008, three receivers were appointed to wind up the  
22 affairs of Sigma.

23 109. At the time of the default, the Collateral Fund held approximately  
24 \$381.3 million of principal in the Sigma SIV. As a result of the default, the MTNs  
25 held by the Collateral Fund lost approximately \$324.1 million, or 85% of their  
26 value. PSF's pro-rata interest in the Sigma SIV within the Collateral Fund was  
27 priced by Defendants at approximately \$81.1 million.

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1 **J. DEFENDANTS FAILED TO COMPENSATE PSF FOR ITS LOSSES**

2 110. On or about December 2, 2008, the receivers held an auction sale of  
3 Sigma's securities portfolio and sold the securities for \$306 million. The receivers  
4 estimated that Sigma's obligation to MTN holders was approximately \$6.2 billion  
5 and that MTNs maturing after October 23, 2008 would not be satisfied.

6 111. Each of the Sigma MTNs held in the Collateral Fund as of  
7 September 30, 2008 matured after October 23, 2008. Thus, the Collateral Fund's  
8 MTNs were not satisfied by the auction proceeds.

9 112. Acknowledging the Collateral Fund's inability to recover its losses on  
10 the Sigma securities, Defendants stated in the Collateral Fund's financial statements  
11 as of December 31, 2008 that the Sigma securities are "permanently impaired" and  
12 realized a loss of \$324,064,872 on the Sigma securities. PSF's pro-rata share of  
13 these losses is approximately \$81.1 Million.

14 113. Defendants have failed to remedy any of the losses caused by the  
15 negligent performance of their duties as PSF's lending agent.

16 114. Moreover, Defendants have failed to compensate PSF for the losses  
17 caused by their misrepresentations regarding the so-called "in-kind redemption  
18 restriction." Had Defendants informed PSF in December 2007 or January 2008 that  
19 the in-kind redemption restriction was in fact only being applied to some of the  
20 participants in the Collateral Fund – and, indeed, that at least one participant in the  
21 Collateral Fund was receiving special treatment from Defendants at the expense of  
22 the others – PSF would have redeemed its shares in the Collateral Fund and avoided  
23 millions of dollars in losses.

24 115. Defendants also now refuse to honor their obligations under the \$20  
25 Million Negative Earnings Guarantee despite previous assurances that they would  
26 do so upon realizing the Sigma losses. The amortization of the Sigma losses results  
27 in negative earnings to PSF in excess of \$20 Million. Defendants now  
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1 disingenuously contend, however, that the Guarantee was never meant to apply to  
2 the negative earnings resulting from the Sigma losses.

3 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

4 **FRAUDULENT MISREPRESENTATION**

5 **(In-Kind Redemption Restriction)**

6 116. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1-115 as if set forth  
7 again in full.

8 117. On December 18, 2007, PSF's adviser, PLFA, met with Defendants (in  
9 particular, Mr. Fort) to address PSF's concerns regarding the Collateral Fund's  
10 exposure to SIVs. During this meeting, Defendants informed PLFA that PSF could  
11 not redeem all or substantially all of its units out of the Collateral Fund in cash,  
12 whether at one time or over a period of time, but rather that Defendants would only  
13 redeem PSF with securities in-kind. Defendants confirmed that this in-kind  
14 redemption restriction applied to all participants in the Collateral Fund, regardless of  
15 size. PLFA emphasized that it wanted to be notified immediately once the in-kind  
16 redemption restriction was lifted, and Defendants promised to do so.

17 118. Relying on Defendants' representations regarding the across-the-board,  
18 in-kind redemption restriction and their monitoring of the SIV holdings in the  
19 Collateral Fund, PSF maintained its position in the Collateral Fund and continued its  
20 participation in the Securities Lending Program, comforted that the Collateral Fund  
21 was not susceptible to a "run on the bank" scenario because all other investors were  
22 also precluded from cash redemptions.

23 119. A mere four days later, however, on December 22, 2007, Defendants or  
24 their affiliates signed an agreement allowing another participant in the Collateral  
25 Fund, Hartford, to redeem its investment in cash at a value of \$1 per unit.

26 120. Hartford's investment in the Fund represented approximately \$2.6B, or  
27 9% of the total outstanding units, at December 31, 2007. Hartford's cash  
28 redemption and exit from the Collateral Fund exposed PSF to increased risk by

1 virtue of its increased proportionate exposure to the Collateral Fund and its  
2 holdings, including (but not limited to) the Sigma holdings.

3 121. Despite their promises to notify PSF or PLFA immediately when the  
4 in-kind redemption restriction was lifted, Defendants never affirmatively informed  
5 PSF or PLFA of their special deal with Hartford. Indeed, PSF only learned about  
6 the deal by stumbling upon a footnote buried in the Collateral Fund's Financial  
7 Statements and Schedules, which were provided by Defendants to PSF many  
8 months later – and after significant losses had already been sustained.

