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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK

STEVEN G. SCHULMAN,

Plaintiff,

-against-

MILBERG LLP, MILBERG TADLER PHILLIPS GROSSMAN LLP, ARIANA J. TADLER, R. GLENN PHILLIPS, MARC D. GROSSMAN, PEGGY J. WEDGWORTH,

Defendants.

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**COMPLAINT** 

STEVEN G. SCHULMAN ("Plaintiff" or "Schulman"), by his undersigned counsel, as and for his Complaint against Defendants MILBERG LLP ("Milberg"), MILBERG TADLER PHILLIPS GROSSMAN LLP ("Milberg II"), ARIANA J. TADLER ("Tadler"), R. GLENN PHILLIPS ("Phillips"), MARC D. GROSSMAN ("Grossman") and PEGGY J. WEDGWORTH ("Wedgworth") alleges as follows:

1. This is an action to enforce Schulman's rights under a Judgment entered in August, 2009 (the "Judgment") against Defendant Milberg and to counter the fraudulent scheme undertaken by all Defendants in concert to denude Milberg of all or substantially all of its assets in an illegal attempt to evade Milberg's creditors including Schulman who is owed more than \$15 million pursuant to the Judgment and is believed to be Milberg's largest creditor. The first step in the scheme was to create Milberg II, an obvious and transparent continuation of Milberg, using its valuable trade name and associated goodwill, as well as the exact same facilities, staff, attorneys, promotional and marketing materials, web address, phone and facsimile numbers and

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firm management; and, working on the same plaintiffs' consumer and securities class action matters. Milberg II is clearly a successor to Milberg.

The second step was to transfer all or substantially all of Milberg's assets to 2. Milberg II including virtually all Milberg's active cases, together with the accrued amounts invested by Milberg ("lodestar"), millions of dollars of cash, pursuant to a written Assignment and Assumption Agreement which provided no consideration to Milberg in exchange for its assets. Critically, while Milberg II agreed to assume and pay those debts from trade creditors and other support services which were needed for the ongoing operation of the business, it attempted to leave in Milberg, now an empty shell, debts owed to creditors such as former Milberg partners like Schulman.

### **PARTIES**

- 3. Plaintiff Steven G. Schulman is a resident of New York. He is a former Partner and current judgment creditor of Defendant Milberg.
- 4. Defendant Milberg LLP is a Limited Liability Partnership organized under the laws of the State of New York. Its principal place of business is One Penn Plaza, 19th Floor, New York, New York and, at least until on or about January 1, 2018, actively operated as a plaintiffs' class action law firm, regularly conducting business in New York County.
- 5. Defendant Milberg Tadler Phillips Grossman LLP is a Limited Liability Partnership organized under the laws of the State of New York. Its principal place of business is One Penn Plaza, 19th Floor, New York, New York, and since at least January 1, 2018 has operated the legal business of Milberg and regularly conducts business in New York County.

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6. Upon information and belief, defendant Ariana J. Tadler is a resident of New York, is a licensed New York attorney and, at all times relevant, was the managing partner, the chair of the Management Committees and equity partner of both Milberg and Milberg II.

- 7. Upon information and belief, defendant R. Glenn Phillips is a resident of the State of Washington, a licensed Washington attorney and, at all times relevant, was an equity partner and a member of the Management Committee of Milberg II.
- 8. Upon information and belief, Defendant Marc D. Grossman is a resident of New York, a licensed New York attorney, and at all relevant times, was an equity partner and a member of the Management Committee of Milberg II.
- 9. Upon information and belief, Defendant Peggy J. Wedgworth is a resident of New York, is a licensed New York attorney and, at all relevant times, was an equity partner and a member of the Management Committee of both Milberg and Milberg II.

## **Background Facts**

- 10. Milberg was founded in 1965. At the time, it was a pioneer in shareholder class action litigation, particularly with respect to securities fraud claims. Over the years, Milberg grew into a national law firm that became a leader in the plaintiffs' class action bar, representing plaintiffs in hundreds of class action suits, recovering billions of dollars for shareholders victimized by securities, insurance and consumer fraud.
- 11. Schulman joined Milberg as an associate in 1986. At the time, Milberg was one of the preeminent plaintiffs' class action law firms in the country, concentrating in shareholder litigation. It derived nearly all its revenue from contingent fee awards.

