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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

- against -

ANGELO HALIGIANNIS, ET AL.,

Defendants.

1:04-cv-06488-RJH ←

ATHANASIOS DRENIS, ET AL.,

Plaintiffs,

- against -

ANGELO HALIGIANNIS, ET AL.,

Defendants.

1:04-cv-09263-RJH

ORDER

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 53, the Court hereby appoints James T. Ashe, CPA, CFFA, to serve as Special Master to assist Magistrate Judge Fox in the performance of an accounting. The Special Master shall not have the authority provided in Rule 53(c), but instead shall provide such services and assistance that Judge Fox deems appropriate. The Special Master may communicate ex parte with Judge Fox at any time, but shall not communicate ex parte with any party absent permission from Judge Fox.

The Special Master will be compensated at a rate of \$550/hour, and is authorized to use up to three associates, who will be compensated at the following hourly rates:

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Manager: \$290

Staff Accountant/Attorney: \$245

Staff Accountant: \$180

Pursuant to the Court's Order dated October 7, 2009, all fees and expenses will be paid from the Court Registry Investment System fund associated with No. 04 Civ. 6488, with a maximum of \$75,000.

Pursuant to Rules 53(a)(2) and 53(b)(3), the Special Master has filed an affidavit with this Court, attached hereto, that states that he has no relationship to the parties, counsel, or actions that would require disqualification of a judge under 28 U.S.C. § 455.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: New York, New York
December 1, 2009



Richard J. Holwell
United States District Judge

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,
-against-

04 Civ. 6488 (RJH)

ANGELO HALIGIANNIS, et al.,

Defendants.

ATHANASIOS DRENIS, et al.,

Plaintiffs,
-against-

04 Civ. 9263 (RJH)

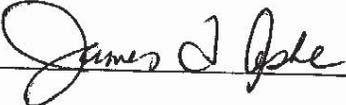
ANGELO HALIGIANNIS, et al.,

Defendants.

DECLARATION OF JAMES T. ASHE

1. I have reviewed 28 U.S.C. Section 455.
2. I have no personal bias or prejudice concerning any party, or personal knowledge of disputed evidentiary facts concerning these proceedings.
3. I did not provide professional services in connection with any matter in controversy, nor am I aware of any professional with whom I am or have been associated having provided such services.
4. I have no financial or fiduciary interest, as defined in Section 455(d), in these proceedings.

Dated: New York, New York
November 13, 2009



James T. Ashe