9 122. Moreover, Defendants never offered PSF the option to redeem its units  
10 in cash.

11 123. Indeed, three weeks after Defendants struck the deal with Hartford,  
12 Defendants (in particular, Ms. Rulong, together with Mr. Fort and Mr. Tant)  
13 reassured PSF's Board of Trustees on January 15, 2008 that all participants in the  
14 Collateral Fund were subject to the same in-kind redemption restriction to which  
15 PSF was subject. Again relying on Defendants' representations, PSF continued to  
16 participate in the Securities Lending Program and did not seek to redeem its units.

17 124. On several occasions after Hartford was permitted to redeem its units in  
18 cash, Defendants continued to represent to PSF that they had a policy prohibiting in-  
19 cash redemption for shareholders wishing to redeem all or substantially all of their  
20 units and that this applied to all investors.

21 125. At the time Defendants made these misrepresentations to PSF,  
22 Defendants knew that Hartford was being permitted to cash out of the Collateral  
23 Fund at \$1 per unit. Thus, Defendants knew their representations to PSF were false.  
24 Nonetheless, Defendants made these representations with both knowledge and intent  
25 that PSF would rely upon them.

26 126. The representations made by Defendants were material to PSF's  
27 decision making regarding its continued participation in Defendants' Securities  
28 Lending Program. PSF did not know Defendants' representations were false and

1 justifiably relied on them by continuing its participation in the Securities Lending  
2 Program.

3 127. If PSF had been informed that the in-kind redemption restriction was  
4 being inconsistently and unfairly applied in December 2007 or January 2008, it  
5 would have redeemed its units in the Collateral Fund and avoided the millions of  
6 dollars in losses resulting from Sigma's failure.

7 128. PSF relied upon these misrepresentations in good faith, and as a result,  
8 suffered damages in an amount greater than \$75,000, exact amount to be established  
9 at trial. The wrongful conduct complained of herein was egregious, reckless,  
10 wanton, fraudulent, and/or willful to justify the imposition of exemplary and  
11 punitive damages.

12 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**  
13 **NEGLIGENT MISREPRESENTATION**  
14 **(In-Kind Redemption Restriction)**

15 129. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1-128 as if set forth  
16 again in full.

17 130. On December 18, 2007, PSF's adviser, PLFA, met with Defendants (in  
18 particular, Mr. Fort) to address PSF's concerns regarding the Collateral Fund's  
19 exposure to SIVs. During this meeting, Defendants informed PLFA that PSF could  
20 not redeem all or substantially all of its units out of the Collateral Fund in cash,  
21 whether at one time or over a period of time, but rather that Defendants would only  
22 redeem PSF with securities in-kind. Defendants confirmed that this in-kind  
23 redemption restriction applied to all participants in the Collateral Fund, regardless of  
24 size. PLFA emphasized that it wanted to be notified immediately once the in-kind  
25 redemption restriction was lifted, and Defendants promised to do so.

26 131. Relying on Defendants' representations regarding the across-the-board,  
27 in-kind redemption restriction and their monitoring of the SIV holdings in the  
28 Collateral Fund, PSF maintained its position in the Collateral Fund and continued its

1 participation in the Securities Lending Program, comforted that the Collateral Fund  
2 was not susceptible to a “run on the bank” scenario because all other investors were  
3 also precluded from cash redemptions.

4 132. A mere four days later, however, on December 22, 2007, Defendants or  
5 their affiliates signed an agreement allowing another participant in the Collateral  
6 Fund, Hartford, to redeem its investment in cash at a value of \$1 per unit.

7 133. Hartford’s investment in the Fund represented approximately \$2.6B, or  
8 9% of the total outstanding units, at December 31, 2007. Hartford’s cash  
9 redemption and exit from the Collateral Fund exposed PSF to increased risk by  
10 virtue of its increased proportionate exposure to the Collateral Fund and its  
11 holdings, including (but not limited to) the Sigma holdings.

12 134. Despite their promises to notify PSF or PLFA immediately when the  
13 in-kind redemption restriction was lifted, Defendants never affirmatively informed  
14 PSF or PLFA of their special deal with Hartford. Indeed, PSF only learned about  
15 the deal by stumbling upon a footnote buried in the Collateral Fund’s Financial  
16 Statements and Schedules, which were provided by Defendants to PSF many  
17 months later – and after significant losses had already been sustained.

18 135. Moreover, Defendants never offered PSF the option to redeem its units  
19 in cash.

20 136. Indeed, three weeks after Defendants struck the deal with Hartford,  
21 Defendants (in particular, Ms. Rulong, together with Mr. Fort and Mr. Tant)  
22 reassured PSF’s Board of Trustees on January 15, 2008 that all participants in the  
23 Collateral Fund were subject to the same in-kind redemption restriction to which  
24 PSF was subject. Again relying on Defendants’ representations, PSF continued to  
25 participate in the Securities Lending Program and did not seek to redeem its units.