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12. In 1989, Schulman was made a non-equity partner of Milberg. In 1991, he became an equity partner. During his time at the Firm, he served on both the Management

Committee and Executive Committee. In 2004, he became a name partner in the Firm.

13. In December, 2006, Schulman voluntarily withdrew from the Firm.

14. Pursuant to Section 6 of the Milberg, LLP Partnership Agreement, dated as of

January 1, 1991 (the "Partnership Agreement," copy attached as Exhibit A), upon Schulman's

voluntary withdrawal, he became a "Terminated Partner" and was entitled to certain payments

from Milberg. Specifically, he was entitled to (a) a "Termination Year Payment" under Section

6.03 payable within three months of his withdrawal, (b) a "Capital Account Payment"

representing return of his capital account payable over a specified time frame together with

interest at a specified rate (Partnership Agreement 6.04) and (c) a "Base Amount Payment"

payable over a specified time frame (Partnership Agreement 6.05) (collectively, the "Withdrawal

Payments").

The Arbitration

15. In 2007, a dispute quickly arose between Schulman and Milberg over its denial of

certain Withdrawal Payments, including eventually a complete stoppage and repudiation. On

November 1, 2007, Schulman commenced an arbitration against Milberg (then called Milberg

Weiss LLP). In its November 6, 2008 award, the three-person arbitration panel determined that

Schulman was entitled to each of the Withdrawal Payments and determined the precise amounts

of each to which he was entitled and set forth payment schedules. A copy of the November 6,

2008 Award is attached as Exhibit B. On joint application by the parties, the arbitration panel

issued a November 26, 2008 award modifying the November 6, 2008 to correct certain numerical

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miscalculations. A copy of the November 26, 2008 modification award is attached as Exhibit C (collectively with the November 6, 2008 Award, the "Arbitration Award").

## The Schulman Judgment

16. On August 4, 2009, in response to a joint Petition to confirm the Arbitration Award, the Honorable Marylin Diamond of this Court issued a Judgment and directed its entry. The Judgment was entered on August 14, 2009, by the Clerk of the Court (the "Judgment"). A copy of the Judgment is attached as Exhibit D.

The Judgment sets forth the specific amounts Schulman was owed for the 17. Termination Payment, Capital Account Payment and Base Amount Payment. It also directs Milberg to pay such amounts on specified schedules. Thus, for example, the Termination Payment was to be paid in a lump sum together with certain Base and Capital Payments which Milberg had unilaterally withheld prior to January 2, 2009. In addition, the Judgment provides that Milberg "shall establish and fund an escrow account in the amount of \$500,000 by April 30, 2009 which shall remain in place through April 30, 2010."

18. With respect to Capital Account Payments, the Judgment sets forth as follows:

"The amount of Schulman's Capital Account as of May 1, 2008 is \$16,332,033.27, which consists of capital in the amount of \$14,762,956.17 plus interest in the amount of \$1,569,077.10. Future Capital Account Payments shall be paid by Milberg to Schulman on a monthly basis pursuant to the [Partnership Agreement];"

#### Exhibit D.

19. With respect to Base Amount Payments, the Judgment sets forth as follows:

"The amount of the Base Amount Payment due by Milberg to Schulman as of May 1, 2008 is \$4,832,085.48. Future Base Amount Payments shall be paid by Milberg to Schulman on a monthly basis pursuant to the Partnership Agreement;

Exhibit D.

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20. Section 6.04(a) of the Partnership Agreement sets forth the specifics of how the monthly Capital Account Payments ordered in the Judgment are to be made. It provides, in

pertinent part, as follows:

"[A Terminated Partner's capital account] shall be paid to the Terminated Partner over a period of 36 months in equal monthly installments, together with interest on the unpaid balance at a rate equal to the rate announced from time to time as the base rate of Citibank, N.A., commencing on the last day of the month following the month in which occurs his or her Termination Date and monthly thereafter until paid in full, . . ."

Exhibit A.

21. Section 6.05(b) of the Partnership Agreement sets forth the specifics of how the

monthly Base Amount Payments ordered in the Judgment are to be made. It provides, in

pertinent part, as follows:

With respect to a Terminated Partner whose interest in the Partnership terminated as a result of a voluntary or compulsory withdrawal prior to attaining age 65, the Base Amount Payment shall be paid to such Terminated Partner in 72 [] equal monthly installments, in amounts as hereinafter provided, in each case without interest, commencing on the last day of the month following the month in which occurs his or her Termination Date and monthly thereafter until paid in full.

