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15	V.		ER'S SECOND 1 REPORT
16 17	SUPERIOR SERVICING LLC, a limited liability company;		
18	SUNRISE SOLUTIONS USA LLC, a limited liability company;		
19 20	ALUMNI ADVANTAGE LLC, a limited liability company;		
21	STUDENT PROCESSING CENTER GROUP LLC, a limited liability company;		
22 23	SPCTWO LLC, a limited liability company;		
24 25	ACCREDIT LLC, a limited liability company;		
26 27	DENNISE MERDJANIAN, aka Dennise Correa, individually and as managing member of SUPERIOR SERVICING LLC;		
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1	Krista Freitag ("Receiver"), the Court-appointed permanent receiver for
2	Defendants Superior Servicing, LLC, Accredit LLC, Sunrise Solutions USA, LLC,
3	Alumni Advantage, LLC, Student Processing Center Group, LLC, and SPCTWO,
4	LLC, as well as Gold West Financial, LLC, DM Financial, LLC, LJC Music
5	National LLC, South Coast Services, LLC, Business Done Right Inc., ET&C
6	Holdings, LLC, Capital Servicing, LLC, Cornerstone Doc Prep, Inc., Amerifed Doc
7	Prep, LLC, Amerifed Servicing, Inc., Scholastic Solutions LLC, and First Clover
8	Capital, Inc. (collectively the "Receivership Entities" or individually, a
9	"Receivership Entity") hereby submits this Receiver's Second Interim Report
10	("Second Interim Report").
11	I. BACKGROUND
12	On November 22, 2024, this Court entered the Ex Parte Temporary
13	Restraining Order with Asset Freeze, Appointment of a Temporary Receiver, and
14	Other Equitable Relief, and Order to Show Cause Why Preliminary Injunction
15	Should Not Issue (the "TRO"), appointing Krista Freitag ("Receiver") temporary
16	receiver for Superior Servicing, LLC ("Superior"), its subsidiaries, affiliates,
17	successors and assigns, and any other entity that has conducted any business related
18	to Defendants' student debt relief services. (Dkt. 9). On December 5, 2024, a
19	hearing was held to determine whether the TRO should be made permanent and an
20	Order Granting Preliminary Injunction as to Defendant Superior Servicing LLC was
21	entered on December 6, 2025. (Dkt 30). On December 19, 2024, an additional
22	hearing was held to determine whether the TRO should be made permanent as to
23	Defendant Merdjanian and a Preliminary Injunction as to Defendant Dennise
24	Merdjanian was entered. (Dkt 42). ¹
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26	The Preliminary Injunction Order entered on December 19, 2024 also specifically added Accredit, LLC, Sunrise Solutions USA, LLC, Alumni
2728	specifically added Accredit, LLC, Sunrise Solutions USA, LLC, Alumni Advantage, LLC, Student Processing Center Group, LLC, SPCTWO, LLC, Gold West Financial, LLC, DM Financial, LLC, LJC Music National LLC, South Coast Services, LLC, Business Done Right Inc., ET&C Holdings, LLC, Capital

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II. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On November 18, 2024, the Commission filed its Complaint against Superior
and Merdjanian. The Complaint alleges that Superior and Merdjanian engaged in
alleged unlawful acts and practices as part of a scheme preying on student loan
borrowers seeking relief from their loan repayment obligations. The Commission's
allegations include, but are not limited to, (a) deceptive marketing,
misrepresentation of student loan debt relief program services, (b) inaction with
providing the represented student loan debt relief program services to be provided
(e.g., they do not enroll consumers in federal debt relief programs, reduce or
eliminate their student loan payments or balance, or apply payments to consumers'
loans) and (c) in connection with telemarketing of student loan debt relief program
services, requests and receipt of payments of a fee or consideration for debt relief
services before debt relief was obtained. On March 26, 2025, the Commission filed
its First Amended Complaint, adding as Defendants Sunrise Solutions USA LLC,
Alumni Advantage LLC, Student Processing Center Group LLC, SPCTWO LLC,
Accredit LLC, Eric Caldwell ("Caldwell"), and David Hernandez ("Hernandez").
Upon entry of the TRO, the Receiver and her team worked to review as much
of the Complaint and evidence submitted by the Commission as possible. On

of the Complaint and evidence submitted by the Commission as possible. On Friday, November 22, 2024, Monday, November 25, 2024, and Wednesday, December 4, 2024, the Receiver successfully obtained possession of and secured the following physical locations:

- 500 South Kraemer Blvd., Suite 100b, Brea, CA 92821 (this space had previously been vacated in September/October of 2024),
- 3020 Saturn Street, Suite 200, Brea, CA 92821; and
- 3230 E. Imperial Highway, Suite 206, Brea, CA 92821.