26 137. On several occasions after Hartford was permitted to redeem its units in  
27 cash, Defendants continued to represent to PSF that they had a policy prohibiting in-

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1 cash redemption for shareholders wishing to redeem all or substantially all of their  
2 units and that this applied to all investors.

3 138. At the time Defendants made these misrepresentations to PSF,  
4 Defendants had no reasonable grounds for believing them to be true and should have  
5 known them to be false. Nonetheless, Defendants made these representations with  
6 both knowledge and intent that PSF would rely upon them.

7 139. The representations made by Defendants were material to PSF's  
8 decision making regarding its continued participation in Defendants' Securities  
9 Lending Program. PSF did not know that Defendants' representations were false  
10 and justifiably relied on them by continuing its participation in the Securities  
11 Lending Program.

12 140. If PSF had been informed that the in-kind redemption restriction was  
13 being inconsistently and unfairly applied in December 2007 or January 2008, it  
14 would have redeemed its units in the Collateral Fund and avoided the millions of  
15 dollars in losses resulting from Sigma's failure.

16 141. PSF relied upon these misrepresentations in good faith, and as a result,  
17 suffered damages in an amount greater than \$75,000, exact amount to be established  
18 at trial.

19 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

20 **BREACH OF CONTRACT**

21 **(Breach of the Securities Lending Agreement)**

22 142. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1-141 as if set forth  
23 again in full.

24 143. As described above, PSF and Defendants' predecessor entered into a  
25 valid Securities Lending Authorization Agreement on January 1, 2007. Defendants  
26 acted as PSF's lending agent and as the Collateral Fund's investment manager  
27 pursuant to the Securities Lending Agreement at all times relevant to the allegations  
28 made herein.

1 144. PSF's primary obligation under the Securities Lending Agreement was  
2 to provide compensation to Defendants in accordance with the fee schedule attached  
3 to the Securities Lending Agreement, which was to be amended from time to time  
4 upon agreement by the parties. PSF has fulfilled its obligations under the Securities  
5 Lending Agreement.

6 145. Section 10(b)(i) of the Securities Lending Agreement provides: "The  
7 Lending Agent shall perform its obligations under this Agreement with the care,  
8 skill, prudence, and diligence which, under the circumstances then prevailing, a  
9 professional securities lending agent acting in a capacity and familiar with such  
10 matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise of a like character and with like  
11 aim."

12 146. Section 10(b)(ii) of the Securities Lending Agreement holds  
13 Defendants legally responsible for losses resulting from Defendants' "negligence,  
14 willful misconduct, recklessness, bad faith, malfeasance or misfeasance in its  
15 administration of the Program, or the failure of the Lending Agent to comply with  
16 the provisions of this Agreement, including the Investment Guidelines."

17 147. The Investment Guidelines state that the objectives of the Collateral  
18 Fund shall be to (1) safeguard principal, (2) assure that all cash collateral is invested  
19 in a timely manner, (3) maintain a diversified portfolio of investments, (4) maintain  
20 adequate liquidity, and (5) consistent with these other objectives, to optimize the  
21 spread between the collateral earnings and the rebate paid to the borrower of  
22 securities.

23 148. Defendants breached the Securities Lending Agreement by failing to  
24 perform its obligations with the level of care, skill, prudence, and diligence  
25 consistent with its status as a professional securities lending agent; by subjecting  
26 PSF to losses resulting from Defendants' negligence, willful misconduct,  
27 recklessness, bad faith, malfeasance or misfeasance in its administration of the  
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1 program; and by failing to invest in accordance with the objectives specified in the  
2 Investment Guidelines.

3 149. In particular, Defendant breached the Securities Lending Agreement  
4 by, *inter alia*: (a) failing to safeguard PSF's principal; (b) failing to maintain  
5 adequate liquidity in the Collateral Fund; (c) failing to optimize the spread between  
6 the collateral earnings and the rebate paid to the borrower of securities;  
7 (d) misrepresenting in bad faith to PSF that the in-kind redemption restriction  
8 applied to all participants in the Collateral Fund when they knew that it did not;  
9 (e) diluting PSF's interest in the Collateral Fund and increasing its exposure to risk  
10 by allowing Hartford to cash out of the Fund at \$1 per unit and intentionally failing  
11 to disclose their actions regarding the same; (f) failing to conduct a complete,  
12 thorough, and careful investigation into the Sigma MTNs which, if conducted,  
13 would have revealed, among other things, that Sigma's repo transactions were  
14 significantly over-collateralized, leaving PSF at risk of not recovering its invested  
15 principal; (g) imprudently investing the collateral received by PSF in the Sigma  
16 MTNs, which were inappropriate and unsuitable investments for the investment of  
17 the cash collateral and which did not comply with the Investment Guidelines;  
18 (h) imprudently failing to properly monitor the investments in the Sigma MTNs  
19 which, if diligently done, would have, among other things, revealed by January 2008  
20 the excessive risks of Sigma's inability to pay the MTNs as they matured;  
21 (i) imprudently maintaining the investments in the Sigma MTNs after Defendants  
22 became aware or should have become aware of analysts' warnings concerning  
23 Sigma, its dire financial condition, and its likely failure before the MTNs matured;  
24 and (j) refusing to assume the losses of PSF arising from Defendants' negligence,  
25 bad faith, willful misconduct, and failure to comply with the Investment Guidelines.