Exhibit A.

22. Section 6.08 of the Partnership Agreement, entitled Limit on Monthly Payments,

contains the only limit on Milberg's obligation to make Section 6 monthly payments to former

partners. With respect to monthly Base Amount Payments, Section 6.08(a) provides that the

total amount of such payments to all "Terminated Partners" shall be subject to a "Base Amount

Payment Cap" which, at all relevant times, was \$175,000 per month. Ex. A. In the event the

total Base Amount Payments due in a particular month exceeded the cap, the cap amount was

first applied to pay each Terminated Partner a guaranteed minimum amount of \$6,000 with the

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balance remaining "paid in proportion to the respective obligations of the Partnership to the

Terminated Partners for Base Amount Payments." Critically, this provision expressly provides

that the amounts owed but not paid due to the cap remain obligations of the Firm and are simply

deferred to the subsequent month.

23. Schulman's Base Payment Amount, at all times, constituted the greatest share of

the applicable pool.

24. Section 6.08(b) sets a "Capital Account Payment Cap" which, at all relevant

times, was \$210,000 per month for all monthly Capital Account Payments. Ex. A. As described

in Section 6.08(a), when the Capital Account Payment Cap is in effect, the monthly payments are

determined similarly to the application of the Base Amount Payment Cap. It is first applied to

payment to each Terminated Partner at the \$6,000 minimum with the remaining amount paid to

each Terminated Partner in proportion to his or her share of the total monthly Capital Account

Payment obligation, applied first to principal and then to interest. As with Section 6.08(a),

Section 6.08(b) expressly states that the amounts owed but not paid due to the Capital Account

Payment Cap remain obligations of the Firm and are deferred to the next month.

25. Schulman's quantitative share was and remains the greatest portion of this payout

pool.

26. Following entry of the Judgment, on August 14, 2009, until August 2018,

Schulman consistently received monthly payments of both Base Amount and Capital Payment

Amount as per the Judgment. With substantially all monthly payments, he received a

notification and a payment schedule showing how much he was then owed, in total, and for the

particular month.

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As an example, attached as Exhibit E, is the schedule and notification he received in September, 2009. The schedule shows for each Terminated Partner (he is Partner No. 22 on the Monthly Capital Payment schedule and Partner No. 48 on the Base Amount Payment schedule), the total amount owed, in the case of the Capital Account, the total accrued interest and a calculation of the monthly Capital Account Payment for each listed former partner, including Schulman. The second schedule reflects essentially the same information for the Base Amount Payments. At that time, the Capital Account Payment Cap and Base Amount Payment Cap were in effect thereby reducing the monthly payment Schulman actually received. The

28. The two caps remained in effect during the entire time Schulman received monthly payments. The result of this is two-fold. First, although he was supposed to receive his entire capital account within 36 months from his voluntary withdrawal in 2006, he has now waited for more than twelve (12) years with only partial payout of his initial entitlement. Similarly, Schulman was supposed to receive payment of his full Base Amount in 72 months but has now waited twice that amount of time, without completion.

schedules, however, show the deferral or accrual of the unpaid amounts he was owed.

- 29. Second, because he accrued unpaid monthly Capital Account Payment amounts and the monthly interest and because the amount of his capital account is far greater than other partners on the list, his share of the monthly cap amount continued to grow mathematically over time. In addition, as other partners were fully paid off, his share of the monthly cap amount also grew. As a result, in each successive month, with a few limited exceptions, the amount of each monthly payment increased.
- 30. For similar reasons, Schulman's share of the capped Base Amount Payment increased each month as partners were removed from the list.

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31. By way of illustration, while Schulman's total monthly payment for September

2009 payment was \$69,686.70, his most recent payment received in July 2018 was \$104,304.37.

Defendants' Fraudulent Scheme to Denude Milberg and to Frustrate Creditors' Rights

**Including Schulman's Rights Under the Judgment** 

32. Upon information and belief, in or about 2017 and/or 2018, Milberg received tens

of millions of dollars of legal fees from awards in In re Vivendi Universal S.A. Securities

Litigation, Case No. 02 Civ. 5571 (S.D.N.Y.), Jaffe v. Household International, Inc., Case No.

02-C-05893 (N.D. III.), and In re Merck & Co., Inc., Securities Litigation, Nos. 05-1151 and 05-

2367 (D.N.J.), among other cases. Instead of using those fees to capitalize the Firm, the

Management Committee, upon information and belief, caused Milberg to distribute a substantial

amount of those funds to the current Milberg equity partners.