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Servicing, LLC, Cornerstone Doc Prep, Inc., Amerifed Doc Prep, LLC, Amerifed Servicing, Inc., Scholastic Solutions LLC, and First Clover Capital, Inc. as defined Receivership Entities. The Receiver has also determined that Student Processing Center, LLC is a Receivership Entity.

Based on the Receiver's prompt, initial investigation of documents and computer records, through March 31, 2025, the Receiver was able to identify and recover \$842,232.23² of Receivership Entity cash (defined below) plus \$300,000 held in trust for Superior with a payment processor and a \$5,000 legal retainer. No additional funds held in trust by payment processors have been discovered. Finally, the Receiver has tendered two claims on employee dishonesty coverage on two separate insurance policies discovered in the records of the companies and made demand on City National Bank for (minimal) cash balances in two accounts.

As previously reported, Superior is one of a series of entities, all set up and operated in very similar fashion, that operated an overall student loan debt relief enterprise. As noted in the Declaration of Krista Freitag Regarding Preliminary Investigative Findings and Observations filed on December 4, 2024 (Dkt. No. 23), various documentation and bank record observations showed that Defendant Merdjanian, who appears on paper to be in control of Superior, may have had less control and less ownership in the enterprise than Caldwell and Hernandez. As a result of the Receiver's observations and evidence reported to this Court, the Court entered an expanded Court Order on December 19, 2024.

This quarterly report covers the Receiver's activities during the last few weeks of the fourth quarter 2024 and the first quarter of 2025, including accounting information from inception of the receivership on November 22, 2024 through March 31, 2025.

III. SUMMARY OF RECEIVER'S ACTIVITIES

A. **Business Operations**

As noted above, shortly after her appointment, the Receiver assumed control over the leased premises located at 500 South Kraemer Blvd., Suite 100b, Brea, CA 92821 (the "Kraemer Office"), 3020 Saturn Street, Suite 200, Brea, CA 92821

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The breakdown of this amount by entity is shown below in Funds Recovered, Receipts and Disbursements section.

("Saturn Office") and 3230 E. Imperial Highway, Suite 206, Brea, CA 92821 ("Imperial Office"). As a result of the Receiver's extensive efforts to identify physical locations, numerous former and virtual and/or post office box location addresses were discovered and contacts associated with same thus served.

With regard to all three office locations, the Receiver took physical control, changed the locks, served/notified the landlord (through property management), served/notified key vendors (to include subpoenaing records from same), and otherwise worked to ensure no entry into the premises. The Receiver's staff also "froze", collected and/or redirected mail for all the virtual office location addresses discovered.

As previously discussed, the Receiver and her staff met with and interviewed the five (5) individuals who were present and subsequently interviewed a few of the four (4) customer service representatives not physically present at the Saturn Office. The Receiver and her staff also reached out to Imperial Office employees to conduct interviews therewith as well; very few responded to the Receiver's staff. The entities' staff member for IT related work also cooperated with an interview and in providing data and records in his possession.

In such interviews, notably and specifically regarding how client payments work, several employees stated that if payment was not made by customers, work was not performed on said customer's file. Furthermore, based upon (a) emails observed whereby customer service employees sent emails to customers (b) sample customer data pulled from the CRM software showing payment requirements in the contract and advance payments reflected in the CRM system, (c) emails from upset and/or confused customers, and (d) other information gleaned from interviews whereby customer service representatives acknowledged that they would not help a non-paying customer, it appears that clients were required to pay advance fees for student loan debt relief services.

Pursuant to the Receiver's observations discussed above, along with the Court's initial findings and orders, the Receiver suspended business operations and communicated with employees of the Receivership Entities and customers as efficiently as possible regarding the entry of the Court's orders in this matter. Updates have also been posted to the receivership's website and employees working in the physical premises were also provided an opportunity to retrieve personal belongings on several occasions.

The Receiver's staff conferred with the third-party payroll processing company ADP to coordinate processing of 2024 payroll reports, and issuance of W-2's and 1099's. The Receiver served and contacted the Receivership Entities' accounting firm and has coordinated with same to cost-effectively complete the 2024 books and tax returns (as applicable); notably, 2024 tax returns extensions were filed and a changeover of registered agent has been completed or is in process for the following entities:

Accredit, LLC

Business Done Right Inc.