26 150. As a direct, proximate result of Defendants' breach, PSF suffered  
27 damages in an amount greater than \$75,000, exact amount to be established at trial.  
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1 **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

2 **BREACH OF CONTRACT**

3 **(Breach of the \$20 Million Negative Earnings Guarantee)**

4 151. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1-150 as if set forth  
5 again in full.

6 152. On October 16, 2008, Defendants and PSF executed an amendment to  
7 the Securities Lending Agreement whereby Defendants agreed to guarantee up to  
8 \$20 million against "negative earnings" if PSF would agree to remove the \$16  
9 million securities lending annual income guarantee that was in effect under the  
10 Agreement. PSF had asked Defendants for this modification to the Securities  
11 Lending Agreement in July 2008 to provide a measure of protection against  
12 potential losses from the Sigma SIV and other holdings within the Collateral Fund.

13 153. The amendment to the Securities Lending Agreement provides that in  
14 the event that a Portfolio's share of all income and earnings from the investment of  
15 cash by the Collateral Fund ("Earnings") for a particular monthly accounting period  
16 is "less than the amount necessary to pay the entire rebate or other amount payable  
17 to a Borrower," after taking into account the impact that the sale of securities in the  
18 Collateral Fund "may have" on Earnings, the Bank of New York Mellon shall pay  
19 "the amount equal to the difference between such Earnings and the rebates payable"  
20 ("Negative Earnings"), up to \$20 Million in the aggregate. "Any Negative Earnings  
21 which result from a decrease in the value of the [Collateral Fund] are included  
22 within the Lending Agent's obligations."

23 154. Prior to PSF's ratification of this amendment, Defendants explained the  
24 terms of the agreement to PSF's Board of Trustees on October 16, 2008, including  
25 how and when the \$20 Million Negative Earnings Guarantee would be applied.  
26 Defendants expressly stated to the Board that payments relating to the Sigma losses  
27 under the \$20 Million Negative Earnings Guarantee would be calculated and  
28 become due to PSF when Defendants determined a more definitive amount of loss

1 on the Sigma SIV. Moreover, Defendants reviewed and approved examples  
2 provided to the Board that explained how the \$20 Million Negative Earnings  
3 Guarantee would operate in the event that significant principal losses – such as the  
4 Sigma losses – resulted in negative earnings. The examples unambiguously  
5 contemplated that the \$20 Million Negative Earnings Guarantee would cover the  
6 negative earnings resulting from the amortization of such principal losses.

7 155. Relying on Defendants' representations regarding the meaning and  
8 application of the \$20 Million Negative Earnings Guarantee and, in particular, their  
9 assurances that it would apply to the negative earnings resulting from Sigma losses  
10 once the amount of loss was determined, PSF's Board of Trustees approved and  
11 ratified the \$20 Million Negative Earnings Guarantee on October 16, 2008 (made  
12 effective September 1, 2008).

13 156. Defendants stated in the Collateral Fund's financial statements as of  
14 December 31, 2008 that the Sigma securities are "permanently impaired" and  
15 realized a loss of \$324,064,872 on the Sigma securities.

16 157. The amortization of the Sigma losses results in negative earnings to  
17 PSF in excess of \$20 Million.

18 158. Nevertheless, Defendants refuse to honor their obligations under the  
19 \$20 Million Negative Earnings Guarantee despite previous assurances that they  
20 would do so upon realizing the Sigma losses.

21 159. This complete refusal to honor the amendment to the Securities  
22 Lending Agreement constitutes a breach of contract by Defendants.

23 160. PSF has met its obligations under the amendment.

24 161. As a direct, proximate result of Defendants' breach, PSF suffered  
25 damages in an amount greater than \$75,000, exact amount to be established at trial.

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1 **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

2 **BREACH OF COVENANT OF GOOD FAITH AND FAIR DEALING**

3 **(\$20 Million Negative Earnings Guarantee)**

4 162. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1-161 and, in particular,  
5 paragraphs 151-161 as if set forth again in full.

6 163. Both PSF and Defendants understood that the purpose of the \$20  
7 Million Negative Earnings Guarantee was to provide a measure of protection against  
8 potential losses from the Sigma SIV and other holdings within the Collateral Fund.

9 164. Further, when the agreement was executed on October 16, 2008, both  
10 PSF and Defendants understood that payments relating to the Sigma losses under the  
11 \$20 Million Negative Earnings Guarantee would be calculated and become due to  
12 PSF when Defendants determined a more definitive amount of loss on the Sigma  
13 SIV.

