



In Receivership
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September 14, 2020

Oasis Investor

Re: *Brent Winters Has Told Us He is Not an Attorney for Any Investor in the Oasis Receivership*

Dear Oasis Investor:

On March 30, 2020, I wrote to alert you about individuals who were gathering funds to pursue legal claims in connection with the Oasis International Group Ponzi scheme. The concern that I raised then was that such claims would clearly fall within the jurisdiction of the Court-supervised Receivership process. Such claims would waste the funds of those who brought them, and also waste Receivership funds that would have to be spent to preserve the Receivership estate. It also appeared to me that investors were being misled about potential recoveries, my efforts, and the efforts of the professionals working with me.

Today I write to alert you about another serious concern affecting the Receivership. Many investors who lost money to Oasis have hired Brent Allen Winters, an individual who the investors may believe is their attorney. Mr. Winters sought permission from investors to act as their “private counsel” in all actions and legal proceedings. This included submitting claim forms on their behalf. These claim forms were altered and seek amounts different from the amounts of loss calculated by the forensic accountants whom I retained to reconstruct Oasis bank records. The claim forms are inadequately supported by documentation, will significantly delay the claims process and cause additional expense. This will ultimately reduce money available to distribute to victim investors.

Mr. Winters provided that his address is in Terre Haute, Indiana and he is licensed as an attorney by the state of Illinois. He is not licensed to practice in Indiana. In June 2020, Mr. Winters indicated he was representing numerous investors and forms investors signed appear to indicate he is acting as a lawyer for the investors for whom he submitted claims. It is my belief he also helped many investors file pleadings in a clawback lawsuit pending in Federal Court in Tampa. Mr. Winters wrote me on August 31, 2020 and stated that he “**is not attorney-at-law for any clients in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida**” (bold type added). This came as a surprise to me and may come as a surprise to investors who considered Mr. Winters to be his or her lawyer, or who paid Mr. Winters money in connection with services he has purported to offer. Mr. Winters has not been admitted in any Florida court and thus may not appear in one. And as I stated above, **Mr. Winters has denied to us that he is an attorney for any investor in the Oasis case.**

I recognize that many of you have lost money as a result of this scheme and it is my goal to maximize distributions to victim investors through the claims process. Unfortunately, while Mr. Winters stated that

he submitted the claims in the manner he did to make the process easier for me, he has unnecessarily complicated it. In addition to altering the claim forms, Mr. Winters failed to provide adequate documentary support for the entire amount claimed in the claim forms. I have warned Mr. Winters in writing that the claim forms he submitted may be rejected, in whole or in part, due to the failure to provide this support. We have alerted the Court about Mr. Winters' activities and will continue to keep the Court apprised. I have also alerted Mr. Winters about my concern that he is engaged in the unauthorized practice of law in Florida. I have referred information about Mr. Winters' activities to the Florida Bar. My letter to the Florida Bar is available for review on the Receivership website. I am concerned Mr. Winters has collected significant sums from investors who thought he was acting as their attorney and he now denies that he is doing so. I am also concerned that his continued activities are impeding my work as Receiver and wasting Receivership assets.

I invite anyone who has a concern or question about this letter to call me at (813) 347-5100.

Respectfully,

/s/ Burton W. Wiand

Receiver