DM Financial, LLC

ET&C Holdings, LLC

Gold West Financial LLC

SPCTWO, LLC

Student Processing Center LLC

Sunrise Solutions USA LLC

Superior Servicing LLC

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B. Funds Recovered, Receipts and Disbursements

In addition to the Commission's asset freeze notifications, the Receiver also promptly notified each bank and payment processor identified as having an account associated with the Receivership Entities' enterprise. As previously mentioned, as

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of March 31, 2025, the Receivership Entities' known and recovered cash balances totaled \$842,232.23 plus \$300,000.00 held in trust by a payment processor for Superior.

All aforementioned funds were transferred into the Receiver's new bank account for the receivership estate, which funds are in an insured cash sweep program, which not only earns interest, but also fully protects the funds in FDICinsured accounts.

The following reflects the cash activity of the receivership estate for the period from November 22, 2024 through March 31, 2025. A summary of the receipts and disbursements is as follows:

Accredit LLC	\$373,070
Business Done Right Inc	\$21,738
DM Financial, LLC	\$230,056
ET & C Holdings LLC	\$353
Gold West Financial LLC	\$37,304
SPCTWO LLC	\$47,111
Student Processing Center LLC	\$96,485
Sunrise Solutions USA LLC	\$28,080
Superior Servicing LLC	\$8,035
SUBTOTAL BANK BALANCES ³	\$842,232
Credit Card Processing Recovery	\$300,000
Legal Retainer Recovery	\$5,000
Interest Income	\$4,477
SUBTOTAL OTHER RECEIPTS	\$309,477
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$1,151,709

Some funds were collected from customers after the TRO and PI Orders due to the timing of entities being added to the receivership estate and funds being recovered.

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General & Administrative Expenses	(\$15,715)
Receiver Fees and Expenses	(\$134,104)
Receivership Legal Fees and Expenses	(\$71,536)
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	(\$221,355)
CASH BALANCE AT MARCH 31, 2025	\$930,354

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C. Affiliated Entities and/or URLs

As noted above, Superior is part of a student loan debt relief enterprise of affiliated entities owned and controlled by Caldwell, Hernandez and Merdjanian. Through investigation and review of records and the Commission's filings, the Receiver identified the following entities and/or URLs, which appear to be affiliated with Superior, Merdjanian, Caldwell, Hernandez, and the larger enterprise:

- Accredit, LLC
 - o www.theaccredit.com
- Sunrise Solutions USA, LLC
 - o http://www.sunrisesolutionsllc.com
- Alumni Advantage, LLC
 - o http://www.alumniadvantage.com
 - Student Processing Center Group, LLC (and/or Student Processing Center, LLC)
 - o http://www.studentprocessingcenter.com
 - SPCTWO, LLC
 - o http://www.spctwo.com
- Gold West Financial, LLC
 - o http://www.goldwestfinancial.com
 - DM Financial, LLC
 - LJC Music National LLC (lease for Kraemer Office in this name)
 - South Coast Services, LLC

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1	•	Business Done Right, Inc.	
2	•	ET&C Holdings, LLC	
3	•	Capital Servicing, LLC	
4	•	Cornerstone Doc Prep, Inc	
5	•	Amerifed Doc Prep, LLC	
6	•	Amerifed Servicing, Inc.	
7	•	Scholastic Solutions LLC	
8	•	First Clover Capital, Inc.	
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10	D.	Control Over Computer Hardware, Software and Documents	
11	Upon	entry to the Kraemer Office, the Receiver took control over computers	
12	and limited	documents which remained in that office (it was largely vacated). Upon	
13	entry of the	Saturn Street Office and subsequently, the Imperial Office, the Receiver	
14	and her staff took control over computers and the books and records located therein.		
15	Pursuant to the TRO, the Receiver retained the services of HKA Global, LLC, a		
16	forensic computer consultant, to image workstation hard drives located at the Saturn		
17	Street and Imperial Offices; various of the IT employee's devices and entity email		
18	accounts have also been imaged by HKA. Numerous computers were not set up in		
19	workstations; those computers were secured but not imaged.		
20	As part of her effort to preserve the electronic and hard copy documents		
21	associated with the Receivership Entities' enterprise, the Receiver also served		
22	vendors, and other third parties (including the internet service provider, website		
23	host, CRM service provider, telephone service provider, and other key vendors		
24	known to service the Receivership Entities) with copies of the Court's Orders and		
25	made a demand that each of them preserve all electronic and other documents in		
26	their possession, custody or control as provided for in the Orders.		