14 165. Indeed, on October 16, 2008, Defendants expressly stated to PSF's  
15 Board of Trustees that the \$20 Million Negative Earnings Guarantee would apply to  
16 the negative earnings resulting from the Sigma losses. Defendants knew when they  
17 made that statement to the Board of Trustees that the Sigma securities had been  
18 transferred from the Collateral Fund to the Segregated Series.

19 166. Moreover, Defendants reviewed and approved examples provided to  
20 the Board that explained how the \$20 Million Negative Earnings Guarantee would  
21 operate in the event that the amortization of significant principal losses – such as the  
22 Sigma losses – resulted in negative earnings. The examples unambiguously  
23 contemplated that the \$20 Million Guarantee would cover the negative earnings  
24 resulting from the amortization of such principal losses.

25 167. In the Collateral Fund's financial statements as of December 31, 2008,  
26 Defendants or their affiliates stated that the Sigma securities are "permanently  
27 impaired" and realized a loss of \$324,064,872 on the Sigma securities.

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1 168. The amortization of the Sigma losses results in negative earnings to  
2 PSF in excess of \$20 Million.

3 169. Nevertheless, Defendants refuse to honor their obligations under the  
4 \$20 Million Negative Earnings Guarantee despite previous assurances that they  
5 would do so upon realizing the Sigma losses.

6 170. Defendants' complete refusal to honor their obligations under the \$20  
7 Million Negative Earnings Guarantee constitutes a breach of the implied covenant  
8 of good faith and fair dealing. By arguing that the \$20 Million Negative Earnings  
9 Guarantee was not intended to apply to the negative earnings resulting from the  
10 Sigma losses or, generally, to negative earnings resulting from the amortization of  
11 any other principal losses, Defendants are frustrating the purpose of the Guarantee  
12 and interfering with PSF's right to the benefit of its agreement.

13 171. As a direct, proximate result of Defendant's breach of the covenant of  
14 good faith and fair dealing, PSF suffered damages in an amount greater than  
15 \$75,000, exact amount to be established at trial.

16 **SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

17 **BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY**

18 172. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1-171 as if set forth  
19 again in full.

20 173. Defendants owed fiduciary duties to PSF by virtue of the terms of the  
21 Securities Lending Agreement and the nature of their relationship with PSF.

22 174. These fiduciary duties required Defendants to discharge their  
23 obligations with respect to PSF (a) in utmost good faith – a standard that requires a  
24 high degree of honesty, loyalty, integrity, impartiality, and the most faithful service,  
25 (b) with care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing  
26 that a prudent man acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters would  
27 use in the conduct of an enterprise of a like character and with like aims, and (c) in  
28 accordance with the terms of their contracts with PSF

1 175. Defendants breached the fiduciary duties they owed to PSF by, *inter*  
2 *alia*: (a) failing to safeguard PSF's principal; (b) failing to maintain adequate  
3 liquidity in the Collateral Fund; (c) failing to optimize the spread between the  
4 collateral earnings and the rebate paid to the borrower of securities;  
5 (d) misrepresenting to PSF that the in-kind redemption restriction applied to all  
6 participants in the Collateral Fund when they knew or should have known that it did  
7 not; (e) diluting PSF's interest in the Collateral Fund and increasing its exposure to  
8 risk by allowing Hartford to cash out of the Fund at \$1 per unit and intentionally  
9 failing to disclose its actions regarding the same; (f) treating certain participants in  
10 the Collateral Fund more favorably than others without disclosing such special and  
11 unfair treatment; (g) failing to honor their obligations under the \$20 Million  
12 Negative Earnings Guarantee; (h) misrepresenting to PSF that they would make  
13 payments under the \$20 Million Negative Earnings Guarantee for negative earnings  
14 resulting from the amortization of Sigma losses, as well as negative earnings  
15 resulting from the amortization of other principal losses, when they had no intention  
16 of making such payments; (i) failing to conduct a complete, thorough, and careful  
17 investigation into the Sigma MTNs which, if conducted, would have revealed,  
18 among other things, that Sigma's repo transactions were significantly over-  
19 collateralized, leaving PSF at risk of not recovering its invested principal;  
20 (j) imprudently investing the collateral received by Defendants for PSF securities  
21 loans in the Sigma MTNs, which were inappropriate and unsuitable investments for  
22 the investment of the cash collateral and which did not comply with the Investment  
23 Guidelines; (k) imprudently failing to properly monitor the investments in the Sigma  
24 MTNs which, if diligently done, would have, among other things, revealed by  
25 January 2008 excessive risks of Sigma's inability to pay the MTNs as they matured;  
26 (l) imprudently maintaining the investments in the Sigma MTNs after Defendants  
27 became aware or should have become aware of analysts' warnings concerning  
28 Sigma, its dire financial condition, and its likely failure before the MTNs matured;

1 and (m) refusing to assume the losses of PSF arising from Defendants' negligence,  
2 bad faith, willful misconduct, and failure to comply with the Investment Guidelines.

