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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK In the matter of the application of U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, et Index No. 651625/2018 al., Assigned to: Friedman, J. Petitioners, **AFFIRMATION OF** For Judicial Instructions under CPLR Article 77 on the KENNETH E. WARNER Administration and Distribution of a Settlement Payment. ----X

**KENNETH E. WARNER**, an attorney duly licensed to practice law in the State of New York, affirms under penalties of perjury and says:

- 1. I am a member of Warner Partners, P.C., the attorneys of record for the Institutional Investors in the above-captioned proceeding. I am familiar with the proceedings in this case and make this affirmation in support of the Institutional Investors' application to admit Kathy D. Patrick and David M. Sheeren of the firm of Gibbs & Bruns, LLP in Houston, Texas as counsel pro hac vice to represent the Institutional Investors, together with my firm, in this matter. Gibbs & Bruns is national counsel for the Institutional Investors.
- 2. I am a member in good standing of the Bar of the State of New York, and was admitted to practice in 1970.
- 3. I have known and worked with the Gibbs & Bruns firm and their attorneys for more than nine years, during which time my firm has served as local counsel for their clients in the New York state and federal courts on a wide variety of matters. Ms. Patrick is a partner in the firm, and Mr. Sheeren is an associate in the firm. I know from personal experience in working with each of them that they are attorneys of the highest caliber and integrity.

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4. As evidenced by the respective Certificates of Good Standing attached to their accompanying affidavits, Ms. Patrick and Mr. Sheeren are active members in good standing of the Bar of the State of Texas, having been admitted to practice law in Texas on November 8, 1985 and November 4, 2011, respectively. Each of their affidavits states that: (a) he or she is familiar with, and agrees to be bound by, the standards of professional conduct imposed upon members of the New York bar, including the rules of court governing the conduct of attorneys and Disciplinary Rules of the Code of Professional Responsibility; (b) he or she acknowledges and agrees that he or she shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New York with respect to any acts occurring during the course of his or her participation in this matter; (c) there are no disciplinary proceedings pending against him or her in the State of Texas or any other jurisdiction, nor have there been any such proceedings brought against him or her in any jurisdiction; and (d) each has been previously admitted pro hac vice in this Court.

- 5. Petitioners consent to this application, as evidenced by the accompanying Stipulation, which their counsel have agreed may be signed by me by permission on behalf of each Petitioner counsel with the same force and effect as if each law firm had signed individually. They have also agreed in that Stipulation that this application can be made without further notice.
- 6. Accompanying this affirmation is a proposed order admitting Ms. Patrick and Mr. Sheeren pro hac vice, as provided in the Part Rules for Part 60.

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WHEREFORE, your affirmant respectfully requests that this application to admit Kathy D. Patrick and David M. Sheeren, Esqs. *pro hac vice* to represent the Institutional Investors in the above captioned matter, together with my firm, be granted, and that the accompanying proposed order be signed and filed by the Court.

Kenneth E. Warner

Affirmed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018