Employees stated there are no social media accounts. The website hosting company Go Daddy was used by the companies to secure the Receivership Entities'

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domains. While the Receiver did serve the TRO and subsequently the PI on Go Daddy, their cooperation to date has been minimal. Go Daddy has required a specific Court Order directing them to turn over possession of the domains to the Receiver before offering the Receiver control over the domains. Absent that Order, the Receiver reached out to Caldwell and Merdjanian who turned over the logins and passwords to the Go Daddy accounts for: (1) studentprocessingcenter.com; (2) SPCTWO.com; (3) theaccredit.com; (4) superiorservicing.net; and (5) sunrisesolutionsllc.org. Once under her control, the Receiver discovered that as part of GoDaddy's freeze, she was unable to forward the domains to the Receiver's website to inform customers of the receivership. Alternatively, the Receiver has directed a change to the respective websites to include information about the receivership including a link to the receivership website. To date, GoDaddy has refused to grant the Receiver control of the domains absent the aforementioned Order.

GoDaddy is also the reseller of the Microsoft email accounts used by the enterprise. The Receiver was also able to gain access to some email accounts once given control of the domains by Caldwell and Merdjanian. However, at that time, it was noted that most email accounts for each domain had been deleted. Some email accounts have been recovered, but approximately 35 accounts have not been recovered. The Receiver is working with Microsoft to determine if they can recover those accounts absent a Court order. In the event the Receiver deems it necessary and/or fruitful, she will file a motion to compel GoDaddy and Microsoft to provide access and turnover records.

For Customer Relationship Management software (CRM), the Receiver was able to provide prompt notice to DebtPayPro.com, also known as Forth.com. That software was the customer database used by the enterprises to manage the various customer interactions and to engage in regular billing. Forth.com has provided the Receiver with access to the system.

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Slack.com, an internal communications platform, was used by the enterprise

in conjunction with email to coordinate their various efforts. The platform works similar to a chat and file exchange service. Like GoDaddy, Slack at first requested a specific order to turn over access to the communications, however, once the 4 Receiver was able to show that the domain websites reflected receivership 5 information, they provided the Receiver with a static copy of the data, along with 6

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Ε. Personal Property

access to the service to review the information.

During the Receiver's takeover of the office premises, she and her staff took a photographic inventory. For the most part, the personal property consisted of CPU's, computer monitors/keyboards/mice, cubicles and other miscellaneous office furniture, fixtures and equipment.

On November 24, 2024, the Receiver accessed the Kraemer office to assess/retrieve the inventory of computer equipment. The following day, the Receivership team, accompanied by a U.S. Marshal, accessed the Saturn office. There, the locks were changed, sensitive computer equipment secured, and inventory recorded. HKA, the Receiver's forensic computer consultant, was also present to create images of workstation hard drives.

On December 4, 2024, the Receiver gained access to the Imperial office. Similar procedures were followed: the locks were changed, sensitive computer equipment secured, and inventory recorded. HKA was again present to create images of workstation hard drives. The computer equipment recovered from the Kraemer office was transferred and ultimately temporarily stored at the Saturn and then Imperial Offices.

From January 29, 2025 to January 31, 2025, the Receivership team completed the inventory recording and commenced packing and preparing both the Saturn and Imperial offices for move-out (the Kraemer office was already vacated after the computer equipment was removed). Despite several attempts to contact auctioneers

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and office equipment dealers, there was no interest in the furniture and fixtures at the office locations. Consequently, the Receiver opted to leave all furniture and fixtures in the offices and to move only the records, computers and electronic equipment into storage.

On February 24, 2025, the Receivership team finished preparing for the move-out from both the Saturn and Imperial offices. The offices were fully vacated and returned to the respective landlords on February 25, 2025. The equipment was securely transferred through a chain of custody by a commercial moving company and the Receiver's staff to a secured storage facility on that same date. Finally, the Receiver was able to secure a payment of \$1,000 from the landlord of the Saturn property in exchange for resolving the company's security deposit, past due rent and the equipment that was being left onsite. The other landlords were willing to keep the equipment without additional charges to the company. Leaving the equipment saved the receivership estate additional costs for moving and storage. Considering that various auctioneers declined interest in selling or even collecting the furniture and fixtures for free, removing and disposing of the furniture and equipment would have been a net expense to the receivership estate.

F. **Pending Litigation**

The Receiver is aware that two entities associated with the enterprise, Amerifed Doc Prep and Cornerstone Doc Prep, along with Caldwell, were investigated by state regulatory agencies in Colorado, Minnesota, and California, which reportedly led to them being shut down. Similarly, Superior was investigated by state regulators in Washington after it was shut down earlier this year. In addition, the New York Attorney General's office recently (October 2024) contacted Superior via email about a complaint received from a consumer and asked for a response thereto. The Receiver is not currently aware of any active lawsuits brought by or against Superior or any of its affiliated entities (other than the instant action).