3 176. In continuing its participation in Defendants' Securities Lending  
4 Program, PSF reasonably relied on the notion that Defendants would uphold their  
5 fiduciary duties of prudence, good faith, honesty, loyalty, and integrity.

6 177. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' numerous breaches of  
7 their fiduciary duties, PSF suffered damages in an amount greater than \$75,000,  
8 exact amount to be determined at trial. The wrongful conduct complained of herein  
9 was egregious, reckless, wanton, fraudulent, and/or willful to justify the imposition  
10 of exemplary and punitive damages.

### 11 SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

#### 12 **CONSTRUCTIVE FRAUD**

13 178. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1-177 as if set forth  
14 again in full.

15 179. As described in paragraphs 167-177, Defendants owed fiduciary duties  
16 to PSF.

17 180. As described in paragraphs 167-177, Defendants breached those duties  
18 on numerous occasions. In doing so, Defendants acted with intent to deceive PSF  
19 and routinely failed to disclose material information to PSF. For example, *inter*  
20 *alia*, Defendants: (a) misrepresented to PSF that the in-kind redemption restriction  
21 applied to all participants in the Collateral Fund when they knew that it did not;  
22 (b) diluted PSF's interest in the Collateral Fund and increased its exposure to risk by  
23 allowing Hartford to cash out of the Fund at \$1 per unit and intentionally failed to  
24 disclose its actions regarding the same; (c) treated certain participants in the  
25 Collateral Fund more favorably than others without disclosing such special and  
26 unfair treatment; (d) misrepresented to PSF that they would make payments under  
27 the \$20 Million Negative Earnings Guarantee for negative earnings resulting from  
28 the amortization of Sigma losses, as well as negative earnings resulting from the

1 amortization of other principal losses, when they had no intention of making such  
2 payments; and (e) failed to disclose to PSF the excessive risks facing Sigma that  
3 were known to Defendants or should have been known by virtue of their purported  
4 credit analysis and investment management expertise, their purported rigorous risk  
5 oversight process, and their stated unique access to issuer information.

6 181. These facts – undisclosed by Defendants – would have been material to  
7 PSF’s decision making regarding its continued participation in the Securities  
8 Lending Program.

9 182. By failing to disclose material facts to PSF and/or by making  
10 affirmative misrepresentations, Defendants intended to deceive PSF and thereby  
11 induce PSF to continue participating in the Securities Lending Program.

12 183. PSF relied on the fiduciary nature of its relationship with Defendants  
13 and Defendants’ disclosures – and nondisclosures – when making its investment  
14 decisions and its decisions to continue participating in Defendants’ Securities  
15 Lending Program.

16 184. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants’ constructive fraud, PSF  
17 has suffered damages in an amount greater than \$75,000, exact amount to be  
18 determined at trial. The wrongful conduct complained of herein was egregious,  
19 reckless, wanton, fraudulent, and/or willful to justify the imposition of exemplary  
20 and punitive damages.

21 **EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

22 **PROFESSIONAL NEGLIGENCE**

23 185. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1-184 as if set forth  
24 again in full.

25 186. As PSF’s lending agent, Defendants owed PSF duties to perform its  
26 services with the care, skill, prudence and diligence that would be expected of a  
27 professional securities lending agent or other professional entrusted with the  
28 management and control of another’s property. These duties arose by virtue of the

1 terms of the Securities Lending Agreement (e.g., the Securities Lending Agreement  
2 expressly states that Defendants' are liable for losses caused by their own  
3 negligence) and the nature of Defendants' relationship with PSF.

4 187. Defendants breached these duties owed to PSF by, *inter alia*: (a) failing  
5 to conduct a complete, thorough, and careful investigation into the Sigma MTNs  
6 which, if conducted, would have revealed, among other things, that Sigma's repo  
7 transactions were significantly over-collateralized, leaving PSF at risk of not  
8 recovering its invested principal; (b) imprudently investing the collateral received by  
9 PSF in the Sigma MTNs, which were inappropriate and unsuitable investments for  
10 the investment of the cash collateral; (c) imprudently failing to properly monitor the  
11 investments in the Sigma MTNs which, if diligently done, would have, among other  
12 things, revealed as early as January 2008 excessive risks of Sigma's inability to pay  
13 the MTNs as they matured; and (d) imprudently maintaining the investments in the  
14 Sigma MTNs after Defendants became aware or should have become aware of  
15 warnings concerning Sigma, its dire financial condition, and its likely failure before  
16 the MTNs matured.

17 188. As a direct, proximate result of Defendants' negligence, PSF suffered  
18 damages in an amount greater than \$75,000, exact amount to be established at trial.

19 **NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

20 **NEGLIGENT MISREPRESENTATION**

21 **(Regarding Riskiness of SIV Investments and Defendants' Oversight)**

22 189. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1-188 as if set forth  
23 again in full.