33. Upon information and belief, the distributions were part of a common plan and

scheme by Defendants to fraudulently avoid non-essential creditors, most particularly Schulman,

its largest creditor, by stripping Milberg of its assets and continuing Milberg's law practice under

Milberg II.

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34. In September 2017, Milberg sought to reorganize as Milberg Tadler Phillips

Grossman LLP ("Milberg II"). Attached here at Exhibit F is a New York Secretary of State

record showing formation of Milberg II on September 14, 2017. Upon information and belief, at

or about that time, pursuant to a written Assignment and Assumption Agreement, dated as of

September 15, 2017, (copy attached as Exhibit G), Milberg assigned all or substantially all of its

assets to Milberg II, including all "Active Files" and all furniture, fixtures and leasehold

improvements, as well as reassigning its staff and work in process. Upon information and belief,

Milberg II operates out of the same space as Milberg, employs all of Milberg's employees, is

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handling all of Milberg's cases, and commandeered all of Milberg's remaining cash assets and

ongoing fee awards. Milberg II's website is www.milberg.com. In essence, Milberg II is

Milberg minus Milberg's obligation to its former partners which this "transaction" was intended

to evade.

35. Upon information and belief, as a result of these transfers, Milberg was left with

insufficient capital and was unable to pay its debts as they became due. Upon information and

belief, these transfers were part of a fraudulent scheme undertaken by Defendants to hinder and

frustrate Milberg's creditors including Schulman, a judgment creditor, from collecting on their

legitimate debts.

36. Upon information and belief, as a result of the excessive partner distributions and

shedding of substantially all its assets, Milberg lacked liquidity to service certain of its business

loans. As part of Defendants' scheme, Defendants Phillips and Grossman, upon information and

belief, accepted responsibility for serving these specific business loans in consideration of

receiving significant ownership interests and leadership positions in Milberg II. Upon

information and belief, the debt relief assumed by Defendants Phillips and Grossman was

disproportionately small consideration and less than reasonably equivalent value for the share of

Milberg's law practice they received as equity partners in Milberg II.

37. According to their own public statements, effective January 1, 2018, Milberg II

began operating Milberg's business. Milberg II has taken Milberg's substantial contingency fee

caseload filing notices of change in firm name (rather than a substitution of counsel) from

Milberg to Milberg II.

38. Milberg II has taken over Milberg's leadership of significant matters which

Milberg commenced and presented itself essentially as a continuation of Milberg. By way of

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example, Milberg commenced In re: Dealer Management Systems Antitrust Litigation, MDL

2817 (N.D.III.), part of a multidistrict litigation pending in the United States District Court for

the Northern District of Illinois. Milberg II, not Milberg, moved to be appointed lead counsel.

In support of Milberg II's motion, Defendant Wedgworth submitted a declaration on March 26,

2018 claiming "Milberg Tadler's attorneys" expended considerable time investigating and

commencing the action - work which was performed by Milberg, much of it before Milberg II

was formed. Wedgworth's declaration also sought to trade on Milberg's long practice history,

claiming at one point that Milberg II enjoyed decades' long "history" and "has taken the lead in

landmark cases that set legal precedents." Of course, it is Milberg, not Milberg II with the

decades of precedent setting history.

39. Defendants have also taken from Milberg lodestar for services performed in

Milberg's contingency matters and have caused Milberg II to apply for fees earned by Milberg.

For example, in *In re: Ariad Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Securities Litigation*, Case No. 13-cv-12544

(D.Mass.), Milberg II made a motion as "Co-Lead Counsel" for an award of contingent legal

fees, which application was granted by the Court. The fee application was based upon Milberg's

work and lodestar and the firm resume submitted in support of the fee application recounted

Milberg's achievements.

40. Defendants marketed Milberg II as a continuation of Milberg, leveraging

Milberg's decades long reputation. A January 8, 2018 press release issued by Milberg II (the

"Press Release," copy attached as Exhibit H), at the direction of the individually-named

Defendants assures potential clients and adversaries that Milberg II would continue Milberg's

practice without interruption. The Press Release refers to "Milberg LLP, a leading class action

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and complex litigation firm" and continues that "Milberg LLP lawyers will prosecute new and

active cases out of Milberg Tadler Phillips Grossman LLP."

The Press Release notes that Tadler "marked" "her 20th year at Milberg, LLP." 41.