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G. <u>Territorial Jurisdiction Over Receivership Assets</u>

By filing the Complaint and the TRO with other federal district courts in the United States, the territorial jurisdiction of this Court over receivership assets is extended to such districts. 28 U.S.C. § 754, see also Haile v. Henderson Nat'l Bank, 657 Fed. 2d 816, 822 (6th Cir. 1981). Based on information obtained to date, Receiver's counsel obtained a certified copy of the Complaint, TRO (with the case docket just being unsealed on December 2, 2024) and PI orders and filed them in the Central District of California. As additional information becomes available, the Receiver will file and record the Amended Complaint and the appointment order in applicable districts and counties in conformity with Section 754 and federal law.

H. <u>Borrower/Client Communications</u>

The Receiver has established a dedicated web page on the Receiver's website which is used to provide case information, regular updates, and answers to frequently asked questions to employees and customers. The Internet address for the webpage is: http://www.superiorservicingreceivership.com. In addition, the Receiver is maintaining a dedicated e-mail address and telephone line for all inquiries, details for which are provided on the aforementioned website.

As previously mentioned, the Receiver was unable to forward the companies' domains to the receivership website. However, the Receiver was able to edit the respective websites to remove all content other than basic information on the case and directing visitors to the Receivership website. Additionally, as the Receiver gained access to various email accounts, the Receiver forwarded all incoming email to those accounts to a Receiver controlled email account. All incoming email to those accounts auto-responds advising about the receivership.

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Receiver's efforts to marshal and recover assets and relevant Receivership Entity documents and records are ongoing in an efficient manner. For

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the near term, the Receiver and her professionals hereby make the following recommendations.

A. <u>Document Recovery Efforts</u>

The Receiver has and will continue to obtain records from all known financial institutions where the Receivership Entities maintained accounts as well as from attorneys and accountants engaged by the Receivership Entities. The Receiver has served subpoenas on certain institutions, individuals, and entities and proposes to proceed with these efforts to obtain documents, assets, and information.

B. Receivership Asset Recovery Efforts and Investigation

The Receiver will seek to locate, secure, and facilitate turnover, of any unaccounted for receivership assets that may exist. As a result of her accounting (further discussed below) and other documentation, the Receiver has identified and become aware of prospective assets either owned by receivership entities or purchased with receivership entity funds. The Receiver is currently preparing to set up interviews with each individual Defendant (Caldwell, Hernandez and Merdjanian) to discuss turnover and specifics of the use of millions of receivership entity dollars, as appropriate. Further, the Receiver may evaluate claims to pursue recovery of assets of the Receivership Entities from third parties, but would seek Court approval before pursuing any such claims.

C. Accounting

Despite demands/requests therefor, with incomplete financial records available or turned over to the Receiver for many of the receivership entities' activities, in the interest of time and cost-efficiency but in order to identify the majority of the Receivership Entities' sources (including customer deposits into the enterprise) and uses of funds (where the funds went, including potential asset identification), the Receiver has performed an initial high-level preliminary accounting of the bank record data received to date in accordance with the Court's

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orders. The Receiver intends to file a summary reflecting the results of this high-1 2 level preliminary accounting in the near term. 3 It is important to note that while the Receiver has subpoenas pending for several additional bank accounts, she has not determined if additional forensic 4 5 analysis will be performed once those records are received and reviewed. Regardless, the preliminary accounting, which is subject to being revised, is being 6 used to identify an initial net harm amount to customers, as well as to help identify 7 8 where the funds went and to help with prospective asset recovery. 9 V. **CONCLUSION** 10 Based upon the Receiver's preliminary investigation and findings, the Receiver recommends and requests that the Court order the Receiver to continue her 11 duties pursuant to the TRO and supplemental PI orders issued by the Court. The 12 13 Receiver also requests the Court authorize her continuing investigation and approve 14 this second report and recommendations. 15 16 Dated: May 9, 2025 KRISTA FREITA 17 Court-Appointed Receiver 18 Dated: May 9, 2025 ALLEN MATKINS LECK GAMBLE 19 MALLORY & NATSIS LLP 20 21 By: /s/ Edward G. Fates EDWARD G. FATES 22 Attorneys for Court-Appointed 23 KRISTA FREITAG 24 25 26 27 28

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