24 190. On November 30, 2006, Defendants' predecessor, Mellon Bank, N.A.,  
25 pitched its Securities Lending Program to PSF's Board of Trustees in an attempt to  
26 serve as the securities lending agent for PSF. At this time, Mellon (in particular,  
27 Ms. Rulong) touted its credit analysis and investment management expertise and  
28 assured the Board that its Securities Lending Program was subject to constant,

1 comprehensive risk oversight, specifically highlighting its “five oversight  
2 committees.”

3 191. Defendants (in particular, Ms. Rulong, Mr. Fort, and Mr. Tant)  
4 repeated these assurances to PSF’s Board of Trustees on January 15, 2008. In  
5 addition to touting their risk management process and rigorous risk oversight  
6 committees, Defendants (in particular, Mr. Tant) described their credit risk review  
7 process as a “bottoms-up” approach dedicated to credit research and monitoring  
8 investments.

9 192. Further, on several occasions, including on December 18, 2007 and  
10 January 15, 2008, Defendants (in particular, Ms. Rulong, Mr. Tant and Mr. Fort)  
11 represented to PSF that the Collateral Fund contained no impaired securities and, in  
12 particular, that the market warnings regarding SIVs did not reflect their long-term  
13 value. Defendants assured PSF that the SIVs held by the Collateral Fund would pay  
14 off as expected. Defendants further represented to PSF that the Collateral Fund’s  
15 SIV exposure was under control due to the senior positions held by the Collateral  
16 Fund and the fact that the SIVs were backed by major banks.

17 193. At the time Defendants made these representations to PSF, Defendants  
18 knew or should have known them to be false. If Defendants had monitored the  
19 Sigma investments in a manner consistent with their representations, they should  
20 have known, *inter alia*, that: (a) the repo transactions on which Sigma was relying to  
21 finance its activities – and which were senior to the positions held by the Collateral  
22 Fund – were significantly over-collateralized, leaving PSF at risk of not recovering  
23 its invested principal; (b) there was an excessive risk of Sigma’s failure due to its  
24 inability to pay the MTNs as they matured; and (c) these risks were compounded  
25 due to the fact that Sigma was not backed by a major bank.

26 194. Nonetheless, Defendants made these statements with both knowledge  
27 and intent that PSF would rely upon them.

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1           208. For costs and disbursements incurred in connection with this action,  
2 including, but not limited to attorneys' fees through trial and all appeals, costs of  
3 court, and other costs as allowed by law.

4                                   **ON THE THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

5           209. For actual damages in an amount to be proven at trial; and

6           210. For costs and disbursements incurred in connection with this action,  
7 including, but not limited to attorneys' fees through trial and all appeals, costs of  
8 court, and other costs as allowed by law.

9                                   **ON THE FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

10          211. For actual damages in an amount to be proven at trial; and

11          212. For costs and disbursements incurred in connection with this action,  
12 including, but not limited to attorneys' fees through trial and all appeals, costs of  
13 court, and other costs as allowed by law.

14                                   **ON THE FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

15          213. For actual damages in an amount to be proven at trial; and

16          214. For costs and disbursements incurred in connection with this action,  
17 including, but not limited to attorneys' fees through trial and all appeals, costs of  
18 court, and other costs as allowed by law.

19                                   **ON THE SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

20          215. For actual damages in an amount to be proven at trial;

21          216. For exemplary and punitive damages; and

22          217. For costs and disbursements incurred in connection with this action,  
23 including, but not limited to attorneys' fees through trial and all appeals, costs of  
24 court, and other costs as allowed by law.

25                                   **ON THE SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

26          218. For actual damages in an amount to be proven at trial:

27          219. For exemplary and punitive damages; and

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1 220. For costs and disbursements incurred in connection with this action,  
2 including, but not limited to attorneys' fees through trial and all appeals, costs of  
3 court, and other costs as allowed by law.

4 **ON THE EIGHTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

5 221. For actual damages in an amount to be proven at trial; and

6 222. For costs and disbursements incurred in connection with this action,  
7 including, but not limited to attorneys' fees through trial and all appeals, costs of  
8 court, and other costs as allowed by law.

9 **ON THE NINTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

10 223. For actual damages in an amount to be proven at trial; and

11 224. For costs and disbursements incurred in connection with this action,  
12 including, but not limited to attorneys' fees through trial and all appeals, costs of  
13 court, and other costs as allowed by law.

14 **ON THE TENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

15 225. For restitution of all funds in which PSF has an interest, in an amount  
16 to be proven at trial; and

17 226. For costs of suit.

18 **ON EACH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

19 227. For prejudgment and post-judgment interest as provided by statute or  
20 otherwise.

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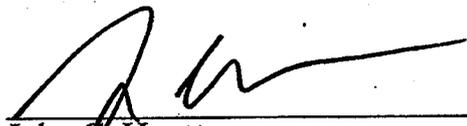
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1           228. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just, equitable, and  
2 proper.