Further giving assurances of continuity in the Press Release, Tadler is quoted as stating

"Milberg's proud history is the launching point for this strategic partnership." Similarly,

Defendant Phillips is quoted as saying "This strategic combination enables us to build on

Milberg's strong foundation in pioneering and delivering fierce and effective plaintiffs'

representation in litigation against well-financed corporations."

42. The Press Release states that the four individual Defendants comprise Milberg

II's "management team."

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43. Milberg II is using Milberg's website domain address noted.

www.milberg.com. The "Results" tab on the website used by Milberg II leads to listings of

dozens of "Milberg" decisions and billions of dollars of recoveries achieved by Milberg, rather

than Milberg II. Under the "News" heading, there are references to firm accomplishments dating

back years before Milberg II even was formed. The attorneys at Milberg II advertise their

"@milberg.com" email addresses continued from their tenure at Milberg.

Defendants have purposely continued the law practice of Milberg and have made 44.

such continuation the cornerstone of Milberg II's ongoing business. Whether for purposes of

marketing to potential clients, seeking lead counsel designations or making fee applications,

Defendants rely on Milberg's goodwill built over decades.

45. Notwithstanding the foregoing transfers in September, 2017 and January, 2018,

Schulman continued to receive monthly payments of Capital Account and Base Amount pursuant

to the Judgment from September 2017 through July 2018 without being advised that Milberg and

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Defendants were taking steps to evade their payment obligations to Schulman under the Judgment.

- In August, 2018, Schulman did not receive the monthly payment of Capital 46. Account and Base Amount due for the month of September pursuant to the Judgment.
- By letter to Schulman dated September 4, 2018, Defendant Tadler stated as 47. follows: "Please be advised that Milberg LLP ('Milberg' or the 'Firm') will no longer make any further payments to you as a retired legacy partner because it does not have the operating cash or profits to continue to do so."
- 48. Thereafter, Milberg failed to make the monthly payments for September, 2018, October, 2018, November, 2018 and December, 2018 as required by the Judgment.<sup>1</sup>
- Defendants failed to make or cause Milberg to make the January, 2019 payment 49. as required by the Judgment which payment was to be made no later than December 31, 2018.
- 50. Pursuant to New York Debtor and Creditor Law ("DCL") § 270, Schulman is a creditor of Milberg. Schulman became a creditor of Milberg no later than August 14, 2009, the date the Judgment was entered.
- Upon information and belief, the transfer of substantially all its assets to Milberg 51. II rendered Milberg insolvent pursuant to DCL § 271. The present fair saleable value of Milberg's assets after the transfer is, upon information and belief, less than the amount that would be required to pay Milberg's probable liability on existing debts as they become absolute, due and owing.

<sup>1</sup> Following Schulman taking certain actions to enforce his rights under the Judgment, Schulman recovered certain amounts due to him under the Judgment for September, October and November, 2018 pursuant to a Stipulation and Order dated November 30, 2018 in Schulman v. Milberg LLP, Index No. 106549/2009. Because Defendants refused to provide Schulman with the monthly schedules for each such months, as it had previously, the amount paid reflects the minimum amount due to Schulman for those months. Upon information and belief, discovery will reveal that

Schulman is owed more for each of those months.

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52. Upon information and belief, Schulman is the largest creditor of Milberg.

53. Upon information and belief, the present fair saleable value of Milberg's assets

after the transfer is less than the amount that would be required to pay Milberg's liability to

Schulman.

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54. The aforementioned transfers to Milberg II were not, upon information and belief,

made for fair consideration or reasonably equivalent value as required by DCL § 272.

55. Defendants undertook both the distributions described above and the transfers

described above with the intent of taking the benefit of the value of Milberg's assets including its

goodwill and reputation built over decades, while wrongfully evading Schulman's rights under

the Judgment.

56. Milberg II and each of the individual Defendants were beneficiaries of the

wrongful transfers and direct or indirect transferees of the assets of Milberg.

57. But for the complained of transfers and distributions, Milberg would have had

assets and business sufficient to meet its obligations to Schulman under the Judgment.

58. Milberg II has continuity of ownership with Milberg, including Tadler and

Wedgworth.

59. Defendants, upon information and belief, have ceased Milberg's ordinary

business as a law practice, and, in a transaction not in its usual course of business, have denuded

Milberg of its assets, leaving it a shell which is dissolved in fact, if not in law.

60. Milberg II, as successor to Milberg's law practice, upon information and belief,

has assumed only the liabilities of Milberg necessary to carry on Milberg's business.

Milberg II is a continuity of Milberg's trade name, ownership, management, 61.

personnel, physical location, assets and general business operation.

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62. Upon information and belief, Defendants Tadler, Wedgworth, Phillips and Grossman caused Milberg to transfer its assets to Milberg II so that Milberg could escape liability under Schulman's Judgment.

# FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION (Alter Ego against Milberg II)

- 63. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 62 above as if more fully set out herein.
- 64. As set forth above, the Management Committee of Milberg II is comprised of the same members as comprise or comprised the Management Committee of Milberg.
  - 65. As a result, Milberg II and Milberg are controlled by the same individuals.
- 66. Upon information and belief, all or substantially all of the partners of Milberg II are or were also partners of Milberg.
  - 67. As a result, Milberg II and Milberg have common ownership.
  - 68. Milberg is undercapitalized.
- 69. Milberg II and Milberg share, amongst other things, use of the Milberg name, common office space, common assets, and common personnel.
- 70. Plaintiff is entitled to a declaration that Milberg II is the alter ego of Milberg and, accordingly, is responsible for Milberg's debts including, the Judgment.

# SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION (Successor Liability against Milberg II)

- 71. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 70 above as if more fully set out herein.
- 72. As set forth above, all or substantially all of Milberg's assets were transferred to Milberg II.

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73. Milberg II is continuing precisely the same business as Milberg.

74. Milberg II is continuing such business working on the same cases, at the same

location, using substantially the same personnel, under the same management as Milberg and

making use of the Milberg name and goodwill.

75. Milberg II markets itself as a "continuation" of Milberg.

76. Milberg II is a continuation of Milberg.

77. Upon information and belief, the ownership of Milberg II is substantially the

same as Milberg.

78. Upon information and belief, Milberg has discontinued its operations and is

preparing to dissolve.

79. In connection with the assignment of Milberg's assets to Milberg II, Milberg II

assumed only those liabilities necessary to continue the operations of Milberg's business.

80. The transaction pursuant to which Milberg assigned all or substantially all of its

assets to Milberg II was a defacto merger.

81. The transaction pursuant to which Milberg assigned all or substantially all of its

assets to Milberg II was intended to evade creditors of Milberg, including Schulman.

82. Plaintiff is entitled to a declaration that Milberg II is the successor to Milberg and,

accordingly, is responsible for Milberg's debts including, the Judgment.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

(Fraudulent Conveyance by Insolvent – DCL § 273)

(Against all Defendants)

83. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth in Paragraph 1

through 82 above as if more fully set out herein.

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84. As further set forth above, Defendants participated in, and Defendants other than Milberg benefited from, Milberg's transfers, which transfers were made without fair

consideration and rendered Milberg insolvent.

85. As further set forth above, Plaintiff was a creditor of Milberg at the time of the

transfers and has been injured.

86. As a result, Plaintiff is entitled to judgment against Defendants, jointly and

severally, for return of transferred property or money damages in an amount to be determined at

trial.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Fraudulent Conveyance by Persons in Business – DCL § 274)

(Against All Defendants)

87. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 86

above, as if set forth at length herein.

88. As further set forth above, Defendants participated in, and Defendants other than

Milberg benefited from, Milberg's transfers, which transfers were made without fair

consideration.

89. As further set forth above, at the time of the transfers Milberg was engaged in the

business of the practice of law, and as a result of the transfers, the property left in Milberg was

an unreasonably small amount of capital.

90. As further set forth above, the transfers rendered Milberg unable to conduct its

business and meet its debts, including its duty to Schulman pursuant to the Judgment.

91. As further set forth above, Plaintiff was a creditor of Milberg at the time of the

transfers and has been injured.

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92. As a result, Plaintiff is entitled to judgment against Defendants, jointly and severally, for return of transferred property or money damages in an amount to be determined at trial.

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION
(Fraudulent Conveyance by Persons About to Incur Debts - DCL § 275)
(Against All Defendants)

- 93. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 92 above, as if set forth at length herein.
- 94. As further set forth above, Defendants participated in, and Defendants other than Milberg benefited from, Milberg's transfers, which transfers were made without fair consideration.
- 95. As further set forth above, at the time of the transfers, Defendants believed that Milberg would incur debts beyond its ability to pay as they mature.
- 96. As further set forth above, the transfers rendered Milberg unable to conduct its business and meet its debts, including its debt under the Judgment.
- 97. As further set forth above, Plaintiff was a creditor of Milberg at the time of the transfers and has been injured.
- 98. As a result Plaintiff is entitled to judgment against Defendants, jointly and severally, for return of transferred property or money damages in an amount equal to be determined at trial.

SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION
(Fraudulent Conveyance of Partnership Property - DCL § 277)
(Against All Defendants)

99. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 98

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above, as if set forth at length herein.

100. As further set forth above, Defendants participated in, and Defendants other than Milberg benefited from, Milberg's transfers, which transfers rendered Milberg insolvent and

were made to a partner and to a person not a partner without fair consideration to the partnership

as distinguished from consideration to the individual.

101. As further set forth above, the transfers rendered Milberg unable to conduct its

business and meet its debts, including its debt under the Judgment.

As further set forth above, Plaintiff was a creditor of Milberg at the time of the 102.

transfers and has been injured.

As a result, Plaintiff is entitled to judgment against Defendants, jointly and

severally, for return of transferred property or money damages in an amount to be determined at

trial.

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SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION (Conveyance Made With Intent to Defraud - DCL § 276)

(Against All Defendants)

104. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 103

above, as if set forth at length herein.

105. As further set forth above, Defendants participated in, and Defendants other than

Milberg benefited from, Milberg's transfers.

106. Defendants participated in the making of Milberg's transfers with actual intent to

hinder, delay, or defraud either present or future creditors.

As further set forth above, the transfers involved a lack of consideration; there 107.

was a close relationship between the parties in that the Milberg firms have a continuity of

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ownership, management, attorneys and staff; Milberg II retained and continues to use the

transferred property; Milberg has been rendered insolvent while Milberg II is applying for and

receiving fees earned by Milberg; the Milberg firms stopped paying nonessential Milberg credits;

the transactions that suddenly denuded Milberg of its assets after over fifty years of operation

were not in the usual course of business; and Defendants had knowledge of the Judgment.

108. As further set forth above, the transfers rendered Milberg unable to conduct its

business and meet its debts.

109. As further set forth above, Plaintiff was a creditor of Milberg at the time of the

transfers and has been injured.

110. Pursuant to DCL § 276-a, Plaintiff is entitled to reasonable attorney's fees in this

action from Milberg, Milberg II and the other Defendants that were participants, transferees or

beneficiaries of the complained of transfers.

111. As a result, Plaintiff is entitled to judgment against Defendants jointly and

severally, for return of transferred property or money damages in an amount to be determined at

trial, together with reasonable attorneys' fees.

EIGTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Tortious Interference with Enforcement of a Judgment)

(Against Defendants Milberg II, Tadler, Phillips, Grossman and Wedgworth)

112. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 111

above, as if set forth at length herein.

113. As further set forth above, Plaintiff is entitled to more than \$15 million pursuant

to a valid and enforceable Judgment entered against Defendant Milberg on August 14, 2009.

114. As further set forth above, the terms of the Judgment require Milberg to make

monthly payments to Schulman.

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115. All Defendants were at all relevant times aware of Milberg's obligation to Schulman pursuant to the Judgment.

As further set forth above, with knowledge of the Judgment, the Defendants 116.

participated in a scheme to fraudulently transfer Milberg's assets to Milberg II in an intentional

effort to render Milberg an empty shell and unable to make payments to Schulman necessary to

satisfy Milberg's obligations under the Judgment.

As a result, Plaintiff is unable to recover from Milberg payments owed to him 117.

pursuant to the Judgment and has, therefore, been injured by the Defendants' intentional

interference with Milberg's ability to pay the Judgment.

As a result, Plaintiff is entitled to judgment against the Defendants, jointly and 118.

severally, for tortious interference with enforcement of the Judgment, and an award of money

damages in an amount to be determined at trial.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants, as follows:

Damages, jointly and severally, in an amount to be determined at trial; A.

В. In the alternative to joint and several money damages, avoiding the

wrongful transfers and awarding Schulman the full amount outstanding under the

Judgment;

C. In the alternative to joint and several money damages, granting execution

upon the transferred property in the amount necessary to satisfy Milberg's obligation to

Schulman under the Judgment;

D. Costs and expenses incurred in this action, including reasonable attorney's

fees and disbursements; and

E. Such other relief as the Court deems just, proper and equitable.

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