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4 Dated: February 17, 2010

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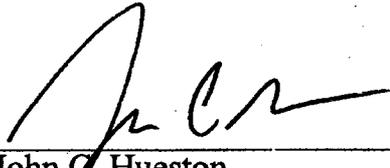
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**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Plaintiff hereby requests a trial by jury.

Dated: February 17, 2010

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
CIVIL COVER SHEET

I (a) PLAINTIFFS (Check box if you are representing yourself) Pacific Select Fund
DEFENDANTS The Bank of New York Mellon, a New York state chartered bank, and BNY Mellon, N.A., a nationally-chartered bank
(b) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address and Telephone Number. If you are representing yourself, provide same.) (see attachment) Attorneys (If Known)

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an X in one box only.)
III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES - For Diversity Cases Only (Place an X in one box for plaintiff and one for defendant.)
IV. ORIGIN (Place an X in one box only.)
V. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT: JURY DEMAND: Yes No (Check 'Yes' only if demanded in complaint.)
CLASS ACTION under F.R.C.P. 23: Yes No MONEY DEMANDED IN COMPLAINT: \$ excess \$75,000

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION (Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and write a brief statement of cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.)
This is a suit stemming from Defendant's fraudulent conduct in connection with money management. This Court has jurisdiction over this suit pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1332.

VII. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an X in one box only.)

Table with 6 columns: OTHER STATUTES, CONTRACTS, TORTS, TORTS, PRISONER PETITIONS, LABOR. Rows include categories like 400 State Reapportionment, 110 Insurance, 310 Airplane, 370 Other Fraud, 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence, 710 Fair Labor Standards Act.

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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**VIII(a). IDENTICAL CASES:** Has this action been previously filed in this court and dismissed, remanded or closed?  No  Yes  
If yes, list case number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**VIII(b). RELATED CASES:** Have any cases been previously filed in this court that are related to the present case?  No  Yes  
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**Civil cases are deemed related if a previously filed case and the present case:**

- (Check all boxes that apply)  A. Arise from the same or closely related transactions, happenings, or events; or  
 B. Call for determination of the same or substantially related or similar questions of law and fact; or  
 C. For other reasons would entail substantial duplication of labor if heard by different judges; or  
 D. Involve the same patent, trademark or copyright, and one of the factors identified above in a, b or c also is present.

**IX. VENUE:** (When completing the following information, use an additional sheet if necessary.)

(a) List the County in this District; California County outside of this District; State if other than California; or Foreign Country, in which EACH named plaintiff resides.  
 Check here if the government, its agencies or employees is a named plaintiff. If this box is checked, go to item (b).

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(b) List the County in this District; California County outside of this District; State if other than California; or Foreign Country, in which EACH named defendant resides.  
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	BNY Mellon- Pennsylvania The Bank of New York Mellon - New York State

(c) List the County in this District; California County outside of this District; State if other than California; or Foreign Country, in which EACH claim arose.  
**Note: In land condemnation cases, use the location of the tract of land involved.**

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Orange County	

\* Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura, Santa Barbara, or San Luis Obispo Counties  
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X. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (OR PRO PER) *[Signature]* Date 8/17/10

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**Key to Statistical codes relating to Social Security Cases:**

Nature of Suit Code	Abbreviation	Substantive Statement of Cause of Action
861	HIA	All claims for health insurance benefits (Medicare) under Title 18, Part A, of the Social Security Act, as amended. Also, include claims by hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, etc., for certification as providers of services under the program. (42 U.S.C. 1935FF(b))
862	BL	All claims for "Black Lung" benefits under Title 4, Part B, of the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969. (30 U.S.C. 923)
863	DIWC	All claims filed by insured workers for disability insurance benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended; plus all claims filed for child's insurance benefits based on disability. (42 U.S.C. 405(g))
863	DIWW	All claims filed for widows or widowers insurance benefits based on disability under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. 405(g))
864	SSID	All claims for supplemental security income payments based upon disability filed under Title 16 of the Social Security Act, as amended.
865	RSI	All claims for retirement (old age) and survivors benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. (g))

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
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PACIFIC SELECT FUND

CASE NUMBER

SACV10-00198 DOC (ANx)

PLAINTIFF(S)

v.

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, a New York state  
chartered bank, and BNY MELLON, N.A., a nationally-  
chartered bank

SUMMONS

DEFENDANT(S).

TO: DEFENDANT(S):

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it), you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached  complaint  amended complaint  counterclaim  cross-claim or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff's attorney, John C. Hueston, whose address is 840 Newport Center Drive, Suite 400, Newport Beach, CA 92660. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

Clerk, U.S. District Court

Dated: February 17, 2010

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**ROLLS ROYCE PASCHAL**

Deputy Clerk

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[Use 60 days if the defendant is the United States or a United States agency, or is an officer or employee of the United States. Allowed 60 days by Rule 12(a)(3)].

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